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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

IPSWICH.—*British Union Lodge* (No. 114.)—On Thursday, the 17th ult., the annual meeting for the installation of the Worshipful Master and festival of St. John was held. Present, Bros. the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; P. de Lande Long, W.M.; C. Schulen, P.P.G.D.C.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Registrar, M.C.; J. Harris, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. Spalding, Secretary, P.M.; R. Barton, LL.D., P.P.G.M. Western India; A. D. George, S.W.; J. J. Burton, J.W., P.P.G.D.C., Cambs.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, S.D.; H. Miller, J.D.; J. Casley; Geo. Turner, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Clark; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D., and others. Visiting brethren; Rev. — Morse, P.P.G.S.W., Cambridge; J. B. Perrott, P.P.G.S.W., South Wales; N. Tracy, P.P.G.S.W., W.M., Perfect Friendship Lodge, and others. The lodge having been opened in due and solemn form, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Lockwood duly installed Bro. A. D. George, the W.M. elect into the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony being characterised by that degree of solemnity and impressiveness which the reverend brother knows so well how to impart to the proceedings. The M.C. having proclaimed the W.M. in ancient form, the newly-installed Master proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Peter de Lande Long, I.P.M.; J. J. Burton, S.W.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, J.W.; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; A. Allen, I.G.; G. Spalding, Tyler; C. Schulen, Treasurer; W. Spalding, Secretary. One or two of the brethren being unfortunately absent they were invested by proxy. Bro. Dr. Barton proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Long for his able conduct in the chair. Bro. Emra Holmes cordially seconded the motion, testifying to the unvarying courtesy which Bro. Long had shown whilst holding that position, and the zeal and assiduity which he had exhibited as Master of the lodge. The motion was carried by acclamation at the suggestion of Bro. Lockwood. Bro. Long thanked the brethren very warmly for their kindness, which he appreciated all the more because he knew it was not the custom of the lodge to present the Master with a jewel. Whatever future honours might await him in Masonry, he should value the jewel of the British Union Lodge more than anything else. The current business being disposed of, the brethren retired to the banquet, which was served in Bro. G. Spalding's best style. The table was decorated with choice flowers, the champagne was splendid; both were the gift of the W.M. Ample justice having been done to the viands, and the cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. Some conversation ensued as to the course to be taken with reference to the attendance of brethren at the forthcoming installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. It was suggested that the proposition which had recently appeared in the FREEMASON, that the Albert Hall should be secured for the installation, was the only feasible one for allowing such brethren as were entitled to attend an opportunity of seeing the Prince. A brother remarked that there were 1400 actual Masters, double that number of Wardens, of course, and probably about 4000 Past Masters, all of whom had a seat in Grand Lodge. He thought that if tickets at guinea or half a guinea were issued to such as were eligible to attend, a handsome sum might be realised for the charities, as probably between 8000 and 10,000 had a right to be present and no doubt half that number would gladly pay the amount in order to attend. It appears there is some difficulty about the renters of the Albert Hall, but surely it is not insurmountable, and from the opinions generally expressed on this and other occasions it may fairly be assumed that any scheme tending to limit the attendance unjustly, or which fails to provide adequate accommodation for the Masters of the Craft, will meet with universal disapprobation. Bro. Dr. Barton proposed "The Immediate Past Master" in eulogistic terms and in an admirable speech expatiated upon his many excellencies of head and heart, and alluding to the Craft generally he said that it behoved brethren to be very careful nowadays for their characters were soon known all over the world. What with steam and the electric telegraph the world was brought very close together. What he thought might be considered one of the coincidences of life so frequently occurring and which illustrated what he said was the fact that his immediate predecessor, Bro.

Durance Cartwright, Prov. Grand Master of Western India, was uncle of their present Master, Bro. Durance George, of whom he had great hopes. Bro. Long briefly and modestly responded to the toast and made a pleasant speech revealing nothing as to what was contemplated by the Board of General Purposes, (of which our popular brother is Vice-President) in the installation of His Royal Highness. The I.P.M. proposed the W.M., who suitably responded. In proposing the D.P.G.M. from the chair Bro. George took occasion to dilate upon the admirable way in which he filled that office and thanked our venerable brother for the impressive way in which he had conducted the installation. Bro. Morse in responding to the toast of the visitors, made a most excellent speech. Alluding to some remarks made by Dr. Barton earlier in the evening, showing the vast antiquity of Masonry as evidenced in the caves of Elephanta, which have a lion at the entrance with a drawn sword, are due east and west, are formed like a lodge, and have three seats, east, south, and west, &c., Bro. Morse said he had been struck with the evidences of Masonry in Lincoln Cathedral many years ago. In a certain part seen from the tower and in their right position are three gargoyles, making the signs of the three degrees. There they have spouted out water for centuries upon centuries and there they have been making the signs of Freemasons, and some would have us believe Masonry was a thing of yesterday. Bro. Emra Holmes, by permission of the W.M., assumed the gavel, and called upon the brethren to rise and drink to the memory of their deceased Bro. King, a frequent visitor at the lodge, who had been suddenly called from among them, called from labour to refreshment, and who he hoped was awaiting them in the Grand Lodge above. Bro. King had just been installed W.M. of the St. Luke's Lodge, when he died, and he believed, as Bro. Sanderson had said solemnly over his grave, that such was his love for Masonry and so prepared was he, that had he been asked how he would be taken, he would have wished no other death than this. The toast was drunk in solemn silence. But for the passing sadness by this allusion to our much esteemed and deeply lamented brother, a very agreeable evening was spent, and the brethren were loath indeed to part. Bros. Clark and Turner contributed very much to the harmony of the evening by giving some capital songs.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—A meeting of the Whittington Lodge was held on Monday evening, at Anderson's Hotel, Bro. Alfred Rhodes Haley, W.M., presided, and initiated M. Giuseppe Oberti. Bro. James Weaver, P.M., passed Bros. Beldan, Webb, May, Brown, Hum and Williams, and the brethren afterwards banqueted together. Thirty-seven sat down, and among them were several visitors, the principal being Lieut.-Col. James Peters, 29th North Middlesex Rifles, W.M. Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460; and William Stephens, W.M. Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489. It will be remembered that three weeks ago the Whittington Lodge presented the Marquis of Ripon Lodge with the collar jewels of the officers, the presentation being made in the latter lodge by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P. In returning thanks for the visitors to the toasts proposed in their honour on Monday evening, Bro. William Stephens took the opportunity thus afforded him of thanking also the Whittington Lodge for their handsome gift, which he hoped the brethren of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge would always value as much as they did now. He esteemed the possession of a jewel which had belonged to the Whittington Lodge as one of the greatest points gained towards the success of his own lodge, and he could not but remark that the generous gift exhibited the true principles of Freemasonry. He trusted that he should hand over the jewel to his successor in the chair to continue the good work of Freemasonry already begun, and he concluded by expressing his truest fraternal regards to the brethren before him, and offering to them the most cordial invitation during his year of office to visit him at his lodge. Lieut. Col. Peters also acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and expressed his gratification at the hearty reception which he had experienced that evening, and at meeting the brother who a short time ago had consecrated the Thames Valley Lodge, of which he was Master. Bro. Jones replied for the Past Masters. Among the officers who replied to the toast drunk to them, was Bro. Walker, J.W., who announced the fact of his Stewardship for the Aged Freemasons' Festival on the 27th of January, and pleaded the cause of that Institution very powerfully. Bro. Moore, I.G., acknowledging the difficulty there was to say anything new in answer to these toasts, which were proposed and responded to in almost the same words from day to day, said he looked upon the post to which he had attained as one of high honour, for to the I.G. was entrusted the important duty of keeping out all intruders to the lodge. Looked upon by many as almost a formal office, it was to him of great moment, for while it prepared him for the more onerous duties of the Master's chair, which he hoped ultimately to reach, it should warn brethren to keep out all such would-be intruders to their hearts as pride and self-conceit. When the Treasurer and Secretary responded to the toast which was specially dedicated to them, Bro. Little read some lines he had written, founded on 1 John, ii. 19, on a late great withdrawal from the Order, which, however, we refrain from giving, on account of their not being yet finally revised. The brethren, after enjoying several good musical performances, adjourned to the third Monday in January.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, December 17th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion Square, Hampton. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec., opened the lodge. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. W. Hammond, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1512, W.M.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, W.M. 1413, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; J. Gilbert, S.D.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.G. Reg., Middlesex, P.M.; G. S. Stretton; C. W.

Stretton; W. B. Shackleton; C. Home; W. Warhurst; J. Howe; H. Tozer; and many others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. W. Smeed, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, P.M. 246; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain, 907; &c., &c. The veteran Secretary, in a slow, impressive, and solemn manner, raised Bros. W. Warhurst and C. Howe to the third degree; passed Bro. J. Howe to the second degree. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, W.M. 1423, S.W., took the chair, and in an able, painstaking, and correct style initiated Mr. Charles Lucop into the mysteries and the privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. W. Hammond, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1512, W.M., closed the lodge. Refreshment followed labour. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations passed away an agreeable reunion. The brethren separated, wishing each other a right merry Christmas and a happy new year.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Tulse Hill Hotel. Present:—Bros. Keenik, W.M.; Pain, S.W.; W. H. Benham, J.W.; Bennett, S.D.; Bowyer, J.D.; Loe, I.G.; Francis, Sec.; Knibbs; T. Harris; W. Harris; Hinxman; Pillinger, D.C.; Sidwell, Dea; and H. Hart. The lodge being prevented from meeting at the usual place Herne Hill, the W.M. called a meeting at the above place. The business was to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, and to elect Bro. Hart, of the Rose of Denmark, as a joining member. The S.W., Bro. Pain, having generously given way to the J.W., Bro. Benham, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Hammerton, P.M., was also unanimously elected Treasurer; and Bro. Parkinson, Tyler. The ballot was also unanimous in the election of Bro. Hart as joining member. A jewel having been voted to the outgoing Master, the lodge was then closed.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Era Lodge* (No. 1423).—The election meeting of this young, prosperous, and flourishing lodge, was held on Saturday, December 12th, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. There were present, during the afternoon and evening, Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, W.M.; J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; J. Baxter-Langley, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. S. Sweasey, S.D.; J. Wolff, J.D.; E. W. Devereux, I.G.; T. H. Miller, P.M. Organist; A. F. Loos, M.C.; B. Wright, W.S.; W. A. Simmons, C.S.; J. T. Moss, P.G. Reg. Middlesex, P.M.; E. H. Thielay, W. Munday, Underhill, Pearson, Hobly, and many others. Amongst a large number of visitors, we noticed Bros. W. Hammond, P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, W.M. 1512; Peacock, 21, and others. In an able, correct, and impressive manner, Messrs. F. d'Henreux, W. Chartres, Davis, and Moore, were introduced separately and initiated in the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The elections, which were unanimous, decided that Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W., should be W.M.; T. J. Sabine, Treasurer, and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler, the last two named being re-elected. J. Faulkner added his name to the list of Stewards for Girls' School, 1875. The usual ten-guinea Past Master's jewel was agreed to be presented from the lodge funds to the W.M. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. It was decided to have an emergency meeting in January, so as to clear off all the work, leaving nothing but the installation to do at the February meeting. All business being ended, the lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour.

CHATHAM.—*Brownrigg Lodge* (No. 1424).—St. John's Day, which is the annual installation day in this lodge, falling last year on Sunday, the installation of a new W.M. of the lodge was performed the day following, and the brethren assembled on Monday in large numbers to witness the ceremony in the lecture hall of the Soldiers' Institute, Chatham. The lodge was established only two years ago, and during the time which has followed the consecration it has secured the membership of between 70 and 80 brethren. Its prosperity is further evidenced by the accumulation of a fund amounting already to £27, established for the purpose of supporting the Masonic institutions, by a portion of every initiation fee being set apart for the attainment of this object. In addition to this, all the heavy expenses incurred in the establishment of the lodge have been defrayed, two Past Master's jewels have been purchased, and jewels commemorating the foundation have been presented to each founder. It is also in contemplation to present another jewel, to be called a commemoration jewel, to each member of the lodge who was such at its consecration. Already the lodge has strongly supported the Masonic institutions, and this object is the principal one at which the moving spirits of the lodge lay out for themselves in the future. It was therefore under very favourable circumstances that the installation of the lodge's third Master was celebrated on Monday, and the style in which it was performed was very creditable to the Lodge of Instruction, which meets every week in connection with the parent lodge. The W.M., Bro. J. A. Bates, Master Gunner, R.A., took the chair at the hour announced for the meeting of the brethren, and, after the usual preliminaries, installed his successor, Bro. John Jervis, S.W., Staff-sergeant, paymaster's clerk, as W.M. for the year ensuing. On the completion of the ceremony the following brethren received the appointments of officers of the lodge:—Bros. Simmons, S.W.; McCoy, J.W.; Cottrell, J.D.; Ramsden, I.G.; Johnson, D.C.; Pickering, Steward; Crane, Steward; Husband, Organist; Thompson, Treasurer; and Magee, Secretary. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Past Master Bates for the accomplished style in which he had performed the installation, and a further vote of thanks was given to the Provincial Grand Officers and W.M.'s of lodges in the Province of Kent, for honouring the lodge with their presence. Bro. Spencer, Provincial Grand Secretary, acknowledged the compliment; The W.M.

then presented to Bros. S. Cole, P.M., and J. A. Bates, P.M., handsome and massive P.M.'s jewels, in recognition of the services which they had rendered to the lodge during their respective Masterships. Bros. Cole and Bates having expressed their gratification at receiving such a mark of approval of their efforts, lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Willis, of the Sun Hotel, Chatham. In addition to the members of lodge who were present in lodge and who partook of banquet were the following visitors:—Edwards, 1257; Morley, 1257; Strip, 749; J. Philips, 1205; R. Harvey, 1175; W. Gamon, 20; G. White; C. A. Lyon Campbell, 1174; Tovell, 184; E. Towman, 168; F. Binckes, G. Steward Secretary, Masonic Boys' School; T. Wyles, 1050; S. A. Bastridge, 84; T. W. Newton, W.M. 1050; Hewitt, 184, W.M. elect; Evans, 20; Knowlton; H. Clark; A. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Carlin, 715; McCoy, 700; McKen, 184; Eastley, 184; Barnes, 20; H. Massey, *Freemason*, 619; Burfield, P.M. 20; Owen J. Carter, 20; and Edwards, 20, W.M. The banquet was thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren, and when it had been done full justice to the W.M., after grace, proposed the toasts. The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," was responded to by Bro. Binckes, who was specially selected by the W.M. for that duty. In doing so, Bro. Binckes first acknowledged the great kindness with which he had always been received in the Province of Kent, but said it was a heavy task to impose on him to call on him to respond for such a distinguished galaxy of brethren as the Grand Officers. Of the Pro Grand Master it must be said that he stood so near the throne that any mention of him must be approached with delicacy; but he (Bro. Binckes) had been able to estimate his high qualities and great abilities from a long acquaintance with his lordship as Deputy Grand Master, and as Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, in which positions he had proved over and over again his eminent qualifications for any office. The while the Marquis of Ripon was in America, Lord Carnarvon performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of the Craft; and the unqualified applause which his appointment as Pro Grand Master to the Prince of Wales elicited in Grand Lodge, showed how much he was esteemed. Of the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, although he was young in years and in connection with the Craft, he could also speak most favourably as a member of a lodge in London to which he (Bro. Binckes) belonged, and as Grand Master of one of the largest provinces in England, West Lancashire, he had fully discharged his duties. As to the other Grand Officers, it was high praise to give them to say that they had been closely identified with that practical charity upon which the Order was erected; and it could not but always be to him a great honour to have his name connected with the toast of the Grand Officers. In all the annals of Freemasonry, it was never at a more important period of its history than at present. It had to mourn the loss of a very good, able, kind, and efficient chief, in the secession of the Marquis of Ripon from the headship of the Order. It had sustained by this secession not only a great loss, but a heavy blow. But while lamenting over the loss, and suffering from the blow, they need have no discouragement with reference to the principles of the Craft, which were immutable, unalterable, indestructible in themselves, and maintained the vitality of Freemasonry. It did not matter who might be at its head from time to time—as Masons they must continue to place their principles properly before the world, and they need not fret over the loss of a chief, however great. But as the darkest hour of midnight rendered the dawning of morning the brighter, it had been the lot of Freemasons to secure the heir to the throne of England as their Grand Master, and while they had to lament the loss of the Marquis of Ripon, they had to congratulate themselves on services of the Prince of Wales in his place. After expressing his regret at the loss of the Duke of Leinster, whose Grand Mastership of 61 years duration was unequalled in the annals of Freemasonry, Bro. Binckes pointed out to the brethren, how, as military men and Masons, they should "close up," and stick shoulder to shoulder, and show to the world that no matter what might be their occasional Masonic losses, they were so thoroughly imbued with the principles of Freemasonry that they could bear a loss without injury, however severe it might be. The outcome of it all was that Masons must do all they possibly could to spread the principles of the Craft, and to show that the aged, the widows and orphans, had their heartiest sympathy; Bro. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec., replied for "Lord Holmesdale and the Provincial Grand Officers," and laid before the brethren the principles of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee, urging them all to support it and to carry any cases they had to it, instead of trying by their individual efforts to secure an election. In the latter case they might fail in their object, but if they entrusted the charge to the committee, it was sure to succeed. Bro. Newton, W.M. Gundulph, 1050, responded for the W.M.s. of provincial lodges, and Bro. Kole in a flattering speech proposed the W.M., who in reply, said he should endeavour to follow the footsteps of his predecessors in carrying out the duties of the chair, and in encouraging the members to support Masonic institutions. Bro. Bates, responding to a special toast in his honour, said the compliment was greatly enhanced by the cordiality with which it had been received. He had considered it the highest honour to be elevated to the post of W.M. of the Lodge and he was pleased that his performance of his duties had met with approval. He had no pretence to aught but zeal for the good and welfare of their time-honoured institutions, to which he felt proud to belong, and whose basis was to serve God and honour the Queen. He returned his best thanks to the brethren who had supported him during the year, for he could not but remember that it was a numerous attendance of officers and brethren that clothed the ceremonies with importance. Bro. Carter replied for "The

Visitors," and Bro. Binckes was again called on to answer for "The Charities." He said he had not thought he would be called upon a second time to speak, and he never felt in his life before such a thorough inability as he then had to respond to the old prosaic toast, after listening to songs which in addition to being good, were well sung, and had given pleasure and delight to all who had heard them. They were all enjoying a most agreeable evening, and this old skeleton, being brought on the table, rather marred their pleasure; but after all said and done, it might be wise in their extremest mirth to be serious a moment or two. Now with reference to the Charities he would say *place aux dames*, and he would first speak of the Girls' School. It deserved all the assistance that could be given to it. Since it was established in 1788, 1100 or 1200 children had been educated there, and he had heard it said that not a single one of all those girls had gone astray. He might say that he was a hard practical man, and such a statement as this which he had heard would tend to show that Freemasons' children were made of different clay to others. But he was not an optimist, and did not go in for perfection in any rank or walk of life. We were all tainted with original sin, and all we could do in the education of the young, was to strive to bring them up in the right path, to give them the best possible education, to instil into their minds the best and purest sentiments, a regard for the highest morality and a knowledge of religion. Paul might plant and Apollos water, but it rested with a higher power to give the increase. All that the managers of the schools could do was to do their best. Passing on to the Boys' School, it had been established since 1798, and 1300 boys had been educated there of his own knowledge, and to his great regret there were some few instances of boys not turning out all that could be desired, and showing themselves "sons of Adam." But, appealing to his hearers, which of them, he would ask, had not gone astray. He might again say he was not an optimist, and did not go in for perfection. He did not like perfection, he did not care for a man who said he was perfection. They all tried to do their best; but, in a world like ours, it was utterly impossible to be perfect. He did not believe in any man who said he did not know what it was to succumb to human temptation and human weakness. Let him not, however, be misunderstood, for all that he desired to see was support given from every rank, class, and branch of Freemasons to the institutions, and something done to enable those who were charged with the conduct of them to benefit the objects committed to their care, and with respect to the schools to enable them to provide good education to fit them for the future career, and to try to imbue them with and instil into their minds the best and highest principles they possibly could. Having done that, they had done their duty; if they did not do that, they had fallen very short of their duty. Referring to a portion of the ceremony of initiation, he said the brethren ought to follow up their profession by a practical application of what they stated, which was the true test of charity. Out of 40,000 or 50,000 Masons, the two schools supporting 176 boys and 150 girls were contributed to by only about 5,000 brethren. He thought a mere trifle should be given by all initiates, which would enable the institutions to do far more than they did at present. The widow's mite was as valuable as the rich man's contribution, and he asked them all to do something. As military men, they were able to spread the principles of Freemasonry all over the world. They were in fact missionaries. They were here to-day and did not know where they might be to-morrow; but the best wishes of the brethren would go with them, and it was hoped that prosperity and success, as well as happiness, might go with them. Wherever they went they might extend Freemasonry, and he hoped they would do so to the utmost of their ability. The remainder of the toasts were afterwards given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. Some excellent singing enlivened the evening.

Royal Arch.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Chapter* (No. 1326).—On Thursday, December 17th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion-square, Hampton, an emergency meeting of the chapter was held. There were present Comps. J. T. Moss, M.E.Z.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E., as II.; W. Hammond, J.; H. A. Dubois (J. 73) Treasurer; E. Hopwood, S.N.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; and many others. The visitors were Comps. W. Smeed, P.Z. 946; Wyer, 619; and others. Although the weather was so inclement, yet a candidate did attend. Bro. John Wallis, 1326, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The ceremony was beautifully rendered and impressively done. All the business being ended, the chapter was closed. Refreshment followed labour. In consequence of the members of the lodge and chapter assembling at the same festive board, an agreeable evening was well spent. After a few hours of social enjoyment, the brethren separated, those belonging to the Great City returning to town, after wishing each other all the compliments of the approaching season.

BATH.—*Royal Cumberland Chapter* (No. 41).—In compliance with summons the companions met at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, and the chapter was opened by the Principals, Excellent Comp. Keene, Z.; Jelley, H.; J. W. Parfitt, J.; in the presence of Past Principals Moultrie, Mann, Geo. Parfitt, and Mitchell, of No. 41; Reeves, P.Z. 379; and Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, and 710. This being done, among the companions admitted were Thompson, E.; Carey, N.; Hill acting as P.S.; Brown, Howse, all of 41; and Phillips, 379. The Treasurer's report was read and received. A ballot was taken for the Principals, which resulted in the election of Comps.

Jelley, Z.; J. W. Parfitt, H.; Thompson, J. A ballot was also taken for the other officers, by which Comps. Carey was appointed E.; Hill, N.; Hearn, P.S.; Moultrie, P.Z., Treasurer; who were then invested. Comps. Graham and Brown were chosen as Assistant Sojourners, and Gizzard Janitor. A ballot was taken for Dr. Hopkins as a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. Equally unanimous was a ballot for Bros. Bennett and Brown, as candidates for exaltation, but the latter was unavoidably prevented from attending on this occasion. The former was introduced, properly prepared, and exalted by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. Geo. Parfitt, P.Z., and in the explanation of the signs by Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. On the proposition of Comp. G. Parfitt, seconded by Comp. Hill, a vote of thanks was passed to the Treasurer for the excellent manner in which he kept the accounts. On the proposition of Comp. Carey, seconded by the Treasurer, it was ordered that a letter of condolence should be sent to the relatives of Comp. Carter, the deceased curator of the Masonic Hall. Bro. Davis having been proposed and seconded for exaltation, the business of the evening was concluded, and the chapter was closed at 7 p.m.

Mark Masonry.

ST. JOHN'S (TIME IMMORTAL) LODGE, BOLTON.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, on Thursday, 17th December. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. James Newton, P. Prov. G. Mark Inspector of Works, W.M.; John Alcock, S.W.; Jas. Horrocks, J.W.; Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master; G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Mark Warden; Robt. Whittaker, P. Prov. G. Mark Dir. of Cers.; Thos. Morris, P. Prov. G. Mark Sword Bearer; Wm. Horner, P.M.; and others. The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Alcock, was installed in the chair of A. by Bro. Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master, and the following officers were appointed and invested, viz:—James Horrocks, S.W.; John Harwood, J.W.; Robt. Glaister, M.O.; Thos. Holmes, S.O.; Jas. Allen, J.O.; G. P. Brockbank, Treasurer; Thos. Entwistle, Reg. of Marks; Thos. Morris, Secretary; Robt. Pickup, Conductor; Henry Tattersall, S.D.; Henry Greenwood, J.D.; Samuel Barrett, Inner Guard; Chas. Walker, Tyler. All business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Knights Templar.

PRESCOT.—*William de la More Encampment*.—A conclave of this preceptory, stationed at Prescott, in the Province of Lancashire, was held at the New Court House, Prescott, near Liverpool, on Thursday, the 16th December, when there were a good number of the Knights of exalted Order. The list of those present included the names of Sir Knights J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.P.; J. K. Smith, Constable; Reginald Young, Marshal; R. Brown, Chaplain; T. Ashmore, Registrar; J. Wood, Treasurer; H. Nelson, Sub-Marshal; J. W. Ballard, First Herald; P. H. Whittaker, Thomson, W. Tyrer, with Sir Knights T. Berry, Past G.S.B. of England, and P.E.C., Jacques de Molay; and H. Burrows, Alpass Preceptory. After the encampment had been opened in ancient form, six candidates were balloted for, and there being three in attendance, they were subsequently installed Knights of the Order. Sir Knight Dr. Joseph Kellett Smith was installed M.E. Preceptor for the ensuing year; the ceremony being performed by Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.P., assisted by Sir Knight T. Berry, Past G.S.B. of England. The following officers were subsequently appointed:—Sir Knights Reginald Young, Constable; T. Ashmore, Marshal; R. Brown, Chaplain; H. Nelson, Registrar; J. Wood, Treasurer; J. W. Ballard, Sub-Marshal; Thompson, C. of Guard; and W. Tyrer, Almoner. At the close of the business, the assembled Knights sat down to a most sumptuous banquet at the King's Arms Hotel, provided by Mrs. Lloyd, the hostess. Soups, viands, and wines were of the very best quality, and the serving gave the most ample satisfaction. The after-portion of the day's proceedings was most enjoyable, and was a pleasant sequel to the afternoon's business.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

IPSWICH.—*Victoria Chapter Rose Croix*.—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, 14th ult., present, Ill. Bros. the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, 30°, M.W.S.; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30°, and Emra Holmes, 31°; M.E. Bros. M. T. Westgate, P.M.W.S.; and C. T. Townsend, P.M.W.S., Recorder; and the following Sovereign Princes, Dr. Mills, 1st General; Geo. Cresswell, W. Cuckow, and others. Visitor, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 30°. The minutes of last chapter having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for M.W.S. for the ensuing year, when Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes was duly elected to that high office. Bro. Cuckow was re-elected Treasurer. Ill. Bro. Banister said, that having been in London to attend the Supreme Council meeting on Saturday, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed as a 33°, and Grand Patron of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he had taken the opportunity of coming on to Ipswich, to attend this chapter, having heard that the work was very well done here, and he regretted very much to find that there was no business. He hoped, on the next occasion he visited them, he might be more fortunate. Bro. Holmes said that it would give both himself and the brethren very much pleasure if Bro. Banister would visit them at the next regular meeting, and instal him into the chair of M.W.S. He looked upon Bro. Banister as his godfather in Masonry, at least, in the high

degrees; as it was at his hands he received the Rose Croix Degree in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and, he believed, the Templar Degree some years ago. Bro. Banister stated that it would give him very great pleasure to instal Bro. Emra Holmes, but he thought, as a matter of courtesy, their new Deputy Inspector General, the Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, 32°, whose jurisdiction extended over Oxford, Cambridge and Suffolk, should be first asked, and if he declined, then he should be extremely pleased to come. The current business of the evening having been disposed of, the brethren retired to the banquetting-room, where the usual substantial repast was spread. The regular toasts having been given, and the new chiefs of the Order, the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Carnarvon having been duly honoured, the brethren passed a pleasant evening together, and separated at a reasonable hour.

Red Cross of Constantine.

BRISTOL.—The annual meeting of the Wm. De Irwin Conclave, and the Munbee (Military) Conclave, No. 101, was held at the head quarters of the 2nd Gloucester Volunteer Engineer Corps, on Saturday, the 12th inst. The Sir Knights assembled at 3 p.m. Ill. and Eminent Sir Knt. F. G. Irwin, Intendant General of Bristol, occupied the throne. The muster roll being called, the following Sir Knights answered, viz.: W. Hodges, V.E.; J. T. Hallam, S.G.; W. Munro, J.G.; J. M. Hunt, H.P.; E. E. Honey, Prefect; M. Ansaldo, S.B.; W. H. Lane, O.; A. G. Williams, W. Benham, E. Ware, T. Brooke, W. Kirby, J. Collins, W. Richards, B. Gay, No. 17; W. A. Scott, M.P.S.; Major Plant, V.E.; and Capt. Ward, No. 101. The Sir Knights under the command of the S.G. and J.G., then formed an "Arch of Steel," and received the Chief Intendant General of Bristol, Gloucester, and Somerset, Major General Gore, B. Munbee, and his Aid-de-camp. The general having ascended the throne, the minutes of the two conclaves were read, when the M.P.S. said the first business was to instal Bros. D. J. Dutton and J. Naish, as Knights of the Munbee Conclave. At the conclusion of the ceremony all those Knights below the grade of Viceroy were asked to retire, and a College of Viceroys was opened; all below the Sovereign Degree retired. A Senate of Sovereigns was formed, and Sir Knts. W. Hodges and Major Plant, were duly enthroned Sovereigns of their respective conclaves. The Senate being dissolved and a college reopened, Sir Knts. J. T. Hallam, and Capt. Ward, were placed in the chair as V.E. of the two conclaves, the whole of the ceremonies being performed with the usual ability, which M. General Gore, B. Munbee, displays on such occasions. Sir Knt. W. Hodges ascended the throne, and appointed the following officers of No. 17 for the ensuing year, viz.: Sir Knts. W. Munro, J.G.; J. M. Hunt, J.G.; G. Tonkin, H.P.; B. Gay, Recorder; A. G. Williams, 1st Lieutenant; W. Benham, 2nd Lieutenant; W. Richards, Prefect; M. Ansaldo, S.B.; T. Brooke, H.; J. Cole, S. The conclaves were now closed, and the Sir Knights retired to the Grand Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared, to which about thirty sat down, presided over by Major General Gore B. Munbee, supported on his right by Capt. F. G. Irwin, J. T. Hallam, and others; on his left by M. A. Scott, P.S. of No. 101; W. H. Davies, of Weston Super Mare; and others. The usual toasts were given and responded to. The visiting Sir Knights having retired by an early train, were now compelled to leave. Ill. Sir Knt. Capt. F. G. Irwin, took the chair, and said he was pleased with that day's proceedings, also with the progress of the Red Cross in Bristol; it had succeeded far beyond his expectations; it was barely twelve months since it was first established here, and now the two conclaves number near fifty members; great praise was due to the members for the zeal and energy they had displayed during the past year, and he would compliment the officers of No. 17 for the efficient way in which they had performed their duties, and as a mark of his approbation for the great interest taken in the Order. In this province he had appointed the P.S. Sir Knt. G. F. Tuckey to be Deputy Intendant General of Bristol, with full powers to act as such; in regard to the Munbee Conclave, he would say, it being purely a military conclave, the members were not likely to be so large as that of the Sister Conclave; still, he was satisfied, from the zeal displayed by those Sir Knights belonging to it, they were determined to do what they had to do with fervency and zeal. He would always be pleased to confer honour where honour was due—that would be only upon those who worked for it. He was about to form a Provincial Grand Conclave, and no appointment to office in that conclave would be made but to those who, from the attention they displayed to the duties of their own conclave, showed they were deserving. He therefore had much pleasure in naming Eminent Sir Knt. M. A. Scott, P.S. of No. 101, as Provincial Grand Treasurer; and Sir Knt. J. T. Hallam, P.G. Recorder. As they were about to open another conclave, he would not appoint the other officers till after that event. He would also say it was his intention, at an early date, to summon a Sanctuary of K.H.S., and St. John, also a Council of Knights of Constantinople, and he felt certain it would meet with the like success of the Red Cross. The Sir Knights retired at an early hour, well satisfied with the day's proceedings.

Scotland.

LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the hall, No. 12, Tron-gate, on Tuesday evening, 15th ult. Bro. J. W. Burns, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and there were also present, Bros. C. K. Jenkins, D.M.; James Love, S.M.; James Booth, S.W.; William Wilson, J.W.; Thos. Paton, Treas.; D. McDougall, Sec.; and a goodly number of brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been read,

and some private matters in connection with the lodge discussed, applications for admittance to the Order were read from four candidates. One of these not being able to be present that evening, the other three were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, Bro. Thallon, P.M., Lodge St. Clair (362), officiating in an able manner. There being no further business the lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

LODGE STAR (No. 219) met in the hall at No. 12, Tron-gate, on Monday, 14th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, presided, and the lodge having been opened, he initiated five approved candidates for admission into the Order in a manner so masterly as to surprise experienced brethren who knew or were made aware of the fact that it was the first time he had so officiated. Thereafter the chair was occupied, pro tem, by P.M., Bro. Joseph Wilson, and the lodge having been raised to the Fellow-Craft degree, five were advanced to that degree by Bro. Muir, of the Union and Crown (103). Subsequently the lodge was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; and it being a case of emergency, that degree was received by a candidate at the hands of Bro. G. W. Wheeler.

LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The forty-fourth anniversary festival of this lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms, Bath-street, on Christmas night, when there was a numerous attendance of the brethren of the lodge, together with their wives, sweethearts, and friends, as also visiting brethren from sister lodges. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, presided, supported on the platform by Bros. R. Mitchell, P.M.; Dempster, D.M.; Dobbie, S.M.; D. McKerdy, S.W.; A. Conochie, J.W.; A. Macnair S.D.; P. Wilson, J.D.; Laird, Treas.; McInnes, Sec., &c. After an excellent service of tea, the chairman said:—Ladies, Gentlemen, and Brethren, once more we have met to celebrate our annual re-union, and it is very cheering to see around me so many faces, known of old, and many strangers, but none the less welcome, brethren from sister lodges, and last, but not least, the wives and sweethearts. The old saying that "Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer," is amply borne out by our present meeting. It was considered by some that Christmas was a bad night to hold our annual gathering, but this I consider erroneous. It is customary in a great many families whose members are scattered hither and thither, that they meet once—Christmas Day—around the family board, and enjoy the society of each other that is denied them through the year. We are met here to-night, in a homely way, to enjoy the society of each other and to strengthen and cherish brotherly love. And what night could be better adapted to this purpose—a night associated with the birth of Christianity—a season when the ills and sufferings of those around us are met with kindly aid and advice—a time when our best feelings should be stirred up. And I think that from the elements of witchery and grace I see before me, that the fairies, mayhap, favour us with a visit during the night, and skip and dance and astonish even us poor mortals by their various gifts. I only hope that each and all will endeavour to enjoy themselves, and make those around them happy. It is not my intention to take up much of your time, the more that you will be anxious to enjoy the harmony that is in store. But, before sitting down, allow me to say a little about lodge matters. The Lodge Union is now in her 44th year, and let me tell you that she is not a maiden lady, having changed her name some years ago, and since that change of name she has gone on improving as she grows older, like good wine; and strange as it may seem, I have no doubt that the older she gets, she will give birth to many good and true Masons. Since I entered her house, some 6 years ago, I have found her a good, motherly body, and the family thought it meet that I should take charge of the household. I now have had charge of family matters for something like 3 years, and during that time many additions have been made to the number of our household, and I may state that we have been, and are a well regulated and harmonious family. We have our little family jars at times, but we, like good brethren, forget and forgive. It is strange we are all sons in our family, but, collectively, we make one sister, and her name is Union. She has many sisters in the province, and I have reason to know and appreciate their many sisterly qualities, their kind attendance from time to time, when advice was necessary, and in helping to wash and keep the house clean. Not a little of the success of our family arrangements is due to this timely, kind reciprocity between our own and sister lodges. And let me tell you we have succeeded wonderfully, and we have gathered gear, but in gathering gear we have not done so in a parsimonious way. We have had members of the family ill, and have been in a position to attend them in their distress, and assist them in their difficulties, and they had this in their own right of brotherhood. And during the last ten years we have made 350 Masons in the Union, and during that period we have made marked progress in financial matters, and have, at the present moment, a handsome balance in our favour. Also during the year named we have dispensed considerable sums towards benevolent objects, both directly to individuals and to the several benevolent funds connected with our Order. I hope the bump of benevolence in the Union Lodge will enlarge with her prosperity. Nay, I am confident it will. But I am afraid that I may tire you with family matters. I will not trespass much longer on your patience. Just allow me, before sitting down, to say one or two words, anent some events in Masonic history that have occurred during the present year. First, the death of our much revered P.G. Master, Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie—a nobleman who worked earnestly and in a singularly able manner for the cause of Masonry—a brother respected not only for the position by birth, but, above all, for his strength of purpose and high mental gifts. He has gone from amongst us, but his memory will be cherished by every good Mason. Scotch Masonry has sustained a loss that cannot be easily replaced. Secondly, we have the

resignation by the Earl of Ripon of the Grand Mastership of England; and the cause is now sufficiently well known, and is to be regretted on the ground that he has sacrificed freedom of action in thought. The immediate result of his resignation has been that the patron of Scotch Masonry, the Prince of Wales, has accepted the Grand Mastership of England—a position which we have no doubt he will fill creditably to himself and to the Order. We have had changes in our own Grand Lodge. The Earl of Rosslyn has retired, after a term of services that forwarded and put new life into the internal working of the Grand Lodge, and he has been succeeded by a nobleman whom we have no doubt will do honour to the high position he has been elected to. I am afraid I tire you. I will now pull up, as the coachman said to himself when he saw a "public;" but, before getting off the "dickie," allow me to thank you for the attention you have shown during the stage, and I trust we will have a pleasant evening's entertainment together. Ladies, gentlemen, and brethren, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thereafter a vocal concert programme was entered upon, in which the lion's share of the work—and rightly, therefore, of the honours—fell upon Bro. James Houston (354), a comique of the genuine type, who has worked his way up to a proud position in his profession. Later in the evening, Bro. R. Mitchell delivered a brief and seasonable address. He was there, he said, in place of the Rev. Robert Thomson; but, with all deference, their reverend brother had not a greater love for Freemasonry than their humble servant, whose sons, he might tell them, were becoming his brothers, so that he should shortly be able almost to hold a lodge in his own family! The proceedings, as usual, concluded with an assembly, which was kept up with spirit till an advanced hour.

LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—This lodge met on Wednesday, 16th ult., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, the R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw, presiding. After the reading of the minutes of last meeting, it was proposed by Bro. Dougall, seconded by Bro. Harley, and agreed to, that there be a committee meeting called for 23rd ult., to make arrangements for the annual festival of the lodge. Three candidates were then passed from the E. A. degree to that of Fellow Craft, and three raised to the degree of Master Masons, the work in each case being efficiently wrought by Bro. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M. Lodge Shamrock and Thistle (275). Thereafter a pleasant evening was spent in harmony, in the course of which the toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was given by the chairman, coupled with the name of Bro. McNaught, who replied, giving in turn "Success to Lodge 354," which the R.W.M. suitably acknowledged.

LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360). The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall at No. 30 Hope-street, on Friday 18th inst. There was a very numerous attendance, both of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Munro, who was supported by Bros. John Davidson, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; and J. Peters, acting J.W.; and the other office-bearers in their respective places. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. E. Spiers, who at the last meeting had been nominated and approved of for the office of S.M., was duly installed into the same by the R.W.M. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft, when Bro. McWilliam received that degree at the hands of the R.W.M., whose admirable performance of the work called forth warmest expressions of commendation from brethren assembled, those from other lodges more especially. There being no further business in this degree, the lodge was reduced to that of Entered Apprentice, after which Bro. David Lamb brought forward in due form a motion for an alteration in the rate of initiation and affiliation fees at present subsisting in the lodge. In so doing he said:—If there be one thing which we the Freemasons of Scotland ought to feel more proud of than another, it should be, I think, the fact that our country was chosen as the home of the Craft upon its first introduction among the nations of the West, and that at a period very shortly subsequent to its removal from the East. How it came here, or why Scotland should have been chosen as its great resting place, it behoves us not presently to relate. Those of you who are familiar with the history of the Craft know how that from Scotland went forth brethren into almost all the then known world, and, having settled in its most remote corners, applied for and obtained leave to hold and constitute lodges of their own, binding themselves to acknowledge the Lodge of Scotland as their Great Superior, and its chief for the time being their one and common head. How, further, when a sufficiency of lodges had been established, liberty was granted them, in their respective countries, to constitute Grand Lodges of their own, and that, too, granted by the management of the Craft in Scotland. As our rites had been taught them at home, so were they practised by them abroad; and I make bold to say that there are few Masons who are not able to say that they were initiated into our degrees, and admitted to a participation in our privileges, under what all the broad world knows is the Scottish Ancient and Accepted Rite (Applause). England, Ireland, France, India, America—all use, with differences so slight as hardly to be noticeable, the rites practised by our forefathers when they instructed their initiates in their secret sessions in the towns and villages of our native land. Have we not reason to feel proud as to the pre-eminence of our usages and our ceremonies? Surely, surely! Ought we not to be grateful to the country which fostered and sheltered these? Surely, yes! Are we proud? Are we grateful? I am! Is there a man among you who is not? (Applause). But, brethren, it sometimes happens that the directions for carrying out a law, or, to apply it to our own case, a ritual, and the actual performance of the ceremony are two things altogether distinct and different. The rites which it is our privilege to use are in themselves, solemn and beautiful, but how often have we

seen their beauty marred and their solemnity turned into almost the ridiculous through their being administered by those destitute of the true spirit of Freemasonry, and who, it may be, cannot speak even a single sentence grammatically (hear, hear). These are among the reasons why the Freemasonry of Scotland has fallen into such disrepute, why for some time it has been at such a low ebb, and why a Scotch Mason is sometimes treated with distrust and suspicion, nay even with contempt, by his brethren and Fellow Craftsmen in sister countries. And is this much to be wondered at when I tell you that I have been in a lodge (not very far distant), where I saw a batch of candidates receive what its members were pleased to call their three degrees in something little over an hour!—and that, too, amidst the most boisterous hilarity and to the seeming great amusement of those present. (Hear, hear). That such scenes as these are rare I sincerely trust; but, were I to ask as to their being so, I fear me as to the answer. That we have brethren amongst us well qualified to administer our degrees and lodges where the true spirit of Masonry—that spirit of love and brotherly kindness and charity, is fostered and taught as it ought to be, I am well aware; but why such brethren and such lodges should be few, I really do not know. Why they are, I believe I can in some measure tell you. Freemasonry is too cheap; at all events, the Freemasonry of Scotland is too cheap. Now, I say this guardedly and advisedly. I have given the subject my very careful consideration, and this is the conclusion which I have conscientiously arrived at. I am sure you will all agree with me when I say that it is not politic to place precious privileges within the reach of those who will not only use but abuse them. What we want is a number of gentlemen who will not allow the interests of the Craft to suffer. To attain to this, they must be men of sterling principle, and endowed with an abundance of firmness and good common sense. Far be it from me to seek to exclude from a participation in our privileges those among the humbler classes of society; but, surely if these privileges are worth having, they are worth paying for. How it can raise the status of the Craft, has, I believe, been for some considerable time one of the great aims of the Grand Lodge. Now, I am but a young man, and, comparatively, a younger Mason; still, I am at liberty to give utterance to my opinion. I believe, Sir, we can materially assist in furthering this end by raising our fees. To those in whose case curiosity is the only motive which impels them to seek admission into our Order, money may be an object of the first importance, and the cheaper that curiosity can be satisfied, the better for them; but to those who are actuated by a sincere desire to become members of the oldest and most honourable fraternity in the world, for the sake of that honour and the privileges it may confer, money will, I am certain, be only a secondary consideration. In most cases, what we pay most for is most valued; what we can pick up for a trifle, is often triflingly thought of. Let the Commercial act up to that example which she has always shown. Some time ago our fees were raised, and I have to ask how it fared with our exchequer? Raise them again: I have little fear as to the result. I am sure no member would recommend for initiation among us any gentleman who would grudge an extra guinea. And then there never was, I believe, a period in the history of the lodge when it could better afford to try such an experiment. We have a few hundred pounds at our bankers, and though I should little like to see that touched, still, if needs must, we could fall back upon it without, I trust, doing ourselves any very material injury. And suppose that we did suffer from a diminution of the number of our candidates, what we lacked in quantity—and this with deference to those already members—we would gain in quality. Sir, I am proud of being a member of the Lodge Commercial, to say nothing of the pleasure I have in being its Deputy Master; and I hope the time will soon come, if it be not now, when she shall stand second to none in broad Scotland. I have, therefore, much pleasure in moving "That, on and after the 1st of February, 1875, the fees of the Lodge Commercial shall be, for initiation, £4 4s., and for the affiliation of a Master Mason, £1 1s.; and I resume my seat, thanking you for your attention, and without the slightest concern as to the ultimate fate of my motion. At the close of Bro. Lamb's remarks, there was much applause, which was again and again renewed when Bros. Davidson and Brode, both Past Masters of the lodge, successively expressed their determination to do what in them lay to uphold and maintain the honourable position always held in the province by No. 360. In accordance with the bye-laws of Grand Lodge, Bro. Lamb's motion was held over in the meantime. Bro. Thos. Laird, of St. John's Operative Lodge, Rutherglen (347), was then affiliated a member of 360, Bro. Brode officiating. Thereafter, on the motion of the R.W.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to P.M. Bro. John Davidson for services done to the lodge; and it was agreed that the same be recorded in the minute-book. There was no further business before the brethren. In ordinary course, the next meeting of the lodge would have been held on 1st proximo, but that being New Year's Day, it was agreed to hold it over until the Friday following, 8th instant.

LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—A highly successful harmony meeting of this young and most thriving lodge was held in their temporary hall at 162, Kent Road, on Thursday, the 17th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. Robert McDougall occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Malcolm Stork, D.M.; John Walker, S.M.; and other office-bearers; while among visiting brethren were Bros. John Baird, P.G.S.W.; Kinghorn, P.G.J.W.; John Imrie, R.W.M., 86; Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., 556; C. H. McNaught, P.M., 275; Julius Brode, P.M., 360; Alexander McDougall, P.M., 419; Wm. Taylor, No. 1, (St. Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh); Fitzroy, 333, St. George; Dr. Russell, D.M., 556, (Clydesdale); G. B. McNaught, S.W., 556; &c., &c. The lodge met an hour previous to enter-

ing upon harmony, for the dispatch of business, when one candidate for admission into the Order was initiated, and two visiting brothers duly affiliated members of No. 553. Thereafter a very large gathering sat down to an excellent entertainment, the preparation and serving of which reflected all credit upon the powers in purveyship of Bro. Pulteney, Chief Steward of the lodge. This having been so far disposed of the chairman proposed in succession "The Queen and the Craft;" "The Princess of Wales, a patron of Scottish Masonry;" "The Princess of Wales, Duchess of Edinburgh, and other members of the Royal Family;" and the "Three Grand Lodges," all of which were duly and Masonically honoured. The Chairman next gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," but for whom their own lodge would not have been that day in existence, and with the toast he begged to couple the name of Bro. John Baird, P.M. of Lodge 34, S.W. of P.G.L., and whom he thought at no distant day they should see occupying a much higher position. Bro. Baird, in briefly acknowledging the compliment, referred to the gratifying progress made of late years by the Provincial Grand Lodge, more particularly in the acquisition of funds for charitable purposes. They had now upwards of £400 invested, and it was no uncommon thing for them to give a relief sum of £5, or even more than that. Moreover, they hoped that in the course of a very few years their means would have increased to the extent of enabling them to establish a permanent fund to aid the necessities of members requiring it. Bro. Baird then referred to the annual visitations made by the P.G.L. throughout the province, and counselled 553 to have their house in order against the time the visitors should come, and show by their good condition the necessity there had been for a lodge such as theirs being established in the locality. Before sitting down he begged to propose "The Continued Prosperity of Lodge St. Vincent." The chairman, in replying, said that the toast came very well indeed off the hands of Bro. Baird, who had from the outset been exerting himself on their behalf both inside the lodge and out of it. He trusted their brother had found that his efforts had not been thrown away, but rather that their success was in some measure a recompense to him for the trouble he had been at. In concluding, the chairman said he might state that during the few weeks they had been in existence they had made no less a number than fifty Masons. This, he should think, augured well for the future, and also argued that the P.G. Lodge had done rightly in granting them a charter. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" followed, coupled in the first place with the name of Bro. Wm. Taylor, of Lodge No. 1 (St. Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh), who briefly replied, but acknowledged also by representatives of Lodges No. 34 (St. John's); No. 4 (Glasgow Kilwinning); No. 27 (St. Mungo); No. 86 (Navigation, Troon); No. 87 (Thistle); and several others. Thereafter, Bro. A. McDougall, P.M. 419, proposed the health and prosperity of the R.W.M. of No. 553, which was pledged with much cordiality. The chairman, in replying, stated that he could not but say that he appreciated the toast the more in coming from his late Master in Lodge Neptune, No. 419. He had always taken great pleasure in his connection with that lodge, than which not even No. 553 held a higher place in his affections. One or two other toasts were given subsequently, the proceedings throughout having been agreeably varied by an occasional song or recitation from brethren more qualified in this way to entertain the meeting. We have but to repeat that the occasion was altogether a distinct success.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, GLASGOW (No. 50), held their monthly meeting on Thursday, 10th ult., when the following three brethren received the Mark, Ext., and R.A. degrees:—James Baikie, builder; Daniel Leeds, wright and builder; and Robert Morrison, master plasterer; all Master Masons of Lodge Athole, No. 413. The Mark degree was given by Comp. John Miller, the recently installed 1st P.Z., in a most elaborate, instructive, and finished style; no part of the beautiful ceremony being either omitted or slurred over. The Excellent and Royal Arch degrees were conferred by Comp. Jas. Duthie in his well-known careful manner, and Comp. McKenzie, as 1st S., seems to be still studying his part and perfecting minor details, indeed the whole work of this Chapter is admirable.

HELENSBURGH.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE (No. 503).—The annual supper of the Helensburgh St. George's Lodge (No. 503) Freemasons took place last Monday evening in the Queen's Hotel, Helensburgh. About forty of the brethren sat down to partake of the sumptuous repast provided by "Mine Host" of the Queen's (Mr. Williamson), and which was served up in his very best style. The duties of the chair were ably discharged by Bro. Dr. Gibb, P.M., whilst Bro. Waters, D.P.M., officiated as Croupier. The following deputations were present: St. John's Kilwinning (No. 18), Dumbarton, Bro. Councillor Barr, R.W.M., and Bro. M'Arthur; No. 117, Glasgow, Bros. Wallace and Wyllie; and St. John's (No. 173) Largs, Bro. A. Barclay. Supper having been partaken of, the chairman read letters of apology for absence from the following brethren, viz., Archibald Orr Ewing, Esq. M.P. for Dumbartonshire; Alex. Smollett, Esq., Cameron House, P.G.M.; Sheriff Steele, Dumbarton, Provost Bennett, Dumbarton, William Paterson, and John Babbie, Dumbarton, and Captain Manners, Helensburgh. The following is a copy of Bro. Orr Ewing's, Bro. Smollett's, and Sheriff Steele's letters, which explain themselves:

Ballikinrain Castle, Killearn, N.B.,

11th Dec. 1874.

Dear Sir and Brother, Unless the snow is so far gone as to permit me to drive over on Monday night, I will not be able to be with the members of the St. George Lodge on Monday night, as I must be at home that night. Yours fraternally,

ARCHD. ORR EWING.

Cameron House, Alexandria, N.B.,

11th Dec., 1874.

Dear Sir and Brother, I regret extremely that it will not be in my power to have the pleasure of accepting the invitation which your Right Worshipful Master and the brethren of Lodge St. George, No. 503, have done me the favour to send me to their annual supper, on Monday next, 14th ult.

I am sorry to say that I have been confined to the house for upwards of a fortnight by a severe and obstinate attack of cold and sciatica, from which I am suffering very great pain and annoyance; and I feel satisfied, from the little improvement I have undergone during the last two or three days, that it will be quite out of my power to think of being able to go about sooner than the middle of next week, if even then. In these circumstances, I have no alternative than to return the ticket so kindly forwarded to me. I remain, yours truly and fraternally,

A. SMOLLETT.

Westonlee, Dumbarton, 8th Dec. 1874.

Dear Sir and Brother, I have had the pleasure of receiving your invitation to be present at the meeting of your Lodge on Monday the 14th ult., but regret that my engagements will prevent me from availing myself of your kindness. Yours fraternally,

W. C. STEELE.

In proceeding to the business of the evening, The Chairman gave the "Three Grand Lodges of Scotland, England, and Ireland." This toast required no recommendation on his part amongst brethren of the Craft. He only wished the morality of the world was carried out more in consonance with the teachings of Masonry, when there would undoubtedly be a happier and better state of things in existence. (Cheers.)

The Chairman then gave in succession the usual loyal toasts. In proposing "The Queen" he said that for a great many generations in succession there had not been a Queen on the British Throne to equal Victoria. Whether they regarded her as Queen or mother, she always set an example worthy of being imitated either by her subjects or her family (cheers), and discharged her duties to the satisfaction of the country. (Loud cheers.) In regard to the Prince of Wales, he had no doubt that with such an example as that of his mother, he had learned to outlive the sins of his youth, whatever they may have been, and that they would find in him a good and righteous monarch. (Cheers.)

The Chairman then gave the "Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces." He would not recall any of the historic deeds of the Army—they were well known; neither would he repeat the feats of valour performed by the Navy—they were of world-wide fame. (Hear, hear.) But in regard to the Volunteers, it was a section of the service with which he was proud to have an intimate connection for some time past. It was a pleasant relief after a day's labour to turn out to drill, which besides producing a bracing and manly effect, helped to train them in a practical manner that could not otherwise be attained. He hoped when the hour arrived, which he trusted would not be for a long time, when their services would be required, that they would be found ready and useful in the field of battle. (Applause.) He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Sergeant Marsland, of the 1st D.V.R. (Loud cheers.)

Sergeant Marsland, in reply, thanked the company for the manner in which they had responded to the toast. The Army, he remarked, was always ready, and wherever they went always proved the Army in truth. The same might be said of the navy, as a more manly and kindlier hearted class of tars could be found nowhere than those who manned our British men-of-war. (Loud cheers.) In regard to the auxiliary forces, he did not quite agree with the sentiments of the chairman. The drill ground should not be looked upon as a place of recreation, but with feelings of pure patriotism. (Applause.) It should be looked upon as a place where they were being trained in a systematic manner to defend their hearths and homes. (Loud cheers.) He thanked them again for the enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk the toast.

The Croupier gave "The Craft the World over." He remarked that as yet he was not a very old Mason, but, nevertheless, he had experienced the benefit of being connected with the Craft. The farther one goes from home the more this is experienced, as wherever they went they were sure to meet with brothers who were ready to treat them in a brotherly as well as a gentlemanly style. (Hear, hear.) Masonry was like the family circle. Although at times they might differ among themselves as to non-essentials, yet if the stranger ventured to interfere they were found to be one harmonious whole. (Applause.) The principles and teachings of the Craft he looked upon with great veneration, and held that, like the Masonic law, it was almost impossible for members to walk up to them in their integrity. (Hear, hear.) He begged to couple the toast with the name of Bro. Wallace, whose reputation as a Mason was wide-spread, and for whom he entertained the most cordial esteem. (Cheers.)

Bro. Wallace thanked them for coupling his name with this toast. He could not say he had been over all the world, but still he had great pleasure in responding. Freemasonry was fast finding its way over all the world, and although there was no doubt it contained some bad men, still its teachings were felt for good wherever it had found a home. (Applause.) When a brother required aid then and only then he found Freemasonry to be an institution. It was not like "water" spilt upon the ground, but was a tangible institution of which they could justly feel proud. (Laughter and cheers.)

Bro. Marsland then gave the "Visiting Brethren," who were all at once good men and good Masons. (Hear, hear.) He was sure they were all glad to see them present, and would willingly join with him in drinking a bumper to their health. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Councillor Barr. (Applause.)

Bro. Barr in replying expressed on his own behalf and of those of his visitors the pleasure they had in being present. He hoped the principles of Masonry would spread and be more firmly established amongst them than they had yet been. It was too true that there was but too little of principles of Masonry even amongst Masons. (Hear, hear.) As had been hinted that night already, although slight differences did sometimes arise, these were caused more by a desire to show a superior wisdom than from a spirit of rivalry on the part of the brethren. (Applause.) He was sorry there was not a larger representation from No. 18, as no doubt there would have been but for unforeseen circumstances. He had been asked to apologize for P.G.S. Bro. Denny, who had expressed to him his regret at being detained from being present that evening. He hoped when their turn came in Dumbarton, they would be favoured with a large deputation of the brethren of 503, and concluded by wishing them long life and prosperity. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Stevenson then gave the "Provincial Grand Lodge," for whom Bro. Barr also replied in appropriate terms.

The Chairman then gave the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to St. George's (No. 503)." He would have liked to have had something prepared to have spoken in connection with this toast, but owing to recent events he had unfortunately been prevented from carrying out that desire. It was now about four years since the idea of having a lodge of Freemasons was first mooted in Helensburgh. A meeting had been held in King-street Hall for the purpose of carrying out the suggestion, and although there were but few present, the lodge was then formed, and had progressed wonderfully. They had not had the great or the wealthy amongst them, but, nevertheless, they had got along very well. Their development at first was somewhat slow, but, more recently, the progress made was very marked. It was very creditable what had been done, but they should not rest content with that, but, adopting as their motto "Excelsior," they should go still forward to greater effort and more pronounced success. (Cheers.) They had in a great measure done away with the principal barrier to all progress, viz., debt; except, indeed, it was a national one (laughter and applause), and with their hands loosened in this respect, they were free to accomplish much. He had great pleasure in proposing prosperity to 503, "our noble selves"—(loud cheers)—coupled with the name of Bro. Marsland.

Bro. Marsland in reply referred to the harmonious feeling which was at present existing amongst the brethren of 503, and hoped that some of the older members who had almost seceded from the lodge would come back and grace the meetings with their presence. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The other toasts were "The Press," by Bro. Marsland, reply by Mr. Wm. Thomson, *Dumbarton and Lennox Herald*; "The Chairman," and "The Croupier." "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

The harmony of the evening was added to very considerably by the singing of Bros. Ponds, Love, Galloway, Young, Ross, Petit, Livingstone, and F. Barr; whilst Bros. Marsland and Robb gave recitations which were very much appreciated and loudly applauded. After a most harmonious evening, the company broke up after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

DALMUIR.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 403).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in the Lodge-room at Dalmuir on the 8th of December. The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Ferguson, presided, supported by Bro. Robert Manson, S.W.; J. T. Johnston, J.W.; J. Barrie, Secretary; T. Scott, Treasurer; J. Crawford, S.D.; Wm. Gray, J.D.; T. Millar, I.G. The lodge was opened in due and proper form on the E. A. degree, and then raised to the F. C. degree, when three brethren were passed to the square degree of Fellow-Craft. The lodge was afterwards raised to the third degree, when two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremonies of passing and raising were performed by the R.W.M. in a beautiful and impressive manner. The lodge was then reduced to the E. A. degree, and closed in due form. The regular fortnightly meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th inst.; Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by the whole of the office-bearers; a large number of the members being present, as also a deputation from Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 426), Renfrew, headed by Bro. Glen, R.W.M., and Bro. Sim, P.M., and Bro. McFarlane, Morton, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of last regular and emergency meetings were read and adopted. Applications were then read from two candidates for admission into the Order, and they having been favourably balloted for, were admitted and duly initiated into the first degree of Freemasonry by the R.W.M. The ceremony of installing the office-bearers of the lodge for the ensuing year then took place, viz.:—Bros. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M.; I. T. Johnstone, D.M.; John Crawford, S.M.; Robert Manson, S.W.; James Barrie, J.W.; T. Scott, Treasurer; S. Leckie, Secretary; T. Millar, S.D.; Wm. Gray, J.D.; J. Stairs, B.B.; J. Muirhead, S.S.; D. McDonald, J.S.; Quintin Blane, I.G.; and D. Campbell, Tyler. The three Masters were installed by Bro. Sim, P.M. of Prince of Wales Lodge (426), assisted by Bro. Glen, R.W.M. (426), in a most creditable manner. The newly-installed R.W.M. then installed the remaining officers, and Bro. Sim, P.M., was affiliated an honorary member for his valuable services to the lodge on several occasions. After the other general routine of business was gone through, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment for a short time, when the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to. "The Visiting Brethren" was given by the R.W.M., Bro. Ferguson. Bro. Glen, R.W.M. (426), suitably replied, re-

marking that it had given him much pleasure to be present at the installation of the office-bearers, and congratulating the R.W.M. and members of the lodge on the most efficient way in which the business was being conducted, and the prosperous state of the lodge. Bro. Sim proposed "The Newly Re-elected R.W.M." in flattering terms. Bro. Ferguson replied, thanking the members for the honour and confidence they placed in him in choosing him as their Master for another year. After a short time agreeably spent in song and sentiment, the brethren separated, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

GOVAN.

LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 437).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the election of office-bearers was held in their hall, Portland buildings, Govan, on 16th inst. The attendance was large. The lodge being opened in due and ancient form, the election was proceeded with, when the following brethren were elected:—John McFarlane, R.W.M.; A. Campbell, P.M.; John Miller, D.M.; J. Hutcheson, S.M.; Robt. Muir, S.W.; Geo. Wilson, J.W.; G. Maitland, Sec.; John Brown, Treas.; John Morrison, Chaplain; John Sutherland, S.D.; John Carrick, J.D.; John Miller, Architect (2); W. Sutherland, Jeweller; Robt. Allan, P.G.S.; Wm. Anderson, S.S.; Alex. Ferguson, J.S.; Carl J. Hedmond, B.B.; Alex. Buchan, S.B.; John Golder, Director of Ceremonies; Andrew Blair, Director of Music; James Moggie, I.G.; John McIntyre, Tyler. After the principal work of the evening was over, it was suggested that a former proposition to build a Masonic Hall in connection with the lodge should be revived, and that a Benevolent Fund be got up for the benefit of members of the lodge. A very happy evening was afterwards spent.

RUTHERGLEN.

LODGE ST. JOHN'S OPERATIVE, (No. 347).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in Bro. Reid's hall, Rutherglen, on Tuesday, 15th inst. Three was a numerous attendance. The R.W.M., Bro. John Cunningham, presided, supported by office-bearers of the lodge, while amongst visiting brethren present were Bros. Dugald Butler, R.W.M. 27; R. M. Yuill, R.W.M. 275; William Phillips, R.W.M. 556; R. Mitchell, P.M. 323; J. B. McNaught, S.W. 556; John Howie, J.W. 556; Hugh Weir, J.D. 556; George Gray, 171; Thos. Gray, 171; J. Speirs, 117; Edward Cornely, 362; and others. The lodge having been duly opened on the E.A. degree, the chairman intimated that there were in waiting to receive in that degree three candidates, who were as follows, viz.: John Sconler, jeweller, Stonelaw House, Rutherglen (who is Provost of the burgh); J. W. Wallace, banker; and John R. Gray, manufacturer, Rutherglen. There being no objections, the candidates, properly prepared, were brought in and initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the work being excellently performed by the R.W.M.

SLAMAMAN.

LODGE ST. JOHN, (No. 484).—The brethren of this lodge met on Friday, the 18th ult., Bro. John A. Walkinshaw, Esq., R.W.M., in the chair. The lodge having been opened in due form, the following office-bearers were nominated for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. John A. Walkinshaw, R.W.M.; Dr. James C. Nash, P.M.; Robert Hamilton, D.M.; William Burnett, S.M.; Henry Roy, S.W.; James Donnelly, J.W.; Rev. Robert S. Horne, Chaplain; Wm. Harley, Treasurer; James M. Watson, Secretary; James Forrester, S.D.; Robert Snedden, J.D.; John Wallace, B.B.; George Smith, S.S.; John Hunter, J.S.; Walter Easton, I.G.; James Baxter, Tyler.

Poetry.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1875.

WRITTEN FOR THE FREEMASON.

Time in its changing hours fleets away,
And here we hail another New Year's Day,
While fading years and moments one by one
Warn us how fast the sands of life have run.
It seems but yesterday that in trust and truth,
We wandered 'mid the flowery maze of youth;
Maturer hours have long since gone and past,
And here decrepid age confronts us all at last.
Yes, time indeed has sped in rapid flight,
Its brightest days have been chang'd to darkening night,
Since that glad season of genial joyous spring,
To which our ageing memory yet will cling.
When all around was full of light and love,
And we had faith in man, as well as God above.
Alas, how many are wanting here to-day,
Who've played with us of life the same old play.
Who've watched its comedy too often close on fears
It's tragedy dissolve in bursting tears,
Who've lived to find that blessing or being blest,
Man never here can find a lasting rest.
Vain are all earth's gifts, vainer its painted dreams
Its glittering pageants and its golden gleams,
Its glowing hues of loveliness, all ere long
Are but a nurse's tale, the poet's song.
On New Year's Day we muse on ancient friends,
The hope which flattered, or the joy which ends,
The happy home, the pleasant hour of mirth
Which lights our plodding way on this dull earth,
And all the peace domestic joys can give
To all who with that life contented live.
Yes, as to-day we greet another year,
Fond memory recalls the far, the dear,
Some friends are wanting to us all to-day,
Some tender face has long since past away,
Some old companion is no more at our side,
Some household pet, our cherished hope and pride,

Some venerable form, some youthful glow,
Some maiden innocence, some brow of snow,
All have like shadows flitted from our scene,
Yet haunt in love the hours that have been.
Thus New Year's day has many a tender voice
For us, who at a New Year's dawn rejoice,
Telling of Time's unchanging claim and law,
Its sighs of tenderness, its ghosts of awe.
Another year is now within our ken,
Another year is given to mortal men,
May its true message control our hearts and ways,
Our hopes and strength—may its softening rays
Fall on us all, alike in lodge and home,
For all who are with us now, for all who roam.
May Time, which wounds us all, yet heal our hearts,
As in courageous truth we play our parts,
May our good Craft speed on its prosperous way,
To all Freemasons a happy New Year's Day.
A. F. A. W.

THE FREEMASONS' AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION.

AIR, "Lanigan's Ball."

I.

Oh, Laura Machree, oh, what are we coming to,
The World, I think, will be soon upside down,
One half doesn't know where the other half's running to,
And there's neither respect now for Mitre or Crown.
The Pope is in Gaol, and debarred of his liberty,
He is bed'ad far worse than an Ox in his Stall,
To doubt it you must doubt his infallibility,
And that's proved beyond doubt by our Cardinal Paul.

II.

If we just look abroad we see kingdoms and potentates,
Disappear from the scene like an electric spark,
And poor Pius' sons throughout all the German states,
Are hunted like sheep by that heathen Bismarck.
But they're praying devoutly he may soon find a place
In a warmer spot than his baronial hall.
And he's on the high road, for sure he's a Freemason,
And consigned to perdition by Cardinal Paul.

III.

We foolishly thought we'd escape the commotion,
That's troubling the big ones all over the earth,
That at last we were safe in this gem of the Ocean,
That true patriots prize as the land of their birth.
But och wirasthrew, sure a frightful disaster,
Is doomed on our down-trodden country to fall,
The Freemasons' are going to instal as Grand Master,
The Viceroy, to insult our dear Cardinal Paul.

IV.

But let him beware ere he stirs up the fury,
Of the "Catholic Union," who are bound to a Man,
Their vengeance to wreak, without trial or jury,
On all the curs'd Masons now under their ban.
So they warn him now if he ever intended,
To dare take such a step, he'd the order recall,
And to do it at once, while there's yet time to mend it,
Or look out for squalls from our Cardinal Paul.

V.

The heads of "the Union" are all men of quality,
And rale patriots they can count by the score.
And they've Mac, who's elected for next year's Mayor
alty—

A position he gracefully filled once before.
As he's a Good Templar, in the Vartry he'll smother
His feelings (he don't touch the hard stuff at all).
In that case no more we'll hear of his grandmother,
But his praises he'll lavish on Cardinal Paul.

VI.

Tut what will Mac do if he's asked to the Castle,
And invited to sup with the Grand Master there?
Of course he'll refuse the Sescenagh's vassal,
And treat with contempt both his vassal and his fare.
Should this brave Gallowglass, who with pride tells the
story,
How his ancestors revelled in Tara's Ould Hall,
E'er stoop to the stranger and thus drive the glory
Of that chivalric race—and vet. Cardinal Paul?

VII.

But enough of their vapouring bombast and vaunting,
If we to our principles only are true.
They'll find that the poor wretched flag they are flaunting
Shall never overshadow the Old Royal Blue.
Then acquit ye like men ere the foe has bereft us,
Of that freedom once purchased 'mid fire and ball,
Or sleep till we've lost all our forefathers' left us,
And find our necks 'neath the heel of this Cardinal Paul.

October, 1874.

R. S. B.

[We publish this amusing little "squib," received from a correspondent in Ireland; but, as a general rule, we do not deal in "Masonic Crackers." We are always willing to pull one with a good-looking young lady.—Ed.]

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1875.

THE NEW YEAR.

When these lines meet the eyes of our many readers, a new year will have dawned upon them one and all, and very sincere are the wishes we offer that a happy New Year may be the lot of all our kind friends and patrons, as well as of our Cosmopolitan Craft. It is inevitable but that the close of an old year and the commencement of a new year suggest many reflections to the considerate and the well-disposed. The lapse of time is always a great wonder, if not a mystery, in some respects, to us all, and few there are who must not and do not experience some few passing emotions of awakened memory, or of sympathetic association. For the old year is often like a friend of our own whom we deposit all tenderly and gradually in the grave. Another portion of time, of our own little history, of our allotted probation, has passed away never to return, and we often, as we sing a requiem over the departed year, remember it either with an aching heart or a grateful memory. Thorns have mixed probably with its roses, trials with its joys, tears with its smiles, and cares with its peace, and very few there are who can realize the flight of any year, without some sensations of sorrow, some reminiscences of regret. For we ourselves have reached another milestone on our journey, and whether the road traversed be long or little, whether we are beginning or even ending our pilgrimage, we all must feel that to us this ceaseless onward passage of years is alike somewhat of a grave enigma, of a depressing fact. For we are no longer young, or fresh, or active, or strong. We may have outlived our contemporaries, and stand, as it were, but lonely watchers for a coming dawn, or we find a premature ending of all our hopes and plans, and longings, and endeavours. Hence, in our opinion, he is an unthinking or heartless person who despises the warning counsels of each departing old year, of each opening new year, who affects to consider such reflections distasteful or inopportune, and who considers that he can best evince his contempt for all such obsolete prejudices by treating this season as a time alone for idle revelry, or unwholesome dissipation. As Freemasons, the close of 1874 and the approach of 1875 have much alike of interest, both in memory, in association, and in anticipation. This time last year, the new year beheld a most happy, and contented, and prosperous Craft. All seemed to be well and to do well with our brotherhood. Favouring breezes impelled the good ship of Freemasonry over a tranquil ocean, and we seemed to have lighted on lasting and auspicious trade winds. The Grand Master was installed anew amid the applause and gratification of an united

and rejoicing brotherhood, and all appeared to point to happy progress and to constitutional government, under a most popular and prosperous regime. And so the year passed on, with much of material prosperity, and many tokens of a rapidly increasing fraternity. We had attacks, to be sure, but still on we went, heeding them not, and neither turning aside to the right hand or to the left. The Archbishop of Malines excommunicated all the Belgian brotherhood with a remarkable exercise of the excommunicating process, Archbishop Manning denounced the German Freemasons, the *Westminster Gazette* railed at us, "ore rotundo," and yet we did not mind them one and all, and found ourselves none the worse for the anathema or the allocution. We heard from far-off Brazil that, like Father Cuffe, the Brazilian Bishops would not bury the Freemasons, and put them under "Bell, Book, and Candle;" and we were edified by a letter of the benevolent Pontiff to his Episcopal suffragans in Brazil commending them, and politely telling us that we, as Freemasons, were "booked for something uncomfortable." But still we paid but little attention either to bellicose Bishops or vulgar and anonymous scribblers. Yet as those who have ever seen the Bay of Biscay know how treacherous is the calm of the "great ocean," so that, as the poet says of old: "Una est injusti cœcula formæ maris," and too often the calm forbodes the squall; so our Masonic life was to receive a sudden check, an unexpected blow, almost unexpectedly, "in the dark." We were startled by hearing, at the Grand Lodge in September, that our chief, our valued brother, and active ruler, Lord Ripon, had resigned his office without any reasons being publicly alleged. And then came out the still more startling reason—that Lord Ripon had become a Roman Catholic, and that his astute and new advisers, disliking Freemasons, and hating Freemasonry, had thought the opportunity too good to be lost of striking a blow at the inculcated brotherhood. We are not going to-day to question Lord Ripon's sincerity, or even his right to abandon his former creed; and we feel that, as Freemasons, our duty and our principles compel us to treat such an act if with respectful regret and fraternal silence, yet with Masonic toleration; but this we may say. If the Roman Catholic authorities expected to gain anything by such a "coup de theatre," they alike equally miscalculated the effect it would produce either on English Freemasonry, or the English mind. Lord Ripon's resignation has produced no palpable effect whatever either on our Order or on the public; it has only served, in truth, to make the Order rally together more than ever, and to cause the public to feel still greater distrust respecting the present attitude and proceedings of the Roman Catholic Church. For what is before us after all? In the midst of a great struggle, in the midst of cruel calumnies, at a time when the bitterest and most unrelenting of our enemies was dealing blow after blow upon our peaceful and unoffending Order, unprovoked and uncalled-for, we find that our General-in-Chief has gone over to the enemy, bag and baggage, and that here we are just at the very opening of a long campaign, and that we have to look about us for a new commander. All that, as Freemasons, we could do, we had to do, and we did do. We closed upon our centre, we stood on the defensive, we have found another captain; and here we are, with renewed strength and eager courage; drums beating, colours flying, ready to go anywhere and do anything, under our august chief. So that, instead of weakening Freemasonry, this most mistaken policy of the Roman Catholic Church, this untoward secession of Lord Ripon's, have served, practically, alike to strengthen our position and to encourage our adherents. The hours of doubt, regret, dismay, fear, are over, and under our Royal Brother and Grand Master, the English Craft is prepared for any emergency, and is fearless of any opponent. Thus, then, 1874 is a year long to be remembered by English Freemasons, and we doubt not that 1875 will witness, by God's blessing, all of peaceful prosperity to our tried and maligned but useful and benevolent brotherhood. When Freemasons, in their "comitia curiata" in 1875, unanimously elect and exultingly install their Royal Grand Master, every sound of discord and of depression will be silenced in that glad acclaim which welcomes the grandson of an old Grand Master, the eldest son of our beloved Queen, the heir apparent to the

throne, as he fitly assumes the highest post in English Freemasonry. We feel certain that from what we know of his genial character, and his true Masonic spirit, the ability and straightforwardness which pervade all his public acts, that as Freemasons we shall find in him a most loyal brother, a most sincere friend, and a sound, and wise, and just, and constitutional ruler. May our anticipations be realized one and all, and may 1875 be a year of happiness and unity, and progress and contentment to all our English lodges, and to all our brethren everywhere. The Irish Grand Lodge has lost too, its old and faithful ruler, the Duke of Leinster, in 1874, and has unanimously elected that truly popular nobleman and able statesman the Duke of Abercorn as his successor. May all of good attend its choice, and our good brethren across the channel. All over the world, though the attacks on Freemasonry are many and bitter, with the close of 1874, yet Freemasonry is moving on, and will move on in 1875, and we feel sure that Freemasonry will continue to advance, despite all its unscrupulous adversaries, so long as it fights manfully under its good old banner, and asserts its own unfailing maxims of truth and right, of loyalty and order, of peace and toleration, of love and light.

Original Correspondence.

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

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As an old P.M., permit me to express the pleasure I feel in our Royal Brother's accepting the Office of Grand Master; and as I am sure every brother whose privilege it is to attend the ceremony of installation will be there without fail, I, from experience, know the hall will be very inadequate to the requirements on that occasion. I would therefore suggest that Grand Lodge shall send a circular requesting every W.M. to fill in the names of every P.M. and Wardens of their respective lodges who intend witnessing this ceremony.

These circulars, with the number, having been returned, it becomes an easy matter for Grand Lodge to make the necessary arrangements.

I would further suggest the Albert Hall as a place which will be all that can be required. G.L., P.G.L., and G.S.L., will occupy the base, the W.M.'s to have the front seats in the next row with their P.M.'s immediately at back of them, the Wardens the next row above; and also that each brother shall be supplied with a ticket of admission which will at once indicate the door he is to enter at, and the seat he is to occupy; and this, I think, will prevent all matters of crowd and annoyance.

The musical arrangements are also complete.

With regard to the banquet, this can easily be arranged for by taking part of the annexe immediately adjoining the hall.

Yours truly and fraternally,
P.M., 186.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the time is drawing nigh when our brethren will be buckling on their armour, to fight the good fight on behalf of our charities, a word or two on the subject may not be inopportune. The subject appears to have engrossed the attention of many brethren, from the correspondence that has taken place from time to time in your valuable paper, and many suggestions have been put forward, some of which are too Utopian in their construction to be practically carried, and others falling short of any practical utility for their advancement. It is quite certain that our institutions will derive more or less benefit in proportion to the number of Stewards representing lodges on those occasions; the greater their number the greater the support derived from the various donors supporting the Steward by contributions to his list as well as the donations of the Stewards themselves. We will assume the first thing to do is to get as large a list of Stewards as you possibly can, the question is, how to get them. From my experience I have found the amount of the Stewards' fee to cover the incidental expenses of the festival to be a great bar to some brethren taking upon themselves the office. This fee is generally three or four guineas; if it could be reduced to a guinea and a half we should have many more brethren serving. I will endeavour to point out how this may be done. The Stewards' fee is generally fixed at the first meeting of the board, at which time the number comprises about 130 or 140 brethren.

An estimate is made as to the amount required to meet the incidental expenses, and a levy is made accordingly. Before the festival takes place this number may be increased to 200 or more, so that after the festival, when the settling day takes place, the brethren, from the additional number of Stewards' fees, find themselves in possession of a surplus, which they are sometimes puzzled to know what to do with, whereas if the matter had been left until a later period the fees would have been much less, and an inducement held out for brethren to take upon themselves the office on some future occasion. The brethren will under-

stand this when I say the incidental expenses are not more for a festival represented by 200 Stewards than one represented by 100.

From my experience in these matters there is always a surplus, sometimes a large one. After discharging the ordinary incidentals, the question arises at the final meeting how this is to be expended. The brethren do not like to receive part of it back. No, they have paid their money thinking it would be required, and dismiss such an idea from their mind. Then some one presses the claims of the Honorary Secretary and proposes a grant for his services, which is generally carried; other things are proposed and carried, and the Stewards, not many, attend the final meeting, and are very glad to get quit of it.

The Honorary Secretary to the Board of Stewards is invariably the Secretary of the Institution for which the festival is held, whose duty it is to do all in his power for the benefit and advancement of the Charity he represents; and his position as Secretary to the Board is an essential part of his duty. Besides, the Stewards exert themselves for the benefit of the Charity alone, and that certainly ought to have a prior claim to any available surplus.

In support of these remarks I have made, it is proved they are practical, and I am sure may be improved upon, by the method adopted by Bro. Little, the Secretary of the Girls' School at the festival in May last, when the Stewards' fee was fixed at two guineas. Those who required ladies' tickets paid for them, on that occasion. With an ordinary number of Stewards there was a surplus in hand, which the board voted to Bro. Little, who, I am told, respectfully declined to receive it, thereby acknowledging the principle I have laid down.

Our order is increasing wonderfully in numbers, and with that increase our casualties must necessarily keep pace, our institutions must, at no very distant period, be made to accommodate double their number, which can only be brought about by increased sympathy on the part of the Craft at large in response to those who serve the office of Stewards at our anniversary festivals, and thereby make themselves acquainted with the peculiar wants of each.

Trusting these few remarks, if not effective in themselves, may lead to a ventilation of the subject, so as in time to bring about the desired result,

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
P.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly permit the insertion of this in your next issue, to enable me to correct a statement made in a letter of mine which appeared in last week's *Freemason*. I stated in that letter that "I had not been supplied with any particulars by which I could show a return for the support I hope to receive when appealing (as Steward) to the brethren of my lodge on behalf of the Benevolent Institution." It was not my intention, when writing, that any of your numerous readers should presume I had not been supplied with the usual circulars by Bro. Terry, who has at all times been most willing to furnish information in any way connected with the noble charity he so well represents, and to whom I readily apologize for the mis-statement; and thanking you, sir, for allowing me to further trespass on your space,

I am, yours fraternally,

HARRY J. MOXON.

229, New Kent Road.
London, Dec. 22, 1874.

SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir and Brother,—

By accident referring to some back numbers of the *Freemason* I perceive that about a week before my scheme for a Masonic Benevolent Institution for Scotland was proposed in your columns, viz., Sept. 12th, in that issue there is a letter from a brother signed "Scoticus Masonicus." I know that editors receive names of writers of articles sometimes in secrecy. On considering said letter, and agreeing with nearly every word there written, I cannot help thinking that the said brother, whether living in London or in Scotland, might be of use to our undertaking, if he approves the scheme. Could you kindly, with his permission, give me his address or ask him to write to me, as I feel certain the more labourers we can get at the work the better.

I propose sending you an address for insertion early in January, as soon, in fact, as I can get in returns of our progress, and at the same time inserting it in all the Scottish papers, provincial or otherwise, so as to keep up the attention of the Craft.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

GEO. R. HARRIOTT, 32, Prov. G.M.
Wigtown and Kirkcudbright.

No. 4, Howard Place, St. Andrew's,
Dec. 22nd, 1874.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to give my opinion on the subject recently ventilated in your columns, on the status of a demitted Past Master returning to his allegiance by rejoining a lodge. Whatever may be the spirit of the constitutions in the matter, their letter very plainly recites that a Past Master, who for twelve months has ceased to subscribe to any lodge, shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge, nor can he regain that privilege until again installed Master of a lodge. By the law, he would, if made a Warden, become a member of the Grand Lodge, for the Wardens of every private lodge are members of Grand Lodge.

I venture to think that the spirit of the Constitutions is to punish, by a deprivation of rank, those who, having had

full experience as rulers of the Craft, forget the promise which they made at their initiation that they would ever observe the laws and regulations of the Order; one of which, as laid down in No. III of the ancient charges, is that "every brother ought to belong to some lodge;" and I venture further to think that it is but fair to those who work with uniformly steady and persevering constancy in the interests of Freemasonry, that they should not be in any way superseded by men who have for a time deserted their colours and given up the fight. Reading the Constitutions as I do, I venture to think that a demitted Past Master would, on regaining his privileges, rank below all Past Masters in his lodge who have attained the dignity of the chair during his secession from the Craft, and be treated in fact as though he had never before passed the chair.

BUSY BEE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

About six months ago I invited the brethren of my lodge to attend a funeral of a departed brother, and on that occasion, I, as W.M., took precedence, which was in accordance with the opinions of the P.M.'s present. This week I invited them again to another funeral, when it was ruled that the W.M. took rank in the procession after the youngest P.M.

Please inform me which is the correct opinion.

I enclose my card and remain,

Yours Fraternally,

ONE OF YOUR OLD SUBSCRIBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you, when convenient, oblige by inserting in your Notes and Queries the following, that they may be answered for the information of brethren generally, particularly Scottish brethren.

1st. Does the Charter of Constitution and erection of all lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, empower and give them (the lodge) the right to work the Mark Degree?

2nd. If any lodge has not worked the Mark Degree, can it (the lodge) now do so, without any other other charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland? See Scotch Constitutions, page 2, chap. 2, sec. 1, also page 46, chap. 20, Sec. 1.

3rd. Is the Installed Master's Degree a new one, or how long since it was first conferred on duly elected W.M., under the S.C., and how can it be reconciled with the charges, &c., of a W.M.? See S.C. appendix, C. page 10, sec. 10, see *Freemason* of Nov. 28th, 1874, in a report of proceedings of Lodge Thistle, No. 87, S.C. page 761, 8th and 6 following lines, centre column.

5th. Would a Royal Arch Companion S.C., be admitted into a Royal Arch Chapter S.C., he not being a Mark Master and M.E.M.?

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN SMITH.

1257, E.C., 91, S.C.

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you invited expression of feeling on the above subject a week or so ago, in reply to the suggestion of a brother for some means (of which he suggests the above) of making the *Freemason* become more extensively circulated amongst the Craft, will you kindly allow me to suggest that there should appear weekly, on the front sheet of the *Freemason*, a portrait or carte-de-visite of some of our leading members of the Craft, slightly gummed on, so that it could be removed without being torn, and could then be mounted by your subscribers, or pasted in a scrap-book, by which means a feeling of greater interest might be awakened, and an incentive given to many to work themselves well up in the Craft, as well as a stimulus to become thoroughly acquainted with what Freemasonry is doing, not only in England but on the Continent.

I quite agree with your remarks, made on many occasions, that Masonic literature is not patronised or encouraged as it ought to be; and it is to be feared (and I say it with all due respect) that there are too many simply Masons by name, who, after once being raised to the sublime degree, seem to have no desire to make further progress either in the working of their lodge, or the acquisition of a general knowledge of what Freemasonry—so widely spread over the surface of the earth—is doing.

I am often much surprised at the number of brethren whom I meet to find that many have never heard of such a Masonic periodical as the *Freemason*, and others, knowing its existence, do not subscribe to it, and I could mention one town in which there are but about five thousand inhabitants, with a Masonic Lodge of about thirty members, and I am assured by the stationer that there is only one subscriber for the *Freemason*. Now, from what does this arise, seeing the *Freemason* is the only Masonic weekly organ we have in England? It seems to me there are but two answers—viz.: That the interest the Craft in general manifest for the cause of Freemasonry must be very limited indeed, or the *Freemason* is not sufficiently attractive to recommend itself thoroughly to the great brotherhood.

I feel confident with J. C., in yours of 19th inst., that the increase of circulation would amply repay the extra outlay.

I would suggest that when any great event in Masonry is taking place, such as dedications, installations, decrease of any popular brother, or any important appointments, that a carte-de-visite should be given in the style suggested, with a full account of the proceedings, as far as

practicable, or, in the event of decease, an interesting account accompanying the portrait of any brother who shall have so far distinguished himself in Freemasonry as to be worthy of note.

If the above arrangements were carried out I believe I could induce many to become subscribers who do not care for the *Freemason* in its present style.

I trust this may lead to further correspondence on the subject, and I shall be pleased to know if this idea is approved of by your subscribers.

I am, Sir, yours truly and fraternally,

H. SMART, S.W. 996.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very much pleased to find from letters in this and last week's *Freemason*, that you contemplate some improvements. Will you permit one who has taken very considerable interest in the paper, from the issue of its first number, to suggest a few improvements, which would tend, I am certain, to swell very much indeed the number of your subscribers.

1st. Do not let advertisements interfere with paging, but let the page containing them serve as a cover, thus enabling your subscribers to bind their volumes. Lodges, Chapters, &c., would then have no excuse to urge for not taking in the paper as lodge property.

2nd. Encourage a system of notes and queries, admitting all that relates to, or is in any way connected with, the Order, requiring only that all letters should be written in a gentlemanly and fraternal spirit.

3rd. Establish a sort of Masonic exchange, all articles to be of a strictly Masonic character, and only articles that cannot readily be procured.

4th. Admit no letter or article abusing a Brother to your pages, show to your correspondents that if they forget the O.B. of the 3rd degree, you do not.

I consider the portraits and other Masonic sketches would be appreciated by the Craft, but do you not think they had better be given with your Monthly? The idea of issuing them as supplements is one that might enable them to be given more frequently, and at various prices.

Do you not think that were you in the Monthly to confine your articles to purely Masonic ones, your circulation would be improved? We have in England a large number of Monthlies, why try to compete with them? If matter falls fall back upon translations from French and German Masonic authors, or extract from American Masonic Magazines. I trust you will take the few remarks I have ventured to make in the spirit in which they were written—a sincere desire to increase the circulation of both our Masonic papers, in which I feel (as all lovers of the Order should) a deep interest. With the compliments of the season,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

F. G. IRWIN, P.M. P.Z. &c.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to see that the above subject is being ventilated, and hope that it will result in your taking it up. As you kindly invite opinions I take the liberty of suggesting one. Could you not give us photographs from life, such as are now being issued by the "Figaro Programme" with such great success? For they really are works of art, and should you issue such as those, the increase in circulation of the *Freemason* would soon recoup you for the trouble and outlay.

I am, fraternally yours,

M.M. 1239.

THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It appears to me that although the rule against the resignation by a Worshipful Master of his office, may be of time immemorial, it is still within his power to divest himself of the duties and privileges of his position, by ceasing to be a member of his lodge. In the Constitutions of 1756 and 1767 I find it stated that "On Nov. 25th, 1723, it was agreed that if a Master of a particular lodge is deposed, or demits, certain rules should be observed as to his successor. This right of demission (defined by Bro. Paton as "the act which in any other society would be called a resignation"), is clearly common to all Masons, and if a Master demits, or resigns membership of his lodge, he, ipso facto, renders himself incapable of discharging the duties of his office, for which event provision is made by our present Book of Constitutions, chapter "of the Masters and Wardens of lodges," section 6. Doubtless he cannot resign his office, and continue to be a member of his lodge, but however strongly the course I have pointed out is to be deprecated, as a violation of the obligation taken on assumption of the Master's chair, the power of demission which I attribute to every Mason, cannot, I think, be denied.

H. MARTIN GREEN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As an Irish Mason, I cannot be expected to know perfectly the working under the E.C., though I take a lively interest in all that concerns the Craft; and therefore carefully read the interesting letter of Bro. Warren and your leader on it in the *Freemason* of the 19th ult., and after weighing all his arguments, I have not been able to come to his conclusion. If the M.W.G.M. desired to resign early in the year, and that he could not do so, I understand Bro. Warren to say the D.G.M. would rule the Craft; but suppose he were to die, who then would rule? I think it would have been better if Bro. Warren had been able at first to have stated his views, but as things are, I cannot see any good to be gotten by opening of the question.

In the same number of the *Freemason* was an account of the consecration of the new Masonic Hall, Hobart Town, in which your correspondent states that there are Ionic pillars supporting an entablature in the E., and Corinthian pillars to the niche in the S. It appears to me that either your correspondent or the architect has made a great mistake, for that those should be quite the reverse. On looking to "Mackay's Lexicon," I find he gives the Ionic as in the S. Which is right?

Fraternally Yours,
P.G.C.

AN ANCIENT INSCRIPTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the impression of the *Freemason* of the 19th ult. there is an amusing account of the Sphinx Lodge, in which there is given an inscription "supposed" to have been found in the ruins of the temple. Will you allow me to give you another reading of the "inscription" which at this festive season may be acceptable.

Is ato me eris ago,
Fortibus in aro,
Nobile themis forte trux,
Se votis in empeas an dux.

Translation.

I say Tommy, here's a go,
Forty busses in a row.
No, Billy, there is forty trucks,
See vot is in 'em, peas and ducks.
I am, Sir, yours very truly,

W. W. S.

London, Dec. 14th, 1874.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your record of the ceremony of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Patron of the A. and A. rite, you mention my attendance as that of T. H. Coombes. My correct name is Thomas Coombs, and I shall be obliged by your having the error set right.

Yours fraternally,
THOS. COOMBS, 33°.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF NEW ZEALAND, S.C.

The ceremonial of the installation of Bro. John Hislop, Inspector of Schools, as the R.W.P.G.M. of the Masonic Province of New Zealand over the lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was performed in the Masonic Hall, Moray-place, Dunedin, on Wednesday evening, 9th October.

The Prov. G. Lodge was opened by the R.W.P., Bro. Vincent Pyke, assisted by Bros. P.M. James Mills, P.G.D.M.; P.M. G. H. Campbell, Lodge St. Clair, P.G.S.M.; J. Stables, R.W.M., Lodge Celtic, 477, P.G.S.W.; J. McLandress, D.M. 477, P.G.J.W. The following lodges were then admitted:—Bro. J. H. Harris, R.W.D.G.M. of the E.C., and officers and members of the G.D. Lodge of Otago and Southland; Lodge of Otago E.C.; Lodge of Dunedin, E.C.; Lodge of Port Chalmers, Marine, E.C.; Lodge Celtic, Dunedin, S.C.; Lodge St. Andrew, Dunedin, S.C.; Lodge Otago Kilwinning, S.C.; and Lodge Oamaru Kilwinning. Besides the R.W.M. of Lodge Cromwell Kilwinning, Bro. McKellar, there were brethren representing Lodge Sir Walter Scott, Thames, St. John's Lodge, Milton, and Clutha Lodge, Balclutha. Bro. P.M. Caldwell, recently appointed a Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was also received in due form.

The attendance was one of the largest seen in the colony, there being upwards of 350 brethren in the lodge-room.

The ceremony of installation was conducted by the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Vincent Pyke, in his accustomed efficient and impressive style, ably assisted by Bro. J. Lanseigne, R.W.M. Otago Kilwinning, who acted as P.G.D.C.

The P.G.M., Bro. Hislop, having been duly installed into the chair of the P.G. Lodge, the following brethren, nominated by him, were installed into their respective offices:—Bros. J. Gore, S.P.G.M.; G. F. Reid, P.G.S.W.; W. H. Burton, P.G.J.W.; J. B. Park, P.G. Chaplain; S. G. H. Smith, P.G. Secretary.

The following elected officers were also installed, with the exception of Bro. E. B. Hammond, P.G. Bible Bearer, who, as stated by the R.W.P.G.M., was unable on account of sickness to be present:—Bros. A. R. Livingstone, P.G. Treasurer; F. Beissell, P.G.S.D.; H. M'Donald, P.G.J.D.; A. H. Burton, P.G. Jeweller; N. Y. A. Wales, P.G. Architect; J. M. Brown, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; S. Black, P.G. Marshal; John Ferguson, P.G. Director of Music; T. Moodie, P.G. Sword-Bearer; G. Smith, P.G. Tyler; and J. M'Landress, James M'Leod, W. Patrick, W. Irvine, Dr. Bakewell, P.G. Stewards.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room.

The east was occupied by the P.G.M., supported on the right by Bros. P. M. Gore, T. James, and E. Nathan, and on the left by Bros. P.M.'s Lanseigne, R. Stout, and Burton. The west was occupied by P.M. Bro. G. F. Reid, P.G.S. Warden, and the south by P.M. Bro. G. H. Campbell, P.G.J. Warden.

The banquet-room was appropriately decorated with banners, &c.; and, as regards the supper, it is only necessary to say that it was got up in Bro. Hudson's best style, whose ability and courtesy as a caterer have often been put to the proof.

After the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the R.W.P.G.M., viz:

"The Queen and Craft," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Royal Family," "The three Grand Lodges—

England, Ireland, and Scotland," responded to by Bro. P.M. Caldwell, G.S.; "The District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland," responded to by Bro. P.M. G. Greenfield, D.G.W.; "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland," responded to by Bros. P.M. Hyman and Armstrong.

In the absence of the P. Prov. G.M., Bro. V. Pyke (who was obliged to leave on account of illness), Bro. P.M. Stout, in a very appropriate speech, proposed the health of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Hislop, and success to the P.G. Lodge.

Bro. Hislop, in thanking the brethren for the distinguished honour that had been conferred upon him, stated, in a few terse practical sentences, that they would have no reason to regret their choice. He expressed his determination to have every one of his officers in harness forthwith, and that none of them would have reason to say that he occupied the place of a sinecure. The "P.G. Officers" was given by Bro. P.M. Nathan, responded to by Bro. P.M. James Gore; "The Installing Officers," by Bro. P.G.M. Hislop, responded to by Bro. P.M. Lanseigne; "The Past P.G. Officers," by Bro. P.M.S. James, responded to by Bro. P.M. James Mills; "Sister and Daughter Lodges," by Bro. P.M. Gore, responded to by Bro. A. H. Barton, P.M., E.C., and Bro. H. Aitken, R.W.M., Oamaru, Kilwinning; "The Visitors," by Bro. R.W.M. Stables, Celtic, responded to by R.W.M. Bro. D. McKellar, Cromwell Kilwinning, who stated that he and others trusted soon to have the opportunity to be able to give the officers of the P.G. Lodge as hearty a welcome in the province as the visitors had met with that evening. "The Past Masters," by Bro. J. B. Park, responded to by Bro. P.M. Nathan.

Bro. P.M. James Mills then gave the time-honoured toasts of "Masons' Wives and Bairs," and the R.W.P.G.M. closed the meeting by the usual Masonic toast, "Poor and Distressed Brethren."

During the evening the meeting was enlivened by several appropriate songs, accompanied by Bro. Moss on the piano, who also presided over the music during the whole of this (to Masons) most interesting and impressive ceremonial.

CHESHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

On Tuesday evening, 15th ult., an amateur dramatic performance was given in the Theatre Royal, Birkenhead, under the auspices of the brethren of the Mersey Lodge of Freemasons, (No. 477), in aid of the funds of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution. The comfortable, cozy theatre was crowded to its full extent, and therefore the result ought to be a very substantial addition to the funds of a very deserving institution. The performance began with the farce of "Turning the Tables," in which the principal characters were supported by Bro. W. J. Hammond, Messrs. Christie, Owen, T. Morris, Miss L. Phillips, Mrs. John Stinton, Miss A. Florence, (of the Birkenhead Theatre). The principal attraction of the evening's performances, however, was the representation of "Richard III," in which nearly the whole of the characters were played by brethren of the Mersey and other district lodges. Humpbacked Gloster was very ably and creditably represented by Bro. W. M. Asher, who displayed an amount of histrionic ability which was somewhat surprising in an amateur. Bro. R. Gracie played the King with much kindly dignity, and Mr. G. H. Pedder did much to make Richard the telling part, which it is essentially. Bro. Dixon was a good Stanley, and Miss C. Young, (Queen Elizabeth), Miss L. Phillips, (Lady Anne), and the other members of the company, played with no small success. It may be interesting to know that the institution, which has been established for some years, has for its object the education of the children of deceased Freemasons, who leave their families in destitute circumstances. Numerous children have been provided for, and much credit is due to the brethren of the locality for these yearly entertainments on behalf of the funds of this noble charity.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

A regular communication of Grand Lodge will be held on Thursday, the 7th of January, 1875, at eight o'clock, p.m., at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, to transact the usual business; to consider the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes:—

"That £100 be voted towards the proposed memorial to the memory of the late Grand Master," and to receive the report from the Committee appointed to report as to the future salaries of the Officials in the Grand Secretary's Office.

The Grand Lodge will also meet on Monday, the 28th December (for St. John's Day), at twelve o'clock, noon, to install the Grand Officers, except the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, who will be installed at the special meeting convened for the 6th of January, and to receive the report of the Committee of Inspection as to the officers of the Dublin lodges for the year 1875.

The following is the order of proceedings to be observed on the occasion:—

On the arrival of His Grace, the Grand Master elect, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers will conduct him to the Small Lodge Room, where His Grace will be formally installed as Master of the Grand Master's Lodge.

The D.G.M. and the Grand Officers will then proceed to the Grand Lodge Room, and Grand Lodge will be opened in due form, the R.W. Robert William Shekleton, D.G.M., on the Throne.

The D.G.M. will then appoint a Deputation, consisting of the Past Deputy Grand Masters and four Provincial Grand Masters, who, together with the Grand Deacons, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Grand Steward, will retire and introduce the G.M. elect, and conduct him to the Dais.

The Brethren will stand to Order while a prayer is offered by the R.W. the Grand Chaplain.

The D.G.M. will then request the G.M. elect to kneel and take the obligation of office.

The G.M. elect having been conducted to the right hand of the Throne, the D.G.M. will invest His Grace with the Insignia of his high office, and induct him into the Chair of the Grand Master.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies will then proclaim the Most Worshipful Grand Master who will be saluted according to ancient form.

An Installation Ode, written and composed specially for the occasion by the W. Grand Organist, will then be performed.

The G.M. will then appoint his Deputy, who will be invested and conducted to the Chair on the right of the M.W.G.M.; and on being proclaimed as such by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, will be saluted according to ancient form.

The M.W.G.M. will then proceed to install the Most Noble the Marquis of Headfort as Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Honorable Lord Dunboyne as Junior Grand Warden, who will be severally invested with the Insignia of their respective offices, and saluted according to ancient form.

The Grand Lodge will then be closed in ample form.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The usual monthly meeting of the lodge of Benevolence was held on the 23rd ult., which was too late to be reported in our last impression, as, on account of Christmas Day, we had to go to press a day earlier than usual. The Senior Vice-President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, took the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, the Senior Vice-President's; and Bro. C. A. Cotterbrum, P.G.P., the Junior Vice-President's.

There was a very long list of applications for relief, which occupied the attention of the brethren till a late hour. A large total amount was distributed, the majority of cases being assisted with sums of from £20 to £30.

Masonic Tidings.

The Lord Mayor of London has accepted an invitation to dine with the Mayor of Liverpool on the 4th of March. It is a curious coincidence that the two chief magistrates of the leading cities of the world are both members of the legal profession retired from practice.

Lord Dalhousie's cellar of wines was sold at Edinburgh on Saturday. Some of the lots realised £8 per dozen.

Among the unfortunate victims of the Railway disaster at Shipton, was Miss Margaret Laverick, housekeeper to the Earl of Carnarvon. Deceased left Highclere Castle, Newbury, on Thursday, 24th, for Chesterfield, with the intention of spending Christmas with her friends.

The lease of the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, has been purchased by Bro. P. Ritter, the energetic caterer, Bro. Joseph Corbin remaining as Manager.

Bro. W. H. Van Barre has been appointed private Secretary to the Lord Privy Seal for the ensuing year.

Bro. Viscount Holmesdale has sent twenty brace of pheasants to the British Home for Incurables, of which Institution he is President.

The Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13, has, by permission of the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, been reopened at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. The lodge now meets every Friday evening at 8, under the preceptorship of Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 147, 1155. The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be worked in the lodge by Bro. James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, &c., on Friday the 15th of January next.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING.—The time is rapidly approaching this eventful proceeding, hence we solicit brethren who have sold or purchased tickets, to send an early return to Bro. Constable, as well as to remit for the same, so that registration may be made in accordance with the terms specified on the ticket. We are glad to learn that Bro. Constable is finding favour and that his praiseworthy efforts are likely to be followed by many of our brethren on behalf of their Provincial Masonic and Charitable Institutions.

THE CITY DIARY.—This shilling diary, which is published at the office of the *City Press*, contains complete lists of the members of the Corporation, and of its officials, with the names and addresses of the City clergy and ministers of various denominations, the ward clerks, tax collectors, parish officers, ward clubs, and other City associations, with much information respecting the livery companies, the public business of the City, and other matters in which citizens generally are interested. The diary is interleaved with blotting paper, and is ruled for a week on each page.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When winter checks, to a considerable extent, the natural exhalations of the skin, an alternative is required to transfer them entirely from the body through some other channel. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest and surest and safest means of attaining this desirable end, without weakening the most delicate, or incommencing the most feeble. When, from frequent chills and impure air, the blood becomes foul and the secretion vitiated, these Pills present a ready and efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding, disease is arrested at its outset, its pain and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structure saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by an illness.—ADVT.

Obituary.

BRO. S. B. KING, W.M. 225.

Yesterday afternoon the mortal remains of the late Bro. Stephen Burdett King, who expired last week immediately after having been installed as Worshipful Master of St. Luke's Lodge, were interred in Ipswich Cemetery. The esteem in which deceased was held by the brethren of the Craft was testified by about sixty Freemasons—notwithstanding the very inclement weather—according a last tribute of respect by being present at the graveside. It is, we understand, more than twenty years since a dispensation was granted for a Masonic funeral in Ipswich. The brethren met at St. Luke's Lodge-room, Coach and Horses Hotel, at 1, and included the following:—Bros. W. F. Jobson, W. Daking, A. Barber, C. Hillyard, G. Spalding, J. Whitehead, T. Prentice, C. Byford, J. Turner, P. Whitehead, F. Grove, W. Murray, W. D. Skinner, J. Orton, J. Barker, W. Flory, C. Canham, C. W. Godball, J. Sheppard, and H. Meek, &c., of St. Luke's Lodge. Bros. A. Gammon, W. A. Smith, W. J. Jack, J. H. Staddon, N. Tracy, F. Pettit, G. A. Turner, J. G. Churchyard, B. W. Syer, A. E. Parker, H. Robertson, T. Hooper, W. G. Woods, F. Waller, H. Lott, A. Cannon, E. Hain, T. R. Elkington, &c., of Perfect Friendship Lodge. Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, B. Dickson, G. Abbott, F. Crisp, F. Bennett, C. Cooke, and J. Trott, Prince of Wales' Lodge. Bros. E. Holmes, G. W. Brock, B. Spurling, W. Spalding, H. Miller, jun., and P. Cornell, &c., &c., of the British Union Lodge; and Bros. J. S. Ruffles, Doric; W. O. Ward, Star in the East; and T. Heard, 81, &c.

Amongst gentlemen present not members of the Craft but anxious to show their respect for deceased were Mr. Wm. Mason, Mr. J. W. Beart, Mr. — Beart, Mr. Jonathan Cooke, Mr. Jillings, Mr. J. A. Parker, Mr. B. B. Parker, Mr. Walter Canham, Mr. Charles Woods, Mr. T. P. Howe, Mr. W. R. Clarke, Mr. A. Ashford, Mr. W. T. Holmes, Mr. David Seagrave, and several other inhabitants of St. Clements.

From the lodge-room the members of the Craft marched in procession to the late residence of the deceased in Fore-street. Thence the funeral cortege started at about 2 o'clock, the route chosen being Upper Orwell-street, St. Margaret's-street, Woodbridge Road, and Christchurch-street. Hundreds of people had assembled in Fore-street and awaited the approach of the mournful procession at various points.

Arrived at the church in the Cemetery, the brethren formed a line on either side the pathway, and the coffin, preceded by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, who officiated throughout, reading the sublime burial service, was borne into the building. The service was choral, and was very impressive, the hymns sung in the church being, "When our heads are bowed with woe," and "Jesus lives; no longer now can thy terrors, death, appal us." The deceased Mason was interred in the same grave as his wife, whom he followed to the tomb only a few months since. As the coffin (of polished oak) was being lowered into the grave the choir rendered *Handel's* "Saul" most feelingly. The reading of the burial service being ended, the officiating clergyman delivered a brief but impressive discourse. He spoke of the esteem in which their departed brother was held amongst them, and of the breach caused by his removal. He had, he said, died as he would have wished—honoured, surrounded by his brethren, his bodily suffering ere he passed away short, followed to the grave by those with whom he had been associated in life. He had suddenly been called to enter upon a change of scene; they hoped through Christ to a higher range of being, a more purified knowledge where the nets of his infirmity would be broken, and where he was now awaiting a happy re-union with those whom he had left behind—where all would know even as they were known. The corn had been cut and awaited the gathering in, the tree had been felled, and the stone quarried, ready for the great Master Architect to lay it in "the temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." For themselves, the end of their late brother was a great lesson to prepare to meet God; its awful suddenness, a warning to them to be also ready. Let them speak, and think lovingly, tenderly, forgivingly, knowing they had no need of forgiveness. Their brother who had gone from amongst them was gentle, kind, and good; it would be long ere the circle was filled up; they would long miss his ready instruction, his genial presence in innocent enjoyment. Oft had they met happily; now they met sorrowfully; but God grant that they might happily meet again. The address, during the delivery of which snow fell fast, was listened to most attentively; and at its conclusion the brethren took a last look into the grave, at the same time dropping upon the coffin a sprig of acacia, in conformity with the custom of the Craft. Processional order was then resumed, the brethren returning to the St. Luke's Lodge-room, when the lodge was closed, after Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson had further addressed the members, during which he was completely overcome with emotion, having, as he said, known their late brother for 17 years, and esteemed him not only as a Mason but as a friend. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Bro. H. Luff, and Bro. W. A. Smith, very efficiently acted as director of the ceremonies.

The social circle of the late Bro. King has met with a severe loss in his sudden demise. He had been long regarded as the possessor of transcendent abilities far beyond the requirements of the trade he followed. Had he been educated for a profession no doubt he would have distinguished himself, such was the high order of his talents.

The late Bro. King was initiated into the Perfect Friendship Lodge in 1844, being proposed by Bro. W. Spalding. He immediately became an active worker in the Order, and was installed W.M. for the first time in 1851. Six years later he was again chosen for the office and in 1863 was

similarly honoured. In the St. Luke's Lodge he was initiated in 1865 becoming W.M. for the first time on the night of his death. He had passed all the principal offices in the Royal Sussex Chapter and was also Scribe in the St. Luke's Chapter and a Knight Templar.

BRO. EDWIN COLLINGWOOD.

On Tuesday morning, 15th ult., shortly after two o'clock, Bro. Edwin Collingwood died at his residence in Drake-street, Rochdale, after a short sickness, although his health seems to have gradually failed since the death of his wife, which occurred last March. He was for many years closely attached to Freemasonry. He was initiated into Freemasonry in Lodge of Hope, 54, August, 1849, and was installed W.M. of the above lodge in 1857, and discharged the duties of that office with honour to himself and credit to the lodge, and was a member of the same up to his death. Many years he attended the Charity Committees of this province on behalf of the lodge, in which he took great interest. He held several important offices in the town, the duties of which he discharged with zeal and fidelity. His death is deeply lamented by the brethren who knew him, particularly by the brethren of his lodge. He was interred in St. Clement's Churchyard on Friday morning last, and the following brethren, in order to pay the last tribute of respect to our departed brother, attended the funeral in white ties and gloves. Ut umbra corpus sequitur, sic virtutem gloria. Bros. C. M. Jones, Pro P.D.A.C.; Wm. Roberts, P.P.; R. Butterworth, A.P.; D. Mitchell, P.M.; James Midgley, P.M.; E. Hey, P.M.; John Leach, P.M.; Ralph Rawstron, P.M.; Jesse Ferth, P.M.; David Buckley, P.M.; Wm. Ashworth, P.M.; Wm. Davies, P.M.; John Ashworth, W.M.; Geo. Holmes; S. Casson; Wm. Kerr; A. Barker, S.W.; James Hartley; T. Parker; J. Ireland, S.W.; C. Smith; John Higgin, J.W.; E. Hill; H. Schofield; Geo. Green; J. Lawton; James Burnish, J.W.; John Greyson; E. Crosley; Wm. Davies.

BRO. CAPTAIN W. H. LEE.

A very large circle of friends, both in England and America, will learn with deep regret that Bro. Captain W. H. Lee, for many years the business manager of Bro. Sam Hague's Slave Troupe—located in Liverpool, at St. James's Hall, for upwards of four years—died at his residence in Fraser-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., after a very long illness. Our brother had been prostrated by that dire disease, consumption, but although he had long suffered from it, there was no immediate expectation of his dissolution until a very short time before his death. Bro. Lee was in active service in the American army during the whole of the civil war, and was in numerous engagements, holding the rank of captain during a great part of the time. At the close of the war he organized what was then and is now known as "The Slave Troupe of Minstrels," and, after owning it for some time, he sold his proprietary to Bro. Hague several years ago, and then assumed the post of business manager. This position he filled with the greatest satisfaction of the proprietor, and in a manner which won for him general admiration from the patrons of the troupe. Bro. Lee was well known and universally esteemed by many of the leading members of the Masonic fraternity in Liverpool and elsewhere, and his loss is sincerely regretted by these as well as many non-Masonic friends. His remains were interred on Monday afternoon last in Smithdown-lane Cemetery, many professional and Masonic friends being present to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. Bro. Lee was only 33 years of age, and leaves a widow to mourn his loss. The funeral of our much respected brother took place on Monday week, when nearly every place of entertainment in Liverpool was represented. A band of 64 instrumentalists, selected from nearly all the local orchestras, played on the route to the cemetery, where there was a crowd of between 3,000 and 4,000 persons. The coffin was enveloped in the National Flag of America, and surmounted by splendid wreaths of flowers.

Reviews.

It has been said that the days of fairies are over, and that the tales of youth delight us no more. Our young people want and demand, it is also avowed, with much of apparent confidence both of speech and of opinion, a more sensational if certainly less healthy, nay, less pure a literature. Well, we don't believe it! We doubt, that is to say, very greatly the "soft impeachment" of the taste and temper of the rising generation, and we venture even to think that the proclivities of youth are pretty much the same, "mutatis mutandis," as Friar Tuck said, with what they were in our bye-gone generation! For we ourselves can recall, even in these sobered days, an equal love of the marvellous, as great a yearning for the "weird" and the sensational, as are credited to this our "nova progenies." We believe therefore that fairy tales, that sympathy with the supernatural, will outlive all the prosaic utterances, and realistic teaching of incredulous philosophers and scientific moralists, the didactic essay, and the veiled utterances of doubt or scorn. The foundation of all good fairy tales is after all only belief in the unseen, in right, in truth, in honour, in justice, in faith, if veiled in allegory, if set forth in quaint imagery. It may be that these old-fashioned truisms of the fairy tale, jar somewhat on the complacent scepticism of many in this easy and self-sufficient semi-educated epoch, whose present seems to be "cram," and whose end appears to be self. Yet, who of us all does not recall the good fairy of the ancient legend, who always appeared at the right time, and in the proper place, rewarding innocence, upholding right, and utterly routing and casting down fraud and falsehood, treachery and hypocrisy, wicked tyranny, and sinful might, and therefore it is that King Pippin's adventures, by Roland

Quiz, appeal, as we think, to the best feelings and honest freshness of youth. We know a little lady for instance, who has been so delighted with Tim Pippin, that she quite believes both in his words and deeds, and will follow his wondrous adventures with intense anxiety and thrilling interest. We congratulate Roland Quiz on writing his work, which though it may graze, as has been said, as it were, on the "doubtful mountains," yet contains in it after all, the elements of moral truth and personal duty, if illustrated by fairy intervention, or marvellous acts. Like in all allegories, or parables, Roland Quiz seeks to set forth truth for the welfare of the young especially, in the history of Tim or King Pippin, and we prefer his clever description of supernatural wonders, to those deeds of horror, and those annals of crime, which seem so fashionable just now, and in which so many for their lasting harm, profess to find amusement and gratification. At this genial season, we recommend "Tim Pippin" to the perusal of all our youthful readers, the sons and daughters of Masons.

We have perused with pleasure the "History of the Lodge of Tranquility, No. 185," written by our Bro. John Constable, W.M., and with a preface by Bro. W. J. Hughan. We thank Bro. Constable for a very well planned and well executed work, and we trust that his seasonable example will be widely followed. For, as Bro. W. J. Hughan well knows, the documents of our lodges are still, as it were, a sealed book, alike to the Masonic Student and the Masonic historian. It is possible that we have not preserved such ancient minute-books in our English lodges as in Scotland, but we do not yet despair of finding English lodge minute-books like the Alnwick Lodge, pre 1717 and during the 17th century. The Lodge of Tranquility was originally formed under a warrant of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, and the charter is signed by Lord Antrim, G.M., Laur. Dermott, D.G.M., Thomas Harper, S.G.W., Ja. Parry, J.G.W., and John McCormick, G.S. The history is marked by two somewhat remarkable features, the one is, that though in 1791, it was unanimously resolved that a "Jew should not be admitted as a brother on any pretence whatever in future," in 1849 the lodge was practically resuscitated by a swarm of Hebrew brethren from Joppa Lodge, many of them well known to Masons and Masonry. What a very remarkable commentary does this first fact supply against intolerant prejudices, and futile attempts to invalidate the true universality of Freemasonry. Another very notable point is the establishment of a Lodge Fund of Benevolence, which is now very flourishing indeed, and has been productive of much happy relief to destitute brethren and decayed members of the lodge. We congratulate Bro. Constable on his very interesting and readable volume, as a valuable contribution to Masonic Archaeology and Lodge History, and we trust that it will have every literary success. We quite agree with all Bro. Hughan so well says as to the desirability of such lodge histories; and we hope that we may witness before long a general overhauling of Lodge chests, MSS., and records.

Moses and Son, of clothing fame, have put out with the New Year, two very neat little diaries and almanacks for their customers and the public. Very convenient they are to lie on the table or the desk, the more so as dates are most important to all who have duties to perform or accounts to pay. And who has not? There are indeed a multitude of Diaries, Almanacks, and Remembrancers, with a closing and an opening year, all of them applicants for approval and patronage, so that we can safely say that no one need be without such a necessary daily companion and memento vite for 1875. For such diaries, in our opinion, are alike needful for the man of wealth, and for the man of business, for the student and for the philosopher, for the lecturer, and the litterateur, for the schoolboy and the clergyman, for the "Misses," and for the Mason, and we recommend these little convenient diaries to all who like the "multum in parvo," and seek neatness and utility combined.

NOTES ON LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ART.

GLEANED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Two useful publications, under the titles of the "Literary Mart" and the "Booksellers' Circular" have been forwarded to me. They promise fair to fill up a void which book-buyers have long felt. I am pleased to notice seven works on Freemasonry, offered for sale in their pages; showing that the dear old Craft continues to attract attention both in the ranks of the initiated and amongst the outer world who are not Freemasons.

On Saturday morning, Dec. 19th, Mr. Charles Rogers, better known under his assumed literary name of "Tom Treddlehoyle," died at Barnsley, in the seventy-third year of his age. He edited the "Bainstall" Foaks' Annual and Pogmoor Olmenae from its commencement in 1837 to the present issue; and had done much, by his genuine humour, towards creating that taste for works in provincial dialects, and which, as was to be expected, has flooded us with much dirty water, not from Helicon. Nevertheless, with such writers in the Lancashire and Yorkshire dialects as Edwin Waugh, Ben. Brierley, Eccles of Leeds, and Florence Cleveland, all of whom have really something to say, independent of their peculiar modes of telling it; local provincial literature is likely to live in the North of England, and the student of their rich dialects to be able for all time to draw illustrations from their writings. Nor is it merely the abundance of provincial words that truly illustrates the dialect of a district, there is a peculiar mode of expression among those "to the manner born," which a stranger could never acquire, and which only some who really know the dialect can give expression to; but without which, all writings in dialects lose their charm. Though the most part of his life was spent in Barnsley, Mr. Rogers was born at Man-

chester, June 2nd, 1802; and at an early age removed to Wakefield, where he was educated in the Green Coat School, and he afterwards served his time in that town as apprentice to a house painter. He then began business on his own account, in Barnsley, and was so far successful as to be able to spend the latter years of his life in retirement. He had been for some years chairman of the Barnsley Board of Guardians, and took an active interest in the welfare of the poor. His genial manners, unfailing humour, and kind heart, endeared him to a large circle, differing widely from him in political opinions, (which were Conservative), and in religious views, (which were those of the Church of England.) Far beyond the district where the dialect is spoken in which he sent forth his Annual, has that humorous little sixpennyworth been anxiously looked for every year; and long after his body has mouldered into dust, will his genuine humour live in his writings, which contained nothing to raise a blush on the cheeks of his chastest readers.

Mr. J. Tom Burgess, whose well-known books on Old English Wild Flowers, Angling, the Last Battle of the Roses, &c., are deservedly popular, has now in the press a work of much research on Historic Warwickshire, its Legendary Lore, Traditionary Stories, and Romantic Episodes. As Mr. Burgess has for some years been resident at Leamington in Warwickshire, and made its natural history, antiquities, chronicles, and folk lore, his especial study, I have no doubt that he will present his readers with a rich intellectual repast.

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 9, 1875.

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

Saturday, January 2.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (810), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, January 4.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-street.
" 188, Joppa, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, January 5.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steyne, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8 Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1277, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

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

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Wednesday, January 6.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.

" 1491, Athenæum, Camden-road, Holloway, N., at 5.30.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (218), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, January 7.

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

" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steyne.

" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Friday, January 8.

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

" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.

Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern.

Preceptory D., Mount Calvary, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

Rose Croix Chap. Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (117), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street; Bro. H. Muggerridge, P.M. Preceptor.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 9, 1875.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

Monday, January 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.

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

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

Tuesday, January 5.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

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

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, January 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.

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

" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.

" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.

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

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, January 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, January 8.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, near Birkenhead, at 7.

Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, January 9, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, January 4.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, January 5.

Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

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

" 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Bridge, Govan.

Wednesday, January 6.

Lodge 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.

" 128, St. John Shettleston, Shettleston.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.

Thursday, January 7.

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

" 463, St. Andrew, Garnagad-road.

" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

Friday, January 8.

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

" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 9, 1875.

Monday, January 4.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

Tuesday, January 5.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.

Thursday, January 7.

Lodge 97, St. James's Hall, Writers-court.

Friday, January 8.

Lodge 291, Celtic of E. and L., Ship Hotel, E. Register-st.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

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BOLTON.—*Anchor and Hope Lodge* (No. 37).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on January 4th, and amongst those present were Bros. Wm. Slater, Prov. S.G. Deacon, W.M.; James Walker, S.W.; E. Ainsworth, Secretary; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; Jas. Brown, J.D.; F. W. Pacey, Organist; Samuel Crowther, Inner Guard; Thos. Glaister, P.M., Prov. S.G. Warden; Saml. Isherwood, P.M., Prov. G. Treasurer; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P. Prov. S.G. Deacon; Jas. McAdam, P.M., Prov. G. Deacon, Derbyshire; Jas. Newton, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; Jno. Rutter, Prov. G. Steward; Frank Ainsworth, Prov. G. Steward; R. W. Knowles, P.M.; Jas. Pilkington, P.M.; also visiting brethren—Saml. Cheetham, P.M. 815, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; Robt. Whittaker, P.M. 678, Prov. G. D.C.; Jno. Taylor, P.M. 221, Prov. G. Organist; W. H. J. Jones, W.M. 221; H. Stead, 221; Milne, 1253; and others. The lodge being opened in form, and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. elect, (Bro. James Walker) was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. James Newton, P.M., Prov. G. Steward. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: W. H. Horrocks, S.W.; R. K. Freeman, J.W.; E. Ainsworth, Treasurer, (elected); Frank F. W. Pacey, Organist; Rooke Pennington, I.G.; Chas. Walker, Tyler. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

FALMOUTH.—*Lodge of Love and Honour* (No. 75).—At a meeting of this, the mother Lodge of the County of Cornwall, held in the Masonic Hall at Falmouth, Bro. W. H. Dunstan, P.M., was elected W.M., for the ensuing year, and Bro. P.M. W. F. Newman, was re-elected Treasurer. The installation of the Worshipful Master took place on the 29th of December.

STOCKPORT.—*Lodge of St. John* (No. 104).—The annual festival of this lodge was held Monday, Dec. 14, at Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport, when Bro. Herbert Finch was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. J. Beresford, P.P.G.D., and Bro. W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P., assisted by the other Past Masters of the lodge. The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. Henry Collier, Organist, and was very satisfactorily rendered, the lodge choir adding very materially to the impressiveness of the ritual. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, and they were duly installed with the insignia of their offices:—Bro. W. H. Wakefield, I.P.M.; Bro. C. Cooke, S.W.; Bro. G. Shaw, J.W.; Bro. W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P., Treasurer; Bro. Jas. Kirk, Sec.; Bro. G. Barber, S.D.; Bro. G. Armistage, J.D.; Bro. J. Beresford, P.P.G.D., Director of Ceremonies; Bro. H. Collier, Organist; Bro. J. H. Duffill, I.G.; Bros. G. Rodgers, W. M. Jones, T. B. Birch, and W. Booth, Stewards; Bro. G. Turner, P.M., 287 Tyler. After the installation, the lodge was closed, according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room of the lodge at Ashton House, where a banquet was served in excellent style to about 70 brethren, by Bro. Minshall, the proprietor of Ashton House. Amongst the visiting brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Col. Wilkinson, P.P.G.D.; E. G. Simpson, P.P.G.D.; R. Taylor, P.M. 287; J. Scott, P.M. 322; J. Chetham, W.M. 322; J. Hill, J.W. 322; G. Roy, W.M. Elect 323; W. Banks, 287; W. Shepherd, J.W. 287; A. Graham, W.M. 287; R. Johnson, P.M. 1052; J. Andrews, W.M. 1319; Rev. H. E. Jones, J.W. 1387; W. Ridings, 152; E. Beswick, Organist 1134; W. H. Pratt, P.M. 1009; J. Foster, Secy. 1054; F. Hepton, W.M. 1009; Jabez Clayton, 322; J. H. Robinson, 1126. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Wakefield, I.P.M., proposed the health of the Worshipful Master in a highly complimentary speech, to which Bro. Finch suitably responded. The Worshipful Master then presented to Bro. Wakefield a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge; and after spending a very pleasant evening, the Tyler's Toast, "All poor and distressed Masons," was given, and the brethren separated.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*Royal Gloucester Lodge* (No. 130).—The festival of St. John was celebrated on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, Southampton, when Bro. Morris Miles was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of Past Masters and brethren, including a goodly number of visitors from the sister lodges. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by W.

Bro. P. M. Payne, after which the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. J. Hickman, S.W.; R. Sharpe, Prov. G.O., J.W.; Abraham, Treas.; Le Feuvre, P.P.G. Sec.; Rev. W. W. Perrin, Chaplain; H. M. Pike, Organist; C. W. A. Jellicoe, S.D.; W. E. Manby, J.D.; J. Cole, I.G. The W.M. evinced his ability, by initiating a brother in such a manner as to call forth the warmest expressions of approval. In the evening, the brethren sat down to a banquet served in Bro. Dartnall's best style, and the after proceedings were of a most agreeable kind.

WARRINGTON.—*Lodge of Lights* (No. 148).—The installation of the W.M. elect and the one hundred and tenth anniversary banquet of the above lodge, was held on Monday, Dec. 28th, at the Masonic Hall, Warrington. The W.M., Bro. John Harding, occupied the chair, and was supported by the following brethren—Bros. W. Pollitt, P.M., as S.W.; D. W. Finney, P.M., as J.W.; John Pierpoint, W. H. Robinson, D. Wilkins, Thos. Tunstall, Thos. Jones, T. Mee Pattison, A. H. Young, J. R. Young, C. E. Hindley, W. Morris, P.M., Prov. G. Stew.; C. Ekkert, J. S. Patten, John Bowes, P. Prov. G. Reg., Cumberland and Westmoreland; John Dimelow, Thos. Jones, Thos. Morris, W. Richardson, P.M.; Peter Jones, Walter Milner, W. Crompton, Jno. Armstrong, Robt. Gibbon, J. J. Thompson, W. Sharp, P.M.; Jas. Bayley, Thos. Grime, Thos. Gartside, Dr. Spinks, W. Dooley, C. W. Savage, J. G. Hughes, R. Hooper, J. Taylor, Jas. Hannah, R. G. Stringer, P.M. Visitors—Bros. Rev. J. H. Bluck, P.M.; P. Prov. G. Chap. Shropshire, Robt. Wylie, P.M. 155, 292; P. Prov. G.S.D.; John W. Turley, P.M. 1035, Prov. G.J.D.; Dr. Gornall, L. R. Barnes, W.M. 113; P. J. Edleston, W.M. 1134; Robt. Brierley, W.M. 1250; W. S. Hawkins, P.M. 1250; Thos. Crompton, 484, &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the chair of K.S. was assumed by W. Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M., as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Bowes, P.M. &c., was presented by Bros. Harding and J. W. Turley. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, all brethren below the chair retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. John Bowes was, according to ancient custom, installed into the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. In due course the other brethren were admitted, and the new W.M. having been proclaimed, greeted, and saluted in the three degrees, the appointment and investiture of officers then took place as follows:—Bros. John Harding, I.P.M.; W. H. Robinson, S.W.; Thos. Tunstall, J.W.; Rev. J. P. Stedman, Chaplain; W. Sharp, P.M., Treas.; David Wilkins, Sec.; Jos. Pickthall, S.D.; J. Rymer Young, J.D.; T. Mee Pattison, Org.; C. E. Hindley, I.G.; and Jas. Hannah, Tyler. Bro. J. W. Turley then proceeded with the remainder of the ceremony, and was assisted by the Rev. J. H. Bluck. The whole ceremony was rendered in an able manner and was acknowledged by a special vote of thanks, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge. The new W.M. then addressed Bro. Harding, I.P.M. and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present him with a gold P.M. jewel, as a recognition of his services and a token of sincere esteem. Bro. Harding feelingly acknowledged the handsome gift, which he said he should value very highly as a special mark of kindness and he should wear it with pleasure for the rest of his life. The auditors now presented their report which, together with an abstract of the Treasurer's accounts, was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was furnished in Bro. J. G. Hughes's best style; it embraced everything in season and was of a bountiful description. The cloth having been withdrawn, the W.M. gave briefly the usual loyal toasts. The W.M. then gave the health of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which he did with peculiar pleasure. It was nearly 85 years since the ancient and honourable fraternity was presided over by a Prince of Wales. It was in the year 1790 that George, Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV, was installed Grand Master of the Order, and singularly enough it was in the same year that the Duke of Kent, the present Royal Grand Master's maternal grandfather, was initiated. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed the health of "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that those of their number who were present a few years ago in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, when the Pro Grand Master installed the Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, would not soon forget the eloquent manner in which the ceremony was rendered. That their own Prov. Grand Master was selected by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for the important position of Deputy Grand Master, was a proof of the estimation in which that nobleman was held in high quarters. The rest of the Grand Officers were worthy of every confidence, and he gave the toast in confident anticipation that it would be warmly received. Drunk with applause. The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour to propose was "The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. G.M.; the Hon. F. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." He then dilated at length on the merits of these brethren, and mentioned a long train of Warrington brethren, who had held offices of various degrees in the Provincial Grand Lodge. The toast was warmly received, and responded to, by Bros. R. Wylie, J. W. Turley, and W. Monop. Bro. R. Wylie proposed the next toast, "The Provincial Grand Masters of the neighbouring provinces," which was responded to at length by Bro. the Rev. J. H. Bluck, P.M., P. Prov. G. Chap., Shropshire and North Wales. Bro. John Harding said: It is my privilege as the I.P.M., to propose the next toast, which is "The health of our W.M." I am sure it does not require a long speech from me to extol the good qualities of our W.M., as he is well known

to us all as a good and worthy Mason, and one who has taken great interest in this lodge, and in Masonry in general. I may say that it was at the request of a large number of the members of this lodge that he consented again to take the office. Personally, it has been a source of great pleasure to me to see him placed in the position he now so worthily fills, as I am sure the lodge will prosper in his hands. The W.M. in responding, said that night, eleven years ago, he occupied the same position in relation to the lodge; since then he had worked hard and continuously, and he hoped, for the good of the Craft in general, and of that portion of it located in Warrington in particular. He should be animated by one single principle, the promotion of the genuine tenets of the Order. It was a matter of deep regret to him that they had no past Warden who aspired to the position of W.M., and as such was the case, he of course had no alternative but to accept the honour, and he assured them he appreciated very highly that renewal of their kindness. He would much rather have seen Bro. Harding re-elected, but that brother headed the deputation that waited upon him, and manifested the utmost anxiety in the matter, so that he, the W.M., felt that it was his duty to yield to the wishes of the brethren. He thanked them most heartily. The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters and Officers of No. 148," and in doing so said that he felt proud of his officers, because they were able, and he was sure, willing to do credit to the various offices to which they had that day been appointed. Before he referred more at length to the qualifications of those brethren who had consented to help him in the conduct of the lodge, he must say a word about the Past Masters. Some were present, others unavoidably absent. Of those present he wished particularly to mention the oldest and the youngest, Bros. Stringer and Harding. The estimation in which those brethren were held was acknowledged on all sides. As men and as Masons, they all esteemed them, and trusted they might long be spared to be ornaments to their mother lodge. Of his officers, as he said before, he was proud. Few W.M.s had the good fortune to be able to select brethren to fill the Wardens' chair, who could work the ceremonies as well as himself. Such, however, was his good fortune. Then, the Deacons were brethren who would most assuredly rise to the chair. Indeed, in each case there was no doubt that the brethren appointed to office that day would in due time succeed him as W.M. The toast was drunk very heartily. Bros. Stringer, Richardson, Harding, Robinson, T. Tunstall, D. Wilkins, J. Rymer Young, and Hindley severally responded, and assured the W.M. and brethren that they would prove their appreciation of the consideration shown them by a regular and punctual attendance at the lodge, and a careful performance of the duties of their respective offices. The W.M. next proposed "The W.M., Wardens and Members of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250," and, in doing so, expressed his deep regret that the Senior Past Master of that lodge—the distinguished brother after whom the lodge is named—Bro. Gilbert Greenall, M.P., was absent through indisposition. They had, however, the present W.M. with them, as well as some of the Past Masters, and he need not tell them that the parent lodge was happy to hold out the right hand of fellowship to them and to rejoice at their prosperity as a lodge. They all knew the interest he took in the formation of No. 1250, and how long and regularly he attended to watch their interests and to give them a helping hand whenever needed, and he assured them that they still had his best wishes. The old lodge was glad to welcome her offspring, and he gave the toast with extreme pleasure. Drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Robt. Brierley, W.M., No. 1250, responded at great length, and in an able manner. He thanked the W.M. for his many kind utterances, and assured him, and the brethren seated around those tables, that he and the members of No. 1250 were deeply obliged to both him and them. With respect to their W.M., Bro. Bowes, he would like to say a good deal, but as he was present, he would only say that certainly no one in Warrington had done so much for the real welfare of the Craft as that brother. Long before he was admitted to the light of the Order he was made aware of Bro. Bowes's exertions, and since he had been privileged to be numbered among them. He had witnessed Bro. Bowes's efforts for the good of the Craft, and the benefit of its members. Personally, he rejoiced that Bro. Bowes had consented to take the position of W.M. again, because it would give Masonry a fresh impetus in Warrington, and benefit thereby both lodges and chapter. Bro. W. Pollitt, I.P.M., No. 1250, said he could not refrain from endorsing the remarks of Bro. Brierley. The members of No. 1250 were greatly indebted to Bro. Bowes. He was their first Acting Master, and, until they could "run alone," performed all their ceremonies. He considered the members of No. 148 had done themselves credit by again seeking the services of one ever ready and always willing to benefit the Craft. The W.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and expressed the pleasure it afforded them to entertain those who did them the honour of visiting them. He was proud to have on his left hand the W.M. of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, Bro. L. R. Barnes, because in another way he was connected with No. 148, being the nephew of their S.D., Bro. Pickthall. He was also glad to welcome Bro. Crompton of the Lodge of Faith, No. 484, Ashton-in-Makerfield. Time was, so he found in the old minute books, when the Ashton brethren came in a body to assist them, and surely it was desirable that such should be done. Then there was his old and valued friend, Dr. Gornall, whom they all, equally with himself, rejoiced to see and welcome. Then again they were favoured with the presence of the W.M. of No. 1134, East Lancashire; who, although resident in Warrington, had earned a reputation in the adjoining Province. To one and all the visitors he gave a hearty welcome, and he was sure their healths would be drunk most cordially. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Barnes responded, and referred to the great advantages to be derived

from visiting neighbouring lodges. He was not a stranger to them, but he must say that their hospitality and welcome was as fresh and hearty as it was on the occasion of his first visit. He wished the W.M. every prosperity during his year of office, and he rejoiced to find that the brethren had been so fortunate as to secure the services of so able an exponent of the Masonic Ritual. Bro. Rev. J. H. Bluck also responded, and as a Mason of 30 years standing, gave all assembled some good advice; and at the same time he acknowledged his great obligations for the splendid hospitality they had dispensed that evening. Bro. Dr. Gornall said he need not tell the brethren around him how much he rejoiced to see his old friend again in the position of W.M. He was sure the brethren, and indeed the whole Craft in Warrington, would benefit by the administrative ability of the new W.M. Bro. Crompton also acknowledged his indebtedness for the kindness shown him on that occasion, and he should not fail to report to the brethren of his lodge the hearty welcome he had received. Bro. P. J. Edelsten, W.M. No. 1134, also responded. The W.M. then called upon Bro. W. Morris, P.M. No. 1250, Prov. G. Steward, to propose "The Masonic Charities," which that brother did at great length and in an able manner. The W.M. then called upon Bro. James Hannah to propose the Tyler's Toast, which brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated soon after nine in perfect harmony. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. Mee Pattison, Organist of the Lodge, who was ably assisted by Bro. Tunstall, Peter Jones, Thos. Crompton, C. W. Savage, &c., &c.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—This lodge met on Monday, at the Albion, for the installation of the W.M., and other business. Bro. Obed Roberts, W.M., presided, and raised Bro. Isaacs, besides passing Bros. S. and I. Botibol and Clarke; Bro. Hunt, P.M., initiated W. Skinner; Bro. Roberts afterwards installed Bro. S. L. Hickman as W.M. for the present year, performing the ceremony, as he has performed all the ceremonies during his year of office, admirably. The brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. O. Roberts, I.P.M.; Dodson, S.W.; L. Lazarus, J.W.; L. Auerhaan, Treasurer; E. P. Albert, P.M. Secretary; Miller, S.D.; Cook, J.D.; A. Auerhaan, I.G.; H. Hyman, D.C.; Borgen, Steward; P. E. Van Noorden, Organist; and Woodstock, T. The ceremony was then completed, and lodge was called off to refreshment, when 136 brethren sat down to a splendid repast, provided by Bro. Jennings, the manager of the Albion Tavern. At the conclusion of the banquet, grace having been said, the room was cleared and prepared for dessert, and on the re-admission of the brethren, the toasts were honoured, under the direction of Bro. Van Noorden. A choice selection of music was performed at intervals by Miss Matilda Scott, Miss Clara Wollaston, Mr. Alfred Mori, and Mr. Prenton, greatly to the satisfaction of the brethren. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., in responding to the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, &c.," after congratulating the brethren on the sumptuous entertainment they had partaken of, expressed his gratification at the working he had witnessed in the lodge. The Grand Officers were always ready to assist any lodge which required a brother to perform the installation, but such was the vitality of the Joppa Lodge, that it stood in need of no assistance in that ceremony. As long as Masonry was carried out in the same way, the Order would flourish, not only in this country, but over the whole face of the earth. "The Joppa Benevolent Fund" was the next toast proposed, and Bro. B. W. Aaron, the President, before replying, called on Bro. E. P. Albert to read the balance sheet. Bro. Albert complied, and announced to the brethren that the balance in hand was £1158 3s. 11d. (Cheers.) Bro. B. W. Aaron rose to respond, and read a list of donations of that evening, amounting to £17 17s. (Applause.) He then thanked the brethren for supporting the fund, which he said was raised to relieve any brother, or family of a brother of the lodge who might be in want. He recommended other lodges to do the same, and said that if this system were adopted, it would greatly assist Grand Lodge of Benevolence. Joppa Lodge never sent a member there whilst it could relieve him. (Hear, Hear.) Bro. Roberts proposed "The W.M.," who replied, and in his turn proposed "The I.P.M.," presenting, at the same time, a handsome P.M. jewel and locket to Bro. Roberts, as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by his brethren. Bro. Roberts having acknowledged the gift, the toast of "The Visitors, Initiates, and Officers" was given, and the brethren shortly afterwards closed the lodge and separated.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, on Monday the 4th inst., Bro. Geo. Abbott, W.M., in the chair.—Bro. C. J. Benson (of Lodge 1185) was raised to the 3rd Degree. The following brethren were passed to the degree of F.C.: Bros. H. A. Pratt, W. Medwin, E. Barch, J. T. Belfrage, S. Crawford, V. Hibbins, T. B. Charlesworth, and G. H. Gillam; Messrs. A. T. Honeywill and R. Stubington were initiated into the Order. The W.M. who is now about to retire from the chair, worked the ceremonies in his usual characteristic good style. Amongst the brethren present were the following: Bro. Geo. Newman, S.W. and Master Elect; Bro. T. Cohu, J.W.; Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; Bro. Charles Arkell, S.D.; Bro. E. Jones, J.D.; Bro. H. Legge, I.G.; Bros. George Kenning and F. Trott, P.M.'s; also Bros. W. Donne, W. R. Baker, W. Alfatt, B. Jenkins, E. J. Kclarsay, S. Edwards, S. Haynes, R. E. Bright, J. Curle, F. Fellows, W. T. Rickwood, A. J. Manks, Geo. Hall, and others.—Thursday (the 7th inst.), being the day for the installation of Bro. Newman, the Master Elect, there was no repast.

BOURNE.—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—On Wednesday, 30th ult., the annual meeting for the installation of the Worshipful Master and festival of St. John was held

in the spacious and beautiful hall dedicated by the Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, and his officers, at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in July last. There was present at the annual meeting of the lodge a great number of brethren, among whom were Capt. Colvill, P.M., P.S.G. Cornwall, W.M.; Rich, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Beswitherick, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Collins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Cummins, P.G.R.; Hele, P.P.G.O.; Sandoe, P.M.; Crang (Mayor of Bodmin), S.W.; Hawkin, J.W.; Rowe, S.D. Also visiting brethren, Solomon, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. A. H. Ferris, P.G.C.; Dyke, P.P.G.O.; Large, W.M.; Truscott, I.P.M.; Lukes, Matthews, and Higman, of 496 St. Austell; and Hooper of Lodge 510, Liskeard. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the preliminary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. Hele, P.P.G. Organist, was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Captain Colvill, W.M., in a solemn and impressive manner, which called forth high eulogiums from the Past Masters and brethren present. The W.M. having been duly proclaimed, appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Colvill, I.P.M. and Treasurer; Rich, P.M., Secretary; Hawkins, S.W.; Rowe, J.W.; Rev. J. D. Hawksley, Chaplain; Hon. E. Alger Robartes, S.D.; Beacock, J.D.; Trevel, M.C.; Vincent and J. Hawke, Stewards; O'Neil, I.G.; Carol, P.P.G.T., Tyler. The lodge being called off from labour to refreshment, about fifty brethren repaired to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Sandoe, P.M., at the Royal Hotel, when a pleasant evening was spent.

TRUR.—Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence (No. 331).—At a meeting of this lodge, on Tuesday evening, Bro. T. Oliver, who has been S.W. for the past year, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. O. Mayne, elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rookes re-elected Tyler. A letter was ordered to be prepared to be sent to Bro. Ferguson, who is about to leave for India, expressing fraternal regret at his leaving and well wishes for the future. The members afterwards enjoyed a good repast provided by Bro. Rookes, and several accessions were made to the lodge.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—The W.M., Bro. G. H. Burtenshaw, to meet him at his last time of presiding over the lodge, had nearly sixty brethren present, including the W.M.'s and officers of the other two lodges in the town, and the W.M.'s elect of the same lodges. After two initiations and a raising, the ceremonies being performed in an able manner, a vote of condolence was passed to the family of P.M. William Bemister, who died at a ripe old age this week, after many years service in Craft and the other degrees in Masonry. He was the "father" of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, which celebrated its centenary a few years since. The Lodge of Peace and Harmony, large as it was, has made considerable additions to its members during the Mastership of Bro. Burtenshaw.

NORTHAMPTON.—Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).—The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John in their lodge room, George Hotel, on the 28th ult. Bro. Val. Thos. Barford was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably and satisfactorily performed by Bro. Hinton (of London, son of an old P.M. of the Pomfret Lodge). In the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. E. Cox (P.M. of the Canonbury Lodge, London), who was unfortunately unable to be present, Bro. J. T. Green, P.M., was appointed S.W.; Bro. Winter, J.W.; Bro. G. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Bro. B. Wilkins, P.M., Treas.; Bro. Lalor S.D.; Bro. F. Gadsby, J.D.; Bro. H. W. Parker, I.G.; Bros. Stanton, P.M., and T. R. Wood, Stewards; and Bros. Dean and Troup, Tylers. Amongst the visitors at the banquet were Bros. Neall, Hinton, Matthews (London), Bro. Buckle (Prov. G. Sec., Norths and Hunts); Bro. Griffin (W.M. elect of St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough), and others, and although the attendance was not so numerous as usual, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner, harmony being contributed by Bros. Buckle, Hinton, Stanton, Winter, Wood, and others. In the course of the evening, Bro. Buckle alluded in a brotherly manner to the loss the province had sustained in the death of the late Prov. D.G.M., Bro. S. Inns, and expressed the pleasure he felt that so worthy a successor had been found in Bro. Butley Wilkins, a member of the Pomfret Lodge. Bro. W. B. Gates, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas., accepted the office of Steward of one of the Masonic charities.

HALIFAX.—St. James's Lodge (No. 448).—The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, at their annual meeting. After the ordinary lodge business, the W.M. elect, Bro. Fredk. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., was duly installed W.M. of St. James's Lodge, by Bro. Waddington, P.M., and Bro. Normanton, P.M. The following were then invested officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Wheelhouse, S.W.; C. T. Rhodes, J.W.; W. F. Wilkinson, P.M., Treasurer; J. Charnock, P.M., Secretary; N. W. Scholefield, S.D.; J. S. Lambert, J.D.; F. Whiteley, D.C.; Geo. Taylor, Organist; J. Hanney, I.G. Stewards, Bros. C. F. Hudson, and G. H. Brooks; John Greenwood, Tyler. At the banquet the W.M. was surrounded by Bros. Bentley Shaw, Deputy Secretary; T. Hill, P.P.J.G.W.; Smith, P.G. Secretary; J. J. Schaeppi, P.P.G.D.; Dewhirst, W.M. 1284; Wells, W.M., Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge; Walker, Leeds; W. H. Hartley, 307, Hebden Bridge; J. Whitaker, S.W. 1302; Asquith, W.M. 1302; from Probity, 61, Bros. Perkington, P.M., Tasker, P.M., J. Gaukroger, Leeming, Menzies, W.M. elect of Probity, J. Waterhouse, Wm. Gaukroger; from De Warren's Bros. Patchett, Barrett, J. Seed, Cocke, Thos. Nicholl, Geo. Normanton, J. Hayes; Three Graces: Bros. Ogden, W.M., Ely Dyson, and Terrell; Dr. Hartley, Todmorden; Bros. Ward, P.M., Trafalgar, 971; Blakey, Nelson of the Nile, 264, Batley; Ryburn: Bros. Stansfield, Greenwood, and Sutcliffe. Letters of apology were read from Bro. M. Rhodes, Bradford, and from Bro. Underwood, who

said that as the railway companies had started so early slaughtering her Majesty's bipeds, and the weather being so seasonable and favourable for killing, he feared he could not possibly undertake the journey from Manchester. The W.M. proposed the loyal and patriotic toasts, "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" being replied to by Bro. Morley, Bro. Leeming, 4th W.Y.V.; Bro. Whitaker, 8th W.Y.A.; Bros. Hayes, and W.Y.Y. "The W. Deputy P.G.M. of West York, and P.G. Officers," was proposed by the W.M. To this toast Bro. B. Shaw replied early in the evening, as he was compelled to leave before the proceedings terminated. He said that he trusted that very soon the Prince of Wales would appoint a Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, as, at present, they were without a head. Bro. Knowles proposed the toast of "The Newly-Installed W.M. of St. James's Lodge," and hoped that the fact of Bro. Whitaker being elected to that office would mean a year of success and peace to St. James's Lodge. Bro. Whitaker replied, and promised to use every effort in his power to promote the goodwill of the lodge, and, in carrying out that object, he looked with confidence to the active co-operation of his officers. The toast was received and responded to with much enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Officers—Bros. Waddington and Normanton." This toast having been replied to by the installing officers, the W.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was replied to by Bro. Savile Crowther in a song—"The Anchor's weighed;" also by Bro. Schaeppi, of Bradford, who stated that the fame of St. James's Lodge had been spoken of in terms of the highest praise for many years; and by Bro. Hill and others, including Bro. Binns, of Probity, Bro. Wells, of Ryburn Lodge, Bro. J. Dewhirst, of the Savile Lodge, Elland, Bro. Dr. Hartley, Todmorden, and Bro. Terry. The W.M. proposed the toast of the officers of "St. James's Lodge," which was replied to by Bro. T. Wheelhouse, S.W.; Bro. C. T. Rhodes, J.W.; and Bro. W. F. Wilkinson. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters and Officers of St. James's Lodge, and in doing so remarked how much he regretted the absence of two of the oldest Past Masters of St. James's Lodge, who were prevented attending by the severity of the weather.—Bro. Waddington, P.M.; Bro. E. Walshaw, P.M.; and Bro. Normanton, P.M., replied. The "Officers of Probity, No. 61," was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Menzies, W.M. elect. Bro. E. Walshaw proposed the "De Warren Lodge," the response being given by Bro. Asquith, W.M. The toast of the "Masonic Charities" was duly honoured, and elicited from the J.W. (Bro. C. T. Rhodes), that he had made himself a "life governor" of the Boys' School. The chairman spoke of this benevolent institution as one of the most deserving, and hoped to see during his year of office many of the brethren become contributors to its funds. "Mrs. Bentley Shaw and the ladies" was proposed by Bro. Whiteley, D.C.; and the proceedings terminated with "Go all poor and distressed Masons." During the evening several songs and recitations were given by various brethren, and the festive occasion was very joyously spent. The room was neatly decorated, and the banquet, which was supplied by Bro. Swift, of the Plummet Line Inn, was exceedingly well served, and the tables were beautifully adorned with candelabras, flowers, fruits, &c. During the lodge ceremony, the Immediate Past Master was presented with a Masonic jewel, in recognition of his services, by Bro. Bentley Shaw, in the name of a few brethren.

HERTFORD.—Hertford Lodge (No. 603).—On the 24th ult. the usual meeting was held at the Shire Hall. There was a large attendance of brethren, the principal business being the installation of Bro. Thomas Stalkart Carter, who had been duly elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the year ensuing. The Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.) having intimated his intention to be present and to act as Installing Master on the occasion, a number of Provincial Grand Masters attended, and many brethren from the various lodges in the country were also present. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Orlando Wagner) took the chair about three o'clock and opened the lodge. After some routine business had been gone through the Provincial Grand Master was introduced in due form, and was received by the large number of brethren present with every mark of respect and enthusiasm. Having been conducted to the chair, which was vacated by Bro. Wagner, he proceeded to install Bro. Carter. The ceremony was admirably and impressively performed by Bro. Halsey, and elicited a general expression of thanks from the brethren. Bro. Carter, having taken the chair, proceeded to appoint and invest the officers of the lodge. The remainder of the business having been gone through, the lodge was closed. At six o'clock the banquet took place in the Assembly Room. There were 64 brethren present, amongst whom were—The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.; V. W. Bro. O. H. Wagner, P.M. Prov. G. S. Warden; V. W. Bro. V. Wilson, P.M. (Berkhamstead Lodge), Prov. G. J. Warden; V. W. Bro. T. S. Carter, Prov. G. S. Deacon; V. W. Bro. Rev. Lewis Deedes, Prov. Grand Chaplain; V. W. Bro. Malcolm Heywood, Prov. Grand Organist; Bros. H. Campkin, J. E. Cussans, and E. R. P. Francis, Prov. G. Stewards; V. W. Bro. H. B. Hodges, P.M. P. Prov. G. S. Warden; Bro. J. R. Cocks, P.M. and Bro. Andrews, P.M. P. Prov. G. J. Wardens; V. W. Bro. Stephen Ausin, P.M., and Bro. J. Boatwright, P. Prov. G. Supts. Wks. V. W. Bros. C. Drummond, P.M. and W. H. Rowe, P. Prov. G.S.B.; V. W. Bro. J. W. Carr, P.M., and P. G. Sec., Essex; V. W. Bro. Buss, P. Prov. Treasurer, Middlesex; V. W. Bro. Glass, P. Prov. G.S.B., Essex; Bro. J. Lowlin, W.M. 1479; Bro. W. Cuthush, W.M. 1385; Bro. Maller, W.M. 754; Bro. Cunningham, P.M. 754; and V. W. Bro. J. Terry, P.M. and Prov. Dir. Cers., who very ably performed the onerous duties of his office. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Heywood. There were no less than twenty-two Past Masters present.

WHITEHAVEN.—*Lewis Lodge* (No. 872).—On Tuesday, Dec. 29th, the brethren of this lodge assembled in great force for the purpose of installing a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and to celebrate the festival of St. John. Among those present were Bros. C. Morton, P.P.G.S.W.; J. S. Pittall, P.P.G.D.W.; W. Gill, P.M. of 1872, and P.G.D.C.; S. Atkinson, P.G.S.; Gibson, P.M. of 119, and P.G.S.; T. Brown, P.G.W.; E. Abldt, P.S.W.; Cooper, P.P.G.O. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. J. Huddleston, W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. C. Murton, who conducted the ceremony in that able and impressive manner only peculiar to long experience. This being completed the newly installed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bro. S. Atkinson, I.P.M.; J. Robinson, S.W.; E. Rose, J.W.; R. Twentymann, Sec.; Labarte, Chaplain; J. Cowman, S.D.; J. Bell, J.D.; J. S. Braithwaite, I.G.; Cooper, M. of C. Bros. Nicholson and Hodgson, Stewards. Bro. J. Spittall was unanimously elected Treas., and Bro. Salisbury, Tyler. The business being concluded, the brethren retired to the banqueting-room, where a cold collation awaited them. The room was tastefully decorated, and the viands everything that could be desired, to which full justice was done. The cloths having been removed, the usual loyal, patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, being interspersed with songs given in their best style by Bros. Gibson, Rose, Bell, Younghusband, Hodgson and others, which contributed materially to the enjoyment of the proceedings. The brethren separated at an early hour well pleased with the entire proceedings.

SALTASH.—*Zetland Lodge* (No. 1071).—Bro. Stephen John Goodman has been installed as W.M. of Lodge Zetland of Freemasons (No. 1071), Saltash, and the following were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thomas Hatherly, I.P.M.; Edwin P. Gilbert, S.W.; George Hawke, J.W.; William Foxwell, P.M., Treasurer; John G. Richards, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Secretary; William H. L. Clark, S.D.; Robert G. Carpenter, J.D.; Joseph Rawling, I.G.; John Deebie, P.M., Tyler; and W. W. Harvey and R. Pearce, Stewards. The banquet was afterwards held at Carpenter's Commercial Inn.

TIVERTON.—*St. Peter's Lodge* (1125).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, December 30, Bro. T. B. Patterson, the W.M., presiding. Bro. Thomas Parkhouse, W.M. elect, was duly presented and installed, the ceremony being most ably performed by the retiring W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested:—Bro. T. B. Patterson, I.P.M.; C. A. W. Troyle, S.W.; W. H. Reed, jun., J.W.; Rev. John Dickinson, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; H. S. Gill, Treasurer; James Mills, P.M., P.G.O. Secretary; G. W. Cockram, S.D.; Wm. Bartlett, J.D.; Thos. F. Mead, I.G.; J. B. Crabb, M.C.; A. Andrews, Organist; I. Searle and I. Melhuish, Stewards; John Patey, Tyler; F. J. Reed, Assistant Tyler; Thomas Parkhouse, W.M., Representative on Committee of Petitions. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to banquet at Bro. Wood's, White Ball Hotel. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Parkhouse, in responding to the toast—"The W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge"—(proposed by Bro. Patterson, I.P.M.), after expressing in the warmest manner his sense of the high honour conferred on him by the lodge, and his reliance on the support of both officers and brethren, said it especially behoved Freemasons at the present time, not only here, but far and wide, to stand by the ancient landmarks of the Order, and to manifest their esteem for its principles and practices. It had long been regarded by some with suspicion and dislike, and these feelings had lately again broken out into open and violent denunciation. It appeared strange that an institution which, whilst reverencing religion, attacks no man's creed, which inculcates obedience to lawfully-constituted authority, and meddles not with party politics, which enforces the exercise of charity and benevolence, should be the subject of such hostility. Our secrecy covered no foul deeds, but enabled us, with confidence in the recesses of the lodge, to practice that ancient and peculiar manner of work which had been handed down to us, and to preserve the means of testing each link of our universal chain of brotherhood. Having made some remarks on the duties and privileges of Freemasons in general, he concluded by saying that he hoped his own conduct would justify their choice. The W.M. then proposed, in terms of well-merited eulogy, the toast of "The I.P.M.," whose admirable rendering of the installation service had, he said, helped to produce an impression on his mind which he hoped would not be lost. He coupled with the toast that of the officers of the lodge for the past year. The toast was duly acknowledged. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Masonic Hall, Basinghall-street, on Tuesday, 5th inst. There were present:—Bros. T. B. Yeoman, W.M.; Brette, J.W.; George Keming, I.P.M., as S.W.; Charles Horsley, M.O.; H. Dubois S.O.; Thellay, J.O.; Holden, Chaplain; Little, Secretary; Cubitt, P.M., I.G.; Boyd; Marsh, P.M.; Church, P.M.; R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Colonel Francis Burdett, Southwell; and others. Bro. Levander, P.M., was absent, he being in Winchester attending the funeral of the late Bro. Sherry. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved, and the following brethren were ballotted for, approved, and advanced to the degree of Mark Master:—Bros. Robert Gresley Hall, 1347, and William Henry Whiteway Wilkinson, 145. There being no further business before the brethren, the lodge was closed. The usual banquet followed, the evening being enlivened by a recitation and songs, ably given by Bros. Holden, Horsley, and Marsh.

SOUTH MOLTON.—*Portescue Lodge* (No. 9).—This old lodge held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall on Monday week, for the purpose of installing Bro. R. S. Bryant (the W.M. elect) W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Major John Tanner Davy, the Prov. G.M. for Devon. This being done, the W.M. invested Bro. T. Sanders, I.P.M., and appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing. Bros. R. L. Riccard, S.W.; J. T. Shapland, J.W.; I. Galliford, M.O.; Widgery, S.O.; Wood, J.O.; J. Galliford, Treas.; James E. Galliford, Secy.; J. T. Widgery, Registrar of Marks, James E. Galliford, S.D.; Huxtable, J.D.; Cole, I.G.; and R. Kingdon, Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent refreshment, provided by Bro. Cole, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LEICESTER.—*Fouke Lodge* (No. 19).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on December 22nd, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. M. McAlister, Prov. G. Mark, Sec., who was supported by a good attendance of officers and brethren. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Weare, I.P.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.M., Prov. Mark J.G.W.; G. Toller, jun., S.W.; Clement Stretton, (Past Grand Steward), J.W.; W. Sculthorpe, M.O.; R. A. Barber, S.O.; W. T. Rowlett, J.O.; Garnar, Treas.; F. J. Baines, Sec.; G. W. Statham, S.D.; T. A. Wykes, J.D.; Thorp; Young; Mason; Edmunds; and others. The ballot was taken for Bro. Robert Brewin, an old and old much respected Past Master of the lodge, as an honorary member, he having gone to reside at a considerable distance from Leicester, and he was unanimously elected. Two other brothers were also elected upon the ballot as candidates for advancement, one of whom, Bro. Henry Meadows, M.D., being present, was regularly made a Mark Man, and afterwards advanced to the degree of Mark Master, the ceremonies being conducted by Bro. MacAlister, W.M., in the able, impressive, and complete manner which always marks his work. The new tracing board was used in the lodge for the first time, and the brethren expressed themselves much pleased with the style in which it had been got up.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—*Naval and Military Conclave* (No. 35).—The fourth anniversary of this conclave was held on Thursday, the 17th ult. The M.P.S. elect, Sir Knt. J. Clark, was duly enthroned &c., by the outgoing M.P.S. Sir Knt. J. Clay, assisted by the only two P.S. of the conclave at hand, viz.: Sir Knts. Green and Robinson. Sir Knt. Clark installed Sir Knt. W. Sharp as Eus.; R. J. Rastrick, S.G.; B. Sinister, J.G.; C. Groom, H.P.; J. Clay, Treasurer, (fifth time); A. R. Robinson, Recorder; H. M. Green, Orator; W. Crofton, Prefect; J. Harrison, Standard Bearer; J. Penny, Herald; &c. This was considered a favourable opportunity of shewing the appreciation of the Sir Knts. of the continuous services of the E.M. Sir Knt. J. Clay, as Treasurer from the commencement of the conclave; they therefore presented him with an elegant and tasteful Past Treasurer's Jewel (by Sir Knt. Geo. Kenning). Sir Knt. Clay suitably acknowledged the presentation in a few well chosen remarks. Bro. Dr. Charles Knott, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, was installed and proclaimed a Sir Knt. of the Order. A most excellent banquet was supplied by the host, Mr. Smith, in his very excellent style.

Scotland.

MOTHER KILWINNING.—The annual festival of this most ancient lodge was held on Monday, 28th ult. The brethren assembled in their hall at high twelve for the work of initiation, and at five o'clock for the despatch of business and the election of office-bearers. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M. and P.G. Master for Ayrshire—Bro. Colonel Mure, M.P. The Ayrshire Masonic Fund was submitted, and shown to be in a very satisfactory condition. The Bursary Trust Deed, prepared by the R.W.M., Bro. M'Cosh, of Blair Dalry, was then signed by the Provincial Grand office-bearers, and it was agreed to offer a bursary of not less than £20 annually, tenable for four years, for competition among the sons of Ayrshire Freemasons entering the art classes at Glasgow University next session. The Secretary, Bro. Wylie, on account of the severe indisposition of their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Whinton, next presented his accounts, giving a very favourable report of the state of the Lodge funds, from which a sum of £10 was voted to be distributed among the resident deserving poor of the parish. After the election of office-bearers the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Eglinton Arms and partook of a substantial dinner. At half-past seven the lodge was again opened by Bro. Colonel Mure, assisted by his Wardens, Bros. Johnstone and Gibson. On the platform were the Rev. Bros. Ker and Inglis, Chaplains; Bro. Roger Montgomery, M.P., Proxy Master; and Bros. Ferguson and Tweed, Senior and Junior Proxy Wardens; J. G. Halket, Substitute Master; and R. Wylie, Secretary. Deputations were present from the following lodges in the Province, viz.: St. John (Kilwinning) Kilmarnock, 22, headed by Bro. Lees; Irvine St. Andrew's, 149, headed by Bro. M'Jannet; Beith (Kilwinning) St. John's, 157, headed by Bro. Patrick, of Trearne; Stevenston Thistle and Rose, 169, headed by Bro. Park; St. Clement's (Riccarton) Kilmarnock, 202, headed by Bro. Hodge; Blair Dalry, 290, headed by Bro. M'Cosh; Neptune (Kilwinning) Ardrossan, 442, headed by Bro. Robertson; and the Lodge St. Matthew (Kilwinning) Dregthorn, 549, headed by Bro. Gillies. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to, particularly that of the R.W.M. of Mother Kilwinning, Bro. Colonel Mure, who replied in suitable and eloquent terms. Several of the brethren contributed to the

harmony of the evening by singing some excellent songs. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, and when the J.W. announced it was low twelve in the S., the lodge was closed according to ancient form.

MILLPORT.

LODGE KILBURN (No. 459), Isle of Cumbrae, held their annual festival on Monday, 28th ult., being St. John's Day. They marched through the village by torchlight, preceded by the Artillery Band, although the streets were one mass of ice, and very difficult to walk upon. After the procession, the brethren sat down to dinner in the Cumbrae Hotel—Bro. Swan, R.W.M., in the chair, supported on his right by Bro. Ross, and on his left by Bro. Richardson. Songs were sung and recitations given by several of the brethren, and, altogether, a very happy evening was spent.

HAMILTON.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 7.—The usual election took place on 29th ult., with the following result:—Bros. James Mackie, R.W.M.; Colin Spalding, D.M., Dr. Robertson, S.M.; Thomas Thomson, S.W.; John Brown, J.W.; Wm. Dunlop, Sec.; Archd. Taylor, Treas.; George Turner, Architect; Alex. Kellar, Chaplain and Bible-bearer; Charles M'Ghee, S.D.; Robert Millar, J.D.; Thomas Minto, G.S.; James Scott, S.S.; Geo. Roger, J.S.; Jas. Annan, Organist. After the election, the brethren dined together under the presidency of the newly elected R.W.M., Bro. Mackie, and spent some hours in pleasant fraternal intercourse.

GLASGOW.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (No. 67) met in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, on 22nd ult. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, Bro. J. Duthie in the chair. Present:—Bros. Ronaldson, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Miller, Z., Chapter 50; and a number of qualified Mark Masters to constitute and hold the same. The minutes of previous meeting having then been read and confirmed, an application was received for admitting into the Order Bro. Campbell, of Lodge 275. There being no objection, and Bro. Campbell being duly prepared, was led into the lodge and received the degree. Bro. J. Miller officiated in a masterly manner; and there being no further business on this degree, the M.M. Lodge was closed in due and ancient form. The Excellent Master Lodge was then opened by the same office-bearers, and Bro. Campbell received that degree from Bro. J. Duthie. There being no further business in that degree the lodge was closed. The Holy Royal Arch Chapter being formed, Comps. Duthie, Z.; Wood, H.; Taylor, J.; Ronald, 1st Soj.; Nagle, 2nd Soj.; Deckie, 3rd Soj.; and a competent number of companions were present, all standing to order. The chapter was opened by the three Principals, Bro. Campbell was then received into the chapter, instructed into the mysteries, and exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Companion by the M.E.Z. The being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due and ancient form by the three Principals, all companions standing to order as Royal Arch Masons.

MOTHERWELL.

DALZIEL ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 406).—The annual supper and festival of this lodge took place on Monday, 28th ult., in the Masons' Hall. There was a full attendance of the lodge, and a large number of strangers present—Bro. Archd. King, R.W.M., presiding, and Bro. Evans acted as Croupier. Deputations from the following lodges were present, and took part in the proceedings:—No. 19, St. John's, Cupar Life; No. 31, St. Mary's, Coltness; No. 73, Thistle and Rose, Glasgow; No. 102, St. Mark's, Glasgow; No. 233, Hamilton; No. 233, St. John's, Wilsontown; No. 305, St. John's, Woodhall; and No. 419, Neptune Lodge, Glasgow. After the performance of the customary preliminaries peculiar to the Craft, a happy evening was enjoyed by the brethren.

CROSSHILL.

LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—A meeting of instruction, being the first of a series of three, was held at this lodge on the evening of Monday, 21st December. After ascertaining that only brethren were present, the R.W.M. delivered the following short address explanatory of the objects of the meeting:—Brethren, before proceeding to open the lodge, I desire to make a few observations. I had intended paying you the compliment and myself the honour of bestowing some little pains upon the address, for which my name stands upon the programme of to-night, but I have been so exclusively engaged with other matters having a prior claim upon my attention, during the past week, that it has been quite out of my power to do so. I have to ask you, therefore, to excuse me if I merely indicate, in a brief manner, the object of these meetings. It has been truly observed that in all regular assemblies of men the business of the assembly is accompanied with some form or ceremonial. In every country of the world, the practice prevails. It can be traced back to the most ancient times, and it still exists to the present day. Freemasonry being, as it is very beautifully described, a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, not only conforms to this general practice, but necessarily goes much further and higher in its ceremonial observances—approaching, in fact, to a science of symbolism. The most profound lessons of divine truth are sought to be conveyed to the mind, and the whole duty of man to his God, to his neighbour and to himself, is constantly kept in view through all the ceremonials of Freemasonry. But brethren, I think, will agree with me when I say that, in order to render these ceremonials with proper effect, and to fulfil the high purpose for which they are intended, it is necessary not only that they should be conducted with ready fluency of speech combined with reverence and propriety of manner, but also with a true and intelligent appreciation of their moral teachings. That being so, it will require but little argument on my part to convince you that the acquisition of a thorough knowledge of, and practice in, the working of a lodge is a legitimate object of ambition to every good Mason, and that

no body of Masons could find a more congenial or profitable employment than in the mutual study of, and instruction in, these beautiful ceremonials. This, then, is the object of these meetings; and in calling them "Instruction Meetings," the Lodge Marie Stuart does not desire to assume the position of instructor, but rather the promoter of, and participator in, a scheme of mutual instruction. It is true we have given some little time and study to the rituals of the Order, and are constant in our efforts to bring them up to a high standard, always keeping the ancient landmarks in view; but we are sensible that our work is anything but perfect, and it is within the objects of these meetings for any brother to suggest amendments or improvements, as it will be for us to afford any information or advice in our power. One great means of beautifying our ceremonials and increasing the power and effect of the symbolism, is the employment of music. This we are attempting to introduce on a scale worthy of the subject we seek to adorn, and although we have not yet got that branch of the work up to anything like a satisfactory pitch, I have no doubt that, with the assistance of our musical brethren, we shall be able to do so shortly, and to make a fair beginning at next meeting. Another matter which I shall just touch upon is that we intend to have, at all our meetings, whether we have initiations or not, a voluntary collection. You must be aware, brethren, that nothing can be done now-a-days without money, and the organisation of these meetings is no exception to the rule. It is hoped, therefore, that, in putting your contributions into the box, you will be as liberal as you can. This practice we purpose to observe at all our meetings, public and private, and we hope, before this time next year, to have as much money from this source as will enable us to do some practical act of charity—something by which we hope to show that Freemasonry is something more than a name. The lodge was then opened in the first degree, and Bro. Alexander, of Lodge 34, became an affiliated member, after which a candidate received the E. A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Julius Brode, S.M., in a most impressive manner. The proceedings, which reflect great credit on the R.W.M., J. D. Porteous, for the care and attention bestowed on them, were then brought to a close with a few remarks from the R.W.M. regarding the several duties of the S.W., the J.W., the S.D., and the J.D., and a discussion elicited on several points in Freemasonry. We observe, from a circular issued by the lodge, that the next meetings for instruction will be held on the 11th January and 22nd February, at the Hall, Queen's Park Rooms, Crosshill.

ISLAY.

KILDALTON LODGE (No. 552).—The brethren of this lodge, established in March last, held its first festival on the evening of Wednesday, the 23rd Dec., in Port Ellen. A lodge meeting was held at four o'clock to elect the office-bearers for the year 1875, the following being the return:—Bros. A. Johnstone Hodge, (H.M.'s Inland Revenue) R.W.M.; Capt. Lachlan McCuaig (A.A.V.), S.W.; Donald Campbell, J.W.; Duncan McArthur, J.D.; Francis Kean, I.G.; Peter McDougall, O.G.; John Murphy, Sec.; and Dougald Johnston, Lapbroag, Treas. At five o'clock the brethren marched by torchlight through the village to the time-honoured strains of "The Merry Masons" and "A Man's a Man for a' that," played by a flute band. Although the night was raw and gusty the procession had a most imposing appearance, the office-bearers carrying the insignia of their offices, and wearing their jewels. In the memory of that venerable individual, "the oldest inhabitant," there never had been such a turn out of the people of Port Ellen. Old and young turned out to see the first demonstration of the kind ever witnessed in the island. At six o'clock the brethren with their lady friends, to the number of about fifty, sat down to a splendid dinner in a granary of Bro. McCuaig's, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, a string band being in attendance. Bro. A. Johnstone Hodge, R.W.M., in the chair, was faced by Bro. Allan McDougall, S.W., and Bro. Lachlan McCuaig, J.W. Ample justice having been done to the dinner, the chairman gave the first toast, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, may God bless her, and cause the light of His countenance to shine upon her, and give her peace." Air "National Anthem." The chairman gave the next toast, "The Craft," and spoke as follows:—"In my position to-night a duty devolves upon me which I could wish had fallen into abler hands. When I think of the many eminent and highly cultivated brethren of our Order who have at different times discharged the same duty, I feel, almost to a painful degree, my inability to follow in their footsteps; but when, on the other hand, I remember the kind indulgence with which my brethren have invariably received my feeble efforts in the path which duty has marked out for me in "The Kildalton," I feel encouraged on this, the first public occasion which has offered, to explain, in a few brief remarks, as far as I dare, what Freemasonry is and what it is not. It is simply a peculiar system of "Ethics," a system of moral philosophy in which truth, honour, and virtue are held up to view in their most beautiful and alluring forms, while falsehood, dishonour, and vice of every kind are continually exhibited as worthy of the most unmitigated scorn and contempt. The earnest and intelligent Mason must place his heart under such a course of moral training as will result in the expulsion therefrom of all longings after immorality and vice, and the fostering and cherishing therein of every aspiration after moral excellence and virtue. To assist him in this labour of peace and goodwill to his fellow men, he is furnished with a rich and beautiful symbolism, the whole essence and bearing of which are of the purest and most refined description. While the garden of the heart is thus to be cleared of all noxious weeds, and planted with flowers of choicest perfume, that of the intellect is not to be neglected. The liberal arts and sciences must be studied and cultivated, and to stimulate the student to exertion in this direction, examples of the most

brilliant character are continually before him, and reasons of the strongest kind urge him to perseverance. To assist him, his work is portioned into seven courses, so that he may pursue knowledge methodically, little progress being attainable in any other manner. Freemasonry takes but little to do with politics, yet she insists on the most exemplary discharge of their duties as citizens by her sons. She also inculcates the purest principles of patriotism. In social and domestic science however she takes an active interest, and places a high standard of merit before her sons. Kindness, forbearance and purity of life are forcibly inculcated. Indeed, a worthy Mason is by virtue of his tenure, a kind father, a faithful husband, and a trustworthy friend. It has been asserted by some that Freemasonry has no religion, and, curiously enough, others of her assailants accuse her of pretending to be in herself a system of religion. Such accusations as these are utterly false and slanderous. No man knows better than a Mason that there is a divine being, who is the superlative ruler and governor of the universe, which is indeed his temple. "That wisdom, strength, and beauty are about His throne as pillars of His works; for His wisdom is infinite, His strength is omnipotent, and beauty shines through the whole of His creation. In symmetry and order the heavens He has stretched forth as a canopy; the earth He has planted as His footstool; he crowns His temple with stars as with a diadem, and His hands extend their power and glory; the sun and the moon are the messengers of His will, and all His law is concord." The Bible is His revealed will, and is accepted as such by every Christian Mason. But Freemasonry belongs to no particular nation, people, or tongue. Wherever men are found, there she can be traced, hence her unsectarian character is her glory, and at the same time, the secret of her vitality. Freemasonry, then, has many forms of one religion. She does not pretend to be a religion, but she opens wide her arms and embraces in her brotherhood worshippers of every kind of religious persuasion, on the sole condition that the object of their adoration is the eternal God. Every Mason, however, is at perfect liberty to worship according to his own faith. The idea of a brotherhood such as this, is too grand and is associated with a philosophy too refined to be within the grasp of any narrow sectarianism which looks complacently upon itself as the keeper of the door of heaven. Freemasonry, then, does not pretend that her light is the light that guides to heaven. On the contrary, she holds forth her light as symbolic of that great light, and as a beacon that shines across the dark waters, helping to guide the earnest seeker after truth to that great light which is in truth the light and the life of the world. He who assumes more than this for Freemasonry, is either an ignorant pretender, or an enemy; and it is the duty of every worthy Mason to disown and condemn all such assumptions. It may also safely be assumed that the very men who advance such dogmas are themselves less under the influence of Freemasonry than any others. It is almost needless here to examine our noble science by its results. Suffice it to say that many noble monuments of her benevolence and charity are to be seen in our own and in other lands. Wherever a Mason may wander on the surface of our earth, he can find a brother to greet him and take him to his bosom, and time after time our sailors and our soldiers, as well as the pioneers of our civilisation have had reason to remember, with feelings of gratitude, that particular moment when they first beheld the light of Masonry. Kings, princes, and the great of every civilised land we always have amongst us, but what are we to conclude from this? Surely we may conclude that they find it to their advantage. Peace, concord, and love are emblazoned on our banners, and under turmoil and war Masonry always languishes. Let us hope then that she will continue to flourish until brotherly love, relief, and truth, will be as widely disseminated as they might be in the good time coming. In that time, when "man's inhumanity to man shall cease to make countless thousands mourn." Bro. Allan McDougall gave the next toast, "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland," air, "Scots wha hae;" Bro. Lachlan McCuaig gave "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of England," air, "God bless the Prince of Wales;" Bro. Colin Hay gave "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Ireland," air, "St. Patrick's Day." Then followed from the chair "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," air, "Rule Britannia," acknowledged by Bro. John Murphy; "The Clergy," by Bro. Duncan McArthur, air, "Old rooth;" "The Ladies," by Bro. William Morison, air, "Here's a health to all good lasses," acknowledged by Bro. A. W. Duig. Bro. Colin Hay, in his happiest manner, gave the "Kildalton Lodge," air, "The Highland Laddie," acknowledged by the Chairman; "Poor and distressed brethren, wherever scattered," by Bro. John Kirk, air, "Here's a health to them that's awa';" Bro. F. Kean gave "The Tyler," air, "He's a jolly good fellow." After a short interval the stirring strains of the quadrille band inviting to the dance announced the opening of the assembly. Dancing was carried on with great spirit till morning was far advanced, when the happy company dispersed, highly delighted with their entertainment. We should have mentioned that Bro. Alex. Nisbet, of Glasgow, is to represent "the Kildalton" in the Grand Lodge during the year 1875.

GREENOCK.

The brethren of the Masonic Craft here, according to use and wont, celebrated the time-honoured festival of St. John the Evangelist, in a manner reflecting the highest credit on all concerned, on Monday. The lodges had large and most enthusiastic meetings, and the proceedings cannot fail to interest both the Craft in general and absent brethren in particular.

GREENOCK KILWINNING (No. 12).—This lodge met in the Council Chambers, James Newton, Esq. R.W.M., occupied the chair. After an excellent dinner had been

partaken of, purveyed by Mr. T. Mackay, the chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts. Mr. Fyfe (Lewis and Fyfe), proposed the "Navy, Army, and Volunteers." The toast was coupled with the names of Mr. J. Carnon, of H.M.S. Aurora, and Captain Leitch, and was drunk with all the honours. In proposing "Her Majesty's Ministers," Mr. J. D. McDonald paid a high compliment to the Prime Minister, and the able body of gentlemen who constituted the Cabinet. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the meeting separated with "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again." The brethren again met at eight o'clock for friendly intercourse, to receive deputations from other lodges, and reciprocate the compliment, &c., and spent a most pleasant evening.

LODGE GREENOCK ST. JOHN (No. 175).—The brethren and friends of this lodge met in the White Hart Hotel, at four o'clock, when a large company sat down to a very excellent and well-served dinner, where nothing desirable was wanting. The chair was occupied by Mr. Alexander M'Master, R.W.M. of the lodge, who was supported on the right by Messrs. Charles Grey, Renton M'Ar, Andw. Boag, Robert Morison, Wm. Wright, jun., Simon H. Miller, &c.; and on the left by the Rev. J. A. Campbell, Dean of Guild, Anderson, Messrs. James Rodger, John Clapperton, James M'Lea, Kenneth M'Casill, James Auld, D. M. Simpson, Gilbert M'Coll, &c. Mr. John M. Pollock, was croupier and was supported by Messrs. Duncan M'Intyre, Neil Brown, Jas. Scott, Gair, Samuel Durham, V.S., John M'Quarrie, James M'Bride, Alexander M'Laren, John M'Laren, &c. Blessing was asked by the Rev. J. A. Campbell, and after the *menu* had been done full justice to, and thanks returned by the same rev. gentleman, the Secretary (Bro. W. Wright, jun.), read letters of apology for absence from Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, J. J. Grieve, Esq., M.P., and Provost Neill, who were all prevented through indisposition from being present. A letter of apology from Mr. A. H. Finlay was also read. The Right Worshipful Master then introduced the toast list by proposing "Her Majesty the Queen," and "The Prince and Princess of Wales." Both toasts were cordially responded to. The Croupier next proposed "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," and said that Greenock stood in the proud position of being the town in Scotland which was at the head of that movement. He wished to couple the toast with the name of Bro. M'Intyre. Bro. M'Intyre made a suitable reply. Bro. Morison, Leith, had much pleasure in proposing "Her Majesty's Ministers." The only wrong thing the present Government had done was in abolishing the sugar duty. If they had not done so, it would have been better for Greenock. Ex-Bailie Grey said that the toast which had been entrusted to him to propose was that of the "Lord Lieutenant of the County, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart." Sir Michael's honours hung upon him most gracefully indeed, and when he was appointed R.W.M. for Scotland in succession to the Earl of Rosslyn, he (Bro. G.) could assure the company that a gentleman who was better qualified to fill that important office could not have been chosen. Sir Michael was a Mason out and out. He was a loving husband, a kind father, and, so far as he had ever heard, a kind and agreeable landlord. He supposed that they were all aware Sir Michael had been appointed Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire by a Whig Government, and that said a good deal for the respect in which he was held by his political opponents, and he had discharged his duties in a manner satisfactory not only to the Government but to all who were interested in the county. Bro. J. Clapperton gave "The Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council." Mr. Anderson, Dean of Guild, returned thanks, and said that while other towns were going ahead it was not for Greenock to stand back, and he hoped that the authorities would see fit to launch out in a plucky manner with a scheme for harbour extension, so that the railway communications might open up connections between Greenock and all the mineral fields in the country. Mr. Andrew Boag proposed the "Members for the Town and County." Bro. Grieve had proved himself an able and persevering Member of Parliament, well fitted to represent a large commercial town like Greenock, and well deserved the honour conferred upon him, and he hoped the hon. gentleman would long live to enjoy it. They had not had much experience of the member for the county, but he (Bro. Boag) had no doubt when tried Colonel Mure would prove himself a good representative. Dean of Guild Anderson gave the "Clergy," and coupled the toast with the name of Rev. J. A. Campbell, whom (he said) they were glad to see among them, and who, although not a member of the Craft, had kindly consented to be one of their guests. The toast having been duly received, the Rev. Mr. Campbell returned thanks, and subsequently proposed "Lodge Greenock St. John," and made a few appropriate and complimentary remarks in regard to the charitable objects of Freemasonry, praising specially the laudable efforts that were made in that way by the St. John's Lodge of Greenock. The Chairman suitably replied. He felt very grateful to Mr. Campbell for the flattering way in which he had referred to Freemasonry in general, and to the efforts of the lodge with which they were more particularly connected. When he said that their motto was "Faith, Hope, and Charity," he had somewhat flattered them, as they had only hitherto been able to give to a—he was about to say a few—many public institutions of a charitable character; but he was happy to tell Mr. Campbell that, at a recent meeting of a committee of the lodge, it was agreed, if at all within their reach, not only to continue their charitable work, but to increase their subscriptions to every deserving institution in the town. Commissioner Brown said he had attended many of the annual meetings of this lodge, but this was the first occasion on which he was taken unaware. He was not aware that his name was down to propose a toast until a gentleman pointed it out—he might rather say Mr. Bain "detected" it—on the card. He was at first inclined to be angry, but when he discovered

that the toast was "The Town and Trade of Greenock," he felt more reconciled, as it was a matter in which all were interested, and should be overlooked. The trade of the town had increased for many years past, and he hoped it would continue to increase for many years to come. It was a good sign when so many persons were so desirous of taking the management of the affairs of the town in hand, when they had men coming forward so patriotic and self-denying in the interests of the town as to give all their energies to the work, and the time they could not spare, surely Greenock would prosper. He jocularly complained that Dean of Guild Anderson, in stating that the prosperity of the town depended upon the exertions put forth by the Town Council, forgot the time that was put off in the Police Commission discussing public questions. He did not, in the least, wish to be egotistical, but if they read the reports that appeared in the *Telegraph* the day after their monthly meeting, and it would be next to impossible to find the same number of men who talked more at one sitting than the Police Commissioners. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. McCaskill. Bro. McCaskill made a most humorous reply. Bro. McIntyre said that year after year the members of St. John's Lodge had been favoured with the company at the festive dinner of gentlemen who were neither brothers of the Craft nor members of this lodge, and in proposing "Friends" he was very happy to observe that so many had taken advantage of the invitation to attend. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Brown felt great pleasure in acknowledging the toast, and thanked the brethren for the kind and hospitable manner in which he and the other "friends" invited had been entertained. The remaining toasts were "The Press," "The Ladies," given by Bro. Gair, and responded to by Bro. Morrison, "The Chairman," by Dean of Guild Anderson, and acknowledged by Mr. McMaster; and "The Croupier," by the Chairman, replied to by Mr. J. M. Pollock. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Buchanan, for the "sumptuous dinner," was, on the motion of Mr. Grey, accorded, after which the brethren and their friends separated. Mr. R. J. Adams' band from Glasgow, was present and discoursed some excellent music during the dinner and after each toast. At eight o'clock the brethren met in their lodge-room, Exchange Buildings, which was most tastefully and suitably decorated, to celebrate the Festival of the Evangelist. There was a large attendance of the brethren, and a goodly number of visitors. The newly-installed office-bearers were received in due form, and took their respective places in the lodge, which was opened at once in the E.A. degree. The brethren having been called from labour to refreshment, Bro. Alexander McMaster, R.W.M., who presided with much urbanity and ability, and with a firmness and kindly feeling which was highly commendable, gave in succession "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince and Princess of Wales," "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," "The Grand Masters," &c., which toasts were duly honoured, the names of the Prince of Wales and Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart being received with excellent "fire." A number of Masonic toasts were afterwards given by Bros. Anderson, P.M.; A. Boag, P.M.; J. M. Pollock, S.W.; Duncan McIntyre, J.W.; Jas. Rodger, Treas.; Peacock, &c., which were honoured after the manner of the Craft, and a good deal of time was devoted to social intercourse, a agreeably interspersed with jests and songs, by Bros. Fraser, Barr, (who rendered with fine effect "Annie on the banks o' Dee,") Anderson, Galbraith, D. M. Simpson, James McBryde, James McKenzie, &c., also a very amusing recitation by Bro. Turner (Dunoon Argyle). After each toast music was introduced, to enliven the company, by Bro. Adams' band. In the course of the evening the ancient and honoured custom of sending deputations to other Lodges and receiving deputations in return was punctiliously carried out, and many good wishes were thus sent round, and mutual congratulations exchanged among the brethren. Deputations visited the following lodges: Greenock Kilwinning, No. 12; Doric Kilwinning (Port-Glasgow), No. 68; St. Mirrens (Paisley), No. 129; and Renfrew County Kilwinning, No. 370. Each of these lodges returned the compliment by sending deputations to visit Greenock, St. John, No. 275. As an instance of the fraternal feeling that prevails among the brethren in the district, it is worthy of special notice that, notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather, a deputation was also present from Lodge Dunoon Argyle, No. 335, having ferried their way across.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—We have received from Bro. Terry the list of Stewards for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, but, being full up, we cannot publish it until our next issue.

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.—BRO. LORD LINDSAY'S EXPEDITION.—A few days ago Lady Lindsay telegraphed to the Mayor of Wigan:—"Lord Lindsay has telegraphed from the Mauritius that he has observed the last half satisfactorily. Taken good position, measure, and time determinations. Altogether well satisfied." Many in West Lancashire and other Masonic divisions will learn with extreme satisfaction that our distinguished brother has been so successful in his pursuit after the hidden mysteries of nature and science.

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PICART'S "CEREMONIES ET COUTUMES RELIGIEUSES," &c., 1723-43.

The money value of Picart's "Ceremonies" has much increased of late, and at the present time, complete and clean copies of the original edition are worth at least from £10 to £12 each. Their especial value, in a Masonic point of view, has been greatly exaggerated, though of course the work is of considerable interest to Masonic students generally. The title page of first volume is as follows:—"Ceremonies et Coutumes Religieuses de tous les Peuples du Monde, représentées par des Figures dessinées de la main de Bernard Picart, avec une Explication Historique, et quelques Dissertations curieuses."—"à Amsterdam, chez J. F. Bernard, M.D.CCXXIII."

Bro. Angelo J. Lewis, M.A., some time since kindly examined the complete work, in the British Museum, and informed me that there are seven volumes on the "Religious Ceremonies and Customs of the Nations of the World," and two or three volumes (forming No. 7 and 8) entitled "Ceremonies et Coutumes religieuses des peuples idolâtres," bearing the date 1723 and 1728. Vol. I. of the work is dated 1723, and the last volume is of the year 1737. Of Picart's work, Bro. Matthew Cooke, P.M., &c., has observed, that "Sir Richard Steele's portrait is given at the head of the sheet depicting the names and places of the ancient Masons' lodges and meetings." Bro. M. Cooke also stated that "Sir Richard Steele was a Freemason of the York Rite, or ancient Masons" (*Freemasons Magazine*, Feb. 26th, 1870, p. 165). This statement drew the attention of Masonic students to the book, and was doubtless the cause of its being so eagerly sought after by the brethren.

Our brother, Matthew Cooke, is well versed in Masonic literature, and it will readily be seen that if the assertion is correct, the volumes are most valuable, for in such case they would contain a list of York lodges of about 1730, of which, hitherto, none but the "old lodges at York city" had been known, and about which not one word is said in the Records of the "Grand Lodge of all England," held at York (i.e., the "old lodge at York city," prior to A.D. 1725). The list of lodges (on examining vol. 4, page 251) turns out to be a copy of the engraved list of lodges by J. Pine, Old Bond Street, London, which was issued the same year as this fourth volume was published, viz. 1735, and is so acknowledged by B. Picart. Bro. Pine was the engraver to the Grand Lodge of England, held in London, (not York) and published this list annually, copies of several being still preserved. Hence it is clear that Picart simply gives a list of the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England held in London, and therefore has no connection with York Masonry whatever. That this is so, is abundantly proved by reference—not only to Picart's history, but also to the places of meeting of the Lodges. Numbers 1 to 24, all met in London; 25 at Greenwich; 28 at Bath; 29 at Bristol; 30 at Norwich; 31 at Chichester; 32 and 33 at Chester; 34 at Carmarthen; 35 at Gosport; 36 at Congleton; 48 at Salford, &c., &c.

At present we have no evidence that Sir Richard Steele was a York Mason, and so far it appears otherwise, inasmuch as no allusion is made to him beyond his name being placed under his portrait, and above the list is Lord Weymouth's coat of arms. This nobleman was Grand Master of the London Grand Lodge, A.D. 1735, the year when the volume of Picart's History, and Pine's List of Lodges was published.

In a note upon the article on the Labadistes, B. Picart quotes from "Masonry Dissected" as to the Society of Freemasons having existed from 1691, but so confuses the assertion, that it reads as if all the Lodges in the List by Pine had been founded A.D. 1691, and continued to work down to 1735. In the list occurs the Lodge at Boston, New England (U.S.A.), and some of our American brethren have fancied that the work proved that Masonry existed at Boston so early as 1691, which is contrary to fact. All these points have tended to enhance the monetary value of the History in question, though, on a careful examination, they will be found to be erroneous estimates of the contents of the History.

Any brethren interested in the subject, and who have not readers' tickets for the British Museum, can consult a fine copy in the valuable Library of the "Supreme Grand Council 33° of Freemasonry, 33, Golden Square, London, by obtaining permission from the honorary and most obliging Librarian, Captain N. G. Phillips (P.S.G. Commander 33°), to whom we have often been indebted for the sight and perusal of several rare old books so carefully treasured by him.

We believe also that the Masonic Archaeologist, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., possesses a complete set of Picart's "Ceremonies," and would doubtless be pleased to answer any queries on the subject under the Masonic Bibliographical Department.

In the last catalogue published by Mr. Quaritch, lots 525 526 are two editions of the work, the first being "8 vols. in 9, 1723-43," and *Superstitions Anciennes et Modernes*, 2 vols., 1733-36 together, 11 vols., royal folio, with 265 fine engravings, old impressions, old calf, £12; and the second, "a large folio, and large paper edition, with first impressions of the numerous beautiful engravings; a very fine copy, the first 7 vols., red morocco extra, gilt edges, by Devorne, and the last 4 bound to match by Clarke and Bedford, £68."

Messrs. Henry Sotheran & Co. also issue a catalogue this month in which, No. 523, is an English translation of Picart's "Ceremonies," &c. 6 vols., royal folio, old russia, price 7 guineas. These copies ought to be secured for Grand Lodge Libraries, for, year by year, they become more valuable, and from their character they must always possess a peculiar importance in the eyes of Masons.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* Supplement.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn was, on Jan. 6, installed Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, an office held for over 50 years by the late Duke of Leinster. The ceremonial was held in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, and was invested with all the pomp and pageantry which the Order could impart to it. All the Grand Officers and a numerous host of Masters and Past Masters of Lodges, including many representing the provinces, were present in full Masonic costume, with the decorations of the several ranks, and formed a brilliant assemblage. On the arrival of his Grace from the Vice-regal Lodge, he was conducted by the Deputy Grand Master (Bro. Shekleton) and the Grand Officers, to the small lodge-room, where he was formally installed as Master of the Grand Master's Lodge. They then proceeded to the Grand Lodge-room, where the lodge was opened in due form, and the Grand Master elect was inducted to the dais, while a Masonic march was played on the organ.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, his Grace knelt, and the obligation of his office having been administered to him, he was invested by the Deputy Grand Master with the official insignia, and conducted to the throne, while the Duke of Connaught's Grand March was played on the organ. A selection was also sung from a Masonic ode especially composed for the occasion. The Director of the Ceremonies, Bro. St. George, then proclaimed his Grace, amid a flourish of trumpets, declaring, with impressive formality, all his titles, and, last of all, that of Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Order of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland. The proclamation was followed by the enthusiastic cheers of the Assembly, and Bro. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master, on the part of the Order, congratulated his Grace on his acceptance of the office. In the course of his address, he said:—

"It was a matter of great satisfaction to us that your Grace was enabled to accept the office for which you were selected by the numerous and enthusiastic suffrages of your Irish brethren; selected not from any political motives—for all who hear me know that when we cross the portals of this building we Masons discard considerations of party, and remember only that we are members of a brotherhood, linked together by ties of universal charity and love, knowing no distinction of class or creed,—but selected as an Irish nobleman, who has been neither ashamed nor afraid to reside among us, and who both in private life and while discharging high and responsible functions has obtained the respect and esteem not merely of those who entertain the same religious and political views as your Grace, but of those who are most diametrically opposed to them. To be called upon in such a way as your Grace has been to preside over a society so widely diffused and so influential as the Masonic body, is unquestionably an honour of which any one, no matter how exalted in rank, might well be proud. Your Grace has been elected in succession to one whose memory is, and will, I trust, be ever cherished among us—one who for a period exceeding the span of most men's lives ruled over our Order with mild and courteous sway. We cannot, in the course of nature, anticipate so prolonged a tenure of office for your Grace, but we most fervently trust that the bond of union which has this day been cemented between your Grace and the Masons of Ireland may not soon be severed, and we can assure your Grace that though the office of Grand Master is an annually elected one, so long as your Grace is willing to preside over us you need not apprehend any desire for change on the part of your constituents."

His Grace was saluted according to ancient usage, amid the cheering of the whole Assembly, with great enthusiasm.

The Grand Master, in returning thanks for the honour conferred upon him, expressed his sense of the responsibility which it involved, especially when he recalled the memory of the late Grand Master, to whose loss he referred in terms of the deepest regret, warmly eulogizing his administration of the office and his distinguished character. His Grace said it would be his earnest desire to follow the example so worthily set by his predecessor, and to use every endeavour in his power to maintain the dignity of the Grand Lodge and to advance the great and important influence which Freemasonry exercised towards mankind. His connection with the Order was of no recent date. It was now 43 years since he was admitted into the Apollo University Lodge in Oxford, and the course upon which he then entered as a novice culminated in the honour now conferred upon him. His Grace then added:—

"It has not needed that long experience to teach me what you all know, and what has been so well expressed to-night—the great objects of Freemasonry. We know that its objects are not political (hear, hear); that they are not confined to any denomination or to any sect (hear, hear); but that, as a widely-spread community for the extension of human sympathy and human brotherhood, it has been the means of embracing myriads of men of all nations and of all creeds in one common bond of amity. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Brethren, it is not necessary for me in this place to remind you that the name of your illustrious Patron, the Prince of Wales ("hear, hear," and applause) is a sure guarantee that loyalty to the Sovereign is our true and sterling watchword (cheers); and we have the experience of 3,000 years to know that charity to mankind and love to the brethren are and have been the leading and guiding principles of our noble Craft, and the great and ultimate aims of our Association. ("Hear, hear," and applause.) Brethren, I thank you again most truly and most gratefully for the honour you have conferred upon me, as well as for the most cordial and flattering reception which you have given me."

His Grace re-instated Bro. Shekleton as Deputy Grand Master; and the Marquis of Headfort having been installed Senior Grand Warden, and Lord Dunboyne, Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Lodge was closed with the usual form. [From the Times.]

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A full report of the Humber Lodge (No. 57) Installation Meeting will appear next week.

The following communications stand over:—Lodge 1381, Kennington; 418, Halifax; 374, Newbury; 556, Clydesdale. Letter from Bro. Wigginton, and "Pedigree Wheat."

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1875.

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

This question, which has attracted from various causes lately, much attention, is, we venture to think, completely answered by the *Philadelphia Keystone* of November 21st. This article will be published in the "Masonic Magazine" in February, and we recommend all our readers carefully to peruse it. The able editor of that paper, Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, distinctly says that no such lodge as "Figli de Hiram" ever existed in Philadelphia, under any American Grand Lodge. If there was such a lodge, it was a surreptitious one, unknown and unrecognised. Consequently, the story of the Pope being initiated there while a Nuncio, is clearly unreliable. Bro. McCalla does not believe in the Havannah initiation referring to the Pope, neither do we, and whoever those two Ferrettis may be, they are not, we believe, either Pio Nono or his brother. There is no other evidence of the Pope's Masonic affiliation that can stand any sifting that we are aware of, and therefore, as English Freemasons, honest and impartial, true and tolerant, lovers of right, and haters of falsehood, we feel bound to say, that in our opinion the allegations of the Italian Freemasons are so far utterly unproved. If there be the slightest truth in the story of Pio Nono's admission into Freemasonry, it probably has originated in the fact that in his youth the Sovereign Pontiff showed considerable liberal propensities, and we believe was well acquainted with Mazzini. If so, it is just possible that he may have joined one or other of those Italian secret societies, which based their organization on Freemasonry. Beyond this, pace our good Bro. A. Gallico, we know of no reliable evidence of the Pope's Masonic admission, and as we said before, we do not believe it. We regret that the Italian Freemasons should have put forth this renewed statement on the same testimony which was produced some fourteen years ago, and was then enquired into carefully, and found to be untrustworthy. It is a great mistake on the part of the Italian Freemasons to give our Ultramontane adversaries, always active, vigilant, and implacable, any advantage by ill-founded accusations and unverified assertions. We wonder that our many able brethren in Italy do not see at once the utter absurdity, remembering the traditions and teachings of the Roman Catholic "Curia," of a statement which rests the Pope's membership on his admission and

visits to lodges while acting as a Papal Nuncio. It is simply, as it appears to us, hopeless and impossible to suppose or to contend, that, while acting as a Nuncio, either at Philadelphia or Madrid, Pio Nono was "made a Mason," or was a "visiting brother." Neither can we lay any store by the photogram. We have heard of two copies, and many others, we are told, abound, and they are all clearly facitious—that is to say, they are not original photograms of the Pope in Masonic clothing; but the Masonic scarf is painted on a photographic card, and from this "prepared negative" the copies are struck, one of which Bro. Laurie sent us from Constantinople, and another of which is mentioned by Bro. Hodges in our impression of December 26. We therefore repeat that, looking at the matter merely as a question of evidence, we feel bound to say that, in our humble opinion, the Italian statements are not substantiated. We always think it a great pity, in our Masonic discussions, if we are ever tempted, for any cause, to depart from the straight and narrow path of historical evidential truth. The end never does justify the means, we are not to do evil that good may come; and not only do we not see the importance of the statement in itself, but we are not very anxious either to prove or even disprove the fact. From our point of view it is a matter of entire indifference to us as Freemasons. If it be so, it would only convict the Infallible Pontiff of another inconsistency, alike in his teachings and dogmas. If it be not so, it is not creditable to Freemasons anywhere to state as a fact, what, after, all is a fiction, or to pass a ridiculous sentence of expulsion on a non-Mason, an act which can only tend to render Freemasonry ridiculous in Italy, and to bring discredit on our Order generally. We have every sympathy for all our Italian brethren, who seek to carry out truly the intent and principles of Freemasonry. But we do deprecate greatly that apparent alliance with political coteries, and that intermingling in questions outside Freemasonry, which hinder, in our opinion, the active development of true Freemasonry in that interesting land, and which will be, as long as they are persisted in by the Italian Freemasons, to them, whether in their Grand Lodges or private lodges, "a mockery, a delusion, and a snare."

BRO. BINCKES'S LETTER.

We published the week before last a letter from Bro. Binckes, in reply to some remarks of ours relative to the Pro Grand Master's wise suggestion to him at the last Quarterly Communication. We are truly concerned if our observations have, in any way, disturbed our good brother's wonted equanimity, though we fear that we have done so, by the tone and temper of his recent communication. But we wish, in all friendly Masonic feeling, to point out to Bro. Binckes that he has entirely failed to discern the real gist of our "deliverance," and that, up to the present time, he is apparently still unable or unwilling to realize the "point" of our argument. Our good brother doubts our logic; we forgive him the doubt, as we feel perfectly satisfied ourselves alike with the soundness of our premise and the propriety of our conclusion. For what is the point we are contending for? It is simply this: That, in such a discussion, the brethren and the Grand Lodge are perfectly competent to decide such an important question on an independent report like that of Bro. Clabon's. We confess that we think Bro. Binckes' appearance on the scene inopportune and questionable alike in tact and taste, just as we should have deprecated Bro. Little's appeal to Grand Lodge on the same subject. Bro. Binckes says, and says quite truly, that the Secretaries of the Institutions are, of all persons the best qualified to give information and express an opinion on such a subject. So, of course, "virtute officii" they are, and in any matter of fact or detail we should always, in the first place, consult them. But here is a question appealing alike to the common experience of all Masons who interest themselves either in the Craft or the charities, and yet one in which, necessarily, it is most important not to introduce "sentiment" in the

discussion, but to appeal simply to the "reason of things," and the hard reality of figures. There is no difficulty, as far as we are aware, in estimating pretty correctly what are the present needs of our great Institutions, or what are likely to be their future requirements. No doubt, in one sense, the Secretaries have certain statistical details as to applications and applicants which come to them in their official capacity, and which are very valuable for consideration and information. But we deny that there is any reason why the "Secretariat" should be supposed to know more about the matter, or to be able to come to a sounder conclusion, than the many intelligent rulers of our Order who constitute Grand Lodge. We ourselves are always glad and ready to listen to and acknowledge any information which our good brethren, the Secretaries of our metropolitan Institutions, will favour us with; but, after a fair experience, we think, as we have said before, that it is just on this one point that the Craft may feel that "silence," for once, is not "golden." For, as a rule, we do not, in our humble opinion, receive sufficient information as to the proceedings and details and wants of the charities. But, to return. We fancy that in what we said originally, and which has drawn forth Bro. Binckes' letter, we expressed the feeling of a very large number of brethren, alike metropolitan and provincial, who were quite prepared to discuss the whole subject on general and independent grounds. But Bro. Binckes fails, apparently, to see that our objection was not to Bro. Binckes, quâ Bro. Binckes, but as Bro. "Secretary" Binckes, appealing to the Grand Lodge on a subject which required no appeal, no eloquence, no argument "ad misericordiam," but demanded calm consideration, and serious reflection. It may be that the time has come when Grand Lodge may vote an annual grant to the Girls' and Boys' School, but, if it is voted, it must be done after a good deal of debate and deliberation. For two points press upon us! 1. Can the Fund of Benevolence afford it? 2. Will it be in the interests of the Charities to accept a grant from Grand Lodge? It is a little remarkable that the surplus of 1873 is considerably less than the surplus of 1872; as if, despite our great prosperity, we had greater demands upon our benevolence. And we fear that though ours are increasing numbers admittedly, yet that, those very numbers almost naturally bring upon us additional claims. If these claims increase, the disposable surplus of the Fund of Benevolence will become very small indeed. Would it be wise, without clear and sufficient data, to mortgage futurity? We think not. Again, would such a course benefit the Boys' and Girls' Schools? We equally venture to say, in our opinion, no. These two charities have lived, so to say, on the spontaneous liberality of the Order, and in their admitted worth, their increasing need to the Masonic body, we feel convinced they will still be cheered on from year to year by liberal hands and willing hearts. Indeed, we think, that if ever there could be a distinct manifestation of the value of the adage "quieta non movere," it is as regards our great educational institutions. It is impossible, we apprehend, to estimate what effect an increased grant from the Lodge of Benevolence annually might have on the freewill offerings of the Craft to those two excellent schools, which are a blessing to their inmates, and a credit to the brotherhood. We hope Bro. Binckes will perceive, from what we have said, that we had some little reason for putting forward our views, thinking as we do, and that he will kindly admit, that while our words were dictated by a sense of duty, as we deemed, to the Order, and to the institutions themselves, they were not meant to bear, as they do not bear, the slightest colouring of personal criticism. Bro. Binckes does not apparently see, though we think we do, the difference between his speech in Grand Lodge and a letter in our columns. Clearly there is an intense distinction. Bro. Binckes has an undoubted claim, which we are amongst the first to recognize, to lay his views before the Order, in fair and open discussion, but we still adhere to our opinion, that while not denying Bro. Binckes's abstract right to speak in Grand Lodge, we think that such a discussion should proceed on its merits alone, and that the institutions themselves, through their officers, should

be, if we may so say, passive and silent in the matter. We may be wrong in our opinion, but it is our opinion, and we feel bound to lay it before our readers, as in this as in all other matters, eschewing personalities altogether, and looking only to first principles and the good of Freemasonry, we both say what we mean and mean what we say.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master offers a rare opportunity for a demonstration that shall be without parallel in the history of Freemasonry.

As a Welshman, I call upon my brethren in the provinces of Wales to be there to a man.

Already I know that arrangements are being made in many lodges in this province to be present. I am sure I shall not appeal in vain to my brethren if I ask every Worshipful Master to bring the matter forward at his next lodge earnestly and warmly, and let intimation be given to the Grand Secretary from every lodge of the number of officers who will attend.

Nothing could be better than the suggestion of your correspondent "P.M. 186," that Grand Lodge should be held in the Albert Hall.

Yours fraternally,

"Y DDRAIG GOCH A DDYRY GYCHWYN."

THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue, a correspondent (H. Martin Green) contends that a Master may render himself incapable of discharging the duties of his office by resigning his membership of his lodge, and so keep within the letter of the Book of Constitutions, which does not allow for the resignation of a Master. A fair objection to this position seems to be that while the Constitutions do not contemplate the resignation either of a Grand Master or a Master during his year of office, and are consequently silent on the subject, there is this wide distinction between the two cases; in the one, nothing can absolve a Master from his promise to discharge his duties to the best of his skill and ability during the ensuing twelve months, or until a successor shall be appointed and installed in his stead.

A Grand Master takes no such obligations, and is therefore bound by no promise, and although the spirit of the law may be against him, yet the resignation of a Grand Master is so extremely exceptional, that it seems in every way advisable and politic to treat the late instance, as the Grand Lodge evidently desire to do, with a respectful silence.

BUSY BEE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me (as one present at both of our late quarterly Communications) to add a few supplementary words to your admirable article on Bro. Warren's letter, in your issue of Dec. 19th?

It has been laid down in Grand Lodge (and that recently) that "a brother's resignation must take effect from the moment of its being made."

Lord Ripon, by the act of becoming (I do not say being) a Roman Catholic, virtually resigned all connection with the Craft.

If, upon this, Lord Ripon had not resigned the M.W. Grand Mastership, or, if the brethren had refused, or even delayed to have accepted his resignation, they would have been in the anomalous position of having as M.W. Grand Master a man who was (so far as he could make himself so) a non-Mason.

Apart from all these considerations, Lord Ripon having penned his resignation, it was thereupon a *fait accompli*—the office was absolutely void, and there was no M.W. Grand Master.

Therefore there was no Deputy Grand Master.

The only thing then remaining to be done was to do exactly what Grand Lodge did, and this not only according to the "unwritten," but to the "written" law of the Craft, for although our Constitutions (1871) give directions only in the case of the death of the M.W. Grand Master (v., pp. 29-30, s. 2), yet the General Regulations of 1721 (upon which our Constitutions are based) direct (s. xxi.)—"If the Grand Master shall die during his Mastership; or by sickness, or by being beyond sea, or in any other way should be rendered incapable of discharging his office, the Deputy, or, in his absence, the Junior, or, in his absence, any there present, Masters of lodges, shall join to congregate the Grand Lodge immediately, to advise together upon that emergency, and to send two of their number to invite the last Grand Master to resume his office, which now in course reverts to him; or, if he refuse, then the next last, and so backward; but if no former Grand Master can be found, then the Deputy shall act as principal until another is chosen; or if there be no Deputy, then the oldest Master."

This regulation, as it seems to me, entirely takes in the

present case, the "any other" covering; certainly, such a change of faith as prevents the occupant of the office, not from exercising its functions, but from holding it at all; and further, with such modifications as have been made to it in the Constitutions, it lays down a law of procedure which Grand Lodge and its Committee fulfilled to the very letter. The office "reverting in course" to H. R. H. the Past Grand Master, he was rightly described at once as "M.W. Grand Master."

I remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally Yours,

WM. TEBBS,

W.M. 285, and P.P. Grand Chaplain, Somerset.

UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir and Brother,—

The usual December meeting of the Great Priory was held, I presume, on the 11th ult, and I have looked in vain in your columns for an account of the meeting, which promised to be of more than usual interest.

Why did it not appear? Every other body connected nearly or remotely with Masonry, including the Rosicrucian Society (which, I understand, is not Masonic, but admits only Masons to its mysteries), is represented, and rightly in the columns of the *Freemason*, the only representative of the Craft in England.

There are large numbers of your readers Knights Templar, and we are always anxious to know what goes on in our little parliament, and we naturally look to you to furnish us with the requisite information.

Is it possible the chiefs at head-quarters are so blind to their own interests as to try to ignore your widely-read organ, or are they so determined to divorce the Templar Degree from Masonry as to lose no opportunity of stamping out any effort to keep the connection alive through your columns?

Whilst Masons, and Masons only, can become Templars, it seems suicidal policy to prevent Templar meetings being reported in your paper, where they would be most widely read by Masons.

Like Brutus, "I pause for a reply."

Yours,

P. E. C.

[We have received no report, or we should immediately have published it.—Ed.]

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letter of E.F. in your last number, as to the privilege of a P.M. who has omitted two years payment of Grand Lodge dues, by ceasing to subscribe to some lodge, the Book of Constitutions is clear enough—that a P.M. cannot regain Grand Lodge privileges until he has been again installed a Master. It is true that Wardens of lodges have the privilege of attending Grand Lodge, but it is quite evident, from the wording of the Book of Constitutions, that the P.M. in question, and any in his position, cannot regain their privileges by being elected Wardens. He must wait until he has been again installed a W.M.

With respect to his status in his own lodge, that is a right, not a privilege, to be recognised as a P.M., and he must be the Senior Past Master. That fact has nothing to do with subscription, but refers to the date he passed the chair. On being re-elected in his lodge, he will take his place in the lodge, according to the date of his passing the chair.

MAGNUS OHREN, P.M. and P.Z.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with considerable interest the correspondence that has appeared in your columns, as well as your own sub-leader, on the status of a re-joining Past Master, so far as his seniority in the lodge is concerned. This very question has arisen in the lodge of which I have recently had the honour of being installed Worshipful Master, and it falls to my lot to arrange our list of Past Masters in their proper order. I may just add, by way of explanation, that the list appears regularly on our monthly circular. The question, as you remark, is an important one, as the precedence of Past Masters in the lodge, at the festive board, or at public ceremonies hinges upon it.

It appears to me that their own dictum, as to placing the re-joining Past Master at the bottom of the list, is unjustly harsh. That a Past Master—suppose, for example, he is Senior Past Master in an old lodge—should, by reason of his not continuing a subscribing member of his lodge for a short time, forfeit his position and privileges entirely, and place himself in the position of Junior to all the other Past Masters, is, in my opinion, a view of the case that is hardly tenable. On the other hand, there can be no question, I think, that a Past Master who resigns, and afterwards re-joins his lodge is not entitled to the position he previously occupied; for if this were the case, a Past Master—say that he becomes Senior by the resignation of the oldest Past Master—might, after occupying the position for ten or a dozen years, be called upon to make way for the Past Master who was his former Senior, such Past Master perhaps having been a subscribing member of the lodge for only a year or two as a Past Master.

It appears to me that the true solution of the question lies rather between the two proposals of making the re-joining Past Master, Junior, and of re-installing him in his former position. What I propose to do is this. I take the list of Past Masters, seriatim, and place after each the

number of years that has elapsed since he concluded his Mastership. From the re-joining Past Master I deduct the time during which he was not a member of the lodge, and this enables me to re-arrange the list according to length of service as Past Master. This appears to me to be a just and equitable arrangement, as it is based upon the principle of seniority by merit, which is consistent with the spirit of our constitutions.

Faithfully yours,

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SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The new year has now commenced. Can any one of us, whether Freemasons or non-Masons, look back on the past year and our past lives, and viewing mentally our shortcomings, as regards our duty towards God, our neighbour and ourselves, say that we have fully discharged those duties? Are there not long arrears of good that we might and ought to have done? And many things we have done that we ought not to have done? Have we honestly and to the best of our abilities exercised that greatest of our virtues—"Charity?"

Brethren of the Scottish Craft, I appeal to you.

"What is Charity?"

"It is the incarnation of, and comprises every virtue moral and social."

In its full sense it means,—charity of mind,—charity of feeling,—charity of character,—and charity of action. Charity of mind—by thinking well of all men so long as they deserve it by their actions; charity of feeling—by maintaining the character of a brother in his absence as well as in his presence; charity of character and purpose,—by never maligning him, ever upholding him so long as he acts conscientiously to ourselves and others; charity of action—by a practical exemplification of the whole—by doing unto your neighbour as you would wish him to do to you—by relieving the distressed, soothing the sick, helping the aged, and assisting in all good works.

Brethren, I ask you to consider this duty (so thoroughly Masonic) fully and earnestly. We see in other countries, schools for children of aged, deceased and distressed Masons; men who have led, as far as we can see, blameless lives; schools wherein the children not only receive good education, but are also maintained, fed and clothed, till able of themselves to battle with the world. We see asylums and homes of refuge for those worthy brethren, who, from no fault of their own, are plunged in their old age, in the deepest distress. England, Ireland, America, Sweden, and other countries, aye, even provinces, viz.: Lancashire, have nobly done their duty in this respect. Shall it be said then of us who are brethren of the Craft in Scotland, a country full of benevolent institutions, rich in its general unity of purpose (clanship, if I may so call it), shall it be said of us, I ask, that we alone have failed in our duty? Nay, rather refuse to exercise that great virtue that we all profess to admire.

Brethren, let not this be said of us; though we come late into the field, let us show by our redoubled energy and zeal that we fully appreciate this great virtue. Let our maxim be, "Scotland and the Craft expects every brother to do his duty." In furtherance of this design, we, the promoters, publicly bring before your notice, and the public at large, "The Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution," a scheme that has been devised to supply the want already felt. Our aims are, 1st, to establish schools for children (boys and girls) of aged, deceased, and distressed Freemasons of good character.

To maintain, clothe and feed said children.

To find halls at the universities, for older children, wherein students may be maintained, clothed, and educated, their university and professor's fees paid, as well as pecuniary assistance given.

2nd. To find homes and asylums for aged and distressed Masons of good character, and widows of Masons.

To maintain, clothe, and support them therein, or to grant annual sums for their maintenance.

It depends on you, brethren, how far we can carry out these high aims: if you respond freely to this appeal, we may shortly have an institution equal to any existing. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Every Masonic body in Scotland has already received circulars, prospectuses, of the undertaking, as well as every brother of wealth and eminence, so far as we have been able to find out that they belong to the Craft. If any brother has been accidentally omitted, we shall be glad to forward copies on application. Copies of circulars are now sent to every newspaper in Scotland, together with this appeal. A list of representatives is also appended.

No money will be called for till after the first General Court of Donors and Subscribers has been held, on which occasion a Treasurer and Secretary will be appointed.

No General Court can be held till a sufficient quorum of donors (large and small), and annual subscribers has been obtained.

Brethren of the Craft, you are earnestly requested to send in your names and amounts of donations or subscriptions to myself, the interim Secretary, Bro. J. Laurie, Grand Secretary of Scotland, or the nearest representative as per list. Any brother who may wish to act as a representative is requested to apply to me. Representatives are particularly required in Dundee, Kirkcaldy, Ayrshire, Perth, and Inverness.

Brethren, need I say more. You who are able, give of your abundance. You, my poorer brethren, give your Committee, either individually or collectively. The scale of donations will be found in short Prospectus.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours Fraternally,

GEO. R. HARRIOTT, of Killienord, Provincial Grand Master of Wigtown, and Kirkcudbright. Promoter and Originator of the Scheme.

Bro. Spencer, Masonic Depot, 26, Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, the publisher of Prospectuses and Circulars; and Bro. Kenning, proprietor of the *Freemason*, will furnish any further particulars.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very pleased to see your appreciative review of Bro. Constable's capital History of the Lodge of Tranquillity, for it is, as you say, "a well planned and well executed work . . . also a very interesting and readable volume."

Will you kindly permit me to draw attention to a special feature of the work, viz., two excellent reduced facsimiles of valuable documents, alike important to the members of the lodge, and to those interested in Masonic Archaeology. The frontispiece is a facsimile of the warrant still preserved by the lodge, which is a perfect work of art, and the original of which is dated 20th day of December, 1787, and in the body of the History is the second reproduction of scarce documents, consisting of the "Rules and Orders" for the "Year of Masonry 5771." (A.D. 1771) Order and Secrecy being represented in a figurative manner on two grand pillars, and within the same occurs the list of Grand Officers, and opposite is the Introduction to the printed set of Bye Laws (forwarded for adoption) to the "Ancient" Lodges towards the end of last century.

We hope that many brethren will forward five shillings each (or six shillings, if from the United States) to Bro. John Constable, 13, Sise Lane, London, E.C., for copies of the History of the Lodge of Tranquillity, so that the enterprise may prove a success, and be the means of inducing other competent brethren to write the history of the old lodges to which they belong, for we are persuaded that the Editor of the *Freemason* is right in expecting considerably more, light from the archives of the ancient ateliers in Great Britain and Ireland, and particularly in England,

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.S.G.D.

Truro, 2nd January, 1875.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Hughan has written to me pointing out some mistakes in the oration you printed—page 833—December 26, 1874, in your paper. I am most happy to receive correction from such a brother, and thank him most fraternally. He says:—

"You are in error about my list of lodges being 339 at the 'Union.' The number, then (1814 calendar), of the two G. L.'s united was 647. In 1832, these had dwindled down to 424, and, in 1863, to 339, the number you quote for the 'Union.' Also, 'H.R.H. the Duke of Kent was G.M. of the Ancients 'London,' not York. The York G. L. had died out." Also, "I thought my copy to you had, in the second column, 'removal of their Grand Master and Past Grand Master.'"

Yours fraternally,

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAW,

P.P.G.C. and P.P.S.G.W., Derbyshire,
I.P.M. 1235.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my letter of December 21st, 1874, which you have been kind enough to insert in your paper, the *Freemason*, of January 2nd, 1875, at page 7, the following corrections are necessary—viz., in the 3rd query, for the word "or," in the first line, read "if so." And, in the last query, for the letters "S.C.," in the first line, read "E.C." I may observe that the part of your paper devoted to original correspondence, or notes and queries, I consider extremely interesting, and that is the part I always read first, on account of the many interesting facts brought out from time to time.

Thanking you for your kindness in inserting my letter, I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
JOHN SMITH, 1257 E.C., 91 S.C.

Reviews.

THE ERA ALMANAC.—By Bro. Edward Ledger.

We have had our attention called by Bro. Ledger to this useful and interesting almanac. To all members of the theatrical profession this almanac will forcibly appeal, and to many of the public it will be alike a source of amusement and gratification, for in it we encounter some of those interesting and mysterious personages who appeal alike to our sentiment and our sympathies, our love of the sensational, our sensibility for the romantic, our appreciation of the risible, our state of (not "pas") "de fascination." We sometimes think that the world is very hard on actors. They are often the cherished idols of an hour, those whom we greet with smiles and applause, and intense excitement, and odoriferous bouquets—they pass from us, and we forget them as if they had never been. Some of us may recall how we saw Charles Matthews in his glory, and Mrs. Nibbet in her grace, how we laughed at Tyrone Power, approved of Harley, applauded old Farren, wept with Helen Faucit, were made sentimental by Ellen Tree, were kept in awe and yet amusement by Mrs. Glover. Our memories can go back to Mrs. Keely as Jack Sheppard, and to Keely in his quiet fun, to Paul Bedford and Mr. Webster, to Miss Woolgar and Madame Celeste, and

Shakesperian Phelps. And those of us who are still young, and like still to loiter amid "Thespian groves," may be prepared to name many of those effective actors and "pleasant dames" who shed a tinge of brilliancy to the English stage. Now Bro. Ledger introduces us this year to many of these favourites, and probably next year will introduce us to more, and we hear their sentiments and behold their autographs. As the Frenchman said, "C'est quelque chose." We are still much gratified to be able to discern Charles Matthews's neat hand-writing which puts the scrawl of this self-sufficient generation to shame; but we are sorry to learn that "it does make" the excellent Toole, of laugh-compelling memory, "so wild." With Emmett, we are inclined to ask, "Is das so?" With Mr. Terry we admit much value in an "if;" we sympathize with Mr. Clarke as "A Poor Player;" and we quite appreciate Mr. Honey's question, "Why didn't you say so at once?" Of Captain Cuttle we have the highest admiration, and of Mr. Emery's quotation. We don't, however, agree with Mr. Bancroft in his mournful view of things; we are quite sure Mrs. Bancroft does not, nor the habits of the Prince of Wales Theatre, though we echo Mr. Warner's truism, believing that "It is never too late to mend." With Lord Dundreary's sapient adage we beg to express our entire concurrence, and we greatly admire Mr. Buckstone's energetic address to the Haymarket company; may they, as we do not doubt they will, applaud and attend to it. And what shall we say of the ladies? He must be a very uninquiring mortal who does not wish to know a little more about Miss Pattie Laverne's question; he must be a cold-hearted one who does not sympathize with Mrs. Stirling's cheery assertion. We feel that everybody will allow Miss Farren to "say one word"—we should be willing to allow her to say a good many; and we trust that Miss Wallis may have her legitimate aspirations fulfilled. It is pleasant to be informed that Miss Neilson will "come again," and that Miss Eleanor Bufton is always ready to "answer the call." We are very much impressed with the poetical quotations of Miss Cavendish, Mrs. Rousby, Miss Maggie Brennan, Miss Amy Roselle, Miss Arabella Addison, and many more; and we congratulate Bro. Ledger on his original idea and his pleasant almanac. We commend his "aide memoire" to our readers, on the ground that it makes us familiar with the handwriting of those who play such important parts on "Earth's Mimic Stage."

Some one has said that you may know a good deal of a person by his or her handwriting, and certainly we feel that we know more of those of whom, if we have not seen, we have heard so much, when we read for ourselves their customary caligraphy, and see how like our own, after all, it is. Remembering, in one sense, that the world is ever only "a stage," and "men and women only actors," we feel how much of sympathy we ought to have for those who lend such a brilliancy to many a fading scene, and give us in their faithful representations, a true facsimile of that strange life of ours, which passes on, hour by hour, and year by year. Whether in its joys or sorrows, its greatness or its meanness, its good or its evil, its honour or its shame, its truth or its hypocrisy, its loyalty or its treachery, it is often, we venture to say, to the "poor player" that we have to look even now, for its most effective illustration and its most speaking moral.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Tuesday last a Christmas and New Year's entertainment was given to the inmates of the Masonic Benevolent Institution Asylum at Croydon, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A small party of the friends of the institution, among whom were Dr. Strong and Mrs. Strong, Bro. J. G. Stevens, Bro. R. H. Halford, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Halford, Mrs. and the Misses and Master Terry, Mr. Mabbs, Mr. Terry, sen., were received by the Secretary, Bros. James Terry, W. Lane, and Jones, early in the afternoon were conducted, together with the aged Freemasons and widows, to an excellent banquet laid for them in the pretty hall of the asylum. To this, as well as the other entertainments of the day, several of the brethren contributed, and the whole expense was borne by voluntary subscription.

Bro. Carr, of St. Clement Danes Lodge (King's Head, Strand), sent the beef and turkeys, Bro. W. Hall, of Drury Lane, sent the wine and liquors, Bro. R. H. Halford, and Mr. Bonner furnished the dissolving views and magic lantern in the evening; while the ladies, who are always foremost in good works, performed the music.

Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Cooksey, the Misses Terry and Strong, played the piano and sang, and Dr. Strong played the violin.

Masters Terry and Strong decorated the apartments with "Welcomes," "Merry Christmases," and "Happy New Years," and Miss Morris, daughter of Bro. Morris, Warden, attended to the wants and comforts of visitors and inmates. Dr. Strong presided at the banquet, Bro. Terry taking the vice-chair, a second vice-chair being occupied by Bro. J. G. Stevens. When the banquet was concluded, a few toasts were given, the chairman proposing the time honoured leading toast of "The Queen and the Craft." Bro. Morris, Warden, then proposed "The Health of Bro. Terry," and after thanking him for his kindness and brotherly feeling towards all the inmates of the asylum, and the annuitants generally, presented him, in the name of the inmates, with a handsome silver inkstand, which had been subscribed for solely by them, as a mark of their universal respect and esteem for him. The presentation was made in very feeling terms, and elicited the warmest applause from all present. Bro. James Terry, in replying, informed the subscribers that he should always look upon the testimonial as of the utmost worth, showing, as it did, that his efforts to minister to the comfort of all committed to his charge had a high value set upon

them by those brethren and widows who were being entertained that day. Bro. Stevens proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who, having replied, proposed "The brethren who had contributed towards the dinner."

Bro. Stevens responded, and assured the old people that it gave him great pleasure to see the many happy faces around him, and that this alone would be an ample reward for any little contribution which those who were blessed with means might bestow. Bro. Cooke, one of the inmates, proposed "The Ladies, and Mrs. Terry," for whom Bro. Terry replied. In the course of his remarks, he said that Mrs. Terry took great interest in the institution, and, indeed, she had as great an interest in it as himself. She was always thinking as much of it as he was himself, and if ever anything should by chance slip his memory he was always reminded of it by his wife. The company then had a short respite, the inmates preferring to retire to their own abodes for tea. Those who were unwell, and unable to sit down with the rest of the company, had their dinner supplied to them in their apartments, and each female inmate was presented with half a pound of tea, and each male inmate with half a pound of tobacco.

At six o'clock the dissolving views were produced, and Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Strong, and her daughters, and the Misses Terry enlivened the scenes and descriptions with some very charming music and singing, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed. These having lasted for nearly three hours, refreshments were again partaken of, and before separating Bro. Terry proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Halford and Mr. Bonner for defraying the expenses of the magic lantern. Bro. Halford, in acknowledging the compliment, said how heartily he was delighted at being able to contribute even his small share to the enjoyment of the evening which he had participated in as much as any one present. At any future time that he could be of similar service he should be glad to be called upon. The inmates then separately shook hands with the visitors, and bade them a happy new year. The London visitors shortly afterwards returned to town.

It may be as well to remind our brethren of what this Institution is, and does, and for this purpose we quote a paragraph which appeared in *The Standard* of Wednesday.

"The institution, which was established in 1843, has 33 separate sets of apartments in its asylum, which are occupied partly by married couples, partly by Freemasons who are widowers, and partly by the widows of Freemasons.

"It allows £36 a year to the old men, and £28 a year to the old women, and provides them also with coals. In addition to this, it grants annuities of the same amounts to indigent Freemasons and widows living out of the asylum, and it has altogether on its books no less than 230 annuitants. The amount spent in annuities in the course of every year is nearly £7,000, and with the expenses of management and collection, the annual draught on the Craft is nearly £8,000. This is raised almost entirely by the voluntary subscriptions of individual Freemasons and lodges and chapters, and an annual festival is held at Freemasons' Tavern, when an appeal is made to the Masonic Order for support. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter assist the object of the charity by making contributions towards the general fund, and towards the supply of coals. But the bulk of the subscriptions are obtained by the bounty of the Craft, and this they always bestow with no niggard hand. The festival, by the permission of the Grand Master, is held on the last Wednesday in January, and, at the next festival, which will be held on the 27th inst., the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, will take the chair."

To this we may add that there are already 160 Stewards for the festival, and it is expected to be a great success. The Stewards cannot do better than pay a visit to the asylum, as, after seeing the comfort and happiness it is providing for the aged and needy—many of whom have walked in the upper ranks of life—they will be the better able to plead the cause of the institution in their lodges and chapters.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The meeting of the General Committee of this school was held on the last day of the old year, in the library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.A.G.D.C., presided, and there were also present Bros. W. Hale, Jesse Turner, W. Stephens, John Symonds, Thos. F. Peacock, Griffiths Smith, J. A. Rucker, Robt. B. Webster, F. Binckes, J. M. E. Snow, H. Massey (*Freemason*), James Terry, Richard Spencer, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

On the motion of Bro. Rucker, seconded by Bro. W. Hale, the Rev. Edwin Thompson, D.D., of the Vicarage, Wandsworth, was unanimously appointed honorary Chaplain of the school.

Bro. John Symonds gave notice of the following motion:—"Every Steward at the annual festival who shall procure donors or subscribers to the extent of 100 guineas or more, and shall collect and pay over the amount (exclusive of his personal donation) to the funds of the institution, shall receive, if such amount be not less than 100 guineas, one additional vote; 150 guineas, two votes; 200 guineas, three votes; and a further extra vote for every additional sum of not less than 50 guineas, so collected and paid over."

Bro. Rucker proposed, and Bro. W. Hale seconded, a recommendation to the next Quarterly Court, that the number of girls in the school be increased from 145 to 148, which was adopted by the Committee.

Eleven petitions were read, one of which was deferred. The rest were passed, and the Committee adjourned after sitting more than two hours.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. There was a good attendance of members. Bro. W. Roebuck took the chair, and among other brethren present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Jesse Turner, Benj. Mallam, S. Rosenthal, J. G. Chancellor, Walter Hopekirk, W. Hughes, Benj. Head, H. Browne, F. Adlard, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. H. Saunders, John Symonds, James Winter, Hyde Pullen, George Snow, G. J. Palmer, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. Binckes, Secretary. The minutes of meetings of the Committee and of the House Committee were read and confirmed. In the latter were included the records of the resignations of the Head and Second Masters, and their acceptance. The letters containing the resignations were read to the Committee.

Eleven petitions for placing boys on the list for election were read and passed, and the list was settled, there being 48 cases and 8 vacancies.

On the motion of Bro. John Symonds, a vote expressive of the regret of the Institution at the loss of Bro. Benj. Bond Cabbell, one of the Trustees, was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Symonds gave notice of the same motion for the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on the 18th, as he gave for the Girls' to increase the privileges of the Stewards for the festivals, and the Committee shortly afterwards adjourned.

DINNER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE DOMATIC LODGE.

The above dinner took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday last, the 2nd inst.; Bro. Frederick Kent, C.C., the Master of the lodge, being in the chair, and Bro. Everett, the W.M. elect, in the vice-chair, supported by Bro. J. Fortescue Harrison, M.P., and other brethren. The result of the audit disclosed a balance of £53 6s. 6d. to the credit of the lodge, besides a payment to Grand Lodge of £66 3s. for dues.

After the loyal toasts, the W.M. proposed "The House of Commons," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Harrison, M.P. for Kilmarnock. The Hon. brother, in reply, stated that he was an old English Mason, and thoroughly devoted to the interests of the Craft. Strange to say, although representing a Scotch burgh, he had not seen much of Scotch Masonry, but if every lodge bore such a reputation as the Domatic Masonry, with all its true and noble principles, must flourish. He had come there to spend a pleasant evening with Bro. Kent, their W.M., whom he learned in the course of the evening was about shortly to quit the chair; he could only say that he wished him all happiness in the future.

The toasts of the Audit Committee, the W.M., the W.M. elect, and the Past Masters, followed.

Bro. Kent, in responding to his own health, said:—Brethren, the Master of a lodge is always anxious about his audit, and for myself I can say that the result is to me most gratifying; after all our pleasures, to have so large a surplus as £53 6s. 6d., shows that we have been thrifty and wise, and have not forgotten charity. The Master made some amusing allusions to bread-and-cheese banquets, describing them as unreal, if given for ostentation and display, but praiseworthy, if from pure motives. He was happy to say that, in the Domatic Lodge, there was no occasion for bread-and-cheese banquets.

To the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.M., &c., and Bro. Willing, severally replied, the former speaking of the prosperity of the lodge under Bro. Kent, and the latter expressing his intention to do all he could to promote its prosperity.

The concluding toast, i.e., "The Pretty Maids, Hand-some Wives, and Buxom Widows of the Domatic Lodge," was given by the Master in happy terms, and most facetiously acknowledged by Bro. Ferguson.

Masonic Tidings.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.—The approaching ball in Liverpool on Tuesday next (of which an advertisement appears in another column) promises to be one of a highly successful kind, and there is no doubt that the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, on behalf of which the annual festival is held, will reap a substantial benefit from the gathering. The arrangements are in a very forward condition, and our numerous readers will find a full report of the successful gathering in the *Freemason* in due course.

Our distinguished Bro., the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, David Henry Stone, P.M., No. 1 P.Z., will preside at the Girl's School Anniversary in May next. He left London on a state visit to the French metropolis, accompanied by the Sheriffs, and reached Paris at midnight. He was received by the Minister of Police, the Prefect of the Seine, and other officials. He was present at the opening of the New Opera House, where a special box was reserved for him, having been previously presented to Marshal MacMahon.

The second of the series of five concerts in aid of the organ fund of the new Masonic Hall, Liverpool, took place in the large dining hall of the building on Wednesday week, when there was a good attendance. The concert was highly successful in a musical point of view, much of the credit being due to Bro. Walter Barnett, who efficiently fulfilled the duties of conductor and accompanist.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday evening, January 28th 1875, at 6.30 precisely, at No. 111, Cheapside (the London Warehousemen's Association). Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, I.P.M. 1426 will preside. Brethren are invited to attend.

CONSECRATION OF A CHAPTER IN NEW ZEALAND.

It may be interesting to many of our readers to learn that in the fast-progressing colony of New Zealand, "the Britain of the South," Masonry flourishes and is respected. We have just received from a correspondent the following report of the consecration and the opening of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson, S.C.

In that confessedly delightful and serene spot—"the garden of New Zealand"—the Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, E.C., has been established about twenty years, and it is out of that strong and well-established lodge that has sprung the chapter just inaugurated.

On Thursday, the 8th of October, three M.E. Principals from the Canterbury Kilwinning R.A. Chapter arrived in Nelson Haven, on their fraternal mission, after a four day's voyage in the New Zealand Coasting Steamer, Wellington, from Lyttelton, for the purpose of opening the chapter. These gentlemen were the guests of the Nelson Masons for nine days, a great portion of which time was occupied in their Masonic duties.

On the afternoon of their arrival, the M.E. Comps. F. W. Thiel, Z.J.; Booth, H.; and Arthur A. Dobbs, J.; met the brethren in the Masonic Hall, where afterwards, assisted by other companions resident in Nelson, they formed the chapter. In the evening of the same day, the Mark Master's Lodge was opened, and a considerable number of the brethren advanced to that degree. On the Friday afternoon, the Lodge of Excellent Masons was formed, and the brethren passed through the veils, and, in the evening, the exaltations into the Royal Arch degree were given. On the Saturday a Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge was formed among those Royal Arch companions qualified to take the degree. On Monday afternoon there were more exaltations, and, in the evening, the office-bearers were installed and invested by M.E. Comp. Thiel.

The ceremony was exceedingly impressive, and during the evening Comp. Dobbs, of Christchurch, acting J., delivered an address, a slight sketch of which, as taken by our correspondent, we give.

Comp. Dobbs said: On first entering into Masonry our attention was, in an especial manner, directed to the volume of the Sacred Law as our sole guide in all things, whether relating to our civil, social, or domestic duties.

In the second degree we were encouraged to cultivate the understanding by a study of the liberal arts and sciences, and in the third degree not only was our higher intelligence to be exercised, but we were enjoined to the study of our own nature, and our higher aspirations were directed to the source of all good in the universe, and to that immortality, the instinct of which has been implanted within every soul. But at the close of this degree we are, in terms equally strong, directed to God's Holy Word, and especially with his dealings with His creatures. The certainty of a national punishment following national sin, and the equal certainty, but more immediate sequence, of pardon on national repentance, is strongly shown in God's dealing with His rebellious people—showing His character, as revealed by Himself, as a God who sits in His seat to administer mercy, but who comes out of His place in executing punishment which is His strange work.

Next we have a dramatic scene, enacted in the visits of the Sojourners to the vaults, which, although it may not be an exact representation of a real or historical occurrence, yet undoubtedly represents a fact—the discovery of the secret vault of King Solomon erected by him, directed by the providence of God to preserve the precious deposits there from the ruin that he prophetically foresaw would overtake Jerusalem. We had there, in the decorations of the chamber, an evidence of the advanced position of science, cultivated by Masons, in the Zodiacal signs, and it is remarkable also that the names of the twelve tribes are actually lost to human knowledge, although we know that most surely will the promises of God to His ancient people be fulfilled to the letter, and but for the preservation of the Sacred histories and for these prophetic precautions, the very names of these tribes would have been lost. We come now to the climax or key-stone of the R.A., in the discovery of the genuine secrets of Masonry, and especially of the grand mysterious name of the Deity and the manner in which it should be pronounced.

From the singular care taken by the Jews to prevent an irreverent use of the sacred name, manifested in so many ways, and so uniformly, we should learn an important lesson, and the Arch-Mason who uses the ordinary name of God irreverently on light or trivial occasions is peculiarly inconsistent in his conduct.

The veteran companion in the foregoing address was listened to with marked attention.

The following companions were severally invested as office-bearers of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson, by M. E. Comp. F. W. Thiel, by authority of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, W. B. Sealy, Z.; W. Westbroke Squires, H.; R. Burn, J.; Wm. M. Stanton, E.; A. M. K. Wit, N.; W. Lightfoot, Treasurer; William Holmes, J. Hounsell, and Leonard G. Boor, Sojourners.

On the next evening, the Southern Star Lodge met (by emergency) to afford their Canterbury brethren the opportunity of visiting. A brother was raised to the third degree by W.M. Maclean, and the visitors were pleased to express their gratification at the order and good working of the lodge.

THE BANQUET.

The Craft Lodge joined with the Chapter to do honour to their guests and brethren, by inviting M.E. Comps. Thiel, Booth, and Dobbs to a banquet, which was accordingly given in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 14th Oct.

The companions and brethren dined in regalia, and the gallery was open for an hour, to ladies, being members of the families of Masons.

The following toasts were given, the first four from the

chair, which was ably filled by M.E. Comp. Sealy,—"The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W., First Grand Principal for England;" (this toast called for special remark, from the recently arrived telegraphic intelligence of the defection of the late Noble Grand Principal, and was drunk with enthusiasm) "The Grand Principals of Scotland and Ireland;" and "The Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy G.M. for England;" and "The Grand Officers." M.E. Comp. Dobbs gave "The three Principals of the Trafalgar R.A. Chapter of Nelson," responded to by M.E. Comp. Sealy, who, after some songs, proposed the toast of the occasion—"The Installing Officers," which was most cordially and heartily drunk.

M. E. Comp. Thiel, for himself and fellow principals, very kindly responded, and gave "The healths of E. Comps. Stanton and Holmes," who, he said, had been instrumental in the formation of the Chapter whose opening was at that moment being so well celebrated. He was responded to by the former.

M.E. Comp. Sealy then gave "The Worshipful Master, the Wardens, and Officers of the Southern Star Lodge," to which W.M. Charles L. Maclean responded. To the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. T. M. Foy responded. "The Newly Elected Companions" was responded to by Comp. A. J. Richmond, and "The Canterbury Kilwinning Chapter," by Comp. Booth. Comp. Burn proposed the health of M.E. Comp. and Bro. Squires, whose zealous care in fostering Freemasonry in Nelson, at a time when such guardianship was so much required, he highly eulogized.

Comp. Dobbs, in a humorous speech, proposed "The Ladies," responded to by Bro. Deacon. "The W.M. and officers of the Forest Lodge," "The health of Host Toeja," with a well-deserved compliment for his providing so excellently, and "To all poor and distressed Masons" were duly drunk, and the evening passed away pleasantly with agreeable speeches and good music, among which was the following original song.

THE MASON'S TEMPLE.

"A Temple not made with hands."

Written by E. Comp. W. M. Stanton, to music by Bro. Charles Bonnington, and sung by Comp. C. A. Deacon. E. Comp. Stanton accompanied on the pianoforte.

Fill the rosy cup to the brim! to the brim!

Raise the cheerful song and joyous hymn!

Every Mason's heart rejoices

At the work this day begun,

And as jubilant our voices,

Be our hearts and souls as one;

We have left behind our labours

With the setting of the sun.

So around the festive table be banish'd every care,

As we meet upon the level and part upon the square.

The temple we are building is sublime! is sublime!

Its pillars are eternal! beyond time!

In Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty

Our grand Architect Divine

Has traced each Craftsman's duty

To the true Masonic line;

Then let brother aid each brother,

Love and labour thus combine.

Cheerfully, untiring, let us build our temple fair,

Meeting on the level—parting on the square.

Then forward with the structure! let it rise! let it rise!

Rear up its lofty arches to the skies!

Ply the chisel and the gavel,

Till the ashlar square become,

Lay a true and perfect level,

Fix a true and upright plumb,

Then pile up the glorious temple,

The perfect Mason's home,

And adorn the sacred building—that palace bright

and rare,

Where we meet upon the level, to part upon the square.

The delay of two days in the departure of the steamer enabled the Masons to show their guests the suburban districts, and to explore with them the sunny gardens and the green hills and valleys with their shady walks and pleasant drives, surrounded by pretty cottages and elegant villas embosomed in trees. The weather was most favourable to the enjoyment of the charming spring-time, until at noon on Saturday, the 17th, with a calm sea and a cloudless sky, their guests re-embarked in the Wellington for home, carrying with them high respect and hearty good wishes. No less than fifty Masons, without any previous arrangement, came together on the pier during the morning, to take leave of their Christchurch brethren.

The Trafalgar Chapter already numbers thirty-five Companions.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 16, 1875.

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

Saturday, January 9.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.

" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.

Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, January 11.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 12.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.

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

" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.

Red Cross Conclave 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, January 12.

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

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

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

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

" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

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

" 235, Nine Muses, Queen's Hotel, Cork-street, Bond-street, W.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

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

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

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grovenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1217, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

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

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Wednesday, January 13.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.

Lodge 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

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

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

" 781, Merchant Navy, Tavern, Burdett-road, Lime-house.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood.

Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, January 14.

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

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.

" 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, 1, Craven-rd., W.

" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

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

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

" 619, Beadon, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.

St. George's Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Friday, January 15.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.

" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.

Mark Lodge 176, Era, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

Preceptory 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.

Rose Croix Chap. Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354 Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (117), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, January 16, 1875.

Monday, January 11.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 4.

" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.

" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.

" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

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

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

Tuesday, January 12.

Lodge 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Chap. 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, January 13.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, January 14.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.

" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.

" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.

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

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

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 5.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

Friday, January 15.

Lodge 1350, Fernor-Heaketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Encampment of Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, January 16, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, January 11.

Lodge 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, January 12.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., Kingston.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, January 13.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

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

Thursday, January 14.

Lodge 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 16, 1875.

Monday, January 11.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court, High-street, at 8.

Tuesday, January 12.

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

Wednesday, January 13.

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

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

Thursday, January 14.

Lodge 8, Journeymen, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.

Friday, January 15.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 20).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Wednesday last at the Sun Hotel, Chatham. The lodge, which was opened on the third Wednesday in December, 1874, and called off, was resumed by Bro. Walter Downing, W.M., and at the resumption a very large body of Freemasons were present, both from this lodge, the Gundulph, and the Brownrigg, besides many Provincial Grand Officers, brethren from the province of Kent and from London. The only work remaining before the lodge was the installation of the W.M., and for the performance of this ceremony Bro. R. C. Burfield, a Past Master of the lodge, took the chair. Bro. Edwards, P.M., presented Bro. Humphrey Wood, S.W. and W.M. elect, and Bro. Burfield immediately proceeded to install him in the chair. At the board of Installed Masters nearly thirty brethren were present. On the admission of the brethren the customary forms were gone through, and the W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Thornton, S.W.; Gamon, J.W.; Walter Smith, Treasurer; Delacour, Secretary; S. M. Heckford, S.D.; Naylor, J.D.; Bentley, I.G.; A. T. Randall, D.C.; Wilson, S. Steward; Sinclair, J. Steward; Heckford, Organist; Fearn, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses the W.M. presented Bro. Downing with a valuable Past Master's jewel, and said it was extremely gratifying to him to commence his year of office with such a pleasing duty. Bro. Downing commenced his year under rather melancholy circumstances, a vote of condolence having to be passed to a brother who was suffering from affliction. His year, however, had been a successful one, and the arduous duties had been well performed. But, before being Master, he had discharged the duties of Secretary, and in that position he had succeeded in collecting a vast amount of dues which were owing to the lodge. The hospitality of the lodge had been well sustained during Bro. Downing's Mastership, and for the many services he had rendered to the lodge, the brethren had resolved to present him with a Past Master's jewel, but he was not to look on its intrinsic value as in any way an adequate representation of the estimate which the lodge put upon those services. Bro. Downing having acknowledged the gift, stated that ever since he had joined the lodge he had only been absent from its meetings once, and then it was through illness. He left the W.M. chair with greater pleasure than he entered it, because he knew that a much better Master than himself would occupy it. Nevertheless, he was pleased to find that in whatever post he had been placed in the lodge he had given satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Edwards, P.M., proposed, and the I.P.M. seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Burfield for installing the W.M., and Bro. Burfield having returned thanks, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Willis. During the dinner, the band of the Royal Marines played several lively airs. When the dinner was disposed of, the W.M. proposed the toasts. The toast of "The Pro Grand Master" was proposed by Bro. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M. Kent, who repeated the many kind remarks which proposers of his lordship's health have lately made concerning him. The Rev. R. Robinson, Prov. G.S.W., proposed "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., &c." In the course of his observations he said that the appointments of the Grand Lodge were always directed by the great merit and ability of the brethren who were appointed, and though the brethren could not hope to attain the distinguished position of Lord Skelmersdale, they might be Grand Wardens, Deacons, or Chaplains. The W.M. proposed "Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. of Kent." The brethren of the Royal Kent Lodge would have been delighted to see his lordship present, but they could hardly expect it, because there were nearly 40 lodges in the province, which made great demands on his time. His lordship honoured them with his presence in the Provincial Grand Lodge two years since, and they then experienced what an active, zealous, and good Mason he was. They also witnessed the great interest he took in the Craft and everything that concerned it, and what large assemblages of Masons he brought together at the Annual Provincial Grand Meetings. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and the W.M. then proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." The D.P.G.M. had put himself to considerable inconvenience to be present, and had come by a circuitous route from Ashford. Of him he also spoke in high terms as an energetic Mason, a proof of which was his appointment by Lord Holmesdale as his Deputy. If Lord Holmesdale had not known of Bro. Eastes's great personal qualities and abilities as a Mason, he would not have appointed him. The lodge was also favoured with the presence of several

Provincial Grand Officers; so many, indeed, that it was not often a lodge was so highly favoured. It was a source of great gratification to the brethren to have their company. No doubt this lodge being the oldest in the province, was the cause of their coming. The lodge thanked them very earnestly and cordially for the honour thus conferred. Bro. Eastes replied, and on behalf of Lord Holmesdale said the toast which had previously been drunk to him was worthy of being received as it had been. His lordship was heart and soul in Freemasonry, and in the welfare of the Order and the Province of Kent. That was saying a great deal, for his lordship's time was taken up by other duties as well. But he had studied the interests of Masonry, and all the brethren would join in wishing he might rule over the Province of Kent for many years to come. He would leave the other officers to speak for themselves. He would now come to speak of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, which was the very first in the Province of Kent. It could boast of possessing a warrant a century and a half old. Speaking of a Kentish lodge, led him to say there were 38 lodges and 1,800 Masons in the province, and with so many there ought to be a very strong support of the charities of the Order. He did not think they had, as yet, done sufficient in that direction. The charities had a constant claim upon them, and he would urge upon every brother the duty of doing something for the charities. In the language of Byron, "much has been done, yet more remains to do," and he would request them to lay this to heart. No man had done his duty as a Mason unless at the end of the year he could say he had contributed something to the charities of the Order. He then drew attention to some of the leading events in Masonry during 1874; the secession of Lord Ripon; the death of the Grand Master of Ireland, and the accession of the Prince of Wales to the throne of the Craft. The installation of the Duke of Abercorn as Grand Master of Ireland would come into the events of 1875, and the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England would take its place among those events. At that ceremony the Province of Kent ought to take an important position, and he hoped that with no niggard hand the Freemasons of Kent would assist in carrying it out. No doubt every brother would be glad to attend and there would be such a demonstration by the whole of the lodges as had never before been seen. At that most interesting event he hoped to meet all the brethren then before him. The Rev. R. Robinson, P.G.S.W., also responded. Formerly he had been the constant attendant at lodge and chapter, but lately private circumstances had prevented him. It was now with feelings of the utmost possible pleasure he attended to respond to the hearty and fraternal greetings of the brethren. Since he was there last he had been raised to the high and honourable position of P.G.S.W.; and it was with, he thought, pardonable pride he looked upon his rank. They were all pleased to leave the blue and silver for the purple and gold; and he trusted that many of the brethren of this lodge, although some thirty of its Past Masters had already worn the purple, would yet obtain it. He might remind them that when brethren did get it, they were not content to rest from Masonic duties. There were duties connected with the purple, and the brethren were always zealous in performing them. Among their duties was the recommending other brethren to the Prov. G.M. for Grand Office, and this was a very difficult matter, as it required very nice consideration to do justice to all parties. For a just and impartial decision in these matters he hoped the brethren would give the Grand Officers every credit. Bros. W. Page, P.G.J.W., and Bro. Alfred Spencer, P.G.S., also responded, the latter brother remarking that he sat at the hospitable table of the oldest lodge in the province, and Bro. Terry reminded him, the oldest lodge out of the precincts of London. It was not only the oldest provincial lodge in England, but in the world, which was something to know and feel. After some further remarks on the excellence of the lodge's working, and the warmth of its hospitality, he reminded this and all other lodges in the province of the duty they owed of sending in their returns to the Provincial Grand Lodge as quickly and regularly as possible, and with regard to the Masonic charities, reiterated the observations he made at the Brownrigg Lodge, which appeared in our impression of the 2nd inst. Bro. T. M. Rigg, P.G. Reg., likewise replied. The W.M. gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and stated that Bro. James Terry, who was the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, and was present, was obliged to go away by train, and he would at once claim a hearing for him, that he might not suffer any delay. He, the W.M., considered that the three Masonic charities were the three lights of Masonry, scarcely inferior to those of the lodge. It was the duty of Freemasons constantly to support these charities to the greatest extent possible, by which he meant contributing money towards them. He was exceedingly glad to find Bro. Terry present; they were usually also favoured with the company of Bro. Binckes, the representative of the Boys' School, who so ably put before the brethren the requirements of the charities. This year, although Bro. Binckes, through a prior engagement, was not present, they had Bro. Terry, the representative of an institution by which the Province of Kent was benefited. Bro. Terry replied, and informed the brethren that five of the annuitants of the Benevolent Institution were from the Province of Kent, and on that very day, two additional candidates from the same province came before the committee to be placed on the list for election in May. What did this represent? £172 received yearly by the Province of Kent from the Benevolent Institution. At the last Provincial Grand Lodge £160 was voted, certainly a large donation; but he thought the brethren would agree that £172 a year return was a very good one. As the Deputy Prov. G.M. had said, no doubt much had been done by the province for the charities, but still there was more to be done, and he trusted that the members of Kent Lodge of Antiquity, the premier provincial lodge in the world, would liberally support these

charities, which were the pride, the honour, and the key-stone of the whole Masonic structure. Five shillings a year from each Mason, though scarcely one out of every hundred gave that amount, would enable the institution to do an amount of good so enormous that no other institution could compare with them. It was rather a reproach that so few did contribute, and he trusted that in future this reproach would be wiped out. The elections to the three Masonic institutions were in April and May next, and on those occasions the largest known list of candidates would be seen, and the smallest number of vacancies. It rested with the Craft whether they would, in the ensuing year, contribute to the funds and enable the institutions to extend their benefits. The committee did not go about seeking candidates; they came without seeking. He knew that in the Province of Kent he had only to bring these facts before the notice of the brethren to receive the necessary support. There in Chatham, one old woman was experiencing the benefits of his institution, though she was not a Kentish widow. Out of the forthcoming lists fifty candidates would have to be sent away unsuccessful from the Benevolent Institution; the Boys' School could only take 8 out of 48, and the Girls, 13 out of 33 or 34. Would the brethren allow this state of things to continue? He would appeal to the Masons of Kent to do what each could individually. He was last week at Margate, he had £17 or £18 subscribed. A Brother of No. 184 was anxious to swell his list, and the brethren of Chatham had an opportunity now of helping him to do so. They had sympathising hearts, and would help him. The Benevolent Institution had 120 men and 115 widows on the funds: the men received £36 a year, and the women £28. Such an amount of benefit must encourage the brethren to do still more. As a man of Kent himself, he knew he should not appeal in vain. He would say "never forget the boys, never forget the girls," but at the same time look with a feeling of kindness and affection on those who, in times gone by, had borne the burden and heat of the day, and who ought, by reason of age, to be exempt from further toil and trouble. The W.M. announced that he would make himself a life governor, and Bro. Carter, as a Steward, solicited the brethren's assistance. The other toasts followed in due course before the brethren separated. The brethren numbered nearly 100, and among the visitors present were Bros. J. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; Rev. R. Robinson, P.G.S.W.; W. Page, P.G.J.W.; T. M. Rigg, P.G.R.; A. Spencer, P.G. Secretary; Webb, P.Prov.G.J.D.; Ward, P.Prov. G.D. of C.; Windeyer, P.Prov.G.R.; Carter, P.Prov.G.S.D.; Wyles, P.Prov.G.J.D.; Price Edwards, P.Prov.G.J.W.; Ransom, P.G.Org.; Redman, P.Prov. G.Supt. of Works; Penfold, P.Prov.G.Org.; Moore, P.Prov. G.J.D.; J. Lane Nottor, M.D., R.A., P.Prov.G.D. of the District Lodge of Malta; and W.M. Pentangle, Lodge 1174; Newton, W.M. 1050; Nicholls, I.P.M. 1050; Fleming, P.M. 174; Fowle, P.M. 20; Burfield, P.M. 20; Coles, P.M. 20; Wood, W.M. 1273; Burley, W.M. 184; Sergeant Jervis, W.M. 1424; Quarter-Master G. White, R.M., S.W., Pentangle; James Terry, P.P.G.S.B., and P.G.D.C. Hurts (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution); H. Massey (Freemason). The band of the Royal Marines played some excellent music during dinner.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—The installation of Bro. Jonathan West, as W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year took place last week at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Kingston-upon-Hull. There was a large attendance, especially of Past Masters of the Craft, and the proceedings throughout were of the most interesting description. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Bell, P.G.D., installed the recently-elected Worshipful Master, Bro. Jonathan West, who subsequently invested his officers for the year as follows:—Henry Preston, Immediate Past Master; Francis Summers, S.W.; Thomas Thompson, J.W.; William Tesseymann, P.M., P.P.G., Superintendent of Works, Chaplain; John Fountain, P. Prov. G.S.B., Treasurer; John Love Seaton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treasurer of the Benevolent and Pension Fund; P.M. William Banks Hay, M.D., P.S.P.G.D., Treasurer of the Improvement Sinking Fund; P.M. William Day Keyworth, P. Prov. G., Superintendent of Works, Treasurer and Almoner of the Poor Fund; William Henry Wellsted, Secretary; Thomas Hewson, P.M., P.Prov. G.S.B., Lecture Master; Joseph Hindson, S.D.; Thomas Taylor, J.D.; Alfred Wheatley Ansell, D.C.; Richard Boggett, Librarian; John William Stephenson, Organist; Edward Kidd, C.S.; Adam Shand, Andrew King, Alfred Loftus, jun., Alfred Milner, and Thomas Middleton, Stewards; John E. Winspear, I.G.; Thomas Crier, Tyler; Isaac Dawson, Assistant Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. John Love Seaton, P.M., presented to the retiring Master (Bro. Henry Preston) a gold P.M. jewel, accompanied by a beautifully illuminated address, with the names of the subscribers, as a mark of respect and appreciation of the able manner in which the affairs of the lodge had been conducted during his year of office. Bro. Preston returned thanks in an appropriate speech. The installation banquet was subsequently held, when there was a large accession to the number of the brethren present. Bro. West, W.M., presided, and was supported in the chair by the installing officer, Bro. J. Pearson Bell, M.D., P.G.D., and Deputy Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; Bro. Charles Wells, P.M. (the Worshipful the Mayor of Hull); Bro. Henry Preston, P.M.; Bro. J. L. Seaton, P.M. (ex-Mayor of Hull); Bro. Emes, W.M., Minerva Lodge, 250; Bro. Garforth, W.M. Kingston Lodge, 1,010; Bro. Thos. Oates, W.M. Alexandra Lodge, 1,511; Bro. Hardy, P.M.; Bro. Needler, P.M.; Bro. R. Dawson, P.M., Sykes Lodge, Driffield; Bro. Stirling, P.M.; Bro. Jonathan Turner, P.M.; Bro. Vivian, P.M.; Bro. Tesseymann, P.M.; Bro. Hay, P.M.; Bro. Hewson, P.M.; Bro. Hudson, P.M.; Bro. Henry Toozier; Bros. W. H. Wellsted, J. Hutchinson, Middleton, Winspear, Kidd, Shand, Linging, R. Boggett, A. Milner, T. Middleton, J. G. Crier, Dawson, Martin Kemp, P.M.; H. J. Am-

phlett, Wilson, &c., &c. At the conclusion of an excellent repast, the arrangements for which gave unbounded satisfaction, Bro. Alfred Ansell assumed the chair, and the usual toasts were given. "The Queen and the Craft" was followed by "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Prov. Grand Master," and "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master." The W.M., in giving the latter from the chair, said he thought they might all, as Masons of the present day, feel proud that they had H.R.H. at their head; and they might also congratulate themselves on the fact that the Prince had two such excellent Masons to assist him. The toast of "Our Masonic Rulers" was most loyally received. The W.M. next proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorks, and the Worthy Bro. John Pearson Bell, M.D., P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorks, the installing officer. They had, in the present Earl, a most worthy successor to his lamented uncle; and it was a matter of the utmost satisfaction that they had, in the person of their installing officer this evening, so excellent a man, and one whom they all so admired and respected, to assist the noble Earl in his office. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorks, in returning thanks for the compliment paid him, expressed the pleasure and pride he felt at having his name associated with that of the Prov. G.M. of this province. The name of Zetland would never be heard or spoken of by any Mason without the deepest feelings of reverence and respect. He assured them that the late Earl had been succeeded by a very worthy nephew—one who would do credit to the name he bore, and who had Masonry very deeply and thoroughly at heart. They had seen some little of his lordship hitherto; but the more they saw of him the more they would respect and admire him, not only for his Masonic zeal, but also for his private virtues. With respect to himself (the speaker) he could only say he was most desirous of doing his duty to this province; and it was most gratifying to him to find it was in a flourishing condition. A few days ago he had the pleasure of performing the ceremonial of consecration (and installing the W.M., who was now present) of a new lodge at Hornsea; and he trusted the "Alexandra" would be a prosperous lodge. That would much depend upon the assistance rendered to it by the Hull brethren, who, he felt certain, would do their best to support the W.M. during his year of office. With respect to the other portion of the toast, he could only say he had the greatest possible pleasure in undertaking the duty of installation to-day, for it always was to him especially gratifying to attend any ceremonial at this his mother lodge. He had sometimes thought that, at his time of life, he ought to make way for some younger man; but, however desirous he might be of doing so, it would hardly be considered to have been in good taste at the present time. If his services were of any value or assistance to the present Earl, they were gladly at his lordship's disposal; yet, at the same time, if he could do so, he thought he ought to make way for some younger man, whom he should be glad to assist in every way in his power to promote the welfare of the province. In proposing "The Worshipful Master of the Humber Lodge and the newly-appointed Officers," Dr. Bell observed that he was initiated in this lodge 38 years ago, since which time he had seldom missed the opportunity of being present at the installation of officers. Therefore he had had a little practice, and it was with very great pleasure he now proposed the toast which had been entrusted to his hands. The longer he was a Mason the more he was delighted with the Craft; and he felt convinced that if the true principles of Freemasonry were fully carried out, they must all be the better men for being Masons. When he was first initiated, there were very few men of rank connected with the Craft in Hull; and he recollected that, at the time of laying the foundation-stone of the Royal Institution in Albion-street, by Lord Londesborough, a great deal of unpleasant feeling existed respecting Freemasonry. The great supporters of the Craft at that time in Hull were their late honoured and never-to-be-forgotten Bros. Feetam and Stark. At present they were proud to boast of their Mayor, Sheriff, ex-Mayor, and the highest and most respectable men in the town. At the time to which he referred only about 600 or 700 certificates were granted by Grand Lodge, but now there were something like 6,000 or 7,000. It was wonderful how the Craft had increased. With regard to this lodge in particular, he had had the pleasure and honour of seeing before him this evening a long list of W.M.'s, and he believed it so happened that he was now the oldest P.M. of the lodge. But when he recollected this it also brought to his mind that his time, so far as Masonry was concerned, could not be very much longer. He had always taken the greatest interest in his mother lodge, and he had often thought that in a lodge like this, with 280 members, how satisfactory it was to witness the unanimity which existed amongst them. When they considered that there could be but one Master, and that, of course, there were so many men ambitious of being promoted to the chair, he thought this harmony and brotherly feeling was a thing to be admired by all. He gave the toast of the W.M. and Officers, therefore, with peculiar pleasure, feeling assured that Bro. West would have judgment to define, and ability to execute, his duties, and that he would be well and ably supported by his officers. He concluded by wishing the Humber Lodge every prosperity. The W.M., Bro. Jonathan West, who was received with cheers, returned thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him. He could assure them he felt deeply sensible of the important duties which would devolve upon him in the ensuing year, as Master of this lodge; but when he remembered the unanimity which existed amongst the brethren—and he had had a fair opportunity of testing it during the last

seven years—he felt confident that if he did his duty in all that appertained to the good and welfare of the lodge, he should be well supported in his office. He should endeavour, if possible, to excel even in that good feeling which at present existed in the sister lodges and other lodges in the neighbourhood, feeling that to be one of the duties of the W.M. Then he had no doubt that, at the expiration of his year of office, he might be allowed to glide away in the same honourable manner as Bro. Preston had done, with the assurance of the good wishes of every member of the lodge. Bro. Francis Summers, S.W., also returned thanks for the compliment paid to the newly-appointed officers, and, though he was sensible of many shortcomings, he trusted to be able to do his duty in the honourable position he now filled. His connection with the members of this lodge had been most agreeable at all times, and he did not know any lodge in which there was greater unanimity and good feeling than that which manifested itself in the Humber Lodge. Bro. Thos. Thomson, J.W., also briefly responded to the toast. Bro. Henry Preston, I.P.M., then proposed "The R.W. the Mayor of Hull, Bro. Charles Wells, P.M. and Treas. 250, and P. Prov. G. Warden." In doing so, he said he had the extreme pleasure, during his year of office, of welcoming amongst them his right-hand supporter, Bro. Seaton, P.M., then occupying the civic chair of this borough, as a visitor to this lodge; and he had now equal pleasure in giving the health of the present worthy Mayor, who was so well-known and deservedly respected, and whose presence they held to be a great honour. Bro. C. Wells, P. Prov. G.W., thanked the company for the more than kind way in which they had received the mention of his name. It was exceedingly gratifying to him to have been placed in the highest position which his colleagues in the corporation had at their disposal; and, moreover, he was deeply thankful to his fellow-townsmen generally for the kindness and consideration they had extended to him since he occupied that position. Last year he held the dignified office to which his friend, Bro. Summers, had succeeded; and his elevation to the civic chair was to him an endorsement by his colleagues in the council of their satisfaction of the manner in which he had discharged his duties in the shrievalty. This made the honour doubly dear to him of occupying the civic chair now. He felt he had a somewhat difficult duty to perform in following such an able predecessor as the gentleman who sat at his right hand; but he looked up to those who preceded him for guidance and advice, and he knew he should not look in vain to his Brother Seaton in any matter connected with the governance of this important town. This was not the first time he had to thank Bro. Seaton for the many useful hints he had given him and his invariable readiness to assist him whenever occasion required. Referring to a remark which had fallen from their esteemed Deputy Prov. G.M., relative to the laying the foundation stone of the Royal Institution at Hull, he (the Mayor) remembered that he was Provincial Standard-Bearer there on the occasion; and he confessed he thought there was an immense muster of good men amongst them. Of course, the present time would bear favourable comparison with that; and he rejoiced at the increasingly high standard that had been attained by the Craft in all parts of the country. Alluding to the Masonic charities, he said it afforded him great gratification to have obtained for more than one of their members in Hull the assistance of the benevolent institutions of the Craft. This was a most commendable feature, namely a provision made for the less fortunate brethren in the sore and yellow leaf, when they had become infirm and needed help. In one case a brother from Hull had been secured £36 a year, which was a very handsome annuity. There was a similar institution for the widows of Freemasons, besides schools for the boys and girls, who had been left orphans. In these schools children were enabled to obtain a most superior education; and he mentioned the case of a youth who had been sent up from Hull, who distinguished himself in the school, from which he was afterwards sent to one of the Universities, where he obtained a fellowship and came out fifth wrangler of his year. When it was considered that the Craft expended upwards of £5,000 a year in charities of this kind they must all admit a very great and good work was being done. Bro. Vivian, P.M., next proposed "The Retiring Worshipful Master, and his Officers." In doing so he spoke in felicitous terms of the manner in which Bro. Preston had discharged his onerous duties during the past year; and all who knew anything of Masonry would admit that, in order to have acquitted himself so creditably and successfully, he must have been well supported by his officers. Bro. Henry Preston suitably acknowledged the toast, expressing his thanks for the compliment paid him, supplemented as it had been by a handsome presentation, of which he felt himself unworthy. He had done nothing more than his duty, and this he should continue to do in the future, for the honour and prosperity of the lodge. In conclusion he thanked his officers for the valuable and hearty support they had each and all accorded to him during the past year. Bro. R. Boggett, the retiring S.W., said it had been quite a labour of love to assist the Immediate Past Master in the duties of his office. During the five years of his connection with Masonry he had held four offices in this lodge, and none of them afforded him greater pleasure than that of acting with Bro. Preston. Bro. Henry Toozier and Taylor also briefly responded. Bro. Martin Kemp, P.M., next proposed "The Sheriff of Hull, Bro. F. Summers, S.W. 57." In a few humorous remarks he predicted that it would be summer all the year through in the Humber lodge, for the genial disposition of their S.W. was known to all. He would hand down the silver chain of office with undimmed lustre, and add another to the list of illustrious and honourable men who had discharged the duties of the Shrievalty in this important town. Bro. Summers, S.W., returned thanks for the com-

pliment paid him as the Sheriff of Hull. When the Corporation almost unanimously elected him to that exalted position he felt deeply sensible of the honour, and determined, to the best of his ability, to do his duty. Their worthy Mayor had alluded to his predecessors, and their readiness to accord to him any assistance and advice in carrying out his duties; and he could also look confidently to Bro. Wells for any assistance of which he might feel to be in need. Ever carrying with him a full determination to do his duty satisfactorily to the town, he hoped and firmly believed the Council would never regret having elected him to the honourable position he now filled. With regard to their W.M. it should be his (the speaker's) constant study to make his year a successful one; and he trusted that in this, as in his more public capacity, the office he held should be laid aside at the end of the year having lost none of its lustre by having been conferred upon him. Bro. W. Banks Hay, M.D., then gave the "Past Masters and Founders of the Humber Lodge," the toast being received in silence. Bro. J. L. Seaton (ex-Mayor) in the course of a humorous response said the first part of the toast struck him as partaking rather of "our noble selves;" whilst the second portion reminded him somewhat of the sepulchral tones of Hamlet. However, he always rose with pleasure to return thanks for the Past Masters, and to do his best to keep in their minds the memory of the founders of this lodge. Their deputy P.G.M. had referred to the paucity of interest comparatively which existed with regard to Masonry at the time when the foundation stone of the Royal Institution was laid; and their excellent Mayor had followed by remarking that he was a standard-bearer on that occasion. Let him (Bro. Seaton) remark that he had the honour of carrying the plummet that day, and he felt thoroughly convinced of the gravity of the position, and as firmly convinced that they used the most exact precision in laying that stone, for there had not been the least sign of its going away from its foundation. With respect to other matters he could only say that within the last hour, standing on the stairs, one of the oldest P.M.'s remarked to him how often they had been there, and at each annual issue of the names of the members they found their names swimming to the top of the list, so it called to his mind the observations of Lallah Rookh when crossing the desert, "How many like we have stood beside that fountain, but they are gone, and their souls have departed for ever." So going on for 20 years in this lodge, they must know that in the natural order of things others must come up and take their places, and that they would do so with renewed vigour, and bring fresh life blood into the management of their institutions. But, in speaking of the founders of the Humber Lodge, let him remind them again of the time which had been alluded to by previous speakers, when Bros. Feetam and Stark were giants in Masonry, and worked hardly and assiduously in the cause; and it was because they did so that in the present day they could now rejoice at seeing so glorious and prosperous a lodge as that under the auspices of which they were now assembled. Let them impress upon the world that Masonry was something more than mere attention to the knife-and-fork degree. The principles were such as he admired, and which had been so well set forth by his worthy friend, the present Mayor; and, though by some they might be perverted, he would say, as in "Macbeth,"

"Angels are bright still, though the brightest fell."

And they might rely upon it that if they carried out aright the principles of Masonry they would make them better men, and conduce to form a monument to charity, love, and virtue, more enduring than the monuments of Egypt. Might the memories of the founders and Past Masters ever remain green in the recollection of all present. Bro. Keyworth, P.M., then proposed "The Sister Lodges," for which Bro. Emes, W.M. of the Minerva, and Bro. Garforth, W.M. of the Kingston lodges returned thanks. Bro. Wilson next gave "The Visiting Brethren;" the toast being heartily received, and acknowledged by Bro. Thomas Oates, P.G.O., W.M. of the Alexandra Lodge, 1511, (Hornsea); Bro. Groves, P.M. 951; and Bro. Penny, P.M. 80. Bro. Middleton then proposed "The Ladies," for whom Bro. Voight gallantly responded, and this concluded the official list. Bro. Alfred W. Ansell officiated most ably as director of the ceremonies, and the proceedings were characterised by the utmost harmony and good feeling throughout.

SIDMOUTH.—Lodge Perseverance (No. 164).—On Wednesday, the 6th inst., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, London Hotel, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect. The lodge having been opened, the following brethren were present: Bros. W. Hine Haycock, W.M.; J. Albert Orchard, P.G. Steward, I.P.M.; Henry Dawe, S.W.; W. M. Mitchell, J.W.; J. Barber, S.D.; W. Carter, J.D.; George Beard, Sec.; R. Perryman, I.G.; T. H. Paul, Tyler; B. T. Hodge, 30, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treasurer; J. W. Keyworth, P.P.G., J.W.; W. Pile, P.M.; J. Northcott, P.M.; W. Northcott; F. Halse; W. C. Daniels; S. Cummings; W. Prout; J. Godfrey. Visitors: Bros. G. Evans, P.M. 1181; W. H. Barker, P.M. 847; P. G. Steward; J. Sutton, P.M. 847; J. Murch, P.M. 847; Jno. Hussey, J.W. 847; H. Hook, 847; J. Read, 847; F. Horspool, W.M. 1254; F. H. H. Orchard, 372. The proceedings commenced by Mr. William Thomas Orchard being admitted and initiated in ancient form by the W.M. (Bro. W. Hine Haycock), who performed that most interesting ceremony in a beautifully impressive and able manner; at the conclusion of the initiation the W.M. vacated the chair, and was succeeded by Bro. Installing Master Hodge. The lodge was then opened in the second degree and the brethren retired for the purpose of forming a procession which, when formed, re-entered the lodge, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Dawe, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Orchard, I.P.M., for installation, after which the grand ceremony of placing that Bro. in the chair of King Solomon was performed with that ease and perfection which has justly won for Bro. Hodge the proud position he holds as a worker of Craft Masonry. Bro. H.

Dawe, having been duly proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees, at length, appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. Hine Haycock, I.P.M.; W. M. Mitchell, S.W.; J. Barber, J.W.; G. Beard, Secretary; W. Carter, S.D.; W. Prout, J.D.; R. Perryman, I.G.; S. Wheaton and F. Halse, Stewards; T. H. Paul, Tyler. Bro. P. M. Hodge, as Treasurer, then read a letter received from the I.P.M., Bro. Hine Haycock, who expressed his desire to present some token to the lodge in commemoration of the year of his office, and as an acknowledgment of the kindness received by him from the brethren during that period, and stated that it was his intention, if acceptable to the brethren, to present a chair similar to the handsome oak W.M. and Warden's chairs of the lodge, for the use of the I.P.M. This was most warmly accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to the liberal donor. The lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the large ball room of the London Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. W. J. Rogers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, some pleasant harmony followed, and a most agreeable and delightful evening spent. This was one of the most successful meetings that has taken place in this old lodge for many years.

BERKELEY.—Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship (No. 270).—The installation meeting and eighty-ninth anniversary of this old lodge took place at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, on Monday, the 4th inst. The officers present were Bros. Daniel Besley, W.M.; John Gamble, S.W., and W.M. elect; John Blossome, J.W.; Captain Blossome, R.N., Secretary and Treasurer; Thomas Morse, S.D.; J. Iles, J.D.; Wm. Fairley, I.G.; J. Merrett, Tyler, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. J. Gamble having been presented, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Henry Jeffs, P.M., and Worshipful Master of 493, P. Prov. G.J.W. of Gloucestershire, and Past Preceptor of Lodge of Instruction, No. 389, in such an able and impressive manner, as to elicit the hearty applause of all the brethren present. The W.M. having been saluted according to ancient custom, invested his officers, viz.:—Bros. D. Besley, I.P.M.; J. Blossome, S.W.; Thomas Morse, J.W.; Captain Blossome, Treasurer and Secretary; J. Iles, S.D.; W. P. Hadley, J.D.; E. Gregory, D.C.; F. Godwin, I.G.; and J. Merrett, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very good banquet, provided by the worthy host, Mr. W. Dunningham. The regular toasts were given, both loyal and Masonic, and a very happy evening was spent in harmony and brotherly love.

WIGTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 327).—On Monday, 28th ult., the brethren of this old lodge met to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The lodge was opened at "High Twelve," by Bro. Bowman, W.M., after which the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months was duly installed by Bro. Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W., in a most masterly and impressive manner, in the presence of a full lodge. After the W.M. had been duly installed and properly received by the brethren, he invested his officers as follows:—Bros. John Bowman, Immediate Past Master; W. H. Hoodless, S.W.; Joseph Lazonby, J.W.; the Rev. C. H. Gem, Chaplain; H. Bewes, P.M. Treasurer; Robinson, Secretary; T. Ross, S.D.; W. J. Carrick, J.D.; R. Twentyman, I.G.; C. Y. Wright, S.S.; Isaac Pattinson, J.S.; T. Richardson, Tyler. Bro. W. J. Carrick was also invested by the W.M. as Organist of the lodge. The newly elected Worshipful Master then closed the lodge through the three degrees, and the brethren separated. The banquet was, as usual, provided at the close of the formal business of the lodge, to which on this occasion the brethren were invited. It was provided by Mrs. Martin, of the Lion and Lamb Inn, and was substantial and well served. The chair was taken by Bro. McMechan, W.M., supported by Bros. Lemon, P.M., P.G.T.; Bowman, P.M.; Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W.; the Rev. C. H. Gem, P.S.W.; Gardiner, P.M.; W. H. Leuthwaite, W.M., P.G.S. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. W. H. Hoodless (in the vice-chair); Gate, P.M., P. Prov. G.R.; Pearson, P.M.; T. Richardson, P.M.; T. Ross, S.D.; Wright, S.S.; Isaac Pattinson, J.S.; R. Twentyman, I.G. On the removal of the cloth, the chairman gave "The Queen," followed by the toast of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," both toasts being responded to with enthusiasm, and followed by appropriate music. The next toast was that of "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G.; the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," given also by the chairman, who then gave "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Bective; his Deputy, Bro. Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." To this toast Bros. Lemon, P.G.T.; Porter, P.G.S.W.; Gate, P. Prov. G.R.; and T. Richardson, P. Prov. J.D.; responded. The toast of the "Newly Installed W.M., Bro. McMechan," was proposed by Bro. Bowman, P.M., and responded to by Bro. McMechan, who proposed the health of "The I.P.M., Bro. Bowman." Bro. Lemon proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Porter, P.M.," to which Bro. Porter responded. "The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by the chairman, and responded to by the various brethren who hold office. The vice-chairman proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was replied to by Bros. the Rev. C. H. Gem, Gardiner, and Leuthwaite. Bro. Lazonby proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. Ross "The Bonny Lassies of Cumberland," to which Bro. R. Twentyman responded. The chairman proposed "The Absent Brethren, and to the memories of those deceased during the year," mentioning the names of Bros. G. Shannon and G. Garrick, as those removed at a distance, and the names of Bros. John Norman Hodgson and Joseph Martin (late Tyler), as those

dead within the past twelve months." The health of Bro. Foster having been proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. Lemon, and the health of Bro. R. H. Watson, C.E., of Dundraw, having been given by the chairman and heartily received, the Tyler's Toast, "To all 'Poor and Distressed Masons'" was proposed by Bro. W. J. Carrick, and the meeting afterwards broke up, after most agreeable proceedings, at about eight o'clock. During the evening an interesting communication, by telegram, was received from Bro. G. Shannon, M.D., P.M., who is in London, waiting of a ship being ready for him to sail to Australia, and who had to leave Wigtown owing to ill-health. Bro. Shannon sent his congratulations to Bro. McMechan, W.M., and hearty good wishes to all brethren present, and said that he continued to improve in health. The telegram from Bro. Shannon, and the news it contained, was received with many manifestations of pleasure by the brethren. During the evening a telegram was sent from the W.M. of Wigtown Lodge to the Ulverston Lodge (who met on the same evening), expressing hearty good wishes. The agreeableness of the afternoon's proceedings was very much enhanced by the songs sung by various of the brethren, who were accompanied with much taste by Bro. Carrick (Organist of the lodge), and Bro. Leuthwaite, who also presided over the harmonium during the ceremonies of the lodge, and added much to the impressiveness of the service through which the Installing Master, the Worshipful Master, and his officers went.

SOUTH MOLTON.—Loyal Lodge of Industry (No. 421).—The annual installation of W.M. was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday last, Bro. H. W. Higgins, W.M., in the chair. Bros. Swingburn and Mountjoy were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Robert Snow was duly presented and installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Higgins in a most satisfactory way. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. R. Louis Ricard, S.W.; Frederick Day, J.W.; Hugh Gawthrop, Chaplain; George Huxtable, S.D.; Henry Hitchcock, J.D.; Richard Paige, I.G.; I. K. Kingdon, Treasurer; J. Kingdon, Secretary; John Bickell, M.C.; Richard Kingdon, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned, at 5 p.m., to partake of their annual banquet at the Unicorn Hotel. Bro. W. Cole (in the absence of the W.M. through domestic affliction) took the chair. Most of the members of the lodge were present, and the visiting brethren included Bros. Toller, W.M. Barnstable Lodge; Rev. R. Russell, Secretary Bideford Lodge; — Brewer, Barnstable; and others. The banquet was most efficiently served, and gave complete satisfaction. The usual Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.—Humphrey Chetham Lodge (No. 645).—The installation and festival of St. John was held on the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. John Duffield, P. Prov. G. S. of W., assisted by his officers. The usual routine business was performed, and the only ceremony being the installation of Master, the chair was assumed by Bro. Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. S. of W., P.M. 221. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.S.W. Greece, G. Steward Scotland, P. Prov. G. J. W. Aberdeenshire, &c., was presented for the benefit of installation. Having assented to the ancient charges, the brethren below the chair retired, and Bro. Matier was installed into the Oriental chair of K.S., with the customary ceremonies. On their return to the lodge, the brethren saluted the newly-installed W.M. in the three degrees, after which the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Dr. Barlow, S.W.; Lees, J.W.; Duffield, Treasurer; G. F. Fruman, Secretary; William C. Gilles, S.D.; Harrop, J.D.; S. Kelly, I.G.; J. McCulloch, S.S.; and Marshall, as Tyler. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Entwistle; that to the Wardens by Bro. Beresford, P. Prov. G. D. Cheshire; and the concluding address to the brethren generally, by Bro. J. A. Birch, Prov. G.J.W. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Hearty good wishes were then given, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony with solemn prayer. The brethren then proceeded to banquet, at which the newly-installed W.M. presided, supported by the following distinguished visitors and members of the lodge: Bros. J. M. Wike, P.G.D. England; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; J. A. Birch, P.G.J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.D.; F. Entwistle, P.P.G.S. of W.; Beresford, P.P.G.D., Cheshire; H. J. Stephenson, P.M. 999; J. E. Hall, W.M. Ashbury Lodge; and the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. Duffield, Col. Fowler, Goetz, and Ashton; among the other brethren we noticed Bros. Blackburn, Dippie, Barron, Setten, Friedlander, 1009; Pierpont, Richardson, and others. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England; W. Romaine Callender, M.P., D.P.G.M., and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and heartily responded to, by the brethren. The evening was enlivened by several songs, among which we can highly praise those by Bro. Friedlander. The brethren separated at an early hour, full of zeal for the coming year.

LLANELLY.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 671).—On Monday, January 4, 1875, the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge for the ensuing year, took place at the Masonic Hall, Llanelly. The W.M. elect was Bro. William Stamer Thompson, S.W.; the high esteem in which he is held being evinced by a large gathering of the brethren. Bro. Thompson was presented for installation by the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Major Lloyd Philipps; the ceremony being performed in a most able and impressive manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M., P.G.W. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year. A banquet subsequently took place in the lodge-room, which was also well attended. The visitors to the lodge on this occasion were numerous. In addition to the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Major Lloyd Philipps, and the R.W.

the Deputy Prov. G.M., the Rev. Latimer Jones, there were present Bros. E. J. Morris, D.P.G.M. [Eastern] Division of South Wales; Charles Bath, P. Prov. G.W.; James Hall, P. Prov. G.W.; W. J. Rees, S.D. of Talbot Lodge, Swansea; Stradling, W.M. Milford Lodge, and P.G. Chaplain; and W. J. Morgan, P.M., St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen, P. Prov. G.W. The speakers dwelt eloquently upon the fact that Freemasonry is prospering here and elsewhere. Among the toasts was one specially characteristic of the Order, to wit, "Masonic Charities," which was fitly proposed by Bro. Beavan Phillips, Charity Steward and Charity Commissioner for the Province. It was seconded in an able speech by Bro. Morris, of Swansea, Charity Commissioner for the adjoining Province. It is pleasant to hear that a considerable sum is already collected and promised for the charities; and Llanelly is stated to have come forward handsomely. An agreeable evening was spent, which as usual lost nothing by the catering of that good host and Brother, Captain Eynon. The proceedings closed with the time-honoured toast of the Tyler.

FARNWORTH.—Earl Ellesmere Lodge (No. 678).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Church Inn, Farnworth, on Wednesday, the 6th January, to instal the W.M. elect. Bro. Walter Pennington, W.M., opened the lodge at 4 p.m., after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Holmes, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. William Goodacre, P. Prov. G.P. for Cheshire. The ceremony was gone through in a most impressive manner, and afforded great gratification to the brethren assembled. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren as officers of the lodge, and they were duly installed with the insignia of their offices:—Bros. Thomas Laycock, S.W.; T. Entwistle, J.W.; R. Warburton, P.M. Treasurer; Robert Whittaker, Prov. G.D.C. Secretary; T. Greenhalgh, S.D.; D. A. Elliott, J.D.; Albert Martin, I.G.; Pickford and Shaw, Stewards; Ralph Brooks, Tyler. After the installation, three candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Amongst those present were Past Masters Bros. Barrow, Warburton, Whittaker, Blackhurst, Kirkman, Palmer, Pennington; also visiting brethren Bros. Duckworth, Prov. Assistant G.D.C.; John Wild, W.M. elect 146; B. Pilling, W.M. elect 350; and others. The usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Bro. Whittaker, P.M., leading, in his masterly style. Bros. Palmer, Pendlebury, Pilling, and Laycock, contributed very much to the harmony of the evening by giving some capital songs. Bro. Thomas Laycock, S.W., presented the lodge with handsome Masonic candles, purchased from Bro. Geo. Kenning's establishment, Little Britain, London.

DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN).—Tynwald Lodge (No. 1242).—The annual meeting in connection with the installation of the W.M. of the Tynwald Lodge, and the investiture of officers, took place at the Lodge Rooms, St. James's Hall, on Monday week. The brethren, to the number of about 35, assembled at three o'clock, and after the transaction of some formal business, the retiring W.M., Bro. Quinney, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John A. Brown, P.M., who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master. After the Master Masons had retired, the lodge was opened in the Past Master's degree, and the new W.M., Bro. T. M. Cowley, who filled the chair of S.W. during the past year, was called into the lodge-room and duly installed into the chair of K.S., the Past Masters present being Bros. J. A. Brown; T. Bawden; E. W. Stocker; J. J. Harwood; S. Webb; J. Lambert; J. Quinney; and E. Munday. This part of the ceremony being over, the lodge was lowered, and the W.M. duly proclaimed in the various degrees. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. Kennaugh, S.W.; F. J. Johnson, J.W.; W. L. Clarke, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. W. T. Hobson, Chaplain; R. Smith, Organist; J. J. Edwards, Secretary; S. J. Harris, S.D.; T. Cowin, J.D.; R. Swinnerton, I.G.; and Bro. Long, Tyler. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Bowling Green Hotel, where they sat down to a splendid banquet, served in Bro. Handley's best style. After dessert had been brought in, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a right merry evening spent. Masonic songs were sung by Bros. James Brown and R. Swinnerton, and a Masonic reading was given by Bro. J. J. Harwood, P.M. During the evening a beautiful Past Master's gold jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., J. Quinney. It bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Quinney by the brethren of the Tynwald Lodge (No. 1242) as a token of esteem, and in appreciation of his proficiency as W.M. 1242; December, 1874." Secretary's silver jewels were also presented to Bros. W. M. Stewart and F. J. Johnson, as a mark of appreciation of their services to the lodge in the capacity of Secretary. Bro. the Rev. W. T. Hobson, in responding to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Bro. J. A. Fulton, said that he was perfectly satisfied, before he became a Mason, that Freemasonry was an institution of such a nature that no Christian man or Christian minister need shrink from joining it; and what he had seen since he became a member of the Order had confirmed him in that opinion. So long as the "Great Book of Books" was open before them as the foundation of the moral teachings of the Order, and so long as Faith, Hope, and Charity, were its leading principles, so long would the Order, to a great extent, correspond with Christianity itself. The brethren separated shortly after 11 o'clock, after spending a pleasant evening. During the evening, the health of Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M., the Installing Master, was also drunk, Bro. Stocker, P.M., observing that he had been a Past Master for nearly 15 years, and had been present at many installations in London and elsewhere, but he had never seen the installation ceremony done so well as Bro. Brown had done it that evening.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington, and was numerously attended. Bros. Koch, W.M.; Everett, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Higgins, Acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Kewes, I.G.; Mann, I.P.M.; Page, P.M.; Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Webb, W.S.; Heyward, D.C. The W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Cruse and Gibson to the sublime degree of M.M., and initiated Mr. W. Fallow into the Mysteries of the Craft. The ballot was then taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Gardner was by the unanimous vote of the lodge elected to that high and honourable position. The S.W. having been just elected W.M. of another lodge, was not eligible for the distinction, except by special dispensation from Grand Lodge, and moreover he had gracefully retired in favour of the J.W. Bro. Gardner returned thanks for the honour awarded him, and said he trusted that he should discharge the duties of the position to the satisfaction of the members, and that no effort would be wanting on his part to enhance the comfort and funds of the lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and which he was proud to see had in so short a time arrived at so high and flourishing a condition. Bro. Mann proposed and Bro. Page seconded that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented at the next meeting to Bro. Koch, W.M., for his attention to the duties of his position, and the ability displayed by him during his year of office. This resolution was unanimously carried. Bro. Page, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaff, as Tyler, had the same honour awarded to him. Bros. Walls, Speedy and Stokes were elected Auditors. The W.M. appointed Bro. W. A. Ellis to the vacant post of Organist. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, catered for by Bro. Pope. Among the visitors present were representatives of the following lodges: Bros. Wright, W.M. Southern Star; Arnold, W.M. Strong Man; Myers, W.M. Lily of Richmond; Scott, J.W. Albion; Wilson, S.D. Excelsior; Palmer, J.D. Domestic. The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair, and responded to with excellent force by the brethren. Bros. Walls and Ellis gave one verse of the "National Anthem," and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Mann and responded to, and Bro. Webb having contributed a humorous song, the W.M. replied at length, and in the course of his speech he stated that he felt pleased at the compliment paid him, but that he was obliged to state that through ill health and pressure of business, of several of the officers of the lodge, who were consequently prevented from attending, he had had to work under the greatest of difficulties, which had rendered the duties of the chair not so pleasant or easy as they ought otherwise to have been, and that he could not let the opportunity pass without recording his thanks to some of the junior members of the lodge, who had kindly and with ability assisted him throughout his arduous year of office. Bro. Sargood having sang a "buffo" song, the toast of "The Initiate" was given, received and responded to by Bro. Fallow in a neat and appropriate speech. Bro. Palmer sang "Wapping Old Stairs," Bro. Walls "Come into the Garden, Maud," and Bro. Wilson contributed a reading upon the theme of "Tobacco," all of which effusions gave apparent satisfaction to the brethren. The "Visitors" toast followed, and was severally responded to. Bro. J. Wright in particular made an excellent and amusing reply. "The Health of the W.M. elect" was given, and replied to by Bro. Gardner, who said in the course of his remarks that although the W.M. had stated that the chair of K.S. was not an easy one to fill, he was not to be deterred or disheartened thereby, but that it was his intention to render it a most pleasant one, as far as he personally was concerned, and he hoped that the members of the lodge would assist him in that endeavour. The Tyler's Toast terminated the proceedings.

GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—This lodge met on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City. Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, W.M., presiding. There were also present, Bros. Jas. Stevens, P.M.; Jno. Seex, J.W.; R. Stanway, J. Blackie, W. H. Catchpole, T. Preston, E. Moody, J. Freeman, J. Hamer, C. Taylor, T. Robinson, C. Stuart Barker, jun., J. Boulton, G. S. Elliot, S. Browne, A. T. Rolfe, J. Thompson, E. Cox, W. F. Kibble, W. Baber, P. Tompkins, R. Frudick, W. H. Hook, J. Tullidge, G. Page, J. Archer, J. D. Moore, J. Bumpus, W. Macqueen, W. Middleton, J. Phillips, J. W. Colmer, F. T. Keeble, F. W. Potts, C. H. Burrows, E. H. Davis, G. Jenkins, E. Roberts, L. Lewis, H. Tompson, J. E. Hugo, G. H. Hooper, F. Lunnis, and visitors G. Payne, W.M. 1; C. J. Bliven, 330; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; C. W. Noehmer, P.M. 186; G. H. Canbridge, J.D. 15; W. Martin, 205; W. B. Wallace, 127; J. Allen, S.W. 1297; G. F. Wilson, 569; Sidney Spencer, 192; E. M. Haigh, P.M. 29; S. Gammon, W.M. 206; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; S. Crane, S.W. 933; H. Daw, 145; and C. E. Soppett, 55. The lodge was called for two o'clock, but notwithstanding that early hour, the brethren had assembled in large numbers, and the work was at once proceeded with. The lodge was opened with promptitude, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the following ceremonies were performed:—Raisings, Bros. Bumpus, Thompson, Cox, and Rolfe; Passings, Bros. Potter, Burrows, and Davis; and Initiations, Messrs. Headon, Stamp, and Davis. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., did the passings. The lodge was in session above five hours, great care being taken with the execution of the work, and the candidates being taken separately. Fifty guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the lodge was closed after Bro. Jas. Stevens had appealed to the brethren to contribute a trifle individually to a case of great distress. A banquet followed, which was equal in quality, quantity, and attendance, to any of Bro. Sidney Spencer's previous efforts, and at its conclusion, the W.M. proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving the toast of "The Visitors,"

he remarked that besides several distinguished brethren of home lodges being present, there was amongst the company a brother from New York, whom he was sure they would all be delighted to hail. Bro. Gammon, W.M. No. 206, responded for the English brethren; and in replying for himself Bro. Bliven said: I thank you for the compliment which you pay me this evening as the representative of American Freemasonry. I did not come here to-night for the purpose of being toasted; I came here to see how Englishmen made Masons; and I must confess that I have been much pleased and deeply interested in the forms and ceremonies of three degrees which I witnessed to day. I can only hope, worshipful sir and brethren, for the continued success and prosperity of your young lodge—young in years, but old, I should judge, in its material; and I only hope that the sublime principles of Freemasonry may be impressed deeply upon the minds of all the brethren of the Great City Lodge (Hear, hear). Bro. James Stevens, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom he described as a Master that was fully deserving of all praise, without stepping beyond the hard-and-fast line of absolute truth—a brother who had proved himself capable of performing the duties of his office in a manner most creditable to any member of the Craft. Without going over all the compliments which had been bestowed on W. Masters in all lodges, some of which were well deserved, while others were only partially merited, he could say, without exaggerating in the slightest degree, that no lodge could have a better exponent of the principles of Freemasonry than the present occupant of the chair of the Great City Lodge, who had studied to make himself a theoretical Mason, as far as the ritual was concerned, and had succeeded in so doing by rendering the ceremonies to the satisfaction of the brethren; and also had in the outer world carried the principles of Freemasonry into practical effect. The W.M., after saying that he did the best he could do, informed the brethren that being but a young Mason he could hardly expect to be a shining light, but if he succeeded in giving satisfaction to the brethren, whether in lodge or at the banquet-table, he should be more than rewarded for any trouble he had taken. The occupation of the chair of such a lodge as the Great City was really a great undertaking, and, where a man who, like himself, was very much occupied in business, and able to give but little attention to Masonic forms, was deserving of consideration before he engaged in it. When he went into the chair that evening the work was so heavy that he felt at its commencement nearly appalled; but when he had encountered it, and had brushed off some of the cobwebs which hung about his memory, he got at his work with a little confidence, and it was very pleasing, now that his duties in lodge were over for the day, to find that what he had done was so satisfactory. He was much gratified to see so many visitors, and he could assure the brethren that while he remained in the chair of this lodge he should do everything he possibly could to render the lodge hospitable to brethren of other lodges. (Hear, hear.) In giving the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. said that while the W.M. of a lodge had to endure the agony of his health being proposed at every meeting while he was president, it could only happen to the initiates but once. (Laughter.) He then stated that it was peculiarly gratifying to him to have had the duty of initiating his own brother into the Order; and said that the other two initiates, whom he had also known for many years, ought to have been initiated years ago, for they had, in fact, been Freemasons all their lives without knowing it. The Great City Lodge had adopted them, and would have the pleasure of finding them, by-and-bye, the right sort of men to belong to the Craft. Bro. Headon, in the course of his remarks in acknowledging the toast, observed that the way in which he had witnessed the W.M.'s health proposed and drunk that evening encouraged him to hope that he might in time himself get round the table to the same post of honour. Bro. James Stevens responded to the toast of "The I.P.M.," and after thanking the brethren for their responding to the toast, and their acknowledgments of the services he had performed for the lodge—which he would not be so bashful as to say were wholly unmerited—referred to the readiness with which the brethren had answered to his call on them for charity. They had at his request parted with small sums of money upon faith alone—the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Their faith had been exemplified in the fact that he had only had to ask, thank God, in a good cause! (though they did not know it at the time) and his request was immediately granted. He could promise them that if ever he asked for similar assistance again, it would only be in a cause which was proper, right and good. If any brother, after that statement, wished to have his shilling back again, he (Bro. Stevens) would be happy to return it. He did not generally like the practice of passing the hat round unless there was something substantially good connected with the case. He would now tell them more about the case they had subscribed to than they knew before. Three guineas had already been subscribed without the contributors knowing for whom it was intended. That was an evidence of faith in their I.P.M., who told them that he wanted a pair of boots, and some articles of clothing, and he should leave it to the generosity of the individual brethren now to supplement the amount already subscribed. It was wanted for a poor lady who lost her husband some time ago, and who had previously been assisted by this lodge as well as by the lodge to which her husband belonged. She had got into such a state of penury that she had had great difficulty in keeping herself and children from absolute starvation, and was at the present moment in great want. Her husband was a Devonshire brother. She had now a child lying dead, for whom she had no means of providing burial. She had a daughter elected into the Infant Orphan Asylum, through the kindness of the W.M. (Bro. Headon), and that child could not at present go there for want of boots and clothing. If any of the brethren wanted their shillings back

now they might have them. He had told them they might rely on the genuineness of the case, and here it was. This good lady—and good lady she was, for a more cheerful body under her circumstances, a more hopeful woman, a more ladylike woman he had never had an opportunity of meeting; she evidently belonged to that walk in society which her late husband was well capable of adorning, and adorned when he was in it—and was now reduced to a state of penury. He was happy to say the brethren might now go home with the satisfactory reflection that they had provided a widow with the means of burying one child, and given another child the means of going before the Committee of the Female Orphan Asylum. The W.M. supplemented these observations by saying that the deceased had insured his life in the Norwich Union and the European; but he sold his policy in the former, and the latter, it was known, failed. One child—Agnes—had been got into a home at Starcross; one would be got into the Infant Orphan Asylum; and the one they were going to try to get into the Masonic Girls' School died yesterday (the 8th inst.). When he got home that evening very late, just as he was going to bed, the mother called on him—and she could not come sooner, for she had not the boots to come in—to know what she was to do to bury this child.—(A further subscription was then made, and £7 in all was collected).—Bro. Seex replied for "The Officers," and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. Under the direction of Bro. W. Hook, Organist, a selection of music was performed during the evening by the Misses May and Florence Woodville, Madame Caslone, and Mr. Morgan.

Royal Arch.

WIGTON.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 327).—The companions of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of St. John's, 327, Wigton, held a chapter on Friday, the 1st inst., when four brethren were exalted to the supreme degree, Comp. Banbridge acting as Z. There was a very large chapter, and at the close of the proceedings, 22 sat down to dinner. Comp. Porter, Z., presided, and Comp. Gate, P.Z., &c., in the vice-chair.

TIVERTON.—*St. Peter's Chapter* (No. 1125).—A quarterly convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, on the evening of Wednesday, the 16th inst., the Principal's chair being occupied by E. Comps. James Mills, P. Prov. G.D.C., Z.; Walter, H. Reed, P.Z., as H.; Henry Davey, J. The retiring Z. was unanimously re-elected for the year ensuing, and Ex. Comp. Davey having been duly elected as H., and Comp. T. B. Patterson as J., they were duly installed. The following officers were also elected and invested. W. E. Williams, S.E.; W. H. Reed, jun., S.N.; Thos. Parkhouse, P.S., Treas.; H. Melhuish, S.A.S.; John B. Crabb, J.A.S.; Wm. Bartlett, and Joseph Searle, Stewards; Edw. Coleby, M.C.; A. Andrews, Organist; John Patey, Janitor. A handsome gold P.Z. jewel was presented to E. Comp. Mills, in recognition of the important services rendered by him on the establishment of the chapter. Two brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, having been proposed for exaltation, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Bro. Gosden's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street. The W.M., Bro. W. Worrell, presided, and there were also present, Bros. R. Berridge, S.W.; Thomas W. White, J.W.; Edward Moody, I.G.; Thos. Meggy, P.M., Treasurer; James Stevens, P.M.; W. Wigginton, Registrar; W. P. Collins, J.D.; G. Yaxley, Steward; F. H. Cozens, Organist; W. Johnston; W. Bell; G. W. Verry; J. Close; J. K. Pitt; H. F. Partridge; and a visitor, Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 139. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., advanced Bros. Williams, Lakeham, Cook, and Atkins, and there being no further business before the lodge, the brethren adjourned to supper. The customary toasts were proposed and honoured, and the brethren enjoyed some excellent singing, which was given without stint by Bros. James Stevens, Cozens, Meggy, Bell, Williams, and Moody. All the brethren expressed themselves highly delighted with the evening's work and the evening's pleasure.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—*Liverpool Conclave* (No. 55).—An assembly of the Knights attached to the Liverpool Conclave, No. 55, of the Masonic Order of the Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine, was held on Monday evening at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. Em. Sir Knight Thomas Clark, M.P.S., occupied the throne, and Sir Knight W. Doyle, the position of V.E., and there was a numerous attendance of the Knights of the Conclave. There were no fewer than ten candidates on the circular for installation and joining, which shows that the Premier Conclave in Liverpool is in a very flourishing condition. The assembled knights subsequently sat down to a sumptuous repast, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—The members of this lodge met in their hall, at 213, Buchanan-street, on 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the office-bearers elected for the ensuing year. The work of the ceremonial was performed by Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, who having first conferred upon the new R.W.M. (Bro. Bell) the Installed Master's Degree, proceeded to install the other office-bearers to their respective offices. This he did in a markedly impressive manner, assisted by the P.M. (Bro. Thomas Fletcher), by whom each was in turn invested

with the jewel of his office. The following is the revised list for the current year:—Bros. William Bell, R.W.M.; Thomas Fletcher, P.M.; D. M. Neilson, D.M.; John Whyte, S.M.; John D. Young, S.W.; David Horne, J.W.; Robt. B. Daleffell, Treasurer; John Dick, Secretary; Peter Brownlie, S.D.; John Reid, J.D.; Jas. Ritchie, Architect; David Lindsay, Chaplain; Robt. Craig, Bible-Bearer; Charles McFarlane, Director of Music; Thos. A. Tennent, Jeweller; John Wilson, Grand Marshal; Jas. Anderson, Senior Steward; Jas. F. Pollock, Junior Steward; James Duthie, Junior Steward; Angus Cameron, I.G.; John Wright, G.G.; R. D. Samuels, P.S. In the evening the lodge celebrated its 817th anniversary in the Union Hotel Dunlop-street, when about seventy, including a few visiting brethren, sat down to a *recherche* dinner, purveyed in first-class style by "mine host," Bro. Whyte. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell, who was supported to right and left by Bro. Fletcher, P.M.; Bro. Robert Craig, P.M.; Bro. Jno. Baird, P.M.; Bro. James McMillan, P.M.; Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary; Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M. 553; Bro. Rev. Robt. Thomson; Bro. John Dick, Secretary 34, and others. Bro. Neilson, D.M., and Bro. John D. Young, S.W., officiated as croupiers. Dinner having been disposed of, the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, and duly responded to. The chairman next gave "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," which was also pledged with enthusiasm and all the honours, the toast being acknowledged, on behalf of England, by Bro. W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), and, on that of Scotland, by Bro. John Baird. The next toast, also from the chair, was "The Provincial Lodge of Glasgow, and the Benevolent Fund." It was coupled with the name of Bro. Baird, who returned thanks on behalf of the W.P.C.M., Bro. Neilson and the other office-bearers. He was glad to state that the Provincial Grand Lodge was at present in a most flourishing state. In fact, he was quite satisfied that there was not another in Scotland more so. All the lodges in the province were healthy, and in first-rate working condition. After the "Army, Navy, and Reserved Forces" had been duly honoured, Bro. Rev. R. Thomson proposed the "Lord Provost, Councillors, and Magistrates of Glasgow." In commending the toast to the acceptance of the company, he referred to the fact that the Lord Provost was a recently made member of this lodge, and he thought the brethren ought to be highly gratified at his lordship selecting St. John's (No. 34) to be made, passed, and raised in. In briefly touching upon what the Corporation of Glasgow had done in the direction of City improvements, opening up and rooting out dens of iniquity and the like, Bro. Thomson said he had himself avowed that he would consent to be taxed double for such public benefits, and he certainly thought that to the corporation the citizens owed their encomiums and their gratitude. The toast was replied to by Bro. Robert Craig, P.M., an ex-member of the Dean of Guild Court. "The Lodge Glasgow St. John, No. 3 bis" was then proposed by Bro. Fletcher, P.M., who said he had great pleasure in doing so, and thought it had fallen into very good hands. The other Past Masters and himself could speak as to how the lodge had progressed in their times, and he hoped that during Bro. Bell's reign the same would continue. Let them, the office-bearers in particular, but give him their support and assistance and this would be the case; and the place they were presently assembled in would next year be much too small to hold them. The R.W.M., in replying to the toast, said that in the name of Lodge 34 he thanked those present for the manner in which it had been received. It could not be denied that St. John's was a very old lodge, and if they would pardon him he would refer to some of the leading points in its history since some 25 years ago. At the time of the negotiations between the lodge and the "Grand Lodge of Scotland, in 1849, William York was Grand Master, and continued so during the following year, in which their charter from Grand Lodge was got. On 9th April, 1851, the lodge joined the procession at the laying of the foundation-stone of Victoria Bridge by the Duke of Athole, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on which occasion a walking stick with a massive gold head was presented to his Grace, bearing this inscription:—"Presented to his Grace the Duke of Athole, Grand Master of Scotland, by the Glasgow Lodge of St. John, on the occasion of his laying the foundation-stone of the Victoria Bridge across the Clyde, at Stockwell-street, Glasgow, upon 9th April, 1851." Around the rim was the following:—"This staff is made of part of the oak from the original foundation of the old Stockwell Bridge, built in the reign of King David, son of Robert the Bruce, in the year 1365, and taken down in the year 1850." Our R.W.M., it will be remembered, was contractor for the bridge, as also for some of the finest buildings in Glasgow, among others, the Union Bank of Scotland, and the British Linen Bank. In 1852, our worthy Bible-Bearer, Bro. R. Craig, was elected to the chair, holding office over two years. To him succeeded Bro. David Manwell, in 1854, Bro. Robert Cruickshank in 1855, and Bro. James Cruickshank, son of the latter, in 1856. He held the chair for two years, resigning it, in 1858, to Bro. Jas. Craig, of Middleton. In 1859, Bro. David Winton was elected, and in this year Bro. Sir Archd. Alison took the chair at our annual banquet. In 1861, Bro. Robert Craig, who, as I have stated, held office in 1852-3, was again appointed R.W.M., succeeded, in the following year, by Bro. Councillor James Taylor, to whom followed, in 1864, Bro. Gavin Park, who also occupied the chair for two years. In 1866, Bro. J. B. Walker was chosen as R.W.M., and his reign marks an era in our history, he having had the distinction of being the first bona-fide member, or Master of St. John's 34, to work the three degrees. In 1867-8, the chair was occupied by Bro. Thos. Ramsay, and, in 1869-70, by Bro. John Baird. During Bro. Baird's reign, you will remem-

ber, the foundation-stone of the Albert Bridge was laid by the Earl of Dalhousie, G.M.M., on which occasion St. John's Lodge turned out in procession to the number of 120, and claimed the right of carrying the working jewels of the Grand Lodge. This privilege, however, was given to the Lodge Journeymen, [No. 8, an Edinburgh lodge. Against this Bro. Baird protested, maintaining that Grand Lodge rules only gave them the right of carrying the jewels in Edinburgh or neighbourhood. The protest was duly lodged, and he gained his case, the privilege being declared to belong to St. John's, in all time coming, of carrying the working jewels on occasions occurring within the province. In 1872, Bro. James McMillan was elected to the chair, and, in 1873, Bro. Thomas Smillie. At the beginning of the Masonic year now over—1874—Bro. Thomas Fletcher became our R.W.M., under whose auspices, as you all know, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Bro. James Bain, was initiated in this lodge. I may state that of these fifteen Masters who have held the chair since 1849, the Great Architect of the Universe, to whom we all must bow, has seen fit to remove five, leaving ten of them still with us. I have only to add, for myself, and office-bearers, that we ask their support. We ask the support of every member of the lodge; and if it is given us, I have no fear that the Lodge St. John's will prosper in the future, as she has done in the past. "The Visiting Brethren" was the next toast, proposed in genial terms by Bro. J. D. Young, S.W., and coupled with the name of Bro. Robert McDougall, R.W.M., Lodge St. Vincent, 553. Bro. McDougall, in reply, said that on behalf of the visiting brethren, and more particularly in his own name and that of his lodge, he had great pleasure in returning thanks for the very cordial and Masonic way in which they had responded to the toast. Although he had not been much beyond the lodge to which he belonged, he had the honour of knowing many of the brethren and of claiming the friendship of some belonging to St. John's. In fact, Lodge St. Vincent was greatly indebted for its existence to brethren of the lodge whose hospitality they were to night enjoying. The first name on the application for their charter was that of Bro. John Baird, followed by those of Bros. Fletcher, Smillie, and the new R.W.M., Bro. Bell. So the members of St. John's would see that St. Vincent and they were no strangers. A chief argument in their application for a charter was the necessity of establishing a Freemason's lodge for the west end of Glasgow; and he thought it had been well proved that there did exist such a want. Since the beginning, at 3rd September last, they had entered at least fifty members. That, in itself, surely showed the necessity of a lodge in the western district. And they did not open their doors to all and sundry. Candidates were never brought forward except by their own members, to whom they were well known. In concluding, Bro. McDougall remarked that they (St. Vincent), as a young lodge, were of opinion that if they endeavoured to follow the example of St. John's, they would be following a good example—and they meant to do so. The toast was also acknowledged by Bro. Wilson, 73, Bro. McCall, 27, and Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M., Lodge Caledonian Railway, 354. It might not be known to many present, Bro. Smith observed, but it was the fact, that lodge 354 held a position unique in Scotland. Their charter gave them power to hold a lodge at any point whatever on the line of the Caledonian Railway. In fact, wherever the latter ran, they ran. He had much pleasure in replying on behalf of the "Flying Lodge." In proposing the toast of "The Clergy," Bro. A. McTaggart commented on the slight connection which subsisted between that body and Masonry in Scotland, as compared with that existing in England. In the latter, he said, three-fourths of the clergy of all denominations, belonged to, and were delighted and proud to belong to, Masonic Lodges; and if they got to be made Chaplains of lodges, thought it a high honour. One reason, he feared, for the difference was that our Scotch lodges had done nothing whatever to show that they were in earnest in the prosecution of true Masonic work. They were merely like children playing at marbles and leaving true Masonry alone. In the department of benevolence, for example: look what had been done by the paper, *The Daily Mail*. Why, probably it had done more for charity in Glasgow within the last two years than Masonry had during the last ten years. If they could have some regularly organized scheme for the furtherance of the true work of Masonry, they would have the support, not only of the Clergy, but of the gentry, nobility, and of every well-meaning person in the community. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. R. Thomson, who replied. Thereafter the toast of "The Right Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. McMillan, P.M., who said that in their new R.W.M. they were getting a good man, and he hoped they would support him with the genuine feeling that ought to mark every Masonic lodge, in a way that would show them to be brothers indeed, and not in shadowy form merely. The toast having been pledged with all the honours, the chairman briefly replied. He did think that Bro. McMillan had said somewhat too much of him, but this much he (the chairman) could say—he would endeavour to do his duty at all times. He hoped that in the time to come all would go as harmoniously as in times past; and he would endeavour to copy the example of Bro. Fletcher, during whose time of office nothing but harmony had prevailed. The toast of "The Past Office-bearers" was then given by Bro. Young, S.W. He would couple it with the name of Bro. John Dick, Secretary, whose merits were known to all of them. Bro. Dick acknowledged the compliment. Hitherto, he said, the Office-bearers had worked together to do their duty; and he thought that, upon the whole, they had good reason to look back upon last year as a very successful one—while, for his own part, he felt assured that the next would be the same. The remaining toasts were "The Ladies," "The Croupiers," and the orthodox "Happy to Meet, &c.," followed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

We have but to add that a select quadrille band was present during the evening, and played appropriate music after each toast, that the proceedings were further enlivened at intervals by the vocal talent of various brethren, and that altogether the 817th anniversary festival of St. John's was a success complete.

LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The first annual festival of this young and flourishing lodge was held on 25th ult. in the Crown-street Assembly Rooms. The occasion was one of those on which the wives and sweethearts of the brethren are not more free than welcome to join them in social relaxation, and so it occurred that there would be about fifty couples present when dancing was commenced, soon after eight o'clock. Amongst visiting brethren present were Bros. Malcolm Stark, D. Doig, and Corbett, as a deputation from Lodge St. Vincent, 553; Bro. Joseph Webster and others from Lodge St. Paul, 204 Ayr; Bro. W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), 360; &c. The brethren of 556, we may mention, appeared in their spick-and-span new clothing and jewels, and the scene, while dancing was going on, was a picturesque and animated one. The ball was brought to a close about midnight, and shortly thereafter, the company sat down to an excellent supper, purveyed by Bro. Middleton, of Trongate. Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., presided, Bro. I. B. McNaught, S.W., officiating as croupier, supported by Bros. Thomas Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; John Howie, J.W.; John Frew, S.D.; Hugh Weir, J.D.; G. B. Yuill, Sec.; T. B. Yuill, Treas.; John Doig, B.B.; H. W. Jackson, Architect; W. J. E. Dobson, P.G.S.; James Weir, S.S.; T. Reid, J.S.; Jas. Ross, I.G.; Wm. Graham, O.G. After supper, toast and song alternately became the rule. In the former category were "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," by the chairman, replied to by Bro. G. C. H. McNaught; "The Ladies," by Dr. Russell, D.M., acknowledged on their behalf by Bro. J. Howie; "Clydesdale Lodge," by Bro. G. C. H. McNaught, and responded to by the R.W.M.; "Strangers," by Bro. J. B. McNaught, replied to by Bro. David Doig, 553; "The Chairman," by Bro. Malcolm Stark, and duly acknowledged; "The Press," by Bro. Jackson, replied to by Bro. Bickerton (*Freemason*); &c.

DUNFERMLINE.

LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 26).—The annual festival and installation of office-bearers of this lodge for the ensuing year was held within their lodge-room, Maygate-street, on 28th ult., in enthusiastic style. The lodge having been opened, the R.W.M., Bro. Robert Lindsay, said that as there had been no opposition to the list of office-bearers, which had been duly proposed and seconded, he declared the same to be duly elected, and the installation was proceeded with. At the close, Bro. Lindsay briefly thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in re-electing him to the important position of R.W.M. Thereafter the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, the R.W.M. presiding. Ample justice having been done to the substantial, the usual preliminary loyal toasts were given by the chairman and drank with all honours. The Chairman then gave "The Grand Master of Scotland," Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, they were aware, was connected with a noble ancestral line, and it might fairly be hoped that, in his hands, the cause of Scottish Masonry would be most honourably maintained. Amongst the remaining toasts were "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Health of the R.W.M., Bro. Robert Lindsay," proposed by Bro. Byers, who, in so doing, eulogised the Masonic abilities of their Master, and congratulated the lodge upon having to preside over them one so well fitted for that important office; and "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by the Chairman, and acknowledged by Bro. Romanes, of Lodge Union, 250.

DUNDEE.

LODGE OPERATIVE (No. 47).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room on Monday, December 28, 1874, for installation of office-bearers, and to celebrate the Festival of St. John; the R.W.M., Bro. Alexander Henry, presiding. The lodge was opened in due form, when the different office-bearers were duly installed. The R.W.M., in the name of the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. John Wilson, Junior Depute Master, with a beautiful M.M. jewel, in recognition of his services as Depute Master. The R.W.M. passed a very high eulogium on Bro. Wilson for the zealous manner in which he had performed the duties of Depute Master during a period of two years. Bro. Wilson was next presented with a valuable gem ring and locket for Mrs. Wilson. Bro. Wilson replied in very feeling terms, thanking the brethren for the mark of respect paid to him and Mrs. Wilson, and assured the brethren he could never forget their kindness. Masonry to him was a labour of love, and whatever he could do for the interest of the Order it would always be a pleasure to him to do so. The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and the rest of the evening spent in a most happy and harmonious manner, until the R.W.M. gave the parting toast—"Happy to meet, sorry to part," &c. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

CARLUKE.

On Monday, 28th ult., the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 186 (Carluke), met in Bro. Campbell's Black Bull Inn, Carluke, to celebrate St. John's Day. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. Richard Campbell, R.W.M.; Thomas Sommerville, P.M.; William Finlay, S.W.; William Gregg, J.W.; R. Dewar, Sec.; Hugh Wigson, Treas.; Alexander Hamilton, D.M.; Andrew Pearson, S.M.; Peter Edmond, S.D.; Archibald Davidson, J.D.; George Russell, S.S.; John Gregg, J.S.; Alexander Marshall, Chaplain; James Lochore, S.B.; James Weir, I.G.; Alexander Banken, Tyler. The brethren then sat down to supper—Bro. Richard Campbell, R.W.M., in the chair. The night was passed with song and sentiment.

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Answers to Correspondents.

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"ST. JAMES'S LODGE No. 448."—The corrections came too late; cannot possibly republish report.

The following communications stand over:—Letters from "P.M.," "An Old P.M.," "J.B.H.," Bro. F. Binckes. Reports of Lodges 172, London; 279, Leicester; 1282, Brigg; 354, Glasgow; 43, Fort William; 360, Glasgow. Quarterly Notices of Bro. Dyer and Bro. Jno. Higgins.

Owing to an accident to the "formes" at the moment of going to press, the reports of Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192, and Lodge of Hope, 374, are deferred till next week.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1875.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.

We congratulate our Irish brethren on the installation of the Lord Lieutenant, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, as Grand Master, in the place of their old and venerated chief, the Duke of Leinster. We have already expressed our opinion how wise was the choice, how judicious the selection of so distinguished and esteemed a nobleman to fill the highest post in Irish Freemasonry, and we beg to reiterate that opinion of ours to-day, and accompany it with every expression of felicitation, and every fervent wish for the progress and prosperity of Hibernian Freemasons and Hibernian Freemasonry. Indeed, it is most welcome to us, not only to hear of the most successful arrangements of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, but to read the admirable address of the Grand Master, and the able speech of Bro. Shekleton, D.G.M. While both the speeches were truly Masonic, we feel bound to thank our distinguished brother, the Lord Lieutenant, for his seasonable and forcible statement of the great and goodly aim, and the consistent teaching of our benevolent yet calumniated Order. Not very far from the spot where our noble brother was speaking, had issued, not long ago, a very bituminous pastoral, denouncing everybody and everything, and consigning practically an inoffensive order to a "locale" not usually mentioned to "ears polite." Indeed, there are few charges which have not thus lately been heaped on our head, there are few crimes of which we have not been accused by Romanists and Ritualists, and even, *poh pudor*, by Scotch Presbyterians and American Baptists. "Bedad," as Paddy would say, "a goodly crew to row in the same boat." And yet, here with the opening year of Light and Grace, the Queen's representative in Ireland, like the Heir Apparent to the throne in England, chivalrously casts in his lot with our anathematized fraternity, ranges himself under our banner—avows our principles,

and defends our cause. Happy omen for the peaceful and constitutional progress of Irish Freemasonry, and may 1875 witness across the channel, just as with us here, the steady growth and onward march of our maligned and tolerant Order. That in Ireland, as in other countries, our avowed enemies will cease either from their secret animosity or open virulence is too much to expect, but if we are only united and true to our own principles, under such famous leaders, we need anticipate no danger, and need fear no enemy.

THE PROGRESS OF MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY.

All Masonic students must rejoice to think how great has been the advance in archæological study and results. Notwithstanding the labours and researches of our German brethren, we in England, until about fifteen years ago, had left the fertile land of Masonic investigation untilled and unexplored; in fact, it might be said, to be lying fallow. For, despite the early writings of Anderson and Hutchinson and Preston and Dermott, and the later additions of Oliver and Laurie, our Masonic histories and our Masonic lucubrations were marked with a great deficiency of critical analysis and evidential certainty. Oliver, our most voluminous writer, though learned and laborious, is, no one can deny, somewhat diffuse and often unreliable as to data and facts; and, in this sifting epoch, and in our sterner criticism, his various contributions to Masonic literature and archæology have had to give way to the more careful statements of our modern school. And in the progress of investigation, and the development of our Masonic annals, much has been cleared away, which, like the débris of some fallen ruin, was heaped up in our way, and impeded discovery and advance. The true history of Freemasonry seems to be gradually emerging from those mists of doubt, uncertainty, and mythic record, which time or carelessness, or ignorance, or fanaticism, or even scepticism, had thrown around it. We do not accept now in our Masonic belief all that has been so hastily put forward of date, of persons, of events, of traditions. But the process, though disagreeable to some, and objected to by a few, has done, we believe, great good to the important cause of Masonic truth. We, for our part, have never been afraid of enquiry, nor been opposed to full, fair criticism. On the contrary, we believe firmly, after many years of careful archæological study, that the more our Masonic annals are sifted, the more our history is verified, the more our archæology is studied, the more that honest criticism is applied both to our legends and our organization, the more remarkable will appear the true position and the living history of Freemasonry in the world. Let us take, as an illustration of what has been said, what has been called the Templar theory of Freemasonry. Some twenty years ago, our English Masonic literature abounded with statements, that Freemasonry had sprung from the Templars. It seems to have been the belief of the Chevalier Ramsay, whether real or assumed, it has been often put forward somewhat hastily in former days, by open and anonymous Masonic writers. We doubt whether at this moment any competent Masonic student would repeat, or would patronize, the fallacious theory. We know now all the history of the Templar dispersion in England and Scotland. In the North of England we can point to the Monasteries after their dissolution, in which the Knights lived and died, and the old idea of a Templar perpetuation of Freemasonry, either at York, or in Scotland, or elsewhere, is as unreal and absurd in truth, as anything well can be either in the realms of history or the domain of myth. We do not ourselves believe in any transmission of the original Templar formulæ or secrets, at least none such has ever come before us which could stand for one moment before the inexorable accuracy of modern criticism, or answer the requirements of historical certainty. There is, indeed, at Paris, we believe, still in existence an organization called "Chevaliers de l'Ordre du Temple." This order professes to be founded on a Charter given by Larmenius the Patriarch, who had received a commission to do so from

Jacques de Molay. We may observe here that this order declares in its avowed formularies that "the mysteries and the hieratical order of the Egyptian Initiation were given to the Jews by Moses," afterwards to the Christians by Our Lord, and religiously preserved by the successors of St. John, and guarded by a secret order called The Brethren of the East. But when the Templar Order was founded Hugh de Payens or Hugo de Paganis, was dubbed with Apostolical and Patriarchal power, and placed in the lawful order of the successor of St. John. Jacques de Molay, foreseeing the misfortunes of his order, it is said, designated as his successor Jean Marc Larmenius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and in 1324 the latter gave a charter which has been signed ostensibly by a number of eminent men; and on this charter the allegation of perpetuation and continuation rests. But we fear we must dismiss at once this theory of the origin of Freemasonry, it is, in fact, little different from the "disciplina arcani" theory of Dr. Leeson, which has long been given up as historically untenable, and in the next place we regret to say we do not believe the charter itself; it is in our humble opinion, after many careful researches, a forged, and clumsily forged, document. In the first place no one of any authority as to the age of MSS. has ever seen it or been able to consider its handwriting, said to date from 1324 and onwards. Again, it is not very likely that in face of the Papal Bulls suspending and dissolving the Templar Order, a Roman Catholic Archbishop would take upon himself, especially in France, where the Templars were most unjustly given over to the secular arm, to perpetuate secretly a condemned and excommunicated Order, or to receive such a commission from Jacques de Molay. Once more, by the constitutions of the Templars, it was impossible that a Bishop should command the "Milites Templi," and the alleged transmission to Larmenius, therefore, becomes much more than doubtful. Among the many signatures, the famous Bertrand du Guesclin is to be found, in a printed document put forth in 1825, but it has been said that that hero could not write, and signed usually with a mark. This fact was stated in our hearing by a learned collector of autographs, and a brother, many years ago. The regulations of the Order are said to date from the 587th year of the Order, and to be written on twenty-seven folios of paper, with the effigy of John the Baptist. This would bring us to the 16th century. As the Grand Master Philip is said to have signed them, with others, we presume this Philip is Philip Chabot, who was Grand Master according to the Charter in 1516. We confess, both as regards the charter and the regulations, that with some experience of old documents, we cannot believe they represent any such date in either case. Indeed, the allusion to the Scotch Templars appears to us to decide the question, as it is in fact the basis of most of the statements of several of the French high-grades, and is clearly an anachronism. We are inclined to believe that this Order was founded in the time of so many similar foundations, in the early part of the 18th century, and we are willing to look upon the Duc de Cosse-Brissac, in 1776, as the "real and original Grand Master." At the same time we are open to evidence, though every thing we have seen so far only proves to convince us of the utter inadmissibility of the pretensions of the order to antiquity. The order professes to preserve as relics some burnt pieces of bone of the G.M., Jacques de Molay and his gallant comrades, his sword, the helmet of the Dauphin d'Auvergne, the seal of Larmenius, and the veritable "Beauceant." Perhaps some able French brother could tell us whether the Charter could be seen by an expert, and what is the present position of the order. Until, however, we have a little valid evidence, we fear that we must utterly ignore any claims the order puts forward, either as to reality of existence, or to actuality of continuation.

FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA.

We have risen from the perusal of the proceedings of some American Grand Lodges, with mingled feelings of wonder and admiration, for the growth of Freemasonry in that far-off land,

bound to us by so many friendly links of mutual sympathies and common interests, is indeed very remarkable. We shall not be exaggerating when we say that the Order numbers in America just now, considerably over half-a-million of subscribing members, probably between 600,000 and 700,000, including the Knights Templar. And all who have any knowledge of the subject, or peruse carefully the records of Masonic proceedings in the United States, must be well aware how very "thorough" is the Masonic work there done and carried out under each of their many Grand Lodges. Freemasons in England who do not measure their words, who speak "ore rotundo," whose knowledge is only "skin deep" at the best, often talk superciliously of American shortcomings and defects. Now the truth is, that though there may be a certain amount of difference in the practical workings of the Anglican and American systems, though there are admitted divergencies of Grand Lodge regulations, and of Masonic jurisprudence, especially, in consequence of so many conflicting jurisdictions, yet, the genuine principles of Freemasonry are both proclaimed in the letter, and fulfilled in the spirit by the numerous and respectable brotherhood in America. In all parts of Masonic America, for instance, orphanages are being founded and supported, and the amount granted in relief to Masonic distress generally, and to individual cases when fully before our English mind, will assuredly startle us not a little. Let us take one illustration from many that could be adduced. In the last report of the Grand Lodge of California, the Board of Relief had, it is stated, in eighteen years expended seventy-five thousand dollars—£15,000 in round numbers in English money—and procured labour and work for several hundred Masons and others not members of any lodge in St. Francisco. There are in California alone 198 lodges and 10,725 subscribing members. In 1850, there were only 11 Lodges in California and Oregon. With these few yet striking facts alone before us, need we have any doubt that, whatever may be the calls upon them, American Masonic charity and brotherly goodwill are fully equal to the task of coping with them, and making due provision for them, one and all? We might give many other instances if space permitted, but we hope, before long, to receive an exhaustive statement of all the American Masonic charities. Our brethren in the United States deserve, it appears to us, always the highest sympathy and commendation. To them Freemasonry is something more than a name or a form, or the "knife and fork degree." It is indeed, as far as we are able to understand their present position, teaching, and labours, something very serious, and something very real. They have long surmounted a most cruel and shameless persecution. Their lodges are spreading through the old States and the new States of their mighty Government, and, we believe, in no country in the world are the genuine principles of Freemasonry better realised or more faithfully practised. To them the *Freemason* tenders once again its friendly greetings of sympathetic brotherhood; and we are always delighted to be able to report in our well-filled pages those evidences of Masonic growth and of Masonic duty, which mark in such vivid colours the onward progress of our American confraternity.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Nothing ought to be wanting to give eclat to the approaching festival. The Freemasons' Hall is manifestly inadequate for the occasion, and no more fitting place can be chosen (for many reasons) than the Albert Hall.

When at Boulogne last September, a conversation between a Roman Catholic Priest and a layman was overheard by my wife, the subject of it being, as the priest said, the "glorious" conversion of the late G.M., and the "deadly blow which had been inflicted upon that ungodly, irreligious Order of Freemasons." The priest said, with reference to the move taken to secure the Prince of Wales, that the Roman Catholics laughed at the idea, and that it was more than he dared do to comply with the presumptuous demands of these excommunicated.

The result, I "calculate," has surprised the weak nerves of this gentleman, who can now plainly see that while

"No Italian priest shall take tithes or toll in our dominions," their power over the will and conscience of England's future hope is nil and nowhere. Not less galling must be the fact of the head of the Craft in Ireland being the Queen's representative, tantamount, almost, to the Sovereign herself.

But all this should stir us up to put a bright face upon the matter, and cheering as the prospects of Freemasonry may be now, to show to the opponents of our noble, and essentially religious Craft, that a still brighter future is in store for the devotees of the strangely maligned Order.

Without hurling defiance at the papacy, we may surely worthily celebrate the great moral victory that we have achieved over the plotting of our deadliest foe—a foe that neither by word nor deed have we done ought to offend or injure. Let therefore the forthcoming ceremonial be shorn of none of the importance which most fairly belongs to it, but let all Masons, members of Grand Lodge, as loyal and faithful adherents to our Sovereign Lady and her successors, have full and ample opportunity of displaying that joy which animates them individually and collectively. It will be a day long to be remembered by the Craft—the "St. Crispian's" of Masonry, if I may be allowed a similitude, which, in fact, is scarcely one at all. However, it will answer the purpose, as it will be a day never to be forgotten by the youngest, as well as the oldest, who may be spared and permitted to take part in it.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours Fraternally,
WM. WIGGINTON.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

All Freemasons must congratulate themselves on the fact of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales becoming the Grand Master of England. Greatly do I think it has added to the dignity and standing of our Order, and I would suggest a special jewel (perhaps a small Prince of Wales's Feathers) might be worn by those Worshipful Masters holding office at the time of the Installation of His Royal Highness, in commemoration of this felicitous event. Perhaps some Worshipful Master of standing would organize a plan to memorialize the Grand Lodge for permission to add such a well prized jewel to their regalia.

I am, sir, yours obediently and fraternally,
"BRIDGEFIELD."

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is curious to observe the different opinions on the point raised by M. S., and which was of sufficient importance to become the subject of a leading article in your impression of 19th ult.

The various complexions this matter is capable of taking may be mainly attributed to the wording of the Book of Constitutions, by which its "spirit" is certainly not indicated, but really contradictory. Take page 18, where it distinctly states that Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of private lodges are members of Grand Lodge.

Then comes the clause about the rights and privileges of an Installed Master, who, "having for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge, shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge, nor can he regain that privilege until again installed Master of a lodge." According to this, if the P.M. in question were to rejoin his lodge, and happen to be appointed as Warden by the then W.M., he could not, during the whole of his Wardenship, attend Grand Lodge. This is the inconsistency to which I referred in my letter, alluded to by Bro. Magnus Ohren in your last impression. Under such circumstances, it is quite clear that the P.M.'s rank and rights would be regained, his rank as P.M., and his rights as Senior P.M., and a member of Grand Lodge.

Why should he have to wait till again installed as W.M.? His Wardenship alone gives him a vote in Grand Lodge.

Hoping to see Bro. Magnus Ohren, or any other able writer, surmount this difficulty, I am, yours fraternally,
E. F.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should like an opinion on the following case:—The election for Mastership is contested by two or more eligible brethren, all I.M.'s, one of whom, Bro. A, is the retiring W.M. Bro. B is elected by one vote, and on arriving at the lodge after the election, is acquainted with the fact, and immediately "declines to be installed." Bro. C rises to remonstrate, and reminds Bro. B. of a certain clause in the Charge to an Entered Apprentice, concerning "votes and resolutions," whereupon Bro. B. says he will leave the matter in the hands of the brethren (as Bro. C's remarks have gone home to him), and retires. In the meantime, Bro. A. proceeds to a fresh election, and is himself elected. Who is the W.M. elect?

Yours fraternally,
E. F.

THE DEGREES OF MARK MASTER AND EXCELLENT MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With your kind permission I shall address you on a subject on which, in the colonies at least (and I think I may also say in England), there seems to be not only a division of opinion, but a large amount of fogging in the minds of many of the Craft, viz., the true position of the degrees of Mark Master, and Most Excellent Master. I am writing as an English Mason, and by some of my zealous brethren, it may be said at once, "You have nothing to do with these degrees," the Grand Lodge of England not acknowledging them, but intelligent Masons of the present day, with all due deference to that august

body, recognise the value of them, and not only the value but, in order to perfect the ritual of Craft Masonry, the actual necessity of them.

I have read from time to time in the pages of your valuable journal many opinions anent the Mark Degree uttered by brighter Masons than myself, such as Bros. Yarker, Hughan, Paton, &c., and being struck by a remark of Bro. Emra Holmes at page 398, in a July number of the *Freemason*, in which he is reported to have shown "where the continuity was broken in the third degree, and where it was taken up in the Royal Arch." I confess I cannot understand how the continuity could be shown without the aid of the degrees mentioned.

The position of the Mark Degree has been, and is, a vexed question with Masonic students. Bro. Yarker, indeed, gives it as his opinion that it is of modern date and spurious character, but with all respect to my learned brother I think he may, with equal justice, say the same of the third degree, yet who will question its position in any rite, or what would Masonry be without it? The question of the before-mentioned degrees at the present, should not be as to their antiquity but their suitability to supply a vacancy in the present English rite, which sadly matts its structure and seeks to mystify the ordinary or less enquiring mind of the R.A. Are they founded on Masonic principle? And are they within the landmarks of what may be termed operative-speculative Masonry? Such being the case, their suitability cannot be denied, and their true position seems to me undoubtedly between the M.M. and R.A. Degrees.

The strangest part of the present question is that these degrees should be incorporated with R.A. Chapters. There may be grounds of argument for excluding them altogether (although I admit of none), but the inconsistency of associating them with R.A. Chapters, passeth understanding. Every brother must know the events they illustrate are supposed to have occurred at the first or S.T., and from their tenour must be used in the crowning acts of that work, or altogether ignored, therefore why our Scotch brethren and others discard them in the lodge and introduce them in the chapter, among events occurring after the return from Babylon, is to me a puzzle.

Speaking broadly then, I think an English Mason holding under Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and also under Grand Mark Lodge (for the two degrees mentioned) is in better standing as to perfection of rite, than a Mason holding under any other constitution that I know of. Many worthy Masons in the colonies regret that the Grand Lodge of England fails to recognise these degrees as "pure and antient Masonry," neither can they understand the why or wherefore, seeing they were included in the ancient York rite, which some of the most eminent in our fraternity consider as "the mother of all ancient rites." Is it not carrying conservatism to excess to sacrifice a principle to a constitutional clause of doubtful import? Craft Masonry, as worked in lodges under Grand Lodge of England is incomplete, but should not be allowed to remain so. If the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland knew what a blessing it would be to colonial brethren to assimilate their rites (I believe they have assimilated their working), I think, in justice to us, they would do so. If the present differences existed in any other society than that of Masons, the consequences, I am afraid, would be serious dissension. As it is, it sometimes threatens to estrange brethren of the two constitutions, who are over-zealous in their attachments. To make Scottish Masonry consistent, the Mark and Excellent Master must be controlled by Grand Lodge instead of Grand Chapter, and that English Masonry may be perfected, it is necessary that Grand Lodge should recognise these degrees, in the only position that can be assigned to them, viz: following the M.M. The present system is most detrimental to the Eng. R.A. in the colonies, for the reason that in towns, where chapters are held under both Constitutions (and there are many), English Masons prefer becoming members of Scotch chapters, as they obtain two extra degrees for the same money, and no matter where they locate, there is no difficulty in visiting. This, however, is not so much the case in places where there happens to be an English Mark Lodge. As a rule, then, our brethren prefer passing through the Mark Lodge on the way to the English chapter, although it is more expensive.

The present Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of England and Wales, deserves the hearty support of every English Mason, for the manner in which it has surmounted every difficulty in the attainment of its present position, but here also inconsistency must be complained of, or it is likely I never should have troubled you in re the present question, indeed the last sanctioned working is to my mind utterly contradictory. It is evident the position of the degree is assumed to be beyond the M.M., as the lodge is presided over by A., not in his capacity as "Chief Overseer," but as "Master of the Work," chosen to succeed H.A.B., as also it being imperative that the candidate shall be a W.M., yet the first prominent action brings us back to what should be an extension of the F.C., namely the choosing and registration of the Mark. If the lodge is open in a degree superior to the M.M., how can it consistently resolve itself into a F.C. lodge, and confer on a Craftsman a reward of merit for labours the result of which they know nothing of. It must be conceded the status of Mark Man can only concern a F.C. lodge, and therefore a Mark Masters' Lodge should assume the candidate to have received his Mark as before noted. The registration in a M.M.M. lodge is no doubt a necessity, but the choosing should find no place in it. Several other remarks I should like to make on the mode of working, but I am afraid I have already trespassed too much on your space, my only excuse being that these matters are of interest to brethren in the colonies, and we are anxious to hear the opinion of brighter Masons than ourselves.

Yours Fraternally,
WALTER HILL, P.M. 49 E.C.
Dunedin, New Zealand, Oct. 1874.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have refrained from addressing you on the question of Masonic portraits, though just now it is a subject in which I am deeply interested, yet, as I find a weekly correspondence in your paper, indicating that there is a public feeling in favour of such a mode of illustration, I am induced to send you a suggestion, in the hope that it may ultimately benefit the Craft in general, and your paper in particular.

It may be interesting to the brethren to know that during the last twelve months I have published several thousand portraits of public characters for book illustration, and where the number of prints required will admit of it, the application of permanent printing reduces the cost materially, besides giving to the portraits the same permanency as printing ink. Last month, Grand Lodge honoured me by accepting an elegantly bound album, for the "Portraits and Autographs of our Rulers," which I am now compiling, several of which portraits it is my intention to print in carbon.

I therefore suggest that permission be asked to publish such of my portraits as may be of interest to your numerous readers, when I will willingly lend any of the cliché that you may approve, as the printing in carbon does not damage the negative for silver print.

A selection might also be made from the various albums which I have supplied to different lodges.

am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
Edw. M. HAIGH, P.M. 29, P.G. Steward.
213, Regent-street, W.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to congratulate you upon the vastly improved appearance of the *Freemason* for the 2nd inst., and to thank you for the greatly increased matter that you have presented to us.

The suggestions that have been made in your columns as to illustrations, &c., are, I believe, good, and, if carried out, would do much to extend the circulation of the paper, even among the outward world.

The keeping the advertisements on separate sheets is an inducement for binding, as one does not care to have the continuity of letter-press broken every moment by matters of no interest (then), and of considerable annoyance.

Wishing you success among the lodges, and, through them, with the brethren,
I am yours fraternally,

WM. WIGGINTON, P.M. 902, 1208; W.M. 1503, &c.
Jan. 4, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

On Monday last the usual quarterly court of the subscribers and governors of this institution was held in the board room, Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. Henry Browne, vice-patron. There were also present Bros. John Symonds, W. Roebuck, Major J. Creaton, John Boyd, R. Wentworth Little, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. Binckes, Secretary. The motion of Bro. John Symonds (for which see report of Girls' School) was dealt with in the same way and referred to the same committee as is named in the Girls' School report, and besides the confirmation of the minutes no further business remained to be transacted.

Attention was called by the Secretary to the anniversary festival of the institution, which is announced to take place on the 30th of June, when the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro Grand Master, and R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Somerset, will preside. The total receipts of 1874 were stated to be £10,185, including £466, a grant from Grand Chapter. The debit balance account at the bankers' at the close of the past year was £151 11s. 4d.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, and the proceedings terminated.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The establishment of Christmas holidays to be spent at home when wished, and their extension to three weeks, has been extensively taken advantage of during the season by the pupils of the Masonic Boys' School, only 42 out of the total number of 176 having remained in the institution. Neither the comforts nor the enjoyments of these few have been neglected. As a matter of course, good Christmas cheer was not wanting, but with out-door enjoyment the weather has materially interfered. A present of a large box of excellent fireworks, however, most kindly and thoughtfully given by a resident in the neighbourhood, Mr. Dixon, Secretary of the Alexandra Palace Company, afforded a treat which was highly appreciated by the lads on Friday evening last. Also, on the Monday following, Mr. W. Bridgman Smith, gave an evening lecture, entitled, "Mont Blanc, How I went there, What I saw, and What I did." By invitation a large number of local residents attended, and by their presence added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening, lending a warmth and enthusiasm to the proceedings which would otherwise have been wanting, though our young friends themselves contributed their full share to the applause with which Mr. Smith's efforts to amuse and instruct were received. At the close of the lecture, an exhibition of chromatropes was given, with which everyone was delighted. Mr. Bridgman Smith possesses a happy talent for condensation, with quiet humour in making good points, and an emphatic delivery. The improvements he has effected in the lantern have brought the "Bridgman Lantern" to a high pitch of excellence; the manipulation

is perfect; and the views, which are numerous, are admirably painted, and come out on the disc clear and sharply defined. A vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the institution, was enthusiastically acquiesced in by all present and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Smith. The company then separated, all, young and old alike, expressing themselves as intensely pleased with the evening's entertainment. It should be stated that the whole of the domestic staff of the institution also attended.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this School was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major Creaton presided, and the other members present were Bros. T. J. Barnes, H. Browne, John Symonds, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Herbert Dicketts, G. M. E. Snow, H. Mugeridge, Griffiths Smith, H. A. Dubois, Thos. W. White, Hyde Pullen, Robert B. Webster, F. Binckes, Richard Spencer, and R. W. Little, Secretary. The Secretary, having read the minutes, announced that he had written to the Marquis of Ripon to know whether His Lordship wished to remain a trustee of the Girls' School, and had received a reply that he did not. A question therefore arose whether the vacancy should now be filled up. Bro. Symonds thought it should be filled up at once, Law 7 of the Institution being in favour of that step. The Chairman, on the contrary, believed it would be better to defer it to another meeting, notice of motion being in the meantime given to fill up the vacancy. According to law 7, quoted by Bro. Symonds, no doubt they had power to act at once, but it would be more prudent, perhaps, to let the matter stand over. Bro. Symonds said it was unfortunate they had not had the resignation earlier, but under all the circumstances he agreed that it would be better to adopt the chairman's suggestion. This was concurred in, and the minutes were then put and confirmed. The consideration of the following motion of Bro. Symonds was the next business on the paper:

"Every Steward at the Anniversary Festival who shall procure Donations and Subscriptions to the extent of One Hundred Guineas or more, and shall collect and pay over the amount (exclusive of his personal Donation) to the Funds of the Institution, shall receive, if such amount be not less than One Hundred Guineas, one additional vote; One Hundred and Fifty Guineas, two additional votes; Two Hundred Guineas, three additional votes; and a further extra vote for every additional sum of not less than Fifty Guineas so obtained and paid over." Bro. Symonds said he was willing that it should be referred to a committee of the two schools, and he would also suggest that the mode of election to the House and Audit Committees should be referred to the same body. The election, he thought, should be conducted in the same way as the half-yearly elections of children into the school were now conducted, by proxy papers, scrutineers being appointed, the poll to remain open till, say, 5 p.m.

The reference to a committee was agreed to, and Bros. Browne, Symonds, Griffiths Smith, Thos. W. White, Hyde Pullen, T. J. Barnes, Major Creaton, Herbert Dicketts, and John Boyd, were appointed the said committee. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

NEW YEAR'S TREAT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The New Year's treat to the children of this Institution was given by the members of the House and Audit Committees, on the 8th inst., at the school at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise. Among the brethren present were Bros. Benj. Head, A. H. Draper, Robert B. Webster, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. C. Levander, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Joshua Nunn, A. H. Tattershall, Louis Hirsch, Thomas W. White, Edw. Cox, Thomas Massa, Griffiths Smith, W. Winn, F. J. Cox, R. W. Little (Secretary), H. Mugeridge (Collector), and several ladies.

Most of the children had gone home for the holidays, but there were about thirty left. These were entertained, first of all, at tea, after which they enjoyed some dancing. Dissolving views and magic lantern were then provided by Bro. F. J. Cox, of Ludgate-hill, and some very interesting pieces of scenery were produced, together with a verbal explanation. This lasted for a couple of hours, during all which time the children and the visitors were much amused, and expressed their gratification at the exhibition.

As soon as the last diagram—"Good night"—was given, the children retired to the dining-hall to supper, where all the visitors waited on their little friends, and pulled crackers with them, to the intense delight of the children. The supper, however, as a repast, did not appear to have half the interest for them that the crackers had, and, unlike boys, they left the refectory almost untouched, to revel in the delight of wearing the caps, coronets, collars, and other becoming articles of dress, which were enclosed with the bon-bons. They were occupied a considerable time in this amusement, and perhaps no previous part of the evening had such allurements for either the big or the little girls.

The pleasure was sustained during the dancing which followed, when the fortunate possessors of caps continued to wear them. It was getting late when the visitors bade adieu to the dear little girls, who shook them most heartily by the hand as they left.

When the dancing was over, and before retiring, Bro. Benj. Head addressed a few words to the children. He said: My good friends all, I hope you will excuse me for addressing you. I think I am the oldest member of this institution, and if you will allow me I will say a few words before parting. We meet here at the beginning of a new year. We meet here with a number of you young chil-

dren who are remaining in the school for the holidays, and knowing that many of the girls of this institution have gone home, I hope, to have a happy, comfortable, and merry Christmas. Though they have gone to spend their merry Christmas at home, I hope, little ones, you have enjoyed yourselves to-day. We have come here on purpose that you should have a little pleasure, and I think we have been successful. Well, then, I think, in looking back to the year that has passed, we have to be very thankful to the great and good God that rules over all, for the restoration to health of one who is dear to us all (Miss Jarwood), a lady who has been in this establishment for many many years, a lady who has been kind and motherly to you and hundreds before you, and I am sure a lady dear to all of us who are on committees, a lady whom we all love and admire. I ask you now to thank God that she is restored to health, and to wish her many, many happy years still to come, that we may all have the pleasure of meeting her here in many future years. (Cheers.) I now bid you all good night.

The decorations of the different rooms were very tastefully arranged by the children and the governesses, and the building bore all the signs of a hearty welcome to visitors. Evergreens in festoons, "A Merry Christmas," "A Happy New Year," "Welcome," and, not the least, cheerful, roaring fires, and well lighted rooms, revived the memories of old-fashioned Christmases, as handed down by traditional history. The brethren will be glad to know that the inmates of the school appear to be in the enjoyment of excellent health and unalloyed happiness.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ORDER OF PROCESSION AT A FUNERAL.

In reply to "one of your old subscribers" as to the order of procession, it is laid down in a book I possess, dated 1819, as follows, viz:—

Tyler, with a drawn sword.
Musicians (if any).
Master Masons.
Senior and Junior Deacons.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Senior and Junior Wardens.
Past Masters.
The Holy Writings, on a Cushion,
Carried by the OLDEST MEMBER of the Lodge.
The Master.
Clergy.
THE BODY.
Pall Bearers. Pall Bearers.

In the above order the youngest Past Master goes before the W.M. in the procession.

Yours, fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN, P.M. and P.Z.

MASONIC PEDIGREE WHEAT.

Referring to the article in the *Freemason* of the 19th Sept. last, headed "Royal Masonic Pedigree Wheat," giving an account of the produce of a single grain which fell from the hand of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the New Grammar School at Reading, picked up and planted by Bro. Thos. Deller, P.M., of Newbury, we are now informed that the corn has been threshed, the yield being nearly five quarters. This has been drilled into sixteen acres of suitable land; thus we see this large result from a single grain in five years.

THE SCALD MISERABLE MASONS.

I have seen an old print in the window of Messrs. Golding and Lawrence, Antiquarian Print and Booksellers, Ivy lane, an engraving with the above description. It represents "the front of Somerset House in 1742, copied from the view of the Grand Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons." It appears to be a burlesque of Freemasonry, as some of the persons forming the procession are seated on asses. Some are playing musical instruments, others carry banners with Masonic emblems. Can any brother tell me what the Scald Miserable Masons were, if any such body existed.

QUESTER.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following brethren form the Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival on behalf of this Institution, on Wednesday, 27th January, 1875, the Right Hon. Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, in the Chair.

PRESIDENT:—R. W. Bro. Samuel Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. China.

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P. Prov. G.R. Staffordshire, P.M. 482; A. Avery, P. Prov. G.R. Kent, P.M. 1314; W. Cutbush, P.G.S.W. Herts, W.M. 1385; J. E. Le Feuvre, P. Prov. G.S. Hants and Isle of Wight, P.M. 130; T. S. Carter, P.G.S.D. Herts, W.M. 403; Col. J. Duff, P.G.S.D. Norfolk, S.W. 102; E. West, P. Prov. G.D. Herts, P.M. 1327; H. Hacker, P.G.J.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, W.M. 723; W. H. Brittain, P. Prov. G.D. of C.W. Yorks, P.M. 139; E. Worral, P. Prov. G.D.C. Warwickshire, P.M. 925; C. E. Peck, A.G.D.C. Cambridge, I.G. 859; W. Hicks, P. Prov. G.S.B. Kent, P.M. 483; 77; W. Coombes, P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. and Sec. 382; W. Goodacre, P.G. Purst. Cheshire, P.M. 104; H. Sanderson, P. Prov. G.P. Warwick, P.M. 925; W. H. Trego, P.G.S., P.M. 1; R. J. Hayhow, P.G.S., W.M. 8; Prof. E. Wilson, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., G.S., W.M. 1464; W. Pigott, W.M. 1282, Province of Lincoln; J. M. Rutter, P.G.S. East Lancashire, J.W. 221; J. Newton, P.G.S. East Lancashire, P.M. 37; G. Bolton, (V.P.), P.M. 169.

TREASURER.—W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (V.P.) P.G.D. Lodge 2.

Bro. C. Terry, P.M. 3; A. Meadows, J.W. 4; C. Warr, 7; J. B. Lamaitre, P.M. 12; E. Nash (M.D.) J.D. 14; R. P. Spice, J.D. 21; T. R. Eames, W.M. elect 22; W. Huckvale, 23; J. Lindner, 25; C. Atkins, W.M. 27; D. Crombie, W.M. 28; A. J. R. Trendell, S.D. 29; G. E. Eachus, W.M. 33; W. B. Date, 34; W. Kingsbury, J.D. 46; H. G. Barwell, P.M. 52; W. T. Farthing, W.M. 55; W. L. Wheeler, S.D. 60; C. R. Daniel, J.D. 65; W. Richards, 68; J. C. Ring, W.M. 72; C. Hull, P.M. 87; W. G. Clarke, P.M. 554, S.W. 101; W. H. Wakefield, W.M. 104; G. W. Hawksley, W.M. 139; C. Jardine, W.M. 140; J. Kennett, W.M. 141; W. Kew, Steward 144; T. Bull, W.M. 145; J. Last, Treas., Chap. 145; H. Dubosc, Senr, 156; W. H. Haycock, W.M. 164; G. J. Hilliard S.D. 174; F. Kent, W.M. 177; W. Hopekirk, P.M., Treas. 179; H. A. Stacey, P.M., Sec. 180; C. Burley, W.M. 184; J. E. Curteis, W.M. 189; F. Fellowes, 192; B. D. Kershaw, P.M. 193; G. E. Holland, J.D. 198; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; G. W. Dixon, W.M. 209; J. O. Carter, J.W. 209; D. Tallerman, Steward, 228; W. S. Webster, P.M. and Secretary, 231; J. Aird, jun., 259; W. Spencer, 263; J. Hirst, jun., P.M. 337; S. R. Ellis, P.M. 342; J. Pye, J.D. 345; T. S. Ainsworth, 346; A. Winlaw, P.M. 393; W. C. Phillips, W.M. 435; F. A. Manning, (C.E.), 452; W. R. Betteley, W.M. 482; J. J. Berry, J.W. 554; J. L. Jones, I.G. 657; J. Painter, W.M. 749; T. Jones, P.M. 754; A. Beasley, P.M. 780; R. R. Harper, J.D. 813; L. Bryett, P.M. 834; C. Walker, J.W. 862; J. B. Langley, 871; G. K. Lemann, P.M. 176, W.M. 890; T. Griffiths, W.M. 907; J. Simpson, P.M. 910; J. Diprose, jun., P.M., Treasurer 957; G. Makepeace, 975; J. Wordsworth, 1019; J. Knight, P.M. 1046; T. Ayling, 1096; H. T. Lamb, 1185; E. G. Legge, J.D. 1196; H. M. Baker, 1208; H. N. Bridges, P.M. 1216; S. Wetherill, P.M. 1259; G. King, jun., P.M. and Sec. 1260; W. Bell, jun., 1275; W. J. Crutch, S.W. 1278; H. W. J. Moson, 1298; W. Prattent, 1326; W. Leader, W.M. 1335; H. Smith, W.M. 1360; C. R. Miles, P.M. 1365; J. E. Cussans, S.W. 1366; F. W. Koch, P.M. 820, W.M. 1381; H. Edwards, W.M. 1385; C. C. Petley, S.W. 1414; C. W. Ashdown, Sec. 1421; G. Page, J.W. 1209, 1426; C. Smith, W.M. 1441; W. T. Howe, P.M. 1445; M. Davis, W.M. 1474; J. W. Jackson, 1475; J. Purrott, D.C. 1479; E. G. Sim, I.G. 1489; F. Woodin, 1492; E. C. Woodward; W. H. B. Tomlinson, W.Y.; C. M. Jones; Rev. P. M. Holden, Holy Palestine Preceptory, Red Cross.

HONORARY SECRETARY.—Bro. James Terry (Secretary to the Institution), 4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

THE MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

Some of the members of this useful institute met on Monday evening in the beautiful hall of the Supreme Grand Council, 33, Golden-square, which had been kindly lent for the occasion, to hear a lecture by Bro. R. G. Haliburton, of St. John's Lodge, Nova Scotia, on the "Prehistoric Vestiges of Masonic Symbolism."

Bro. Haliburton is well known as the discoverer of the "Year of the Pleiades," and it was generally expected that his lecture would throw considerable light on Masonic symbolism, more especially (which was the object of the lecture) on that symbolism, and the symbol of the seven stars, supplying a key to the common origin of the religion of nations. The expectation was not disappointed, for the lecturer, with the aid of some rough diagrams, described the researches he had made, and the great difficulty he had, before he became a Freemason, in discovering an explanation of the mysterious numbers in which he found certain relics of bye-gone ages. Alighting on the same combinations among the Australian savages, the Dyaks of Borneo, the North American Indians, the Greeks, the Persians, the Arabs, the Egyptians, Mexicans, Scandinavians, and Chinese, together with Bible history, the writings of Plutarch, ancient mythology, and the remnants of decayed architecture all over the world, he could not but conceive that the similarity to be found in these combinations was traceable to the same source. After becoming a Freemason the missing link was supplied, and he then traced to one fountain all the streams of religion which flowed through the world.

At the conclusion of the lecture, we were informed that no report of it would be allowed, as, according to the rules of the Institute, all its proceedings were to be looked upon with the same secrecy as the mysteries of the Masonic Lodge. We are therefore unable to give a report, but without any breach of Masonic obligations, we may make known that the lecture was an exceedingly able and interesting one, and displayed very great research, and as the lecturer solicited the assistance of all members of the Craft, they cannot do better than join the Institute, the subscription to which is only half-a-guinea. The lecturer pointed

out that the researches were a point of some interest to theologians, as they would tend to solve many of the questions which puzzled them; and he indicated a great future for the Craft as regarded the history of Masonry. He hoped that the day would yet come when the recollection of the glories of Masonry in all ages would awaken English Masons to a conscientiousness of duty, and make them what they once were, a pride to themselves and all the nations of the Earth.

A discussion of some length followed, but not being completed, was adjourned to a future meeting, which Bro. Haliburton said he should be happy to attend for the purpose of giving any assistance in his power.

The Earl of Carnarvon was to have presided, but owing to the illness of the Countess of Carnarvon, his lordship could not attend.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

HOKITIKA.—The regular meeting of the Pacific Lodge (1229 E.C.) was held in the Masonic Hall, Bevell-street, on Tuesday last, when, notwithstanding the prevailing wet weather, there was a goodly attendance of members and visiting brethren. The business of the evening was conducted in the most able manner, and the brethren had the pleasure of listening to a very forcible address from their R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. Lazar, who, on behalf of the members, presented Bro. J. R. Hudson, P.M., with a handsome P.M. jewel and a richly-illuminated testimonial, as a mark of their esteem for the very zealous manner in which that brother, as W.M. for two years, had conducted their lodge and managed its business. In the course of his address, Bro. Lazar paid some very high compliments to the whole of the P.M.'s from the commencement of the lodge, and congratulated the members on its good working, and also on its pecuniary position. The testimonial, signed by all the officers of the lodge, was as follows:—"To Bro. J. R. Hudson, P.M.—Dear Sir and Brother,—We the W.M., Wardens, and Officers of the Pacific Lodge (1229 E.C.), beg to convey to you here-with an expression of our fraternal and sincere regard, and to assure you that your zealous attention to the interests of our time-honoured Craft in the faithful discharge of your duties as W.M. for the past two years has received the approval and esteem of the brethren, in testimony of which we beg your acceptance of the accompanying jewel, and trust that the G.A.O.T.U. may be pleased, in His bountiful goodness and wisdom, long to spare you in your useful Masonic career, and that He may continue to surround you and yours with every blessing obtainable in this life." Bro. P.M. Hudson, when returning thanks for the handsome presents made him, said:—"It is difficult for me to find words sufficiently expressive to show you my deep sense of gratitude for the high distinction you have this evening conferred upon me. It would be mere affectation on my part were I to say I consider myself entirely unworthy of the honour I have received at your hands, but I sincerely assure you that so costly and handsome a recognition of any services I may have happily been enabled to render our lodge is far beyond my real deserts. I certainly have (as all who wish to achieve honour and success in Masonry) worked hard, and your presentation this evening shows I have not worked in vain to maintain the dignity and prosperity of the Pacific Lodge, to encourage fraternal affection amongst its members, and to promote, as far as laid in my power, the general interests of our Craft. As I am well aware that I have, on many occasions, been wanting in that tact and judgment so necessary in the Master of a lodge who wishes to bring his career of office to a successful issue, I can the more fully appreciate the brotherly love, kind feelings, and indulgence that has been shown towards me. The brother then pointed out to those present the folly of the extravagances of some other lodges in spending all their funds, and, in some instances, getting into debt for large sums to build magnificently-ornamented halls, and thereby rendering themselves powerless to stretch out the arm of charity to the poor and distressed. He strongly urged upon them that while they had a hall small and plain, though it is but possessing the one main thing desirable for Masonic purposes—viz., privacy—to be content and reserve their funds for the relief of their indigent brethren. After the lodge was closed, the brethren, by invitation from Bro. Hudson, adjourned to the Cleveland Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

OTAGO.—The installation meeting of the Lodge of Otago, 844 E.C., took place on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, in the Masonic Hall. The lodge being opened by the W.M., Bro. A. H. Burton, the S.W., Bro. T. Fordyce, was presented as the W.M. elect, and after assenting to the ancient charges was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony was most impressively worked by Bro. A. H. Burton in his usual painstaking manner. There were a large number of P.M.'s in the East, as also of visiting brethren of the different constitutions. The lodge was honoured by an official visit of the Prov. G. Master, S.C., and his officers. After the ceremony of investment the Installing Officer called on the brethren, to salute the Prov. G. Master, S.C., with grand honours. The Prov. G. M. in returning thanks for the kind reception of himself and officers, said he was glad to avail himself of the opportunity of visiting the lodge, to show them he fully appreciated the handsome manner in which his English brethren turned out on the late occasion of his own installation, he should ever remember the compliment paid him, and thanked them heartily for their fraternal feeling. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—J. Fordyce, W.M.; W. M. Weston, S.W.; L. Court, J.W.; Eldridge, P.M. Treas.; S. M. Muir, Sec.; D. K. Rhodes, S.D.; R. Greenfield, J.D.; Hiram Rhodes, I.G.; B. Singer, Steward. After closing, the brethren adjourned to Dunning's Cafe and spent the evening in their usual social style.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this institution met on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major Creaton, presided. There were also present, Bros. C. F. Hogard; Benj. Head; H. Browne; Griffiths Smith; J. G. Stevens; W. Hale; C. A. Cottebrune; H. M. Levy; John Constable; J. Newton; L. Stean; James Brett; W. Stephens; T. Cubitt; F. Adlard; Hyde Pullen; W. Hilton; H. Massey (Freemason); and James Terry, Secretary.

The death of two annuitants were announced, and fifteen candidates were placed on the list for May. The petition of a widow for half annuity was granted, and leave of absence was granted to an annuitant. The name of one petitioner was, at her own request, removed from the list. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN HIGGIN, S.W. 1129.

On Tuesday evening, the 22nd December, a little before twelve o'clock, Bro. John Higgin died at his house, in Lord Street, Rochdale, after a very short sickness. He attended the funeral of Bro. Edwin Collingwood, P.M., on Friday, the 15th ult., and it is thought that he caught a cold which brought on rheumatic fever, and cut him off in the prime of life. He was a kind and benevolent brother, and well respected by his brethren and friends.

He was S.W. of Lodge of St. Chad, 1129. He was for many years a traveller for a very respectable firm in the ironmongery business in Manchester, in which he acquitted himself very creditably.

He was interred in the Rochdale Cemetery on Saturday, 26th December, and there was a good attendance of the brethren from the different lodges to pay their last respects to our departed brother, whom they should see no more. They attended in white ties and gloves.

"Mors cuncta mortalium mula dissolvit."

DEATH OF BRO. LLEWELLYN EVANS.

We regret to have received the information of the decease of our able Bro. Llewellyn Evans, late President of the Board of General Purposes for many years.

Masonic Tidings.

MASONIC CONCERT IN LIVERPOOL.—Last Saturday evening the third of the series of five concerts, in aid of the fund for the erection of an organ in the Liverpool Masonic Hall, took place in the dining-hall of that building. There was a large attendance, and, as the programme was one of the very choicest nature, the enjoyment of those present was complete. The artistes who kindly gave their services were Miss Philipps, Miss M. Philipps, Bro. H. C. Harrison, Bro. T. J. Hughes, Signor Olano, Master Davies (a young pianist of great promise), and Bro. G. A. W. Philipps (cornet). The concert was under the direction of Bro. Franklin Haworth, whose accompaniments were invariably played with the greatest taste.

Bro. Herbert Monckton was elected Town Clerk of Maidstone on Thursday, 7th inst., vice Mr. John Monckton, resigned after thirty-six years' tenure of office. Mr. Herbert Monckton is a brother of the Town Clerk of London, and is already well known to municipal officers as a compiler of election and other manuals.

We regret to learn that the Countess of Carnarvon, who gave birth to a daughter at her town residence, 16, Bruton-street, on the 30th ult., was so seriously ill last week that her condition caused much anxiety, and Sir William Gull was called in. On Saturday her ladyship was reported to be rather better.

The will, dated Feb. 21st 1866, of Benjamin Bond Cabell, late of Cromer Hall, Norfolk, and of the Middle Temple, who died on the 9th ult., at 39, Chapel-street, Edgware-road, was proved on the 23rd ult., by John Cabell, the sole executor, the personal estate being sworn under £100,000. The testator bequeaths all his real estate and bequeaths all his personal estate to his cousin, the said John Cabell.—*Illustrated London News*.

MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS TO LIVERPOOL CHARITIES.—By the death, last week, of Mr. Roger Lyon Jones, 69 years of age, who resided at Sunnyside, Prince's Park, Liverpool, the charitable institutions and religious societies of Liverpool have just come in for a most extraordinary sum of money. It is expected that the estate will be worth at least £350,000, and by his will Mr. Jones specifically bequeaths £40,000, of which £20,000 is to be given to some distant relatives, and the other £20,000 to different charities in Liverpool named in the will. The remainder of the property, amounting to upwards of £300,000, is left in the hands of the executors, who are empowered to divide it amongst local charitable and religious institutions as they may deem fit.

Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Caledonian Society of London, to be held on Monday, the 25th inst.

FIRE AT MOUNT EDGECUMBE.—A fire of considerable proportions broke out at about eleven o'clock on Wednesday night on Mount Edgumbe. Notwithstanding the stormy weather, some hundreds of persons assembled on the Hoe to witness the flames, which illuminated the night across the three miles intervening between Plymouth and the Mount. It appears as if the well-known group of ornamental cottages belonging to the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, and provided for the accommodation of picnic parties, was in flames. Should such prove to be the case, the fine mansion is in no danger, but many of the splendid trees which ornament the heights, and which are the pride of Devonshire, are on fire.

MASONIC PHOTOGRAPHY.—Our attention has been called to a communication from Bro. Edward W. Haigh, who has, during the past month, presented to Grand Lodge a very elegantly bound album, in morocco, of Grand Lodge colours, and which may now be seen at Grand Secretary's office, intended to contain the portraits, with autographs, of the officers and members of Grand Lodge. The works of this eminent artist have frequently come under our notice, and we cannot too highly commend him for the spirited manner in which he is accomplishing this tasteful task. As all the sittings are, by his liberality, gratuitously bestowed, we strongly urge all Grand Lodge members, who have not already given sittings, to pay an early visit to the atelier of Bro. Haigh, at 213, Regent-street. Among the many excellent examples of Bro. Haigh's artistic skill that we have been favoured with an inspection of, we may mention a series of carefully coloured studies of Bro. George Kenning, recently executed, and representing that experienced Mason in nine different grades, from the 30th degree downwards. These admirable pictures reflect the highest credit upon artist and subject, and especially the latter, since they afford unmistakable evidence of the diligence and perseverance with which Bro. Kenning has applied himself to the acquirement of such proficiency in the noble science of Freemasonry.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 23, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16.

Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (840), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham, Hotel, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 907, Royal Alfred, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Snodgrass-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariner's, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemason's Hall.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Half-Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 " 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-road.
 Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Latham, Prec.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Rercy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.

General Committee Grand Chapter.
 Lodge of Benevolence.
 Grand Stewards' Lodge.
 Lodge 140, St. George's Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
 Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Corps, City-road.
 Rose Croix Chap. Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354 Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1398), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Prec.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7. Bro. M. S. Latham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern Gresham-street; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 23, 1875.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 " 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall Liverpool, at 5.
 " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Heskeith, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 4.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat-sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
 " 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee-Ho., Wavertree, at 5.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat-sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 950, Heskeith, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1072, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
 " 1292, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, January 23, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19.

Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Bridge, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.

Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew, Garngad-road.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FALMOUTH.—LODGE OF LOVE AND HONOUR (No. 75).—The members of this lodge met on Tuesday, 12th inst., to instal Bro. W. H. Dunstan in the W.M.'s chair. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Newman, P.M., and the following appointments were afterwards made:—Bros. M. Little, I.P.M.; T. Webber, S.W.; A. B. Harris, J.W.; W. F. Newman, Treas.; D. Rogers, Sec.; T. Polglase, S. of C.A. fund; H. Tilly, S.D.; Wilson Fox, J.D.; James, I.G.; Johns and Hasselwood, D. of C.; Wallace and Williams, Stewards; F. Rusden, Tyler. The annual banquet afterwards took place.

PENZANCE.—MOUNT SINAI LODGE (No. 121).—The members of this lodge met to instal Bro. T. J. Rowe, the Worshipful Master elect. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. W. A. Gerry, and the following appointments were afterwards made:—Bros. W. A. Gerry, I.P.M.; Robert Lovell, S.W.; T. W. Penzance, J.W.; Charles Read, re-elected Treasurer; James Lovell, Secretary and Organist; W. H. Kinsman, S.D.; J. J. Taylor, J.D.; W. H. Longhurst, I. G.; J. H. Cornish and G. H. Small, D.C.; and R. Reynolds, Tyler. Among the brethren present were Bros. F. Boase, P.M.; Israel Levin, P.M.; P.P.G.D. John Maxwell, P.M.; G. S. Denbigh, P.M.; C. Trevithick, P.M.; W. Dusting; Nicholls (Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle), and Jacobs (Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75, Falmouth). The brethren afterwards dined together at the Western Hotel.

TRURO.—LODGE OF FORTITUDE (No. 132).—St. John's Festival was celebrated by this lodge on Tuesday, 12th inst. The brethren met at the lodge-room in the afternoon for the purpose of installing Bro. W. C. R. Crewes as W.M. for the next year. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by Bro. Chirgwin, P. Prov. G.W. The newly-appointed W.M. named his officers as follows:—Bros. Tillman, S.W.; Cummings, J.W. and Chaplain; Chirgwin, Treasurer; Lean, Secretary; Rendle, Assistant Secretary; Wilcocks, S.D.; Sampson, J.D.; Lovell, Organist; W. H. James, D.C.; Cardwell, I.G.; Boys and Trembath, Stewards; and Langdon, Tyler. Several new members were proposed. Bro. Chirgwin, the Treasurer, reported that there was a very good balance in favour of the lodge. Ten pounds was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, and five pounds to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous spread was provided by Bro. Bray. The bill of fare was a most substantial and liberal one. The newly-elected W.M., Bro. Crewes, occupied the chair. About fifty sat down. There was some very good singing by members of the lodge, and Bro. Heath, of Redruth presided at the piano most efficiently. Letters were read from Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., D. Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. E. T. Carlyon), and the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. W. Tweedy), apologising for their absence. After "The Queen and the Craft" had been proposed by the W.M., "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Officers of the Grand Lodge," was given from the chair. The W.M. echoed the sentiments of everyone present when he expressed pleasure at the Prince of Wales being at the head of English Masons. This fact must speak volumes as to the loyalty of the Craft. It was unquestionably a great privilege, and it was also a great privilege to the county of Cornwall that they had living among them two past officers of the Grand Lodge. They were all very sorry that Bro. Sir F. M. Williams could not be present with them. The cause of his absence everyone present regretted, but there was one amongst them who occupied the proud position of Past Senior Grand Deacon—Bro. Hughan. Bro. Hughan responded, and was received with great enthusiasm. He said it was some 33 years since they had a Royal Grand Master to preside over them, and during that time there had been great changes in Freemasonry. The election of the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership of English Masons, arose out of the secession of the Marquis of Ripon, the late Grand Master, to the Church of Rome. It was a rather curious fact that just 100 years ago a very prominent Roman Catholic nominally presided over the Grand Lodge, as Grand Master, namely, Lord Petre, and at that time there were not 200,000 Masons in the world, whereas at the time of the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, there were over 2,000,000. Some fifty years before then, another prominent Roman Catholic was Grand Master—the Duke of Norfolk, and at that time there were not 5,000 members in the world, so that they would see how rapidly the society progressed and how impossible it was for any man or

many men to expel it from England, or indeed anywhere. It had always been the boast of the Grand Lodge that it was neutral as regarded religion and politics. This boast was not without foundation, as we all know. Among the names of the Grand Masters could be found several of the Royal Family. There were King William IV., George IV., and the Dukes of Sussex and Cumberland, and he was exceedingly glad to see that three sons of Her Majesty Queen Victoria (whom may God long preserve) had now become brethren of the Mystic Tie. The Prince of Wales had not only the honour of being Grand Master of the oldest Grand Lodge in the world, but also of the largest and most benevolent. These facts were sufficient to show that Freemasonry was not antagonistic to the State, for surely no one would think that the Prince of Wales sought to undermine his own throne; and as to religion and morals there were thousands of ministers of various sects belonging to the Order, thus showing that neither religion nor morality met with any injury from the true Masonic principles. Masons must congratulate themselves on having so very excellent a Pro Grand Master as the Earl of Carnarvon to preside over them, and Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, who was lately installed as Provincial Grand Master of the very important province of West Lancashire, was a most zealous brother, who had helped Masonry very materially. They and others had brought it to its present dignified position. It was a society that had seen many other Institutions crumble and fall away, but it was still living, fresh and vigorous.

Thus midst the ruin of revolving years,
Unhurt, unchanged, Freemasonry appears.
Its towers and monuments may fade away!
Its truth and social life shall ne'er decay.

The Chairman then gave "The P.G.M. of Cornwall (the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe), the D.P.G.M. (Sir F. M. Williams), and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." Bro. Solomon, P. Prov. S.G.W., replied. Masons must be proud to be presided over by a man so high in society, so intelligent, and in every way so qualified as the Grand Master of the Province was. His energy and his tact had been most amply manifested when the great meeting of Masons took place at Plymouth last August. Bro. Solomon looked forward to a very similar gathering at Truro this year, when the Prince visited them; and he hoped it would be such a Masonic gathering as Truro had never yet seen. It would be a manifestation of their zeal for the Craft, as well as of love for the throne. As regarded Sir F. M. Williams, he could not speak too highly of him. There was no better Mason existing; and he was prepared to make any sacrifice for the Craft. What was Freemasonry? It was neutral. He had often thought that a Masonic lodge was the only neutral place in the world, and was almost the only place where men of all religions and politics could meet together on one footing, and were tied together by one bond on the principle of brotherly love. As far as his experience went, this neutrality was to be found only in a Masonic lodge. He hoped they would take these things to heart, and do all they could to advance Freemasonry in a true spirit. Bro. W. Lake proposed the health of "The Installing Master, Bro. Chirgwin," praising him for the way in which he conducted the ceremony, and for his long attachment and devotion to Freemasonry. Bro. Chirgwin, P. Prov. J.G.W., who was loudly cheered, replied, and expressed his delight at witnessing the increasing prosperity of the Lodge of Fortitude. Bro. Holloway, P. Prov. J.G.D., proposed the health of the W.M. in very complimentary terms. Bro. Crewes, in acknowledgment, said he had done all he could, since he had been a member of the Craft, for the last six years, to merit the high office to which he had been raised, and trusted to the brethren to support him in his exalted position. Bro. W. J. Johns, P. Prov. G.R., proposed "The Visitors," referring to the fact that Bro. Colonel Sir J. Hogg had travelled more than three hundred miles to be present at this banquet, and extended to all a most hearty welcome. Bro. Sir J. Hogg, who met with a warm reception, made an amusing speech, mentioned that his business engagements prevented him from attending the meeting of the Phoenix Lodge on Monday, and that he intended, at the Exchange dinner on the following day, to give a lecture on farming, and he only hoped those who heard it would be wise after it. Bro. Thomas (Druids, Redruth), responded in a capital speech; and Bro. Jeffrey (331, Truro), also replied. Bro. W. H. Christie acknowledged the compliment for the Phoenix lodge. Bro. Middleton, P.M., &c., proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. N. B. Bullen. The office of W.M. had been most zealously and most ably filled by Bro. Bullen, and he was sure that Bro. Crewes would conduct the lodge with equal ability. Bro. Bullen, Prov. G. Organist, returned thanks. Bro. John Hocking, jun., Prov. J.G.D. (Druids, Redruth), proposed the health of the "Past Masters of Fortitude Lodge." He claimed for the Druids Lodge, Redruth, the honour of having a larger number of subscribing members than any other lodge in the county. He regretted the absence from the banquet of Bro. Harvey, who was the oldest P.M. in the Fortitude. Bro. W. J. Johns replied most effectively. Bro. R. John, P.P.G.D.C., proposed the healths of the S.W. and J.W., and other officers of Fortitude Lodge. Bro. Tillman, in reply, said that although he did not live in the town, he could manage to be present at the meetings of the lodge. Bro. the Rev. A. H. Cummings, M.A., P.G. Chap., also thanked the meeting. He declared most positively that if there were anything in Freemasonry that was not compatible with his profession as a minister of religion, he would not again attend a lodge, or take any active part in Freemasonry. But it was because he was sure that a man became a better man through being a Mason, that he delighted in taking an active part in the principles of the Order, and the more he studied it, the more he became convinced that Masonic principles were founded upon

Christian truth. Bros. Lean, Wilcocks, Cardwell, Sampson, Boys, James, Lovell, and Rendle also replied. Bro. Dorrington, P. Prov. J.G.D., proposed the health of the brethren not in office. To this Bros. J. Michell, George Brown, P.M., and Richards replied, and the latter proposed "Absent Brethren." Bro. the Rev. A. H. Cummings proposed the health of Bro. Heath, who so kindly accompanied on the piano most of the songs that were sung. The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Heath acknowledged it. Bro. N. B. Bullen proposed "The Ladies." Bro. Rendle responded. The healths of the host, Bro. Bray, and the hostess, were then proposed by Bro. Brown, and heartily given. The meeting broke up at eleven.

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).—The brethren of the above old-established lodge met on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, to instal Bro. E. Vorley, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. The meeting was well supported by a numerous attendance of visiting brethren and members of the lodge, some of whom claim an acquaintance of about 40 years' membership. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. E. Dottridge, then proceeded to initiate Bros. Haubert, Frostick, and Hoadley, into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened up into the second and third degrees, and the more interesting business of the evening was commenced—viz., the installation of the W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Dottridge, the Worshipful Master, and in a manner as to elicit repeated demonstrations of approval. The following brethren were invested with collars:—Bros. D. Devenish, S.W.; Hockley, J.W.; Ward, S.D.; A. Dottridge, J.D.; Goosey, I.G.; J. Emmens, P.M., Secretary; J. Hancock, Treasurer; King, D.C.; and Marriott, Organist. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Installing Master presented Bro. Edwin Dottridge, in the name of the Old Concord Lodge, a magnificent Bible, with elaborate mountings of classical design, as a token of the combined good feelings of esteem and respect which they entertained towards him, and for the faithful discharge of the duties annexed to the Master's chair, now extending over a period of two years. The presentation was accompanied with some well-chosen remarks, which were suitably responded to by the recipient. At the conclusion of the meeting, the brethren retired from labour to refreshment, and partook, as usual, of an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly observed, and we noted an especial hearty response to the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon." The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. Marriott, Organist of the lodge. We were especially gratified to observe this long-established lodge so well, and worthily attended; and it having passed its centenary, and obtained its jewel, we wish it every success, being assured it stands foremost in carrying out the true principles and tenets of the Order.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on the 7th inst. at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, Bro. George Abbott, W.M., in the chair, and all the officers, with the exception of Bro. Goodyer, the Treasurer, who was unfortunately absent through illness, being in their places. Lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock, and the W.M., after disposing of some preliminary business, raised Bro. R. H. Goddard to the third degree. His working was perfection, and he gave the whole ceremony without any curtailment. When this was over he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Henry Muggeridge, the father of the lodge, who has for many years regularly installed successive Masters. Bro. Muggeridge thereupon installed Bro. George Newman, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the W.M. chair with all the vigour and expressiveness for which he was famous in his younger days. Bro. Newman having been installed, acquainted Bro. Muggeridge with the names of the officers he had chosen, and Bro. Muggeridge duly invested them and delivered the usual charges. The brethren appointed were Bros. Cohu, S.W.; Arkell, J.W.; Goodyer, Treas.; Jones, S.D.; Legge, J.D.; F. Fellowes, I.G.; Rickwood, D.C.; King, W.S.; and George Smith, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Roberts, P.M., seconded by the W.M., the sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted for a Past Master's jewel to be presented to Bro. Abbott, I.P.M. Bro. Marsh gave notice that ten guineas be given to the Girls' School. Bro. Roberts gave notice of a similar motion for the Boys' School, and Bro. Cohu one for £10 to the Aged Freemasons' Institution. The W.M. afterwards rose, and presenting a massive gold Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, to Bro. Abbott, assured him that he considered it a privilege that this should be his first official act as W.M., for the performance of the duties of the Master's chair by Bro. Abbott, while he held the office of W.M., reflected the greatest credit on him as a persevering and enterprising Freemason. He (the W.M.) and all the brethren wished Bro. Abbott health, wealth, and long life to wear the jewel. Bro. Abbott thanked the brethren and said that it was a great pleasure to him to be of any service to the lodge. His year of office had been one of unalloyed happiness; the work had gone on well, and he hoped that it would continue to do so in future. The W.M., before closing the lodge, informed the brethren that during his year of office he intended to observe strict punctuality, and the Secretary would put upon the summonses the hour at which the different ceremonies would be performed. The officers must therefore be in their places, and the candidates ready at the appointed time. It frequently happened that they were not, but came in late, and if the ceremony for which they attended was not performed, they were offended. The ceremony was therefore given, and the consequence was that banquet ordered at six or half-past, was not taken of till half-past eight. It was then found to be spoiled, and the brethren's tempers were ruffled; and all this because one or two brethren would not be punctual. He thought it hard that 50 or 60 brethren should be dis-

arranged by a few, and he should make it a rule that if these latter did not attend at the appointed time for taking their degrees, he should postpone giving them till a future meeting. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a magnificent banquet, provided by Bro. Sidney Spencer, the proprietor of the hotel, and superintended by Bro. Lord, the manager. Among the brethren who sat down, were the W.M. and his Officers, and the following brethren:—Bros. E. Roberts, P.M., D.C.; E. King, P.M., Steward; Henry Muggeridge, P.M.; George Kenning; F. Trott, P.M. Bros. J. Perrin, J. G. Chillingworth, R. H. Goddard, G. Taylor, E. Fellows, T. B. Charlesworth, J. G. Dunn, W. Ramsey, Jas. Hyde, W. F. Poulton, Thos. Barker, W. Medwin, S. Haynes, S. T. Lucas, G. H. Gillam, W. Smale, E. Hunter, H. Stevenson, H. Davis, George Bartholomew, E. J. Kellaway, John Curle, R. E. Bright, A. Lewis, A. G. Marks, W. R. Baker, J. H. Fuller, G. E. Quintin, S. Spencer, Henry Abbott, W. Alflatt, G. T. Smith, W. T. Rickwood, A. T. Honeywill, John Kent, J. G. Rollins, S. Edwards. Visitors: Bro. H. Garrod, P.M. 749; Bro. Capt. E. Shrewsbury, 474; Bro. Thos. Turner, P.M. 140; Bro. J. Brooksmith, P.M. 82; Bro. Francis Burdett, P.G.M., Middlesex; Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec., England; Bro. Colonel Peters, W.M. 1460; Bro. Rev. Dr. E. Brette, S.W. 1460, and Grand Chaplain, Middlesex; Bro. R. W. Little, Sec. Girls' School; Bros. H. J. Dawe, 871; M. S. Larham, 1216; F. McDougall, 3; A. Murray, 860; W. R. Horncastle, 1365; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. 1421; H. S. Partridge, 1445; H. Massey (Freemason), P.M. 619; J. R. Foulger, P.M. 177; M. Ullmer, 49; H. Canter, 1421; W. J. Miller, P.M. 766; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; F. H. Atkins, 890; B. Phillips, 1305; W. G. Connell, 890; W. E. Ransford, 12; J. M. Lewen, 474; J. T. Hiseroc, 1420; J. Wright, W.M. 1158; J. T. H. McEwan, 4; S. P. Smith, 393; J. Hill, 212; T. Moore, P.M. 145; E. Clarke, 1194; R. W. Pandline, 1260. Ample justice having been done to the repast, grace was said, and the cloth removed, and the W.M. rapidly gave the toasts. Bro. Colonel Burdett responded for "The Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," and expressed the gratification he experienced at being present to witness the admirable working in the lodge. He felt that a new era was opening in Freemasonry, not only in England, but in Scotland, Ireland, and the Colonies. The Craft was flourishing and thriving in every possible way. Bro. John Hervey, for whom there were loud and protracted calls, in obedience to the summons rose and said he thought it was a good rule which was generally observed, that only one brother should respond to any given toast, but as they had so enthusiastically called upon him to respond as well as Colonel Burdett, he did not hesitate to offer his cordial thanks for the manner in which he had been received. After congratulating the lodge on the working, and the Installation by Bro. Muggeridge, and expressing his pleasure at being present, he went on to observe that during last year many events had occurred interesting to Masons, and which, he thought, must have some influence on the Order for some time to come. In the early part of 1874, the Prince of Wales, the present Grand Master, was installed as Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, and on the same day, he (Bro. Hervey) being present on the occasion, His Royal Highness proposed his brother, the Duke of Connaught, for initiation in the Craft, thereby showing most conclusively that he did not consider Freemasonry inimical to the Government of the country, or that there was anything in it subversive of the established authority over the land. In March, the Duke of Connaught was initiated, and he need not say that that was an event which was exceedingly gratifying to the Craft. In the following April, and within six weeks of this event, Prince Leopold was proposed, likewise by his brother, the Prince of Wales in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford, and was initiated at the end of that month. Those were three significant things—one, that the Heir Apparent to the Crown should take upon himself the Mastership of a private lodge in London; another, that he should then and there, that very day, propose his brother as a member of it, and, a very few weeks afterwards, again propose his youngest brother as a member of another lodge, of which he was also the Master. He might further allude to another event of interest at which he and another brother in the room were present, the installation of the present Earl of Zetland in succession to his late uncle, who was so long the Grand Master, as Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. It showed that the good feeling to the Craft was not lost sight of—that it had not died out in the generation that had passed away; but that still there were some left to come forward in the same line and take the same position and do honour to the Craft which the late Grand Master had for so many years efficiently supported. There was another event which he was very sorry to allude to—the secession of the Marquis of Ripon from the Grand Mastership of the Order. He could speak most strongly in his Lordship's favour for the way in which he had invariably acted as Grand Master. There could not have been a better Grand Master. During the time that Lord Ripon ruled the Craft, he was attentive to business, ready at all times to do anything in furtherance of its prosperity, and to uphold it in every shape and way. One of the proofs of this was his taking the chair, ten months ago, at the annual festival of the Boys' School, when there was a very large subscription. The Craft, in their calmer moments, would feel that they had sustained a great loss in the resignation of Lord Ripon, and that they had a great deal to thank him for during the twenty years that he was an active member of Grand Lodge. Still, it was said, "There were as good fish in the sea as had ever come out of it;" and so it was with the secession of the Marquis of Ripon; it had been followed by the Heir Apparent to the Crown succeeding his Lordship. What could they wish for more? Those were a few of the events of the past year, and they were

significant of the position the Craft held in the Royal Family, and he hoped they were significant of what Freemasons were looking forward to in the future in the way of support by that family. The Freemasons of England would never deviate for a moment from the respect they owed to the Royal Family, to the Craft, and to the authorities which ruled over them. Bro. Abbott, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom he was glad to have seen installed in the chair of his mother lodge. To be sure, he was a P.M. of the William Preston Lodge, but it was a greater pleasure to a brother to become Master of the lodge in which he first saw Masonic light than in any other. The W.M. replied, and in the course of his remarks, said that one great ambition he had was that though he might perhaps lack ability in the chair, he was desirous that his year should be one of peace, happiness, and prosperity, to obtain which every effort of his would be used. "The Installing Master, Bro. H. Muggeridge," was the next toast, and the W.M., in proposing it, said that it was the greatest mistake Bro. Muggeridge ever made—absenting himself for a time from the lodge. The lodge held him in the highest esteem, and when he came at installations and told the brethren that he was the father of the lodge—that he was initiated thirty years ago—his remarks were listened to by his old associates with great attention. If the younger members did not do the same, it was not from any want of feeling, but because by his own act in absenting himself all the rest of the year, he was not so well known as he ought to be. In future it was to be hoped he would come more frequently. Bro. H. Muggeridge, in the course of his reply, remarked on the great change which had occurred in the lodge during a few years. There was scarcely one of his old friends left, but still there were many new ones. He was initiated on the 7th November, 1839, and at that time the lodge was a numerous one—not so numerous as at present, but still numerous. Some brethren might think he was a visitor on these occasions, but he was not; he was a subscribing member, although he only came once a year to instal the W.M., which he was very pleased to do. Some years ago he used to attend regularly, and part of his time he had been Secretary. Circumstances arose which induced him to decline discharging the duties of Secretary any longer, but he still wished for the prosperity of the lodge. He was glad to have heard that evening that the lodge was going to recognise the services of Bro. Marsh, the Secretary, which he thought was a step in the right direction, because Bro. Marsh devoted a great deal of his time to the work of the lodge. He (Bro. Muggeridge) had not taken any active part in the lodge's affairs for some years, and none of its success or prosperity was due to him. The success and prosperity of the lodge arose from the way in which it was conducted, and from the masterly skill of such brethren as Bro. Abbott, the W.M., and Bro. Marsh. The Lodge of Instruction was the oldest in the City of London. The Stability Lodge of Instruction was established by Peter Thompson, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, in connection with Peter Broadfoot, of the Lodge of Stability, in 1817. He (Bro. Muggeridge) had the honour of being the Preceptor of that lodge. It met at Bro. Gosden's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, every Friday evening at six o'clock, and closed at eight. At that Lodge of Instruction he would be happy to meet any of the brethren and give them whatever instruction they might desire. He would also state one other fact, that Bro. Spencer, the proprietor of the City Terminus Hotel, had kindly granted him the use of rooms for the anniversary festival of the Stability Lodge of Instruction on the last Friday evening in April, and on that occasion he hoped to secure the presidency of a distinguished brother. On the last occasion some 200 brethren sat down, and no doubt the brother who would preside at the next festival would be as well supported then. Bro. H. Garrod responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Maclean, from Victoria, added a few words at the earnest desire of the lodge. He spoke with great cordiality on the reception he had met with, and gave an encouraging account of the progress Masonry was making in the colony he came from. Some difficulty was experienced there on account of the three jurisdictions which prevailed, but the brethren were endeavouring to effect an amalgamation, and to consolidate the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions under one head. He thought that in all those colonies Masons ought to be represented by one head, as it would give them a standing of more importance. Bro. Edward Clark (Villiers Lodge) also replied. Bro. Abbott responded for "The Past Masters," and again thanked the brethren for the jewel they had presented to him. Bro. Little replied for "The Masonic Charities," and regretted that neither Bros. Binckes nor Terry was present. Bros. Cohu and Arkell responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the brethren soon afterwards separated.

WINDSOR.—ETONIAN LODGE (No. 209).—The Installation Meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. G. W. Dixon, W.M.; L. Bryett, P.M.; P. G. Steward Berks and Bucks, as S.W.; J. O. Carter, J.W.; J. Pullin, P.M., Treasurer; J. Strange, P.M., P.G.S.D., Secretary; W. R. Denne, S.D.; W. Crowhurst, J.D.; G. Canvin, I.G.; C. D. Hume, D.C.; R. Roberts and E. Schiemann, Stewards, P.M.'s; W. Biggs, P.G. Sec., Berks and Bucks; J. Wilson; J. H. S. Reid, Bros. W. S. Nicholes, A. Pears, J. Andrews, R. S. Garratt, T. Hiseock, Whomes, Ferry, Webster, Pennicott, Jones, Duffield, and others. Visitors:—R.W. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, was both numerously and influentially represented by Bros. Alderman W. Devereux, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec., Berks and Bucks, Bingham, W.M.; Grisbrook, P.M., P.G.J.D.; Tolley, P.M., P. Prov. G.O.; Powell, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.; Cantrell, J.W., 1501; Carter and Briggs. There were also Bros. Read, P.M. 511; T. Bryett, 834; Nash, P.M., and Johnson, S.W. 865. The lodge

having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Garratt was passed to the 2nd degree by Bro. T. Wilson, P.M. The W.M. then resumed the chair and raised Bro. Andrews to the 3rd degree, and then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. J. O. Carter, into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, the ceremonies being rendered in such a manner as to elicit expressions of unqualified praise. The newly installed W.M. then appointed and invested the officers as follows: W. R. Denne, S.W.; J. Canvin, J.W.; J. Pullin, P.M., Treasurer; J. Strange, P.M., P.G.S.D., Secretary; W. Crowhurst, S.D.; C. D. Hume, J.D.; R. Roberts, I.G.; E. Schiemann, D.C.; W. S. Nicholes and A. Pears, Stewards. Bro. L. Bryett, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M., and Bro. T. Wilson, P.M., those to the Wardens and Brethren. The W.M. then invested the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. W. Dixon, with a very handsome P.M. jewel, which was unanimously voted to him by the lodge in testimony of appreciation of the valuable and efficient services rendered by him during his year of office. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where the banquet was held. The usual Masonic toasts followed. The P.G.M., in responding to his health, which was eloquently proposed by the W.M., and most cordially received by the brethren, expressed his great satisfaction with his first visit to the Etonian Lodge, and complimented the brethren upon the admirable working which he had witnessed, and also on the prosperous condition of the lodge, which was highly gratifying to him, and which amply sustained the position as the oldest lodge in the Province.

LIVERPOOL.—HARMONIC LODGE (No. 216).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, when Bro. A. C. Moore was installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. J. Jones, P.M. The officers appointed were Bros. J. Ismay, I.P.M.; G. Fowler, S.W.; W. Derryhouse, J.W.; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Chaplain; J. Laidlaw, Treasurer (re-elected); E. Evans, S.D.; B. Williams, J.D.; J. Hoult, I.G.; J. Rumney, S.S.; J. G. Bayley, J.S. The brethren afterwards banquetted, under the presidency of the W.M.

LEICESTER.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 279).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday the 6th January, 1875, at which a large number of visitors and brethren were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Bros. A. Palmer, P.P.G.A.P., W.M.; Clement Stretton, P.P.G., W.I.P.M.; J. W. Smith, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. M. McAllister, P.G.S.D., J.W.; William Weare, P.M. Treasurer; G. W. Stratham, P.G.S., Secretary; C. E. Stretton, P.G. A.P., S.D.; S. Cleaver, J.D.; G. Toller, P.P.G.S.W. 279, and P.M. 523; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Secretary, W.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.G. Treasurer, P.M. 523; Dr. Clifton, W.M. 1391; J. F. Dixon, 1019; J. Clemmey, 930; also Bros. J. Jessop, Law, Rev. T. W. Gordon, J. Farndale, J. Hart, Rev. J. H. Smith, all of 279; W. Shout, I.G. 523; E. Mason, Secretary, 1391; and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Treasurer's account was received, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to that officer on his re-election, for his long and valued services to the lodge. Bro. J. W. Smith, P.G.S.B. and W.M. elect, having been presented by Bro. Palmer, W.M., Bro. Toller ably performed the ceremony of installation, with the usual salutations and observances. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Alfred Palmer, I.P.M.; J. Malcolm McAllister, S.W.; G. W. Statham, J.W.; William Weare, P.M., Treasurer; Clement Edwin Stretton, Secretary; Samuel Cleaver, S.D.; Samuel Tebbutt, J.D.; Orlando Law, I.G.; William Weare and S. Cleaver, Stewards; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. After the lodge had been resumed in the first degree, the W.M. addressed the brethren, expressive of his high admiration of the efficient manner in which Bro. Palmer had ruled the lodge during the past year, with special remarks of appreciation of his Masonic zeal in presenting new Officers' Collars to the lodge during his year of Mastership. He then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Palmer, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren. Bro. Palmer gracefully acknowledged this memento of friendship and good feeling. It was proposed by Bro. Palmer, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Stretton, P.M., and carried unanimously, that "A sum of Five Guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on Bro. Waite's List." The routine business having been concluded, the lodge was closed in due form. The annual banquet was then served, of which a large number of brethren partook. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, drawing forth many eloquent speeches from the brethren. The toast of the evening, "The W.M.," was received in the most hearty manner. In responding, the W.M. felicitously announced his intention to rule the lodge not with an iron gauntlet, but with "a kid glove!" Bro. McAllister's reply to the toast of the Officers must have been very cheering and strengthening to the W.M., as he, on their behalf, assured him that it was their one earnest desire to be punctual in attendance and zealous in the performance of their Masonic duties. The harmony of the evening was considerably promoted by the musical talents of Bros. Palmer, J. H. Smith, T. A. Wykes, and others.

BODMIN.—LODGE ONE AND ALL (No. 330).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. John Hile, Mus. Bac. There was a very large attendance of visitors and brethren, including V.W. Bros. the Rev. A. H. Ferris, P.G. Chaplain; and T. Solomon (Truro), P.P.G.S.W.; W. Bros. Love Truscott, Dyke, Lukes, Matthews, and Higgins, of 330, St. Austell. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the Worshipful Master, V.W. Bro. Capt. Colvill, S.G.W. of Cornwall; and the W.M. then appointed the following as his officers for the

ensuing year.—Bros. Capt. Colvill, I.P.M.; T. Hawken, S.W.; W. Rowe, J.W.; Capt. Colvill, Treasurer; R. Rich, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Secretary; Hon. C. Agar Robartes, S.D.; W. Beacock, J.D.; Treval, D.C.; Garland, Organist; J. O'Neill, I.G.; Vincent, Steward; P. Carrol, Tyler. About fifty brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner, at the Royal Hotel. The lodge has recently been decorated by Bro. Solomon, of Truro, and three handsome stained glass windows have been added by Bro. Fouracre, of Stonehouse, and is now one of the most attractive Masonic halls in the province.

BIRKENHEAD.—MERSEY LODGE (No. 477).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Chambers, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., the special business being the installation of the W.M. elect. Considerable interest was evidently excited by the ceremony, as there was an attendance of nearly 120 brethren. Bro. R. Gracie, W.M., occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, and there was a good sprinkling of the representative Masons of "the city of the future." A lively discussion took place on the minutes as to the election of W.M., and after nearly an hour's debate, Bro. Donald Fraser was declared chosen for the chair during the next year, "or until his successor shall be regularly elected and installed in his stead." The chair of Installing Master was occupied by Bro. W. Bulley, one of the Past Grand Officers of the province, and he proceeded to place Bro. Fraser in the chair of W.M. in a remarkably effective manner. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Gracie, I.P.M., Treasurer; J. G. Adams, S.W.; Wm. Pulford, J.W.; Samuel Jones, P.M., Secretary (re-appointed); John Dutton, S.D.; Robt. Rhodes, J.D.; T. Brown, I.G.; W. Lockyer, D.C.; J. Proudfoot and J. Perrin, Stewards; J. Wooley, Organist; and West, Tyler. It was unanimously resolved that Bro. Rodan, who had for many years been the excellent Tyler of the lodge, but who had latterly become somewhat enfeebled by old age, should be paid the same salary he had received during active service, and that he should be allowed to visit the lodge whenever he felt able to do so. At the close of business, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle-street, Liverpool, the newly-chaired W.M. presiding during the evening. He was supported by Bros. J. P. Platt, P. Prov. G.S.W.; W. Bulley, P. Prov. G.S.W.; E. Friend, another P. Prov. G.O.; F. K. Stevenson, P. Prov. G.S.B.; E. G. Willoughby, P.M. 477; J. Griffiths, P.M. 477; and others. During the after-dinner speeches, which did not begin till nearly ten o'clock, the Mersey was referred to as one of the largest and most prosperous in the province.

ST. AUSTELL.—LODGE PEACE AND HARMONY (No. 496).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The lodge was closed tyled at 2 p.m., when W. Bro. Truscott said that the first thing he had to do was to present to Bro. Guy, P.M., in the name of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel, which he did with many kind remarks of the services rendered by Bro. Guy to the lodge. Bro. Guy suitably replied. Bro. Loye was presented, as the W.M. elect for the coming year, with a board of Installed Masters, consisting of Bros. Colville, W.M. 330, P.G.S.W.; R. Rich, P.M. 330, P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. B. Paul, P.M. 1151, P. Prov. G.C.; E. G. Dyke, P.M. 496, P. Prov. G.O.; W. Guy, P.M. 496, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. Grigg, P.M. 496, P. Prov. G.S.; W. Giles, P.M. 496; W. Hicks, P.M. 496; J. P. Berryman, P.M. 496; R. G. Ross, P.M. 1151, P. Prov. G.C.; E. Carlyon, P.M. 496, P. Prov. S.G.W.; and J. Tonkin, W.M. 977. The installation was most ably performed by Bro. W. Truscott, W.M. 496. The W. Master afterwards appointed and invested the following officers for the coming year:—Bros. A. N. Jervis, S.W.; T. J. Smith, J.W.; Guy, P.M. Treasurer; Paul, P.M. Chaplain; Mason, S.D.; Matthews, J.W.; Mufford, I.G.; Real, Tyler; Kirkham, D.C.; Wheeler, Steward; Gregory, Secretary; Guy, Steward to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. The brethren afterwards dined at Bro. Gregory's, White Hart Hotel.

NEWBURY.—LODGE OF HOPE (No. 574).—On New Year's Day there was a Masonic gathering in Newbury, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. John Bance, as W.M. of the Lodge of Hope, No. 574. The ceremony, which was efficiently performed by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Biggs, of Reading, took place in the Council Chamber, the dimensions of which were scarcely sufficient to accommodate the numerous body of Masons who assembled on the occasion. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Herbert, S.W.; Ravenor, J.W.; Deller, Secretary; G. M. Knight, S.D.; Head, J.D.; Glover, Organist; Fielder, D.C.; W. Knight, Steward; Hunt, I.G.; Dodd, Tyler. The brethren resolved, on the motion of Bro. Biggs, to make Bro. Deller a life member of the body, and present him with a testimonial, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge for some years past, as Secretary and otherwise. At five o'clock the brethren, numbering between 30 and 40, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Mr. Hamlen, of the White Hart Hotel, whose catering gave much satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M. presided; and the company included Bros. Biggs, P.M., P.G.S.; Portsmouth, P.M.; Wheeler, P.M.; Daniels (Oakley Lodge, Basingstoke); Bailey (Reading); A. Burns, I.P.M.; T. Deller, P.M.; B. Fielder, P.M.; W. H. Herbert, S.W. (in the vice chair); R. Ravenor, J.W.; G. M. Knight, A. Stradling, W. Graham, A. Judd, J. T. Stacey, C. P. Smith, W. Knight, S. Knight, Tegg, Corderoy, J. Carter, J. Brooke, Hammond, P. Glover, J. O'Farrell, G. J. Cosburn, F. Head, F. H. Maychurch, R. Johnston, S. Hunt, E. L. Farrow, T. Dodd, &c. The table was adorned by several handsome vases, filled with choice flowers, presented for the occasion; and the walls of the room were decorated with more than usual taste by Bros. Stephen and William Knight, who were

much complimented upon the success of their labours. The room was festooned with evergreens and flowers, and well executed Masonic designs, which gave an appropriateness to the whole. The Prince of Wales's plume occupied a prominent position in rear of the W.M.'s seat, the heir-apparent being Grand Master of the Order. Beneath this was the well-known Masonic motto, "Audi, Vide, Tace." At the opposite end of the room appeared the words "Peace," "Unity," and "Plenty," while at the sides were—"Charity," and "A Happy New Year." The general effect was excellent, and greatly admired. The musical arrangements were kindly directed by Bro. Glover, who ably accompanied on the pianoforte. Dessert having been introduced, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and remarked that the sons of our beloved Queen were probably the greatest patrons of Freemasonry of any Royal family since the world began. The healths of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy-Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers of England, past and present," were severally honoured, after which the W.M. proposed the health of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart, M.P." He (the W.M.) had hoped to have seen this gathering honoured by the presence of Sir Daniel Gooch, their worthy Provincial Grand Master, but a family meeting on New Year's Day, which Sir Daniel never set aside, had prevented him accepting the invitation. They were all aware that there was no one more anxious to promote the prosperity of the Craft, or who more deserved the goodwill, friendship, and fraternity of all Masons than Sir Daniel Gooch. He regretted that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and their late D.P.G.M. (the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart.), had also been unable to accept his invitation, through family gatherings. The W.M. coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Barron Fielder, P.S.G.W., who, in returning thanks, remarked upon the increasing prosperity of this province, which, he believed, would be inferior to none in England in a few years, if the members throughout the province worked together as the brethren did in Newbury. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Very Worshipful the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," for whom Bro. Biggs, P.G.S., responded, and, in doing so, expressed the pleasure he had derived in seeing how greatly the Loyal Berkshire Lodge had, in all respects, improved during the past seven or eight years. He felt gratified to be able to state also that Freemasonry had progressed satisfactorily throughout the entire province, and instead of there being but eight lodges, when Sir Daniel and he took office in the province, there were now fourteen. A new lodge was about to be opened at Maidenhead for residents in that neighbourhood. A new lodge had been started at High Wycombe, and he much regretted to say that a very distressing event had occurred in connection with it. He received an invitation from Bro. Jesse Owen, the founder, and first W.M. of the lodge, to visit it; but a day or two before the appointed time he was grieved to learn that Bro. Owen had dropped down dead, and it so happened, by a melancholy coincidence, that on the very day their departed brother was to have met him in the Wycombe Lodge, he was buried in Highgate Cemetery. An effort was being made to secure the election of the daughter of their lamented brother to the Masonic Girls' School, and he hoped the Newbury brethren would kindly reserve their votes for this deserving case. Bro. Biggs concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked that he had never installed anyone with greater pleasure than in this instance. Bro. Bance had filled the office of Steward of the Masonic Charities on more than one occasion, and he (Bro. Biggs) felt perfectly sure, from the interest he had shown in Freemasonry, that he would perform all the duties required of him in his new position, and promote the prosperity of the lodge over which he had been chosen to preside. The W.M., in responding, thanked Bro. Biggs for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and expressed his appreciation of the kindness of the brethren in having placed him in the position he occupied, and which he regarded as a great honour. He assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the interests of Freemasonry in general and those of this lodge in particular. He had not entered upon the position he occupied without giving a full consideration to its responsibilities, and he hoped to discharge his duties in a manner that would reflect credit both upon himself and the lodge. The following toasts were also honoured:—"The Immediate P.M., Bro. Burns, and the other P.M.'s of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. Burns; "The Installing Master," acknowledged by Bro. Biggs; "The Visiting Brethren," replied to by Bros. Wheeler, Portsmouth, Daniels, and Bailey; "The Masonic Charities," responded to by Bro. Wheeler; "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by Bros. Herbert, Ravenor, Glover, G. M. Knight, W. Knight, and S. Hunt; "The Tyler's Toast," given by Bro. Dodd; "The Health of Bros. S. and W. Knight," with thanks for their services as decorators of the room (proposed by Bro. Cosburn), &c. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. S. Hunt, A. Stradling, Wheeler, Glover, Farrow, and others, and at eleven o'clock, the festive gathering broke up.

REDRUTH.—LODGE OF LOVE AND LIBERality (No. 589).—The annual festival was held on Monday, 11th inst., when Bro. E. S. Angove was elected the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by the Installing Master, Bro. P. M. Tregay, assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. Cock. The finances of the lodge were reported to be in a very satisfactory

state, showing a balance of about £90 in the Treasurer's hands, after paying £40 for a piece of freehold property in a most desirable situation in the centre of the town for the purpose of building a new lodge-room. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers:—Bros. E. M. Cock, I.P.M.; T. H. Martin, S.W.; John Thomas, J.W.; Willcock, Chaplain; J. H. Reynolds, P.M., Treasurer; J. Hocking, jun., P.M., Secretary; G. S. Bray, Assistant Secretary; W. Tresseder, S.D.; T. S. Kistler, J.D.; E. T. Pearce, D.C.; R. Rodda, I.G.; and Chapman and Pemberty, Stewards. Bro. Polkinhorne was re-elected Tyler unanimously after thirteen years previous service. The banquet was held at Bro. Tabb's hotel, and was largely attended. There were visiting brethren from Phoenix and Fortitude (Truro), Boscawen, Love and Honour, True and Faithful, and Cornubian. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition, numbering 103 subscribing members.

DEAL.—WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 784).—On Thursday last the installation of the W.M. of the Wellington Lodge took place in their lodge-room, Park-street. This interesting ceremony was ably performed by Bro. A. E. Ralph, P.M. and P.G.J.D. of Kent. After Bro. John Edward Apps, P.M., was duly installed, he appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Woon, S.W.; Goodhall, J.W.; C. E. Shirley Woolmer, Chaplain; Apps, Treasurer; W. M. Cavell, P.M. and P. Prov. G.S.D. of Kent, Secretary; J. Doorne, P.M., Organist; W. H. Hayman, S.D.; F. Fitch, J.D.; T. Paul, D.C.; T. Stubbs, I.G.; T. J. Woodruff, S.; W. J. A. Norris, Tyler. After the business of the lodge was over, about forty of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs. Allen, of the Royal Hotel, in her usual excellent style. After the cloth was removed, the customary loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and duly responded to; after which came the usual complimentary toasts. The Rev. Chaplain gave a lucid and extensive description of the origin of Craft Masonry. He clearly showed the important advantage of Masonry in bringing men together of all grades of religious opinions, so long as they are believers in the Great Architect of the Universe; teaching men morality in its purest principles, and to avoid all bad propensities. The evening was interspersed with some excellent songs from Bros. Doorne, Emmerson, Usher, Dow, Bordeaux, Meson, and others, and a very enjoyable and pleasant evening was spent, which will doubtless long be remembered by all present.

MILLBROOK.—LODGE MERIDIAN (No. 893).—The members met on Monday, 11th inst., for the purpose of removing their lodge to a more convenient and extensive building, "The National Schoolroom," to meet the requirements of this flourishing lodge. On this occasion the W.M., Bro. H. Filmer, presented the lodge with a very handsome silk banner, on a blue-and-white ground, the centre of which contains the whole of the emblems of Freemasonry. On the top is the plume of the M.W.G.M. of England, and at the bottom the armorial bearings of the R.W.P.G.M. of Cornwall, with the motto "One and All." Bro. Nicholls was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The W.M. was assisted by Bros. W. H. Bickford, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; E. Poor (P.M. of Carew Lodge), P.G.P.; W. Coath, I.P.M.; W. H. Clarke, P.M.; W. Harris, P.M.; W. Carne, P.S.D.; W. Cawse, S.W.; R. J. Laity, J.W.; S. Hatchings, S.D.; J. Broadhurst, J.D.; W. Hockaday, I.G.; and A. Fisher, Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Commercial Inn, where an excellent banquet was provided by the host, and numerous loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with enthusiasm. The new lodge-room has been beautifully fitted and decorated by Bro. G. Harris, P.M., Millbrook, and reflects great credit on his taste and abilities.

LIVERPOOL.—PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 1035).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when there was a very numerous gathering of members and visitors. The chair was taken and the lodge opened by Bro. G. Sculthorpe, P.M., who was supported by the following officers and members of the Prince of Wales:—Bros. G. Morgan, P.M.; T. Foggard, P.M., M.C.; J. F. Newell, P.M.; J. W. Turley, P.M.; H. Williams, P.M.; J. Salmon, J.W.; J. B. Bunting, Treas.; W. Westbury, S.D.; A. Salmon, J.D.; L. Peake, I.G.; J. Donkin, J. Whaites, A. Willis, J. Stephens, T. Hugo, W. Nelson, M. Walmsley, D. Robertson, J. W. McWean, T. M. Stother, G. Andrews, J. Hamson, J. P. Bryan, T. McWean, C. W. Stewart, T. Mason, R. Pritchard, W. T. Rees, W. Fothergill, R. Richardson, R. R. Forshaw, W. Forrester, J. Barlow, J. Richardson, G. Mitchell, J. Law, T. Ormiston, W. Yeoman, F. Wells, S. K. Gardham, J. Smith, H. Tyrer, W. D. Walker, R. Wilson, R. Ingham, J. Bird, W. Nicholson, C. Peake, W. J. Mullin, G. D. Peake, H. Robinson, F. H. Cox, R. Crawford, J. Pratt, R. Seddon, W. Longcake, H. Balmer, J. H. Gruer, A. Kerr, and T. Shirlaw. The visitors present were:—Bros. S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Healing, P.M. and Treas. 1264; J. P. McArthur, P.M. 1086; T. Lowe, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Bryan, 1313; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; R. P. France, J.D. 594; H. MacAulay, 339; W. Tolmie, 339; W. G. Veale, Org. 249; A. Peters, 1267; Captain T. Berry, 155; G. Wodlam, 1473; J. B. Mac Kenzie, 1356; and others. After the minutes had been confirmed, and the transaction of some formal business, Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. S. Allpass, P.G.S.) proceeded to instal Bro. J. F. Newell, P.M., in the chair of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation work was very admirably performed by Bro. Wylie, and he received very valuable help from Bro. T. Foxzard, P.M., who gave the charges to the officers with his usual force and impressiveness. The newly installed W.M. subsequently invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, Bros. M. Walmsley, S.W.; A. Willis, J.W.; J. B. Bunting,

P.M. (again unanimously re-elected) Treasurer; J. W. McWean, Secretary; Bro. T. McWean, Assistant Secretary; Fisher, S.D.; R. R. Forshaw, J.D.; G. Stephens, S.S.; J. Whaites, J.S.; T. Fozzard, P.M. M. C.; and J. P. Bryan, Organist. A special choir gave a very choice selection of appropriate pieces in splendid style at the opening of the Lodge in the third degree, the salutation of the W.M., the placing of the S.W. and J.W. in their chairs, and at the close of the lodge. After several applications for charity had been heard, the lodge was closed in solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to the installation banquet at "The Liverpool," Limited, Rumford-street, where a very sumptuous repast was provided by Bro Ballard. The usual toyal, Masonic, and charitable toasts were given during the evening, Bro. J. F. Newell, the W.M., presiding in a very able manner. A capital selection of music was given by Bros. Barlow, Bryan (who was also the accompanist), Rees, Gilfillan, Forshaw, and Forrester. The after-dinner proceedings were singularly pleasant and enjoyable.

LIVERPOOL.—WALTON LODGE (No. 1286).—The tenth anniversary meeting of this prosperous and well-worked lodge, for the installation of its W.M., was held at the St. Lawrence's Schools, Croyland-street, Walton-road, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. The brethren assembled at 4 p.m. There were present Bros. Wm. Sephton, W.M.; J. P. McArthur, I.P.M.; J. Grimes, S.W.; C. McEwen, Secretary; Jos. Ellis, S.D.; Geo. Hamner, J.D.; Wm. Walker, I.G.; Wm. Archer, P.M., W.M. elect; Jno. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S.; Jas. Goodacre, P.M.; J. C. Lunt, P.M.; R. Abraham, P.M. Bros. Councillor Capt. Dransfield, Rev. C. R. Hyde, L.L.D., Dr. Parry, Dr. Lewis, Capt. Moore, Capt. Reid, G. J. Townsend, W. G. Sharpe, J. J. Savage, W. H. Beardwood, R. Beckett, H. Gill, G. Cain, J. Griffiths, &c., &c. Visitors:—Jno. Jones, P.M. 216; G. Sculthorp, P.M. 1035; Jno. Pemberton, 1274, and P.M. 1264; H. Williams, P.M. 249; Jno. S. Dixon, W.M. 1264; C. Leighton, W.M. 1325; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; Wm. Smith, S.W. 1235; Wm. Roberts, J.W. 1264; Dr. McGregor, 680, and others. The lodge was opened by the W.M. The minutes, so far as related to the election of the W.M. and Treasurer, were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Jno. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S., took the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. Archer, P.M., W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. McArthur, P.M. and Wm. Sephton, I.P.M. The lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Archer was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite. The brethren below the chair were then re-admitted, and the W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Sephton, I.P.M.; C. McEwen, S.W.; J. Ellis, J.W.; Jas. Goodacre, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain; Jno. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S., D. of C.; G. Hamner, Secretary; Wm. Walker, S.D.; G. J. Townsend, J.D.; W. G. Sharpe, I.G.; W. H. Beardwood, S.S.; J. J. Savage, J.S.; M. Williamson was unanimously elected Tyler. The Installing Master gave the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, in a very able manner. Bro. McArthur, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Sephton, I.P.M., seconded, "That the cordial and hearty thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to Bro. Lunt, for the very able manner in which he performed the duties of Installing Master," which was carried unanimously. Bro. Lunt thanked the brethren. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the Large Hall, which was decorated for the occasion with flags of all nations and Masonic decorations in evergreens, the tables being beautifully decorated. Upwards of 75 brethren sat down. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to. Bro. Councillor Capt. Dransfield, responded for the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces. Bro. Lunt, Prov.G.S., responded for the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Sephton proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Archer, W.M., responded. Bro. Archer, W.M., proposed the Installing Master, and said he had never heard the ceremony so well-worked before, and congratulated Bro. Lunt upon his efficiency. Bro. Lunt responded, and alluded to our late Bro. Capt. Mott, who had always performed that ceremony, excepting on one occasion, when Bro. J. C. Lunt, P.M., installed his successor. Bro. Abraham responded for the P.M.'s, he having come from Manchester on purpose to be present. Bro. McEwen, S.W., responded for the Officers. Bro. Goodacre, P.M., Treasurer, responded for the Masonic Charities, and Bro. Vines, P.M., for the Visitors. The brethren spent a very pleasant evening, the enjoyment of which was considerably enhanced by Bro. Jones, P.M., 216, who accompanied the songs on the piano. Bro. Gill performed on the "Fairy Bells," which was highly appreciated by the brethren. The dinner and wines fully sustained the reputation of Bro. Casey.

BRIGG.—ANCHOLME LODGE (No. 1282).—At a lodge of emergency held on January, 4th inst., Bro. Thos. Fryer, who was unanimously elected at a previous regular lodge as W.M. for the ensuing year, was formally installed in the chair by W.M. Copeland, P.M. of Pelham Pillar, No. 792, Grimsby, assisted by P.M.'s Wm. Pigatt, T. Marris, and Geo. Nelson, of the Ancholme. The following brethren were afterwards suitably addressed and invested as officers by the newly appointed W.M., viz.: the Rev. T. E. Hodgson, S.W.; and C. W. A. Field, J.W.; J. Wilson, S.D.; T. B. Dalton, J.D.; C. L. Hett, I.G.; J. Cawkwell, Tyler; W. H. Paterson, D.C.; J. Spring, Organist; E. Abraham, Steward; and T. Cleugh, Secretary. The Treasurer elect was unavoidably absent. The W.M. next having most feelingly thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred upon him by placing him in the proud position he then occupied as Master of the lodge, said that a most pleasing duty devolved upon him before he sat down; indeed, nothing could have given him greater pleasure than that of attaching to the breast of Bro. Wm. Pigott, a Past Master's jewel, and he begged his

acceptance of the same as a token from his brethren of their high esteem and appreciation of the very able manner in which he had discharged his duties as W.M. during his year of office. Bro. Pigott, who was evidently taken by surprise, rose under considerable emotion, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for their handsome present, assuring them that whenever he wore that jewel, it would always remind him of their kindness and his obligation to promote to his utmost the prosperity of the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Copeland, who had performed his work as Installing Master in a very efficient and admirable manner. Thanks were also given to P.M.'s Wm. Pigott, T. Marris, and G. Nelson, for their valuable assistance, which were suitably and pleasingly acknowledged by each. After hearty good wishes had been given by the visitors, &c., the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where a sumptuous complimentary banquet was given to Bro. Pigott, the retiring Master. During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to by appropriate speeches. Special enthusiasm, however, was evoked when the health of the guest of the evening (Bro. W. Pigott) was proposed, also when he, in the course of his reply, declared his unqualified and unalterable attachment to the principles of Freemasonry, and to his mother lodge, the Ancholme. In conclusion, he thanked his brethren, who had, he said, most liberally responded to an appeal he had recently made to them on behalf of the Masonic charities, of which he had the honour to be P.G.S., so that he should appear at the festival which would be held in London, that month, in what he regarded a most enviable position as their representative. The remainder of the evening was spent in a harmonious manner.

HAMPTON HILL.—FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Bros. Colonel Wigginton, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. of Worcester, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D. of Norfolk, J.W.; Walls, Acting S.D.; Deekes, J.D.; Roehrick (34), acting I.G.; Knaggs, Treasurer; Mitchell, Secretary. The minutes of the meeting of December 9th last, and the minutes of an emergency meeting, held on the 15th ult., when Mr. Vaughan was initiated, and Mr. Court proposed to be a member, having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Knaggs to the sublime degree of a W.M. This impressive ceremony was carried out in all its beautiful and solemn entirety in a most excellent manner. Bros. Rogers, Lovett, Saunders, Mitchell, and Clarke, were then passed to the degree of F.C. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Court, and declared unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, together with Mr. Bennett, previously balloted for. The two last ceremonies were carried out by the W.M. in the same impressive manner as had characterized the first working. It was proposed by the Treasurer, and seconded by the W.M., that Bro. Richards, of the Beaufort Lodge, become a joining member. Some minor business of the lodge having been transacted, it was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation after the termination of their labours, which had occupied nearly four hours. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the W.M., after giving "The Queen and Craft," and "Bro. H.R.H. the Grand Master designate," which were heartily received, announced that the other usual toasts would be curtailed; but gave at length the toasts of the "Initiates" and also that of the "Visitors." Bro. Court responded for the first-named, and Bros. Richards and Carless for the latter. The healths of the Treasurer and Secretary were proposed, received, and responded to by Bros. Knaggs and Mitchell. The toast of the remaining officers was given, and replied to by Bro. Walls, I.G., in the absence of his colleagues. He stated that, as an officer of the lodge, he was proud to think that in so short a time as three months they had 29 members on their register, which happy result was due to the sole exertions of the W.M. and his Wardens, and he felt sorry that Bros. Saunders and Tomlinson were not present to reply to the toast which had been expressed in such kindly terms by their W.M., who, he hoped, would be many years spared to promote the interests of the Francis Burdett Lodge, and assist by his presence in its ceremonies as first P.M. Between the toasts Bros. Mitchell and Walls contributed several popular ballads. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. The Visitors to the lodge were Bros. Roehrick, 34; Richards, 103; Carless, 140; and Cohen, 1298.

INSTRUCTION.

RICHMOND.—LILY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 820).—There was a very good attendance of the members of this lodge, held in connection with the mother lodge, No. 820, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, the 9th inst., to witness the ceremony of installation, which was rehearsed, up to a certain point, by Bro. Preceptor Myers, P.M. and W.M. of the mother lodge. Bros. Walls, 1381, was W.M. elect; Wells, S.W.; Bateman, J.W.; Hubbard, S.D.; Weaver, J.D.; Lamb, I.G.; Koch, P.M.; and Phillips, Secretary. The whole working of the impressive ceremony was excellently well rendered by Bro. Myers—the delivery of the address being particularly good; and, at the conclusion, the Preceptor was complimented by the brethren upon the highly satisfactory result of his efforts for their instruction. The brethren being "called off" for a short time, the lodge was re-opened, and the W.M., Bro. Walls, worked the ceremony of raising in its entirety, including the whole of the traditional history. Bro. Koch, W.M. 1381, kindly acted as candidate. At the conclusion of the working, the Preceptor proposed—which was seconded by the J.W., Bro. Bateman, and carried unanimously—"That a vote of thanks of the brethren of the Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the duties of W.M. had been carried out by Bro. T. C. Walls, of Nos. 1381—1503, that evening." The

W.M. having returned thanks for the honour awarded to him, the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful, terminated.

Royal Arch.

TOTNES.—PLEIADES CHAPTER (No. 710).—On Thursday, the 14th day of January, the quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, when, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the officers for the ensuing year were appointed, viz: Comps. H. G. Beachey, M.E.Z.; P. D. Michelmores, H.; W. B. Maye, J.; J. Heath, P.Z., S.E.; E. Seale, S.N.; J. Westhead, P.S.; W. H. Taylor, Organist; G. Heath, I.P.Z. Treasurer. Comps. B. Prowse and J. S. Saunders were nominated as Assistant Sojourners. Bro. W. Harris, of Lodge Devon, No. 1138, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation. The chapter was then closed with prayer, according to ancient custom.

Royal Ark Mariners.

BOLTON.—MOUNT ARARAT LODGE.—A meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Saturday, Jan. 9th, to confer the degree of Ark Mariner on four candidates: Bros. J. C. Lunt, P.G.J.D. (Mark); A. Turner; W. Quayle; and J. Hetherington, all duly qualified Mark Master Masons. The Ark was floated by W.Com. J. Newton, N., having on board his Officers and Crew. Bro. Brockbank was Chief Officer, and the rest of the officers were at their appointed stations, Bro. Hayner being at the look out. Signals of distress having been observed by the look out, the Ark bore down, and received on board the four distressed Mark Master Masons, who were then regularly elevated as Ark Mariners according to ancient custom. The Ark was afterwards steered for shore, and safely moored until the next cruise. The Mariners then landed, bound for Liverpool, there to disseminate the knowledge of this degree, where it is intended shortly to build and launch an Ark for the reception of other Mark Masons who seek refuge on board.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—WALTON CONCLAVE (No. 97).—On Monday, the 10th inst., the regular muster of the Knights of this Conclave was held at Kirkdale, when four candidates presented themselves for installation, viz., Bros. Captain Andrew Moore, Wm. Davidson, John Gilchrist, Alex. Donaldson. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Em. Sir Knt. T. Ashmore, acting M.P.S., assisted by Em. Sir Knt. Joseph P. Lunt, P.S., and Sir Knt. G. E. Hamner, as Viceroy. Amongst the companions present were Sir Knts. William Quayle, as H.P.; N. Turner, P.; Beardwood, S.B.; Hetherington, Howell, &c. Sir Knt. H. Gribbin was elected a joining member for a sister conclave, and was subsequently appointed and invested as Herald. The vitality of this young conclave is increasing, and will soon reach its statutory number of members, to justify the installation fee being doubled. A preliminary meeting of the Sanctuary K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, attached to this conclave, was then held, and some business transacted for the working of this degree. The P.G.R.G. read over a list of "Mounts" from which to select a name, and it was resolved that the Sanctuary should be called "Mount Zion." Some important communications were read and discussed, and the names of two candidates duly qualified as Royal Arch Masons and Red Cross Knights were proposed for the first working assembly of the sanctuary. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, P.G.S.B. and Past Commander Sir Knt. W. Quayle, P.G.H., took part in the discussion. Labour having ended, refreshment followed.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—A specially agreeable "harmony" meeting of this lodge was held in their new hall, at No. 30 Hope-street, on the 8th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. John Munro, presided, the other office-bearers present being Bros. D. Lamb, D.M.; J. E. Spiers, S.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Finlay, Treasurer; and W. H. Bickerton, Secretary. Two Past Masters of the lodge were also present—Bros. John Davidson and Julius Brode—the latter of whom officiated as J.W. Amongst the visiting brethren who paid the lodge the compliment of their attendance, were Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Proxy Prov. Grand Master of the West Indian Islands; John Baird, P.G. S.W.; John Wallace, R.W.M. 413; Robert McDougall, R.W.M. 553; J. D. Young, S.W. 34; Jas. Love, J.D. 87; D. McDougall, Secretary 87; and J. B. Fitzroy, 333. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of previous meetings read and passed, the R.W.M. said he had first of all to perform a duty which he felt quite incapable of performing—namely, briefly to refer to the loss they had recently sustained in the death of their esteemed Bro. John Ure, who came and went among them for so many years, and was so long associated with them in the management of the lodge. Bro. Ure was probably the least ostentatious, and, at the same time, one of their most useful members. In his heart, as in his life, he was a good and faithful Mason. Mild and moderate in all his sayings and doings, one of the most inoffensive and quiet of our brethren, he was yet a brave and firm-hearted fellow. In all that concerned the welfare of the Craft, and especially of that lodge, he took a warm and deep interest, and pursued the work with a devotion, gracefulness and success, that might well be the envy of the best

amongst them. They would not soon get one like him. Whilst he lived amongst them he carried with him their esteem and goodwill; and now he was gone, they followed him with their regrets and their tears. In concluding, the R.W.M. stated that there would be recorded in the minutes of the lodge their sense of the loss they had sustained in the removal of their brother. Bro. John Davidson said he could hardly trust himself to say anything in the matter, except that he felt very deeply the remarks that had been made by the R.W.M. Twenty years ago he had been associated with Bro. Ure, and his absence now he felt as a kind of blank in their midst. He (the speaker) did not think their brother had left behind him an enemy either in the Craft or out of it. He might state that, at the funeral, it had been proposed among a few friends that a monument should be erected to his memory; and it was thought that perhaps the lodge would take the initiative in the matter. For his (Bro. Davidson's) own part, he thought it would be a very graceful thing for them to subscribe to such an object. Bro. Brode, in a few words, endorsed what had been said by the previous speakers. Had he been a relative of his (Bro. Brode's) own, he could not have felt the loss more. A better man, he believed, than Bro. Ure never lived. That was saying a great deal; but he said it advisedly. With regard to the proposition of the monument, he would gladly pay his mite, or use his influence in any way for the promotion of that object. The R.W.M. said that, before proceeding to refreshment, there was just another little matter he would call their attention to—namely, the services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Baird in their recent dispute with the railway company in reference to their late premises in Croy-place, and their sense of the value of which had been entered in their minutes. These services were substantial benefits, as he had no doubt they were considerable gainers by Bro. Baird's professional experience in such matters. The lodge was deeply indebted to Bro. Baird. In reply, Bro. Baird said he could not tell them how gratified he was on receiving, through the Secretary, a copy of the minute of their last meeting, acknowledging his services. He thought they had made a good change as regards premises, and he wished lodge 360 all prosperity. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, purveyed in first-class style by Bro. Thornton, of the Clarendon Restaurant, Argyle St. Thereafter, toasts of "The Queen," the "Three Grand Lodges," and "The Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," having been given and pledged with all honours, the chairman gave the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," which, he said, was a P.G.L. that looked very sharply after its daughters; and there was no doubt that the more that that was the case, the better. The visitations were carried on in a very painstaking style; and he could not give an account of the many schemes of usefulness which the P.G.L. of Glasgow had organized. Not only was it second to none in Scotland, he would go farther, and say—in no invidious sense—that it was at the head of them. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Baird, P.G. S.W., who replied. The encomiums, he said, which they had bestowed on the P.G.L. had been deserved. Their late P.G.M., Bro. Spiers, did a good deal to set things in order in the lodge; and after his death, their present Master, Bro. Neilson, with his "aid," Bro. Barrow, had made it now second to none. All the lodges under them in the province were in a good state, in good working order; and none of them were in arrears to Grand Lodge—a feature in the province which he should like to see in all others over the country. He hoped at next visitation to find them (Lodge 360) in a state of very great prosperity. Bro. Brode then gave "The Last Laid Stones of 360," coupled with the names of Bros. Hunter and McWilliam; which, having been replied to, Bro. McDougall, 553, proposed the toast of "Lodge Commercial." It was the first time he had had the honour of being in Lodge 360; but he hoped it should not be the last. Although this was his first appearance among them, however, neither the lodge, nor its doings, nor some of its members were new to him; and he might state that in the management of their own lodge (553) the Commercial was one of the few lodges in the province to which they looked as a pattern and example. Perhaps he ought to apologise for his being there on that occasion; the fact being that he had been under the impression that he was coming to an ordinary business meeting. However, he should always bear in mind the kindness with which he had been received. He had the honour of coupling with the toast the name of the R.W.M., Bro. Munro. The Chairman, in reply, said he feared that Bro. McDougall had done them more than justice in his remarks. He could assure them that for his own (the chairman's) part and that of the brethren of 360, they accepted those remarks as a great compliment; and he hoped that, in part at least, they deserved it. That 553 should take or adopt any of their (360's) rules for their guidance was a compliment which the latter must appreciate highly. He was sorry at not having been able to be present at the festive board of 553 on a recent occasion to which he had been invited, and which he had heard passed off most creditably. Lodge 360 would be very happy on any occasion to have the company of brethren of Lodge 553; and he hoped that the kind feeling which Bro. McDougall had expressed would be promulgated between the two lodges, and that they should often have the opportunity of reciprocating these courtesies. Bro. Brode briefly supplemented the chairman's remarks. He also had been asked to the harmony meeting, and he had been able to go; and he could assure them he spent a happy and pleasant evening indeed. He trusted they should spend more such nights together, both there and here. Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., proposed the toast of "Masonic Literature," which, he thought, ought to be better supported than it had hitherto been in this country. If brethren studied it more than they did, they would benefit thereby—they would become better

Masons. The toast was responded to by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who said that to have one's name associated with it under such circumstances was a high honour. It was matter of regret, it was discouraging, that the literature of the Craft should be, as such, at a discount. The history of the Craft was a most interesting one at all times; and now it was assuming a degree of importance which, in the early days, was never dreamt of. There was one feature in connection with the brotherhood which he should like to refer to. If they thought over the list of the men who composed the early lodges, they would find that they were composed of the first names in the country; and the selection of the Craft in those days ought to be an example to us in these modern days. The doors now were opened far too wide. They ought never to meet in a lodge with any whom they could not meet with in ordinary life, while he had known of returned convicts being admitted into lodges. For the evil in question he did not see any better way than that which he understood was proposed at present in their own lodge, viz., raising the fees, and he hoped they would be successful in carrying it out, and that other lodges would follow their example. Reverting to the subject of the toast, the speaker said he took great delight in the paper called the *Freemason*, of London, which, he thought, formed a redeeming point in contrast with the rubbish that had been palmed off as Masonic literature in the past. The next toast was that of the "Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Brode, who, in so doing, said he did not believe there was a lodge in the world more proud to see visiting brethren than 360. They endeavoured to make them as welcome as they possibly could, and the oftener they came the better pleased the lodge were to see them. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. McDougall, R.W.M. 360, who said he felt very much indeed the honour thus placed upon him, and responded to it with all heart and sincerity. He thought the toast which they had just proposed was one of the most comely things among their Masonic duties, and he hoped it would never be left out at any harmony meeting. Masonry was nothing if it was not hospitable, and his lodge, 553, made it a point to be very attentive to visiting brethren, both on business and harmony nights. That was a point in which they should always endeavour to follow the lead of Lodge Commercial, and to outstrip them, if such might be. That, however, would be a happy fight—there would be no recrimination nor broken bones there. The toast of "Past Masters of the Lodge" was then given by Bro. Speirs, S.M., coupled with the name of Bro. John Davidson, who, on behalf of Bro. Brode and himself, expressed the pleasure they had in being present that night, while Bro. Brode, by whom also the compliment was briefly acknowledged, remarked that he enjoyed that social meeting as much as he had done others of the same when he was J.W. of the lodge, some twenty years ago. The lodge was never in a more prosperous condition than at present. It had a Master, a Deputy Master, a Senior Warden, &c., second to none—not to speak of a strong body of Past Masters who could help at a pinch. Amongst the remaining toasts were the health of Bro. Fitzroy, 333; proposed by Bro. John Davidson, P.M.; "The Musical Brethren present;" "The Ladies;" and the health of Bro. Thornton, purveyor on the occasion. We should add that at frequent intervals the proceedings of the evening were relieved and enlivened by songs, recitations, &c., contributed by Bros. J. D. Young, John Shaw, J. E. Speirs, Fitzroy, D. McDougall, 87; J. Stewart, and others. At a timely hour the lodge was summoned back from refreshment to labour again, and thereafter closed in due and ancient form.

LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on 6th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw, presided, with Bros. Stafford, S.W., Wm. Ferguson (No. 543) acting J.W. The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, and the minutes read and passed, Bro. J. G. Sharp, of Lodge St. Mungo (27), received honorary affiliation into Lodge 354, the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. A. Smith. The R.W.M. then called the attention of the lodge to their forthcoming annual festival, to be held on Friday, 5th March ensuing; and Bro. Sharp having thanked the lodge for their kindness in granting him honorary affiliation, and there being no other business, the lodge was duly closed.

FORT WILLIAM.

St. John's Kilwinning Lodge (No. 43).—The brethren of this lodge met on Monday, the 28th ult., for the purpose of celebrating the festival of St. John, and for the installation of the office-bearers for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressive, and efficiently performed by P.M. Bro. Donald Fraser. The following are the office-bearers:—Bros. J. M. Galbraith, R.W.M.; A. Miller, D.M.; J. McArthur, S.W.; R. Miller, J.W.; J. Young, Treasurer; A. McDougall, Secretary; J. McPherson, Clerk; Rev. P. Gordon, Chaplain; Ewen Cumming, S.D.; J. Black, J.D.; J. Wilkinson, Steward; J. Clark, I.G.; R. Tait and E. McMillan, Tylers. After the installation the brethren marched to the parish church of Duncannuburg, where they were addressed by the Chaplain, the Rev. Patrick Gordon. In the evening about 40 of the brethren sat down in the Chevalier Hotel to a sumptuous dinner, provided by Bro. Cameron, the R.W.M., presiding. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

MAUCHLINE.

St. Mungo Lodge (No. 179).—On the 13th inst., the members of St. Mungo's Lodge held their usual anniversary in the Loudon Hotel. Bro. Robert Armour, R.W.M., ably presided, and was assisted by Bros. P. M. Faulds and Major Adair. Deputations were received from St. John's, 22, Kilmarnock; St. David's, 26, Edinburgh; Loudon, 51, New Newmilns; St. James's, 135, Tarbolton; St. John's, 401, Catrine; and Burns' St. Mary, 505, Hurlford. After the reception, the brethren had a torchlight procession through the town, headed by the instrumental band. During the evening, Bro. Major Adair presented the lodge

with two handsome swords, and also a donation to the funds, which were suitably acknowledged. Addresses were given by Bros. James Muir and Scobbie, and Bro. Alexander presided at the harmonium.

CAMBUSLANG.

ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 114).—The annual election of this lodge took place on 31st ult., when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. George Anderson, R.W.M.; John Glen, D.M.; John Aitchison, S.W.; William Burns, J.W.; James Paterson, B.B.; Wilson Rennie, Treasurer; James Kirkwood, Secretary; John Burns, J.D.; Malcolm Paterson, S.D.; James Burns, J.D.; Archibald Paterson, I.G.; James Mitchell, Tyler.

Ireland.

DUBLIN.

NASSAU LODGE (No. 75).—This flourishing lodge held its installation banquet last week at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street. Bro. Alex. Robertson, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. Spence, S.W.; E. Wonfor, J.W.; and A. Fitzpatrick, Treasurer. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. T. Callinan, P.M. 75; J. Callinan, P.M. 75; S. Harty, C.E., P.M. 75; F. Marshall, P.M. 75; J. Hurst, 75; R. Thomline, S.D. 75; R. Callow, P.M. 75; W. Mathews, 75; E. Morrison, 75; H. Cochran, P.M. 75; J. Odbert, 75; W. Wilson, 245; W. Wilkinson, M.D., 100; F. Mellon, 120; G. Mellon, 93; W. Cross, P.M. 100; W. Christian, 100; J. Carr, 120; J. Burke, 75; J. Bolton, P.M. 120; H. Gerty, P.M. 120; E. Crofton, 245; W. Doolin, 100; J. O. Byrne, 245; W. Parker, P.M. 75; T. Brunker, G.L. 171; H. Hinkson, 232; J. MacIvor, 8; J. White, 120; W. Gerrard, 75; J. Mack, 100; W. Reese, London, P.M.; J. Clark, P.M. 222; W. Crutchet, 232; L. Degroot, 120; J. Girardine, 75; J. Macarthy, P.G.L., Antrim; W. Bolton, 120; J. Benson, 120; F. Benson, 75; and a number of other visiting brethren. The brethren partook of a choice banquet, supplied in Bro. Murphy's best style. This having been done ample justice to, the Worshipful Master proposed, in glowing terms, "The Health of the Queen," which was received with tremendous cheering. The next toast was "Our Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Heir Apparent to the Throne of the British Nation," which was also received with immense cheering. The W.M. then proposed "The Grand Master His Grace the Duke of Abercorn," who he declared to be a nobleman of the true type, and one who was well fitted to rule over such a large, influential, and loyal body as the Irish Freemasons were—men of every shade of political and religious opinion, and all men above littleness and narrowness of sectarian or national hatred. The toast was received with great cheering and the usual salute. Bro. Andrew Fitzpatrick, as treasurer of the lodge, and representative at the Board of General Purposes, in supporting the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers, said he trusted that they would never see the chairs of the Grand Lodge of Ireland filled by others than men of rank and blood, and he felt persuaded that so long as they had the Duke of Abercorn, a Hertford, a Dunboyne, and a Plunket at their head, the Masonic body in Ireland must continue to flourish. He said he felt satisfied that the brethren of Lodge 75 would always support and maintain the dignity of Grand Lodge, and that no act of theirs would ever tarnish the glory of their time-honoured and ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," to which Bros. W. Packer and Wonfor responded in suitable terms. The evening's proceedings were very much enlivened by a number of musical brethren. A collection having been taken up for the poor and distressed, the proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn took the President's chair. Bro. James Brett, the Senior Vice-President's, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune the Junior Vice-President's. Among the other brethren present there were Bro. Herbert Dickets, Samuel May, Joseph Smith, Thos. Cubitt, James Willing, junr., Thos. Bull, William Smith, John Diprose, junr., Simmonds, C. Atkins, D. Betts, H. Bartlett, H. M. Levy, H. W. Harmsworth, W. Clifton, Crick, P. H. Swallow, H. Dubosc, Hyde Pullen, John Hervey (Grand Secretary), H. G. Burr, A. A. Pendlebury, and H. Massey (Freemason). There were very few cases on this occasion before the lodge, and of these several were deferred for consideration at next meeting. The lodge voted, in all, the sum of £170, to the cases of distress which were presented. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned after an hour and a half's sitting.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER, PRINCE LEOPOLD.

Our Royal Brother, who has been seriously ill, is, we hope, by the last bulletins, now likely soon to rally from his somewhat protracted attack of fever and subsequent weakness.

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DEATHS.

STEVENS.—On the 15th inst., at Clapham Common Annie Maria, fourth daughter of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., &c., aged ten years, after long suffering.

HALTON.—January 15th, at his residence, Elizabeth-street, Liverpool, Bro. John Halton, P.M. 241 (Merchant's Lodge).

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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In case of installation, should the retiring Master elect not to perform the ceremony, has he the privilege of investing any P.M. of the lodge, without reference to seniority to do so, or has the Senior P.M. of the lodge the right to claim the privilege in virtue of such seniority?

[It is rather a difficult question to answer, but we are inclined to think that the W.M. can call on any P.M. to perform the ceremony.—ED.]

J.B.H.: We think, on the whole, it is better not to publish your letter. We could not do so, at any rate, in the present form.

Bro. Binckes's letter on "the degree of Mark Master," &c., will appear next week.

Whittington Lodge, Deal, 784. Another report received. Thanks.

W.D. (Rochdale) Next week.

The following reports stand over:—Lodge Commercial, 360, Glasgow; St. Peter's, 443; St. George's, 1098; Tredegar; Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow; Bath, Royal Cumberland, 61; Items of News Province of Hampshire; Lodge of Harmony, 309; Death of Bro. Cowley; Royal Sussex, 342; Gibraltar District Grand Lodge; Medina Lodge, 35; Glasgow, Lodge Marie Stuart, 541; Lodge of Harmony, 272, Boston; Lord Warden Lodge, 1096, Walmer; Etonian Lodge, 209, Windsor.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
J.C.B., Mooltan	3	9	4
W.D., Constantinople	0	17	4
H.G.G., New York	1	6	0
W.G., Shanghai	2	0	0
J.E.C.H., Indiana	0	11	7
M. Gambier Lodge, Australia	1	18	0
T.W.R., Allahabad	2	0	4
C.T., Hobart Town	1	14	8
J.T., Lukur	2	0	0

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1875.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FUND.

We published in our last impression a goodly list of Stewards for the next Anniversary, Jan. 27th, of this excellent institution. We congratulate our energetic brother, James Terry, on thus enlisting in the best of all causes so many distinguished brethren of our common Order. Amongst our metropolitan institutions there is none which more demands the sympathy and support of Freemasons. For it appeals to all our best feelings, both of Masonic fellowship, friendship, and happy association. By the instrumentality of this most practical and truly fraternal medium, we are enabled to offer friendly and often most needful support, to those whom, maybe, we knew in younger days, full of health, geniality, and zeal for Freemasonry, to those whom affliction has visited, or old age has weakened. Some of us, as year by year we scan the lists of applicants, can call to mind the names of those who have been contemporaries with us in our

own Masonic career, who have belonged to our own lodges, who were once happy and prosperous, and flourishing and friendly, but whom the hour of adversity has frowned upon, or on whom advancing years have told their customary tale. There are in our Order many most excellent men and Masons, who, not in affluent circumstances, and in comparatively a humble station in life, have never failed in their devotion and services to Freemasonry. We meet them in the lodge, we know them as the faithful Tylers of many a solemn gathering, and many a pleasant hour, and, weak and ailing, burdened by illness or years, they often, after many "lustra" of faithful service, ask for the benefits of the annuity funds to soothe the rugged pathway of the declining years of life. And not only this, prosperity and worldly wealth do not always continue here—"they make to themselves wings and fly away." We hear of cases and know of cases day by day, where, from unforeseen circumstances, many a well-to-do and wealthy brother is reduced to a low ebb of privation and decay. Hence the wisdom of our Benevolent Institution, which thus enables Freemasons year by year to offer a helping hand to many a worthy, but unfortunate, or struggling brother, to whom such aid is invaluable, and by whom that relief is most needed. Since the establishment of the Benevolent Institution, years ago, it has run an unchanging career of usefulness and fraternal sympathy. It has gradually grown from small beginnings to its present remarkable position of efficiency, activity, and undoubted good; and we trust that the next anniversary will demonstrate, under the kindly presidency of Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury, that the labours of Bro. Terry, and the praiseworthy zeal of the Stewards, have not been in vain. There is no institution, we venture to repeat, which more fairly and fitly claims the cheerful and liberal support of our benevolent Order. The Benevolent Institution has two branches of work, as well as the Asylum, to maintain and perpetuate in fulness and vigour. Not only do we seek by this institution, to aid our aged and suffering and decayed brethren, but we also endeavour to succour and support their widows! We should ill discharge our work of free-will Masonic charity, if we forgot those whom our brethren have left, as it were, to our sympathy and our care. And in this day of attack and obloquy for our innocent though inculcated Order—inculcated by the intolerant and the ignorant—we often think that our best reply is, "you doubt Freemasonry, you deride Freemasons, you condemn our principles; look at our acts, and above all remember our charities. We may be wrong in our view of things, we may be a very foolish, mistaken, perverse, or dangerous set of men, but you cannot deny that our practice answers to our profession, and that what we do as an Order is alike commendable and charitable." Certainly, if the education of the orphan sons and daughters of Freemasons, if the granting of annuities to aged and decayed Freemasons and their widows, is a proof of our "wicked conspiracy against governments and religion," we in England must so far fall under the ban of our hasty and selfmade censors. But if there still be "any virtue," if there still be "any praise" in all that is right and laudable, and loveable and true, in beneficent efforts and in fraternal good will, then let us gladly remember to-day that we, as an united Craft, as a genial and God-fearing brotherhood, year by year with unflagging zeal, and in unstinted measure, give and give freely, to the best of all causes, and for the truest of all ends. May all of prosperity attend the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Anniversary, January 27th, and may Bro. Terry have to report in our columns another abounding proof of Masonic liberality, and unwearied goodwill.

A POINT OF MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

We have published several letters lately on a point which seems to have exercised the pens of our Masonic jurists. The case, as originally placed before us, was this. In a given lodge, A is the Senior Past Master of the lodge, but A leaves the lodge for two years, "demits," to use an American Masonic expression, alto-

gether for that time from the lodge, but after two years is re-admitted as a joining member. What is his position in consequence? Does he or does he not remain senior P.M.? Our answer to that was that, by the "Lex inscripta" of Freemasonry in this country, he had, to the best of our belief, lost his precedence and became the junior Past Master at the time of his re-affiliation to the lodge. And for this reason "inter alia," that the whole of our Masonic system in this country is wisely based in the simple and practical test of lodge membership and lodge subscription. Failing that, the unattached Mason becomes, so to say, a "filius nullius," he has no position, no rights, no "locus standi," in English Freemasonry. As far as we know and understand the customs of our lodges, the cessation of two years membership takes away from the P.M. his seniority of position. Suppose, in the meantime, the lodge has built itself a hall at some expense. A leaves his brethren to bear the "burden and heat of the day," and comes back after two or three years, as the case may be, claiming the privilege of seniority as P.M., availing himself of the benefits obtained at the cost of others, simply because he was senior P.M. in time, and so remained all through those eventful years of lodge life and existence in which he has taken no part. But the whole theory of the lodge itself is dependent on the membership of subscribing brethren, and on subscribing brethren alone. A, from first to last, including two years of omission, and of non-payment of subscription in consequence, has been connected with the lodge ten years, of which he has paid for eight. B has paid ten years regularly. When A leaves, B, who is next to him, becomes Senior P.M., and remains so as long as he—B—continues a subscribing member. It is quite clear that A, who has demitted for two years, cannot, on his mere volition, and on his rejoining his lodge to suit his own convenience, put on one side B, who has paid on regularly and has never demitted, simply because A is senior in time. The whole question, as regards the lodge, is a question of subscribing membership, and very properly so; otherwise, in our opinion, many anomalies would arise, and many lamentable irregularities in our English Freemasonry, from which our admirable system is now happily free. The Book of Constitutions makes the Grand Lodge membership depend alone on membership in a private lodge. A P.M. who is not returned to Grand Lodge on the lodge list as a subscribing member, forfeits his status in Grand Lodge, and requires to be re-installed as Master and returned as a subscribing member of that or another lodge before he can regain his privileges. A brother has said that, as a Warden, a demitting P.M. could again recover his status in Grand Lodge; so he could for the year of his office, but no further. It is the privilege of a P.M., so long as he is a subscribing member of a lodge, to retain a perpetual membership, "virtute officii," in Grand Lodge. We have so far seen no argument which invalidates our original opinion on the matter. It is quite clear to us, that, if a P.M. leaves his lodge for two years, he loses his precedence as Senior P.M., and on his rejoining the lodge, becomes the Junior P.M., at the time of his re-admittance. Is he, despite absence, to reclaim his seniority over the heads of those who have never demitted? If the argument is good for two years, it may be pushed to three or four, or any number of demitting years. We therefore beg to maintain our view, and express our candid opinion, that, by the custom of our lodges, any P.M. who leaves his mother lodge for two years or for any time, so as to forfeit his private membership, and membership of Grand Lodge, on his re-admittance can only claim the position he has made for himself, namely that of Junior Past Master on the lodge roll at the time of his rejoining.

BRO. BINCKES'S REPLY.

We publish, with much pleasure, Bro. Binckes's reply in our impression to-day, closing, thereby, our friendly discussion; and the result of our fraternal controversy is, like the result of many other controversies in this world, that we must agree to differ on the special point to which reference has been made. We

have a duty to perform to the Craft superior to any suggestions whatever of private views or personal consideration, and we treated this matter, as we shall continue to treat all others, when they arise, simply as affecting the general interest of the fraternity. We have evinced on many occasions how deeply and truly we have the welfare of our excellent Educational Institutions at heart, but we should not be discharging, as we deem it, our bounden duty, or maintaining our true position, in respect of our Order, if we did not fairly and fully, but temperately, state our candid opinion, without fear and without favour, on any matter which appears to require notice or demand animadversion. We spoke in the most friendly tone, but we expressed our opinion honestly and openly, simply because it was our opinion, and we have reason to believe that such opinion agrees not only with that of the great majority of Grand Lodge present on December 2nd, 1874, but also with that of most of our readers. We are the last persons in the world to refuse to any brother an impartial hearing, or to undervalue the opinion of the competent and the well-informed, and Bro. Binckes may feel assured that we shall always be ready to insert his communications, and always willing to consider carefully any suggestions emanating from his known experience, or dictated by his long connection with the Boy's School.

MASONIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

We have latterly received so many questions on points of Masonic jurisprudence and other matters, which are apt to be overlooked in our columns of correspondence, that we shall in future devote a small space to all such questions and their answers. Any brother who will favour us with his question, under a signature or initials, clearly written, and which reaches us on Tuesday, will be answered in the impression of Saturday. As our brethren are aware, we go to press on Thursdays; so that, in order to avoid delay and omission, it will be necessary to have the questions forwarded to the Editor, 108, Fleet-street, E.C., not later than Tuesday in each week.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the early part of November last, you kindly inserted in the *Freemason* a letter of mine, advocating Albert Hall as the most suitable building for the ceremony of the installation of the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Since then I have had frequent opportunities of ascertaining the feeling of the brethren upon the subject; and in every lodge, chapter, or other Masonic meeting that I have attended, the opinion has been unanimous in favour of ceremony taking place there.

It is true some objections have been stated, and to those objections I will endeavour to reply. It is said:—

- 1 Albert Hall is not consecrated.
- 2 We cannot have the banquet at Albert Hall.
- 3 The building cannot be properly tiled.
- 4 Albert Hall is too large.

So far as No. 1 is concerned, it is out of the field at once. Albert Hall is not consecrated for Masonic purposes, and it is not necessary that it should be. None of the great City halls in which the installation of Grand Masters took place were consecrated; therefore, if precedent is required, here is ample.

No. 2.—There is no necessity for a banquet at Albert Hall, unless it could be shown that it might be easily arranged by some of the great contractors (such as Spiers & Pond for instance). The Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge and a certain number of brethren could dine as usual at Freemasons' Tavern; Provincial and other lodges could make their own arrangements prior to the day, and dine at either of the large hotels, or other houses where Masonic meetings usually take place.

As to No. 3 objection.—If I am rightly informed, Albert Hall can be properly tiled; the keeper has a master key, can shut out every one from the building the night before, and only admit those privileged. And it is but for the Executive of Grand Lodge to say that a hundred Past Masters are required to tile different doors, and another hundred to act as sentinels, both would be forthcoming immediately, and double the number if necessary.

If No. 4 objection should eventually turn out to be correct, it will be found a very good fault, if fault it can be called, and must certainly be far preferable than having

the meeting in a place far, very far too small, which would be the case if the hall in Great Queen Street is appropriated for the purpose.

The only objection that I can see, is one that I have not yet heard mooted: viz., that there are Freeholders and Renters who have certain privileges.

Will they kindly abstain from enforcing their privileges upon such an occasion?—one certainly not contemplated when the Hall was built. No doubt they would, knowing they could not be present unless members of the Craft, and unless waiving their rights, the ceremony could not take place there.

Now as regards the ceremony taking place in our own hall, galleries must be erected, which would mar the effect of the whole proceedings, and, under any circumstances, the room could not be arranged to accommodate more than—perhaps a tenth of the brethren seeking admission. If the number is limited by tickets, great dissatisfaction would be caused, and if unlimited, the crush would be so great that it is not at all improbable some serious accident may ensue. We are approaching the greatest event in Masonry in modern times—let it be worthy the occasion. It is to be hoped that those with whom the arrangements rest will be fully alive to the important responsibility in their hands. So long as Masonry exists, this installation will be remembered; then let it be worthy of being remembered, but let it be remembered with gratification and satisfaction by the members of an institution who care not to interfere with others, but who hope and believe they can hold their own.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN BOYD, P.M., P.Z.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As no determination seems as yet to have been come to on the points (as well subsidiary as principal) raised by your correspondents, will you kindly grant me space to state what I believe to be the law of the case. For the sake of clearness, I shall begin with the last-raised issue.

If any P.M., being a member of Grand Lodge, does not continue to be a subscribing member of some lodge, he loses the permanent seat in G.L., which his installation in the chair of K.S. gave him.

Should he be appointed W. of a lodge, he re-enters G.L., but only temporarily: i.e., during the continuance of his Wardenship.

Should he be again installed W.M., he again becomes possessed of a permanent seat in G.L.; but he is entitled to it on account of his recent, not his former, installation.

Thus, in Grand Lodge, his former P.M. counts for nothing more than a degree which, being once attained to, cannot be taken away, although, its duties having been abandoned, its privileges do depart.

Exactly so in the lodge in which the degree was gained. By non-continuance of subscription the member of a lodge severs his connection with it, and if he joins it again, does so on exactly the same terms as any other Mason of a like degree.

Now it is quite clear that a strange P.M. joining a lodge can have no seniority with respect to the P.M.'s of the lodge itself, for at whatever point in the line of succession such a P.M. should break in, a manifest injustice would be done to all below that point. Strange P.M.'s, then, ought to be taken no heed of on any point of precedence (except amongst themselves), nor asked to rule the lodge in the absence of the W.M., so long as any actual officer of the lodge, capable of discharging the duty, be present; and this should undoubtedly also be the case with the P.M. who lapses and rejoins.

In Grand Lodge such a P.M. must begin ab initio, and if such be the case there, the same rule must hold good in every private lodge.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

WM. TEBBS,

W.M. 285, and P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Somerset.

Jan. 18th, 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Brother E. F. says that the Book of Constitutions distinctly states that Wardens of private lodges are members of Grand Lodge (by virtue of the office of Warden), and that a P.M. "having for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge, shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge, nor can he regain that privilege until again installed Master of a lodge." He then goes on to say, if the P.M. in question were to rejoin his lodge, and happened to be appointed as Warden, he could not, during his Wardenship, attend Grand Lodge; and then he asks "how is this difficulty to be surmounted?" I reply, that he has quite correctly quoted the Book of Constitutions, and that I am quite at a loss to see any difficulty in the matter. It is quite clear and distinct that a seceding P.M. loses his Grand Lodge privileges, and can only regain them on a certain condition, very clearly defined by the Book of Constitutions—viz., that he be again installed a Master of a lodge.

I presume it is the same Bro. E. F. asking the question—"Who is the W.M. elect of a lodge"—under certain circumstances—viz., that Bro. B was elected Master by a majority of one vote, and, on arriving at the lodge, and being acquainted with the result of the ballot, "declined to be installed." I consider that Bro. B was premature, at that meeting, in declining to be installed because he could not be installed until after the confirmation of the minutes at the next following meeting; and the chances are that the minutes would not have been confirmed, as it is quite clear he had not gained the goodwill nor respect of the members of the lodge then present, and might have had even more against his election at the following meeting, when the minutes were put for confirmation.

He, however, very wisely, as I think, declined the honour conferred upon him by one vote, in a lodge of, possibly, as many as fifteen or twenty members. If he had declined at the following meeting, after the minutes had been confirmed, or the minutes had not been confirmed, then the brethren must have been summoned "to again proceed to elect a Master;" but as Brother B then and there declined to serve the office of Master, on the strength of the one vote, the brethren being summoned for the purpose of electing a Master, and the brother elected declining to stand—more especially as he "left the matter in the hands of the brethren," and retired from the lodge—the W.M. was perfectly right in requesting the brethren to vote again, in order to test the true sense of the meeting; and the ballot then being in favour of A—the then W.M.—A is clearly the W.M. elect, and if the minutes are confirmed at the next following meeting, he can be installed again, as the Masonic law allows a Master, if re-elected to serve two years in succession.

Yours fraternally,

M. O., P. Prov. G.J.W. Surrey.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with much interest the several communications under this heading in your paper, and I perfectly agree with the latter part of "Magnus Ohren's" letter in your last number, where he says, "With respect to the status of a P.M. in his own lodge, that is a right, not a privilege, to be recognised as a P.M. and he must be senior P.M. The fact has nothing to do with subscription, but refers to the date he passed the chair. On being re-elected in his lodge he will take his place in the lodge according to the date of his passing the chair."

If any brother will take the trouble to refer to the Book of Constitutions, he will find that all a P.M. loses by leaving his lodge for 12 months, is his membership with the Grand Lodge. I cannot see that there can be two opinions on the point.

Yours Fraternally,

AN OLD P.M. ONE, &c.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think that the so-called contradictory statements contained in the Book of Constitutions upon the above subject will be found easy of reconciliation if we be borne in mind that Grand Lodge is composed of two distinct classes of members—permanent and temporary. The former class comprises present and past Grand Officers and Past Masters; the latter comprehends the Grand Stewards of the year, and the Master and Wardens of lodges. Looking at the matter in this light, it will be seen that a Past Master who has for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge, loses his permanent membership of Grand Lodge, nor can he regain it until after he has been a second time installed in the eastern chair. By appointment to a Wardenship, he can but acquire the limited right of attending Grand Lodge during his year of office, and, I take it, this is not the sense in which the words "member of the Grand Lodge" are used in the first of our regulations. There they must refer to the permanent membership which I have mentioned, as the context surely admits no other construction.

Yours fraternally,

H. MARTIN GREEN, P.M.

MARK MAN AND MARK MASTER MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir and Brother,—

Did time permit, I should like to allude at length to Bro. Walter Hill's letter, interesting for many reasons, and especially as a communication from our intelligent Brother in New Zealand.

The difficulties Bro. Hill alludes to as to the Regulations of different Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters which affect "unoccupied" Masonic Countries, are neither few nor unimportant, and, indeed, cannot well be surmounted, until such Lodges and Provinces are strong enough and able to preserve their own independence.

What affects the brethren in New Zealand as Mark Masons, in a similar manner also troubles them in the Craft and Arch Masonry. One Grand Lodge permits the three degrees to be given in a night, whilst another requires a certain time to elapse between the conferring of each degree. One Grand Chapter accepts candidates for "exaltation" without any regard to their age as Master Masons, and another requires each candidate to have been Master Masons for a certain period prior to admission. It would be strange, then, if the Mark Grand Lodge were any exception to the rule, and in fact it is not, for the fees for advancement being additional and independent of those for exaltation, frequently acts injuriously to its interests, especially in the Colonies. However, experience soon tells in its favour, because, under its rule, more time and attention are devoted to the degree in question than under a system which looks at it in the light of a preliminary ceremony only.

Under the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania there are several Mark Lodges, with hundreds of members, and we think, as a natural consequence, there is no state wherein the Mark Degree is more valued.

The earliest record in this country of the working of the Degree under consideration, was communicated by me in the columns of this paper soon after its advent, and is dated A.D. 1778.

The Mark Man was conferred on Fellow Crafts, and the Mark Masters on Master Masons, and it is because of the Mark Man being a ceremony in connection with the "Choice of ye Mark," also given to Fellow Crafts, that the Mark Grand Lodge, in its reformed Ritual, has wisely returned to the old custom; and whilst it would be awkward to confer the Mark Man on Fellow Crafts actually, brethren

are so considered virtually during the ceremony, and Master Masons, when being made Mark Masters.

I have never seen, neither do I know, of any record which proves the Mark Man was in early days conferred on any but Fellow Crafts, and we know that the Mark Master's Degree was not communicated to any below the Third Degree. We see, then, how the Mark Degree is called a portion of the Second Degree, whereas it means but the Mark Man, and never the Mark Master. Here is our hand, Bro. Hill, with our best wishes.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 16th Jan., 1875.

SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Harriott's letter on the above subject with interest, and fully sympathise with his remarks. I think it very strange that while in Scotland the work of our lodges is wrought, with a few exceptions, as efficiently as in any of our sister countries, and while we are as enthusiastic as any about the beauty and sublimity of our principles, that yet our practice is so very different. We may shut our eyes to the fact as we like, but Scottish Masons and Scotch Masonry occupy a most unenviable position at the present moment. Neither in our own actions, nor in our works of charity do we practice what we preach, and thus we give the neutral world far too much ground to point at as the finger of scorn, and to libel us with a name I should not like to see even printed of us in an English magazine. There is something radically wrong in Scotland, and I fear that Bro. Harriott's scheme, however estimable, and however praiseworthy, is but lopping off the uttermost branches of the evil. We must have something to strike at the root.

Masonry in Scotland is far too cheap, and the customs of Masonry in Scotland are far too convivial (not to use a stronger term). Having stated these facts, a moment's thought will show that we have amongst us many who should never have been Masons, and we actually put beyond our pale the very men who already possess all the natural qualifications for becoming good Masons in every sense of the word. These men will not join us. They judge us by our works.

So long as Masonry in Scotland occupies its present position, any popular charitable scheme will convert our lodges into benefit societies, and anyone having the necessary fee, will join us for the benefits they may derive, as they would the Oddfellows, or any other kindred society. The status of Masonry must be raised, and this the Grand Lodge need not find so difficult a task. We have no need of new laws, we only want those we have stringently carried out. I do not wish to go into details, these are well enough known here, but there is work for earnest men, and I fear the ground requires some tilling before the seeds of charity will spring up as they ought to do.

I am, Fraternal Yours,

J.

BRO. BINCKES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When I penned my very mild "expostulation" with the manner of your remarks on myself in your recent article on Grand Lodge, I little imagined I was risking the painful prominence to which you have elevated me in your last issue. I feel disposed to ask space for a few words in reply, though, recognizing the enormous advantage enjoyed by the occupant of the editorial chair, I almost question the policy, or the utility of doing so, especially when I have, as in the present instance, to combat views so authoritatively expounded as those in your article referred to. There are others, besides members of the Roman Church, who support the dogma of "infallibility," with whom argument is lost, and whom it is perfectly hopeless to attempt to convince; and some of these I have unfortunately met with in Freemasonry. They are of those who hold that there is a charmed circle, within which everything is proper, fitting, and orthodox, outside of which there is little or nothing worthy of attention or regard. They are fond of maintaining that for a man to fill a given position which, by the many, is regarded as useful and honourable, is, *eo ipso*, a bar to that preferment which it is the laudable ambition of everyone to attain to. They maintain that in the public discussion of questions in which certain men must, of necessity, be deeply interested, and in the details connected with which they have a large practical experience, those men ought to observe perfect silence, and to abstain from statements of facts which might be the means of guiding the judgment, and determining the votes, of those who have to give a decision. They refuse to see the difference between a fervid, sentimental appeal on behalf of one particular cause as contrasted with another, and the quiet exposition of circumstances which affect a general cause in which all are interested. In some assemblies the first is justifiable and often necessary, in others the second is always desirable.

But to leave generalities, let me address myself to one or two points in your article—let me follow you through all would be impossible—consistently with a regard to your space, your readers' patience, and my own time. 1. I never attempted to controvert the proposition "that in such a discussion the brethren and the Grand Lodge are perfectly competent to decide such an important question on an independent report like that of Bro. Clabon's." I recognize Bro. Clabon's generous desire to place at the disposal of our Educational Institutions just those means they so much feel the want of—the funds out of which provision may be made for promoting the career of Boys and Girls after they have left the Schools. I know the great differences of opinion with reference to the *modus operandi* suggested by Bro. Clabon, and in the Grand Lodge I was anxious simply to move a reference of the entire question as to how these funds might legitimately be provided, or some more

extended support given to the Schools by the Grand Lodge, and to quote a few facts and figures in submitting my motion, leaving the Grand Lodge, of course, to arrive at a conclusion. 2. You ask "Will it be in the interests of the Charities to accept a grant from the Grand Lodge?" Surely this question is propounded in ignorance that all our Institutions do receive a grant from the Grand Lodge. The principle of the grant is therefore conceded, and on what grounds can it be contended that it is out of place to discuss the amount of such grant, and the source from which it shall be made, or for those who are responsible in the main for the production of the funds requisite for the efficient maintenance of our charities to assist in such discussion by placing the members of Grand Lodge in possession of the fullest information in their power?

3. Begging pardon for presuming so far, I did, and do, perceive that your "objection was not to Bro. Binckes qua Bro. Binckes, but to Bro. Secretary Binckes," and here is the gist of the whole matter; had I not held the office I have the honour to fill, my attempt to address Grand Lodge would have probably passed unnoticed, but the unsuccessful attempt made by "The Secretary" was too good a peg on which to hang a homily to be left unused, and so we have been favoured with your lucubrations on "the proper discharge of the duties of the 'Secretariat.'" To the conclusions you arrive at, I still unhesitatingly demur, and in my demurrer I am not without confidence in being joined by a "very large number of brethren, alike Metropolitan and Provincial."

But the subject grows, and I am warned that I have already exceeded the limits I prescribed for myself. At another time, and in another place, more may be said or written on a question with regard to which we are at variance. Let me assure you that you have not in any way "disturbed my wonted equanimity," and that I hope, with yourself, however freely or unreservedly I may express my views and opinions in your columns, or elsewhere, I may not allow myself to be betrayed into personalities, which injure a good case, and irretrievably condemn a weak one.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 12th January, 1875.

THE UNITED ORDERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have learned from an unofficial source that the body calling itself "The Order of the Temple and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem" has taken the trouble to expel me from it. I think that it would have shown more wisdom if it had been careful to previously ascertain whether it had jurisdiction in my case, and more fairness if it had heard both sides. I am well aware of the personal animosity against me of two or three members of the "Council of the Great Prior." Since, however, fair-play does not apparently enter into the composition of this modern chivalry, it only remains for me to appeal to the Freemason for a hearing.

I state then, without a doubt, that this "Order of the Temple and Order of St. John of Jerusalem," as it calls itself, is not a Masonic body. Amongst my reasons for such belief are the following:—

1st. Its Names.—The Order of the Temple was not a Masonic body. The Order of St. John of Jerusalem is not a Masonic body. The Order of the Temple was utterly destroyed some 500 years ago. The Order of St. John of Jerusalem exists still in several parts of Europe, but it has given no authority whatever to the United Orders to usurp its name or jurisdiction. It is clear, then, that if the new body is properly called, it is not Masonic—and that if it is wrongly called, the sooner it ceases to sail under false colours the more respectable it will be.

2nd. Its Composition and Organisation.—(Great Crosses, Priors, Arch-Chancellors, Preceptors, Priorities, Preceptories, Convents-General, Aides-de-camp.)—It is hardly necessary to remind Masons that none of these are Masonic titles. What then are they? simply a jumble of mediæval and modern, chivalric and conventual, monastic and military. Their being hazily connected in a dream, I could understand; but their being in one system, and solemnly played at as such by a number of men who have arrived at years of discretion, is beyond my comprehension. Such a jumble requires one to "make believe very much" indeed. Now the system of the Masonic body known as "the Masonic Order of the Temple," a respectable body, pretending to be just what it was, and no more, was, at the time of its fall, two years ago, a thoroughly Masonic system—a system under which one or two men in London could not, as is the case in "the Order of the Temple" so called, either use the other members, with or against their wills, as mere puppets, or crush a single member who dared, as I dare, to form my own opinion and stick to it.

3rd. Its Acts.—The act which called the Order of the Temple and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (as it calls itself) into existence two years ago, was the destruction of the Masonic Order of the Temple. How this was managed I need not here repeat. All Masons who know the facts are no doubt sufficiently ashamed of the transactions of that time. What has it done since it burst upon the astonished view of sensible men of the world, of students of history, of Masons? Where is it in our Masonic charities? Nowhere. What has it done? Nothing, but display a pitiable ignorance as to matters connected with the real Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem. Nothing, but dress itself up in white mantles and "make believe very much." A truly useful body, and comparing well indeed with the Masonic bodies!

4th (and for the present last, though not least).—The opinion of one of its high officials, which in a letter addressed to me, describes this "Order" as being not Masonic, but "only with a Masonic qualification," and also as being "spurious, and ad imitationem."

Now, as a Mason, I deny the power, and the right to

assume such power, of any body, not being a Masonic body, to interfere with Masons in Masonic affairs, and I unhesitatingly assert that my Masonic obligation as a Masonic Templar cannot impose upon me allegiance, as such, to any body which is not Masonic; certainly not to one which did not exist at the time of my taking such obligation; and although the body to which I took allegiance is, for the moment, powerless, no person has power to absolve me from allegiance to it so long as I choose to hold to that allegiance. When therefore the self-made "Knights" summoned me to appear on the 26th Nov. last, before their council (not a Masonic body) in order to make before others official explanations regarding a matter in which Masonic obligations were concerned, I treated their summons, as they might have expected, with the contemptuous silence due to an impertinence. The "brotherhood of gentlemen" seems to have lost its temper at this natural result of its arrogance, and it commenced a correspondence, of which, however, it left me to pay the postage. As a further natural consequence of its own conduct, I declined to open its letters.

As a punishment upon me for natural results of its own conduct, this body of "Knights," (neither Masonic nor unmasonic), has held me up to execration. What was said at the meeting which expelled me, I don't know. When or where the meeting took place even, I don't know. But it is a new thing to me, as an Englishman, to be condemned, not only unheard, but also in my absence, and it unquestionably reflects more discredit upon the condemnors than upon the condemned. I cannot believe that any body can last long when conducted on such unfair, one-sided principles as these.

When the Masonic Order of the Temple springs once more into life, as I hope and trust that sooner or later it will do, I am ready to come before it as a Masonic body, if asked to do so, and to go thoroughly into any matter concerning my obligation to it up to the time of my ceasing to be a member of it. In the meantime, as a student of history, a lover of truth, a loyal subject, a Mason, and faithful to my duty as a Masonic Templar, I shall continue to regard the substitute order as a "spurious and ad imitationem" body, recognized as "Knights" only by themselves, made "Knights" only by each other, possessing no authority in Masonic matters, and having no feeling in common with the grand principles of Freemasonry.

I trust that in fair play to me, condemned unheard and in my absence by the so-called "Order of the Temple and Order of St. John of Jerusalem," you will permit me, through the medium of the *Freemason*, to place these, my views, before the large body of my brother Masons, whose good opinion I feel that I do not lose by suffering oppression and persecution at the hands of these very modern "Knights" on account of my old-fashioned fidelity to Freemasonry.

I am, faithfully yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

P.S.—I may add that I have appealed to the Judicial Council under the Tripartite Treaty, whose authority, I understand, "the Order of the Temple" acknowledges, but that up to this date (20th Jan.), I am not aware of the Council having been summoned. I presume, therefore, that the other parties to the treaty consider (as indeed they may justly do) that the treaty ceased to be in force on the disappearance of one of the parties to it, the Masonic Order of the Temple.

THE ANNUAL GRAND MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The 26th annual ball of the Masonic body in and around Liverpool, which took place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 12th inst., again proved the most brilliant, by far the most enjoyable, and certainly the best conducted of the season; and every one of those present heartily endorsed this opinion. As in previous years, the assembly of the brethren of the Mystic Tie for 1875, was in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which, thanks to the cordial support given to it for many years by the West Lancashire brethren, occupies a position scarcely second to any in the kingdom. In thus giving assistance to an institution which has done a noble work since its foundation, the Masonic body in this section of the province has not only done credit to their position, but set an example which might well be followed in other provinces throughout the United Kingdom, and over all the world. The prosperity of the charity is clearly shown by the fact that there is now an invested capital of nearly £12,000, and this sum is sure to be increased as years go on. There are now 70 children on the foundation of the institution, and this number is not only likely soon to be increased, but the committee of ways and means feel that they are warranted in seeking to widen the benefits of the institution to those who are now actually receiving education from its funds. With a brilliant gathering like that of Tuesday evening, and with a charity, the nobility of which commended itself to every one, the committee were perfectly right in trying to secure a distinguished patronage. And this they did, as the following list will show that the most illustrious names in Masonic circles lent the countenance of their names to the gathering:—

LADY PATRONESSES.—Right Hon. the Countess Bective, Right Hon. Lady Skelmersdale, Mrs. Gilbert Greenall, Walton Hall; Lady Constance Stanley, Mrs. Bousfield.

PATRONS.—His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool; Bros. Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Major Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, P.G.W. England, P.G.S.W. of West Lancashire; Gilbert Greenall, Esq., M.P., P.S.G.W., England, and P.S.W. of West Lancashire; Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Major G. C. Legh, Esq., M.P., W.D. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Hon. F. A. Stanley, W.D. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Earl Bective, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland; W. R. Callender, Esq., M.P., W.D. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire;

Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; Lieut.-Col. Birchall, W.P. Prov. G.J.W. West Lancashire; Sir James Ramsden, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire; John Prescott, Esq., W.P. Prov. G.J.W. West Lancashire; Major N. G. P. Bousfield, M.P.; John Pearson, Esq., W. Rathbone, Esq., M.P.; Right Hon. Viscount Sandon, M.P.; J. Torr, Esq., M.P.

No pains had been spared by the energetic committee to make the Annual Masonic Ball sustain its prestige, and the result of their labours was in every way most satisfactory. The whole of the splendid suite of rooms upstairs, was, thanks to the courtesy and kindness of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, secured for the purposes of dancing, and the Council Chamber, with the suite of rooms on the ground floor, was granted for "refreshment," supper, promenade, and kindred purposes. Plenty of room was thus given to the pleasure-seekers, and at no time in the evening, even when the attendance was the greatest, was there anything like crushing. The arrivals commenced as early as half-past eight o'clock, and from that time up till close upon midnight there was an almost constant stream of arrivals. At this time the three rooms set apart for dancing, presented a most brilliant appearance, and the ensemble can at no time be equalled at any other assembly. The ladies, generally, were dressed with exquisite taste, but in addition to this there was the additional and most striking effect of the Masonic clothing, worn by the brethren, representing nearly every degree. Craft clothing, of course, predominated, but there was also a plentiful representation of the members of the Orders of Royal Arch, Mark Masons, Red Cross of Constantine, Knights Templars, Rose Croix, K.H.S., &c. Nearly all the representatives of the several degrees wore full dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office. As a consequence, the picture in the ball-room was one of the most striking character, and delighted every one who witnessed it. It was estimated that about 800 persons were present at the ball, and amongst these were names most familiar in the history of Liverpool Freemasonry. His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. F. Steble) arrived about half-past ten o'clock, and stayed for a considerable time. Amongst others whom we observed present were:—Bros. D. W. Winstanley, P.M. 1094, P.Z. 1094 (Chairman of Committee); J. Ismay, W.M. 216 (Vice-chairman of Committee); H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823 (Master of Ceremonies); William M. Chudley, W.M. 241 (Honorary Secretary); G. Broadbridge, P. Prov. G.D.C., P.M. 241; W. Doyle, P. Prov. G.J.D. (Hon. Treasurer); Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; G. Turner, P.M. 86; R. Brown, S.W. 241; G. Hutchins, S.D. 241; J. Pemberton, P.M. 11264; W. Sergeant, P.M. 203; T. Lowe, P.G.S.B.; A. Bucknall, 667; W. Vines, P.M. 1299; J. E. Jackson, J.W. 667; T. Clarke, P.M. 673; J. Evans, W.M. 1393; R. Bennett, J.W. 1299; J. Clegg, P.M. 1299; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823, T. B. Myers, S.W. 1082; J. E. Edginton, W.M. 1082; J. Lloyd, 249; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; J. Capell, 220; H. Hart, Dr. Speir, H.W. Nicholas, 249; H. James, P.M. 203; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; Russell (Washington Hotel); W. T. May, P.M. 673; A. C. Morrison, 594; W. Savage, 241; J. Jones, P.M. 220; M. de Freese, S.W. 1502; M. Hart, Sec. 1502; Henochsberg, J.W. 1502; A. Ballard, 1380; C. Davidson, 1393; W. Parry, 1393; S. Hague, 667; T. D. Pierce, Sec. 1473; W. Oglesby, 823; G. H. Turner, 86; and others.

The committee of arrangements—with Bros. Lord Skelmersdale and the Hon. Fred Stanley as president and vice-president—did their work in a remarkably efficient manner. Bro. Wm. M. Chudley, the honorary secretary, deserves especial praise for the zeal, tact, and energy he displayed in the fulfilment of his duties, and honourable mention is due to Bro. G. Broadbridge for the active support which he gave in connection with the work. Bro. W. Doyle also did very valuable and hearty service as honorary treasurer, and the very attentive, courteous, and zealous staff of stewards could not possibly have been under a better captaincy than that of Bro. R. Brown.

The music was furnished by quadrille bands, under the direction of Bro. G. A. W. Phillips. During the evening, a pleasant feature of the entertainment was furnished by Bro. H. Gill, whose "fairy bell" performances gave the greatest delight to all who listened. The supper, refreshments, &c., were supplied by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, the well-known caterers, Castle-street, Liverpool, and the manner in which they supplied the creature comforts for the occasion deservedly elicited universal admiration. The tables, elegantly laid out, fairly groaned beneath the weight of good things, and this "groaning" was considerably increased by a huge baron of beef which graced one of the principal tables in the Council Chamber.

The viands and wines were of the best quality, and the quantity supplied might have been sufficient for double the number. Dancing began about nine o'clock, and was continued for several hours with great spirit.

Obituary.

BRO. SERGEANT-MAJOR DYER.

Sergeant-Major Dyer, a fine specimen of the British veteran, died at his house in Vron Square, Upper Bangor, on Tuesday night, in his eighty-fifth year. He was born at Belfast on the 5th of November, 1790, joining the 97th regiment, then known as the Queen's German. Two years later the transport in which his regiment was being conveyed from Dublin to London was wrecked on the Anglesey coast, near Holyhead. He served through the whole of the Peninsular campaign, his first engagement, we believe, being that of Vemeira, on the 21st of August, 1808, when the 97th served with such credit that the name of the regiment was altered to that of the Queen's

Own. His subsequent engagements were the passage of the Douro, on the 12th of April 1809; Talavera, July 26, 27, and 28, 1809; Badajoz, May 10, 1811; Albuera, 16th May, 1811 (in which the Queen's Own were attached to the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers), Almaraz, and Vittoria. He also served in the Waterloo campaign, taking part in the engagement of the 18th of June, and in India and Canada, earning in the course of thirty-seven years service a glittering array of medals. After retiring from the army in 1841, he went to Tasmania, where he was engaged at one of the convict establishments, subsequently removing to the Cape of Good Hope, where he held a responsible position in the constabulary service. There is a rather romantic explanation given of his settling in Wales. When he and his companions were wrecked on the Anglesey coast, he was treated with such kindness by a woman living on the spot that he made a vow that he would marry no one but a Welsh woman. He kept his vow by marrying a woman from Llanfairfechan, and on her account he settled in this neighbourhood. Sergeant-Major Dyer had been a Freemason since 1812, and was the first to introduce the Craft into Tasmania. He was Tyler of the Llangefni, Llandudno, and Bangor Lodges, and the Janitor of the Carnarvon Grand Chapter. Until within the last few years he was the recruiting sergeant, an appointment which brought him in a small competence, but the late Government took the appointment from him, leaving him only a small pension as an acknowledgment of the services he had rendered to his country. The old soldier was always a Conservative, but never was his Toryism so strong as when the Liberals deprived him of half his income, and we well remember hearing him, on the day that Mr. Penman was elected for Carnarvonshire, declare that he had vowed never to put on his regimentals while "that Government of Gladstone's" remained in office. The vow was solemnly kept, and this fine old Tory was at length able to celebrate the return of the Conservatives to power by donning his uniform, and walking proudly through the streets in military attire. He belonged to a fighting family. His father was a riding master in the 23rd Light Dragoons, and was shot after delivering the despatches of Sir Ralph Abercrombie at Alexandria on the 21st March, 1801, when Michael Dyer was a boy of eleven. Three of his brothers were killed in battle; one at Talavera, in 1809, one in the siege of Badajoz, and a third at Busaco. He himself had many narrow escapes, but he managed to go through nearly forty years' service comparatively unharmed, and without loss of limb. During his residence in Bangor he was respected, and he will be much missed by the many to whom he was known. He was buried with full Masonic and military honours, the expense being defrayed by the members of St. David's Lodge, 384. The funeral cortege left Vron-square, the residence of the deceased, shortly before three o'clock. It was headed by a firing party of the 3rd Anglesey Artillery Volunteers, under the command of Quartermaster-sergeant William Thomas. The band of the Royal Carnarvonshire Rifles, playing "The Dead March in Saul," followed, and the procession, which was a very large one, further included the staff of the Anglesey and Carnarvonshire Militia Regiments, a detachment of the 3rd Anglesey Artillery Volunteers, under the command of Captain Whittaker and Lieutenant Savage, the Volunteer Fire Brigade, and the Coastguard, under the command of Chief-officer Nee. The Freemasons, wearing mourning regalia—who mustered very strongly, and included representatives from the Bangor, Carnarvon, Llandudno, Amlwch, and Llangefni Lodges—immediately preceded the hearse; and the private carriage of Captain Verney, R.N., Inspecting Officer of Coastguards, and a large number of local tradesmen, brought up the rear. The cemetery was crowded to inconvenience, and the streets through which the procession passed were lined with a thick fringing of spectators. The funeral service was read by the Rev. T. R. Walters, minor Canon of Bangor Cathedral, and Chaplain to the Segontium Lodge, No. 606.

Reviews.

MASONIC MUSIC. "OUR SONG."

We have received the words of this new Masonic song, written by Bro. Francis Bennoch, F.S.A., and set to music by our well-known and talented Bro. Donald W. King. Unfortunately, not musical ourselves, and not even having "a male cousin who plays on the German flute," or a fair "female cousin" who "sings," we are, perhaps, not the best of musical critics. Some one has said that it does not require much "knowledge" of anything to write a criticism upon "something," and as the poet sings,—

Can one in artless prose say why
Minds to poetic fancies fly?
And so prose-given rules defy,
Till wisdom with the wise ones die.

We have, however, been privately informed, to make up for our critical deficiencies, that not only are the words very effective, as we can all read for ourselves, but that the music is exactly suited to them, being facile and yet spirited, animated and yet graceful.

We commend it, therefore, in all well-founded confidence, to the notice of our many excellent amateur and professional brethren.

DO I NOT LOVE?

We are also glad to notice this little song, by our Bro. Donald W. King, both as to words and music. It is, we understand, highly commended by the ladies.

SPRING SONG.

We are also requested to call the attention of our readers to a pretty little song by Paul Semler, called "Spring Song," translated from the Fruhlings-lied von Heine by M. Immisch.

Masonic Tidings.

The *Yorkshire Post* says:—"The Marquis of Ripon, who, prior to his perversion to Rome, was building a large church in connection with the Church of England, has caused the same to be finished, and is about to hand it over, not to the communion he has lately joined, but to that which he has left."

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside at the 86th annual festival of the City Dispensary on Tuesday, February 23rd, at the London Tavern.

The Cripplegate Pension Society's Ball will take place on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Alderman Knight has kindly consented to be chairman of the evening.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has been re-elected a vice-president of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Old Kent road.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Chard's, Abchurch Lane, Cannon-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 27th Jan., by Bro. John Constable, W.M. 185.

We understand a Masonic temple is to be solemnly inaugurated in Rome, early next month. We are informed the occasion will be one of very great pomp.

A warrant has been granted by the Supreme Grand Council of England to certain members of the Rose Croix to hold a chapter in Truro. It is to be named the Cromwell Chapter, and Sir F. M. Williams, Bart, is to be the first sovereign. The second of February is fixed for the opening. Any brother wishing to take the 18th degree on that day had better communicate at once with Bros. C. Truscott, Trevarrack, St. Austell; N. J. West, Hayle; E. D. Anderton, Falmouth; H. Hawkin, jun., Redruth; and W. J. Hughan, Truro.

The Second Annual Ball of the Red Cross Order will be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday, the 31st of March. Colonel Burdett, G.V., will act as President; R. Wentworth Little as Treasurer; and H. A. Dubois and C. F. Hogard as Hon. Secretaries of the Ball Committee, which already numbers nearly fifty members.

MASONIC GIFT TO THE MARQUIS OF RIPPON.—Some of the most intimate of the Masonic friends of the Marquis of Ripon, several of whom are members of the Grand Lodge, although pained at his lordship's secession from the Order, intend presenting him with a costly artistic gift in recognition of his lordship's valuable services to the Craft, and as a mark of their continued esteem and friendship for him. The souvenir, the presentation of which was decided upon very shortly after the noble Marquis had resigned the Grand Mastership, has just been received from the hands of the artist. It consists of a jewelled casket of pure gold, six inches in length by four in depth. The corners of the lid on the outside are enriched with carvings of beautiful and appropriate designs, while raised in the centre is the monogram of the Marquis worked in jewels. Attached to the inside of the lid is a silver trowel, the surface being filled in and ornamented with the symbolisms of Masonry. An illuminated address accompanies the casket.—"Rosicrucian."

The Annual Festival of the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, will take place on Friday evening, February 5th, 1875, at the Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton. The lodge will be opened at six o'clock precisely, and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the first lecture will be worked. Bro. Mark S. Larham will preside. Dinner on table at 7.30, prompt. Brethren are invited to attend.

FREEMASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

CALEDONIAN LODGE (No. 489, S.C.).—The installation of R.W.M. and officers of this lodge took place in the Masonic Temple, Haskieu, on the evening of Monday, 28th December, 1874. There was a numerous attendance of brethren of the lodge, and many visitors from sister lodges in the province. W.M. Bro. Wm. Dorrell, presided in the E. After the time-honoured preliminaries of opening the lodge were over, Wor. Bro. Robt. McGill, in a manner highly creditable to himself, and very pleasing to the brethren, performed the duties of installation—1st, the re-installation of Bro. W. Dorrell to the Master's chair—an honour well merited for the efficient manner the business in the East had been conducted during the past twelve months. Second—The general office-bearers as follows:—Bros. Till, D.M.; Jamieson, S.M.; Rand, S.W.; J. Noble, J.W.; Chalmers, Treasurer; Frazer, Secretary; Lindsay, S.D.; Morrison, J.D.; Sutherland, I.G.; Tucker, M.C.; Dobson, Organist; and Scott, Tyler. This done, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room in the Temple, and, in unison with Lodge Leinster, No. 166, I.C., partook of a repast consisting of many Eastern delicacies. Wor. Bros. Dorrell and life alternately gave the loyal, Masonic, patriotic, and friendly toasts, which are usual and sacred to the Sons of Light. Song, story, and loving sentiment were happily given by brethren during the evening. Home, especially, shone forth in almost every chord—musical or prosaic. The small hours of the morning of the 29th too soon scattered the happy brethren.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

ST. ANN'S BAY.—Seville Lodge (No. 530).—The election of officers for the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on November 6th. The Master elected for current year was Bro. Henry P. Thompson; Albert J. Hart, Treasurer; Richard Watson, Tyler. The Master elect at lodge, held December 22nd, nominated the officers as follows:—Bros. Edmund N. Hart, D.M.; Samuel C. De Jaya, S.M. (Athole Union, 367); Alfred N. Sutherland, S.W.; Chas. W. Steer, J.W.; Dr. Geo. Cooper Saunders, S.D.; Barclay B. Chadwick, J.D.; Thos. Bartlett, I.G.; Caleb Reynolds, Secretary; J. H. Levy, Steward; George

Roe, Steward. At the termination of the duties of the lodge, Bro. Thompson addressed the retiring W. Bro. Michael Solomons (the Past Master who has served two administrations), asking permission to append on the left breast of that brother a Past Master's jewel, in the name of the brethren of Seville Lodge, for his past zeal and worth as a Mason and brother, which was done. The jewel is beautifully mounted and has an inscription, "Presented to Hon. Bro. W. M. Solomons by members and officers of Seville Lodge, No. 530, on his retiring from past administration." The W. Bro. returned thanks, in an appropriate speech, to the brethren for their kind remembrance of him, stating that it ever would be his pleasing duty to uphold the Seville Lodge and Masonry in general.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. PETER LAIRD.—On Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., a dinner to Bro. Peter Laird, late Assistant Secretary of the Agricultural Hall Company, took place at the Criterion, in connexion with the presentation of a testimonial to that gentleman upon his retirement from office, and in recognition of the kindness, courtesy, and ability with which for many years he had discharged the duties devolving upon him. Mr. T. Rudkin, C.C., presided, and Mr. W. G. Guerrier, occupied the vice-chair. They were supported by Mr. Brewster, C.C., Mr. Blackesley, C.C., and representatives or members of the following firms, viz.: Sir W. Burnett, Messrs. Spiers & Pond, Messrs. Shand & Mason, Messrs. Greenboam, the Brighton Railway Company, Mr. T. B. Ayshford, Mr. Pullen, Secretary of the Smithfield Cattle Club; Mr. Cuffin, Auditor; and others. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Chairman proposed "The Health of Mr. Peter Laird," whom he described as one of the most honest, independent, and straightforward men, as well as faithful servants, it had ever been his lot to meet, an opinion the directors of the Agricultural Hall Company had also expressed by their presentation to Mr. Laird of a cheque for 100 guineas on his retirement. As a further expression of the high opinion of his personal friends, he (the Chairman) had the pleasure now to hand to Mr. Laird a purse containing 115 sovereigns, with a written expression of their sentiments.—*City Press.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 29, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23.

Audit Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (810), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, King-st, St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Gt. Ilford.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30 Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 92, Moira.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 2158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth

Lodge 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st, Millbank.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 46, Old Union, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Chap. 435, Mt. Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John, Queen's Road, St. John's Wood.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (218), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st. Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.
Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st, W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.

Preceptory, Faith and Fidelity, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Malham Hotel, Balam, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Prec.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7. Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 30, 1875.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
" 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264) Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale, at 6.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, January 30, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 30, 1874.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hotel, Cockburn-st.
Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 112, St. John, Fishrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-street, Leith.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE (No. 1).—This ancient lodge, the mother lodge of England, met on Monday, the 18th inst., a numerous and distinguished company of brethren, amongst others Bros. Sir F. W. Truscott, Alderman Paterson, R. H. Giraud, Sandeman, Case, Rawson, Muggeridge, and others, being present. Bro. W. A. Colls, W.M., opened the proceedings by initiating Mr. G. R. Steel and the Rev. John Condor and passing Bros. Sir J. H. Glover and H. L. Freeman. He then requested Bro. W. S. Gover, P.M. No. 1, to perform the remainder of the duties, which consisted in raising Bro. Douglas Straight, and in installing the new Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Payne, and which were performed by Bro. W. S. Gover with his usual ability and to the great satisfaction of the brethren. After work the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet. Covers were laid for eighty.

COWES.—MEDINA LODGE (No. 35).—The annual meeting of this lodge, which is the most ancient in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was held on Thursday 14th inst., at the lodge rooms, in High Street. The brethren assembled at about 3 p.m., for the purpose of assisting in the installation of Bro. T. W. Faulkner. Bro. Faulkner has already filled the chair on one or two occasions, but the brethren knowing his zeal for Freemasonry again selected him as the Master for the year 1875. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the ceremony was carried out by Bro. J. G. Wheeler, the retiring Master, assisted by the other Past Masters of the lodge. The Master having been duly installed, proceeded to the appointment of his officers, when Bro. J. G. Wheeler was invested with the collar and jewel as I.P.M., and Bros. J. Hall Smith, S.W.; J. C. Ains, J.W.; G. Munt, S.D.; E. Wyatt, J.D.; S. Benzie, I.G.; J. Wallace, D.C. The business of the lodge having been concluded, the brethren retired to the Fountain Hotel, when Bro. Jones again served a splendid banquet. The chair was taken by the W.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. J. Hall Smith, P.M. and S.W.; each chair was well supported by the officers and brethren of the lodge. The various dishes having been partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed, the cloths were removed, when the chairman rose and proposed "The Health of the Queen," remarking on the many virtues of Her Majesty, and asking what country could boast of so good a Queen and mother. Music—"God save the Queen." The next toast was "The Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The W.M. remarked that although the retirement of the Marquis of Ripon from Freemasonry altogether might be considered by the outer world as a blow to the Craft, it was no such thing, for our distinguished brother, the Prince of Wales, had most nobly come forward and would in a short time be installed in the chair as Grand Master of England. Other remarks worthy of our Grand Master elect were made and the toast was drunk with much enthusiasm. Music—"God bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast that followed was "Grand Lodge of England, and the Officers of the same." This was also well received. The chairman then proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," coupling with it the name of Bro. J. Hall Smith, the P.P.G.J. Deacon, remarking upon the zest that the P.G.M., Bro. W. W. Beach, had for Masonry, that he was always ready to do anything to further its objects, and to promote its welfare. All knew that Bro. Beach was a life governor of the charities, and they stood out in a most prominent way, showing to the world what Freemasonry did. The toast was well received, and Bro. Smith responded to the same. "The Healths of the I.P.M., the Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge," was given, and drunk with a deal of good feeling. A most pleasant evening was passed, and as the hour of eleven drew on the brethren separated. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed with Masonic honours to the landlord for his preparations, and the evening concluded. We must not omit to remark that some capital songs were sung, and Bro. Scadding presided at the pianoforte.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 41).—The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 7th, at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened at 7.30 by Bro. Major Preston, W.M., assisted by Bros. R. Carey, I.P.M.; Clark, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Ashle, Treasurer; Everingham, Secretary; Falkner, S.D.; C. Wilkinson, J.D.; Braham, I.G.; Gazzard, acting as Tyler; and many other members of the lodge. The following also were present as visitors: Bros. Tate, 170; G. F. Cooke, S.W. 279; J. Sumpson, J.D. 53; B. W. Watts, I.W. 626. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, P. Prov. G. S. W. for Warwickshire, as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour, and the

W.M. announced receipt of a note from him expressive of regret at his unavoidable absence from the meeting, owing to severe indisposition. Mr. Jacob Smith was reported as having presented himself, after the usual notice of a month, as a candidate for Freemasonry, and the ballot proving favourable, he was duly initiated by the W.M., who also gave him the charge in the first degree. Subsequently the newly-initiated brother addressed the W.M., Officers, and brethren, very neatly and feelingly, expressing his appreciation of the honour he had received, and his desire to prove himself worthy of it. The only other business which remained, was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. To the latter office Bro. Ashley was re-appointed, and the ballot for W.M. resulted in the election of Bro. Clark, S.W. The lodge was finally closed soon after ten o'clock.

ROCHDALE.—HOPE LODGE (No. 54).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, January 13th, at the Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, and there was a good attendance of the brethren, all officers being present—Bros. Richard Simpson, W.M.; Ab. Barker, S.W.; James Barnish, J.W.; Dan Mitchell, P.M., Secretary; (Treasurer, being very ill, could not attend); R. Collingwood, S.D.; O'Dherty, J.D.; Bincliffe, I.G.; James Midgley, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 5.15 p.m., and the minutes of the former lodges were read and confirmed; after which Mr. J. T. Worth, and Mr. J. Clegg, candidates for Freemasonry, were balloted for and approved. On account of business, Mr. J. T. Worth could not attend. Mr. J. Clegg was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. Dan Mitchell, P.M., assisted by C. M. Jones, P.M., and T. B. Ashworth, P.M., after which he retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree. Bro. Hutchinson, after having given proofs of his proficiency in the former degrees, was then entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree. The candidate was then admitted and duly raised by T. B. Ashworth, P.M., assisted by W. Davies, P.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren then adjourned to refreshment, which was well provided by the host and hostess. After the cloth was removed, the brethren partook of the cup of cheerfulness, and the usual toasts were then given, amongst which C. M. Jones, P.M., gave "Our Three Deceased Brethren," who had all departed this life within a few days of each other. It was given in solemn silence. "The Initiate" was next given, and was suitably responded to. The usual closing toast was then given, and the brethren departed in peace.

BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).—The members of this old lodge met on the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and disposed of a large amount of Masonic business, the W.M., Bro. Briggs, initiating, passing, and raising several gentlemen and brethren into the various degrees in a very able manner, and which was much appreciated by the members and visitors. Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M., installed Bro. James Lear Drew into the Master's chair, with his usual care. The W.M. then made very judicious appointments to the several offices: Bros. Walton, S.W.; Poole, J.W.; and Creak, S.D. There was a good muster of P.M.'s of the lodge to do honour to the W.M., among them we noticed Bros. P.M. Cubitt Millis, Holland, Hills, Smith and Brauder. Among the attendance of visitors were Bros. Farthing, W.M.; Boyd, P.M.; Beard, P.M.; Kelping, P.M.; Pope, P.M.; Darke, P.M.; Nicholls, P.M.; Hillis, P.M.; G. R. Stacey, P.M.; and T. Butler. The usual P.M.'s jewel was unanimously awarded to the retiring W.M. An excellent banquet followed, the W.M. presiding with much ability. The evening's entertainment was much enhanced by the excellent singing of Madame Constantin, Mr. G. T. Carter, and Mr. Beale, Mr. J. D. Cunster presiding at the pianoforte.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE (No. 180).—The usual monthly meeting of this large and important lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of the esteemed W.M., Bro. Gallico, assisted by the whole of his officers. The meeting was called for half-past three o'clock, when Bro. Ladbury was duly raised to the third degree. Bro. Kasper passed to the second degree, and Messrs. Balestra, Raimo, Thompson, and Pavitt, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Parsons, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Smithett, I.P.M., to receive from Bro. Gallico, W.M., the benefit of installation. A board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was inducted into the chair in a most able manner by Bro. Gallico. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bros. Gallico, I.P.M.; Gillard, S.W.; Annett, J.W.; Robinson, P.M., Treasurer; H. A. Stacey, P.M., Secretary; Pillin, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Harrison, I.G.; Herf, P.M., and Farwig, W.S.; J. R. Stacey, P.M., D.C., and Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, were given by Bro. Gallico in a most eloquent and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested Bro. Gallico with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted at the previous meeting, accompanying the investment with a short speech expressing his own and the brethren's feelings towards the W.M. Bro. Gallico having returned thanks, the W.M. rose, and announced, in feeling terms, the decease of Bros. Archard, P.M., and Thorn. Bros. H. A. Stacey, P.M., Cameron, P.M., and Parsons, W.M., having announced their intention of becoming Stewards for the Aged Freemasons' Girls', and Boys' Institutions respectively, at the forthcoming festivals, the lodge was closed, and the brethren (104 in number) adjourned to a most enjoyable banquet, which was presided over by the W.M. with intelligent ability. The various toasts were duly honoured, and some excellent singing by members and visitors—of whom there were thirty-seven—enlivened the evening. The brethren, amongst whom were many highly-distinguished, as Boyd, Cottebrune, Wilkinson, Binckes, and others, were loud in their praise of Bro.

Gallico for the very able and eloquent manner in which he had mastered the difficulties of the English language, and performed the various ceremonies and the installation. The brethren dispersed about eleven o'clock, after being reminded by the W.M. that the thirteenth annual ball would take place, on the 4th February, at the Freemasons' Hall.

DEVONPORT.—LODGE SINCERITY (No. 189).—The members of the Lodge Sincerity held their annual banquet at the Royal Hotel, Devonport. The banquet was an excellent one, and was exceedingly well served. Bro. J. E. Curteis, W.M. of the lodge, presided; and there were present, Bros. I. Latimer, I.P.M., and P.G.J.W.; R. R. Rodd, P. Prov. G.S.W. of Cornwall, and P. Prov. G.R. of Devon; Colonel Elliott, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Vincent Bird, P. Prov. G.T.; S. Jew, P. Prov. G.T.; the Rev. J. E. Risk, P. Prov. G.C.; G. Shanks, P. Prov. G.J.W.; C. Leigh, P. Prov. G. Secretary; T. W. Lemon, P.G. Chaplain; J. Sadler, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Aubrey Thomas, P.G.S.D.; Fowler, W.M. 1212; J. J. Avery, W.M. 70; J. H. Blackell, W.M. 1099; F. Hall, W.M. 156; J. Rendle, W.M. 1247; A. Latimer, S.W. 189; T. W. How, J.W. 189; R. H. Rae, Secretary, 189; and P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. E. Moon, J.D. 189; J. T. Fouracre, C. Croydon, Lieut.-Col. Fitzgerald, A. S. Hendy, J. Lewis, R. J. Laity, R. B. Oram, G. Barrett, G. H. Evans, H. Horton, J. Dampney, P.M., P. J. Pilditch, T. W. Hussey, Organist; G. Davis, G. H. Emery, Organist, 1205; C. Mutton, S.S. 1205; and J. Rogers, P.M., P.G.A., Tyler. After dinner the W.M. proposed the usual toast, commencing with "The Queen and the Craft." This was followed by "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M. W. Grand Master of England," and the W.M. in proposing the toast remarked that the Masonic events with which his Royal Highness had been connected during the past year had been great and important. He now occupied the proud position of being Master of all the Masons of England, and he was quite sure the Prince was loved and respected by every one of his brother Masons. In proposing "The Right Worshipful the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers past and present," the W.M. said there were a great many people who thought Masonry would suffer when the Marquis of Ripon resigned the Grand Mastership, but subsequent events had proved how mistaken this idea was; and, while he should be exceedingly sorry to say anything that might be considered offensive, he could not refrain from expressing as his opinion that when a man forgot his country for the sake of a religion which fettered him hand and foot, rendering him a bondsman without mind of his own and compelling him to obey the dictates of a foreign potentate who had denounced Freemasonry in the most bitter terms, he was better out of Masonry than in it. He could not understand why it was that they had not more Grand Officers elected in the country. It seemed to him that brethren in the provinces holding Grand Offices were in a large minority, and that most of those offices were held by brethren in London. He presumed this arose from the fact that at those who had the disposal of these offices saw more of their London brethren, but at the same time there were many worthy Masons in the country who had fairly earned such a distinction, and in this respect there was room for improvement. The healths of the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. of Devon, Bros. Huyshe and Metham, were next drunk with enthusiasm, and that of the G.M. of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, followed. The W.M., in proposing these toasts, referred in eulogistic terms to the merits of the three worshipful brethren mentioned, and expressed a hope that many years would pass before any changes were made in the high offices held by them. The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Prov. Grand Officers of Devon, past and present." He said those brethren were near and dear to them as Masons, and all lodges alike, to a very great extent, looked up to them for guidance and advice. Those officers were not given to them unless they first worked hard for them; they did their work thoroughly well, and their hearts and souls were in Masonry. Bro. Latimer, Prov. G.J.W., returned thanks. During the few years that he had been connected with the Order, a very great advance had been made, both in point of numbers and influence, and recent events had tended to show that this advance had been accompanied by the most admirable feeling existing amongst all Masons. They had evidence of this in the generous and liberal response which was made, not only in this province, but over every part of the country, to the appeal of Bro. Metham for special funds in aid of the excellent institution with which he had been so long connected. During the time that Bro. Metham had been the D.P.G.M. of Devon, the affiliated societies connected with this great Order had taken a position, mainly through his activity, which they had never taken before. As an instance of the great cordiality of feeling existing amongst Masons, he would mention that not long since he received an invitation to attend a meeting of Mark Master Masons in Lincolnshire. That invitation was extended, he believed, to every part of the country, and he had since ascertained that no less than 250 Mark Masons were entertained by the Grand Master of the province on that occasion. This showed how wide and extensive was the feeling of brotherhood existing amongst all Masons; and it was a great pride to him to be connected with such a fraternity, distinguished alike for its honour, nobility, and benevolence. Bro. Latimer next proposed "The Health of the W.M. of Sincerity," Bro. Curteis. It was, he said, a great pleasure to him to be succeeded by a brother who was so competent to discharge the duties of the responsible office which he now filled, and who carried them out in a manner which reflected honour upon the lodge. Bro. Curteis was assiduous in the discharge of his duties, and he brought to bear upon them an amount of intelligence and accuracy which was exceedingly gratifying to all who had the pleasure of listening to him. He commanded the respect and esteem of all his brethren, and he (Bro. Latimer) hoped

that he might pass through a good and successful year's work. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the toast, and, in so doing, he called attention to the fact that although the numbers of Masons had increased, he was afraid due regard was not had as to the character of the persons admitted to the Order. Lodge Sincerity had always been most particular upon this point, and he trusted that the W. Masters of other lodges present would be the same. The W.M. also touched upon one or two matters connected with Sincerity Lodge, having reference to its working, and the attendance of past officers. Bro. Rodd responded for the Past Masters of Sincerity, and Bro. Col. Elliott for "The Visiting Brethren and Sister Lodges." "The Wardens of Lodge Sincerity" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who spoke very highly of the way in which those officers did their duties. Bro. A. Latimer, S.W., who was the first to respond, said Lodge Sincerity had always taken a good stand amongst Masons, and the W.M. was certainly doing all he could to maintain the position which it had so long held. In that work Bro. Curteis would have the hearty support of all his officers. Bro. How spoke in similar terms. It was a great pleasure to the young members of the lodge to see the way in which the older members did their work, and they hoped that by and by when their time came to fill the higher offices they might be able to do their work with equal ability. The Treasurer, Secretary, and assistant officers of the lodge were next toasted, and Bro. Rae, the Treasurer, and Bro. Moon, S.D., responded. The last toast of the evening, "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren," was proposed by the Tyler, and received in the usual manner. Valuable musical assistance was rendered during the evening by Bros. Moon, Rendle, Lemon, Horton, and Mutton; Bro. Hussey gave a very amusing recitation, and Bro. Jew, as usual, led the musical responses with his well-known vigour and ability.

PORTSMOUTH.—PHOENIX LODGE (No. 257).—The installation of the Worshipful Master of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, for the ensuing year took place on Tuesday, 20th ult. The ceremony was very ably performed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. John Lillywhite), and at the close the newly-installed W.M. (Bro. J. Cornelius Wheeler, of Southsea), appointed and invested the following as his officers:—Bros. J. Lillywhite, I.P.M. and Treasurer; H. Reed, S.W.; F. Court, J.W.; E. W. Jolliffe, Secretary; J. T. Oliver, S.D.; O'Connor, J.D.; Puttock, I.G.; Woodfall, Organist. About twenty-five members afterwards sat down to a banquet, at which the W.M. presided. Amongst those present were Bros. Meehan and J. N. Palmer, P. Prov. G. Wardens; G. S. Lancaster, P.J.G. Warden; Forbes, P. Prov. G. Essex; Frost, P.G. Treas.; De Fraine, P. Prov. G. Deacon; Diver, P.D.G.M. Bombay; G. Rake, H. Wood, W. M. Richards, and Pean, P.M.'s; Morrison, W.M. 309; J. Craven, W.M. 342; Maltby, W.M. 487; and Hall, W.M. 903, and others.

BOSTON.—LODGE OF HARMONY (272).—The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Thursday, 7th January, when Bro. John Ashlin Thomas was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Francis Snaith. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Francis Snaith, I.P.M.; Rev. G. W. Lowe, S.W. and Chaplain; W. H. Barwick, J.W.; C. Pickering, S.D.; A. Thorpe, J.D.; W. H. B. Bratley, O.; E. Organer, I.G.; and W. Wharrie and T. Loughton, Tylers. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to their hall, in Main Ridge, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by the Misses Jackson, of the Peacock Hotel, and it is almost needless to add that it was a splendid entertainment, done in the usual style for which the Peacock is so famous. Full justice was accorded to the repast by the brethren present, and grace after meat having been tendered by the worthy Chaplain, the following toasts were given in eloquent terms: The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft;" "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The M.W. Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Grand Officers;" Bro. W. H. Bailes, P.P.G.S.W. West Yorks., proposed "The R.W. P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, the Duke of St. Alban's, the D.P. G.M. of Lincolnshire, Major Smythe, and the Prov. Officers, past and present;" Bro. C. Pecklington, P.P.G.S.W. responded. Bro. F. Snaith, P.M. P.G.S.D. proposed "The W.M.;" Bro. J. Ashlin Thomas, W.M. responded. The W.M. proposed "The Immediate P.M.;" Bro. F. Snaith, P.M. P.G.S.D. responded. Bro. J. Queenboro' proposed "The Past Masters;" Bro. T. B. Hildred, P.M. responded. Bro. G. Young, P.P.G.S.W. proposed "The Past Officers;" Bro. W. H. B. Bratley responded. Bro. W. Clegg, P.P.G.S.W. proposed "The Newly-invested Officers;" Bro. G. W. Lowe, S.W. and C. responded. Bro. C. Jackson, P.M. P.G.S. proposed "The W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of all the other lodges in the Province;" Bro. Wm. Pooles, W.M. 838, P.G.A.D.C. responded. Bro. W. H. Barwick, J.W. proposed "Prosperity to the P.G.L. Benevolent Institution;" Bro. F. Stanwell, P.M., responded. Bro. W. R. Fowler, Secretary, proposed "The Visiting Brethren;" Bros. Pooles and Cranmer responded. Bro. E. Organer, I.G. proposed "The Ladies;" Bro. H. Snaith responded. In giving the toast of "The W. Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of all other lodges in the Province," Bro. C. Jackson, P.M. said: I have the honour to propose the next toast; I wish the toast had fallen to the lot of some expert brother, more competent to perform so important a duty, and who could more fully have done it that justice which its importance demands. We, as brethren and members of lodges in the Province of Lincolnshire, cannot be otherwise than very proud of the position which our province holds in the good estimation of the Craft generally throughout the country. The wonderful zeal and energy displayed by distinguished brethren in the cause of charity and other good works cannot but be fully

appreciated by us, and such zeal is an excellent incentive for others—"go and do likewise." You, worshipful sir, and brethren of the old Lodge of Harmony—senior lodge in the province—have plenty of work cut out for you during the ensuing year. The proper reception of the Provincial Masters, Grand Officers, and Grand Lodge will tax your zeal and energies fully enough. But our work will, no doubt, be lightened by the effective help, which I am sure we shall receive from our sister lodge "The Franklin." From the excellent W.M. downwards, the members of that lodge are all workers, and we shall need their very valuable assistance. As my toast is of such a comprehensive and widely extended nature, and the mere allusion to all the lodges in detail would take up too much of your time, I shall only revert to one, and that is the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge recently instituted. The Grand Master of that lodge, Bro. John Sutcliffe, is a Mason of whom we may be proud indeed. His princely efforts in the cause of charity, and his wonderful liberality, make him truly a "Mark" Mason. There are observations often indulged in by some brethren, to the effect that the Mark Degree is not recognized by the Grand Craft Lodge. If it is not, all I can say is, that it ought to be. When we see around us so many zealous Masons who are members of Mark Lodges, there cannot be much reason why it should not be, and if the interests of the Craft generally are benefited by Mark Lodges, the time will soon come when their usefulness and importance will be fully recognized in the proper quarter. I now give you, with much pleasure, "The health of the W.M.'s, Wardens, and Brethren, of all the other Lodges in the Province," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Wm. Pooles, W.M. of the Franklin Lodge.

GIBRALTAR.—LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 278).—Monday, December 28th, 1874, was the day fixed for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and at 9.30 p.m. a very numerous body of brethren assembled in Horse Barrack Lane to do honour to the occasion. Bro. Carver, P.M., occupied the chair and opened the lodge in the first degree, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. F. J. Marshall, was presented for installation, who, having pledged his allegiance to the ancient charges, the ceremony was proceeded with and completed in due form. The W.M. then invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—W. Glassford, S.W.; E. Gatt, J.W.; J. Speed, Treasurer; C. V. de Santy, Secretary; B. E. Owen, S.D.; N. Clavessio, J.D.; J. Preston, D.C.; J. J. Aboab, I.G.; A. Mackworth and A. de la Cruz Frolich, Stewards; J. Peterkin, Tyler. The entire ceremony was most admirably and impressively carried out by Bro. Carver, P.M., who received the hearty thanks for the very efficient manner in which it was done, more especially as it was the first occasion on which he had been called upon to act in the capacity of Installing Master. Bro. Carver assured the brethren that he felt much gratified by this kind expression of their appreciation of his services, and that he should at all times be happy to do all in his power towards furthering the prosperity of the lodge. The W.M. then thanked the lodge for the distinguished honour they had conferred upon him, that he should do his utmost to support its high character and to hand it over to his successor in as flourishing a state as it was at the present time. The lodge was then closed, but, prior to the brethren quitting the room, the customary bowl of punch, brewed by Bro. Francis, P.M., one of the oldest and most esteemed Masons in Gibraltar, and who for many years has concocted the "loving cup" at the installation of the W.M., was circulated, the brethren standing, and commencing with the Past Masters, each in turn drinking to the health and prosperity of the W.M. and the lodge, the W.M. finally completing the chain, by reciprocating their good wishes and drinking to their good health. An adjournment to the adjoining room then took place, where the brethren partook of supper, after which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to a close. The members of the lodge present were:—Bros. Haynes, P.M.; Francis, P.M.; Erjenth, Marshall, Glassford, White, Clavessio, Gatt, Speed, de Santy, Peterkin, Patterson, Crisp, Sarcone, Harding, Butler, Ashton, Ingram, Frolich, Bensilum, Aboab, Gzowski, Owen, Coghill, and Adams. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Deverill, P.M. 743; Roberts, de Winton, Wilkinson, Collin (Virgin Lodge, Nova Scotia), Warde, P.M. 706; Lees, J. R. Morgan, P.M. 115; Gilmore, 153.

FAREHAM.—LODGE OF HARMONY (No. 309).—A large gathering of members of the Craft took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Henry Ford (P.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, and P.P.G.W.) as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, for the ensuing year. The W.M. elect, being an Alderman and Past Mayor of the borough of Portsmouth, there were a large number of visitors from that town. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Forbes, P.M., in his accustomed able manner. Nearly two dozen P.M.'s and W.M.'s were present, including Bros. G. S. Lancaster, P.J.G.W.; M. E. Frost, P.G. Treasurer; H. Cawte, P. Prov. G.W.; G. A. Gale, P. Prov. G.W.; W. H. Ford, P. Prov. G.W.; W. Edmonds, P. Prov. G.R.; J. Taylor, P. Prov. G.W.; E. M. Wells, P. Prov. G.D.; De Fraine, P. Prov. G.D.; A. Cudlipp, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. Lillywhite, P.M. 257; J. Cornelius-Wheeler, W.M. 257; J. Craven, W.M. 342; J. Maltby, W.M. 487; Hall, W.M. 903; E. G. Holbrook, G. A. Green, A. Riddell, J. B. Goldsmith, and W. Johnston, P.M.'s of the Lodge of Harmony, G. Wilkins, P.M. 342. Among the other visitors were Bros. J. Astridge, P. Prov. G.P.; E. Bunting, J.W. 487; W. H. Watkins, G. Bond, Sherman, F. Feltham, F. Feltham, J. Bradford, Woodfall, S. C. Heath, S.D. 248, (Wrexham). The ceremony of installation being concluded, the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Morrison, I.P.M. and Treasurer; J. Whale, S.W.; H. Gilbert, J.W.; E. G.

Holbrook, P.M., Secretary; E. Downing, S.D.; T. Robinson, J.D.; S. Gamblen, I.G.; S. D. Forbes, D.C. About fifty members subsequently sat down to a most recherche banquet, at which the W.M. presided. The proceedings were of a most agreeable and interesting character throughout, the health of the Worshipful Master being received with great enthusiasm.

PORTSEA.—ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE (No. 342).—The installation of Bro. Richard Newland (member of the Portsmouth Town Council) as the W.M. of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., the ceremony being ably conducted by the retiring W.M. (Bro. J. T. Craven). The following brethren were afterwards appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. Craven, I.P.M.; Turney, S.W.; H. J. Guy, J.W.; Redward, P.M., Treasurer; Willson, P.M., and S. Edwards, Secretaries; W. Payne, S.D. The banquet was provided by Bro. Geo. Bond, of the Castle Hotel, Southsea, and the following toasts were duly honoured:—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon;" "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge;" "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge;" "The W.M.'s and representatives of neighbouring lodges;" "The Visitors," "The Worshipful Master," "The Installing Master, Bro. Craven;" "The P.M.'s of the Royal Sussex Lodge," and "The Officers of the Royal Sussex Lodge."

PETERBOROUGH.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 442).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Thursday, Jan. 14th, in their lodge room. There was a good attendance of the brethren present, amongst them being Bros. the Rev. John Bird, W.M.; R. H. Griffin, W.M. elect; E. Vergette, Buckle, Strickland, Paviour, Davidson, S. B. Smith, E. Vergette, jun., Pilcher, Mangan, Pank, J. Jones, Gaches, W. Dixey, Bays, Bond, Clarabut, Dandy, Keddy, Lound, De Key, Whitted, Waller, Lythall, Wilkins, Pearson, Pheasant, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Butler, Wilkins, D. Prov. G. M. elect; J. U. Stanton, Jno. Bingley, Pomfret Lodge, 360, Northampton; Marson and Hawley, Socrates Lodge, 373, Huntingdon; Orford, Wright, Peak, and Norton, Lodge of Merit, 466, Stamford; Kew, St. Luke's, 144, Chelsea; Hayward, St. John's, 1306, Wapping. Before the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Buckle, Prov. G.S., presented the patent of office to Bro. Butler Wilkins, of the Pomfret Lodge, Northampton, who has been appointed D. Prov. G. M. of Norths and Hunts, by the Prov. G.M. his Grace the Duke of Manchester, and expressed the pleasure it gave them that the choice of the P.G.M. had fallen on so promising a successor to the late D.P.G.M., Bro. S. Inns, of the Lodge of Fidelity, 445, Towcester. Bro. Butler Wilkins thanked the brethren present for the cordial reception given to him, and hoped that the fact of his having been nominated to the office by the brethren at one end of the Province (Northampton), and receiving the document of office at the other (Peterborough), was an augury for good of united action in all Masonic matters amongst the brethren. Bro. E. Vergette, sen., then installed the W.M. elect., Bro. R. H. Griffin, according to ancient custom, in a very impressive manner. The W.M. then went through the ceremonies of raising Bros. Pearson and Pheasant, and of passing Bro. Wilkins, and acquitted himself in such a manner as to receive the congratulations of the brethren present. The D.P.G.M. took the opportunity of congratulating the lodge in electing so efficient a W.M., and considered the fact of the ceremonies being so well performed on the first occasion, promised well for the good working of the lodge throughout the year. The brethren (considerably augmented) afterwards sat down to a banquet in their lodge room, and the evening was spent very harmoniously.

PORTSMOUTH.—PORTSMOUTH LODGE (No. 487).—There was a large attendance of members of this lodge at the meeting on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Thomas Moore as W.M. for the ensuing year. The present position of the lodge is eminently satisfactory, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on entering upon his year of office under the most favourable auspices. The lodge is now one of the most numerous in this part of the country, and possesses the finest hall of any lodge in the neighbourhood. On Thursday evening a gratifying and pleasing event took place at the commencement of the proceedings—the presentation of a handsome gold Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M. (Bro. J. Maltby), under whose rule the Portsmouth lodge has flourished to an unprecedented extent. The jewel bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Maltby, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. Hants and Isle of Wight, by the brethren of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, in recognition of his able and valuable services as W.M., 1874." The presentation was made by Bro. G. S. Lancaster, P.M., Prov. J. G. Warden, who referred to the services rendered to the lodge by the recipient. Bro. Maltby suitably acknowledged the gift, so spontaneously offered him by his brethren. The usual formalities having been gone through, Bro. Moore was then installed as W.M. of the lodge, in the presence of the following W.M.'s and P.M.'s:—Bros. G. S. Lancaster, P.J.G.W.; M. E. Frost, P.G. Treas.; Ogburn, P. Prov. G.W.; Forbes, P. Prov. G.W. (Essex); J. Cornelius-Wheeler, W.M. 257 Craven, W.M. 342; G. Felton, Lancaster, W.M. 903; A. L. Emanuel, W.M. 1069; Sir John Alleyne, Bart., V.M. 1324; J. Maltby, A. Cudlipp, T. Batchelor, E. Grove, E. G. Holbrook, S. R. Ellis, and Sleeman. The ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. Frost, who has, on many previous occasions, had the opportunity of installing the W.M. of this lodge. At a later period of the evening it was carried by acclamation that the cordial thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Frost. The W.M. appointed the following brethren officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Maltby

I.P.M.; E. Bunting, S.W.; G. Bond, J.W.; G. S. Lancaster, P.M.; Treas.; M. E. Frost, P.M.; and J. Astridge, Secs.; R. W. Beale, S.D.; C. Vine, J.D.; A. German, I.G.; A. Cudlipp, P.M., D.C.; R. Osborne, Organist; G. Sherman and J. Moore, Stewards; J. Watson and J. Exell, Tyler. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Frost, seconded by Bro. Astridge, that the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Maltby for his services during the past year, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Upwards of fifty of the brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet in the dining room of the hall, at which the W.M. presided. The menu was of the most recherche character, and reflected great credit on Mr. Butler, the caterer. The W.M. proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured. "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was proposed, in suitable terms, by Bro. Maltby. Bro. Sir John Alleyne gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon." The toast of "The Deputy Grand Master (Lord Skelmersdale) and the Officers of the Grand Lodge" was entrusted to Bro. Cudlipp, who spoke of the rapid strides Freemasonry had made of late years, and alluded, in eloquent terms, to the grand principles of the Craft. Several other toasts followed, "The Health of the Worshipful Master" (proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Maltby) being received with great enthusiasm. In responding, Bro. Moore assured the brethren that it would be his earnest endeavour to carry out the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the lodge and with credit to himself. Bro. Ogburn responded for "The Visitors," and gave "The I.P.M., and P.M.'s of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bro. Maltby. Bro. Bunting, as Senior Warden, responded for "The Officers of the Lodge," and promised the Worshipful Master, on their behalf, all the aid in their power during his year of office.

FITZ-ROY LODGE (No. 569).—On Friday, 22nd inst., the installation meeting of the Fitz-Roy Lodge was held at the Armoury of the Honorable Artillery Company, and it was attended with the success which distinguishes all the meetings of this lodge, and which its members always exert themselves to promote. This success is not confined to the happiness which prevails whenever the brethren meet at the lodge, but is also of that substantial character which places the lodge in a position to follow the true end of Masonry, and practise the virtue which Freemasons are proud to profess—charity. In short, the funds of the lodge are in a prosperous condition; indeed, so prosperous, that probably no other lodge can parallel it. Its funds, as announced by Capt. Egles, the Secretary, in reading the balance sheet at the last meeting, now amount to £240, besides, among its assets, a stock of wine worth £56, the lodge furniture, officers' collars and jewels, and a valuable piano. Under such circumstances the brethren, habitually happy, and with no drawback to alloy their happiness, could not but be in the best spirits on their installation day, and they entered on their business shortly after four o'clock with great zest. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Honey, a P.M. also of No. 11, took the chair, and opened the lodge, and then initiated a member of the Honorable Artillery Company, Mr. James Smith, in the earliest mysteries of the Craft. The heavier business of installation was entrusted to the veteran P.M. and Treasurer, Bro. Peter Matthews, who, being the father of the lodge, has had that important and onerous duty ceded to him by the presiding Master for several years. He therefore took the chair, and Bro. Honey presented to him Bro. Griffiths Smith, solicitor, S.W., and a P.M. of No. 21 for installation. Bro. Matthews immediately entered on his duties, and installed in impressive style Bro. Griffiths Smith in the W.M. chair. In no less impressive style did Bro. Egles deliver the charges when the W.M. was installed, and the officers were invested, and both Bro. Matthews and Bro. Egles received the applause of the brethren on the completion of the ceremony. The officers appointed for the year were Bros. F. Graves, S.W.; Spicer, J.W.; Peter Matthews, P.M., Treasurer; Capt. J. Egles, P.M., Secretary; Webster, S.D.; Everingham, J.D.; Sanderson, I.G.; and Radford, T. During the ceremony there were some seventy brethren in the lodge, and at the Board of Installed Masters twenty were present. Among the brethren were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Past Grand Deacon; J. A. Rucker, Grand Deacon; R. W. Little, Provincial Grand Secretary, Middlesex; Linzel, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Middlesex; Dr. Barringer, Thomas W. White, Main, P.M.; many brethren of the Emulation lodge, and Bro. H. Massey (Freemason). At the conclusion of the ceremony, a splendid banquet was provided in the great hall, and on the clearing of the cloth, grace was sung, and the toasts were proposed and honoured. The W.M., in giving the first toast, said that "The Queen" they drank in a double capacity, not only as citizens, but as members of the Hon. Artillery Company. As loyal and true men, they were much concerned at the present time for the health of one of Her Majesty's sons, Prince Leopold, who was also a brother. When another of her sons, the present Grand Master, was ill, they were equally anxious, and they evinced the greatest pleasure when he was restored to health. They wished also to see Prince Leopold restored, and he could not but say they would be pleased to hear when the time should come that he was able to take his third degree, that he had arrived at that grand point in Masonry. "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was the next toast, and the W.M. again drew attention to the exceptional position of the Fitz-Roy Lodge with respect to this toast, as compared with ordinary lodges. His Royal Highness was Colonel of the Company; and as it was out of this Company the lodge was formed, it was with extra enthusiasm they drank his health. Speaking of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master"—in proposing that nobleman's name as the next toast, in conjunction with Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and the Grand Officers—the W.M. said that he worked very hard in Masonry, and had for many years sustained a foremost part in the administration of the

affairs of Grand Lodge. Lord Skelmersdale was also an active worker, and had already served the office of president at one of the festivals of the Girls' School. No doubt he would also serve the other charities when the time came. Of the rest of the Grand Officers, who were represented on that occasion by Bros. Rucker and Philbrick, he could only tell the brethren what they knew before—that their praise was in all the lodges on account of their zeal in the cause of Masonry. Bro. Hervey, G.S., would have been present, but unluckily he was very unwell; and, while regretting this circumstance, the brethren would wish him better and speedy health. Bro. Rucker regretted that he had been chosen instead of Bro. Philbrick to respond, but as the duty of everyone, whether Mason or soldier, was obedience, he would endeavour to reply for the distinguished brethren included in this toast. He could hardly conceive anything more honourable than to be appointed by the Grand Master to hold Grand Office, and the pride was much heightened by having one's name associated with such distinguished Freemasons as the noblemen named in the toast. What the Grand Officers did was well known to all Freemasons, and those who attended Grand Lodge, or knew anything of the constitution of the Board of General Purposes, of the Colonial Board, and those several Boards which managed Masonic affairs, knew that a strong sprinkling of Grand Officers were on them. It was very gratifying to be present at such a lodge as the Fitz-Roy, and to witness the ceremony of installation so ably performed, and such an excellent Master placed in the chair. The ceremony was in fact perfectly performed, and though no doubt there were plenty of P.M.'s in it, who were proficient in that beautiful ceremony one could not but feel delighted at hearing such a veteran brother as Bro. Peter Matthews deliver the ritual of the degree. Bro. Honey, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, would devote himself entirely to the benefit of the lodge, and fluently perform any of the ceremonies for which he might be called upon. The W.M., in his reply, said little of himself, but dwelt particularly on the kind feeling that was always felt by the members of the lodge towards each other. He said they were a very united lodge, and never had an ill word for one another. As many of the members were members also of other lodges they carried this good feeling abroad and diffused it throughout the Craft. Bro. James Smith responded as "The Initiate," and promised to do his best to make a good Freemason. To the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. Philbrick and Macqueen replied; and a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the P.M. to Bro. Honey. Bro. Honey expressed his great gratification at receiving such a mark of the favour of the brethren, and said that although during his year of office the work had not been heavy, the year had been one of the most pleasant he had ever spent with the Masonic brotherhood. Bro. Little replied for "The Charities," and laid their claims very earnestly before the brethren, strongly urging them to support those institutions and thereby show the world that they were imbued with the true Masonic spirit. Charity was the brightest jewel in the Masonic crown, and was the great end of Freemasonry. Without charity Freemasonry was nothing, but with it, the Order were able to demonstrate to the outer world that they did not live for themselves alone. The following Wednesday would see the festival of the Aged Freemasons' Institution, at which it was to be hoped there would be a large subscription. In May the Girls' School would hold their festival, and in June the Boys' School would hold their annual dinner. He asked for the support of the brethren for all these festivals. Bro. Peter Matthews, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. Egles, P.M., Secretary, returned thanks for their names when proposed, and the other toasts having been disposed of, the brethren separated. The evening was enlivened with some beautiful singing by Bros. Ransford, F. Elmore, Lester, Lawler, Donald King, and Cozens.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—ABBEY LODGE (No. 624).—The installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. R. H. Auty, and the twenty-first anniversary of the Abbey Lodge, Burton-on-Trent, was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Union-street. The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Lucas, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was again opened in the second degree, when the chair was assumed by Bro. J. Meredith, P.M., as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. R. H. Auty, was presented by Bro. Starey. After the usual preliminaries had been gone through, all brethren below the chair retired, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. H. Auty was, according to ancient custom, installed into the chair of K.S., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bros. Meredith and Starey. In due course the other brethren were admitted, and the new W.M. having been proclaimed, greeted, and saluted in the three degrees, proceeded to appoint and install his officers as follows:—Bro. J. Lucas, I.P.M.; J. Hobday, S.W.; C. Graham, J.W.; Rev. J. Robertson, Chaplain; W. J. Gothard, P.M., Treasurer and Director of Ceremonies; S. Briggs, Secretary; K. Macrae, S.D.; J. Martin, J.D.; L. F. Day, Organist; T. Halliday, I.G.; R. Lane, Tyler. The Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, was present during the installation, but was unable, in consequence of other Masonic engagements, to stop for the banquet; and letters expressing regret for their unavoidable absence were read from the D.P.G.M., Bro. James, Bro. S. C. Allsopp, M.P.; Bro. Geo. Allsopp, Bro. Bodenham, Bro. McLean, and others. Further business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall. Grace having been said by the Rev. J. Robertson (lodge Chaplain), the brethren betook themselves to the agreeable task of discussing the merits of the numerous viands—which pleasing duty inspired them with spirits elate and satisfac-

tory. Under such influence, the cloth was removed, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. The W.M., Bro. Auty, was supported by P.M.'s Lucas, Meredith, Gothard, Russell, Starey, Wood, Bradford, Beadmore, Canton, and others. The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft;" and, in doing so, said he was proud to think that the toast of her Majesty was the first proposed in that Masonic Hall, and he trusted the time was far distant when any toast would supersede or take precedence of that of the sovereign of these realms. Her Majesty, not only from her exalted station, but also from her domestic virtues, was entitled to the esteem and to the affection of every class of her subjects, and by none were those claims more freely admitted or more warmly acknowledged than by the Masons of the United Kingdom. Throughout her career Her Majesty had been closely allied with Freemasonry. More than twenty years ago she became the patroness of the Freemasons' Boys' School, and she still remained their patron, much to the advantage of the Institution. Her Majesty was not only the daughter of a Mason, but three of her children had been admitted members of the brotherhood, and lately by the acceptance of the Grand Mastership of England by the Prince of Wales, another link had been added to Her Majesty's association with the Craft. She being now the mother of the Grand Master of the Order. The toast was duly honoured. The next toast, "The Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," proposed by the W.M., was warmly received. With respect to the Princess of Wales he could say without fear of contradiction that no lady ever set foot upon these shores who in so short a time had enjoyed, and not only enjoyed but retained, the affection and the sympathies of the people of this country as her Royal Highness had done. Whatever places she visited, wherever she appeared in public she was greeted with most rapturous applause, and he thought those who lived in this part of the country might congratulate themselves that nowhere had her Royal Highness received more enthusiastic welcomes than she did some year or two ago at Derby, and more recently still in the neighbouring town of Birmingham. As to the Prince of Wales, from that day in 1868, when His Royal Highness was initiated into Freemasonry by the late King of Sweden, he had performed all his duties and obligations to the Craft in a manner calculated to arouse the just pride and to fulfil the expectations of every Mason in the country. His Royal Highness was not merely a speculative but he had proved himself to be an operative Freemason. He had himself initiated his brother Prince Arthur, and from the accounts of that event which had been handed down, the ceremony was performed with all the ease and with all the address of a practised Mason. Under all circumstances and in every position in connection with the Craft His Royal Highness had shown himself thoroughly appreciative of the excellency of Freemasonry, and his last step in boldly coming forward, and under peculiar circumstances accepting the Grand Mastership of England, and thereby the most prominent Masonic position in the world, had met with the universal concurrence of Masons. He might say further, not only of Masons, but of the great mass of the Protestant people of this country, who were inclined to look upon that step of His Royal Highness as a sort of a snub—if he might use the expression—to that domineering power which more than once had not hesitated to curse both the Craft and its members. Of His Royal Highness it might be said in the language of our ritual, "He has not thought it derogatory to his dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, he has patronized our mysteries, he has joined in our assemblies." The next toast, "The M.W.G.M. of England, the Pro G.M., and the D.G.M.," was duly given and honoured. "The R.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Shrewsbury, the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. James, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," was then proposed by the W.M., who reminded the brethren of the great interest the P.G.M. had taken in Freemasonry from the time of his acceptance of his high position, that he had never spared himself in his labours for the benefit of the Craft, and was always prominent in every work of charity. The fact of his Lordship's presence among them that evening, his attendance at Cannock to consecrate a new lodge on Wednesday, and his presiding at the Masonic Benevolent Institution in London on the 27th inst., spoke more than words, of his interest in the Craft. Some of the brethren, too, had had the privilege of attending the last quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge at Alton Towers, under the presidency of the P.G.M., and they would not easily forget the way in which the principles of the Craft were there carried out. With reference to the D.P.G.M., Bro. James, all the brethren knew how indefatigable he was in his labours. He had been with them on many previous occasions, and it was a source of regret that other engagements had prevented him from being present at their anniversary to-day. With this toast, which was most cordially received, was coupled the name of Bro. Meredith. Bro. Meredith, in acknowledging the toast, said, it always afforded him much pleasure to visit the Abbey Lodge, and never was that pleasure greater than on the present occasion. After referring to the efficient working of the Lodge, and to the unavoidable absence from the banquet of the Earl of Shrewsbury and P.M. Anderson (the last Provincial Grand Officer), which he was sure all would regret, he concluded by wishing continued prosperity to the Lodge. "The P.G. Masters of the neighbouring Counties" was then given and appropriately responded to by Bros. Past Masters Gothard, Jackson, Hillam, and Bradford. Bro. Lucas then rose and said, he was privileged to give the next toast, which was the toast of the evening. It afforded him great pleasure to have to propose the health of one (as his successor), who was in every sense so well qualified and specially fitted to fill the important office which he now holds. He assured the brethren that it would give them great pleasure to meet Bro. Auty as their Worshipful Master, in the Abbey Lodge, they would see for

themselves the efficient manner in which he would discharge his duties, and carry out the principles of Masonry. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and musical honours. In acknowledging the toast of the "W.M." Bro. Auty said that he was deeply grateful for the flattering manner in which the toast had been received. He could assure the brethren he had not occupied that chair without a deep sense of the responsibilities attached to the position, it was no slight honour to be the Master of a lodge of such reputation, and which from its numerical strength and working, had long been considered the first in the province. From his first entrance into that lodge he had considered the Master's chair an object of legitimate ambition, and he would recommend every young Mason so to consider it, and work his way into it. Now, however, that he was in the chair, the next most desirable thing seemed to be to get out of it. He had before said, and he was still happy in believing, that the new year had opened most auspiciously. He had a new building to begin with, replete with every comfort and thoroughly adapted for the purpose it was intended for. He had officers equal to any in the province, plenty of work before them, and he believed he possessed the confidence of the majority of the brethren, and when his term of office expired he hoped he should be able to vacate that chair with the consciousness that he had added another stone to the edifice which had been raised by the many and able Masters who had preceded him. The "Visiting Brethren" was heartily given, and appropriately responded to by Bros. Edwards, Fisher, Canton, and Bradford. The "Installing Master, Bro. Meredith," was also given in elegant and eulogistic terms by Bro. Russell, and suitably acknowledged. The "P.M., Bro. Lucas," proposed by the W.M., was most cordially received by the brethren, who testified their appreciation of his labours during the past year, particularly in connection with the new building to which his attention and care had been unceasing. "The Officers of the Abbey Lodge," proposed by Bro. Starey, was acknowledged by Bro. Hobday, S.W., also by the following officers:—Bros. Graham, Robertson, Briggs, Martin, Day, and Gothard. Bro. Russell, P.M., next proposed the "Past Officers of the Abbey Lodge," and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Bellamy, P.S.W., and Anderson, P. Secretary. This toast being feelingly and appropriately acknowledged, the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and satisfactory re-union of the brethren.

DEVIZES.—WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY (No. 663).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, when Bro. Henry Isaiah Ward, the S.W. for the past year, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. William Nott, P.M. of this lodge, and P. Prov. G.R. Wilts. The newly-installed W.M., after having been duly saluted in the various degrees, proceeded to invest the Officers of the lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—The Rev. Henry Richardson, P. G. Chaplain Wilts, I.P.M.; T. B. Fox, S.W.; Thos. Raymond, J.W.; Rev. H. Richardson, Chaplain; D. A. Gibbs, Treasurer; W. Nott, Secretary; J. Parker, S.D.; W. H. Burt, J.D.; H. Howse, I.G.; T. Waite, M.C.; F. V. Holloway and W. Day, Stewards; S. Badham, Organist; J. Hayter and J. Philpott, Tylers. Explanations of the duties of these officers were given to them by the I.P.M., Bro. Richardson, and the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Nott. The out-going W.M. presented to the lodge a very curious old Engraving of a Model of the Temple of King Solomon, and received for this handsome and appropriate present the thanks of the lodge by acclamation. After the usual routine business of the Annual Meeting, the lodge was closed, and the Members and Visitors adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where a banquet in Bro. Raymond's best style awaited them. Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, contributed a liberal supply of venison and game. Amongst the visitors present were Bro. R. de M. Lawson, P. Prov. S.G. W. Wilts, P.M. 632, &c.; Henry Wilson, I.P.M. "Royds" 1204; Charles Saxty, S.W. 632; Charles Barnes, G.R.I. 325; and others.

NEWPORT.—ISCA LODGE (No. 683).—The installation of Bro. W. H. Wickey Homfray as Worshipful Master of the Isca Lodge, No. 683, took place at the Grand Masonic Hall, in Dock-street, Newport, on Wednesday, 20th inst. Between forty and fifty brethren were present, amongst them not fewer than fifteen Past Masters, who, in a duly constituted board, installed the W.M. in the chair of King Solomon. The ceremony was performed in a very able manner by Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, brother of the W.M. The following were the officers appointed:—Bros. Major Pearson, I.P.M.; Wm. Hitchcox, Senior Warden; Walter West, Junior Warden; J. W. Osman, Chaplain; Henry Mullock, Treasurer; Jno. Middleton, Secretary; Fredk. Flood, Senior Deacon; E. Lawrence, Junior Deacon; R. J. Chambers, D. of C.; H. J. Groves, Organist; A. P. Fillard, I.G.; Wm. West, jun., Steward; James McBean, Steward; Henry Fletcher, Tyler. Bro. Watkins, W.M., of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge, was entrusted by the P.G.M. with the jewel of the P.G. Supt. Wks., the office having become vacant by the death of Bro. Randall. After the usual vote of thanks to the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., the retiring Master, &c., the lodge was closed in Masonic form. The banquet took place at the King's Head Hotel, where Host Gretton had made ample and splendid provision for his guests. From fifty to sixty brethren sat down, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. H. Wickey Homfray. There were present:—Bros. Colonel C. Lyne, P.G.M. Mon.; Captain J. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Mon.; W. H. Wickey Homfray, W.M. 683 and P. Prov. G.S.B. Mon.; Major J. R. Pearson, I.P.M. and P.G.J.W.; L. A. Homfray, P. Prov. G.S.W. and P.M. 683; Captain Haldane, P.M. 818; Rev. J. W. Osman, Chaplain 683; R. Laybourne, P. Prov. G.S.W. and P.M. 683; W. Pickford, P.G. Treasurer and P.M. 471; W. Watkins, P.G. Supt. Works, and W.M. 1429; R. J. Chambers, P. Prov. G.R. and P.M. 683; W. West, P. Prov. G.D.C. and P.M.

471; T. Williams, P. Prov. G.D.C. and P.M. 683; R. B. Evans, P.G.S.W. and P.M. 471; J. Maddock, P. Prov. G.S.B. and P.M. 683; H. J. Groves, P.G. Org. and P.M. 683; C. H. Oliver, P. Prov. G.R. and P.M. 471; W. H. Lloyd, P.G.R. and I.P.M. 1258; J. S. Adam, P.G.J.D. and P.M. 92; J. Griffiths, P. Prov. G. Superintendent of Works and P.M. 471; W. B. Broad, P. Prov. G.D. and P.M. 457; C. Simpson, P.M. 683; C. R. Lyne, P.G.S.B. and S.W. 471; S. W. Ilford, P.G.D.C., East Division, South Wales, and S.W. 960; J. Rogers, P.G.S.B., East Division, South Wales, and S.W. 237; W. Parfitt, P.G.D.C. and P.S.W. 683; G. B. Passadora, P.S.W. 683; H. P. Tipping, S.W. 457; G. Hoskins, P. G. Steward; W. Hitchcox, S.W. 683; W. West, J.W. 683; H. Mullock, Treasurer, 683; F. Flood, S.D. 683; E. Lawrence, J.D. 683; W. West, jun., Steward, 683; J. McBean, Steward, 683; H. Fletcher, Tyler; G. W. Jones, 471; J. Abernethy, 471; S. T. Hallen, 471; D. Hopkins, J.W. 960; A. Taylor, 471; J. T. Firbank, 683; Louis Herrnessen, 1429; T. Richards, jun., 683; H. Richards, 1429; A. Williams, 683; Isaac E. Thomas, 1429; H. A. Huzzey, 1067; J. Thompson, 683; J. L. Lloyd, 471; F. Matthews, 471; A. Jacob, 471; J. J. Hale, 683; E. T. Hale, 683; Lewis Rogers, 683; J. B. Schilling, 1005; W. Neill, 237. The toasts were of the usual loyal, patriotic, and social character, which invariably distinguishes these Masonic gatherings. "The Queen and Craft." "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M." "The R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Viscount Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M.; and the Grand Lodge of England." Bro. L. A. Homfray proposed "The R.W. Colonel Lyne, P.G.M. of Monmouthshire." Bro. Lyne returned thanks, and proposed "V.W. Samuel George Homfray, D.P.G.M., and the P.G.L. of Monmouthshire." Bro. Homfray returned thanks. The toast of the evening, that of "The W.M. 683, Bro. Wickey Homfray," was entrusted to Bro. Major Pearson, and appropriately acknowledged. Then followed the subjoined toasts:—By Bro. the Rev. J. W. Osman, "The Installing Master, Bro. L. A. Homfray, and the P.M.'s of the Isca Lodge." Bro. L. A. Homfray returned thanks. By Bro. W. West, "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Rogers and Harford, who returned thanks. Bro. W. Adam, of London, gave "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of the D.P.G.M., who returned thanks. Bro. J. Griffiths proposed "The P.G. Superintendent and Officers of the P.G. Chapter." Bro. Col. Lyne, as the P.G.S., returned thanks. Bro. G. W. Jones gave "The Principals and Past Principals of the St. Woolos and other Chapters of the Province." Comps. Thomas Williams and R. B. Evans, as First Principals of the Isca and Silurian Chapters, respectively returned thanks. By Bro. L. A. Homfray, "The W.M.'s and Brethren of the Silurian and Prince of Wales Lodges," coupled with the names of Bro. William Watkins, W.M. of the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales Lodge, and Bro. Gibbs, J.W. 471. "The other Lodges of the Province," was responded to by Bros. Halden and Lloyd. "The Officers of the Isca Lodge," was acknowledged by Bros. Hitchcox and Walter West. The Tyler's Toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Masons, &c.," brought the convivial gathering to a close. In the course of the evening it was announced that Bro. S. G. Homfray had undertaken a stewardship in connection with the Boys' School in May. A collection was made in the room, and the sum of £31 1s. 6d. was realized. Bro. Lyne, as P.G.S. of the Chapter, made a special appeal, and generously offered to subscribe liberally, in order to secure for the P.G. Chapter of Monmouthshire a vice-presidency. The sum required is £50. The appeal was at once responded to by a subscription of £25, making the total amount for charitable purposes £56 1s. 6d., in a company not exceeding 56 persons. It is expected that the qualification of £50 will be far exceeded by the contributions of the other Chapters in the Province. Bro. George Homfray will therefore proceed to the Festival in May with something over 200 sovereigns in his pocket as the representative of the Monmouthshire Province.

NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).—At the regular meeting of this lodge there were present Bros. Thos. Bartlett, P.M., Worshipful Master; H. J. Gabb, S.W.; J. Gallant, J.W.; Cusworth, S.D.; Harper, J.D.; Harris, I.G.; Jno. Emmens, P.M.; W. H. Main, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Watkinson, D.C.; Wallsby, Organist; Stead, Steward; and a large attendance of the brethren. Visitors: Bros. Parker, P.M.; Beadon, 619; Turner, High Cross 754; Denhan, Royal Cumberland 41; Hall, Temperance East 898. The lodge was opened at four, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for candidates for initiation, all of whom were elected. The raisings were then performed, and then the passings. Mr. Westfield, being in attendance, was initiated, the whole of the work being done in Bro. Bartlett's usual impressive manner. Bro. Cusworth, S.D., accepted the office of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School in June next. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received, "The Masonic Charities" being coupled with the name of Bro. Harper, J.D., who expressed his gratitude to the brethren of the lodge for the handsome list of donations he should take up to the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Hubbard, W. S. Taylor, Vernon, Walesby, Morrison, and Wicks.

GOSPORT.—GOSPORT LODGE (No. 903).—The installation of the W.M. (Bro. G. Felton Lancaster) took place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Star Assembly Room, on which occasion there was a numerous attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The following formed the board of Installed Masters:—Bros. M. E. Frost, S. D. Forbes, Lieutenant Miller, R.M.; Cornelius Wheeler, J. Craven, Ellis, Main, Wallingford, Udsell, Sleeman, Maltby, A. L. Emanuel, Stapleford, and J. Hall, I.P.M., by whom the ceremony of installing his successor was performed in a most impressive and re-

markably able manner, doing justice to the sublime ritual of the Craft. The efficient aid rendered by Bro. Hall, and his valuable services to the lodge during his year's rule, and previously as Secretary, were suitably acknowledged, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to him. It bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Hall by the brethren of the Gosport Lodge, No. 903, in recognition of his able and valuable services as W.M., 1874." The W.M. appointed his officers as follows, it being a matter of deep regret to the brethren that Bro. the Rev. E. B. C. Churchill had not sufficiently recovered from the effects of a recent accident to be present:—Bros. J. Hall, I.P.M.; J. Maling, S.W.; the Rev. E. B. C. Churchill, J.W.; C. B. Whitcomb, Treasurer; W. Hillier, Secretary; V. Brown, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Lover, D. of C.; Wise, I.G.; Misselbrook, Organist; Mitchell and Grant, Stewards. The installation banquet took place at the India Arms, under the presidency of the W.M. After an excellent bill of fare had been discussed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." No class, he said, were more loyal than the Free and Accepted Masons. In submitting "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. (who discharged the duties of his position with marked tact and ability), said it was gratifying to see the great interest which his Royal Highness took in the Craft, and in everything connected with it. From the moment of his initiation, he believed he had always evinced a most lively interest in everything connected with Freemasonry; and they might be sure, now that he had attained the highest honour the Craft could bestow upon a member, that that interest would not be lessened. It was a very proud thing that the heir to the Throne was at the head of the Craft, and many of them hoped shortly to be able to attend at his installation. The W.M. next gave "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon) and Officers of Grand Lodge." In introducing "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past," the W.M. said nothing could be more satisfactory than the attention which the R.W. the P.G.M. gave to the business of the province, from the smallest to the largest item, while the great amount of courtesy which the brethren always met with, merited their warmest commendation. In Bro. Frost they had a very hard-working Grand Officer. His name was never brought forward in Grand Lodge without being received with hearty cheers, showing how well he stood in the estimation of the brethren. Bro. Frost, in responding, congratulated the W.M. upon the position which he had attained, and the lodge upon the admirable manner in which Bro. Hall had carried out his duties as Installing Master. He was gratified to know that the lodge had an outgoing Master who could instal his successor in the way that Bro. Hall had done it that evening. Bro. Lieutenant Miller responded for "The Past Provincial Officers." They all felt indebted to the brother who presided over them, and to whose personal qualifications they were very much indebted for the progress which Masonry had made in the province. Bro. Hall gave "The W.M.," who suitably acknowledged the compliment. "The Worshipful Masters and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges, and the Visitors," was acknowledged by Bros. Cornelius Wheeler, W.M. 257; G. A. Green, P.M.; G. L. Green, and Major Harris, R.M. The other toasts were "The Installing Master," "The I.P.M. and P.M.'s of the Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge." With the aid of harmony, the evening was passed most pleasantly.

WALMER.—LORD WARREN LODGE, (No. 1096).—A meeting of the lodge was held on Friday, January 15th, at the lodge-room, Lord Warren Hotel, Walmer. Bros. B. R. Eastes, W.M.; Dyling, acting S.W.; Powel, acting J.W.; Dow, acting S.D.; Drew, acting J.D.; Young, acting I.G.; Usher, P.M. and Secretary; &c. The W.M. passed Bro. Phelps, and Bro. Usher raised Bro. Kirby to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was then closed down, when two brothers were proposed and seconded to become joining members and a candidate proposed to be balloted for at the next meeting for initiation, after which the W.M. rose and said, in a few suitable words, that he had one of the most pleasing duties to perform next, which was to present Bro. T. J. Usher, P.M. and Secretary, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which the lodge had voted to him for the invaluable services he had rendered the lodge from its formation. After placing it on his coat, Bro. Usher duly responded, and thanked the lodge, and the meeting adjourned.

TREDEGAR.—ST. GEORGE'S LODGE (No. 1098).—On Thursday, Jan. 14th, the installation of Bro. Edward Swidenbank as W.M. of St. George's Lodge, took place. The brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall at two o'clock, when the lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Morgan. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. G. A. Brown, P.M. 998, P.G.R., 1098, after which the W.M. elect appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. J. Morgan, I.P.M.; N. Bradley, S.W.; R. Spencer, J.W.; Rev. E. Jones, P. Prov. G.C., 1098, P.S.W. 960; G. A. Brown, Treasurer; C. L. Hunter, Secretary; C. A. Browne, S.D.; H. Hall, J.D., P.G. Steward; J. Evans, I.G.; J. Morgan, D.C.; Golding, Org.; Donlevy, O.G.; C. Widdowson, and J. North, Stewards; Peaty, Sup. of Works. The banquet was held at the Castle Hotel, Bro. R. Spencer, mine host, catering in his usual liberal manner. The assembly room was beautifully decorated with evergreens, and budding geraniums and other flowers, by the Misses Spencer. The chair was taken by the W.M. elect, P.M. N. Bradley being his *vis-à-vis*. About fifty brethren attended the banquet, there being several from Abergavenny, Cardiff, Newport, Rhymney, Ebbw Vale, and one from Australia. The W.M. gave the toast of "Queen and the Craft," the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," being sung in full chorus. Bro. Brown gave the "Prince of Wales (the M.W. Grand Master) and

the rest of the Royal Family." Song, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Toast, "The R.W. the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," proposed by the W.M. "The R.W. P.G.M. Bro. Col. Charles Lyne," "The V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray." "The Bishop and Clergy and Ministers of all Denominations," by Bro. W. Davis, P.M. 1098. Responded to by Bro. Rev. E. Jones, Chaplain 1098, and Bro. Rev. J. H. Hughes, 1098. "The Installing Master, Bro. G. A. Brown, P.M. 998, P. Prov. G. R. Mon. and 1098." Responded to by Bro. Brown. "The W.M.," by Bro. Morgan, I.P.M. Responded to by the W.M. "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was given by the W.M., and Bro. J. Lewis responded. "The Lodges of the Province" was proposed by Bro. H. Hale, and replied to by Bro. W. Lloyd. Bro. G. A. Brown gave "The Visitors," and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing so large a muster from distant places. Bro. Spooner, who had only recently returned from Australia, replied to the toast. Bro. R. Laybourne gave "The Chapters of the Province." The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by the W.M. Bro. R. Spencer responded, and in a few felicitous remarks concluded an allusion to his old friend, the W.M., as follows: if his eloquence will not adorn the chair, I am quite sure his principles will. "The Tyler's" toast was proposed by Bro. G. A. Browne. Bro. Golding presided at the piano, and some capital songs were contributed by Bros. Lloyd, Brown, North, J. Morgan, T. Spencer, and others. Bro. J. Spooner presented a handsome Masonic jewel to the W.M., Bro. Swidenbank. Accompanying the jewel was a letter, the contents of which were supposed to have reference to the continual kindness shown by the W.M. towards the near relatives of the writer during the long years of the absence of the latter in Australia. This closed a purely Masonic evening, at an early hour.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The regular monthly meeting of this young lodge was held on the 21st inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, under the presidency of Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Michael, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Tims, P.M. Treasurer; Child, S.D.; Kingham, J.D.; Douglas, I.G.; Stiles, Scale, Side, Cheek, W. B. Clarke, J. Pomeroy, W.M. 723; J. S. Wilkes, 177; Harris, and Croaker. Bros. Colls, Hopton, Jones, Cook, and Carter were raised; Bros. Gilbert, Dunmore, Cox, Trimmings, Brumell, Bunkill, and Easey were passed; and Messrs. Tims, Hutton, and Horton were initiated. Bros. Abbott Smith, and T. J. Cadett were balloted for as joining members; and the W. Master's motion "That a Lodge of Instruction be attached to the lodge, under the presidency of the W.M." was brought on and carried. Banquet was afterwards provided, to which 41 brethren sat down; and the toasts were afterwards honoured. Bro. Tims, P.M., proposed "The W. Master's Health," and in reply, Bro. Willing referred to the great prosperity of the lodge in this, its first year; everything the lodge possessed being paid for, and the Treasurer having in hand £60.

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BARNSTAPLE.—CHAPTER OF LOYALTY AND VIRTUE (No. 251).—On Wednesday, the 20th inst., the annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Queen Ann's-walk, when, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—Comps. F. Symons, Z.; W. H. Brewer, H.; W. Britton, J.; Joseph Harper, P.Z.; E. Furze, Scribe, E.; J. T. Shapland, Scribe, N.; Wm. Oliver, Principal Sojourner; J. T. Widgery, Assistant Sojourner; John List, Treasurer; J. Edwards, Organist; A. Bater and H. J. Hancock, Janitors. After some brethren had been proposed for exaltation, the chapter was closed according to ancient custom. The companions then adjourned to the Royal and Fortescue Hotel, where a banquet was prepared by Comp. May, and a most pleasant evening was spent under the very able presidency of Comp. Brewer.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.
A special meeting of the P.G.L. of the Province was held on the 14th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The R.W.M., Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson, presided, supported by Bros. J. Baird, R. Robb, J. B. Walker, J. Fraser, J. Balfour, T. Halkett, J. Gillies, A. Allison, and G. Thallon. The lodge having been duly opened, the Chairman said that, as they were aware, this was a special meeting, called for the purpose of nominating office-bearers of the lodge for the Masonic year 1875. According to custom, the members of the P.G.L. Committee had met an hour previous for the purpose of preparing and commending to their approval a list of names of brethren whom they considered eligible to hold the respective offices to be filled up, and that list the Secretary, Bro. M'Taggart, would now put before them. The Secretary accordingly did so, with the result that in almost every case the nominee of the committee was approved of *nem. con.* The following is the list of those who were thus *de facto* elected:—J. B. Walker, Treasurer; J. Gillies, S.D.; G. Thallon, J.D.; J. Ritchie, P. G. Architect; R. Robb, P. G. Marshal; J. Fraser, Assistant Marshal; A. Allison, P. G. Jeweller; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; J. Balfour, P. G. D. of C.; J. Miller, P. G. Dir. of Music; W. Phillips, P. G. Swordbearer; A. Arriek Smith, P.G. Inner Guard; J. B. Hardie, P.G. Outer Guard; G. Sinclair, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Committee, that the salary of the O.G. be £5 a year, and also that the annual levy on the province for the support of P.G.L. be continued at the rate of £2. Thereafter, the Chairman said that with reference to his own commissioned office-bearers (viz., the D.M., S.M., S.W., and J.W.), he was not

going to name them just yet. He had been for some time in communication, with a very influential gentleman in Glasgow—one, too, with plenty of money—whom he (the Chairman) wanted to come and take office among them, and put his hand to the work and help them. That was his reason for not being that night prepared to name his office-bearers; but he hoped by next meeting night to present a list that would meet their approval. After some discussion regarding the forthcoming festival of all the lodges in the province, to be held on Friday next in the City Hall, the lodge was duly closed.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 5).**—This most prosperous lodge held their regular bi-monthly meeting in their lodge room, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 19th inst. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., in the chair. Bros. John Young, S.W.; David Horn, J.W.; R. B. Dalzell, Treasurer; John Dick, Secretary; P. Brownlie, S.D.; John Reid, J.D.; and the remaining officers in their places; there were also present: Bros. Thomas Fletcher, P.M.; J. B. Walker, P.M.; W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*); and a large gathering of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M.; minutes read and confirmed. Letters of application were read to admit the following gentlemen into the Order (duly proposed and seconded), viz.:—John F. McFarlane, Robt. Boyle, jun.; James Paterson, and Daniel Montgomery; there being no objection, the candidates entered and received the Entered Apprentice Degree. The lodge was then raised to Fellow Craft, when the following brethren received that degree, viz.:—Jas. Paterson, John F. M. Farlane, Robt. Boyle, jun.; Daniel Montgomery, James Buttle, and Andrew Cameron. The ceremony of both degrees being performed in a most able manner; the 1st degree by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell; and the 2nd degree by the Secretary, Bro. John Dick. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., reminded the brethren of the festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, to take place in City Hall, on Friday, 22nd inst., the proceeds of which was to be devoted in aid of the benevolent fund. He therefore hoped that as many members of St. John's as possible would endeavour to be present on that occasion. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, where it remained in harmony until high twelve, recalled to labour and closed in due form.

COLTNESS.—**LODGE ST. MARY (No. 31).**—At a general meeting of this lodge, held in Scott's Commercial Hall, the following office-bearers were duly installed for the ensuing year: Bros. Robert Kelso, R.W.M.; Charles Gilchrist, P.M.; Alexander Marshall, D.M.; Robert Scott, S.M.; R. Laurie, S.W.; James Wyllie, J.W.; P. Pearson, Secretary; James Scott, Treasurer; Wm. Forrest, Chaplain; Thomas Fulton, B.B.; James Barr, S.D.; Robert McKillop, J.D.; Wm. Sandilands, S.S.; John Lyle, J.S.; David Dalziel, S.B.; H. Naismith, I.G.; J. Braidwood, Tyler.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).**—The members of this lodge met in their lodge-room, No. 12, Tron-gate, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., Bro. J. W. Burns, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. Jas. Booth, S.W.; Wm. Wilson, J.W.; John Miller, P.M.; C. K. Jenkins, D.M.; Jas. Love, S.M.; Thos. Paton, Treasurer; D. McDougall, Secretary; W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*); and a goodly number of brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., and the minutes of last meeting and applications from candidates for admittance into the Order read and confirmed. There being no objections to the candidates, Mr. H. Palmer and G. H. Barton received the first degree. Bros. J. Robertson, J. Brown, C. C. Lapsley, and John Lindsay, were then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raised to the degree of Master Mason, the ceremonies being carried out in a most impressive manner—the first degree by the R.W.M., Bro. J. W. Burns, the two last by P.M. John Miller. The lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE UNION (No. 332)** met in their lodge-room, 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, the 18th inst., it being their regular bi-monthly meeting. Bro. J. B. Macnair occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. D. McKeidy, S.W.; J. Fash acting as J.W.; R. Mitchell, P.M.; Jas. Balfour, W. H. Bickerton, (*Freemason*); and a goodly number of brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been read and some private matters connected with the lodge discussed, applications for admittance to the Order were read from Mr. Wm. Goudie, H. Veysey, A. E. Bartlett, and R. Williams, their application being received unanimously. During the absence of the candidates in the adjacent room, Bro. Balfour gave notice of motion for the raising of the fees of the lodge. The candidates then entered, Mr. Wm. Goudie receiving the 1st degree, and H. Veysey, A. E. Bartlett, and R. Williams the three degrees, they having been certified as about to leave Scotland on Friday, 22nd inst. The ceremony of the whole three degrees being performed in a most able and impressive manner; the first degree by the R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair; the second by Bro. Fash; the third by J. Dobbie, S.M. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).**—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 15th inst., Bro. John Munro, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Wm. Finlay, acting J.W.; J. Brode, P.M.; Wm. Bell, R.W.M. Lodge St. John, No. 3 bis. Deputations from Lodge Thistle, No. 87, and Lodge Union, No. 332; Bro. W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*); and a goodly number of brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The R.W.M., Bro. J. Munro, gave a Masonic reading in a most impressive and masterly style, to the great delight of all those present. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

CAMBUSNETHAN.—**LODGE ST. CLAIR (No. 427).**—The brethren of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting on the 15th inst., in their lodge room, when the follow-

ing office-bearers were duly installed:—Wm. Smith, R.W.M.; Thomas Gillespie, D.M.; W. McGibbon, S.M.; Walter Gibbs, Secretary; Anthony Muir, Clerk; David Johnstone, Treasurer; Henry Hamilton, S.W.; William Johnstone, J.W.; George Kirk, Chaplain; Wm. Stark, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; Andrew McCreddie, S.S.; John Frame, J.S.; James Nichol, I.G.; John Nelson, S.B.; P. Burns, Tyler.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).**—In the *Freemason* of the 9th inst., we reported the first of a series of three meetings of instruction, organized by the R.W.M. of this young and prosperous lodge, Bro. J. D. Porteous, and held in the Queen's Park Rooms, Crosshill, on 21st ult. On that occasion, as local readers will remember, the ceremonial of initiation was performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Julius Brode, S.M. of the lodge. On Monday, 11th inst., the second meeting of the series was held in the same place. In the absence, through indisposition, of the R.W.M., Bro. Brode presided, and of the other Office-bearers there were present Bros. W. Mc G. Mason, S.W.; Jas. Stamm, J.W.; S. Findlater, Treasurer; and R. A. Buchanan, Secretary. On the dais, supporting the chairman, were Bros. Walker, Chaplain; William Gillies, P.M. of the lodge; and John Munro, R.W.M. 360. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. William Wilson, J.W. 87; a deputation from Lodge 347 (St. John's Operative, Rutherglen), consisting of Bros. John Cunningham, R.W.M.; David Smart, S.M.; and John Murdoch, S.W.; Bros. D. Lamb, D.M. 360, and J. Stewart, *Freemason*. The lodge having been opened in the E.A. degree, the Chairman first called attention to a pair of marble ashlar, one rough hewed and the other polished, laid on the table before him, and then read a letter from the donor, Bro. Stamm, J.W., in which he said:—"In presenting these emblems to Lodge Marie Stuart 541, I have been asked to say a few words, both from an operative and speculative point of view. First, from an operative point of view, we are all aware that a stone as it comes from the quarry is unfit for the use of the builder until it is put under the hands of the persevering craftsman who, with maul, chisel, square, and compass, and the Architect's plan on the trestle-board, transforms it into a thing of beauty in order to adorn the building for which it is intended. We, however, as speculative masons look upon these emblems from a much higher and nobler stand point. First, all men are born into this world on the level, all are as rough stones from the quarry, and according as the light of education dawns upon them, so is the first application of the chisel which may make them statesmen, or suit them to move in whatever capacity they may be placed in this life, and with their mind divested of all impurities, prepares them for those mansions, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. With these few remarks, brethren, I beg to hand over these emblems to Lodge Marie Stuart and to the care of the present R.W.M. and to his successors in office in perpetuity, and trust they may not suffer the fate of their predecessors. The chairman then introduced Bro. Munro, R.W.M. Lodge Commercial (360), who, he said, would perform the work of the evening, and from whose instructions he trusted they would all derive benefit that night. Bro. Munro then entered upon a lengthy and interesting lecture, in which, while tracing the origin and objects of Freemasonry generally, he referred in particular to the nature and obligations of the second, or Fellow-Craft, degree. He thereafter passed Bro. Peter Martin from the E.A. degree to that of Fellow-Craft in unusually complete and impressive form, the ceremonial including music vocal and instrumental, under the superintendence of Bro. Schob, Organist of No. 541. The third and concluding meeting of the series is announced for Monday, 22nd. prox., when the ceremonial of raising to sublime degree, with service of music from Mendelssohn's "Antigone," will be performed by the accomplished R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. D. Porteous.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GIBRALTAR.

The regular half-yearly meeting of this lodge, was held on Monday, 28th December last, at the rooms of the Lodge of Friendship, and was presided over by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Cornwell, supported by the R.W. Deputy D.G.M., Bro. Capt. Gibbard. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, as also the financial statement for the past year. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested by the District Grand Master.

It was resolved that the thanks of the lodge, as also a testimonial, be presented to Bro. R. B. Hepper, the District Grand Secretary, for his constant efforts in furthering its welfare, and for the great skill and ability displayed by him in designing and arranging the books and documents connected with the records of the lodge.

After a few words of friendly counsel from the Grand Master to the various lodges, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

WINES AND SPIRITS (Foreign) on

which Duty was paid in London by some of the principal firms during the past year.

WINES (FOREIGN)		SPIRITS (FOREIGN)	
	Gallons		Gallons
W & A Gilbey	886,298	W & A Gilbey	348,234
Dingwall, Portal & Co	130,633	Twiss & Browning	193,211
F W Cosens	115,800	Daniel Taylor & Sons	165,065
R Hooper & Sons	103,095	Trower & Lawson	163,687
Max Greger & Co	100,166	Dingwall, Portal & Co	136,794
D Taylor & Sons	86,555	Galbraith, Grant & Co	91,828
Dent, Urwick & Co	79,791	R Hooper & Sons	84,304
Cunliffe and Co	78,251	E S Pick & Co	65,363
T W Stapleton & Co	76,834	R Burnett & Son	58,691
W J Murray	76,292	Dunn & Vallentin	56,329
H T Mayfield	73,665	Osmond & Co	56,181
C G Phillips & Co	72,003	Fulcher & Robinson	46,549

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DEATH.

BELL.—On the 12th January, very suddenly, at his residence, Thirsk Hall, Bro. F. Bell, P.M., P.Prov.G.S.W., aged 44.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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HIRAM.—Can a W.M. vacate his chair?

[We think not—the W.M. can call on a P.M. to assist him, but he should stand by the Master's side. The Master alone can govern the lodge.—Ed.]

P.M.—In case a Warden, Secretary, or other assistant officer in a lodge resigns his office, has the W.M. power—see Book of Constitutions, p. 79, section 9—to appoint another brother to the post at once? If so, has the W.M. power to "invest" the newly-appointed brother in open lodge? Further—If the resignation results in a step being given to each of the junior officers, is it necessary for them to formally resign their present respective collars, and to be "invested" with those belonging to their new office in open lodge?

[We are of opinion that the W.M. has power, on resignation, to appoint another officer, just as in the case of "displacement," which is specially provided for by the Book of Constitutions. P.M. is no doubt aware that no mention of resignation occurs in the Book of Constitutions at all, and the step is apparently not contemplated, at any rate, it is a "casus omissus" in our Masonic jurisprudence. Indeed, it has been contended that no officer can resign, especially as the Book of Constitutions has made no provision for such a step. With regard to the other officers, we could not advise such a proceeding as change of situation and re-investment. In the case of a Junior Warden, it would simply disqualify him for the Master's Chair. We do not think such a course is either legal or practicable. The only alternative in such a case of absolute resignation is the appointment and investment of a new officer, "pro tanto," in open lodge, to fill up the vacancy until the next regular appointment of officers.—Ed.]

A CORRECTION.—In the report of the Lodge of Fortitude, Truro, page 31, Bro. Hughan, in speaking of Lord Petre, is made to say that his lordship presided "nominally" over the Grand Lodge. It should be "Roman Catholic nobleman presided over the Grand Lodge."

The following communications stand over:—

Letters on "Masonic Jurisprudence" from T. A. D. U., and W. Letter from Bro. Harriott. Funeral of Bro. F. Bell. Reports of lodges:—Phoenix, 331; British Union, 114; Faith, 141; Duke of Edinburgh, 1182; Combermere, 645; Alliance, 667; Hartington, 1021; Norman, 1334; Ivy, 1441; Pleaides, 710; Hemming, 1512; Gosport, 903; John o'Gaunt, 523; Urban, 1196; Tregullow, 1006; Union of Waterloo (Institution), 13. Scotland:—Mother Kilwinning; Athole, 1384.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1875.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER, PRINCE LEOPOLD.

The state of the august sufferer's health still must inspire some uneasiness in all who read the cautious bulletins. He continues very weak, but there is yet grounds for hope. The whole Craft deeply feel for and sympathize with the Queen and the Royal Family.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

We hear a good deal in Freemasonry of brotherly love; it is alike the key-note of our teaching, and the foundation-stone of our whole great Masonic building. But brotherly love, like most other virtues—charity especially—has a duplex existence, if we may so speak, in the conscience and acts of man; has two sides, so to say, in its theoretical teaching and its practical development. For instance, we may have the technical performance of charity without its constraining spirit; we may have the letter of brotherly love without having embraced fully its gentle and healing and tolerant sympathies. We may give liberally; our names may be inscribed on many charitable tablets, and found on many subscription lists; but yet we may remain all the while, even to our dying day, narrow-minded and intolerant, fanatical and uncharitable to our fellow men. We have given of our substance, as we think, fairly and freely for works of piety or utility or benevolence; but we have not entered into that diviner spirit, which is ever best shown forth here, by the loving heart and the enlarged mind. And so it is with brotherly love. We talk a deal about it, we profess it very often; it is the glory and distinguishing merit of Masonic teaching, in our eyes, and we boast of our practising what we profess—of our actions following our precepts. In one sense, no doubt, we do carry out its genuine teaching in our great channels of active benevolence; and our Masonic charities may fairly be adduced in defence of this Masonic vitality of ours. But though it is true, as we feel bound to say, that we give with no niggard hand, whether to the Benevolent Institution or the Orphan Academies, we yet often fail, as it appears to us, in another feature of true brotherly love, kindness, and fairness to others. How often, for instance, do we see in Masonic literature, the most remarkable evidence of a thoroughly non-Masonic spirit in the unbrotherly letter and the hostile incrimination. How frequently do we note that the profession of brotherhood is only a cloak for much of personal animosity, for feelings of active antagonism, and relentless opposition. Rivalries and jostlings for place or influence will ever arise and abound in all earthly institutions; and Freemasonry does not profess, as it cannot expect to be exempt from the frailties of humanity. But yet we might have anticipated, from our own first principles, that if such all but inevitable tendencies were developed in our fraternity, they would be somewhat checked and mitigated by the benign teaching and holy morality of our benevolent Order. Yet, alas! not so! There are always some little men who will be jealous of their neighbours; there are ever some inferior minds who will begrudge to talent its rightful sway, and to high character its well-earned reputation. And if, in addition to this, we call to mind that men will not always "run straight" here; that there are those who are neither very creditable members of society, or very scrupulous citizens of the word, who are flippant in speech, vulgar in sentiment, and lax in morals, we must concede, we fear, that, whether as men or as Freemasons, brotherly love cannot be fully appreciated, and, above all, perfectly realised by very many of us all in our transactions through life, in our conversation in the world. Were we to attempt to defend Freemasonry as perfect, and only made-up of those who fully acted up to what they professed, we should be doing more harm than good. We write to improve as well as to inform, to amend as well as to elucidate. We will therefore attempt to sketch out one or two defects in our higher spiritual practice of brotherly love, and to point out, if most imperfectly, what we believe to be the true teaching of our own incomparable formularies, and of the great and ennobling principle of fraternal goodwill in its highest of all representations and characteristics. We may some of us remember how an inspired writer has told us that though we may give all our goods to feed the poor, yet if we "have not charity" we are, after all, really as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." If then we wish to cultivate the highest and truest spirit of brotherly love ours must be a surrender of all that is mean, and low, and base, and treacherous,

and unworthy in our intercourse with our fellow creatures, above all with our brother Masons. We must not think that in order to carry a point or gain an end, we may strain the moral law, on this side or that. If we fancy that we can rise on the fall of others, if we believe that some of our brethren are in our way, if prompted by ambition or tempted by interest, we are given to think that all is fair, if only we succeed, we shall soon over-step the narrow boundary line which divides truth from falsehood, honour from dishonour, treachery from fair dealing, and right from wrong. So too, again, brotherly love bids us always to be most careful of the character of our brethren, to be most chary of believing any reports to their disfavour or discredit. There are those who have an innate love of gossip, of scandal, of detraction which nothing can weaken or remove. To them the idle tale of a brother's folly, for we are all mortal, to them the sadder story of a brother's disgrace, are literally a source of actual enjoyment. They listen with greediness, they retail with alacrity. It matters to them nothing, what feelings they hurt, what wounds they inflict, what tender hearts they lacerate. "Dame rumour," for them is no "idle jade," but a lady of the highest reputation. Unlike the good old parson, whom Præd paints for us in such pleasant verse, who did not "count all scandal fair, although he had a taste for joking," they are deeply impressed with Father Bartolo's theory of the excellency and expediency, nay, of the necessity, of "La Calomnie." And thus it comes to pass, that when in Freemasonry we look for brotherly love amidst our professed declarations, the moment we dive beneath the surface—we find too often as in most of the things of this world, that lip-verbiage is one thing, that heart-truth is another. Great and good as Freemasonry is, it wants from time to time the reminder that on it, as on all other human institutions, are inscribed in indelible letters, these two sad little words, "Frailty and Decay." If we are sincere in our professions, as many of us are, if we love Freemasonry for its own inherent graces, and not for the glamour of its idle show, or high name, or stately rank, or festive hilarity, or glittering decorations, we shall rejoice to be once again reminded of our higher duties, and warned against passing imperfections. The truest of all philosophers is he who seeks not to please but to instruct, not to gratify but to edify, and he is the soundest of Masonic teachers, in our humble opinion, who does not "daub the wall with untempered mortar," but speaks out clearly, freely, manfully, honestly, face to face, and heart to heart, for the welfare of our common Order, and the elevation of an honourable brotherhood.

GRANTS TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Bro. Binckes has announced, though not in our columns, what was his intended amendment to Bro. Clabon's motion in Grand Lodge, namely, "a reference to the Board of General Purposes to report on all present Grand Lodge grants to the charitable institutions associated with the Order." If we understand Bro. Binckes correctly, £150 is now paid by Grand Lodge to the Boys' School, and Bro. Binckes thinks that the time has come, when "Grand Lodge might fairly be asked to reconsider the amount annually contributed from its funds to the two educational institutions." The time may have arrived certainly when such a matter may fairly be considered, but, on the whole, we are inclined to think that we had better "leave well alone." The Girls' School cannot clearly allege the same claim as the Boys' School, namely, absence of funded capital, and we do not see what any grant our Grand Lodge could vote would do for that object, which is now the main "desideratum" for the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes seems to think that £800 annually, as representing the 1812 grant on the certificates, would be about the figure, but supposing an equal amount granted to the Girls' School, that would necessitate £1,600 annually. Serious objections occur to us at once to any such proposal. In the first place, at our last audit, the balance of the Fund of Benevolence would not have paid £1,600, or, if it

did, it would have left the Fund of Benevolence penniless. In the next place, if we are to have a revision of grants, we must have, it appears to us, a revision of a good many other matters. There are many points which, when such a contingency takes place, would require consideration, as, from some experience in educational work, we express a very common opinion on the subject, when we say that we cannot admit "finality" or "perfection" to be the characteristics of the arrangements of any educational institutions. We are still of opinion that our Masonic Educational Institutions having flourished so greatly and expanded so wondrously on the liberal offerings of the Craft, without subsidies to fall back upon, had far better adhere to a course which has been productive of so much good to them in the past. We admit that candidates are many; indeed, Bro. Binckes rates them, we see, for the four institutions at 525, though we should like to see the official figures. Our course would be easier altogether if we were enabled, on the authority of our great institutions themselves, to lay the "hard reality of figures" and the actual facts of the case before our brethren. As it is, we have to have recourse to what we can obtain for ourselves in the best way we can, or to second-hand information, in sparse quantity, and often after date.

THE ORIENTAL ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

Until we read the paper which is to be found in our "Masonic Notes and Queries," we confess that we had never heard of this Order. Perhaps it was our great ignorance. But yet with some little knowledge of old documents and Knightly Orders, we have never before lighted upon the "Oriental Order of the Temple." This circular is very interesting, and if its claims to historical authenticity are admitted, it must be a very ancient Order. But yet, who is Roger de Flor? We have thus, it will be seen, a "duplex transmissio." This circular assumes the Larmenius Charter to be genuine; we have, we are sorry to say, the gravest doubts on that subject: Roger de Flor is apparently of Spanish origin, and so must be Sancho de Vargas; but we had always understood historically that the Order of the Temple in Spain had been incorporated with the Spanish Order of Calatrava. Yet here we have a Spanish perpetuation at Constantinople. We shall be glad to see the Charter of this new branch of the Templars, the more so as the words quoted, which we presume are translated from the Latin, are hardly early 14th century words. The whole question of the Templar perpetuation deserves enquiry, as if we have thus two charters dating, one at Constantinople, 1313, and another at Paris, 1324, and they stand the scrutiny of the expert, there can be no doubt, but, that we have a Templar perpetuation still. We see that the circular states that since 1313 Roger de Flor, custodian of the original seal, re-established the Order, having also received transmitted powers in 1307, from Jaques de Molay. Thus, in 1313 the Militia or Order of the Temple was set up again at Constantinople, by the Charter of the Constitution, of date Easter Monday, 1313, and confirmed in 1316, so that this Order has been "preserved to the present day." We shall be obliged to the brother who has kindly sent us this circular, if he will favour us with a little more detailed information of the historical evidence of the Order, and a fuller account of the Charter of Roger de Flor, on which this "Oriental Order of the Temple," apparently relies for its continuation and existence in the world.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ANNIVERSARY, 1875.

We are unable, as we go to press on Thursdays, to do more than just allude to this interesting event. We hope to recur to the subject next week, and refer our readers to the report in our columns. We are glad, however, at being able to announce that the amount reported on the various lists reaches to the sum of £6,630 13s. 6d., with eleven lists to come in.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE DEGREE OF MARK MASTER AND EXCELLENT MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter of your able and intelligent correspondent, Bro. Walter Hill, of New Zealand, in your last number, with enquiry as to the "true position" of the two degrees above mentioned, will doubtless attract the attention of brethren better qualified to reply than myself, but I am anxious to address a few observations on the points raised by Bro. Hill with reference to the degree of Mark Master.

Though not admitted as such by the United Grand Lodge of England, there can be no doubt in the mind of any dispassionate and unbiased student that the Mark Degree possesses sufficient internal evidence to justify its title to be considered an integral portion of "pure and ancient Freemasonry." I may assert this without entering into the vexed question why the Grand Lodge of England, at the settlement of 1813, declined its recognition as such, seeing that under every other jurisdiction the degree is regarded as more or less essential.

The difficulty in connection with the Mark Degree is, as your correspondent rightly states, its "position" in relation to other degrees.

Claiming for the Mark an antiquity superior to that of the Master Mason's degree, it may seem anomalous that by the Constitutions of the English Grand Lodge of M.M.M., the degree can be conferred only on those who are M.M., but it must be borne in mind that in the organisation of the present Grand Mark Lodge many points of delicacy and difficulty presented themselves. Prominent amongst these was the risk of "colliding" in some way with the Grand Lodge of England, which—no matter what some of their opponents may state to the contrary—it was the anxious desire of the founders of the Mark Grand Lodge to avoid. To steer clear of one difficulty, the rule was made that the degree should be conferred only on M.M.'s, and Bro. Hill will remember in a very early portion of our ritual, this part of the W.M.'s address to the candidate. "Since the, &c., and the institution, &c., of, &c., as practised in this country, a regulation has been made, &c."

But to discuss more closely the proper position the Mark Degree should occupy in the Masonic system. I believe three distinct views are taken of this.

(a).—That the Mark is the necessary and natural fulfilment of the F.C. Degree, and therefore, as a matter of course, should be given to F.C., and made a preliminary to the M.M. Degree.

(b).—That it is introductory to the R.A. Degree, and a link between the M.M. and that degree, and should only be given to M.M.'s.

It is very difficult, if not impossible, to discuss these propositions in public, but it may be said that the degree has much greater affinity with the F.C. than with the M.M., and I confess that for some years I was firmly of opinion that the Mark was the legitimate consequence and completion of the F.C. Degree. I never could understand its connection with either the M.M. or R.A. Degree, though fully acquiescing in the policy which confined the degree to M.M., for reasons previously stated.

(c).—There is a third opinion to which I have for some time past been a convert, and which, I think, deserves more attention than it has met with, and in support of which a considerable amount of weighty evidence may be adduced. This, however, is absolutely impossible in public.

But let me again ask Bro. Hill to remember the question put to the candidate—"Why does he wish to," &c., and the reason, "to qualify him to preside over," &c. Now, bearing this in mind, let anyone visit the lodges in some of our Northern Counties—be present at the installation of the W.M. of a Craft lodge, and then at the ceremony of advancement in a Mark lodge, e.g., at Blackburn, where the old ritual is preserved, and he cannot fail to be convinced that the Mark is—as it is described on the title-page of an old M.S. ritual sent to me by the venerable Bro. Punshon, of Killingworth—the "Chair-Master's" Degree.

I must be brief, however, and only spare a few lines on the definition of Mark Man as contrasted with Mark Master, and the difficulty stated by Bro. Hill in conferring the mark, or reward of merit, properly belonging to F.C. in a lodge composed of M.M., who, as M.M.M. also, are thereby considered as superior to M.M. This difficulty fades when the qualification of M.M. is understood as precautionary, if I may so term it. Our newly-authorised ritual, which Bro. Hill describes as "contradictory," will not be so held by him when he keeps this in view; and if he will note how, in the introductory portion of the ceremony of advancement, the rank of F.C., or Mark Man, is carefully maintained, until the skill, regularity, &c., is rewarded by the conferring of the full rank of M.M.M.

To conclude, and I fear I have already trespassed upon your space at too great length, it is very gratifying to see such testimony as that of Bro. Hill borne to the work done by our Grand Mark Lodge; and I can quite understand this being thoroughly appreciated in the Colonies. On this point more may be written on another opportunity.

One other word. Though not able to dissociate myself from the official position I hold in this Grand Lodge, I desire it to be understood that—recognising the differences of opinion already referred to—the views I have expressed are merely my own—and are not to be taken as

those of the Grand Lodge of M.M.M., or of any of its rulers, speaking with authority—*ex cathedra*—or otherwise.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, January 19th, 1875.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As we cannot settle the P.M.'s question of Status on rejoining his lodge after a 12 months' absence, I will pass that over, and now return to the legality of lodges voting away their funds for charities not Masonic. If my memory serves me, you intimated an opinion in a former number that they could do so. Now I am of a contrary opinion, and am not singular in saying that we Freemasons do not subscribe our monies to make a fund for such purposes, and I shall be glad if you or some of our brethren "learned in the law" of the Craft, will point out to me, where, in the Book of Constitutions, such a law is enacted, and I shall be obliged.

Very fraternally yours,

AN OLD P.M., ONE, &c.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir and Brother,—

I think your leading article as to the status of a P.M. who has ceased to subscribe 12 months, and rejoins his lodge, will carry conviction to nearly everyone who studies the point. I should be content to let the matter drop, were it not for an ambiguity in one paragraph. You say, "If a P.M. leaves his lodge for 2 years, he loses his precedence as Senior P.M., and on his rejoining the lodge, becomes the Junior P.M. at the time of his re-admittance." I submit this scarcely goes far enough; he not only becomes the Junior P.M. at the time of his re-admittance, but ever after remains Junior to any P.M. of the lodge who has subscribed since he occupied the chair; that, in fact, he rejoins as one of those strange P.M.'s referred to by Bro. Tebbs, who have no seniority with respect to the P.M.'s of the lodge itself. Grand Lodge membership depends entirely on membership of a private lodge, which is lost directly the subscription ceases to be paid, and cannot afterwards be recovered, unless the condition originally required (occupying the chair 12 months) be again complied with.

Yours, fraternally,

J.B.F.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO THE MARQUIS OF RIPON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My curiosity and interest have been equally aroused by a somewhat sensational and startling extract from the *Rosicrucian*. Where is this beautiful casket to be seen? One is lost in admiration at that true Masonic spirit, which should induce the donors of so costly a gift to cover it with Masonic emblems. The idea is really equally touching and sublime; in fact, it could only emanate, I venture to think, from the highest degree of Masonic sympathy, and the highest grade of chivalrous mysticism! Perhaps the editor of the *Rosicrucian* will enlighten your readers as to this last development of the genial spirit of our Order, and oblige deeply, with many more,

Your humble servant,

AN ENQUIRING (IF DOUBTING) BROTHER.

[We have been struck with the extract from the *Rosicrucian* also. We can hear nothing about the mysterious casket.—Ed.]

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE MILITIA OR ORIENTAL ORDER OF THE TEMPLE—JERUSALEM AND CONSTANTINOPLE.

"The Order of the Temple, founded at Jerusalem in the year 1118 of the Christian era, was declared abolished by Pope Clement V, on the 2nd of May 1312, 'as a measure of provision and not through a Sentence of Suppression.'"

"The Grand Master Jacques de Molay was burned alive by order of Philippe IV, of France, the 11th of March 1314."

"In 1319, Pope John XXII, solemnly re-established the Order of the Temple in Portugal under the name of Militia of Christ."

"Jacques de Molay the Grand Master and Martyr at the time of his arrest (13th of October 1307), transmitted his powers to Roger de Flor, Commander of Catalonia; and later from the depth of his dungeon, he by provision, delegated Jean de Larmenius who re-established the Order in Western Europe, by a Charter dated 23rd of February 1324."

"Roger de Flor, being custodian of the original seal, re-established the Militia or Order of the Temple, at Constantinople, from whence it spread widely among the Eastern Nations, and firmly withstanding many persecutions, the Oriental Order has been preserved to the present day with all its primitive traditions, constantly rendering signal services to oppressed Christians."

"Roger de Flor dated his Charter of reconstitution of the Order from Constantinople on Easter Sunday 1313, secularized it and rendered it independent; his Successor, Sancho de Vargas, confirmed it in 1316."

"The following is the text which has been preserved:—"

"This is the Charter of the Militia or Oriental Order of the Temple such as it was established by the Grand Master Roger de Flor, delegate of the Martyr and elected by his Brethren."

"In the name of the Lord, Architect Almighty of the World and the Worlds, who has reigned, reigns, and shall eternally reign."

"Thou shalt confess the Name of the Lord; Thou shalt make it respected.

"Thou shalt establish His Reign; Thou shalt propagate His Laws.

"Thou shalt obey His Thought; Thou shalt demand it from the Heavens, and Thou shalt execute it on Earth.

"Thou shalt give to thy poor Brethren the bread which the Lord hath given thee.

"Thou shalt pray the Lord to forgive thine enemies; thou shalt strike them with thy glove, because they have been the enemies of thy Brethren.

"Thou shalt plunge into the tempest to succour thy Brethren; without considering if the tempest may annihilate thee.

"The Lord will help thy weakness; thou shalt become strong; thou shalt have confidence in thy strength; thou shalt not measure danger.

"Thou shalt be pitiless to traitors, everywhere and always.

"The Lord will protect thee as long as thou wilt protect thy Brethren."

"Now, as in the ancient days of its glory and grandeur, the Militia or Oriental Order of the Temple is absolutely governed by the Grand Master, named for life by the Convention of Brethren. He is assisted by a Chapter composed of six members.

"The Militia or Oriental Order of the Temple is composed of Commanders, Knights, and Equerries.

"Ladies are admitted into the Order with the title of Sisters Hospitallers of the Militia or Oriental Order of the Temple. They have a Special Chapter presided over by a Grand Mistress named for life.

"The Lieutenants of the Grand Master are employed to maintain or establish the Militia or Oriental Order of the Temple in all the countries where Christians, resolved to practise the law of Charity, wish to observe the Charter of Constitution of the Order; and to that effect unite in the bonds of Brotherhood to give their co-operation to the sublime and magnificent work of devoting themselves to unobtrusive and persevering efforts in the cause of Christianity and Humanity.

"Christmas Day 1874."

Can any brother tell me anything about this apparently new Order, whose programme is dated "Christmas Day, 1874." Who is Roger de Flor? Is he a real or mythical personage? I see this circular states that Jacques de May transmitted his power to Roger de Flor, Commander of Catalonia (I do not understand this term in old Templary), and later gave a delegation to Jean de Larmeny. Roger de Flor dates, it is said, his Charter of Reconstitution from Constantinople, Easter Sunday, 1313, which was confirmed by Sancho de Vargas in 1316. This Charter is said to be preserved. Can it be seen? or is this another "fraus pia" to be added to the long list of unreliable charters, &c.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

THE TARGUMS AND MASONIC LEGENDS.

Our good friend, the Editor of the *Freemason*, promised to report the result of his examination of the "Targums of the Book of Chronicles," published at Amsterdam 1715, and at Cambridge 1725, from a MS. in the University library of the latter city.

I am anxious to have the report, and hence write again to ask the favour from the Editor, for the subject is an important one.

W. J. HUGHAN.

"The third and last toast was a verse from an old English Masonic song:

"The Craft, the Craft, the brave old Craft,
That has weathered the storm so long;
It has won renown from crozier and crown,
And a leaf from the child of song."

Where does this genial stanza come from?

PAUL PRY.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Annual Festival of this institution was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, presiding. The company, consisting of ladies and brethren, numbered altogether about 700, for whom the excellent arrangements of the Stewards procured every possible comfort. Among the brethren at his lordship's table were the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain; Dr. Strong, Hon. Surgeon to the Institution; Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Professor Erasmus Wilson, Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; J. Percy Leith, Grand Deacon; Major Creaton, Past Grand Deacon; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; R. W. Little (Secretary Girls' School); F. Binckes (Secretary Boys' School); F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, Past Grand Deacon; Hyde Pullen, Past Grand Sword-Bearer; John Sutcliffe (St. Grimsby), P. Prov. G.W. Lincolnshire; C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P.; T. Cubitt, G.P.; Bro. Charles Horsley, and Bro. C. J. Cooke, P. Prov. G.S.W. of Kent.

Grace having been said at the conclusion of the repast, the toasts were proposed in regular order as follows:—

The Chairman: Ladies and brethren, I rise to offer you a toast which, in all assemblies of Englishmen, I am glad to say, is always cordially reciprocated; and I can venture to say as a Mason that it will be enthusiastically received upon this great occasion. It is difficult, in taking the chair, to find words to express, without fulsome adulation, the power of affection that Her Majesty exercises over her subjects, because, whether we look at her in the aspect of a sovereign, whether we look upon her as a mother of a family, and as the mother of a great nation, she reigns deeply, dearly, and affectionately in our hearts. Let us compare our position with that of the rest of the continent, and we shall find that whatever differences of opinion may exist at home, there is but one reigning sentiment towards the sovereign of these realms. (Hear,

hear.) And, brethren, I regret that to-day I have to ask your sympathy for our sovereign as a mother. We know that one of the princes is down on the bed of sickness, and I need not any words of eloquence to ask you, as fathers of families and brethren, to sympathize with Her Most Gracious Majesty in her present distress. Happily, the tidings are a little better of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold's state; but when we think of the anxious watching of the mother, when we think of the anxiety that must naturally crowd on her mind as she sees danger about one of her children, I am sure that it needs no words of mine to ask the brethren to sympathize with our Queen. I do not do this in a Masonic spirit only, but in a national spirit, and ask you, therefore, to drink the toast in a way that Masons would desire it to be drunk.

The toast having been honoured and followed by the National Anthem,

The Chairman again rose and said: I now rise to give you a toast which is second in all public assemblies of Englishmen, a toast which I venture to say is particularly dear to Masons. Our Craft aspires to high ascendancy, and we are honoured by having one to preside over us, who holds the highest position in this realm, and I can confidently say that that illustrious personage would not have accepted what we consider a very high dignity unless he thought he could fill it with benefit to the Craft, and honour to himself. When we recollect the emergency that we were placed in by the retirement of one whom we greatly revered—I mean our late Grand Master—I am sure I may be permitted in this hall to say that every Mason deeply regrets that from conviction he was obliged to leave us, because no man as a Grand Master filled his position so worthily, so honestly, and with such integrity as the Marquis of Ripon. We may regard the loss of the noble lord with regret as Englishmen. I am not here to obtrude religious feelings on Masonic brethren. Our faith is of so enlightened and free a nature that in my opinion in the dark ages when religion was in difficulty Freemasonry preserved the morality of the country. (Hear, hear.) For that reason it would induce me to join the Craft; and I trust that the day will come when the noble Marquis will once more rejoin us—when he will be emancipated from that thralldom which I do not care to speak of further. As regards our present Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, I would like to ask the company this question, "Did you ever know His Royal Highness to be called upon that he did not come forward to perform his duty?" And I think we, as Masons, can say we are proud of our Prince because he knows thoroughly how to enjoy himself. (Cheers.) At the same time, there is no man in Great Britain who has the power of self-denial more than His Royal Highness. I will defy anyone to say that he does not abnegate himself many agreeable duties, to perform those which belong to his high station in society. Thus we are proud of him as our Grand Master, and our future King. In both those respects, I give you his very good health. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: I hope you will not think that I am precipitate in getting through the list of toasts; but I am anxious, as I said in the early part of the evening, that you should have that pleasant intellectual enjoyment in the other hall, which, I hope, will give you gratification. And now I regret that on this festive occasion, whilst offering you the toast of "The Health of our Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," I have to ask your deepest sympathy for him in what you and I will consider the greatest distress that can possibly happen to mortal man. When I tell you that the noble Earl reigns in our affections, and when I tell you that he is a personal friend of my own, as was also the late Lady Carnarvon, who has just left this world, I trust and believe for higher realms, I can hardly suppress my emotion and can hardly tell how, as a friend and a Mason, I sympathise with my noble friend, and I ask you if you will do me the kindness on this occasion to permit me to be your echo of the feelings which I am sure exist throughout this great assembly at the proper time to convey to Lord Carnarvon the deep sympathy of his brother Masons in his bereavement. I am glad, however, to think that the noble lord knows really where to look for comfort; but when we are in distress as well as in joy the sympathy of our friends is most soothing and charming. I hope I may be permitted to convey from this great assembly our deep sympathy with him in his bereavement. I am sure you will drink his health with cordiality on this occasion. But now let me pass to a more joyous topic. When I think of the Deputy Grand Master, my noble friend, Lord Skelmersdale, a man whose comely presence does one's heart good to see, whose Masonic conduct in his province has endeared him to all his brethren, I feel I am offering you a toast which will meet with the cordial acceptance of all brother Freemasons. When I tell you that Lord Skelmersdale holds one of the offices of the Court as Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, when your humble servant tells you that he has the honour of commanding the Gentlemen-at-arms, I trust that it will not be impertinent of me to say that I trust the day will come when Freemasonry is recognised at Court. I shall be glad to see the day when Masonic clothing is worn at Court. I know that there are no subjects more loyal to the throne than Freemasons, and though it would be far from me to attempt to initiate any change, because I belong to the old conservative Craft, yet belonging to this Craft I should like to see that honour conferred, which I, particularly as we are presided over by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, should esteem a valuable one. I know also that it would be very gratifying to the Fraternity to be received in our Masonic capacity at Court.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Grand Deacon, replied, and after expressing his own sympathy with Lord Carnarvon, said he should be very glad to see, when the Prince of Wales came to the throne, Masonry recognised at Court. He did not however, think there was a great probability of it. But

if such a subject was mooted, he would endeavour to support it. He then thanked the brethren and ladies for their attendance, and said he hoped that the position of Masonry in England would be a guide to the whole world as showing what it could achieve, and what charity could accomplish.

The Chairman next proposed a special toast, "The Duc de Manignon," and addressed the company in French.

The Duc de Manignon having replied in French,

The Chairman said: I have another important duty to discharge, and reverting to my native language is a relief to me, and though I feebly attempted to convey your sentiments to the illustrious stranger, permit me to say that I feel I had your kind co-operation, because Masonry is above language, because it is the language of the heart. You heard what the noble Duc said to us about the wants of the poor, about the wants of the child, about the wants of the aged widow and of the aged Mason. I feel he has given me a text upon which, if time permitted, I would dilate. But brethren, I am proud to think that this is the third time that I have had the honour of advocating the cause of Masonic charity in this chair, and I venture to appeal to this meeting I address, to say the first one that every Freemason ought to desire to support is this. What is Royal Arch? What are all the honours of Masonry to the honour of a good conscience and a knowledge of having done your duty? If I may be permitted for a moment in the presence of friends whom I greatly respect and whom I deeply thank for being present here upon this occasion, I may ask them to corroborate the sentiment that since I have been their Provincial Grand Master, my chief object has been charity! charity! charity! Not that I would for a moment deny the cordial friendship that must exist between a Provincial Grand Master, of necessity and the Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Lodge, because I believe that in no time has Masonry been so ascendant as it is at the present time, and I should not like to anticipate Bro. Terry's agreeable announcement, that I understand he has been enabled to make by your kind support of me in this chair, because I feel that I should be a poor man, and indeed a very poor Mason, if I could not sacrifice one evening to come among one of the most influential and respectable assemblies that can possibly be congregated in the Craft. When I think, brethren, of the influence that permeates throughout the width of the land when I know that I speak to hundreds of thousands this evening, it makes a man proud who has nobility to boast of, that he should be permitted also to be a representative of the people in promoting what he sympathizes with, the great cause of Christian charity. I know not whether Bro. Binckes or Bro. Little is here to-day. (Bro. Terry: Yes, my lord, both.) Then let them recollect that I am the slave of Bro. Terry, (laughter), and kindly forget all I have said on behalf of the Boys' School and the Girls' School. Recollect, brethren, that time passes, that I began at the wrong end, that I ought to have advocated the claims of the aged before I advocated the claims of the boys and girls. But I do not see why I cannot go round again. (Hear, hear.) I am glad to know that I have the cordial approval of the brethren of my own province, when I say that Masonry necessarily attaches itself to the heart of a moral and respectable man; it inculcates cordial good feeling towards one another, and I may say that in the position I have occupied in my own district, nothing has tended to make me more cordial to different classes of the people than this Craft to which I have the honour to belong. It is that which cements, and adopts, and helps that kind feeling which is wanted. I have always inculcated in every lodge that it should never assemble without paying a quota to the charities. I say if you drink a bottle of champagne which costs 10s. 6d., put 10s. 6d. in the box; if you drink a glass of spirits which costs 3d., put 3d. in the box. You have then done your duty like a man. I need not, I think, trouble you with the details of this great Institution, but I want just to say one word, because, perhaps, if I refrain from pressing the point upon you, you will put your hands in your pockets without any further observation; but when I tell you that there are a great number of applicants—68 applicants, and only 12 vacancies—I ask you, what are you about, Brother Masons? You are the representatives of this great city: what are you about? When I tell you that there are 35 widows, and only 3 vacancies, I ask you again, what are you about? 33 male candidates, and 9 vacancies; and 35 widows, and 3 vacancies! Now what are you about? Why, you have been drinking champagne instead of gin-and-water. Perhaps it is my fault to have too great a tendency to geniality, but, I say, let us recollect our Masonic duties first, and our pleasures afterwards. We are a very high, honourable, and distinguished body; we have the most distinguished persons connected with us; but let us practise abnegation. I heard of a lodge last night—I did not visit it because I was with the Prudent Brethren where those principles are inculcated—I ought to have visited those brethren who indulged in celery and cheese. I believe that morals may be inculcated, perhaps in a pleasant manner sometimes; and there is a moderation in all things. Masons, I think, know how to be moderate, and know how to be cordial and friendly; but if such a hint as I have given you this night would swell the funds of these great charities, do not you think we should have cause to be more proud of ourselves than at present? Our permanent income is about £2,200, and we want about £8,000 or £9,000 a year. Is it necessary that we should meet at our banquets and our festivals and our musical assemblies to know what is our duty? Let us enjoy ourselves by all means; let us meet on every opportunity. I am proud to take this chair. I want to inculcate what I now do without fear—that the basis of Masonry is charity—charity first, pleasure and cordiality and good-fellowship second. You may, perhaps, think, I have administered a lecture to you; but I shall call upon the Secretary to read that list which is a gratification to us all, and then see if you cannot give a little more the next time. I have

now the pleasure of concluding my remarks by giving you "The Health of Bro. Tomkins, the Treasurer." I need only say that I feel it entirely unnecessary to make observations of him. He is rather of a leech than a Freemason. (Laughter.) He got me in a charity last night which was well supported by the Freemasons of London, the Margate Infirmary. He is most insidious and kind-hearted, and I am sure he will entwine himself round your hearts. (Cheers.)

Bro. Tomkins replied. Year by year, and he was speaking as an old Mason, their gatherings were nobler and nobler. Every year the amount collected exceeded that of the preceding year. This charity plunged into the affections of Masons, although all the charities were equally appreciated. The great Craft was constantly having great additions made to it; and every year, naturally, some of the brethren who came into the Order required assistance from their opulent brethren, and their children likewise required assistance. It would be very painful to have demands coming upon the Craft which there was no provision to meet; and therefore, while every Mason was in prosperity he should assist the charities. The Craft was now, as it were, in a period of prosperity, but they must expect in future years, the demands upon the benevolent fund would be larger than they were now. The Stewards who exerted themselves so well that evening had brought this fact to his mind, and he trusted that they would hand that on to future years, and not rest on their oars. He would advise them to make provision for the charities adequate to the wants of the different institutions. (Applause.)

Bro. James Terry then read the lists of subscriptions, which amounted in the whole to £6,630 13s. 6d., with eleven lists to come in. Staffordshire sent up £271. Great cheering followed the reading of the lists.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and said that under his lordship's presidency, the largest amount had been obtained, with one exception, when the Prince of Wales took the chair.

The Chairman said he would just thank the brethren for their kindness, but not to waste any time he would propose "The other Masonic Institutions, the Girls' School (Festival 12th of May) and the Boys' School (Festival 30th of June)" and would call on Bro. Little to respond.

Bro. Little said he had experienced the greater gratification that evening because the subscriptions were so large. He hoped that similar success would attend the other institutions. As a matter of formality, he might inform the brethren that the Lord Mayor of London would preside at the Girls' Festival, and it was hoped that the Stewards on that occasion would meet with the same support as their brother Stewards of that evening. The Boys' Festival the Pro Grand Master would preside at—at least it was hoped he would; but his lordship had just sustained a severe bereavement, in which all the brethren would sympathize with him. On behalf of both the institutions he (Bro. Little) solicited the support of the brethren.

Bro. Binckes being loudly called for, rose to reply. Why did they insist on bringing him on his legs? The noble chairman had called on Bro. Little, who had said everything that could be said, and gracefully too, on behalf of the Girls' and Boys' Schools. He would add his (Bro. Binckes's) congratulations to Bro. Terry on the success of the evening. He had entered the room as his lordship was asking what the brethren were about, and when he was alluding to his presidency of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Now, he must inform his lordship that these institutions had not done with him yet. They would call on him again to give them the light of his countenance. As one who studied humanity he might say that when an English nobleman and gentleman like his lordship took the chair it warmed up the heart. He was proud to state in public what he had frequently stated in private, that a more thoroughly English gentleman was not to be found than the noble lord who presided over the province of Staffordshire. The brethren knew that the Boys' School was always in a chronic state of distress (laughter); but then the brethren insisted on doing, and doing, and doing, till they had got 177 boys into the school. It was an enormous number to take care of. The institutions were always fortunate in obtaining a chairman. Bro. Little had very gracefully alluded to Lord Carnarvon's terrible bereavement, which might possibly interfere with his appointment to take the chair at the next Festival of the Boys' School. He hoped it would not interfere with the support to be rendered to the school, but would rather be a stimulus to the brethren. He trusted they would supplement what they had done that day by their efforts on behalf of the other institutions. (Cheers.)

Bro. Philbrick proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. Rogers, of Stafford, returned thanks, and hoped the ladies would deal more liberally with the brethren in the judgment they passed on Masonry. It had been said that Masonry consisted in assembling together and eating good dinners; but he thought, after hearing the glorious announcement made by the Secretary, they would be convinced that this was not all they did. If they would only understand that Masonry taught the brethren to love them as they were intended to be loved, and that it was the brethren's desire and ambition to love and solace them in their hours of trouble, they would give Masons all the assistance in their power to the Masonic Charities. On behalf of the Ladies he begged to assure the brethren that they would further the interests of the Charities by making their claims known among their lady friends.

Bro. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. of China, responded for "The Stewards," and in referring to the coming installation of the Prince of Wales, said he did not know of any place so capable of accommodating the multitude of brethren who would then be present as the Albert Hall. It would be celebrated on the 28th of April, and no doubt 12,000 brethren would be present. Wherever it was to be held,

whether at the Albert Hall or the Agricultural Hall, the Alexandra Palace or the Crystal Palace, the Stewards would do their best to suit the comfort of the Craft.

The whole company then adjourned to the Temple, where a choice concert was given under the direction of Bro. Thaddeus Wells. The artists were Miss Banks, Miss Marion Severn, and Madame Thaddeus Wells, who were assisted by Bros. George Perren, Chaplin Henry, and Ransford, and Mr. Henry Guy. Bro. H. Nicholson (musical director to the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot) performed on the flute, and Bro. Henry Parker and Madame Thaddeus Wells on the pianoforte.

The dinner was well supplied by Bro. Francatelli, and Bro. Harker performed the duties of toast-master.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN THE UNITED STATES. TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The nineteenth Conclave of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S. was held in New Orleans, commencing on Tuesday, December 1st, 1874. Monday was distinguished by the arrival of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies from every part of the U.S.: even after the midnight of Tuesday, the thunder of artillery announced new arrivals. By 9 o'clock, Carondelet-street, the grand boulevard of New Orleans, was filled with Knights, and gay with dancing plumes. Bunting was displayed from almost every house. Even from the Custom House an immense national ensign hung, in honour of the day.

Tuesday, the opening day, was fair and beautiful, and about 3,000 Knights had arrived in the city, and were preparing for the Templar proceedings and pageant. The three principal head-quarters of the New Orleans Commanderies were:—Odd Fellows' Hall, Grunewald Hall, and Exposition Hall. Odd Fellows' Hall was the head-quarters of Indivisible Friends' Commandery, No. 1; Grunewald Hall, of Jacques de Molay, No. 2; and Exposition Hall, of Orleans, No. 3. All of these halls were decorated in the most lavish manner, with bunting, immense palmettos, evergreens, wreaths of cedar, graceful Sibley tents, tropical plants, Templar banners and monograms, floral Maltese crosses, gushing fountains,—in fact, each Hall constituted a fairy land of art and nature, almost miraculously combined. Some of the fountains gushed forth a crimson fluid, while from the walls there stood out blood-red crosses from a black background. Then the banquetting halls were supplied with every necessary and luxury of life, and when the festivities were at their height, during the visits of the various visiting Commanderies and Grand bodies, there was a brilliant combination of rich Templar uniforms, costly ladies' toilets, the busy hum of conversation, the merry ripples of laughter, the rattle of knives and forks—well, the reader may imagine the rest.

We cannot praise too highly the knightly and whole-souled reception extended to the visiting Knights by their fraters of New Orleans. Everything was done that could be done for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors, and their pilgrimage to New Orleans will be one of the pleasantest reminiscences of their Templar lives.

We need scarcely say that during the entire period of the Grand Conclave, receptions and visits by the different Commanderies and serenades by their bands were of continued occurrence. In fact, the whole city was alive with Templar uniforms, and, for a time, the business of the entire city appeared to be to do honour to the visiting Knights Templar.

The Templar parade, on the last day (Thursday) exceeded in splendor any display ever before made in New Orleans. It would be invidious to pretend to draw distinctions between the various bodies, but we may say, without exaggeration, that the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania with the subordinate Commanderies of Philadelphia and other portions of the State, at least equalled any other body in the largeness of its numbers, the accuracy of its marching, and its general brilliant appearance.

The route of parade was as follows:—

St. Charles-street to First, to Magazine, to Calliope, to Camp, to north side Canal, to Royal, to Esplanade, to Chartres, to St. Louis, to Peters, to south side Canal, to Carondelet, to Gravier, when the several Commanderies left the line and marched to their quarters.

The buildings along the line of the parade were profusely decorated with banners and flags, and the streets named were thronged with spectators.

The Knights were welcomed to Masonic Hall by Grand Master M. E. Girard. The most important business transacted was the triennial election of officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, which resulted as follows:—

Sir Knt. James Herron Hopkins, Pittsburg, Pa., Grand Master; Sir Knt. Vincent L. Hurlbut, M.D., Chicago, Ill., Deputy Grand Master; Sir Knt. Walter L. Bragg, Montgomery, Ala., Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knt. Edward T. Shultz, Baltimore, Md., Grand Captain General; Sir Knt. Benton H. Langley, Winona, Minn., Grand Senior Warden; Sir Knt. Charles Reinker Woodruff, Louisville, Ky., Grand Treasurer; Sir Knt. John W. Simmons, New York, Grand Recorder; Sir Knt. Theodore S. Parvin, Iowa City, Iowa, Grand Prelate; Sir Knt. Joseph P. Horner, New Orleans, Grand Standard Bearer; Sir Knt. John H. Brown, Kansas, Grand Sword Bearer; Sir Knt. J. W. Fellows, New Hampshire, Grand Warden.—*Keystone.*

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Obituary.

THE LATE COUNTESS OF CARNARVON.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Lady Carnarvon, the wife of our distinguished Pro Grand Master, at eight o'clock on the morning of the 25th inst., at the residence of her husband in Bruton-street, at the early age of forty years. Lady Carnarvon was the only daughter of George, sixth Earl of Chesterfield, by the Hon. Anne Elizabeth Forester, eldest daughter of Cecil, first Lord Forester, and sister of the seventh Earl, whose sudden death from typhoid fever caused much sensation in September, 1871. Her ladyship married in September, 1861, the present Earl of Carnarvon, by whom she has left a family of four children. According to "Lodge's Peerage" they are George Edward, Lord Porchester, born in 1866; the Ladies Winifred and Margaret Herbert, and an infant daughter, scarcely a month old.

The news of Lady Carnarvon's death was immediately telegraphed to Highclere Castle, Lord Carnarvon's seat, near Newbury, and in the whole of that neighbourhood it was received with unfeigned regret. At Newbury the funeral knell was tolled, and among all classes were heard expressions of sorrow for her loss, and sympathy with Lord Carnarvon in his sad bereavement. Those feelings will be universal among all who had the privilege of her acquaintance, and could appreciate the charm of that household which is now left desolate.

BRO. WILLIAM IBBETSON, P.M. 302, P. PROV. G.S.W., WEST YORKSHIRE.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Bro. William Ibbetson, P.M. 302, Bradford, and P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works of West Yorkshire, which took place at his residence, Ashgrove, Bradford, on Thursday, the 21 inst., at the comparatively early age of fifty years. The cause of death was a severe attack of rheumatism, with inflammation of the lungs, which terminated fatally, as above named. Bro. Ibbetson, who was initiated into Freemasonry in the year 1860, was an active and zealous member of the Order, and after filling several of the subordinate offices, was, in 1867, elected to the honourable position of W.M. of his mother lodge, the largest in the Province of West Yorkshire. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, and in the year 1872 held the rank of M.E.Z. in the chapter attached to the lodge, and in all his relations his earnestness of purpose met with the cheerful response of those with whom he was associated. He was at all times a firm and liberal supporter of the several Masonic charities, and took a lively interest in their welfare and success. Bro. Ibbetson had been for several years, and was at the time of his death, a member of the Town Council, and always took a prominent position in any movement which had for its object the welfare and prosperity of the town, or the recognition of the merits of his fellow-citizens. Candour, openness of manner, honesty of purpose, and heartiness of disposition, were some of the more prominent characteristics of his nature, and ever amongst the foremost in good works, he displayed an earnestness of manner in everything he took in hand, whether in public affairs or in matters connected with the Craft. By his kindness of heart, his genial manners, and his untiring usefulness, he won for himself the respect and esteem of all who knew him; and his loss will be long and deeply felt by his brethren in the Craft, as well as by the public at large. Truly it may be said of him that "he was one whose hand was guided by justice, and whose heart was expanded by benevolence." The remains of Bro. Ibbetson were conveyed to their last resting-place at Undercliffe Cemetery on Monday the 25th inst., attended by a large gathering of personal friends, as also by the Mayor and Members of the Bradford Corporation, the funeral cortege being headed by a body of the Borough Police, whilst the tolling of the large bell of the Town Hall added to the solemnity of the occasion. The mournful services were impressively rendered by Bro. the Rev. T. H. Flynn, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, there being also present a large number of the members of the several Masonic Lodges of the town, including many past and present Provincial Grand Officers, who had assembled to pay the last tribute of fraternal respect to the memory of a departed brother.

BRO. F. M. COWLEY, W.M. 1242.

A very sad fatality in a family has just occurred at Douglas, Isle of Man. A young man named F. M. Cowley, son of Mr. Cowley, tailor, Strand-street, was engaged in a shooting contest at the Tromode Range, with the Douglas Rifle Corps, on New Year's Day. The weather was bitterly cold, with sleet and snow. Bro. Cowley, who was a young man of considerable promise, had not taken the precaution of sufficiently protecting himself with warm clothing against the inclemency of the weather, and the result was that he must have then caught the cold which, some days afterwards, developed into rheumatic fever. The disease rapidly increased in intensity, and on Monday last he succumbed to its effects. What makes the case the more melancholy is the fact that his sister, who was his junior, was stricken with the same disease, and died on Sunday last (the day before her brother). A few weeks ago their mother fell down stairs and broke her collar bone and arm, and has ever since lain in a dangerous state; and, to add to the troubles of this unfortunate family, another sister is suffering from erysipelas in one of her legs. The deceased young man was a member of the Masonic body, and exactly a fortnight prior to the day of his death he was installed by the writer of this paragraph into the position of W.M. of the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, of which he was the S.W. during the previous year. On the night of his installation he appeared to be in the best of health, and intensely delighted with having attained a position which he had long been ambitious to fill, that of W.M. of his "Mother Lodge." Little did those brethren

who took part in the gay festivities of that day think that in one short fortnight afterwards the esteemed brother whom they had raised to the highest position which the Craft can give, or the lodge bestow on any of its members, would be summoned to the Grand Lodge above. The brethren assembled at the lodge-room on Monday, 4th inst., and resolved to attend the funeral of their deceased brother on Wednesday morning, wearing simple Masonic emblems—white gloves, and a crape band around the left arm. A large number mustered at the funeral, which took place at Kirk Braddan Cemetery. Brother and sister were laid in the one grave, and a sadder sight than this dual burial it has never been our lot to witness. The account of Bro. Cowley's installation was published in the *Freemason* of the 16th. ult.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—There will be no meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge for London and the four M.C.'s in the month of February.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, gave the first drawing-room for the season, on Wednesday last. There was a large and brilliant attendance.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 5, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30.

Lodge 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill House, Lewisham.
 " 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road, Holloway, N., at 5.30.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (82), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-street.
 " 188, Joppa, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.
 " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Colonial Board, at 3.
 Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 Yarrow Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Wishin, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 6.5 and 12.7, Preceptor.
 St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Grand Chapter, at 7.
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1491, Athenæum, Camden-road, Holloway, N.
 Mark Lodge, Old Kent, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park, Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Park, Albion-road, Dalston, N.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 " 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls-Pond-road.
 Chap. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 Mark Lodge, 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke or Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7. Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 6, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 2.30 (Installation).
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mark Lodge 161, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, February 6, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
 " 441, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Lodge 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.
 " 128, St. John Shettleston, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.
 Chap. 8, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew, Garngad-road.
 " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 6, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Lodge 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 291, Celtic of E. and L., Ship Hotel, E. Register-st.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting was held on the 21st ult. Present Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; Peter de Lande Long, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, I.P.M.; Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; Bobby, P.G.S.W.; A. J. Barber, P.M., P.G.O.; Emma Holmes, P. Prov. G. Reg., &c.; W. Spalding, P.M., Secretary; T. E. Taylor, F.L.S., F.G.S., &c.; J. J. Burton, S.W.; Rev. A. G. Moore, J.W.; S. Wright, Acting S.D.; J. Casley, Acting J.D.; Ridley King, Acting I.G., &c. Visitors: Bros. H. Gamman, P.M.; Dr. Elliston, P.M. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge; and Sir Peter Spokes. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, the resignation of Dr. Muir, and Regiment; Lieut. Chadwick, 17th Lancers; and Capt. Terry, 60th Rifles, were accepted, the brethren being unable to attend the lodge duties in consequence of the great distance of their present homes from Ipswich. The resignation of another brother was accepted conditionally upon his paying up the subscription due to the lodge. Mr. George Sampson Elliston, and Lieut. Pirie, R.N., were duly initiated into Masonry, the ceremony being very efficiently performed by the W.M., who was ably supported by his Officers. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Long a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel of our worthy Bro. Kenning's manufacture, as a token of respect and esteem on the part of the brethren of the lodge, and in doing so regretted that the pleasing duty had not devolved upon an older and abler brother. Bro. Long, in a brief and modest speech, acknowledging the gift, said he should prize it more than any other jewel he might possess, since it was an evidence of the goodwill of the brethren, and he should be glad to do anything at any time for the British Union Lodge to advance its interests or improve its status. Our courteous and popular brother's remarks were greeted with applause as he took his seat. The current business being disposed of, the brethren retired to the dining hall adjoining, where the customary substantial repast was spread. In giving the toasts from the chair, the W.M. remarked that they had a distinguished brother present in Sir Peter Spokes, whose name he specially coupled with that of "The Visitors." In responding, Sir Peter disclaimed the right to be considered a distinguished Mason, though whatever distinction he had attained, he was willing to attribute to Masonry. It was on the occasion of the Prince of Wales laying the foundation stone of the New Grammar School at Reading with Masonic honours, when he (Sir Peter) was Mayor of that Town, that His Royal Highness offered him knighthood, and which offer, he need not say, he had accepted. Bro. Spokes passed a warm eulogium on His Royal Highness for his geniality and gracious bearing upon that and other occasions. Bros. Gamman and Dr. Elliston also responded to the toast, the latter remarking that in looking over the minute book of his lodge, the Perfect Friendship, he discovered that amongst the members of the British Union Lodge who attended the first meeting of that lodge, was his grandfather, which he thought would be interesting to his brothers, at least now that he had been initiated into Masonry in this lodge. The Secretary's and Tyler's toasts having been given, and Bros. Gamman, Emma Holmes, and Taylor, having contributed to the harmony of the evening, the brethren separated at low twelve, after spending a very pleasant evening.

KENDAL.—UNION LODGE (No. 129).—This old lodge held its annual meeting on Thursday, January 28th, at three o'clock in the afternoon. There was an unusually large gathering of brethren. Punctually at the time named, the W.M., Bro. Joseph Bintley, Prov. G.S. of Works, assumed the chair, and assisted by his Wardens, opened the lodge. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the lodge opened in the 2nd degree, the W.M. invested W. Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., to take the chair. The W.M. then presented Bro. John Talbot, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was impressively rendered in ample form. At the request of the Installing Master, W. Bro. W. Dodd, P.M., P. Prov. G.P., delivered the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens. The new officers having been invested, the thanks of the brethren were accorded to Bro. Bowes for his valuable services. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel for the banquet, which was of a recherche character, and gave unqualified satisfaction in every respect. The W.M., Bro. Talbot, presided, and was supported on the right and left by the R.W.D.P.G.M., Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Bros. Rev. J. Chaplain, Dr. Page, W.M. 1074; T. Wilson, P.M.; W. Dodd, P.M.;

and others. Rev. Wright, Chap.; Joseph Bintley, I.P.M.; John Bowes, P.M.; John Holme, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Thomas Tunstall, J.W. 148; and about sixty brethren. Grace after meat having been said by the Chaplain, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts in appropriate terms. He next proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," and in doing so showed the benefits likely to accrue to Freemasonry under the presidency of our Royal Grand Master. At the command of the W.M., Bro. John Bowes, P.M., &c., proposed the next toast, "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master; the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that those brethren who were present, as he (the speaker) was some years ago, when the noble lord installed the Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, in the Great Free Trade Hall, in Manchester, would not soon forget the able and impressive manner in which that ceremony was rendered by their noble brother. Of Lord Skelmersdale he could say a good deal, and from personal knowledge. He was essentially a "working" Mason, and they felt proud that such noblemen came willingly forward to promulgate the genuine principles and tenets of their noble Order. The other Grand Officers were, at all times, chosen not only for their high social rank, but also from the warm interest they took in the Craft. Happy indeed was he on that occasion to be able to couple with the toast one of themselves—a brother dear to all of them—their own Deputy Grand Master. He was indeed a distinguished brother, and one ever ready to prove the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry. That the Grand Master should appoint Colonel Whitwell one of his Wardens in the Grand Lodge surprised none of them. He then opined a hearty reception for the toast, and called upon Colonel Whitwell, M.P., to respond to the same. The Worshipful D.P.G.M. responded at great length, and in most eloquent terms, and we much regret that our space will not allow us to give the speech in extenso. After giving expression to the pleasure it gave him to meet his brethren in his mother lodge, and afterwards at refreshment, he referred to the hold that Freemasonry had upon people of all nations. He traced its history from time immemorial, and pictured in graphic terms the importance of its symbolism. When he joined their time-honoured Craft, some of his friends outside their sacred precincts, expressed their belief that Freemasonry was a "delusion," yea, more, "a snare." Not long ago when they lost their highly esteemed head, the unenlightened thought their days as a society were numbered; but what was the fact? They lost a nobleman to obtain a prince of royal blood! Colonel Whitwell then referred to the toast in detail, and concluded by congratulating the W.M., and all present, on the great increase in the numbers locally, and the more general desire on all sides to become better acquainted with the deeper meaning of their various teachings. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Colonel Whitwell, who said that the position Bro. Talbot held that day was a proof of the high estimation in which he was held by his brethren and fellows. He must, however, be allowed to congratulate the lodge at having at its head a brother whom to know was highly to esteem. The toast was most enthusiastically drunk. The W.M., in responding, said he was fully sensible of the great responsibility he had taken upon himself that day; but he hoped that with the aid of his Officers and the assistance of the I.P.M., he should be enabled to merit the approbation of the brethren who had so kindly placed him in the high position he held amongst them. Bro. C. G. Thomson, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Joseph Bintley," whom he highly eulogized for the zeal and ability he had shown in governing and working the lodge during the past year. They were a large, strong, and united lodge, and Bro. Bintley had contributed his full share to their prosperity and well-being. Very cordially, therefore, he proposed "The Health of their good friend, and zealous brother, Joseph Bintley, I.P.M." The I.P.M., in responding, referred at length to the great zeal and ability of his predecessors, and said that if his efforts to promote the general good of the lodge met with their approval, he had every reason to be satisfied. Bro. Bintley then pointed out how necessary it was for the subordinate officers to render ready and willing service to the W.M., and concluded his eminently practical remarks by a complimentary reference to the W.M. Bro. D. Page, M.D., W.M. 1074, proposed "The Wardens and Officers of No. 129." In a speech of some length and great ability he complimented the W.M. on being able to select such brethren, for he was sure they would do not only credit to themselves, but honour to the lodge. Bros. Grayson, Nelson, and Rev. J. Chaplain, responded. Bro. John Holme, P.M., P. Prov. G. W., proposed "The Visiting Brethren." He said Westmorland Masons were generally given to hospitality, and Kendalians were so in particular. They thanked their visitors for the honour they had done them in countenancing their efforts for the good of Masonry, and he very cordially proposed their good health with long life and prosperity. Bros. Dodd, Bell, Pusey, Tunstall, and others, responded, and united in the one opinion that they had spent a most enjoyable day, and hoped for an early opportunity of entertaining Kendal brethren in return. The S.W. having proposed "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. called upon Bro. Bowes to respond to the same, which he did, and gave a succinct account of each of the Charities, and advocated the formation of a local one, similar in character and design to the West Lancashire Educational Institution. Bro. Holme said there was one toast which did not appear on the list, but which was nevertheless an important one. They had done honour to the officers past and present from the W.M. downwards, but the bulk of the brethren were not aspirants for office, and yet they contributed materially to the prosperity of the lodge. He had pleasure in proposing their good health. Bro. Tattersall responded. Bro. Baron pro-

posed the final toast, which was drank in solemn silence. In closing the report, we must not omit to notice the excellent singing under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Godfrey. Both songs and glees were well rendered by Bros. Godfrey, Eli Cox, Thos. Tunstall, Pusey, and others, and added greatly to the pleasures of the evening.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. The lodge was opened at four o'clock in the afternoon by Bros. Kennet, W.M.; Waygood, S.W.; M. Davis, J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Scott, J.D.; Dairy, I.G.; D. Davis, D.C.; Themans, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Guy, Collins, and Wilkinson, to the sublime degree, and passed Bros. Bird, Crow, Dyke, Oliver, and Leavers, as F.C.'s. The ballot having been taken, resulted in an unanimous approval that Messrs. Pilbrow, Steng, Politzer, and Chambers, should become members, and they were accordingly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The whole and arduous working of the three degrees were carried out excellently by the W.M., and completed without his once vacating the chair or "calling off." Bro. Pope, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Stuart, P.M., seconded—"That Bro. T. C. Walls, of Nos. 1381 and 1503, should become a joining member,"—which motion, upon being submitted to the ballot, was unanimously carried. Bro. Hopwood, P.M., then addressed the brethren, and stated that he thought the time had arrived that some active steps should be taken by the lodge, through its worthy W.M., towards obtaining a centenary jewel, to which it could justly lay claim, having been founded in 1774, under the warrant of the then Grand Master, the Duke of Athol. He then proposed that application should be immediately made to Grand Lodge, in order to obtain this distinguished honour for the brethren of the Faith Lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Themans, I.P.M., and unanimously carried. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was elegantly and substantially served in the commodious hall attached to the hotel. Among the visitors present were Bros. Koch, P.M. of the Lily of Richmond, and W.M. Kennington; Burrell, W.M. Mount Edgumbe; M. Phillips, 277; R. Phillips, 765; Price, 275; Rosenheim, 27; Drew, 1269; Fredericks, 188; Hill, 212. The toast of "The Queen and Craft" was duly honoured, and that of "Bro. H.R.H., the Grand Master," followed. Bro. Walls then sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M., in proposing the health of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," touched feelingly upon the sad loss his lordship had sustained by the sudden death of his amiable and accomplished countess. This toast was received solemnly, and with "slow fire." The usual Masonic toasts then followed in quick succession. "The Initiates" were toasted, and they severally replied. "The Visitors" toast was also warmly received, and Bro. Koch, in reply, expressed his thanks for the very hearty manner the toast had been responded to by the brethren, and stated that he personally was pleased at the manner in which the entire business of the lodge and banquet had been carried out by the excellent and worthy W.M. Bro. Burrell reiterated the remarks of Bro. Koch, and supplemented them by stating that the working of the lodge would challenge comparison with any in the United Kingdom, it being simply perfect. "The W.M.'s Health" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Themans, and heartily received. The W.M. having replied, then rose, and announced to the brethren the amount he had in hand, as Steward to the Aged Freemasons, and urgently requested any brother who had not subscribed, and who kindly felt disposed to do so, to forward his donation at once. Bro. Taylor, P.M., then addressed the brethren, and made an eloquent appeal on behalf of their W.M., who had personally subscribed £10 to the fund, and whose list, notwithstanding that handsome gift, was far smaller than so large and influential a lodge as the Faith, in his humble opinion, should be represented by. He then, for the information of the newly-made brothers, explained the working of the Board of Benevolence, and dwelt at length upon the valuable assistance invariably rendered to distressed and deserving Masons by that most excellent institution; and as an example of what could be done, stated that he was present when an application for relief was made to the board by a tradesman, and a most worthy brother, who, through the cattle plague, had been reduced from a state of comparative ease and comfort to a condition bordering upon penury. The Committee of the Institution investigated the matter, and requested the petitioner to state the amount that would be required to fairly start him again in business, which was given; and he was proud to say that the whole sum asked for by the distressed brother, which was, to the best of his recollection, either £170 or £180, was unanimously voted to him. By that timely and beneficent assistance, he was enabled to extricate himself from his difficulties and to re-establish his business. In conclusion, the speaker sincerely hoped the brethren would do their best to increase the list of the W.M., as he was a Steward the lodge might well be proud of. Bro. Taylor, by the W.M.'s permission, then went round to the brethren, of whom there were nearly eighty, and succeeded in collecting a very handsome sum. The healths of "The P.M.'s and Officers" having been given, Bro. Longstaffe, the Tyler, gave the concluding toast, and the brethren separated.

CHATHAM.—UNITED CHATHAM LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE (No. 184).—On Tuesday, the 26th ult., the installation meeting of this old Kentish lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, rooms which are entirely devoted to Masonic purposes. They are admirably adapted for Masonic purposes, being large, and entirely removed from the public gaze. They were, on this occasion, nicely decorated; the lodge furniture was of a size and form which

made it imposing; and the old warrant of the lodge and other emblems of its antiquity, suitably disposed on the walls, gave a Masonic air to the locality seldom met with away from the Masonic Temple in Great Queen Street. The brethren of Kent have long been famous for their Masonic spirit, and when they arrange any celebration, it is always done thoroughly. Brethren are not wanting to lend assistance at any Masonic event, and the present and past Grand Officers of the Province are always ready to devote a portion of their time to give eclat to the proceedings. At the installation meeting, therefore, on Tuesday week, in this lodge, a strong body of these brethren attended, and among them were Bros. Page, P.G.W.; Spencer, P.G.S.; W. Wood, W.M. St. Michaels; J. Parkes, P.M. 387, Malta; H. Wood, W.M. 20; R. C. Burfield, P.M. 20; W. Downing, I.P.M. 20; P. Murphy, P.M. 184; P. Warne, P. Prov. A.G.S.; Swinfen, W.M. 503; J. Jervis, W.M. 1424; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); C. Birley, I.P.M. 184; J. G. Redman, P.M., P. G. Supt. Works; Strowse, P.M.; Thomas Wells, S.W. 503; Timothy Epps, 503; Thomas Elliott, 1050; Henderson, 1050; J. G. Wilson and J. C. Sinclair, Stewards 20; George Bently, I.G. 20; Lemon, 20; Joseph Edwards, 20; Griffith, 20; and Gale, 184. Lodge was resumed by Bro. Birley, W.M., shortly after four o'clock, and he then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Redman, Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, who, in a very quiet, unassuming, yet fluent and impressive way, installed Bro. James Hewett, of Old Brompton, in the chair of the lodge. Bro. Hewett was presented by Bro. R. C. Burfield, P.M. No. 20, and at the Board of Installed Masters received the hearty congratulations of all its members. One of the brethren of this board was Bro. Strowse, the Treasurer of the lodge, who was certainly unique by the number of years he has been a member of the Craft. Bro. Strowse has been fifty-seven years a Mason; he has witnessed fifty installations in this lodge; he has been its Treasurer thirty-seven years, and a Past Master of the lodge forty-one years. Bro. Hewett, immediately after being placed in the chair, proceeded with his duties, and gave evidence of his ability to perform them in a masterly style. At the proper time he appointed Bros. Muggleton, S.W.; Gorham, J.W.; Strowse, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Edwards, Secretary; Young, S.D.; Rankin, J.D.; Johnstone, Dir. of Cer.; Middleton, I.G.; Butler and Cotton, Stewards; McKean, Organist; and Drago, Tyler. Bro. Redman delivered all the charges on the investiture of officers and to the brethren subsequently. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Redman for performing the ceremony, and this having been done, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Mitre Hotel, Chatham, where a superb banquet was provided by Bro. J. F. Lewis, the proprietor. The preparations were in keeping with all the other arrangements of the day, being perfect in all their parts and honourable to every one who had a hand in them. There was a beautiful display of flowers, which were rendered the more attractive by there being a full supply without a superabundance of them. Flags were nicely arranged around the room, and there was a tasteful harmony of colours in the fruit, the flowers, and the banners. The tables were soon supplied with guests, and the members of the lodge and their visitors made an imposing gathering of over 50 brethren. The banquet was partaken of with great zest, as it deserved to be, and when it was disposed of and grace said, the W.M. proceeded to discharge the remaining functions of President, by proposing the toasts. This he did, as he had done the Master's duties in lodge, with readiness; not forgetting that extending the speeches to any great length, would deprive the brethren from London of the pleasure of participating in them. Before however proceeding with them, he placed on Bro. Birley's breast a massive Past Master's jewel, and informed the brethren that Bro. Birley was Steward of the lodge for the Benevolent Institution's festival, which would be held the next day. After submitting Her Majesty's health to the brethren, the W.M. called on Bro. Page, P.G.J.W., to propose the Grand Master. In doing so, Bro. Page, after expressing his gratification that the Prince of Wales should have taken that office upon him, trusted that he might be spared to fulfil the duties of the office for many years, and might never cease to feel that strong and kind regard for Freemasonry which he had evinced hitherto. With "The Health of the Prince of Wales," he asked the brethren to drink "Better Health to Prince Leopold." The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." While on this toast he thought he could not do better than ask the deep sympathy of the brethren for the Pro Grand Master, on the death of the Countess of Carnarvon, a lady who was much beloved by all persons with whom she came in contact. To his lordship her death must be a severe trial, and he (the W.M.) was sure that all the brethren would mourn with him, as a member of the same great brotherhood. Bro. Redman proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," and said it was perfectly unnecessary for him in that place to enter into any eulogium of his lordship's character. It was well known that for the last fifteen years Freemasonry had flourished in the county of Kent to an almost unprecedented degree. The lodges of this province had almost trebled their number since Lord Holmesdale took its Grand Mastership. This success spoke much for his energy, and it was therefore with peculiar pleasure that the brethren should welcome the mention of his name. The W.M. proposed "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Spencer, Prov. Grand Secretary, an officer whose duties had been discharged, while with quietness, with great talent and ability. Bro. Spencer responded, and particularly mentioned the unsurpassed hospitality which had characterised this lodge in the reception of its visitors. Referring to the W.M.'s kind mention of the services of the Prov. Grand Secretary,

he reminded the brethren that his duties which would otherwise have been onerous had been rendered comparatively light by the exactitude with which the lodges in the province had made their returns. If he had given satisfaction hitherto, he hoped to do so in future. The business of the province was increasing very fast, and it was a pleasure to all Masons to see the strides which the Order was making in the country. They had recently lost the advice and guidance of one who had held high and distinguished rank, and who had obtained the good-fellowship of the brethren throughout the entire Craft. They had lost him under peculiar circumstances; and the Order was placed in an extraordinary position, inasmuch as he was replaced by one who, in future years, would be not only the head of the Craft, but the head of the nation. It was a great thing for Freemasons to be ruled over by one who occupied so high a position; and it added a lustre to the ancient Order when its head was a Mason who would have the foremost position in this land of freedom. It therefore behoved Masons to be careful whom they admitted amongst them. They should initiate only those who would uphold the dignity of the Craft, and those grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, which were its guiding stars. At present, these principles were very extensively practised, but, unfortunately, there were many brethren who required assistance, and who were totally unable to assist themselves. For them and for their widows there was the Benevolent Institution, whose festival would be held to-morrow, and for which the I.P.M. of this lodge was a Steward. There were also the Boys' and the Girls' Schools for the children of Freemasons; and he would urge all the brethren to support these three great institutions to the utmost of their ability. The Province of Kent was doing so, and it had a Charity Committee whose organization was such that a candidate put forward by it was safe to be elected. He had, in other lodges in the neighbourhood, recently set before the brethren the advisability of provincial cases being placed in the hands of this committee in preference to being run independently, and as many of the brethren were now present who had heard those remarks, he would not repeat them. Bro. Page also responded, in a few words, and Bro. Warne, who was called upon as well, said that a few days ago, in a Kentish village, a wedding was performed in which the bride was not very good-looking. When the party was adjourning to the vestry the clergyman said: "It is usual, on these occasions, for the clergyman to give the bride a kiss; but to-day we will dispense with that part of the ceremony." On going to the vestry to complete the contract, the bridegroom said: "It is usual, on these occasions, to give the clergyman a guinea; but to-day we will dispense with that part of the ceremony." In the same way, he would say that, as two speeches had already been delivered in response to this toast, they would dispense with any further speech after this toast. Bro. Birley proposed "The Health of the W.M.," whom he knew to be a true Mason, and who would conduct the business of the lodge with credit and ability. The W.M. said: For your very kind mention of me, I return you my most sincere thanks, and I do hope that we shall have a very comfortable year. It is the purpose of my heart that we should have quietness above all things. I also greatly desire that there should be a liberal support of the Institutions which our Provincial Grand Secretary has been kind enough to mention. I shall take the opportunity, as many times as it may offer itself, to induce our brethren to subscribe to them, and I hope it will be seen that there is the true Masonic spirit prevailing in this old Kentish lodge. I most sincerely thank you for so warmly drinking my good health. Bro. Murphy proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Humphrey Wood, W.M. 20, replied, thanking the lodge very sincerely for its hospitality, but stating that everything a visitor could say, had really been said by the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose exposition of the principles of Freemasonry should be laid to heart by all the brethren. Bro. Thomas Wells, of Maidstone, in answer to loud calls, likewise replied, and wished the lodge all the prosperity that Masons could wish each other. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Press," and afterwards "The Installing Master." He said that he (the W.M.) took great pleasure in seeing Masonic working, and he had never been absent from the lodge but twice, and on both occasions it had been through illness. He did not know whether Bro. Redman had ever missed a meeting, but for himself he should be very sorry to miss any of Bro. Redman's working. Better working never existed. The brethren having confirmed this sentiment by most cordially drinking Bro. Redman's health, that brother acknowledged the compliment. He said it was exceedingly kind of the brethren, but it was nothing new to him to meet with a warm reception. It would be superfluous to say much on the subject of his performance. It was well known to the brethren of 184, that he was always willing to do whatever lay in his power for the lodge, and he would rather not say anything with reference to himself. The W.M. had stated that he had never been absent from the lodge but twice. Although he (Bro. Redman) had been a long way off, he had travelled from London to be present at the lodge, and he had never missed one lodge night, coming at the opening and remaining till the closing. He asked the officers and brethren to do the same; it was a good example to follow. This lodge had existed for four generations, and it had met at different places. It was now at very comfortable quarters, and maintained its high character. He was sure it always would do so, and it was supporting the charities liberally, which was the true end of Masonry. The other toasts on the list were then disposed of, and the brethren closed the evening with some excellent singing.

ST. AUSTELL.—LODGE PEACE AND HARMONY (No. 406).—The following, we are informed, is a correct list of officers appointed and invested, in lieu of those named in our report last week:—Bros. W. Lyle, W.M.; C. Trus-

cott, I.P.M.; A. H. Ferris, S.W.; T. J. Smith, J.W.; F. B. Paul, Chaplain; W. Guy, Treasurer; F. W. Gregory, Secretary; W. Mason, S.D.; J. F. Matthews, J.D.; R. L. Sparrow, Dir. of Cer.; E. E. Gill, Organist; J. Malford, I.G.; Kirkman and J. W. Higman, Stewards; W. Real, Tyler; and W. Guy, P.M., Steward to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.

LEICESTER.—JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE (No. 523).—The brethren of this lodge assembled in the Masonic Hall on the 21st ult., for the transaction of business, which, since the elevation of Bro. Partridge, Prov. Grand Secretary, to the chair, is generally of an interesting and instructive character—this fact being fully evinced by the numerous attendance, as well as the distinguished rank of those present on this occasion. Bro. Partridge conducted the business of the meeting in a manner which few can equal, assisted by the following staff of officers:—Bros. F. J. Baines, I.P.M.; J. T. Thorp, S.W.; W. T. Rowlett, J.W.; T. A. Mykes, Sec.; A. Ross, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; W. C. Shout, I.G.; A. Sergeant, and J. F. Smith, Stewards. There were also present Bros. G. Toller, jun., P.M.; W. Sculthorpe, P.M.; W. B. Smith, P.M.; A. M. Duff, P.M.; C. Stretton, P.M. 279; A. Palmer, P.M. 279; C. E. Stretton, Sec. 279; J. M. McAllister, S.W. 279; Rev. Gordon, J. Bird, T. Charlesworth, G. B. Atkins, J. Young, Dr. Meadows, Orlanda Law, I.G. 279; and others. The claims of charity in support of the Masonic Institution for Boys were not forgotten, and a donation worthy the generous character of the lodge was unanimously voted to Bro. Waite, P.M., P.G.J.W., the representative Steward for this year. The labour being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the supper-room. During the progress of the usual toasts, Bro. C. Stretton, P.M., P. Prov. G.W., in responding on behalf of St. John's Lodge, paid a well merited and graceful compliment to Bro. Partridge for his distinguished services as Master of the John O'Gaunt Lodge, and as Grand Secretary of the province.

SEACOMBE.—COMBERMERE LODGE (No. 605).—The brethren connected with this lodge—one of the most influential in the Province of Cheshire—assembled on Thursday afternoon, the 21st ult., at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, for the purpose of assisting at the installation of Bro. E. J. Haddon, W.M. elect. There was a numerous and influential gathering of members and visitors, and the whole of the proceedings passed off with the greatest eclat. Bro. E. Davies, the respected W.M. of the lodge, presided at the opening, and amongst the brethren present we observed Bros. J. M. Radcliffe, I.P.M.; E. J. Haddon, S.W.; J. McNeerney, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, Treas.; T. Leighton, P.M. Treas.; T. Shaw, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; T. Gregory, D.C.; J. Jones, I.G.; E. H. Harrison, S.; J. Aden, H. Banks, J. A. Cleator, B. F. Kettle, W. Parry, H. Roberts, R. Foulkes, T. Williams, W. Owen J. E. Jones, H. W. Flint, R. C. Mellor, P. Prov. J.G.D.; C. Staley, G. G. Davies, W. Jones, E. Jones, E. Allaby, A. E. Coveney, J. Danton, A. Towill, and others. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. H. Williams, P.M. 249; L. Ellis, W.M. 1289; Dr. G. W. Punched, P.M.; W. M. Asher, 477; G. H. Wilson, W.M. 537; E. A. Lee, 537; G. B. McGachen, 1094; C. Leighton, W.M. 1325; C. Haswell, 203; H. Jones, 667; T. S. Jones, P.M. 1267; W. H. Hime, 477; S. Jones, P.M. Sec. 477; J. P. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W.; D. Fraser, W.M. 477; J. Skeaf, P.G.O. (West Lancashire); T. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.D.; H. Low, 1289; J. Oliver, 477; S. Whitney, 1086; and others. The ceremony of installation of Bro. E. J. Haddon as W.M. of the lodge, was performed by Bro. W. Bulley, P. Prov. G.S.W., in a very complete and masterly manner, and the following officers were subsequently invested:—Bros. E. Davies, I.P.M.; J. McNeerney, S.W.; T. Shaw, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, Treas. (re-elected); T. Leighton, Sec. (re-appointed); E. Jones, S.D.; J. Jones, J.D.; T. Gregory, I.G.; E. Jones, Org.; E. A. Harrison, D.C.; A. Banks, S.S.; J. A. Cleator, J.S. Bro. Holloway was elected Tyler, it being resolved unanimously that Bro. Rodan, the previous Tyler, who had become enfeebled by old age, should be allowed the same payments as he had received when actively fulfilling the duties of that office. Before the lodge was closed, a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. E. Davies, I.P.M., to mark the sense which the brethren of the Combermere Lodge had of the admirable manner in which he had filled the duties of the chair during the year. The brethren afterwards partook of a recherche banquet, provided by Mrs. Stokes, hostess of the hotel, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to. An excellent musical programme was furnished by Bros. Haswell, Rogers, J. Robinson, H. Jones, E. Jones, W. Parry, E. Jones, T. H. Hughes, and J. Skeaf, the last named presiding at the piano.

LIVERPOOL.—ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 667).—The annual installation festival of this lodge, which occupies a position second to none in West Lancashire for true brotherly feeling and hearty co-operation, took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 19th ult. The Alliance is rightly named, for all the Masonic graces seemed to be combined in the hearts and conduct of the members, and the annual installation proceedings are always the most pleasant during the year. The gathering on this occasion was no exception to the rule, for not only was there a very large gathering—numbering nearly 100 of tried and true Masons—but the whole manner of conducting the business was worthy of the greatest admiration and general imitation. Shortly after three o'clock the lodge was opened by Bro. W. C. Bulman, W.M., who was supported by a full compliment of Past Masters and officers, a goodly array of members, and a large number of visitors, amongst whom we observed—Bros. S. G. Ibbes, P. Prov. G.S.B.; T. Evans, W.M. 1356; E. Winkup, P.M. 1356; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; A. Davies, P.M. 1264; R. Brown, S.W. 241; H. W. Nicholas, 249; A. C. Morrison, 594; W. T. May, P.M. 673; T. J. Hughes, 216; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and others. After the transaction of some preliminary business,

Bro. Thomas Ockleshaw was duly and solemnly installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. William Doyle, P. Prov. G.J.D., whose working was beyond reproach. The whole ceremony was singularly effective and complete, and the Alliance may be congratulated on possessing a brother in every way so well-qualified for this and any other duty which may be imposed upon him. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers by the W.M.:—Bros. Wm. C. Bulman, I.P.M.; John E. Jackson, S.W.; George S. Willings, J.W.; Wm. Doyle, P.M.; P. Prov. G.J.D., Treas. (re-elected); John Ellis, Sec.; Thomas Yeatman, Org.; Henry Firth, S.D.; John H. Gregory, J.D.; Thos. Peake, I.G.; David Lloyd, S.S.; and J. C. Bentham, J.S. A splendid banquet was subsequently served in the large dining hall, to which nearly all the brethren sat down under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Ockleshaw. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. in terse and pointed terms, and during the evening he presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. C. Bulman, I.P.M., as a mark of the esteem and regard in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Bulman replied in fitting terms, having previously proposed the health of the W.M. in a very able manner. Bro. R. Brown, S.W. 241, in responding to the toast of "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," gave some interesting particulars respecting the working of the charity, and stated that before long he expected that the benefits from the institution would be substantially increased to the children connected with it. An excellent musical programme was provided, several capital songs, glees, &c., being given by Bro. T. J. Hughes and other brethren. Bro. Skeaf presided at the pianoforte.

TOTNES.—PLEIADES LODGE (No. 710).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 21st day of January, Bro. William Bennett Mays, W.M., in the chair. There was an average number of the members present, also two visiting brethren. The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Endle was interrogated as to his proficiency in this degree; he then retired; the lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Endle was then admitted and raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Hearty good wishes were tendered. The lodge was then closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

LIVERPOOL.—DERBY LODGE (No. 724).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 27th ult., the principal item of business on the programme being the installation of Bro. J. W. Ballard, W.M. elect. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Davison, W.M., about four o'clock, and the following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. W. Shortis, P.M.; R. Cam, P.M.; Studiford, P.M.; J. W. Ballard, S.W.; G. Hutchin, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer; G. Beeken, Secretary; W. Vaughan, S.D.; E. McSwiney, J.D.; A. Hart, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; J. Reli, W. J. Naylor, J. Meakin, R. Crispe, J. Brown, A. R. Large, H. Hewitt, T. L. Marcus, T. Maxwell, J. Hanlon, E. Gadd, M. Hart, J. Hay, J. M. Foote, P. Armstrong, R. Sherrington, W. Overend, H. Dutton, A. J. Henochsberg, J. Ellis, J. Blenkinskey, E. Griffiths, and J. W. Geves. The visitors included the names of Bros. W. Savage, 241; R. Williams, 594; H. W. Nicholas, 249; J. Peters, P.G.S.W. North and South Wales, P.M. 597; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1204; G. Purves, 823; G. Owen, P.G. Supt. of Works; J. L. Jones, 594; J. McKane, 216; T. Shaw, S.W. 823; A. C. Morrison, 594; W. Cottrell, W.M. 823; H. Burrows, 673; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1503; T. Curtis, 1182; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; S. E. Ibbis, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M. 1473; J. Ball, 673; H. Liebschutz, 1502; J. G. Bales, 1182; J. Acton, 823; W. Vines, P.M. 220; W. R. Thomas, 786 and 86; R. Brown, S.W. 241; J. Shaw, 139 (Sheffield), &c. Bro. J. W. Ballard was installed the W.M. of the lodge by Bro. W. Shortis, P.M., in a very striking and impressive manner, assisted by Bro. T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer. The following officers were subsequently invested by the W.M.: Bros. J. Davison, I.P.M.; W. Vaughan, S.W.; G. Beeken, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer; A. Hart, Secretary; E. McSwiney, S.D.; R. Crispe, J.D.; M. Hart, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; H. Trevett, S.S.; P. Armstrong, J.S.; and Bro. Williamson was elected Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Davison, I.P.M., by the members of the lodge as a token of esteem and admiration for his valuable services. The brethren subsequently banquetted, and a very enjoyable "fourth degree" was realized.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, and although it was the annual occasion for the election of W.M., &c., the present esteemed W.M., Bro. Field—being punctual himself and fortunately succeeding in securing the punctual attendance of his officers—by opening lodge at the somewhat early hour of 4 p.m.—was enabled to achieve the rare task, at such a meeting, of not only transacting the whole of the annually recurring business, and having the by-laws impressively read aloud, but of performing in that perfect manner for which our Bro. Field has secured a reputation, the whole of the three degrees. Thus Bros. Bartlett and Kelway were raised, Bro. Gabb was passed, and Messrs. Dunn, Lockwood, and Arnold, were respectively initiated in as solemn and deliberate a manner as if these ceremonies had comprised the entire business of the evening. At the election of W.M., a gratifying proof was afforded of the estimation in which Bro. Field is held by the brethren of the lodge, over which he has for the past year so ably presided. Bro. Brooks, J.W. (Bro. Page, the S.W., having resigned during Bro. Field's year of office), shrewdly divining the prevailing feeling, on the list of candidates eligible for election being read, in a truly truly fraternal spirit, delicately caused a Past Master to intimate that he (Bro. Brooks) would take it as a favour if the brethren could, by selecting another brother to preside over

them for the ensuing year, give him that further time for preparation. The hint ran like wildfire, and on the ballot papers being collected, it was announced, amid vociferous cheering, that Bro. Field had, with one trifling exception—the source of which may readily be divined by a delicate mind—been unanimously re-elected to fill the chair of K.S. for another year. This marks an event in the Burgoyne Lodge; it being the first time since its consecration that such an honour has been conferred upon a brother, and it is also a singular coincidence that Bro. Field was the first W.M. called upon to preside over the lodge who was not initiated therein, and thus this distinguished mark of approbation, when for the first time conferred in the Burgoyne Lodge, has been extended to a joining member. The re-election of Bro. Poynter, P.M., W.M. 1491, as Treasurer, was unanimous, and that brother being about to serve the office of Steward at the ensuing festival of the Girls' School, Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., gave notice of motion, for the next meeting of the lodge, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds to be placed upon Bro. Poynter's list. At the refreshment table afterwards, where the re-elected W.M. presided with his accustomed urbanity, the affectionate sentiments that had animated the brethren in the lodge-room prevailed unabated, and a very pleasant couple of hours, interspersed with singing and recitations, was passed, the brethren separating in good time in perfect love and harmony. Amongst the visitors present we observed Bros. H. Sowdon, P.M. 47; Barker, 22; H. H. Lavington, 862; M. J. Larham, 1216; J. G. Raggett, 1451; and H. H. Shirley, 1491.

GOSPORT.—GOSPORT LODGE (No. 903).—The meeting of this lodge was held at the Star Hotel, Gosport, on Tuesday, the 12th ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Felton Lancaster, P. Prov. G.S. There was a very large attendance of visitors and brethren. The following formed the Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. M. E. Frost, P.M. 487, P.G. Treasurer; Wilkins, P.M. 342, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Stapleford, P.M. 342, P. Prov. G. Supt. Works; J. Craven, W.M. 342, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Ellis, P.M. 342; S. D. Forbes, P. Prov. G.W. (Essex); Ubsdell, P.M. 487, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; Maltby, W.M. 487, P. Prov. G.S.B.; I. Cornelius-Wheeler, W.M. 257; A. L. Emanuel, W.M. 1069; J. Wallingford, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. Wilson, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.S.B.; E. S. Main, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. T. Miller, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.S.D.; H. Sleeman, P.M. 903, P. Prov. G.S.B.; and J. Hall, W.M. 903, P. Prov. G.P., by whom the ceremony of installing his successor was performed in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows, it being a matter of deep regret to the brethren that Bro. the Rev. E. B. C. Churchill, Chaplain to the lodge and P.G. Chap., had not sufficiently recovered from the effects of a recent accident, to be present:—Bro. J. Hall, I.P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; J. Maling, S.W.; Rev. E. B. Churchill, J.W. and Chaplain, P.G.C.; C. B. Whitcomb, Treasurer; W. Hillier, Hon. Sec.; V. Brown, S.D.; A. R. Robinson, J.D.; H. W. C. Wise, I.G.; E. A. Lover, Dir. of Cer.; S. W. Mistelbrook, Organist; Mitchell and Grant, Stewards. The cordial and hearty thanks of the lodge were tendered to Bro. J. Hall, for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, the W.M. at the same time announcing that he had a most pleasing duty to perform, viz., that of presenting to Bro. Hall a Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. Hall by the brethren of Gosport Lodge, No. 903, in recognition of his able and valuable services as W.M., 1874." The installation banquet took place at the India Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. After an excellent bill of fare had been discussed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." No class, he said, were more loyal than the free and accepted Masons. In submitting "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M., who discharged the duties of his position with marked tact and ability, said it was gratifying to see the great interest which his Royal Highness took in the Craft and in everything connected with it. From the moment of his initiation he believed he had always evinced a most lively interest in everything connected with Freemasonry, and they might be sure, now that he had attained the highest honour the Craft could bestow upon a member, that that interest would not be lessened. It was a very proud thing that the heir to the throne was at the head of the Craft, and many of them hoped shortly to attend at his installation. The W.M. next gave "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Officers of Grand Lodge." The W.M. next gave "The R.W. the Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, present and Past." Bro. Frost, P.G. Treas., in responding, congratulated the W.M. upon the position which he had attained, and the lodge upon the admirable manner in which Bro. Hall had carried out his duties as Installing Master. He was gratified to know that the lodge had an outgoing Master who could install his successor in the way that Bro. Hall had done it that evening. Bro. Lieut. Miller responded for the past provincial officers. They all felt indebted to the brother who presided over them, and to those personal qualifications they were very much indebted for the progress which Masonry had made in the province. Bro. Hall gave "The W.M.," who suitably acknowledged the compliment. "The Worshipful Masters and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges and the Visitors," was acknowledged by Bros. Cornelius-Wheeler, W.M. 257; G. A. Green, P.M.; G. E. Green, and Major Harris, R.M.L.I. The other toasts were "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge." With the aid of harmony a most pleasant evening was passed.

ST. DAY.—TREGULLOW LODGE (No. 1006).—The annual Festival of St. John was held in the beautiful lodge-room, at St. Day, on the 26th ult. There were present the following brethren of the lodge:—W. B. Bennett, W.M.; George Michell, P.M., Treasurer; W.

Pascoe, P.M.; J. Jewell, I.P.M.; J. Burgess, P.M.; Theophilus Michell, J.W.; J. H. Mayne, Secretary; F. Bartle, S.D.; T. B. Provis, J.D.; J. Daw, D.C.; J. Chapple, I.G.; W. H. Gillan, Chaplain; T. R. Mills, G. Tonkin, G. Pryor, J. T. Rodda, G. S. Bray, J. Pryor, W. H. Pryor, J. Pryor, jun., T. Michell, W. Martin, and I. Polkinhorn, Tyler. The following visiting brethren were also present:—Isaac Latimer, P.G.J.W. of Devon; R. John, P.M. 131; W. Christoe, S.W. 331, G. H. Ferris, Secretary, 331; F. Christoe, 331; W. T. Davey, W.M. Boscawen; A. T. Grant, I.P.M. 318; R. H. Cade, W.M. 318; C. Barnett, 28; T. H. Martin, S.W. 589; J. Thomas, J.W. 589; and T. A. Kistler, J.D. 589. Owing to the illness of the W.M. elect, Bro. Edmund Rogers, the business of the day was admirably conducted by Bro. George Michell, M.R.C.S., but the installation of the W.M., and the appointment of the officers for the year ensuing, had to be deferred. There was exhibited in the lodge a very beautifully-executed illuminated address, written on vellum, and elegantly framed, and adorned in the centre, head and foot, with the arms of Bro. Sir Fred. Williams, Bart., M.P., and ornamented at each corner with Masonic embellishments. This address, duly signed by the officers of the lodge, was to have been presented to Sir Frederick, but that gentleman, having an engagement at Plymouth, the presentation had to be deferred. The testimonial is an address of thanks to the distinguished brother, thanking him for all his kindness to the Tregullow Lodge, and for his having so beautifully adorned and furnished it. This handsome record of the lodge's feeling was the handiwork of Bro. Thomas Solomon, of Truro, to whose good taste it reflects very great credit. The banquet, an excellent substantial repast, served in an admirable manner, took place at Bro. Bennett's hotel, adjoining the lodge. Bro. Dr. Michell again presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to by the Chairman, Bros. Dabb, Latimer, Bennett, Pascoe, Thomas Michell, John Cade, John Thomas Martin, W. Davey, Michell, Christoe, and others. The afternoon was most agreeably spent. The Treasurer stated that the funds of the lodge were in a very satisfactory state, while they were as careful as ever to regard quality rather than the quantity of their members. Bro. John, in the course of his speech, said that there was very little doubt that on the coming visit of the Prince of Wales to Truro, in the summer, his Royal Highness would be Masonically received.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1021).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, 11th January, Bro. Sir James Ramsden, W.M., P. Prov. G.S.W. in the chair. Amongst those present were the following provincial officers:—Bros. George Remington, P.M. 995, P.G.J.W. W.L.; Rev. J. Morgan, Prov. Grand Chaplain; Reuben Pearson, P.M. 995, P.G. Reg.; Henry Cook, P.M. 1021—119, P. Prov. G. Reg. for C. and W.; J. Mills, W.M. 1390, P. Prov. G.S.B.; and a good muster of the brethren of 1021 and neighbouring lodges. Bro. Myles Haslam, S.W., was duly installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Henry Bagot, P.M. 1021, Prov. Grand Steward for W.L. The brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet at the Furness Abbey Hotel.

WAVERTREE.—DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1182).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous suburban lodge was held at Wright's Coffee House, Wavertree (near Liverpool), on the afternoon of the 20th ult. and as there was an unusually heavy business list, the brethren were summoned an hour earlier than usual. Bro. J. A. Edginton, W.M., opened the lodge in due form, supported by Bros. J. W. Williams, I.P.M.; Thorn, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M. (acting as S.W.); W. Pughe, P.M. (acting as J.W.); T. Davies, S.D.; T. Musker, J.D.; A. Vaughan, I.G.; W. Thomason, S.S.; W. G. Veale, Organist; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356; W. Savage, 241; T. Atkinson, 594; Iles, 1299, &c. The first business was the initiation of one candidate, and afterwards the W.M. raised no fewer than thirteen brethren to the sublime degree of M.M.'s, taking them in two instalments. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a remarkably impressive and striking manner. Bro. T. B. Myers, S.W., who was absent on business, presented a very handsome tracing board and set of gavel to the lodge, and in accepting the valuable gifts it was moved, seconded, supported, and carried cordially, that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Myers, for his great liberality. The lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper. On Tuesday, the 26th ult., the members of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge held their annual ball in the handsome rooms of the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, the proceeds of which, as usual, will be given in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The ball committee consisted of Bros. J. A. Edginton, W.M., Chairman; J. Williams, Hon. Sec.; J. W. Williams, P.M.; W. Pughe, P.M.; T. B. Myers, S.W.; R. Martin, jun., J.W.; T. Davies, S.D.; T. Musker, J.D.; A. Vaughan, I.G.; W. Thomason, S.S.; and T. Snelson, J.S. Mr. Martin's quadrille band was engaged, and all the arrangements were of a very satisfactory character.

URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).—This lodge, though founded as recently as 1867, has obtained a distinction in the Craft of which its founders may be justly proud. It contains, for its numbers, probably more artistic brethren than any other London lodge, its first W.M. being Bro. Dr. J. E. Carpenter, so well-known by his "What are the wild waves saying?" and other songs, which count literally by the thousand. The second W.M. was Bro. Marsh (Henry Marston, the tragedian), and its third W.M., Sawyer, the poet. Amongst those who were initiated in the lodge may be mentioned Bros. E. L. Blanchard, William Creswick, W. H. Cummings, G. J. Patey, Crawford Wilson, Wharton Simpson, Herr Lehmyer, Henry Howe, Joseph Bennett, T. N. Talfourd, H. Dicks, H. Hersee, and

others not unknown to literature and the sciences. The installation banquet, which took place on Tuesday, January 26th, was of the most interesting character, the incoming W.M. being the brother of the retiring one, viz., Bros. R. H. and Jonathan Pearson, of Notting-hill. The lodge was honoured by the following distinguished list of visitors:—Bros. Robert Scott, District Grand Master of Trinidad; William Kuhe, W.M. and Grand Organist; Donald Dewar, W.M. elect 1415; Rev. A. H. Cummings, P.M. 318, 331, and 420; Rev. C. Darby Read, 114 (Ipswich); Jno. Jordan, P.M. 4 (Somerset House). Bros. Mitchell and Griest (481), who travelled from Newcastle on Tyne expressly to be present, and three and twenty other visitors. After passing an E.A. to the F.C.'s degree, the Installing Master, Bro. Marsh (Henry Marston), took his seat in the east, his Senior and Junior Wardens being Bros. G. J. Palmer and William Sawyer. The high elocutionary powers of this thoroughly Shakesperian tragedian rendered the usual and ample formula of installation a high Masonic treat, and it was rewarded by loud expressions of satisfaction by all present. The installation over, the new W.M. appointed Bros. J. Tickle, S.W., and James Simpson, J.W. The brethren, numbering sixty, then adjourned to partake of a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Gay, the lessee of the quaint old "Gate." During the evening a very splendid Past Master's jewel, with diamond and circle of pearls, was presented to Bro. R. H. Pearson, who had done the work of the past year thoroughly. Some excellent singing by Bros. Donald King and W. H. Cummings, assisted by Bros. William Creswick, and a pianoforte solo by Bro. Herr Lehmyer, added to the enjoyment of the evening.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. This being the evening for installing the Worshipful Master, and there being three members to be raised to the sublime degree—one passing and three initiations—the lodge was called for the early hour of three, at which time most of the brethren were present. The minutes of the last meeting—viz.: the raising of Bros. Timberlake, Bathard, Freshwater, and Owen; the passing of Bros. Sadler, Buszard, and Tewkesbury; and the initiating of Mr. Wm. Hawtin; the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, for the ensuing year, and the election of two brethren to serve on the audit committee, having been read and confirmed, the W.M. (Bro. Staton) then proceeded to raise Bros. Sadler, Buszard, and Tewkesbury to the M.M. degree, afterwards raising Bro. Hawtin, and initiating Mr. Wm. Jas Short, and Mr. C. C. G. Hitchcock, the third candidate, Mr. J. Jones, being absent through unavoidable circumstances. All the brethren below the rank of W.M. then retired, and Bro. Staton then installed the W.M. elect (Bro. Forbes) to the chair of King Solomon. The brethren were admitted in due course, and saluted their new Master, who immediately proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. The officers invested were as follows:—Bros. R. Bescooby, S.W.; E. Lancaster, J.W.; J. Ritchie, S.D.; A. Christie, J.D.; J. West, I.G.; S. Webb, Treasurer; P. G. Jupe, Secretary; and Rowles, Tyler. As each officer was presented to the W.M., he received some kindly advice as to the nature of the duties he was about to undertake. The balance-sheet for the past year was then read, and Bro. Webb having explained that the balance then in hand was smaller than for the preceding year, by reason of their having been several accounts for 1873 left unpaid, through no fault, however, of the officers, yet, actually speaking, the lodge was in a very favourable position, and had every prospect of being more so. Bro. Robinson then proposed that the balance-sheet he had just submitted should be accepted and entered upon the minutes. This having been seconded, was carried unanimously. The W.M. having risen for the first, second, and third time, it resulted in the proposition of Mr. J. N. Barnes as a candidate for the next meeting. The W.M. then closed the lodge in due form, and proceeded to the tavern, where the visitors and brethren found dinner ready for them. This over and the cloth cleared, the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England;" "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and other Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present;" coupling with it the name of P.M. Bro. T. Adams. All the above toasts having been received with the usual Great Northern "fire," Bro. Adams then rose to return thanks, which he did in his usual jocular style. "The Initiates" was then given, P.M. Bro. Webb singing the E.A. song. This toast having been responded to by both the candidates, "The Visitors" was next given, when P.M. and P.G.J.W. Bro. Lancaster, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants, very nicely showed the new-comers what a new life there was before them, and what the outward world thought of them all there assembled—ideas, he said, which were entirely wrong—and they, the initiates, would in due time find what he said was correct. Bros. Hook and Hamer (both of Great City) also returned thanks for themselves and the other visiting brethren, the former warmly eulogising the working of Bro. Staton, which was done in a truly masterly manner, and certainly could not have been done better by anyone. "The Past Masters" was then given, and, in giving this toast, the W.M. said it gave him very great pleasure to be able to present to Bro. Staton the handsome jewel that had been unanimously voted by the brethren for the kindly manner shown to all, and the good working during his year of office. Bro. Staton returned thanks, as did Past Masters Webb, Moody, and Reed. Bro. Staton, I.P.M., then handled the gavel, and gave "The Health of the W.M." This, it is almost unnecessary to say, was well received. The W.M. having briefly returned thanks, gave "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge." Bros. Bescooby and Lancaster returned thanks, in a very appropriate manner, for themselves and other brother officers. The Tyler's toast

brought this rather long but enjoyable evening to a close. Much of the pleasure of the evening was due to Bros. Hook, Webb, Moody, Bescooby, Lancaster, Harper, Arnoll, and Owen. Besides the visitors mentioned above, there were Bros. A. Oldfield, Royal Union 382; A. Barnard, Belgravia 749; J. Odger, Neptune 22; Jas. Norman, P.M.; T. Kingston, S.W. 862; G. H. Fisher, St. Mary-lebone 1305; Henry Lewis, P.M. Royal Albion 907.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—This lodge held a regular meeting on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge Road. We have many times recorded with much pleasure the transactions of this infant lodge (we may safely use the word, the lodge not being yet two years old), and at no previous meeting have we been more struck with the perfect harmony and unity of feeling happily prevailing among the brethren of the Ivy Lodge. This meeting, being the one appointed for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, no better test could be applied. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. Chas. Smith, W.M., and the minutes of the former meeting were read and adopted. A brother's name appeared on the summons as a candidate for the third degree, but he being absent on the continent, the ceremony was not worked, to the regret of several of the visitors, whom the fame of the Ivy Lodge had reached. Bro. J. R. Ashford was presented as a proper candidate for the privileges of the second degree, and, having undergone a satisfactory examination, received a test of merit and withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Ashford was duly crafted. Having been closed in the degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. D. H. Ashford, a gentleman learned in the law, and being unanimously elected, he was duly initiated in a most solemn and impressive manner, and the Masonic charge delivered to him, which is so often omitted in other lodges. The ordinary lodge business having terminated, the brethren proceeded to election, the bye-laws of the lodge being first read. A general solicitude had been expressed that Bro. Smith should retain the chair for another year, which desire he firmly refused to gratify, from feelings honourable to him in the highest degree. We are not in possession of the secrets of his mind, but we can imagine his governing idea to be this: "I have enjoyed the honour of being founder and first Worshipful Master of the Ivy Lodge. I have fulfilled every duty devolving on that position. The lodge is in excellent working order, and financially prosperous. Why, then, should I retain the chair, and thus keep back worthy brethren from the reward of their legitimate ambition?" The unanimous choice of the brethren then fell on Bro. George Mattock, S.W. Bro. Smith, the retiring W.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. T. Fox, P.M. 73, Tyler. Bros. W. Ashwell, R. Giles, W. Doherty, and T. H. Cox, were appointed members of the Audit Committee, after which the laws of the Benevolent Fund were read, and Bros. T. F. K. Smith, R. Forster, C. J. Henton, and G. Skegg, were elected Committee men, and the retiring Master, the W.M. elect, and Bro. C. S. Jolly, W.M. 87, Secretary, were elected as trustees to the fund. When the lodge was closed, refreshment followed labour, and the usual toasts succeeded in due order. An exceedingly happy evening was spent, and Bro. Smith, W.M., in the course of one of his addresses, stated that his appeal to his friends and brethren on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had been so cheerfully responded to, that the aggregate amount of subscriptions had reached the respectable amount of £57 10s., a sum which he was not without hopes of yet increasing before the day of finally accounting for his Stewardship. He begged leave to thank them most sincerely for their generous support. Bros. Wm. Saegert, P.M. of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548; W. P. Drew, of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749; and J. Garnar, I.G. of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, severally, very highly complimented the W.M. for his masterly working, and expressed their indebtedness for the cordial reception and hospitality accorded them. The Tyler's toast at last closed this truly agreeable meeting. The installation of Bro. Mattock will take place on the third Tuesday in March. Besides the Officers already named, there were present at this meeting, Bros. J. J. Cantle, J.W.; J. Noke, P.M. 87, acting P.M.; E. Thurkle, Treasurer; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; L. Cornelissen, J.D.; and W. Ashwell, I.G.

DURHAM.—NORMAN LODGE (No. 1334).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge and installation of W.M. took place on Wednesday, January 20th, in the Masonic Hall, Bro. Donkin, W.M., in the chair. The first business of the evening was the initiation of Mr. B. Folkard, after which Bro. Donkin, the retiring W.M., proceeded, in a very workmanlike manner, to instal Bro. Laidler, J.W., and the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., who invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Whitehead, S.W.; Goodall, J.W.; Sewell, Treasurer; Salkeld, Secretary; Forster, S.D.; Ainsley, J.D. Ford, I.G.; Weatherley and Robinson, Stewards; Singlehurst, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banqueting hall to a substantial supper. After the cloth was removed, the toasts were given and received as usual among Masons. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by several songs by Bros. Walker, Hutton, Monks, Wortley, and Goodall. Bro. Hunter presided at the pianoforte. There were also present Bros. Brignall, Crooksby, Malcolan, and Monks, provincial officers; Bros. Blackett, Wortley, Young, and Bulman, Past Masters; Bro. Bales, Past S.W.; Bro. Thwaites, Past J.W. 1002; Bros. Hiley and Folkard. After spending a most agreeable evening, the W.M. gave the parting toast, and the brethren parted in harmony, according to ancient usage and the established custom of the Order.

HAMPTON.—HEMMING LODGE (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. The officers present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, P.P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, S.W.; S. Hill, P.M. 657, P.Z., J.W.; J. Hurst, S.D.; T. C. Walls, 1381, 1503,

acting J.D.; T. Wheeler, I.G.; J. Hammond, P.M., Secretary. The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock in the evening. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bros. Messenger, Ockenden, and Chilcott to the second degree. The ceremony was excellently well carried out by the W.M. in all its impressive details. Bro. Phillips was to have been raised, but owing to the pressure of other lodge business, he, at the request of the W.M., kindly consented to forego his preferment until the February meeting. The bye-laws of the lodge, which had been carefully prepared by the committee appointed for the purpose, were then submitted to the brethren in extenso by the Secretary, and after careful consideration and discussion, were formally approved, and ordered to be forthwith printed. The S.W. kindly consented to stand as Steward to the Girls' School Festival, in May next, and the lodge passed a resolution to support him. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, subject to the ballot being favourable, and the W.M. proposed Bro. T. C. Walls, of 1381 and 1503, as a joining member, which was seconded by the S.W. The lodge was then closed in ancient form. Bro. Wilson, P.M. Etonian, kindly officiated during the evening as I.P.M. The brethren then adjourned to banquet. The customary Royal and Craft toasts were given in rapid succession from the chair, in consequence of the lateness of the hour. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. Wilson and Walls, and in the course of his speech thanked those brethren in very flattering terms for the assistance they had given him and the lodge generally that evening in the positions of I.P.M. and J.D., and he hoped at the next meeting to greet Bro. Walls as a member of the Hemming Lodge. Bro. Wilson briefly responded, and said it gave him great pleasure to have been present that evening to assist in the excellent working of the lodge, and that he felt confident that it would, under the fostering care of the W.M., and assisted by the exertions of the S. and J.W.'s, who were very old and distinguished Masons—speedily increase and prosper. Bro. Walls, in reply, said that as he had had the pleasure, on the last occasion, of having his name associated with the toast of "The Visitors," he could only reiterate what had been said then in praise of the lodge, and the justly-merited encomiums passed to the W.M., and therefore he should not occupy the time of the meeting by again stating his opinion of the Hemming Lodge and its worthy officers, but would content himself by observing that he felt exceedingly proud at the remarks of the W.M., which were couched in such flattering terms that he felt it quite impossible to adequately reply. In conclusion, he stated that he was so impressed with the working and harmony which prevailed at the last meeting, that he came to the conclusion to join the lodge, subject to the approval of the brethren; and he had to thank both the W.M. and S.W. for proposing and seconding him. The J.W. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was responded to with great fire by the brethren, and acknowledged by Bro. Hammond. "The Health of the Secretary," was proposed by the J.W., who warmly expressed his own personal opinion of him, and stated that the lodge was under great personal obligations to Bro. J. Hammond for the care displayed by him in the discharge of his duties, which had been of a very arduous nature, in consequence of the recent formation of the lodge, and that the preparation of the bye-laws, reports, and minutes, had principally emanated from that brother, which necessarily had entailed a great deal of application and labour. In the Secretary's absence, his brother briefly responded for him. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

INSTRUCTION.

UNION WATERLOO (No. 13).—To meet a want long felt by the brethren of Woolwich and Plumstead, several of them formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of forming a lodge of Instruction in which the beautiful ritual of the Craft should be taught and further explained by the working of the sections, as well as by the rehearsal of the ceremonies of the Order. Accordingly, having obtained the permission of the W.M. of the Union Waterloo Lodge to re-open the Lodge of Instruction that was formerly held under his warrant, and which had been in abeyance for some years, they were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 147 and 1155, as Preceptor, and re-opened the Lodge of Instruction, in December last, at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. Since then, nearly 100 brethren have become members of the lodge, and it was unanimously resolved that the ceremonies of consecration and installation should be worked in the lodge in the month of January. Through the kind offices of the Preceptor, that accomplished instructor in our noble science, Bro. Jas. Terry, was prevailed upon to work those ceremonies on the 15th January. Every preparation had been made by the committee to give eclat to the occasion, and, thanks to the kindness of some of the brethren, and the loan of a censer by Bro. Geo. Kenning, of Little Britain, the sacred elements were distributed with the same solemnity and from as valuable vessels as at the ceremonial observed at a regular consecration, and the services were conducted as decently and in order as by the officer appointed by the M.W.G.M. Bro. Jas. Terry occupied the chair, supported by the Preceptor, Bros. C. G. Dilley as P.M., Davis as S.W., Goddard as J.W., Macdonald as D.C., and Sherwin as Organist, and over sixty Past Masters and brethren. With such a veteran as Bro. Terry as Consecrating Officer, it is almost superfluous to state that the ceremonies were performed in a most perfect manner. From the opening to the close, he so succeeded, by his earnest manner, in rivetting the attention of the brethren to the ceremony, that, throughout, there was not the slightest interruption, either by that coughing or restlessness, that is almost always to be found in a crowded assembly. After the lodge had been duly consecrated and

dedicated, Bro. Terry installed Bro. Davis into the chair of the lodge in due form, and according to ancient custom. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the appointment of officers was supposed to have been done; but the charges to the W.M. and officers were given with that fluency and oratorical power that so distinguishes our esteemed Bro. Terry. In response to a vote of thanks that had been ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to him for his admirable working and great kindness in assisting the lodge at what is, to him, the busiest time of the year, Bro. Terry, in one of his characteristic and genial speeches, thanked the brethren for their attendance and attention, and expressed a hope that the Lodge of Instruction would have a successful and prosperous career, and that before long he would have the pleasure of seeing the name of the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction on the list of patrons of all the Masonic charities. A word of praise is due to Bro. Sherwin, the Organist, for the excellent manner in which he performed his duties, for the musical part of the ceremonies was simply perfection. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that they had enjoyed a great Masonic treat; and we trust that the success of the evening will prove to be a happy augury of the future prosperity of the lodge.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—TEMPLE CHAPTER (No. 1094).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Amongst those present were Comps. D. W. Winstanley, Z.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.Z.; J. Pemberton, P.Z.; J. B. Robinson, P.Z.; W. Shortis, H.; R. R. Martin, J.; R. C. Yelland, E.; R. Washington, N.; P. Macmurdrow, P.S.; E. McSwiney, T. G. Winstanley, J. Wood, J. W. Burgess, R. Collings, D. Davies, and others. The visitors present were Comps. J. McKune, P.Z. 216; H. Trevett, 823; J. Banning, Z. 823—310; J. W. Ballard, 823; T. Chesworth, P.Z. 1086; T. Ashmore, P.Z. 823—530; H. Williams, P.Z. 580; and J. S. Cuthbert. J. B. Robinson, P.Z., performed the work of installation in a thoroughly effective and satisfactory manner. The following were the appointments and investitures:—Comps. W. M. Shortis, Z.; R. R. Martin, H.; P. Macmurdrow, J.; R. C. Yelland, S.N.; R. Collings, S.E.; R. Washington, P.S. One candidate was installed, previous to this portion of the business, by Comp. Pemberton, P.Z. At the banquet which followed, an elegant P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. D. W. Winstanley, the I.P.Z. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—MOTHER LODGE, KILWINNING.—The annual gathering of the members of the mother lodge of Scotland (No. 0), residing in Glasgow and neighbourhood, was held on 22nd ult. in the hall of Star Lodge (No. 219), at No. 12, Trongate. Bro. Colonel Mure, M.P., R.W.M. of "Mother Kilwinning," and as such P.G.M. for Ayrshire, presided, Bro. Jamieson, No. 0, officiating as croupier, and among those present on the dais and elsewhere were Bros. Roger Montgomerie, M.P., and Proxy Master for Mother Kilwinning; Robert Wylie, J.P., Sec. of Mother Kilwinning; J. G. Halket, S.M. Mother Kilwinning; W. F. Shaw, John Johnstone, S.W. Mother Kilwinning; Jas. Gillespie, acting J.W.; James Gillespie, No. 0, J. A. Ferguson, S. Proxy W.; John Tweed, J. Proxy W.; William Bell, R.W.M., No. 34, St. John's; John Morgan, R.W.M., No. 219, Star; John Wallace, R.W.M., No. 413, Athole; R. Mitchell, P.M., No. 332, Union; R. B. Thomson, and others. Shortly before eight o'clock the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, purveyed by Bro. Middleton, Trongate. Thereafter and before proceeding with the toast programme, the chairman delivered a short informal address, in which he expressed the gratification it gave him to meet with so many brethren of Mother Kilwinning residing in Glasgow. He was pleased to find, moreover, that a good many of those present honoured the mother lodge with their presence in Kilwinning, and he only wished that it had been in his power, as it was not, to have been present at their first dinner in Glasgow. The toast of "The Queen" was then given from the chair and drank with all the honours; followed by that of "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," in submitting which, the chairman made touching allusion to the affliction which had fallen upon the latter in the painful illness of the young Prince Leopold. In proposing next "The Three Grand Lodges," the Chairman referred to the vast amount of education to the children of Freemasons afforded under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England, and said he could wish that the Grand Lodge of Scotland afforded something tangible as to its presence in the way of similarly doing good. He was glad they had now at their head such a one as Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, who endeared himself to everyone with whom he came into contact, and was a most enthusiastic Mason. After the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," given by the croupier and responded to by the chairman, Bro. Wylie gave "The Province of Glasgow," regretting that the meetings of that body and of Mother Kilwinning respectively had clashed together that evening. At the same time he was glad in wishing much prosperity to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. R. Mitchell, who replied. The toast, "Mother Kilwinning," was proposed by Bro. John Morgan, and acknowledged by the chairman, who said that down in Ayrshire they did a good deal in the way of charity, and also gave bursaries of £20 each to students who might not have the advantages of education. They (Freemasons) had hitherto had too much that was

merely mystical in connection with the Order; for after all it was the practical good they could do that was its vindication. They had in these days vast aggregations of crime and misery; and Freemasons had much work to do. The toast of "Lodge Star, No. 219" was given by the chairman, who, in so doing, neatly acknowledged the obligations they, the Kilwinning brethren, were under to Lodge Star for lending them the use of their hall for that evening. Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., in reply, said that they considered it an honour to have had the opportunity of doing so; and he could only say that if at any time the R.W.M. of the mother lodge came to visit Lodge Star, he would receive such welcome as they could give him. The toast of "The Press" was then given by Bro. Duncan and replied to by Bro. R. Johnstone (*Daily Mail*); followed by that of the "Proxy Master and Wardens," proposed by Bro. Robert Burns Thomson and acknowledged by Proxy Master, Bro. Roger Montgomerie. Bro. H. McLean proposed "The Secretary, Mother Lodge." There could no more happy example, he said, of what could be achieved in connection with the Craft than that afforded by Bro. Wylie. By night and by day he had been assiduous in attending to Mother Kilwinning. He, Bro. McLean, was sure that when he asked them to drink with him to the health of Bro. Wylie they would do so remembering his devotion to the mother and steady adherence to the principles of the Order. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Wylie said that if there was one thing more than another in which he had taken pleasure in connection with the mother lodge it was in adding so many names to the roll of brethren from this city. He must say that the happiest moments of his life had been spent in the Masonic lodge, and at the initiation of brethren from Glasgow. Amongst the remaining toasts were "Visiting Brethren," "The Ladies," and "The Committee," and with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the pleasant proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).—This lodge met in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 21st ult., when Bros. the Rev. Wm. C. E. Jamieson, of St. Matthew's parish church, Glasgow, member of Mother Kilwinning, No. 0; and Alexander Whyte, No. 362, St. Clair, were duly affiliated members of No. 27, by Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary. Immediately thereafter, Bros. John R. Smith, Jno. Miller, Geo. S. Miller, Jas. C. Auld, Jno. McKinnon, and Jno. H. Mackay were passed from the degree of Entered Apprentice to that of Fellow-Craft, also by Bro. McTaggart, and Bros. Jas. C. Brown and Jno. I. Dott received the sublime degree at the hands of Bro. Alex. Bain, P.M. 103. There was no other business of importance before the meeting.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on 20th ult., the R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw, presided, and there were present Bros. A. A. Smith, P.M.; Wm. H. Caldwell, S.W.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; John H. Stafford, S.W.; Adam B. Ferguson, J.W.; Wm. R. Dunn, Secretary; and A. Carmichael, Treasurer. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read and passed, Bro. Murdoch McIntyre (of Lodge Athole, Kirkintilloch, No. 384) was affiliated a member of this lodge, and Bro. Arthur Philp was passed from the first degree to that of Fellow-Craft. The Chairman then stated that he had received a letter from New Zealand, which would be interesting to them, and which the Secretary would now read. It was as follows:—"Westland Kilwinning, Hokitika, West Coast, N.Z., 29th Oct., 1874. To the R.W.M., Caledonian Railway Lodge, No. 354, S.C., Glasgow. Right Worshipful Sir and Dear Sir and Brothers: I am directed by a resolution of this lodge to convey to you the intelligence of the decease of a brother whom we much esteemed, and who at one time was an active member of your lodge. I refer to Bro. James Linton, who departed this life on 9th July last. Undoubtedly, R.W. Sir, your lodge will join with us in regretting the early decease of so valued a member of our ancient and honourable fraternity. Apart from the fact that Bro. Linton was connected with this lodge from its commencement, and that each lodge night, as it came round, assuredly found him in the performance of his duty, his substance, as well as his time, was always at the disposal of his lodge, and no unwilling hand was his in the exercise of charity. Whilst mourning his loss, R.W. Sir, we congratulate your lodge on having laid the foundation stone of so much Masonic excellence, and though it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove him from our lodge here, we hope that we, with our brethren of your lodge, may meet him in the Grand Lodge, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. I am, R.W. Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally, J. HERBERT HAWKINS, Honorary Secretary." On the motion of the chairman, it was unanimously agreed that a copy of the letter should be engrossed in the minutes, and a note forwarded to Bro. Hawkins for his courteous and fraternal communication. Thereafter the lodge was called for a short time from labour to refreshment, during which the chairman drew attention to the fact that their annual festival was fixed to be held on 5th March ensuing, in the Victoria Hall, Buchanan-street. An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 213, Buchanan-st., on Saturday, 30th ult., Bro. Jas. Shaw, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. J. H. Stafford, S.W.; A. B. Ferguson, J.W.; A. A. Smith, P.M.; J. Stewart (*Freemason*), and a goodly number of brethren and visitors present. Applications were read from the following gentlemen for initiation: Jas. Tulloch, A. Macdonald, R. A. Maclean, and A. M'Pherson. There being no objection, the candidates entered and received the E.A. and Fellow-Craft degrees. The ceremony was performed in a very able manner by the R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw. There being no further business, the brethren were called to refreshment, and, with the aid of harmony, the evening was passed most pleasantly.

KIRKINTILLOCH.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 384).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the election and instal-

lation of office-bearers was held in their Lodge Rooms on Saturday evening, 9th ult., when the following brethren were unanimously elected: J. Graham, R.W.M.; Andrew Baxter, D.M.; James Hulegan, S.M.; John Torrens, S.W.; Alexander Williamson, J.W.; William Gray, Treasurer; David Dalrymple, Secretary; Robert Hoggin, Chaplain; Thomas F. Bruce, S.S.; William Marshall, J.S.; John Gray, I.G.; Alexander Wilson, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Halket, P.M. Lodge St. Mark, 102, suitably addressed the Master and members of the lodge. The R.W.M. thanked the lodge for electing him for the third time to preside amongst them. He believed that there were brethren better fitted to fill the office, but there was no one more anxious to promote the prosperity of the lodge and uphold the principle of the Craft than he was. He then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Halket for his kind services that evening, which was cordially responded to. Bro. Halket, in reply, said that this was the third time that he has had the pleasure of installing Bro. Graham as Master of the Lodge, and he was glad to observe that a very great improvement had taken place amongst them during his term of office. He congratulated the lodge upon the very efficient staff of office-bearers which had just been installed, and hoped that the present year would be as prosperous as any that had preceded it. The lodge was then closed in due form by the R.W.M.

GOVAN.—LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 437).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held in the hall at Portland Buildings, Govan, on the 19th ult., the R.W.M., Bro. John McFarlane, in the chair. The lodge, having been opened in the E.A. degree, and the minutes read by the Secretary, Bro. Geo. Maitland, the following office-bearers were duly installed into their respective offices by the R.W.M.:—Jno. Hutcheson, S.M.; Jno. Carrick, J.D.; Jno. Millar, Architect; Wm. Sutherland, Jeweller; Andrew Blair, Dir. of Music; Wm. Goulder, Dir. of Cers.; and James Moggie, I.G. The only other business was the raising of Bro. Jno. Forrest from the second to the sublime degree of Master Mason, which was performed in a style of much ability by the R.W.M. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. degree, and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—The ordinary meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held in their temporary hall at 162, Kent-road, on the 21st ult. Before opening the lodge, and in the absence of Bro. Malcolm Stark, D.M., the R.W.M., Bro. R. McDougall, deputed Bro. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M. of Lodge 275, to open the lodge and confer the degrees, as he (Bro. McDougall) had to leave for a time on other business of urgent importance. The lodge was then opened, and having been passed to the Fellow-Craft degree, five Entered Apprentices received the degree, and were afterwards raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The R.W.M., having returned to the lodge and taken the chair, before closing, referred to the manner in which Bro. McNaught had performed the ceremonies, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him, which was accorded with much enthusiasm. Bro. McNaught, having replied, stating that he considered that in doing anything for the furtherance of the Order he was only doing his duty, the lodge was closed in due form and dismissed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The members of this young and thriving lodge met for the first time in a portion of their new premises, at No 106, Rose-street, Southside, on the 18th ult. At the commencement of proceedings, the R.W.M., Bro. William Phillips, referred to the fact, and stated that the necessary alterations in the large hall would be proceeded with forthwith. He believed the work would be all accomplished by the ensuing term time, and he hoped they would find themselves very comfortable. Thereafter Bros. Hugh Weir and Peter Young were installed by the R.W.M. into the offices of J.D. and I.G., respectively, and one brother was passed from the first degree to that of Fellow-Craft. A special meeting of the lodge was held on 20th ult., when three candidates belonging to the theatrical profession, namely, W. Thomas Nuttall, Charles S. Lester, and Lewis Quarrier Chambers, were initiated into the Order in excellent style by the R.W.M., and thereafter passed to the degree of Fellow-Craft. There was no other business.

GLASGOW.—CHAPTER COMMERCIAL (No. 79).—The regular monthly meeting of this recently re-opened chapter was held in the Commercial Lodge-room, Hope-street, on the evening of Friday, the 29th ult. There was a fair attendance, the meeting being presided over by Comp. Julius Brode, 1st Principal, and among the visitors present we observed Comps. Duthie, Thallon, Fleming, Morton, and others. The minutes of the previous communication having been read and passed, various resolutions, which had been adopted on that occasion, were again put to the meeting and confirmed, thus becoming bye-laws of the chapter. These had reference to the date of regular meetings—which was fixed for the last Friday monthly—fees of admission and affiliation, and various other matters. Bro. W. H. Bickerton, who had previously been admitted to the degree of Mark Master, was advanced to that of Excellent Master, and exalted to the Royal Arch, the ceremonies being ably and impressively conducted by Comp. Duthie. In the course of the evening Comp. John Morris was installed as Scribe E., in room of Comp. M'Taggart, whose appointment to the office in October was only ad interim. A vote of thanks to Comp. Duthie and the other visiting companions for the valuable assistance rendered was passed amidst the most hearty applause, and thereafter the chapter was closed in due form.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Bro. Terry has forwarded to us the latest list of Stewards with their returns for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but too late for press this week. We hope to give a complete list in our next.

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JUNIOR WARDEN.—Can a J.W. initiate? In our humble opinion, decidedly not. We do not think either Warden can, but it is only our opinion. We think the whole question of the "chair" is settled by section 1 "Of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges," where the difference is clearly pointed out between an installed and a non-installed Master.

P.M.—What do you understand by "rule?" We understand all matters which relate to the mere routine of necessary business, and the opening and closing of the lodge. The Warden cannot perform the duties of the chair.

J.E.F.—We adhere to our opinion that a W.M. cannot leave the chair.

The following communications stand over:—

Glasgow: Athole, Marie Stuart, St. John, and others. P.G.L. Renfrewshire. P.G.L. Glasgow. Dunfermline, Masonic Balls at Bute and at Barrow-in-Furness. Lodge Union, Kennington Lodge, Hervey Lodge, Adam's Mark Lodge, Soudes Lodge, Langthorne Lodge, Kendal Chapter, and several communications.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1875.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER, PRINCE LEOPOLD.

The Royal invalid continues daily to gain strength. We hope next week to announce his complete convalescence.

THE LATE LADY CARNARVON.

The entire Craft is sincerely grieving, with its excellent and valued Pro Grand Master, in the great loss which has filled with mourning and personal sorrow many families and many homes. In such hours of earthly affliction, so grave and so overwhelming, words of sympathy seem often all but in vain, the expression of condolence becomes almost out of place. Yet, as loyal Freemasons, we may, perhaps, be permitted to tender to one of our most distinguished chiefs, without any violation of the privacy of sacred sorrow, our fraternal assurance of heartfelt concern and regret. The remembrance of Lady Carnarvon will long linger in the memories of very many in all ranks of life, not only among those with whom she was wont to consort habitually, in all the happy charms of intimate acquaintanceship, but among those whose trials and whose wants she ever sought to alleviate and minister to with a woman's unselfish kindness, and a woman's ready tact. We feel sure that we but express the genuine and earnest feelings of our entire Order, however imperfectly, when we say that our solicitude attends, our good wishes accompany our brother, as formerly in his elevation and high position amongst us, so now in his afflictive trial, and in his loneliness and sorrow

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We congratulate Bro. Terry, and the Order generally, on the result of the first public appeal to Masonic sympathy and benevolence in 1875. At the anniversary festival on Wednesday the large sum of £6630 13s. was reported, with eleven lists to come in. We can therefore probably reckon the return at about £6,700 in round numbers. This is surely a very striking result, and one that reflects every credit alike on our warm-hearted Craft and the zealous Stewards. Neither should we forget Bro. Terry's praiseworthy exertions, which must have been many and untiring, and, we rejoice to think, rewarded with such a liberal response. Let us go back a few years. In 1857 the triennial festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place, when, as the *Masonic Mirror* of that day records the large sum of £1,558 6s. 6d. was announced by its good old Secretary, Bro. W. Farnfield. During that year, 1857, the committee had to regret the "continued decline in the donations and annual subscriptions," which for the Male Fund amounted to £405 2s. as against £717 3s. in 1855, and for the Female Fund £152 4s. as against £212 10s. in 1855. The total amount of income for 1857, reached to £3,323 18s. 3d. but of this Grand Lodge contributed no less than £2,100 by special and regular grants, and Grand Chapter £135. The whole amount raised by the Craft, together with dividends, &c., was, for 1857, £1,088 18s. 3d. In 1858 it was arranged, with approbation of the Grand Master, to hold a Biennial Festival, and at the Biennial Festival in 1850, £1,875 were announced. In 1860 the festival became annual, from January 25 that year when £2,096 18s. 10d. was raised. And here, in 1875, we are happily able to report the noble contribution of £6,700, an amount which reflects no less credit on the zealous officers of the institution and the effective Stewards than on the ready hands and warm hearts of English Freemasons. May the anniversaries for the Boys' School and the Girls' School tell the same welcome tale, and may our Order continue to evince that, despite all the agitation and uproar of polemical controversies, it marches on its peaceful mission, and in its own tolerant path, regardless of opposition, heedless of contumely, intent on doing good, in reverence for God and in love for man.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.

We alluded a week or two back in our columns, to the advance of Archæological study amongst us, and to the difficulties which still impeded our advance. These are still for the most part, as of old, the unreliability of assertion, and the untrustworthiness of documents. We have not, even in 1875, got over completely the tendency to accept, as evidence, what is in truth no evidence at all. And not only this but we meet with assumptions of proof which cannot bear the touchstone of historical scrutiny, and we are expected to deal with pretensions which fade at once before the approach of competent criticisms. Can any of our good brethren suppose that this, our modern School of Masonic enquiry and research, will accept any document, be it what it may, on the mere "ipse dixit" of a known or anonymous writer? It is preposterous to expect it. Charters and MSS., legends and traditions, all have to be examined and sifted closely, and by experts—if they are true their reality will be established and admitted, if they are worthless, they must go down; only they do mischief to Freemasonry proper, be it remembered, if their genuineness is invalidated, if their authenticity is successfully overthrown. We pointed out in our preceding article the many objections which must occur to every Masonic Archæological student, to the so-called Charter of Larmenius, the same objections, if in different form somewhat, equally apply to the assumed Charter of Roger de Flor. It seems a great pity at this period of our Masonic studies, to re-introduce the old habits of self-elected Masonic teachers and founders in the early part of the last century, though we fear, unless some more satisfactory evidence of the Oriental Templary is to be forthcoming, we shall have to relegate it

to the creations of Ramsay and the compilations of Hund. Another difficulty also often confronts the Masonic student. This is the tendency to create new systems of Freemasonry, and apparently to claim for them alike the belief of the enlightened, and the assent of the serious. And yet, for the most part, all of these novel orders are the manufacture of some able and well-read Freemason, either in England or the United States. Take for instance Cryptic Masonry. What is Cryptic Masonry? We speak with all reserve and respect on the subject, the more so as we note that our esteemed Bro. G. R. Portal is at the head of it in this country. But it is to us a novel order, and one which, so far, we have not met with in our researches. We have seen it, indeed, mentioned casually in Masonic papers and magazines, but we have never come across it in old MSS. of any kind. Some of these novel emanations of the 19th Century, startle as they harass the Masonic student. Their claims are but assertions without proof, their creation is of yesterday. And the result which the earnest and impartial enquirer into Masonic history, must come to, is this, and this alone, namely, the antiquity of the Craft system, the modernity, if we may use such a word, of the multitude of so-named knightly, mystico-dramatic, æsthetic degrees, which positively almost take away one's breath, with their numerical immensity and their wondrous nomenclature. We fear that we have all a good deal to learn, as regards the simple facts and points of legitimate induction and historical criticism in Masonic Archæology, before that we can hope that we are in the right path, much less making any headway.

MASONIC CANARDS.

That Freemasonry is ever still of "the earth earthy," and that Freemasons are both frail and imperfect, each week, as it passes over our heads, ought to convince us all. Indeed, he must be a very weak brother, or a very unsound teacher who seeks, in grandiloquent language, as has been done, to lead us all to forget this sober fact; this most wholesome truth. Many are the weaknesses and littlenesses of man, as we all must admit, and equally multitudinous are the weaknesses and littlenesses of Freemasons. Nous sommes tous mortels," says a very clever French writer, though it is a truism we all of us seem to like at times to forget altogether. In former days it used to be said that in the dull months of the year, the British Press was accustomed to discover the wonderous cabbage or the gigantic beetroot; gooseberries of fabulous capacity have even been chronicled in the pages of distinguished journals, while even sometimes a hoax has been perpetrated upon the *Times*, as Dr. Liddon says, that "Master of many Legions." And latterly it has seemed as if owing to this inevitable weakness of humanity, and even of Freemasons, we, as an Order, were giving way to the exhilarating amusement of "Canards." It is remarkable how the taste for such a luxury grows, how "vires acquirit eundo," until with some it seems to exist almost as an indigenous parasite. Lord Ripon's unhappy secession and perversion, the one deplorable fact for English Freemasonry in 1874, seems to have been the signal for this new little Masonic game, if not so exhilarating as croquet, or so fascinating as cockamaroo. Hence we have thought it well, in the capacity of a faithful mentor, to give a few words of caution, and strike a note of warning for our kindly and generous Craft. Some of our readers will remember Virgil's description of "Æolus," letting out the winds from his noisy cavern, and Lord Ripon's resignation seems to have had the same effect on our peaceful Order. No sooner was it announced, than we were told in "bated breath" and with angry epithets, that we had others amongst us, others of the "same kidney," that even a Jesuit was stalking amongst us, that danger was afloat, that breakers were ahead, and all the rest of that remarkable verbiage which "feeble forcibles" always adopt, the more so when they know that their case is bad, and their statements are mendacious. We need hardly remark that the statement was a pure invention, coined for the occasion, rather we fear, a deliberately-invented falsehood—the

taking away, without scruple, a brother's character, his fair fame, his unsullied reputation—by the covert insinuation, and by the open slander. Within the last month we have had another wonderful canard, whether proceeding from the same source we know not, but appearing under the shadow of a new candidate for literary favours, "The Rosicrucian." Knowing how difficult it is to keep these little obnoxious paragraphs out, and how we have suffered ourselves from similar "circumstances over which we had no control," we do not think that any blame can fairly attach to the able editors of the "interesting little stranger." But yet we almost wonder that it did appear at all. It is, on the face of it, so preposterously absurd, so impossible to be true. Lord Ripon had abjured Freemasonry and Freemasons, in obedience to the dictates of his new religious guides; he had left us to the "stormy wind and tempest" in the very middle of the conflict, and taken his farewell of Freemasonry and Freemasons. And yet here are some of the "Grand Officers" and special friends of Lord Ripon represented as doing deliberately what was an insult to him, and an absurdity for themselves. To give a gold casket to Lord Ripon, covered with Masonic emblems, was such an act of assinine inconsistency, and even of ungentlemanly indecorum, on the part of the presentors, as should have led, we think, the editors to discover the "hoax," evidently, if ingeniously, played upon them. There are many Freemasons who still love Lord Ripon from the memory of "auld lang syne" of happy days of Masonic work, and for his great and genial qualities of mind and heart; but even they feel, we venture to say, that his departure from Freemasonry has put, as it were, a chasm between them and him in things Masonic, at any rate, which neither he nor they can attempt to cross over, nor even to bridge over at all. So we trust that we shall hear the last of this and similar foolish "canards." To use a Stock Exchange expression, they are very "lame ducks," and though Lord Palmerston used to say that there were a great many gobemouches in the world who would believe anything, we must protest, once for all, against our excellent and harmonious brotherhood being made the amusement of the credulous, the foolish, or the malicious.

GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. There was but a small amount of business to be transacted, but there was a very good attendance of Companions. Comp. Hugh D. Sandeman presided as Z.; Comp. Colonel Burdett, as H.; and Comp. S. Rawson, as J. Among the other Companions were: John Hervey, S.E.; J. E. Saunders, S.N.; J. C. Parkinson, Swd. B.; J. A. Rucker, P.S.; E. S. Snell, 1st A.; Joshua Nunn, 2nd A.; Thomas Fenn, H. J. P. Dumas, Griffiths Smith, H. Browse, Benj. Head, N. Bradford, James Robins, H. Birdseye, Col. Whitwell, Thomas W. White, C. F. Hogard, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, C. A. Murton, G. Lemann, S. C. Hadley, F. Pattison, W. F. Powell, F. Derry, F. Frampton, F. Copestick, J. B. Scriven, C. W. Noehmer, J. Sidwell, H. G. Buss, H. Muggeridge, W. Ough, James Brett, W. Dodd, H. M. Levy, and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Grand Chapter having been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The accounts of Grand Chapter were as follows:—

To Balance 15th July	£396 15 4
„ Subsequent Receipts	383 14 0
	£690 9 4
By Disbursements during the Quarter	£163 2 4
„ Power of Attorney for transfer of £1,500 Stock to Masonic Charities.....	1 3 0
„ Balance	526 4 0
	£690 9 4

The following petitions were before Grand Chapter for warrants for new chapters:—

1st.—From Companions Henry Elmhurst Reader as Z., John Le Marchand Carey as H., Peter Alexander Chavannes as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, to be called "The Wellington Union Chapter," to meet at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, New Zealand.

2nd.—From Companions William Henry Jones as Z., Antoine Louis Le Franc as H., Protonno Coomarr Dutt as J., and thirteen others for a chapter to be attached to the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 234, Calcutta, to be called "The New Union Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, Bengal.

3rd.—From Companions George Blake as Z., William

Henry Mackesy as H., Henry Thomas Tanner as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Mayo Lodge, No. 1413, Rawul Pindee, to be called "The Locke Chapter," and to meet at Rawul Pindee, Punjab.

4th.—From Companions Thomas Stalkartt Carter as Z., John Lowthian as H., William Cutbush as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet, to be called "The Gladsmuir Chapter," and to meet at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, in the county of Hertford.

5th.—From Companions George Keene Lemann as Z., William West Smith as H., Henry McPherson as J., and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, London, to be called "The Hornsey Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

6th.—From Companions William Stephens, as Z., Charles Robert Miles as H., William Lutwyche as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, Clapton, to be called "The Clapton Chapter," and to meet at the White Hart Tavern, Upper Clapton, in the County of Middlesex.

7th.—From Companions the Rev. Spencer Robert Wigram as Z., Edward England Phillips as H., Albert Lucking as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, Southend, to be called "The Priory Chapter," and to meet at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, in the County of Essex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommended that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee likewise reported that they had received the following petitions:—

8th.—From Companions Robert Scott as Z., Charles Henry Phillips as H., Charles Frederick Besson as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 405, Trinidad, to be called "The Royal Philanthropic Chapter," and to meet at Port of Spain, Trinidad, in the West Indies.

9th.—From Companions James McDonald Reid as Z., Paulin Josse de Lisle as H., Charles Frederick Oda Rooks as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 867, Trinidad, to be called "The Prince of Wales' Chapter," and to meet at Port of Spain, Trinidad, in the West Indies.

These two petitions, subject to the confirmation of the new law, No. 51, passed at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, rendering foreign Past Masters eligible for election to the chairs in an English chapter, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommended that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

On No. 3 in the above list being reached the M.E.Z. said he was exceedingly glad to see that a chapter was applied for, the name of which was that of a Mason who had done so much good for Freemasonry. Comp. Locke was the companion of whom Comp. Havers had spoken so strongly in Grand Chapter last year.

On No. 8 being called on, Comp. Snell said that he had in his place many times in Grand Chapter had to make observations upon the issuing of two or three warrants for chapters in a single town. He wished to enquire whether there were sufficient Masons in Port of Spain to support two chapters. He had formerly made this enquiry with regard to Hull, where there did not appear to be any Royal Arch Masons. In the present list of petitions there were two for the Port of Spain. Trinidad was not a large place, and Port of Spain was the largest place in the island. How many Freemasons were there in Port of Spain, or in the Island of Trinidad? Perhaps Grand S.E. would tell him what was the position of Freemasonry in the island. Comp. Hervey said that all he had to say with regard to the subject was that both petitions were recommended by the Provincial Grand Master of Trinidad, who was not Provincial Grand Superintendent, however, as well. He was now in this country, and had come before the committee, and from the information he had given to the committee they had recommended the granting of the petitions. The M.E.Z. was present at that committee, and most strongly recommended the issuing of the warrant.

The prayers of all the petitions were granted.

Comp. Hervey, before the closing of Grand Chapter, said that he had not put upon the agenda paper the consideration of the letter from Grand Chapter of Ireland with respect to the Mark Grand Lodge of England. He believed it was the intention of Grand Registrar to consult with the Grand H. (the Earl of Carnarvon) as to the course which ought to be pursued on that question. But they all knew Lord Carnarvon had been plunged in deep affliction very recently, and the question could not come before the companions that evening with satisfaction to them without further information. He therefore had taken upon himself not to put the matter on the agenda paper, and he trusted Grand Chapter would approve the course he had taken under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

Comp. Sandeman said he thought the best way would be for Grand S.E. to write to the Grand S.E. of Ireland, explaining the cause of the delay, and saying that the subject would be brought on in due course. He wished to ask whether, as the minutes of last Convocation had been confirmed, the reports now would be issued quarterly, as also whether the reprints of the Regulations would be issued.

Comp. Hervey replied that they would.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

Inspector Denning was on Wednesday, 3rd inst., presented with a handsome cheque, in addition to a gold watch and chain, by Sir C. Foster, Bart., M.P., on the part of himself and fellow subscribers, in recognition of the esteem in which he is held by Members of Parliament. Inspector Denning has, for a number of years, fulfilled the duties of Chief Police Officer of the House of Commons.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have perused, with considerable interest, the various suggestions which have from time to time been made by correspondents in the columns of your valuable journal, of the best means of commemorating the forthcoming great event in the Masonic world, viz., the installation of H.R.H. the Heir Apparent as M.W. Grand Master and an idea has occurred to me on the interesting subject which I here set forth.

When it is considered that so auspicious an event as the acceptance of the office by an heir to the Crown of England has not taken place since the time of H.R.H. George, Prince Regent, and possibly may not occur again in the present century, I am of opinion that some effectual scheme should be devised, of not only recording it individually among the Craft, but that it should be perpetuated in a manner worthy of the occasion, for "this story shall the good man teach his son."

Had the installation of the Prince taken place some few years since, it is possible that it would not have attracted so much attention as it is receiving at the present time, in consequence of its being considered now by all non-Romish classes in the light of a national triumph over bigotry; for, notwithstanding the denunciations levelled against our glorious and ancient institution, whose principles are the very acme of Christianity, by the leading representatives of a fanatic but powerful body, and the awful anathemas which have emanated from "she of the seven hills," our royal brother, "the rose and expectancy of this fair state," has not only taken an active part in the ceremonies of the Craft, and evinced his personal interest by recruiting its ranks by the admission of two of his brothers, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, but has fearlessly accepted the highest honour Freemasonry has to bestow. The suggestion I have humbly to offer for the consideration of the brethren is, that commemorative jewels should be designed of an uniform pattern, but of different qualities, in order to accommodate the means of the brotherhood, and that they should be issued from the offices of the Grand Secretary in the same manner as the centenary jewels are, and be only worn by subscribing Past Masters of lodges and all brothers holding office of any kind at the time of the Installation. I am sure that there would be an universal desire on the part of all loyal members of lodges holding office to purchase the distinction, in order to record their personal appreciation of so interesting an occasion.

The profits accruing from the sale of the jewels might be devoted advantageously towards the establishing of a fund in connection with our valuable charities. In conclusion, I sincerely hope that some of the zealous and distinguished members of Grand Lodge will take an opportunity of ventilating the idea—should it be thought worthy of their consideration—which I now respectfully beg to offer, and which I believe would not only meet with the general approval of the Craft, but would be also a good pecuniary scheme for endowing a philanthropic fund for the relief of the Masonic necessitous, and thus hand down to posterity a beneficial record of the event.

Trusting you will kindly do me the honour of inserting this letter in your columns, I remain, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. C. W., 141, 1381, 1503.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I imagined, to use your own words, that our "friendly controversy" had been "closed;" but I cannot resist a reply to your brief leader in this day's number.

In the letter to which you refer, I did not suggest any call whatever on the Fund of Benevolence. The grants now received—as is well known—by the Educational Institutions are from the Fund of General Purposes; and I thought I had made it apparent that any increase would, as a matter of course, come from the same fund.

I carefully abstained from even suggesting what such increase might reasonably be; and because I stated that 8,000 half-crowns would produce £800, and that it was only fair to ask for a revision, it by no means follows that I am of opinion that that should be the amount, nor does my argument justify any such conclusion.

My remarks in another place, from which you quote, were sadly misunderstood and misreported.

I said that the number of present recipients of the benefits of our three institutions was about 525.

The number of candidates now seeking these benefits is—

Girls' School	31	To be elected	13
Boys' School	48	"	8
Benevolent	68	"	12
	147	"	33

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
30th January, 1875.

FREDK. BINCKES.

BROTHERLY LOVE. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Thanks for your able article on the above subject; it ought to be in the hands of every member of our Order. How often do we meet with instances where this principle is utterly disregarded? What a recommendation

it would be to Freemasonry if "the uninstructed world who are not Masons" could only recognize this virtue more highly developed in its members?

I trust you will soon favour your readers with another leader on the same subject, so that the Craft may be stimulated to the practice of "that virtue, which may justly be denominated the distinguished characteristic of a Freemason's heart;" or to put it in the excellent terms of your leading article, "our higher spiritual practice of brotherly love."

Doubtless you have often seen instances where this principle has been violated, and treated as though it was a mere figment in our ceremonies, and never intended to be carried out in every-day life.

A few more racy articles on this subject from your able pen, would, I am sure, have a very healthy influence on such as forget that "brotherly love" is the first of the three grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded, and might prompt them to maintain in its fullest splendour this grand feature of our Order, "brotherly love."

Truly and fraternally,

J. C.

THE STATUS OF SCOTCH MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe in your issue of the 23rd ult., a letter from a correspondent signed J., on the subject of improving the status of Scotch Masonry. I may say that I have long studied this matter during the seven or eight years that I have had charge of a province, both as P.D.G.M. in charge and actual P.G.M. I will pass over the kind remarks he (J.) has made on my proposed scheme of a Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution, and proceed to the question at issue, viz., improving the status of Scotch Masonry.

Let me state the case briefly. 1st. One argument raised by non-masons against our Order (applicable equally to all Countries, and not Scotland alone) is the fact of banquets, or, as they call them, Symposiums in Lodges; in fact I know several worthy men who have given up the idea of becoming Masons on this plea. Non-masons, being ignorant of our real habits and teaching, may, by observing the practices of badly-worked lodges (many of which, alas, must exist), lay down what is in their eyes an infallible dictum, that such is the custom in every lodge.

But is it so? The quiet banquets always concluded by a certain hour, so common in England, and the orderly and well-conducted resort for refreshment in Scotch lodges—do they come under this category? Emphatically, No! But allowing this to keep off detractors of our Order, and taking the habits of the present day into consideration, could not all good working lodges establish the following principle?—"that every lodge, where practicable, should have their own lodge-room, and eschew hotels and inns as places of meeting; that there should be, if possible, only two, or at most, four banquets in the year, and to compensate for this omission that the lodge or united lodges, say two or three together, should give a ball once a year, at a suitable period, where the wives, sisters, and daughters of Masons and their friends could equally enjoy themselves, or any other entertainment that may seem more apropos." This would give enjoyment to many, please "the sex," and render them favourable to the Craft.

On every other occasion, save as aforesaid, let the meetings of the several lodges be for business alone.

Especially let lodges of instruction for younger members be held at least four times (as many more as possible) during the year, under the presidency of an expert P.M.

2nd. What is the next allegation against the Craft (in Scotland especially)? It is the numbers of professional Masonic beggars who scour the United Kingdom professing to be Masons under the Scotch Constitution. This, I am sorry to say, is a fact, as I have not only heard this allegation in England, but have seen it myself! It will be asked, then, how this occurs: Simply thus, the system in Scotland, as regards the funds of lodges, is to depend on the number of Intrants that they enroll per annum—an annual subscription is rare. This is the root of the evil.

Our Brother J. wishes to raise, or rather Grand Lodge to raise the minimum of entrance fees, to preclude unworthy members. This can only be done to a very limited extent; we must not preclude the poorer brother of good character from the benefits of Masonry—he would be no burden; but we must place our lodges on such a safe footing that they will no longer have to depend on entrance fees; we must exercise a careful survey of the characters and lives of candidates for admission.

This can be done by fixing a minimum and maximum scale of entrance fees, and a minimum and maximum of annual subscription, which should in all cases cover the annual expenses of the lodge. The lodge, thus practically self-supporting, could give more time to discipline and character among its members, or proposed members, as laid down in the Constitutions (Chap. xx., sec. iv., page 47), in the following rule: "that no lodge shall receive or initiate an Intransit for less than twenty-one shillings, exclusive of Grand Lodge dues of registration (being 5s. 6d.) of sum specified in Chap. xv., sec. i., neither shall payment of said sums or any part thereof be remitted or deferred on any pretence." The utmost that could be laid down as a minimum is 31s. 6d., if we regard the poor equally with the rich.

Taking this view of the case, I would ask whether our joint aim, viz., improving the status of Scotch Masonry, could not be carried out as follows: let the minimum for Intrants be fixed at 31s. 6d. and the maximum at £5 5s., giving the mean of £3 3s., a very practical sum, suitable to most people's pocket; but at the same time to make it compulsory for all lodges to have an annual subscription from its members, with a maximum of, say, £2 2s., and a minimum of 5s., so as to suit all lodges and all classes, and to enable the several lodges to defray their ordinary business expenses without using their Intrants' fees at all.

This money would then be available for Charitable Institutions, and for building and renting suitable lodge-rooms. Lodges simply and solely existing on Intrants' fees, cannot really enquire into the characters of their proposed candidates, they therefore have foisted on them unthinking and careless brethren, who cause want of discipline and misrule.

Let the Grand Lodge formally, itself, and through its Provincial Grand Lodges, truly and firmly carry out the existing rules of the Constitutions as to character of Intrants, the duration of a fortnight at least between every degree (Chap. xx., sec. vi.). Let said section be strengthened by leaving the granting of dispensations to the Grand Lodge or Grand Committee, Provincial G.M. and D.P.G.M., and these only to be granted under very special circumstances.

By doing this, and passing a compulsory minimum and maximum scale of annual subscription, a marked improvement would appear in Scotch Masonry.

I myself have witnessed a vast improvement of late years, but much more remains to be done. Reverting to the above proposal of devoting Intrants' fees to charitable and other purposes, I would advise all lodges to appoint a charity steward, whose duty it would be to collect all general lodge and individual donations, and give the proceeds as directed by the lodge in open lodge assemblies.

All lodges would, of course, have their own system of charity, they might set apart, say 2s. 6d., on every Intransit, and 1s. or more on every annual subscription for the said charitable purposes. This is a point that must rest with lodges, and could not, on any pretence, be rendered compulsory.

Peace and harmony would thus rule our lodges, brotherly love would be more thoroughly carried out, charity would be practised, the general status would be raised, while yet the order would be open to the poorest as well as the richest of the country.

3rd. If you would still permit me space, I would mention one point more, viz., that no R.W.M. should hold office more than one year, or two at most, consecutively. It should be the object of every Intransit, by time and ability, to reach the chair of his Mother Lodge. With this object in view, he would study more deeply our impressive ceremonies, as well as the hidden mysteries of the Craft, he would endeavour, by his life and actions, to prove to the world at large the real benefits of being a Mason, not only in name but in deed. All, it is true, cannot aspire to the highest posts in a lodge; memory, or rather want of memory, and other natural failings, may disqualify the aspirants from the chair of R.W.M., but unless, by his own fault, he can fill other offices in the lodge, not even excepting the Warden's Chairs.

The new R.W.M., moreover, on succeeding to his chair, would find a number of worthy and experienced P.M.'s who have passed the chair to support him by their aid and advice, and enable him to act with more confidence, knowing, that wherein he might feel himself wanting, one or other would ever be present at his side.

Brethren of the Craft in Scotland, think over these several points; it rests entirely among yourselves, and when fully convinced, support with all your power any propositions that may now or hereafter be proposed.

I am, sir and brother, yours, fraternally,

Geo. R. HARRIOTT,
P.G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcubright.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can see, in p. 17 of *Freemason*, that the Scottish Masonic Institution is only to establish schools for boys and girls of aged, deceased, and distressed Freemasons of good character. Would it not have been better to have included boys and girls of all aged, deceased, and distressed Freemasons? Although that the trees be not good, if they were grafted into the branches good fruit might be gathered from them, and more would be the rejoicing over one lost sheep found than over the ninety and nine who might be of good character, that never went astray. It is not easy to read good characters.

Z, GLASGOW PROVINCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your able article on the status of a P.M., on his rejoining the lodge in which he was installed, seems to me clearly to point to the fact that he should be placed next to the I.P.M.

Is not this in opposition to the conclusion of "Jelf," who thinks that a P.M. on rejoining the lodge in which he was installed, "rejoins as one of those strange P.M.'s referred to by Bro. Tebbs, who have no seniority with respect to the P.M.'s of the lodge itself?"

Would it not also be more equitable, and more in harmony with our usage, to place the rejoining P.M. next the I.P.M., and thus recognise his past services to the lodge, while giving precedence to the P.M.'s who have continued their subscriptions?

To elucidate another point bearing on the same subject. Allow me to ask, for the information of some who dispute the fact, if it is necessary for Grand Lodge membership that a P.M. continue his subscription to the lodge in which he was installed, or whether membership in any English lodge will enable him to retain his status in Grand Lodge?

Yours truly and fraternally,

I.C.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The subject of Masonic Jurisprudence has occupied considerable attention lately in your columns, and promises to be on the increase. Now it appears to me, that without derogating from the propriety of discussion in

all matters relative to Masonic law, that the root of the matter lies as yet untouched, and that any conclusion which may be arrived at upon a given subject, is liable to be re-opened the following week and decided in a precisely opposite manner, and with as much authority, or as little, as that preceding it; in other words, there is no such thing as Masonic law, beyond the meagre pittance provided in the Book of Constitutions.

But thirty pages are devoted to the regulations of lodges and their members, and the wording is often such as to admit of a variety of significations and is in some instances absolutely contradictory.

When we consider the thousands, nay, we may say the millions, "who range themselves under our banner," it certainly does seem unaccountable that there should be no authorized code of laws for the guidance of a society of such magnitude.

The very excellent work on the subject by Dr. Oliver is often quoted, and is perhaps the most exhaustive treatise we have, but it is unrecognized by Grand Lodge, and therefore liable at any moment to be set aside, if convenient to do so.

Now that we are shortly to inaugurate a fresh epoch in Freemasonry in the installation of a new Grand Master, would it not be an appropriate opportunity for a general Masonic conclave, consisting of delegates from each provincial and district Grand Lodge under the E.C. to take into consideration the preparation of such a code of laws which should be at once comprehensive and worthy of the noble Order to which we belong?

Surely it is high time that something should be done in this behalf, as the hours wasted, both in and out of the lodge-room, in discussing questions which have been decided a dozen times, as the columns of your journal amply testify, to say nothing of the fact that the decisions are utterly valueless when made.

There are many points which will present themselves to the minds of brethren, the importance of which are manifest, wholly omitted in the Book of Constitutions, which call most strongly for legislation.

I should be glad if some of our enthusiastic brethren would give the subject their attention; they may depend on the hearty co-operation of all true brethren who have the cause of the Craft at heart, and, among the rest, of

Yours fraternally,

January 25th. 1875.

JADU.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Walter Hill, P.M. 49, E.C. Dunedin, on Mark Master and Excellent Master degrees of Masonry, is well worthy to be considered by English Royal Arch Masons. Scotch Royal Arch Companions have often had to do what they unwillingly do to prevent English Companions from being made honorary members in a Scotch Chapter, for the want of not having attained to that degree of E. Master. The English Chapters should have their Charters for Royal Arch to include all the degrees, the same as the Scotch have theirs. The English and Irish might meet the Scotch in that way, as they should meet them, and leave off working the Past Master and Chair degrees from the Royal Arch. The first three degrees ought not to be mixed up with any other, but to remain as the Charters now are, and all others in one Charter all included with the Royal Arch. The Fellow-Craft Mark has nothing whatever to do with the Mark of a Mark Master; both are decidedly different Marks; besides, the first three degrees do not require anything from the M.M., but the Arch cannot be completed without what has to be carried in the Mark Master degree. Therefore the degrees should be made to work on one Charter for Royal Arch Chapters. No Mark Master, getting the degree in a Chapter in Scotland, is justified, if he accepts of a Mark Master made in a R.A.E. The least that English Royal Arch Companions should do is to include into their Chapters the working of the Excellent degrees.

No. 2., Z. G. P.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"The Master only can govern the lodge" is your dictum last week. Surely this is wrong? The Book of Constitutions says:—"If no P.M. of the lodge be present, then the S.W., or, in his absence, the J.W., shall rule the lodge."

In addition to which, the Wardens, on investiture, are sometimes informed that, under certain circumstances, they may succeed to higher duties.

I think also, that, in the case of a vacancy in the S.W.'s chair, the J.W. may be promoted without running the risk of being disqualified for the Master's chair. The Book of Constitutions says the qualification shall be—having served as Warden for one year; six months' office as J.W., and six months as S.W., with no interval between, would seem to be sufficient.

Yours fraternally,

JELF.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.—An aristocratic company, confined to relatives and intimate friends, met yesterday morning at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, to witness the solemnization of the marriage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow and the Hon. Florence Gardner, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Gardner. The Bishop of Winchester officiated, assisted by the Rector of St. George's, the Rev. Henry Howarth, and the Rev. G. Bowles, Rector of Clendon. The Earl of Onslow was accompanied by his friend, Lord Eliot, as best man. The bride, who was given away by her father, was accompanied to the altar by six bridesmaids: the Hon. Evelyn Gardner, sister of the bride; Miss Cochrane, Miss Edith Onslow, Miss Middleton, Miss Leighton, and Miss Gundred Leighton.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of this body was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 1st inst. In the unavoidable absence of the M.W.G.M., Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., the throne was occupied by Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, who was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Mann, P.G.W., acting G.S.W.; F. A. Barrow, S.G.D., acting J.G.W.; Rev. A. Thomson Grant, G.C.; J. Laurie, G.S.; Wm. Hay, J.G.D.; John Coghill, G.D.C.; Captain Colt, Gartsherrie, G.S.B.; Convener Robertson, G.B.B.; and Murdock Mackenzie, C.G.M.

There was a large attendance of members, among those present being Bros. Sir Geo. Clerk, of Penicuik, R.W.M. 429; Roger Montgomerie, M.P., and Charles Dalrymple, M.P.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, apologies were read from Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, the Earl of Rosslyn, Captain J. T. Oswald, of Dunnikier; Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion; W. Officer, F.S. Melville, and others.

The usual preliminary business being over, charters for the erection of new lodges were granted in the following cases:—"La Vallée de France," Lima; "Independencia," Callao; "Virtud y Union Regenerada," Lima; "Constancia y Concordia," Tacna; "Salem," Ahmedabad; "The Bonnie Doon," Patna; "Star of the West," Parkes, N.S.W.; "The Lodge of Polynesia," Fiji.

A petition for a charter to a new lodge at Dailly, Ayrshire, to be called "The Ferguson St. James," was remitted to Grand Committee, with powers to grant a charter if found in order.

On the recommendation of Grand Committee, Bro. J. M. Reid was appointed Provincial Grand Master for Trinidad, and Sir John Ogilvy, Bart., P.G.M. for Forfarshire.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of England, stating that it would be pleasing to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master elect, if the appointment of representative at that Grand Lodge, in room of the late Lord James C. P. Murray, were conferred on the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. The appointment was unanimously made, in accordance with the recommendation.

The credentials of the Earl of Dunmore, as representative in Scotland of the Grand Lodge of Hungary, were presented, and his lordship confirmed in the appointment.

Letters of condolence on the decease of the late Earl of Dalhousie, from the Grand Orient of France, and Lodge Dalhousie, Massachusetts, U.S., were intimated, and it was remitted to the Grand Committee to prepare and transmit appropriate replies thereto.

Notice of motion, having for its object the constitution of Immediate Past Masters as members of Provincial Grand Lodges, was tabled for discussion at next meeting, and thereafter Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ROYAL SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following brethren have consented to receive names, donations and subscriptions:—

J. Laurie, Esq., Grand Secretary of Scotland, Interim Secretary of proposed Benevolent Institution.

Geo. R. Harriott, Esq., Provincial G.M. Wigtown and Kircudbright, Killiemore Lodge, Kirkcowan, Wigtownshire, and No. 4, Howard-place, St. Andrew's, Fife.

W. Spencer, Esq., F.R.G.S., Masonic Depot, 26, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London.

J. McMuldrow, Esq., Prov. Grand Sec. Wigtown and Kircudbright, St. Cuthbert-street, Kircudbright.

Capt. G. Shanks, R.M.L.I., Recruiting Service, Greenock.

A. J. Douglas, Esq., Lockerbie House, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire.

J. D. Porteous, Esq., Hampden Place, Mount Florida, Glasgow, P.D.G.M., Royal Order of Scotland, Hon. Corres. Mem. of Masonic Union.

G. H. Pagan, Esq., Writer, Cupar, Fife.

A. E. Grantfelt, Esq., 26, Marmichal-street, Aberdeen; R.W.M. No. 93.

Major Wm. Macdonald, 12th K.I.G. Bengal Native Infantry; P.M. No. 988 E.C.; M.M. No. 542, Union of St. Andrew's.

George Kenning (Proprietor of the *Freemason*), 198, Fleet-street, London, and 145, Argyle-street, Glasgow.

Names only, with amounts of donations or annual subscriptions, to be received till the Institution seems in a fair way of being started.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of Subscribers to this School met on Thursday last in the Library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Griffiths Smith presided. The other brethren present were: Thos. Francis Peacock, H. W. Hemsworth, A. H. Tattershall, Walter Wellsman, Magnus Ohren, H. Browne, W. Stephens, H. A. Dubois, H. Dubosc, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. A. Rucker, W. Paas, Thos. W. White, John Boyd, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little, Secretary.

The business before the Committee was very slack. With reference to the Trusteeships of the Institution rendered vacant by the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon and the death of Bro. Benj. Bond Cabbell, a letter had been received from Lord Carnarvon's Secretary, in reply to Bro. Little's enquiry whether his Lordship would fill one of the vacancies, stating that at present the Pro Grand Master was unable to attend to business. Lord Skelmersdale, in answer to a similar application as to the other vacancy, wrote that he would be happy to undertake the office of Trustee.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Poetry.

EARTH TO EARTH.
WRITTEN FOR THE "FREEMASON."

Alas! how vain is earthly life!
How soon it fades away;
'Mid scenes of weal, strife, or care,
Swift ebbs its littler day.
The fairest hopes have ended
In the mournfulness of tears,
And gentlest forms have left us
In the march of troubled years.

The home of mirth and cheerfulness
Is sad and silent now;
Still is the voice of joyousness—
Pain-laden every brow.
And where but yesterday was bliss
Beneath love's radiant skies,
To-day are downcast sorrow,
Deep grief, and tear-dimmed eyes.

Strange is this mystery of life,
Which ends so often here;
The grace of glowing tenderness,
In the mourning and the tear,
Which throws around our pathway
Those dreary clouds of gloom,
Which hover ever in mid-air
Above affection's tomb.

We give our friends to the silent earth,
Those whom we mourn to-day;
We miss them from our happy home,
Tho' we would bid them stay.
We part from them and they from us
In the freshness of their grace,
And we grieve for the faded flower,
We mourn the dear, dear face.

Strange ending of our tenderness—
Of all our anxious fear;
Of all those joys of heart and home
We ever hold so dear.
In the very midst of life and strength,
When all with us is peace,
Our tenderest links are broken,
Our brightest hours cease.

Yet faith looks on undoubting,
Amid each mournful scene;
Hope points to a higher life than this,
Like the Acacia ever green.
When in that land of love and light,
Ours is a radiant greeting,
When in affection's faultless flow,
Ours is an eternal meeting.

A. F. A. W.

FUNERAL OF LADY CARNARVON.

On Saturday afternoon, the 30th ult., Lady Carnarvon was buried, in the presence of a large and sorrowing assemblage of all classes, and amid manifold tokens of the deepest respect, in the cemetery in Highclere Park, some five miles from the town of Newbury. During the greater part of Friday, and until midday on Saturday, the body of the Countess lay in state in the library, which was hung with black cloth. The inscription on the coffin-plate ran thus:—

"Evelyn Georgina Katherine, wife of Henry Howard Molyneux Herbert, fourth Earl of Carnarvon, only daughter of the sixth Earl of Chesterfield, born 3rd November, 1834; died 25th January, 1875."

The late Countess was wholly averse from anything like ostentation, and it was her desire to be laid in the open cemetery, beside the graves of those who had been devoted and faithful in the service of the family. Her last wishes were lovingly obeyed, and her remains rest in a plain brick grave near those of the nurse of the present Earl, and of the housekeeper, Mrs. Laverick, one of the victims of the Sipton accident, who was buried little more than a month ago.

At twenty minutes to two o'clock, the funeral procession emerged from the Castle, and moved slowly along the winding road to the cemetery in the following order:—

The Earl's Newbury tradesmen, the Mayor of Newbury (Mr. Adey), the ex-Mayor (Mr. Hickman), and other members of the Town Council; the principal tenantry, agents, and stewards of Lord Carnarvon; the officiating clergymen, the Rev. E. T. Waters, rector of Highclere; and the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, chaplain to Lord Carnarvon.

The pall-bearers were the rector of Newbury (Rev. James Leslie Randall), the Rev. N. G. Ridley, the Rev. F. C. Gosling, the Rev. L. Owen, the Rev. C. Young, and the Rev. D. Moore.

The mourners were the Earl of Carnarvon, the Hon. Alan Herbert, the Hon. Auberon Herbert, Lady Gwendolen Herbert, the Earl and Countess of Portsmouth, Miss Ogilvy, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Forester, Colonel the Hon. H. Forester, Viscount Lynton, General the Hon. Robert Curzon, Lord Newport, the Earl of Ducie, Earl Beauchamp, the Earl of Donoughmore, Lord Londesborough, Lord John Manners, Sir Robert Peel, M.P., Hon. J. Howard, Mr. William Chatteris, Mr. W. Kingsmill, Mr. W. Fox, Mr. W. B. Beach, M.P., and others. The servants of the household followed.

Arrived at the gates of the cemetery, the tradesmen and tenantry formed a close line on each side of the roadway, and the body was borne into the mortuary chapel, followed by the mourners. From the chapel to the grave was but a few steps, and here Lord Carnarvon deposited upon the

coffin a wreath of camellias sent by the Countess of Chesterfield, who had been in close attendance upon her daughter throughout her illness. His lordship also placed upon the coffin other floral designs from friends of the late Countess.

The bells of the Newbury churches tolled, and the tradesmen partly closed their places of business in the afternoon. Yesterday morning, at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, the Rev. Henry White, the chaplain, in the course of his sermon, made special reference to the late Lady Carnarvon, who for many years had been a member of the congregation.

Masonic Tidings.

The Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, Provincial Grand Master of North Munster, was presented with a piece of plate, by the brethren of that province, as a mark of their respect for him. He was afterwards entertained at a breakfast, presided over by Bro. James Spaight, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Marquis of Hartington, Prov. Grand Master for Derbyshire, was at the meeting, on Wednesday, the 3rd ult., unanimously chosen as Leader of the Liberal Party.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master, has been appointed representative from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of England in the room of the late Lord James C. Plantagenet Murray. The appointment was made in accordance with a wish expressed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master elect.

Bro. the Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Kent, has given his numerous tenants in the neighbourhood of Cranbrook the right of destroying all game and rabbits on their respective occupations.

A Dublin correspondent informs us that Bro. the Hon. David R. Plunkett, M.P., Junior Grand Deacon, was, on Friday last, sworn in as Solicitor-General for Ireland.

We regret to learn that Bro. Mercier met with a very serious accident on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Mansion House Station of the Metropolitan District Railway. Capt. Mercier's foot slipped while descending the stairs leading to the platform, and he fell from the top to the bottom, sustaining severe injuries. He was conveyed home under the care of his friend, Bro. Dr. Ambler.

Bro. John Symonds, P.G.A.D.C., was on Monday, the 1st inst., unanimously elected Chairman of the Library Committee of the City Corporation.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in Wellington Lodge of Instruction (No. 548), held at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 15th inst., by Bro. John Shaw, S.W. 79. The lodge will be opened at half-past seven precisely.

On Friday, Jan. 29th, the Consecration of the Duke of Connaught Lodge (1524), took place at Pownall-road, Haggerston. The Consecrating and Installing Officers were Bros. R. W. Little, J. Brett, J. Boyd, and H. G. Buss.

NOTES ON LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND ART.

GLEANED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

BY BRO. GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

During the year 1874, there were 11,917 new books and new editions of books published in France, exclusive of periodicals and reviews. There were also 2,196 maps and engravings, and 3,841 pieces of music, published among our French neighbours during the same period.

Miss Thompson's popular picture of "The Roll Call," after being visited by hundreds of thousands of admirers in the principal towns of her native north of England, is now being exhibited in Edinburgh.

The *Academy* informs us that "From his examination of the spectra of stars Professor d'Arrest has come to the conclusion that colour cannot be taken as a certain indication of the nature of the spectrum, and that the connection between colour and temperature, though not improbable, has not been satisfactorily established; while the assertion that the red stars are older than the yellow, and the yellow than the white, is, according to M. d'Arrest, entirely without foundation. The spectroscopic examination of stars which M. d'Arrest has made at Copenhagen has resulted in increasing the number of stars of Secchi's third type threefold. These stars are distinguished by channelled spectra, indicating that their temperature is so low that combination of the elements in their atmosphere has taken place."

"THE MAGPIE."—This is the title of a new high-class weekly journal, the contents of which is to be comprised of ordinary interesting news, with careful and critical comments, and choice beauties of Original Literature, in addition to Scientific, Artistic, and Comic Articles and Essays.

The Annual Dinner of the Uxbridge Yeomanry Cavalry took place at the Wheatsheaf Tavern, Shepherd's Bush, on Friday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of A. Blackburn, Esq., the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to. The proceedings were carried out with great éclat.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to rheumatism, gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The ointment checks the local malady; the pills preserve the vital power.—Adv.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday February 12, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

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

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

" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 223, Strand, at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

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

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

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

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

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

" 235, Nine Muses, Queen's Hotel, Cork-street, Bond-street, W.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.

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

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

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

Supreme Grand Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

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

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.

Supreme Grand Council, 33°, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Park, Albion-road, Dalston, N.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

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

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

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

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

" 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, Craven-rd., W.

" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

" 1475, Peckham, Victoria Tavern, Old Kent-road.

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

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steepney.

K. T. Precep. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

" 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.

Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, W.

St. George's Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

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

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

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (117), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 13, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.

" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.

" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

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

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Chap. 537, Lion, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Laancaster.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.

" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.

" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.

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

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

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, February 13, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

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

" 219, Star, 12, Trogate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Kingston.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.

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

Lodge 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 13, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court, at 8.

" 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BOLTON.—ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE (No. 37).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on 1st Feb., in Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, when there were present Bro. Jas. Walker, W.M., in the chair, supported by the whole of his officers, also the following P.M.'s, viz.: Bro. Wm. Slater, Prov. S.G. Deacon; J. H. Winder, Prov. G. Reg.; Saml. Isherwood, Prov. G. Treas.; Robt. Harwood, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Steward; Jas. Pilkington, John Robinson, R. W. Knowles, W. Pennington, Jas. McAdam, P. Prov. G. Deacon, Derbyshire; and other brethren. The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Johnson Mills, as a candidate for initiation, and being unanimously in his favour, he was subsequently admitted and initiated, as was also Mr. James Marchanton, who had been balloted for and approved of at a previous meeting; the ceremony being performed by the W.M. The working tools were explained to the newly-initiated brethren by Bro. Robt. Harwood, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works; and the charge delivered by Bro. Walter Pennington, P.M. The lodge was then closed in the usual manner.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—This lodge held its regular meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. Geo. Newman in the chair, ably supported by his officers, Bro. T. Cobu, S.W.; Charles Arkell, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; E. Jones, S.D.; H. Legge, J.D.; F. Fellowes, I.G.; W. T. Rickwood, D.C.; E. King, P.M., Steward. The lodge having been duly formed, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the following brethren were raised to the third degree:—Bro. W. Medwin, E. Burch, J. T. Belfrage, S. Crawford, V. Hibbins, T. B. Charlesworth, and G. H. Gillam. The following brethren were also passed to the second degree:—Bro. A. T. Honeywill and R. Stubington. The following gentlemen being present, having been accepted by ballot at the last meeting, were regularly initiated into the ancient mysteries of the Order:—Mr. E. B. Crichton, Mr. J. Loukins, and Edwd. Chas. Alftatt. The sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to the Boys' and Girls' Masonic Institutions respectively; also ten pounds to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Poor Aged Freemasons and Widows; the said sums to stand on the Stewards' Lists representing the lodge at the Festivals. Bro. Geo. Abbott, I.P.M., gave notice of motion, that it was his intention to propose a Testimonial Fund in favour of Bro. Marsh, P.M., in recognition of his services as Secretary of the lodge during the last seven years, and that the sum of ten guineas be voted out of the lodge funds to head the list of subscriptions to the fund. The ceremonies of the chair were most ably rendered by the W.M. (Bro. Geo. Newman), as also the duties by his officers, in the several degrees. The ballot was taken for the reception of several gentlemen at the next meeting in March. The lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned. The brethren then repaired to the Pillar Room, in which upwards of seventy brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, at which the W.M. presided. The several usual masonic toasts were proposed and seconded with great zest. Bro. W. Worrell, P.M. 766, and Bro. G. H. Wright, P.M. 28, responded for the visitors. The Tyler's toast, as usual, concluded a most agreeable meeting. Among the brethren present were Bro. E. Roberts, P.M.; F. Trott, P.M.; E. Taylor, W. Alftatt, T. Fisher, W. F. Poulton, S. Edwards, J. G. Chillingworth, H. A. Pratt, T. Gardner, B. Perkins, T. Barker, J. Kent, R. E. Bright, J. Curle, J. G. Dunn, S. Muggeridge, jun., E. J. Kellaway, G. Hall, G. Bartholomew, H. Child, W. Figs, A. G. Marks, W. Donne, A. Lewis, G. F. Quinton, A. Garnett, W. F. Bates, W. Waring, H. Davis, and G. T. Smith. The visitors present were:—Bro. W. Warwick, 640; R. Gummer, 766; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 942; H. J. Dawe, 871; J. Wright, W.M. 1158; G. H. Wright, P.M. 28; C. H. Nevill, 1216; J. F. Raalte, 917; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; C. Legg, 463; W. Luty, 1259; W. F. Smart, 766; J. Fletcher, 615; J. A. Allison, 901; E. J. Moore, W.M. 174; G. Wilson, 569; G. W. Churchley, 615; T. Butt, 907; J. Weedon, P.M. 715; and J. Cowley.

DEPTFORD.—ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Tavern, Deptford, on Thursday, January 28th. Bro. G. Andrews, W.M., presided, and there were present during the evening Bro. H. A. Collington, P.M.; W. Wyatt, P.M.; S. A. Lewin, S.W.; H. J. Tuson, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M.,

Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Parkes, S.D.; H. J. Wells, J.D.; J. B. Langley, I.G.; H. J. Fisher, Org.; H. J. Dawe, M.C.; G. T. Linan, W.S.; J. Grindley, W. A. R. Harris, W. Elgood, G. Harvey, T. Horton, J. Woollett, A. Gordon, W. Atkins, E. C. Kilsby, W. H. Hawkins, E. Wood, E. Good, G. Jones, T. Firth, A. Macers, R. J. Harvey, J. Allen, R. Mason, W. A. Lockhead, J. G. Thomas, R. Hannan, J. G. Vohmann, G. Porter, Buhler, R. Killick, and some others. Amongst the visitors were Bro. W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45, 1326; H. R. Harker, 79; R. J. Beaver, 700; J. Howe, 1326; J. W. Baldwin, 1326, S.W., and W.M. elect 1423; W. Chartres, 1423, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. J. Grindley, T. Firth, G. Jones, and W. Chartres, 1423, were, in an admirable style, passed to the second degree. The elections were unanimous in favour of the re-election of Bro. W. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer; and J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler. The S.W., Bro. S. A. Lewin, by a large majority, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Baxter Langley, I.G., as the Steward representing the lodge, announced that on previous evening at Royal Benevolent Institution his list amounted to thirty pounds. Some propositions for joinings and initiations were received, and the lodge was closed. The usual banquet followed.

EAST DEREHAM.—SONDES LODGE (No. 996.) The annual festival of this united and prosperous little lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th January, 1875, in the assembly rooms, East Dereham, and was presided over by Bro. W. T. Gidney, W.M.; H. Smart, S.W. and W.M. Elect; E. H. Smith, J.W.; W. Parke, S.D.; J. Wheare, J.D.; L. Minn, I.G.; L. Hatfield, Secretary. Besides the above officers there was a very good attendance of the members of the lodge, numbering over thirty, besides several visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bro. Palmer, Joppa Lodge; Page, from Lynn; Lord, Norwich; and J. F. Hills, P. Prov. G. J. W. Suffolk, Installing Master. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and after the usual routine of business had been disposed of the lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Hills was asked to preside. The W.M. then presented Bro. H. Smart for the benefit of installation. The whole of the ceremony, as well as the address to the W.M. and Wardens, was most attentively listened to by the whole of the brethren. Immediately after the installation, the newly elected Master regularly initiated into Freemasonry Messrs. C. Baker, W. Fisk, D. Belding, and F. Stimpson, the ceremony being worked with great ability, thus proving to the lodge, in a most marked degree, the wise choice the brethren of this lodge had made in their selection of W. Master. The W.M. was most ably assisted by his newly-appointed officers as follows: E. H. Smith, S.W.; W. Parke J.W.; J. Wheare, S.D.; L. Minn, J.D.; J. Allen, I.G.; L. E. Hatfield, Sec.; and Bro. W. T. Gidney, I.P.M., Treas. The lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, when the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Eagle Hotel. The first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," being duly honoured, next followed, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"; "The Grand Officers, Past and Present"; "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," which was responded to by one of the brethren, there being several members of this lodge who are P. Prov. G. Officers. Bro. Hills, Installing Master, being entrusted with the gavel, now gave "The Health of Bro. Smart, the newly installed Master," and in a very sincere manner, passed the W.M. a well merited compliment, on the able, efficient, and truly Masonic manner in which he had performed the arduous duties, both in lodge and at the table, at the same time complimenting the lodge on the wise choice. Bro. Smart responded in a neat and truly characteristic speech, sincerely thanking them all for the very great honour they had done him, and assuring the brethren that nothing should ever be wanting, on his part, to merit their good wishes and esteem, and that he would do what laid in his power to support, maintain, and uphold the dignity and high importance of Masonry. The I.P.M.'s health was next drunk most enthusiastically, and the I.P.M., Bro. Gidney, very ably responded, at the same time proposing the health of Bro. Hills, who had, he said, come all the way from Sudbury to fulfil a promise he made to Bro. Smart, that he would install him. He alluded to the impressive way in which Bro. Hills had rendered the ceremony, to which the Installing Master responded. The Chairman proposed "The Health of the Newly-initiated Brethren," looking upon it as really the best of the evening, expressing the hope that, from what the brethren had that day seen of Masonry, they would be induced to go on in the good work, and that they would never live to regret this memorable day in their lives. The whole of the four brethren returned thanks in able and concise language. The remainder of the toasts, "The Visitors," to which Bro. Lord responded; "The Charities," to which Bro. Hills responded; "The Host and Hostess," to which Bro. Minn responded, concluding with the Tyler's toast, after which the column was passed round, and a very creditable sum was collected, which brought the proceedings of this happy gathering to a close. The cuisine arrangements of Bro. Minn were excellent, and the floral decorations of Mrs. Minn were much admired for their good taste and striking effect.

LIVERPOOL.—SKELMERSDALE LODGE (No. 1380).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge, which bears the honoured name of the Deputy Grand Master of England, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, who was the first W.M., was held at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, on Monday, the 1st inst. The officers and members present were Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. Brown, S.W.; T. G. Bark, J.W.; Dr. W. S. Limrick, Treasurer; Dr. C. S. Smith, Sec.; Rev. T. W. Richardson, S.D.; E. Ford, jun., J.D.; F. N. Sheath, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; L. Moritz, R. W. Hickson, F. W. Barnes, O. Lowenthal, F. Gittins, J. B. Roose, J. A. Greenleaves, J. Cobham, P.M.; H. Davis,

P.M.; R. W. Barnes, and J. Evans, W.M. 220. The visitors included Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, P.G.S.; W. Johnson, 241; W. M. Chudley, W.M. 241, and others. Bro. T. G. Bark was very effectively installed W.M. of the lodge, by Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; and the officers invested were the following:—Bro. G. de la Perrelle, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Dr. C. S. Smith, S.W.; the Rev. T. W. Richardson, J.W.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., M.C.; R. Brown, Treasurer; E. Ford, Sec.; Dr. W. S. Limrick, S.D.; P. Lowenthal, J.D.; F. N. Sheath, I.G.; J. B. Roose, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. A candidate was initiated by the newly-installed W.M. in a manner which has rarely been equalled in this part of the Province; and the working tools were explained by the J.W. in a style which could not have been excelled. The brethren subsequently sat down to a splendid banquet at Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst's, Castle-street, Liverpool, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. The lodge was opened at five o'clock in the afternoon, by Bro. Koch, W.M., assisted by the following officers:—Bro. Everitt, S.W.; Gardner, J.W., and W.M. elect; Walls, acting S.D.; Higgins, acting I.G.; Mann, I.P.M.; Page, Treas.; Stuart, Sec. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the report of the auditors, Bro. Walls, Speedy and Stokes was submitted formally to the lodge and passed. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bro. Fallows to the second degree. The ceremony was well carried out. Bro. Koch having vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Mann, who had kindly accepted the onerous position of Installing Master, the impressive ceremonial of inducting Bro. Gardner to the chair of K.S. was then proceeded with. There was a very strong Board of Installed Masters, which comprised many distinguished representatives of some of the principal metropolitan lodges. The whole proceedings were carried out by the Installing Master with great éclat, his delivery of the address being exceedingly impressive. When the W.M., at the conclusion of the ceremony, received the congratulations of the brethren, the scene was very striking and picturesque, in consequence of there being nearly sixty members and visitors present, many of them being highly decorated with Craft and R.A. honours. The W.M. then invested the following members as officers for the year:—Bro. Everitt, S.W.; Painter, J.W.; Reeves, S.D.; Higgins, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Page, Treas.; Stuart, Sec.; Walls, I.W.S.; Kohler, A.W.S.; W. A. Ellis, Org.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The initiation of Mr. Richardson into the mysteries of the Craft having been carried out by the W.M., Bro. Koch was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and returned thanks for the honour awarded to him. The I.P.M. gave notice of motion in respect to the formation of a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge, which he hoped the brethren would consider in the interim, and come fully prepared to discuss the question at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. "The Queen and the Craft" was duly honoured, and Bro. Farquharson sang the national anthem. H.R.H. the Grand Master's health was drunk with great warmth, and Bro. Walls, sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," accompanied by Bro. Ellis. Bro. Stokes having contributed the "Thorn," the W.M. gave "Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," and requested the brethren to receive the toast solemnly, in consequence of his lordship's recent bereavement. "The Health of the Initiates" was then proposed, and the W.M. contributed the E.A. song. The visitors' toast next followed, and was severally responded to. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was well received and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Gardner. The other lodge toasts were then rapidly given. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings at midnight. Among the visitors were representatives of the following lodges:—Bro. Bond, P.M. 87, P.Z. 749; Farquharson, P.M. 99; Hopwood, P.M. 141; Parsons, P.M. 749; Bragg, P.M. 857; Dennis, P.M. 907; Witley, P.M. 946; Bayfield, P.M. 1158; Lancefield, P.M. 1343; Arnold, W.M. 45; Wright, W.M. 1158; Kindon, W.M. 1297; Kukman, 38; Skinner, 188.

STRATFORD.—LANOTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—This young, but steadily progressing lodge, held its second anniversary meeting at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Thursday, the 28th ult., upon which occasion a large number of brethren of this and neighbouring lodges assembled to witness the installation of Bro. G. E. Slee, the S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, that brother having been unanimously elected to that position at the last regular meeting of the lodge. At four p.m. the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. T. W. Mugliston, M.D., who was supported by the whole of his officers—viz., Bro. G. E. Slee, S.W., and W.M. elect; R. G. Owen, J.W.; Charles Lacey, I.P.M.; George Levick, Treas.; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. and Sec.; B. Cundick, S.D.; G. Hollington, J.D.; H. Carter, I.G.; J. G. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; T. S. Taylor, Steward; M. Sherwin, Org.; and W. Steedman, Tyler, and a number of brethren. The minutes of the last regular meeting, together with those of a lodge of emergency, held on the 14th ult., having been read and duly confirmed, the balance-sheet for the past year, together with the report of the audit committee (brought up by Bro. J. G. Stevens), were read, and on the suggestion of the W.M. the discussion thereupon was deferred until the next meeting. The lodge was opened in the second degree, whereupon Bro. G. E. Slee was duly presented by Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M., D.C., to receive from the W.M. the benefit of installation, which ceremony was then proceeded with, the W.M. elect taking the required obligation. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and the brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, a board consisting of twenty-one Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Slee duly placed in

the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. Having invested his I.P.M., the board of Installed Masters was then declared closed, the brethren re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. duly proclaimed, and saluted in each degree. He then proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. G. T. W. Mugliston, I.P.M.; Bro. R. G. Owen, S.W.; B. Cundick, J.W.; Geo. Levick, Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Hollington, S.D.; H. Carter, J.D.; M. Sherwin, Org.; T. S. Taylor, I.G.; G. F. Dix, D.C.; H. N. Taylor, W.S.; and W. Steedman (re-elected), Tyler. The remainder of the ceremony was then proceeded with, and concluded by the Installing Officer, Bro. Mugliston, who delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a most admirable and impressive manner, and to the evident satisfaction of the large number of brethren present. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. rose, and said he had a most pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to Bro. Mugliston a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted him at the last meeting of the lodge; and on behalf of himself and the brethren of the lodge, he had great pleasure in placing that handsome jewel upon Bro. Mugliston's breast, trusting he might be spared many years to wear it, and to visit his Langthorne brethren. Bro. Mugliston, in feeling terms, acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, assuring them that his humble services would be always at their disposal, and that he should value the jewel they had so kindly presented him with as a lasting memento of their kindness, and as surpassing in value any future distinction that might ultimately fall to his lot. A cordial vote of thanks was likewise given to Bro. T. S. Taylor, for his very handsome present of a set of tracing boards, supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, and which were much admired. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read by the Secretary from Bros. Jno. Hervey, G.S.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A.; and R. Wentworth Little, Sec. Girls' School, expressing inability to attend, and conveying their best wishes and fraternal regards to the brethren of the lodge. The Secretary (Bro. Ashdown) then reported that he had, on the previous evening, attended the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, as Steward representing the lodge, and had the pleasure of handing in a list of subscriptions and donations amounting to £40—an announcement which was received with great satisfaction by the brethren present. A candidate having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors, about fifty in number, adjourned to partake of a sumptuous banquet, served in Bro. Morley's best style and which gave every satisfaction. The W.M. presided, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received and cordially responded to. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. W. Mundy, W.M. 1228. Altogether a most pleasurable evening was spent and the "Tyler's Toast" brought the proceedings to a close shortly before 11 o'clock. During the evening some excellent songs, &c., were given by the brethren, assisted by the Organist, Bro. M. Sherwin, who presided at the harmonium with his usual skill and ability. As usual, the lodge was honoured with a number of visitors, amongst whom were the following, viz.:—Bros. D. Posner, S.D. 1227; E. Jex, P.M. 1259; T. Austin, P.M. 933; J. Boulton, 1056; E. Y. Latrielle, P.M. 1056; A. Robbins, P.M. 1056; W. A. Sharp, P.M. 49; W. Mundy, W.M. 1118; T. Johns, P.M. 30; E. West, P.M. 1327 and P. Prov. G.S.D., Herts; T. Day, S.W. 1076; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; T. Jennings, 554; J. Crossthwaite, 205; B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076; H. B. Holliday, W.M. 1076; T. Cohn, S.W. 192; W. L. Greenfield, 975; and J. Dorton, J.W. 1076.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—This young and flourishing lodge, which was consecrated in June last, met at the hall, Balls-Pond-road, Dalston, on Friday the 5th inst., Bro. Wm. Stephens, W.M., presiding, supported by all the officers, Bro. Jas. Brett acting as I.P.M. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the lodge opened in the third degree, Bro. Hawthorn was raised to the degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history and the lecture on the tracing-board. Bros. May and Frederick were duly passed to the second, and four gentlemen initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, every care and attention being paid to the solemnity of the occasion. Bro. Norman, of Lodge 30, was then elected a joining member on the proposition of Bro. Brett. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sim, who had represented the lodge at the recent festival of the Aged Masons, and taken up a list of upwards of £70 at the call of the W.M. but a few days before the festival. Propositions were then made for new members, and the lodge adjourned for refreshment. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Lundy, P.M. 45; Barfield, P.M. 511; Howe, P.M. 1445. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were most heartily proposed and responded to. The W.M. feelingly remarked on the illness of Prince Leopold and the watchful care of Her Majesty, which would, no doubt, add greatly to his recovery. Fraternal allusions were also made to the recent bereavement sustained by their M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, wishing him health and strength to support him under the trying difficulties. In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. thanked the brethren of the lodge for their great liberality. The Three Charities would be represented during the first year of the existence of the lodge, and he had no doubt that at least £250 would be given in. He could speak of his own list, containing 10 names, subscribing 10 guineas each, and of these, three had been initiated in the lodge by him, and had become Life Governors of all the Charities in the first year of their membership. This augurs well for the future prosperity of the lodge, and although this may be, strictly speaking, a non-banqueting lodge, yet they had never met without partaking of refreshment, and enjoying the presence of visitors at their social board. Each visitor

responded to his health, expressing themselves pleased with the reception they had received, and wishing the continued prosperity of the lodge and the health of its members. The Tyler's toast brought this pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a close, every one looking forward to the time to meet again.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1507).—A meeting of this new lodge of instruction was held on the 5th inst., the meeting being to found a lodge under the warrant of the Metropolitan Lodge (No. 1507). There were present: Bros. T. Adams, P.M., P.G.P., as Preceptor; James Willing, Junr., W.M. 1507, and J.W. 177, Treasurer; W. M. Stiles, Hon. Sec.; Coulton, Tims, Michael, Williams, Douglass, Kingham, Side, Cheek, Clarke, Gilbert, Scales, Carter, Jones, and others. It was decided to meet every Tuesday at seven at the place where the first meeting was held, the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, King's Cross. The third degree was then worked by Bro. Willing, and Bro. T. Adams moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Willing, and congratulated the lodge upon its establishment, the passing of the bye-laws that evening, and the excellent working. With such a beginning, he felt confident the body would prove an important one. An elegant supper, provided by the Metropolitan Club authorities, followed.

Royal Arch.

STOCKPORT.—CHAPTER OF STONE OF FRIENDSHIP, EZEL (No. 287).—The annual meeting for the installation of officers of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 21st January, at the Dog and Partridge Inn, Stockport, when the following companions were installed in the several offices—viz., H. I. Carrington, Z.; William Grotorex, H.; John Nield, J.; John Turner, E.; A. W. Graham, N.; William Shepherd, P.S.; Thomas Newton, 1st A.S. and Treasurer; Charles Booth, 2nd A.S.; and William Dean, Janitor. The installation ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by Comp. James Hall, P.P. 1st A.S., East Lancashire, assisted by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., and Thomas Brooks, J. 323. This chapter, which has for a long period been comparatively inactive, has recently had new life infused into it, and is now making rapid progress. A considerable addition has been made to its members, and a new and complete suite of furniture and regalia purchased. The latter, which was furnished by Comp. George Kenning, attracted the attention and admiration of the visitors, and greatly contributed to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. During the evening Comp. William Shepherd, P.S., gave the history of the chapter, so far as could be gathered from the minute books. He said he very much regretted that the minute books prior to the year 1796 had either been lost or mislaid; also, that the minutes since that date had not been more fully recorded, as, in the majority of instances, they were merely records of the opening and closing, and afforded very little information concerning the inner life of the chapter. Respecting the name of the chapter, he said that he had been very frequently twitted about it, especially at the last Provincial meeting, when he was asked, "What is Ezel?" and "Why Stone of Friendship?" But when explained, the beauty of its signification and its perfect appropriateness generally surprised the inquirer. In perusing the sacred writings, or the records of travels in the East, the numerous instances in which stones are mentioned as being used as signs, tokens, and memorials of remarkable events, or of particular customs, cannot fail to attract our attention. But the custom of giving a stone as a token of friendship is, probably, one of the most interesting; and it was, doubtless, from this custom that the name of the chapter was derived. The Rev. H. Blunt, in his "Lectures on the Seven Churches of Asia," alluding to this custom, remarks:—"In primitive times, when travelling was rendered difficult by the want of places of public entertainment, hospitality was exercised by private individuals to a very great extent. Persons who had partaken of this hospitality, and those who practised it, frequently contracted habits of regard and friendship for each other, and it became a well established custom, both among the Greeks and Romans, to provide their guest with some particular mark, which was handed down from father to son, and insured hospitality and kind treatment wherever it was presented. This mark was usually a small stone or pebble, cut in half, and upon the halves of which the host and the guest mutually inscribed their names, and then interchanged them with each other. The production of this stone was quite sufficient to insure friendship for themselves, or their descendants, whenever they travelled again in the same direction; while it is evident that these stones required to be privately kept, and the name written upon them carefully concealed, lest others should obtain the privileges, instead of him for whom they were intended." From this short account of the Stone of Friendship it will doubtless be perceived that Ezel is the name supposed to be inscribed on the stone, and is taken from 1 Samuel c. xx. v. 19.

KENDAL.—KENDAL CASTLE CHAPTER (No. 129).—The annual convocation of this flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramond Gate, Kendal, at high twelve on Thursday, January 28th. The chapter was opened in due form by E. Comps. C. G. Thomson, M.E.Z.; T. Wilson, H.; H. Rautmel, J.; assisted by M.E. Comps. Col. Whitwell, M.P., P.Z., P.G.P.S. of England; John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B.; John Holme, P.Z.; William Dodd, P.Z.; and others. There was a numerous attendance of companions, and amongst the visitors Comp. Thomas Tunstall, Asst. Soj. Chapter of Elias Ashmole, 148. On the invitation of the M.E.Z., E. Comp. Bowes assumed the

chair of Z., and announced that Bros. John Talbot and Godfrey had been duly elected at the previous convocation and were now in attendance, and bade the P.S. to do his duty. In due course the two brethren were introduced, and solemnly and duly exalted, the acting M.E.Z. being most efficiently assisted by the P.S., Comp. Nelson. After the transaction of some routine business M.E. Comp. Colonel Whitwell presented the Principals elect, Comps. T. Wilson, H. Rautmel, and the Rev. Canon Ware, to E. Comp. Bowes, as Installing Principal, for the benefit of installation, after which they were addressed and retired and afterwards severally admitted into solemn conclaves of Installed Principals according to ancient custom. The newly-elected officers were then invested, and, on the completion of the ceremonies, M.E. Comp. Col. Whitwell proposed in eulogistic terms, a cordial vote of thanks to the Installing Principal for his arduous and valuable services that day. The chapter was then duly closed.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (TIME IMMÉMORIAL).—The members of this ancient lodge met on summons from the W.M., at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, January 27th. At 8 p.m. Bro. Thomson, W.M., opened the lodge, with the aid of the following officers:—V.W. Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, Past J.W. of Grand Lodge of England, acting as I.P.M.; Bros. Keene, S.W.; James Dutton, J.W.; Thomas Jelley, M.O.; John Dutton, S.O.; Major Preston, J.O.; Money Penny, S.D.; Rubie, J.D.; Mitchell, I.G. The circular of summons was read, and also the minutes of the last lodge meeting held in April, 1874, which latter were confirmed. Before the commencement of the business of the evening, the W.M. addressed the meeting very feelingly and appropriately on two melancholy events—first, the sudden death of Bro. Carter, a very old Mason and the Tyler of the Cumberland Mark Lodge; and within the last week that of the Countess of Carnarvon, wife of the highly esteemed Pro Grand Master of England and Prov. G.M. of Somerset. The first business on the list of agenda was a ballot for V.W. Bro. Dr. Hopkins as a joining member, on the proposition of the W.M. and the Secretary, which proved unanimous in his favour. Of course he left the room during the ballot, after having offered inspection of his numerous credentials. On his return he appropriately thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of him among them, and presented to the lodge a copy of his published musical ritual for the Mark degree. A ballot was taken for Bro. Gazzard, as a candidate for advancement, which proved favourable, but it was necessary to defer the ceremony, for though it was his intention to be present, public official duties had required his attention elsewhere. A lengthy discussion arose in reference to the bye-laws, which it appears were drawn up sixteen years ago, but were never circulated, and only one copy can be found. On the proposition of Bro. Rubie, seconded by Bro. James Dutton, a committee, consisting of the W.M., the acting I.P.M., and the Secretary, was appointed to revise them, as they appear unsuitable in many respects under altered circumstances, and to present them in the amended form for consideration at the next meeting to be held on the last Thursday in February, with a view to their adoption, if possible, from the period of the installation of the new W.M. in April. The W.M., not feeling very well, requested the acting I.P.M. to take his chair, which he did, and finally closed the lodge at 10.30 p.m.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—ADAM'S MARK LODGE (No. 6).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Mile Town, on the 27th January, the business being the installation of Bro. S. L. Townsend, Prov. G.J.O., the W.M. elect, and investing the officers for the ensuing year. The brethren met at three o'clock p.m., when a goodly number attended. The lodge was honoured with the presence of Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, who came expressly from London to perform the installation ceremony; likewise Bro. J. L. Ellerme, Prov. G.S.W.; and L. Finch, Prov. G. Treasurer, from Ramsgate, represented the Provincial Grand Lodge; and Bro. W. Ord, P.M. of the Irish Constitution. The installation ceremony was performed in a most excellent and impressive manner, much to the satisfaction and delight of the brethren, when the following brethren were appointed and invested as the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bro. A. Spears, Prov. G. Reg. of Marks, S.W.; Bro. J. Bagshaw, Prov. G. Assist. Sec., J.W.; Bro. W. J. Carpenter, Prov. G. Swordbearer, M.O.; Bro. G. Beckwith, S.O.; Bro. W. Pannel, J.O.; Bro. T. F. Firminger, Sec. and Reg. of Marks; Bro. Alfred Oyston, Treasurer; Bro. J. Nixon, S.D.; Bro. C. Perkins, J.D.; Bro. G. Wager, I.G.; and Bro. W. Foster, Tyler. The lodge having passed through a season of trial and difficulties, death having taken away the principal officers, was left without either Master or Past Master; but by the kind assistance of Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., and the Prov. G.M.M., and officers of Prov. G. Mark L. of Kent, the brethren now see before them a season of prosperity, and hope by their energy and zeal in carrying out the grand principles of the Order, Adam's Mark Lodge, No. 6, will not only be the oldest lodge in the Province, but also the most efficient in its working, as a great part of the officers are Past Masters of the Craft, viz., S.W., J.W., M.O., S.O., J.O., there can be no doubt as to the success of this Mark Lodge ruled by such officers. The ceremony of installation being concluded, Bro. A. Spears, S.W., in a short address, expressing the pleasure of the brethren at the presence of the Grand Secretary and Prov. Grand Officers, thanking them for the trouble they had taken in visiting the lodge, proposed a cordial vote of thanks to them and to be recorded in the minutes of this meeting; also hat Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., Bro. J. L. Ellerme, Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. L. Finch, Prov. G. Treas-

suror, be requested to allow their names to be put on the roll of the lodge as honorary members, which was seconded by Bro. J. Bagshaw, J.W., and unanimously adopted by the brethren. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. F. Binckes gave an explanation of some of the most important principles and ceremonies of the order. Bros. J. L. Ellerme and L. Finch also addressed the brethren. The lodge was then closed in due form. Bro. F. Binckes, G.S., then left to proceed to London, to fulfil other engagements, by the five o'clock train, much to the regret of the brethren, who were deprived of his company at the banquet. The brethren then proceeded to the Britannia Inn, to a banquet provided by Mrs. Green, widow of the late Bro. Green, in the usual excellent style. After doing full justice to the excellent viands, and the cloth removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly honoured; when with speeches from the Provincial brethren, and harmony from the musical brothers, the evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner, while each felt sorry to part, but, happily, to meet again.

LEICESTER.—**FOWKE LODGE** (No. 19).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this large and prosperous lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Bro. J. M. MacAllister, W.M., Prov. G.Sec., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. Wear, I.P.M.; G. Toller, jun., S.W.; C. Stretton, P.G. Steward, J.W.; J. H. Garner, Treas., and other officers. There were also present:—Bros. Partridge, P.M., P.J.G.W.; Duff, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. Wright Smith, G. Odell, and several others. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., and the minutes read and approved, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. W. Noble, and G. Flanagan as candidates for advancement, both of whom were elected. The next business on the agenda paper was to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and upon the ballot being taken, the votes of the members were found to be unanimous in favour of the Senior Warden, Bro. G. Toller, jun., whose zeal, ability, and efficiency cannot fail to secure to the lodge a continuance and increase of the prosperity which it has so long enjoyed. The W.M. elect has already filled the chief offices in all the other Masonic degrees practised in this province, and last year he occupied the office of G.S.W. in the Craft Provincial Grand Lodge, thus proving that he is well qualified for the chair of this Mark lodge. Bro. J. H. Garner was re-elected Treasurer, and a resolution was unanimously passed, thanking him for his regular attendance and able services during the past year. Bros. Sculthorpe, Wykes, and Odell were elected an audit committee, and this concluding the regular business, the lodge resolved itself into a Lodge of Instruction, when the ceremony of advancement was practised, under the direction of the W.M. Apologies for absence having been received from Bro. W. Kelly, R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., and other brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to refreshment, the remainder of the evening being spent in the greatest harmony.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.—The regular quarterly communication of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall on 28th ult. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, R.W.M., Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., presided, and there were present Bros. J. B. Walker, P.G. Treasurer; T. Halket, P.G.S.D.; George Thallon, P.G.J.D.; Alexander Bain, P.G.B.B.; R. Robb, P.G. Marshal; John Fraser, P.G. Assistant-Marshal; James Balfour, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; J. Gillies, P.G.S.B.; and a large number of members and visiting brethren of the Craft. Bro. Bell, R.W.M. 34, occupied the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. McDonald, R.W.M. 73, that of the J.W. Before entering upon the business the presiding brother read notes of apology from the R.W.P.G.M. and the Vice-Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Dr. Penny. The Deputy-Master then explained at some length his reasons for retiring from active duty, stating that from his long connection with the P.G.L. and the fact that the principal duties in connection with his work—especially those of the annual visitations—had fallen upon himself, he found it necessary, for a time at least, to seek for a measure of repose and seclusion. The billet of business for the consideration of the meeting contained the following items:—First, minutes of the P.G.L. and P.G.L. committees; second, installation of office-bearers; third, appointment of P.G.L. committee and convener; fourth, appointment of auditors; and fifth, consideration of billet of business for Grand Lodge meeting to be held on Monday ensuing. Thereupon, the minutes of former P.G.L. and committees were read and confirmed, and the installation of office-bearers proceeded with, when the following took the oath de fidei:—Bros. J. B. Walker, Treasurer; James Gillies, S.D.; Geo. Thallon, J.D.; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; James Ritchie, Architect; A. Allison Jeweller; R. Robb, Grand Marshal; J. Fraser, Assistant Marshal; James Balfour, Dir. of Cer.; William Phillips, S.B.; A. A. Smith, I.G.; and J. B. Hardie, O.G. The acting P.G.M. performed the ceremony of the installation in a very interesting and efficient manner. Thereafter, the P.G. Secretary moved that the P.G. committee should consist, as formerly, of the office-bearers of P.G.L. and the several Masters of lodges in the province; and that Bro. William Bell, 34, should be appointed convener. After some discussion, the motion was unanimously agreed to. The following brethren were then, on the motion of the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart), appointed the Benevolent Fund Committee, viz.:—Bros. Walker, Gillies, Thallon, Bain, Fraser, Balfour, Phillips, Smith, Bell, McTaggart, and Geo. Sinclair—the last named to be Treasurer and convener of committee. The following brethren were appointed auditors:—John Wallace, J. M. Olliver, and John Munro; Bro. Walker being empowered to appoint a meeting, and summon auditors. As there appeared to be nothing of urgent importance on the

billet of business for Grand Lodge meeting, there was no discussion thereanent, and the P.G.L. was closed in proper form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST.—A meeting of this lodge was held, on 30th ult., in the hall of Paisley St. Mirren Lodge, No. 129. There was a large attendance. Bro. Jas. Caldwell, P.G. Junior Warden, in the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Campbell, presided, and the duties of S.W. were discharged by Bro. W. Ferguson, Royal Arch 116, Rutherglen; and J. W. by Bro. John Peters, Royal Arch 153, Pollokshaws. The Secretary, Bro. R. L. Henderson, read a communication from Bro. A. Warnock, Secretary of St. John's Operative Lodge, No. 347, Rutherglen, asking permission to allow Bro. John Cunningham, the R.W.M. of that lodge, to lay the foundation-stone of a new hall with Masonic honours, and invite deputations. The communication stated that the St. John's Lodge had formed themselves into a company (limited) to raise funds to erect this hall, and that it was in the course of erection in Cathcart-street, Rutherglen, the estimated cost being £1,400. As Bro. Cunningham had originated the scheme, and shown great zeal in carrying it out, it was earnestly hoped permission would be granted. A long discussion took place relative to the letter, after which, on a division, the permission was granted by 11 to 9. It was agreed afterwards to allow Royal Arch Lodge No. 153, Pollokshaws, to hold meetings in a new hall, to which they had removed, till such time as the consecration of it could be arranged for. The nomination of office-bearers to be elected by the lodge was then proceeded with as follows:—Bros. James Brown, Treasurer 129; Alex. McLeod, S.D. 129; A. Wallace, 129; J. B. Lamb, Architect 129; ex-Bailie Fisher, B.B. 370; J. Buchanan, S.D. 116; R. F. McGibbon, D.M. 129; J. Carswell, Marshal 129; Smillie, Assistant Marshal 307; Alexander McPherson, Standard-Bearer; Alex. Morrison, S.S. 129; George Masson, J.S. 370; Forrest, I.G.; W. Alexander, Tyler; H. S. Edmonds and Alex. McPherson, Conveners, jointly.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. JOHN** (No. 34).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this large and important lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 2nd February, 1875, Bros. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presiding; John D. Young, S.W.; David Horne, J.W. There were also present, Bros. Thos. Fletcher, I.P.M.; J. B. Walker, P.M.; D. M. Nelson, D. M.; R. B. Dalzell, Treasurer; John Dick, Secretary; and the remaining officers in their respective places, with a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, including Bros. D. Paul, R.W.M.; A. S. McBride, P.M.; W. Sinclair, H. McGregor, Jas. Scobbie, as a deputation from Lodge Leven St. John, No. 170. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge raised to F.C., and the following brethren received this degree, D. Adam, J. B. McCallum, J. L. Cowan, and S. Adam, the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. Thos. B. Bell. The following brethren were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bros. Jas. Paterson, Robert McConnel, J. Reid, A. Cameron, Robt. Reid, D. Montgomery, D. Adam, J. B. McCallum, J. L. Cowan, and S. Adam—Bro. A. S. McBride, P.M., and the Wardens of Lodge Leven St. John, No. 170, officiating. Bro. Gibson, Caledonian Railway 354, and Bro. W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), were then proposed for affiliation into Lodge St. John, No. 34, which was carried unanimously—the ceremony of affiliation being performed by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the deputation from Lodge Leven St. John for the very valuable assistance they had rendered to Lodge St. John, No. 34, at this meeting, which was carried unanimously. Bro. A. S. McBride, P.M. 170, replied in a neat and impressive speech on behalf of Lodge Leven St. John. Bro. J. D. Deacon, S.W., addressed the chair, and said that it gave him much pleasure to propose that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Thos. Fletcher, I.P.M., and not only to him but to all Past Masters of Lodge St. John, No. 34—to show a mark of appreciation to brothers who had held such an honourable position. Bro. D. M. Nelson warmly supported this motion, which met with the entire approval of the lodge. There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and, with the aid of harmony, the evening was passed most pleasantly.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Saturday afternoon, 6th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. William Bell, occupied the chair, supported on the dais by Past Masters J. B. Walker and Thos. Fletcher, and Bro. Thos. Halket, P.M. 102. There were also present Bros. Jno. D. Young, S.W.; David Horne, J.W.; Peter Brownlie, S.D.; and Jno. Dick, Sec. The lodge having been opened on the first degree, the following candidates were duly initiated at the hands of the R.W.M.:—Jno. Rutherford, Jno. Gilliland, and Wm. Muir Scott. Thereafter these brethren were passed to the Fellow Craft degree by Bro. Jno. Dick; and finally raised the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. Thos. Halket, as was also at the same time Bro. A. F. McFarlane. This concluded the business.

DUNFERMLINE.—**LODGE ST. JOHN** (No. 26).—The brethren of the above lodge met in their lodge-room, Maygate-street, on Monday, 25th ult., at 8 p.m. The lodge was opened by Bro. Lindsey, R.W.M., assisted by Bro. Cook, R.W.M. of Crossgates Lodge. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved of, after which Mr. Leapulous Mace and Mr. Thos. Reynolds, candidates for initiation, were approved of. They were duly initiated by the R.W.M., who also gave them the charge in the first degree. Subsequently the newly-initiated brothers addressed the R.W.M., Officers, and brethren very neatly and feelingly, expressing their appreciation of the honour they had received, and their desire to prove them-

selves worthy of it. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren then adjourned to refreshment to Bro. Blyth's, where the rest of the evening was spent in song and sentiment. A special meeting was held on Thursday, 28th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wilson, Treasurer, assisted by Bro. Robertson, D.M., and Wardens, and brethren, owing to indisposition of Bro. Lindsey, R.W.M., who could not attend. Bro. Mace and Reynolds were passed to the Fellow-Craft, and raised to the degree of Master Masons. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, when the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment to Bro. Blyth's. The health of the newly-made brothers of the lodge was given and responded to. A most pleasant evening was passed, and as the hour of eleven drew on, the brethren separated. We must not omit to remark that some capital songs were sung by Bros. Mace and Reynolds, and other brethren of the lodge, and visiting brethren of Lodge Union, 250.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. MUNGO** (No. 27).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. A. Bain, P.M., acting S.W.; G. McComb, J.W.; Archibald McTaggart, D.M. There were also present:—Bro. John Munro, R.W.M., Lodge Commercial, No. 360; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason); and a goodly number of brethren of the lodge and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. D. Butler, R.W.M., the minutes read and confirmed. The Secretary then read a letter from a brother in England, stating that Bro. Joseph John Basoine, a member of Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27 S.C., was in a state of destitution, caused by total blindness. Bro. Dugald Butler, in reference to this letter, called upon the brethren to exercise that great principle of Freemasonry, Charity, and made a motion that Lodge St. Mungo should vote £5 and recommend another £5 from the Provincial Benevolent Fund, to meet Bro. Basoine's present wants. This motion was received unanimously. Bro. Archibald McTaggart, D.M., in an able, painstaking, and correct style, initiated Messrs. John Brownie McNichol and Peter McNichol into the mysteries and the privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bros. J. C. Auld and Geo. Miller were then raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, the ceremony being performed in a most solemn and impressive manner by Bro. John Munro, R.W.M. No. 360, and Bro. A. Bain, P.M. No. 27. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. MARK** (No. 102).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, at 213, Buchanan-street, on 25th ult., the R.W.M., Bro. Jas. F. Mitchell, presiding, beside whom on the dais was Bro. John Munro, R.W.M. 360. The lodge having been opened, a candidate was duly vouched for, Joseph Allmark, and received the first degree at the hands of the R.W.M. There being no further business, the lodge was closed. On the following day an emergency meeting was held, at which Bro. Allmark was passed to the degree of Fellow-Craft, and thereafter raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the working of both being performed by the R.W.M. in a markedly efficient manner.

On Friday, 29th ult., a harmony meeting in connection with this lodge was held within their hall in Buchanan-street, when the first of a series of lectures on "important social subjects" was delivered by Bro. John Smith, Secretary of the lodge. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, with whom, on the dais, were Bros. Thos. Halket, William Bell, R.W.M. 34; and Thomas Fletcher, P.M. 34. The lodge having been opened and adjourned to refreshment, the Chairman said there was no necessity for him to say much in introducing Bro. Smith to them. He was known as a most efficient Mason and a most efficient accountant, so that would be all right. He (the chairman) was sure he spoke the mind of them all, that a series of lectures given in a Masonic hall would meet with a most hearty reception. Some years ago they had a series there, which were very successful, and he did not see why they should not be so now. If they merely met there night after night to see people brought from darkness to light, there would be a sameness about their proceedings which such a feature as these lectures would tend to obviate. Referring to the fact that the proceeds of collection to be made on each lecture night are to go to the cause of charity, the Chairman said that such lectures ought, by every right-thinking Mason, to be most heartily supported. He then introduced Bro. Smith, who proceeded with the lecture, the subject of which was "Millions of Money for the Million; or how Life Assurance can be made doubly sure, and become a great Monetary Medium for the People." The lecture was divided into four parts, during the intervals between which some excellent songs were given by Bros. Halket, Robert Fraser, and others. A second lecture, in continuation of the same subject, is to be given by Bro. Smith, on 16th inst., and the future arrangements include also two lectures on "Music" and "The Drama," with illustrations, and one by the R.W.M. (Bro. Mitchell) entitled "Down a Coal Pit."

GLASGOW.—**LODGE UNION AND CROWN** (No. 103).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on 25th ult., the R.W.M. in the chair. The lodge having opened in the E.A. degree, the following candidates, all duly vouched for, were initiated into the mysteries of the order by Bro. George Muir, D.M., viz.: Messrs. John Arkison, Thos. Murphy, William Murray, Peter Thos. Ewing, and Andrew Robertson. Thereafter, Bros. Alex. Bain, jun., Edward Wylie, and John Dunlop, were raised from Fellow-Craft to the sublime degree by Bro. Alex. Bain, P.M.; who also performed the ceremony of installing Bro. David Murray as S.M. of the lodge. There being no further business, the lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE UNION** (No. 332).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, 1st

inst., Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. J. Balfour, acting S.W.; Murray, acting J.W.; R. Mitchell, P.M.; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), and several other brethren and visitors present. The minutes of last meeting, Auditor's report, and application for Bro. Hutcheson, who received the E.A. degree on the 7th Dec. last, to be passed to F.C., and raised to M.M., read and confirmed, the ceremonies of passing and raising were carried out in a most impressive manner. Fellow-Craft by the R.W.M., Bro. J. Macnair; M.M. by Bro. Robt. Mitchell. The lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—On Monday, 25th ult., the members of this thriving young lodge held festival in their hall, Queen's Park Rooms, Crosshill. The occasion being an open one, they enjoyed the company of their wives, sweethearts, and friends; and there would be about forty couples on the floor when dancing was commenced, about half-past eight o'clock. The hall was kept up with unflagging spirit for nearly three hours, when the company sat down to a *recherche* supper, the R.W.M., Bro. J. D. Porteous, occupying the chair. Justice having been done to the good things upon the table, the chairman gave in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales," and "The Three Grand Lodges," all of which were duly pledged. Provost Brown, Crosshill, then proposed "The Lodge of Marie Stuart," expressing his gratification at the establishment of a lodge in the burgh, and one composed of so respectable a class of members. The toast was coupled with the name of the R.W.M., who, in replying, adverted to the necessity that had existed for a lodge in the district, and to the gratifying degree of prosperity to which "Marie Stuart" had already attained. In the course of some remarks about Masonry generally, he referred to the department of charity, in regard to which he regretted having to admit that Scotland was distinctly behind her sister countries. He hoped, however, shortly to be in a position to say that something tangible had been done to remove this reproach. In concluding, and for the benefit of the ladies, he declared that a good Mason made a good sweetheart, husband, and father, and he would add, a wise and good believer in the Divine Architect. The other toasts were "The Memory of Burns," by Bro. Fyfe; "The Ladies," by Bro. Mason, and replied to, on their behalf, by Bro. Renton; and "The Committee," by Bro. Martin, replied to by Bro. Julius Brodie, S.M. Thereupon dancing was resumed, and continued by the younger and more enthusiastic of the company till about four a.m., the occasion having been a much agreeable and successful one throughout. We have to add that, in the course of the evening, Bro. S. Findlater, late Treasurer, was presented by the R.W.M., on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome writing-desk, in recognition of services rendered by him to the lodge during the period he held office.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall on 3rd inst. Bro. Jas. Shaw, R.W.M., occupied the chair, there being present also Bros. A. A. Smith, P.M.; Wm. H. Caldwell, S.M.; Jno. W. Stafford, S.W.; A. Dougall, acting J.W.; and Wm. R. Dunn, Secretary. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, it was proposed by Bro. Stafford, seconded by the R.W.M., and unanimously agreed to, that the sum of £2 be voted from the lodge funds to the widow of the late Bro. Robertson. Thereafter there appeared four candidates for initiation, viz.: Jas. Reid, Geo. G. Faircloth, Jas. Ritchie, and Wm. Sutherland Browne, who each received the first, and subsequently the Fellow-Craft degrees at the hands of the R.W.M. The following brethren were then affiliated as members of No. 354 by P.M. Bro. A. A. Smith:—Bros. Wm. White, and Hector Stewart, of Lodge St. Mary, Caledonian Operative (No. 339), Inverness; George Scott Hendry, of Lodge St. Mungo (No. 27); and Jno. Waggett, of Lodge St. Vincent (No. 553).

On Saturday, 6th inst., an emergency meeting of the lodge was held, at which the R.W.M. (Bro. Shaw) presided, and present Bros. John Stafford, S.W.; A. B. Ferguson, J.W.; and Wm. R. Dunn, Secretary. The lodge having been opened, passed, and raised to the sublime degree, that degree was conferred upon the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Alexander McPherson, James Tulloch, Alexander McDonald, R. A. McLean, James Reid, George G. Faircloth, James Ritchie, and William S. Browne. Thereafter the lodge was reduced to the first degree, when John Paterson was duly initiated into the mysteries of the craft. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, 5th inst., with a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The R.W.M., Bro. John Munro, presiding; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Thos. Graham, Acting J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The business before the lodge being several motions which had stood over for discussion, and in accordance with the bye-laws, which were satisfactorily settled. This being all the business, the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 26th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, occupied the chair, with Bros. Colin McKenzie and Daniel Leeds as S.W. and J.W. respectively. Three candidates came forward for initiation—John Balfour, Thomas Pearson, and William Mathieson; and, being all duly recommended, they received the first degree at the hands of Bro. William Bell, R.W.M., St. John, 34. Thereafter, the R.W.M. mentioned that he had had a conversation with the R.W.M. of St. Mark's with reference to the cleaning of the hall in which they met, when the brother stated that the delay in having this done had been unavoidable, but that it would be seen to forthwith. Bro.

James Louttit referred to the bye-law of the lodge bearing upon the initiation of members, and suggested that, in accordance with the same, in future the ballot should in every case be used. This was agreed to. It was thereafter agreed that the annual supper of the lodge be held in Bro. Galloway's restaurant on Friday, the 26th inst.; and, there being no further business, the lodge was duly closed.

GOVAN.—LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 437).—This lodge met on 2nd inst., in the hall of Portland-buildings, Govan. The R.W.M., Bro. John McFarlane, presided; supported by Bros. Jno. Miller, D.M.; and John Hutchinson, S.M. There was a very good turn-out of the brethren, and the lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, William Alexander received that degree at the hands of Bro. Miller, and, it being a case of emergency, was thereafter passed to the degree of F.C., and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. There being no other business on the card, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—A meeting of this lodge was held on 4th inst., in the hall, at 162, Kent-road. Bro. Robert McDougall, R.W.M., presided; with Bro. Malcolm Stark, D.M.; William Wilson, acting S.W.; Hunter, J.W.; Jno. McLellan, Treas.; and Joseph Halley, Sec. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. William Bell, R.W.M., No. 34; Jno. D. Young, S.W. No. 34; and David Lamb, D.M. No. 360. The following candidates, duly recommended, then received the E.A. degree at the hands of Bro. D. Lamb:—George Bruce, Thos. McLean, William McGhee, John Shields, John Small, Wm. Russell, Thos. Liddell, and T. B. Barrett. There being no further business, the lodge was thereafter duly closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on 1st inst. in their new premises, 106, Rose-street, Southside, the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Phillips, presided, there being present Bros. Dr. Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; Jno. B. McNaught, S.W.; and Jno. Howie, J.W. The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, the following candidates appeared, and were duly initiated by the R.W.M., viz.: John Heron and Joseph Granger, members of the band of the 64th regiment, at present quartered here; Jas. Whitehead, Jas. Smith, Joseph Glen, and Jas. F. Murray. Bro. John Cloggie, Lodge 275, was affiliated a member of 556 by the R.W.M. The gratifying announcement was made by the chairman, that the committee expected that their new hall would be ready for occupation within a month. They were having it fitted up something after the style of the Star Lodge (219) Hall in Trongate, and he thought they would find themselves very comfortable in it. The lodge thereafter adjourned from labour to refreshment, when, after the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," and "The Last Laid Stones of 556" had been duly honoured, "Prosperity to Lodge Clydesdale" was very neatly proposed by Bro. Johnstone, 34. The toast was coupled with the name of the R.W.M., who, in replying, adduced as a proof that a lodge on the south side had been a felt want, that although the year was only a month old, they had already made no fewer than twelve Masons since its commencement. In looking out for and securing their new premises, they had no doubt incurred considerable expense and trouble, but in amends for that he had no doubt that in future they should have a comfortable home. He might add that the support he had received from his office-bearers had given him a great deal of encouragement throughout, and he knew that so long as it remained so they would be prosperous and successful. At any rate, whatever man could do they intended to do, and man could do no more.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (1524).

A new lodge was consecrated at the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Haggerston, on Friday the 29th ult., by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Secretary, Middlesex, the officer deputed for the purpose by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

The Lodge was duly opened after the brethren had entered in procession, by the Consecrating Master, assisted by Bros. J. Brett, P.G.M., as S.W.; I. Boyd, P.G.P., as J.W.; J. Emmens, P.G.P., as P.M.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas. (Middlesex), as D.C.; and W. Stephens, P.M. No. 1365; W.M. No. 1489, as I.G.

The beautiful consecration service was then proceeded with, accompanied by anthems under the direction of Bro. Knight Smith, who conducted the musical arrangements most admirably. At the conclusion of this important ceremony, Bro. W. H. Lee, J.W., No. 975, the W.M. Designate, was presented for installation, and after the customary observances, he was installed in the chair of K.S., and saluted accordingly.

The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. T. C. Chapman, S.W.; Henry Lister, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas. (elected); Neville Green, Secretary; J. B. Shackleton, S.D.; I. Symes, J.D.; G. J. Baker, I.G. The addresses were then delivered by Bros. Little and Boyd.

Five names for initiation were then proposed, and the rank of Honorary Members was conferred upon Bros. Little, Brett, Boyd, and Buss, who suitably acknowledged the compliment, and the Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a splendid repast, to which ample justice was done. When the cloth was cleared, the loyal, national, and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Consecrating Master, Bro. Wentworth Little, who, in responding, proposed the W.M.'s health—better health—and prosperity to the Lodge. The toast was enthusiastically greeted with a brilliant Masonic fire. Bro. Lee, although evidently suffering severe pain from a recent accident, responded readily and happily to the toast. For the Visitors Bros.

Gompertz, P.M., P. Prov. G.P. Herts, and W. Stephens, replied in appreciative terms.

The W.M. announced that Bro. Shackleton, S.D., had kindly undertaken a Stewardship for the Girls' School, and called upon the brethren to drink success to the charities. Bros. Little and Shackleton returned thanks. Soon after this the company separated, highly delighted with the success of the proceedings.

We may add that Bro. Knight Smith presided at the pianoforte during the evening, and accompanied the brethren in several well-rendered songs.

The following were present in addition to those already named: C. W. Baker; J. Green, J.W. 27; E. Somers, S.W. 1489; E. H. Pendergrass, 907; J. Redman, 25; R. Wyatt, J.D. 1314; C. R. Miles, P.M. 1365; C. B. Payne; J. Bingham, S.W. 55; R. Philp.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey was held on Saturday last at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Colonel Burdett, presided. Bros. F. Davison, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; the Rev. D. Shaboe, Grand Chaplain; Roebuck, G.S.W.; Major Barlow, as J.W.; Stephen C. Dibdin, Secretary; D. M. Dewar, J.O., as M.O.; Capt. Burgess, as G.O.; Meggy, as J.O.; W. E. Brighten, S.D.; Colonel W. Wigginton, J.D.; Thos. Moore, D.C.; C. T. Sparks, Sword-Bearer; F. H. Cozen, G.Organist; G. W. Verry and Nath. J. Bassett, Stewards; Thos. R. Parker; W. Worrell, P.G.Org.; Arthur W. Hall, Chaplain No. 7; H. A. Dubois, S.W. 176; M. S. Larham, S.O. 139; W. Allport, 144; Rev. D. J. Drakeford, P.G. Chaplain; Capt. Geo. Barlow, P. Prov. G. J.W.; Dr. Ramsay, Carnarvon; Rudolph G. Glover, Carnarvon; E. B. Webb, Carnarvon; A. Solomon, Carnarvon; Gilbert J. Smallpiece; W. Klingenstein, 22; Thos. Meggy, P.G.M.O.; Joseph Spencer, 22; H. Massey (Freemason), were also present.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. Moore, Prov. G.D.C., called upon the brethren to salute the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, Overseers, and other officers. The same was done, and the Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren for the warmth with which he and his officers had been received.

Bro. Dibdin, Prov. G. Secretary, then read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, which were put and confirmed. Bon Accord, Keystone, St. Mark's, Mallet and Chisel, Carnarvon, Hiram, Samson and Lion, Macdonald, Percy, Northumberland, Panmure, Grosvenor, and Era Lodges were called over, and the members of several of them answered.

The Provincial Grand Master then rose, and said that the special business of this meeting was the nomination of a Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing three years. Any one present could nominate whom he thought fit, and he would be happy if a brother would nominate some one other than he who now occupied the post. He had held that office himself for three years, but as the brethren were about to nominate a Grand Master he would leave the lodge while the nomination took place. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master would therefore take the chair until they had made their choice.

Colonel Burdett accordingly retired, and Bro. Davison took the chair.

Bro. Davison having assumed the chair, said that Col. Burdett had held the office of Prov. G.M. for three years, but there was nothing to prevent his being re-nominated. Still it was competent for any brother to propose some one else for the next three years.

Colonel Wigginton thereupon rose, and said he had great pleasure in proposing the re-election of Bro. Col. Burdett as Prov. G.M. for Middlesex and Surrey. He scarcely need say anything in his favour, for he had never met, during his twenty-four years' Masonic experience, with any brother who had thrown himself so heartily into Masonic work as Col. Burdett had. The brethren had nothing to regret in having elected him three years ago as their head.

The Rev. D. Shaboe seconded the nomination. Col. Wigginton had expressed the feelings which he (Bro. Shaboe) entertained, and he might add that he thought it was a wise thing to have a brother to rule over them who so devoted his life to his office. No brother ought to take it unless he could devote his time and energies to it; and he trusted that Col. Burdett would continue to do as he had already done, and that life and health would be granted him to pursue the course of duty which he had laid out for himself.

Bro. Davison said, the election having been unanimous, that a requisition would have to be laid before the Grand Master (Earl Percy) that Col. Burdett might be appointed Prov. Grand Mark Master of Middlesex and Surrey for the ensuing three years. That was the proper course to take.

A deputation then left the body, and acquainted Col. Burdett of his re-election, and returned with him to the lodge, where he was received in due form, and took his seat, after Bro. Davison had conveyed to him in Grand Lodge the information that he had been unanimously elected.

Colonel Burdett said he could not thank the brethren enough for the kind compliments they had paid him. He was happy to see that the Order was flourishing in the province. It had done well already, and he had no doubt, from the support he had, that it would continue to flourish. He would endeavour to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and do credit to the recommendation they were about to make to the Grand Master of Mark Masons.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, provided by Bro. Joseph

Spencer, the proprietor of the Bridge House Hotel. When the banquet was disposed of, the room was close tyled, and grace having been said by Grand Chaplain, the toasts were proposed.

The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing Her Majesty's health, alluded to the illness of Prince Leopold, which had recently been a source of so much concern to the Queen. In giving "The Health of Earl Percy, G.M.M.M.," he regretted that Earl Percy's health had not been good for some time, and he had not been able to preside in Grand Lodge. He believed, on this account, Earl Percy would not allow himself to be put in nomination for another year. In giving "The Health of the Earl of Limerick, Deputy Grand Master, and the Past and Present Grand Officers," Colonel Burdett said that the Earl of Limerick was an excellent Deputy Grand Master, and was well up in Masonic working, for he could testify that he was not only able to perform the duties of Deputy Grand Master, but was also expert at installing. This he could say from his own experience, having recently witnessed his lordship's performance of the ceremony.

The Rev. D. Shaboe replied, and said that all the Grand Officers were willing at all times to come forward to assist in any way they could in the promotion of the welfare of the Craft. With him Mark Masonry was a degree of great importance. It was peculiarly forward in charity, which was a great point among Freemasons.

The Provincial Grand Master said that the next toast "The Provincial Grand Officers," was one he proposed with peculiar pleasure, because it seemed to come nearer home to them than any other; although the other toasts also gave him great pleasure. They were quite aware that the Province of Middlesex and Surrey was a young province. It had however done very well. It was now holding a better position than it had ever done before, but it must do a great deal better. With the assistance of such officers as it now had, he had no doubt it would. They had all done their duty admirably.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Davison, responded, and then proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master." In the early years of a province, great difficulties were encountered, but thanks to the admirable skill of Col. Burdett these difficulties in the Province of Middlesex had been overcome. He hoped that they would shortly meet to instal him, and that on that occasion they would have a good muster of the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master replied, and said it was very gratifying to him to hear such flattering remarks from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He was inclined to think he had spoken too favourably of him. He wished very much for the prosperity of the province, and that by their exertions it might be made a great one. There was one subject which was a matter of much satisfaction to Mark Masons, that all the members admitted to the degree were Masons of great excellence. The officers already appointed had exerted themselves very much for the prosperity of the degree, and he hoped that those who would be hereafter appointed would exert themselves in like manner.

The brethren separated after passing a very pleasant evening.

Obituary.

FUNERAL OF BRO. F. BELL, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., OF THIRSK HALL.

On Tuesday, 26th ult., the inhabitant of Thirsk and district committed to their last resting place in the parish church-yard, with every sentiment of heartfelt regret and sincere respect, the mortal remains of the late Bro. F. Bell, or as his neighbours and friends loved more familiarly to call him—Squire Bell, the Lord of the Manor. Bro. Bell had for years, and since his hospitable occupancy of the hall commenced, been at the head of every movement connected with the old town (which it was ever his pleasure to be identified with) that had for its aim its well-being and prosperity, and no good work or deserving object ever failed to receive his heartiest sympathy and most practical support. It was known that the deceased gentleman suffered from an affection of the heart, still his death, which occurred suddenly last week, at the early age of 44, was an event which came as a great shock, and was felt to be as much a personal as a general loss. The gloom which, without using a mere figure of language, may be said to have pervaded the community of Thirsk and district since the death of the Squire, culminated on Tuesday at the funeral, which was one in every respect worthy of the man. The day will long be remembered as one of the most mournful in the local annals. All classes, and parties, and sects joined together towards rendering the burial one which would testify to the universal respect in which the deceased was held, and which would embody the prevalent feeling that in him the town and neighbourhood is losing one whose place it will indeed be difficult to fill.

The funeral took place at noon, the place of interment being in the family vault, at the north-west side of the churchyard. Nearly every shop and place of business in the town was closed, and the window blinds of private houses were all down. Long before the hour fixed for the funeral cortege to start from the hall, the stream of people churchwards began, and it was to be noticed that in the great majority of instances mourning habiliments had been put on. Had the relatives of the deceased been desirous that the solemn proceedings should be of a private character, though the utmost possible deference would doubtless have been paid to their wishes; still it would have been found impossible to prevent the assemblage of a large crowd who desired in quietness and reverence to see the remains of one so widely esteemed consigned to the tomb. As it was, never—we are given to understand—

either in respect of the gathering in and about the church and yard, or of the numbers who actually took part in the burial procession, was there such a scene witnessed at Thirsk. Bro. Bell was, as is well known to the members of the Craft, a Mason, and he had held high office locally and in the province. The members of the lodge were invited by the family to visit the remains of their departed brother, the coffin being removed to the library, and there the usual grand honours were performed. A good many visiting brethren from Northallerton, Ripon, Darlington, and other places were present, and all were supplied with sprigs of acacia, which they wore on their left breasts, afterwards to deposit in the vault. The present Worshipful Master of the home lodge, the Falcon (Bro. Bamlett), was unavoidably absent. His duties were discharged by Bro. John Rhodes, the Senior Warden; Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, the Secretary, acting as Senior Warden. The other members of the lodge present were Bros. G. Anderson, W. Colman, W. Hall, J. Walton, G. Ayre, R. Barnes, J. Harker, R. Musgrave, J. Lee, R. Atkinson, H. Milburn, H. Masterman, R. Barley (Osgodby), W. A. Bourne, C. Greensides, G. Freeman, A. G. Duncombe, N. C. C. Lawton, G. Dinwoodie, C. Easley, A. G. Bleasdale. The following from the Anchor Lodge, Northallerton, were present:—Bros. J. Fairburn, W.M.; G. F. Clarkson, S.W.; G. Oxendale, J.D.; E. Wilkinson, J. Wheldon, junior, W. Hardy, W. Waistell, W. A. Hutchens, J. Walmsley, S. Meynell, and C. Palliser. From the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Ripon, there were Bros. T. H. Broadwell, W.M.; R. E. (Alderman) Collinson, P.G.S.D.; and F. Bateman, P.M.; from the Restoration Lodge, Darlington, Bros. J. Bailey, P. Prov. G.J.W.; R. Chadwick, P.M.; J. A. Blacklock, S.D.; F. Ness, and T. Bowman. The above-named having earlier on assembled in the new Masonic Hall, opened a few months ago, took up a position in line from the hall gates to the time approaching for the start, and thus formed a guard of honour for the corpse, the mourners, pall-bearers, and the rest of those taking part in the funeral. Inspector Nicholson had a number of police placed at certain points, but there was little confusion to call for interference. Good order and decorum prevailed on the part even of the most thoughtless.

The vicar, the Rev. B. Lamb, headed the procession into the church, he reading with much impressiveness throughout the solemn and effective burial service for the dead. The velvet pall covering the coffin was an exceedingly chaste one. It was borne by the following:—the Hon. G. E. Lascelles, Sion Hall; Mr. T. W. Lloyd, Cowesby; Mr. John Walker, Mount St. John; Capt. Hincks, Breckenbro'; the Rev. Canon Johnstone, Sutton Hall; Mr. Williamson, Richmond; Mr. C. Mc C. Swardbreck, Sowerby; and the Rev. G. Scott, Craxwold. Earl Cathcart was to have been one of the pall-bearers, but he was prevented by indisposition from attending. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton (the latter being a sister of Mr. Bell), of Clifton Hall, near Nottingham; Major and Mrs. Sanders, Ingram House, near Thirsk (Mrs. Sanders is aunt to the deceased); Mr. R. Smith and Miss Smith, of the Hall, nephew and niece of the deceased; the Rev. Mr. Smith, Kildale, near Whitby; and Capt. Turton, Larpool Hall. Amongst the friends present were Sir W. Payne Galloway, the member for the borough; Capt. Hill, Chief Constable for the North Riding; Mr. E. Munby, Myton; Rev. Canon Coates, Sowerby; Rev. L. S. Maine, Sowerby; Dr. Ryott, deceased's medical attendant; and a large number of the neighbouring gentry. The tenantry of the deceased, and the upper and lower servants at the Hall, also, of course, formed up in the procession.

Service in the church was begun by the singing by the chorister boys, who were in their surplices, of the well-known hymn, "Christ will gather in His own," from "Hymns Ancient and Modern." After that, and whilst all were being seated, Mr. Walton, the organist, played upon that instrument in a very effective manner, the "Dead March." The Psalm—the 39th—was read, and as the departure into the grave-yard was being effected "Vital Spark" was given upon the organ. Altogether the service in the church was felt by all to be very impressive and appropriate. The vault in which the remains of the deceased was placed is a brick one, which had previously five occupants. The deceased was placed beside the remains of his uncle, who died in 1851, and whom he succeeded. The coffin, a massive oaken one, of elegant brass furnishings, and which had been supplied by Mr. J. S. Coulson, of Kirkgate (Mr. Anderson making the lead coffin), had upon it the following inscription, engraved upon a brass shield:—

FREDERICK BELL,
Died Jan. 13th, 1875,
Aged 44 Years.

On the coffin were a cross and a number of wreaths composed of white camellias, azaleas, Christmas roses, and other choice flowers. The bells of the church rang out a muffled peal at the conclusion of the service.

At a full meeting of the Falcon Lodge held in the Masonic Hall on the 13th ult., Bro. A. C. Bamlett, W.M., in the chair, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That we, the members of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, of ancient, free, and accepted Masons, in open lodge assembled, have heard with the greatest regret and deepest sorrow of the painfully sudden death of our most Worthy and Worshipful Past Master, Bro. Frederick Bell, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, who, in the inscrutable wisdom of the Great Architect of the Universe, has been so suddenly called away from amongst us; and we, remembering his many good and noble qualities, and the great services he has rendered to Freemasonry in founding the Falcon Lodge, together with his uniform kindness and urbanity to all the brethren, beg to offer our sincere and heartfelt condolence to Mrs. Macbean and the other members of the late Mr. Bell's family, under their sad and most distressing bereavement." This resolution was duly conveyed, and in most courteous terms acknowledged.

BRO. THOS. KINNERSLY.

It is with extreme regret we have to chronicle the some what sudden demise of William Thomas Kinnersly, Esq., of Blinfield Manor, Berkshire. Our much esteemed brother, though a young Mason, had already made his mark in the Craft, and gave every promise of a long and useful Masonic career. Some five years since, having married a lady of the island, he settled down at "Les Touillets," in Guernsey, and at once devoted himself with all the zeal and energy of a strong and vigorous character to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Masonic Institutions of his place, connecting himself more immediately with Doyle's Lodge, of which he was W.M. for two years in succession, resigning the gavel so recently as the 29th of December, on which occasion he installed the present W.M., Bro. Randall, in that chair which he had himself so long and so ably occupied. Bro. Kinnersly was a worthy exponent of the great principles of the Order, and though, as the owner of a large property and one of the leading gentlemen of his parish, the calls on his time and his generous nature were by no means few or slight, he never lost sight of those great educational and charitable institutions of our Order, and the writer has reason to know that it was one of the happiest moments of our late brother's life, when a short time back he was privileged, as a Steward of the Annual Festival, to place in the hands of the Secretary one of the largest collections that had ever been transmitted to the Boys' School from this island. The funeral of our late brother took place on the 28th ult., and though, in accordance with the earnestly expressed wish of the deceased, carried out in a strictly private and unostentatious manner, many brethren assembled at the cemetery to pay the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit. Amongst these we noticed Bros. Dr. Hamilton, D.G.M. of Jamaica, 33; Colonel Gallienne, D.D.G.M. of Guernsey; Balfour Cockburn, P.D.G.S.W., 30; Colonel Guerin, Sharp, and others.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company was held in a spacious room of the hall on Thursday, the 4th inst. There was a good attendance of gentlemen interested in the undertaking. The report of the directors and statement of finance were submitted and discussed. Messrs. Pinder and W. Ramsay were re-elected directors of the company; Mr. H. A. Dubois was also re-elected to the office of auditor. The meeting was afterwards resolved into a special convention, at which a resolution was unanimously passed empowering the directors to raise additional capital, thereby enabling them to complete the work. There being no other business to be transacted, the proceedings were then formally closed. The shareholders subsequently examined the lodge and other rooms, and expressed themselves highly pleased with the stability of the edifice, great care having evidently been exercised by the builder in the selection of materials, &c. The hall is now in a very advanced state, and will constitute one of the handsomest buildings to be found in the Southern part of the metropolis. We hope, ere long, to have the pleasure of chronicling its formal opening for Masonic and other purposes. We may mention that shares of £5 each may still be procured of the Secretary of the Company at 1, Gresham-buildings, and those who have the interests of the Craft at heart will, we think, not be slow in awarding support to this excellent and most desirable undertaking.

Masonic Tidings.

It is stated that the Right Worshipful Robert Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, has appointed Bro. Matthew Edward Clark, of London, to be his Deputy P.G.M. This appointment has been vacant since the death of Bro. Andrew Meggy in January 1873.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Prov. Grand Master, Staffordshire, has consented to preside at a dinner, on the 18th March, at Willis's Rooms, to raise an enlargement fund for the Royal Infirmary for Children and Women, Waterloo-bridge-road.

WELLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 548).—The fifteen sections will be worked in this lodge, at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday evening next, by Bro. John Shaw, S.W. 79. Lodge opened at half-past seven precisely.

THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE (No. 357).—The fifty-sixth anniversary festival of this lodge will be held on Tuesday, February 16th, at 3.45 p.m., for the installation of the W.M. elect, the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., who filled the chair of the lodge in the years 1856 and 1857. The following eminent brethren will, in all probability, attend the lodge:—Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England; Col. Adair of the 33rd; P. M. Beach (M.P. for North Hants), who will act as Installing Officer; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. of England; P. M. T. Mansel Talbot (Prov. Grand Master, Eastern Division, South Wales), with many others, well known in the Craft.

From a circular letter in relation to the "Sind Masonic Association for the Relief of Distressed Widows and Orphans of Freemasons," we learn: "Twelve months have now elapsed since the idea of forming the above Association was brought forward, and its object and intention have been so fully appreciated by the Masons in Sind, as to secure the hearty co-operation and generous liberality of one and all, which is testified by the fact, that at the present moment the Association possesses a capital of Rs. 5,000, and which is invested in Government Paper in the name of Trustees; the interest of this sum and all subscriptions to the Association forming the available revenue from whence relief is granted."

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DEATH.

SAUNDERS.—Feb. 3, at Elliott-street, Liverpool, Eliza, aged 40, the beloved wife of Bro. D. Saunders, Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, after a short illness. Mrs. Saunders had long been identified with her husband, manager of the New Star Music Hall, as an artiste of rare merit, a lady of the most benevolent disposition, and one whom the whole profession and public deeply regretted. Great sympathy is felt in Liverpool for Bro. Saunders, who has been for nine years identified with Masonry in Liverpool.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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Can a lodge adjourn?—T. T. [No.]

The Scotch lodges give more than one degree, I see, the same night, or next night. Can such a thing be done in England?—H. [Certainly not. The Scotch do so, and a most mistaken course it is. In our humble opinion it is one of the main reasons for the unsatisfactory condition of Scottish Freemasonry. Another is the facility, of initiation and cheapness of admission fees, and a third, and last, the want of enforcement usually of annual subscriptions from members of lodges.]

ERRATA.—In the report of Chapter Commercial, No. 79, page 55, for Comp. John Morris, read Munro. Bro. Adlard's Advertisement:—for "Pockets for jewels, 7s. 6d. each, extra," read 6d. extra. In Bro. Bincke's letter on Masonic Charities, for 8,000 half-crowns producing £800, read "£1,000."

The following communications stand over:—

Craft Lodges:—Hartington, 1055; Priory, 1000; Royal Standard, 1298; Talbot, 1323; Perfect Ashlar, 1178; St. Botolph's, 588; St. Cuthberta, 622; Underley, 1074; Aldershot Camp, 1331. Royal Cumberland, Bath; Chapter:—Mount Zion, 22. Mark Lodges:—Era, 176. Langley, 28; Mr. Baker's letter. Masonic Balls at Coventry, Bootle, and Barrow-in-Furness. Scotland:—Star, 219; Athole, 413.

Captain Chatterton's appeal is unsuited to our columns, which are devoted to purely Masonic subjects.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1875.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER, PRINCE LEOPOLD.

The whole Masonic fraternity will deeply rejoice, to use Mr. Disraeli's appropriate words, that "sorrow has not disturbed" the "Royal hearth." Some few days ago it was impossible, but that all loyal Englishmen, and not the least loyal Freemasons, would feel deeply anxious, as the daily "bulletins" seemed to point to weakness and to danger, in the state of our Royal Brother, Prince Leopold. The thoughts of us

all would inevitably turn to that gracious lady, who was again sharing in the common lot of mortals, suffering, anxiety, and illness. We who can carry our thoughts back personally to the Queen's Coronation, thirty-seven years ago, will agree that the bright promise of that auspicious day has been indeed fulfilled in the goodly "regime" of subsequent years. No more peaceful, or prosperous, or beneficent reign has ever been accorded to a beloved Sovereign, or a loyal people, and we can rejoice to think today, all of us, that under the wise laws and constitutional monarchy of our fathers, the English throne and the English people have, as it were, become more and more united in themselves, more cemented and grounded in mutual love and sympathy, and have exhibited, amid the anxiety of some nations, and the trials of others, a spectacle of permanency and yet of progress, deeply gratifying to every patriotic Englishman. And much of this we owe to the personal character of the Sovereign, and the happy influences of the Royal Family. Mr. Martin's charming work has lately given us glimpses into the true secret and the prevailing cause of all our national happiness, contentment, unity, and advance, when, as Mr. Locker sings, in one of his pleasant lays, "our dear Queen Victoria was reigning." We see now, without one doubt or question, how good and how admirable, in their true spirit of unselfish patriotism, were all the counsels and all the views of the lamented Prince Consort. We discern how that family life, and home life, which have so marked the simple court of our Sovereign, have not only tended to encourage and preserve a love for domestic life and pursuits amongst ourselves in somewhat sensational days, but have added lustre to the diadem, and given strength to the throne. There was an example ever before our eyes, distinct, undoubted, easily to be appreciated, and we have all, we believe, long since realized, how deep and sure those master builders laid the foundation of our free English Constitution, who made the throne the centre of unity, and of authority, and of loyal devotion to our great English people. Thus there never has been a time when a whole nation was, as it were, so bound up in the happiness and welfare of their rulers as now. A whole people sorrowed with the Queen when she lost the husband of her youth and of her affection. A whole people stood all but paralyzed when life and death were contending, so to say, with the hope of many millions, our august brother, the Prince of Wales. A whole people has rejoiced in those marriages which have united the fair daughters of our Royal house to the help-mates of their choice, and equally all have anxiously waited for the bulletins of each returning day, and all have rejoiced to think, that, humanly speaking, the danger is over, and that H.R.H. Prince Leopold is now in a state of convalescence. As a member of our Order, our interest is, if it be possible, augmented and enlarged, alike in his career, and in his health, and we trust, that surmounting the weakness of many years, he may be enabled, in a good providence, to continue that great career of usefulness which seems marked out for him. As a friend to literature, as a patron of the finer arts, in all of which he seems, as the *Times* said, very much to resemble his illustrious father, he is peculiarly in his place in our Masonic Order; and we, as English Freemasons, can gladly remember that we have alike the approval and special favour of the Heir to the Throne, the presence of the young soldier, the Duke of Connaught, and the fine, cultivated taste of Prince Leopold, as a set-off against the incriminations of the ignorant, and the anathemas of the intolerant. May this happy union endure and even grow more intimate through many a "long, long year."

OUR GOOD BRO. VALLETON.

This worthy brother, though probably as yet little known to our Order, is, it appears, the correspondent in London of the French Masonic journal *Le Monde Maçonnique*. Some time ago he thought well to write what was meant for a most severe denunciation of English Freemasonry, and to which we thought well to advert, as our readers will remember, some little time back. Bro. Valleton appeared to us evi-

dently to be a "blind leader of the blind," inasmuch as he was making statements about English Freemasonry, which were as baseless as the "baseless fabric of a vision." It was patent to us that he had yet to learn the A B C of that English system he affected to understand, and professed to denounce. All his ideas of English Freemasonry were, as we sought to show him, utterly unsound, illogical, and empirical. He clearly had hardly ever been in any English lodges at all, and he was utterly unacquainted with the actual condition, as well as the true teaching, of English Freemasonry. Bro. Valleton gave us, as the French would say, "en revanche," certain remarkable opinions of his own ideas as to what English Freemasonry should be. It was, alas, too evident even to the least informed, why he found such fault with English Freemasonry. We were in the way of certain so-called philosophical theories, certain avowed designs, which abroad have only culminated, wherever a free scope has been fatally given to them, in revolution and socialism, whose "Goddess of Reason" appears to be brute force, and whose untoward manifestations have been painfully seen in energetic "petroleuses" and amid deeds of wasting, plunder, and cruelty. We protested, and we protest still, against venturing to associate English Freemasons with principles of which they have an abhorrence, and with proceedings on which they look with shame. English Freemasonry, we contended, has nothing to do either with politics or controversies, or revolutionary principles or illuminating theories. In England we are a very loyal and a very peaceable order—we are good citizens as well as true Freemasons, and one of our first duties as patriots is to reverence "the Sovereign of our native land," one of our great anxieties as Freemasons is to keep at a distance from our good old Craft, the pernicious doctrines of socialistic folly. But it appears, après tout, that Bro. Valleton thinks we are in the wrong and that he is in the right. He knows, in his own opinion, much more of English Freemasonry than we do, and so he returns to the charge in the *Monde Maçonnique* of January, 1875. He writes again from London and gives us most important information relative to the real feelings of English Freemasons on these subjects, of which we are such ignorant and beclouded exponents. In order to prove his favourite charge, that English Freemasonry is under the "direction of the Anglican clergy," he quotes an extract from the *Freemason*, which tells us that the Francis Burdett Lodge, Hampton Hill, was consecrated, and that Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., was present. To our stern Bro. Valleton such an act is in itself apparently a most unenlightened proceeding. He evidently is equally out of love with our Order and "world, which kings and priests are plotting in." And therefore he adds "it is not astonishing that we do not agree with the *Freemason*, which is what one may call the official organ of Sacerdotal Masonry in England." "Happily," the good brother goes on to say, "the *Freemason* is not the organ of all English Freemasonry." "There is in England, as in France, a Freemasonry free, philosophical, scientific, positive, which proclaims, as we do, that all men are brethren, beyond all religion and all nationalities; and notwithstanding the spirit of division and hostility which these last institutions have always fomented amongst every people," endeavours, as with us, to proclaim the human fraternity beyond any religious formulary and ceremony." In the abstract we shall probably agree, in the concrete we know that this statement of Bro. Valleton goes beyond our English good common sense. Though we accept into our Order all men except the atheist and the libertine, and look with compassion and sympathy on all mankind, we have no leaning for the expansive notion of continental positivism or any other ism. We have nothing to do with these new philosophies and these hurtful principles which are undermining social order elsewhere, neither can we manifest any, even the slightest approval, of those subversive dogmata which end in either a positive infidelity or the offensive assertion of a "morale sans Dieu." We do not believe that there are half-a-dozen Freemasons who hold such opinions in England, and we fancy we know a good deal more about

the subject than does Bro. Valleton. As, however, we should always "live and learn," if there are really any brethren who prefer the French or any other foreign system to our own wise and tolerant English teaching, we shall not refuse them a hearing, under certain limits, in the pages of the *Freemason*. But we fancy that our good Bro. Valleton, like a good many other people, has swam out beyond his depth, and that whatever he may know of French Freemasonry, he certainly knows nothing yet whatever of English Freemasonry.

THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

We publish a letter in the Correspondence column which calls attention to a very serious subject. If written in a homely way, and with "unadorned eloquence," it yet, we think, deserves the attention of our readers. There can be no doubt that the hasty admission of members is a great and growing evil. Not only is it too often the "epidemic" which affects new lodges, but there are a great many of the older lodges which are far too lax in this particular. There are some brethren who seem to think that they have a vested right, so to say, in the proposal of members. Any one who receives their "approval," they think the brethren ought to admit, and often retire from a lodge in dudgeon, because some particular candidate is not approved of by the lodge generally. In some lodges there is a prevailing tendency to make admission of members more a question of special approval by a select few, than any consideration of special aptitude for Freemasonry. Hence, in these lodges, the admission of members is directed by a clique, and all cliques are, we say, hurtful to lodges. There are again those who take a lax view of the reception of members. As long as a man is a well-to-do man, prosperous in the world, in a good social position, a flourishing business, they deprecate any further enquiry as unnecessary and undesirable. Many, in consequence, are admitted into Freemasonry either from worldly rank or personal consideration, who do no good, and never will do any, to Freemasonry proper, and who constitute much of the "dead weight" of our Masonic organization. To them the lodge is but the amusement of an idle, easy, social time, and they never pass or seek to pass, beyond the "arcana" of the "knife and fork degree." In that they are A. I. If any lodge is so unwise as to promote any such to the Master's chair, that lodge will live to repent of its weakness, as they never know their work, and they never perform their duties. There is just now another temptation to many lodges. Candidates are numerous, the fees are ready, and some W.M.'s and brethren do not seem to consider whether the candidate is in a position to keep up his Masonic privileges. Freemasonry has now many material benefits to offer, and it is to be feared that not a few are unworthily attracted to Freemasonry by the prospect of what they may obtain on a "rainy day," as an insurance, so to say, a "benefit society" for infirmities, old age, and the unavoidable calamities of human life. With these three classes of applicants Freemasonry has ever to contend, and we know how difficult is the task often to keep them out, especially the last class of all. If they are not received in England they go into Scotland, and are made there, and come back and become joining members. All Freemasons must be struck with the growing applications for our charities. This year, as Bro. Binckes points out, for our four great metropolitan institutions, they are 147. What will they be next year? No doubt with increasing numbers we must always expect additional claims, but the fact is, we have 68 claimants for the Benevolent Institution and only 12 vacancies, in the Girls' 31 candidates and only 13 to be elected, in the Boys' 48 candidates and only 8 to be elected, in all 114 rejected candidates, is a most serious reflection. We can only then urge upon all our brethren still greater scrutiny and sifting of all candidates proposed for Freemasonry. It probably is the weak point in our admirable system which requires watchfulness and amendment. We know, indeed, that it is a very difficult question in itself, and has admittedly two sides to it, and we

shall be therefore glad to receive any expression of opinion on so important a subject in our correspondence columns which our readers may like to favour us with. There are many brethren in our Order who can write very effectively on this and many other subjects, if only they will.

GRANTS TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Bro. Binckes seems to be a little surprised that we again reverted to this subject, but those who read Bro. Binckes's letter, to which we alluded, will not have shared, we venture to think, in his professed astonishment. We note one point, however, to which we deem it only fair to Bro. Binckes to call attention. He does not say that £800 is the amount he actually expects or considers fair, he states the fact that the 2s. 6d. on certificates would yield that amount now, not £150, and that in the face of this fact, and the increased expenditure of the Boys' School, he urges that it is not unfair to ask for a revision. There is another point we wish to notice. Bro. Binckes suggests a grant for the Girls' School as well as for the Boys' School. But what says Bro. Little? We doubt very much whether Bro. Little can go to the Craft and ask for a grant from Grand Lodge for the Girls' School. At present the Girls' School is full, and we believe, though Bro. Little can set us right, that there is no possibility of increasing its present accommodation. How can he ask for a grant from Grand Lodge with the amount of funded property and with the financial prosperity of the Girls' School? It may be a case for the revision of the grant of £150 to the Boys' School, but, as we said before, the one endeavour, in our humble opinion, for the Boys' School, is to try and replace its capital. In the present state of the Fund of Benevolence and of the constantly increasing claims upon us, any additional amount given to the Boys' School could be but small, and we therefore beg leave to repeat to Bro. Binckes our old fashioned, if unpalatable advice, "quieta non movere."

THE STEWARD'S LISTS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ANNIVERSARY.

The Steward's lists of the last anniversary present one or two striking features.—The leading province this year is Lincolnshire, where the exertions of our worthy Bro. Chadwick, with others, have returned £573. West Yorkshire takes the second place with £242 10s., which, considering all pats returns, is not amiss. The Metropolitan Lodges, as usual, are well represented, and bring in a good round sum, exceeding considerably the provincial returns. We are glad to notice how well the younger lodges are represented, and we are glad to think how very truly the principles of Freemasonry are appreciated and manifested by some of the newest offshoots of our evergreen Masonic tree. May the lists for the Girl's and Boy's Schools Anniversaries tell as good a tale for the general sympathy and genuine charity of our Order.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you inform me, through the columns of the *Freemason*, how many annual subscriptions of one Guinea there are to each of the Boy's and Girl's Schools, also how many subscribers of £1, 10s., and 5s., to the Old Men and Women Institution?

I am, sir, yours fraternally,

H. W. M.

[H. W. M. should apply to the three Secretaries. Ed.]

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I would wish to add a word to the many letters that have recently appeared in your valuable journal on the subject of the status of a rejoining Past-Master.

Presuming it to be generally acknowledged that a qualified Past-Master carries his rank with him wherever he goes, I submit that a brother holding that position would, on joining or on rejoining a lodge, take his seat

below any Past Masters then subscribing to it; and would, as it seems to me, be unfair to them to allow a re-joining brother to rank next to the immediate Past Master from any feeling of deference to former membership or services. The answer to such a brother complaining of a "loss of steps" would obviously be that he should not have left the lodge.

The case of an *absent* member is, I think, very different. He does not rejoin his lodge after ballot, but simply resumes attendance; and he would do this with a full retention of his original rank, sitting below all those who were Past Masters when he first joined the lodge, but above those who had attained to the distinction during his absence; unless he had himself, during such absence, forfeited his privileges by having for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any regular lodge. In such case he can only regain his position by a fresh installation as Master, the Wardens of a lodge being members of Grand Lodge during their tenure of office only.

Yours fraternally,

BUSY BEE.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to congratulate you on the able article on "Brotherly Love." I sincerely hope you will continue, from time to time, to show our failings and foibles. If you wish to see our Masonic virtues brought from under the bushel, you must grasp the common gavel and chisel, and with a little perseverance you will, I have no doubt, make your mark, but it must be on the Rock of Truth. You must stand in the same position as the sincere clergy or ministers of religion. When they preach a homely sermon to their congregation and take each class seriatim, they will be sure to touch the hearts of some in their assembly who have been walking under the mantle of a gentleman or the cloak of religion.

So it is with Masonry; if each member of the Craft would endeavour to eschew from his breast that selfish feeling which predominates, to a very large extent, among the brotherhood, how much more pure would the Craft be, not only in the public eye, but to the brethren in general. Sir, I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M.

THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It has often been, and is now, a surprise to me that Grand Lodge does not interfere with the wholesale making of Masons which is continually taking place in the vicinity of the town in which I reside. Each candidate seems to be judged alone by the standard whether he has five guineas in his pocket to pay the usual fees. This ought not to be. An initiate for Freemasonry ought to be a man capable of appreciating the beauties of its ceremonies, and its allegorical allusion to life here and hereafter. He should also have sufficient acumen in his nature to be able to seize at once upon its theoretical teaching, and not be merely one of that great number who have joined our ranks merely for the sake of company and good-fellowship; both good in their way, but not sufficient to raise the thoughts of the man and the mortal to the Great Architect and the Immortal. My humble opinion of Masonry is that it is one means whereby the nations of the world will be brought into unity and peace. Our tenets not allowing us to join in strife, it at once becomes apparent how very suitable Freemasonry is to unite the hearts of man in one common brotherhood, and if we initiate men who cannot appreciate such a high function for the Order, we do Masonry incalculable harm and cannot have, ourselves, very bright notions of it.

Again, there is another blot or mischief-making source to Freemasonry, and that is the holding of our lodges in public houses. Many a good man and true is kept out of our ranks in consequence of this great eye-sore. Our ceremonies do not allow really of being associated with public houses—it is a false position for us to be in. Solemn and heart-stirring are our rites—all is blunted and destroyed by being held in such places. Surely amongst the thousands in our chief towns in England who range under our banners we could build Halls of our own, and keep them separated from the profane world.

I might say more, but I think it better to stop, and am Yours, fraternally,

A SINCERE MASON.

[By some mischance the sheet containing the proper signature has been mislaid, but our brother will recognise his own letter. Ed.]

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Can any brother give me the name and number of the *Freemason's* Lodge held at Ballatar, Scotland, fifty years ago?

HEReward.

How was the "LODGE OF ANTIQUITY" AN "AMERICAN LODGE?"

We have before us the latter part of a very curious old Masonic pamphlet (from page 25 to the end, page 64), issued, we presume, about A.D. 1759. The first paragraph reads as follows:

"The following is a correct List of Regular Lodges, according to their seniority and Constitution, when this new edition went to press; but if there should be any errors, or new Lodges arise, upon the members giving notice thereof to Charles Corbett, they shall be carefully corrected, and probably placed in the next edition."

Then follows a List of Lodges, 241 in all, the last of which is recorded as having been constituted July 2, 1759. It is from this date, that we infer the year of the pamphlet's publication.

The most curious items in this list are the first and second, viz.:

"1. Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Church Yard, the West India and American Lodge, and Wednesday; 4th, a Master's Lodge.

"2. Horn, Westminster, and Thursday. These two constituted time immemorial."

Now the figures evidently represent the numbers of the Lodges, which we presume (though the Lodges are not named), are identical with the Lodge of Antiquity, London (which was No. 1, under the "Moderns"), and Somerset House Lodge (which was No. 2, same jurisdiction). These Lodges are still in existence, are the only English Lodges working from time immemorial, and are numbered now 2 and 4 on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England, as we learn from Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Union of 1813," which we have reviewed at length in this issue of *The Keystone*. The names, "Queen's Arms" and "Horn," evidently were the names of the Taverns where these Lodges held their meetings.

But what is the meaning of the descriptive clause, "The West-India and American Lodge," attached to Lodge No. 1, now, probably, the Lodge of Antiquity, and the oldest Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England? Will Bro. Wm. Jas. Hughan, or Bro. A. F. A. Woodford (both of whom are skilled Masonic Archaeologists) favour us with an explanation of these mysterious words? As Americans, we would be proud to be connected, even in name, with the oldest English Lodge in the world, working by Immemorial Constitution, without Charter! We should be glad to know, also, the title of this Masonic publication of A.D. 1759 or 1760.

The foregoing is from *The Keystone*, and Bro. Hughan has made the following reply to the interesting communication:—

"Dear Bro. McCalla,—

"I have not yet discovered the title of the book containing the List of Lodges to which you refer, but the other query is easily settled by reference to other lists of a similar date. In a MS. I have a copy of, now in the possession of Bro. J. F. Spurr, P.M. 200, Scarborough, entitled 'A New and Correct List of all the Regular Lodges in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, according to their Seniority and Constitution, by Order of the Grand Master, brought down to April 10th, 1765,' the first lodge mentioned is '1. Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Church Yard, and Wednesday. Constituted time Immemorial. Every 4th Wednesday there is a Master's Lodge. It is also the West-India and American Lodge.' In Cole's engraved List of Lodges of 1768, entitled, 'A List of Regular Lodges according to their Seniority and Constitution, by Order of the Grand Master, printed for, and Sold by William Cole, Engraver and Copper-plate Printer, opposite Warwick Lane in Newgate Street,' I find the following:

1.—The West India and American Lodge at the Queen's Arms in St. Paul's Churchyard.	2nd. Wedy. The 4th, a Master's Lodge.	Constituted time Immemorial.
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It is evident, therefore, that the "Lodge of Antiquity," then No. 1 (now No. 2), to which these references are made, was partly composed of brethren originally hailing from West India and America, or connected commercially with these Countries, or obtained many of their candidates from West India and America, through gentlemen from those regions when in London choosing that ancient lodge in which first to see the "Light."

I have searched many other Lists of Lodges, but no allusion is made in them to West India or America in connection with No. 1. However, it is quite clear that many brethren who were, in all probability, West India and American Merchants, joined the Lodge of Antiquity, London, about 1760, to give rise to such a description of that ancient lodge, and hence assisted in securing its prosperity, which happily has continued to the present day. Long may it continue.

Fraternally yours,

Truro, 30th Jan., 1875. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

FREEMASONS AND THE ULTRAMONTANES.

We are requested to publish the following correspondence:—

To the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy, M.P., H.M. Secretary of State for War.

Sir,—I am to crave the liberty of drawing your attention to the case of a Non-commissioned Officer being refused ecclesiastical burial at Chatham, simply because he was a Freemason. The case is that of Armourer-Sergeant J. V. Johnstone, of the 82nd Regiment, a Roman Catholic, who died in Fort Pitt Hospital. I enclose an extract from the military and naval intelligence of the *Times* of 5th Feb. last,* and also a copy of a letter from the Roman Catholic Chaplain which appeared in the same newspaper on the 14th of Feb. last, explaining the ground on which he refused to give ecclesiastical burial.

The case would have been brought to your notice early in the session, by a member of the House of Commons, but the press of business was so great that he was unable to get a fit opportunity of stating the case to the House.

It was then considered advisable to wait the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in a cause from Lower Canada, of a Roman Catholic priest refusing ecclesiastical burial to one named Guibord, because he was a member of a purely scientific and literary institute. The decision on that cause has now been given. Their Lordships hold that ecclesiastical burial is a civil right and ought to be protected. They say—'It cannot be denied on the evidence that this qualification of the general right of interment, this separation of the grave from the ordinary place of sepulture, implies degradation, not to say infamy; and their Lordships have accordingly ordered the Cure to give ecclesiastical burial as demanded by Guibord's representatives. I send herewith a full copy of the judg-

ment, as published in the *Hour* newspaper of the 1st inst.

I am respectfully to represent, that if the principal appellate court in the realm protects the ecclesiastical burial of one of her Majesty's subjects in Canada, it is surely right that a soldier of the British army should be equally protected. The Roman Catholic Chaplain holds his commission to perform certain duties to her Majesty's soldiers of the Roman Catholic religion, and is it possible that any foreign consideration could be allowed to justify the non-performance of that duty? Moreover, the Association of Freemasons is a loyal and patriotic body of men, banded together to maintain the common rights of humanity, and is specially protected by Act of Parliament.

I am, therefore, to express the hope that such moral degradation and civil injury as is implied by the refusal of ecclesiastical burial in the case referred to, shall not be allowed to be inflicted on a British soldier because he may happen to be a Freemason; and that no commissioned chaplain of her Majesty's forces shall be permitted, on any alleged spiritual ground, to supersede the duty which he owes to her Majesty's service.

May I crave your early attention to this important matter?

I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,
G. R. BADENOCH, Sec.

Protestant Educational Institute,
12, Haymarket, London, S.W.
10th December, 1874.

War Office, Pall Mall,
11th January, 1875.

Sir,—I am directed by Mr. Secretary Hardy to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 10th ult., calling attention to the case of the late Armourer-Sergeant Johnstone, 82nd Foot, at Chatham.

In reply I am to acquaint you that the circumstances of the Canadian case quoted by you were, in Mr. Hardy's opinion, essentially different from those of the Chatham case; and, moreover, that the principles on which the judgment of the Privy Council in the Canadian case was based appear to Mr. Hardy to render it very difficult, if not impossible, for him to interfere in a matter such as that now brought to his notice.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

RALPH THOMPSON.

To the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy, M.P.

H.M. Secretary of State for War.

Sir,—I had the honour of receiving your communication of the 11th, in reference to the refusal of the Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Forces at Chatham to bury Sergeant Johnstone, 82nd Regiment, being a Freemason. I am to remind you that I referred to the Canadian case to show it was the opinion of the Judicial Committee that ecclesiastical burial is a civil right, and that its denial on the part of a Roman Catholic priest is 'degradation, not to say infamy.' It is therefore clear, that while the circumstances are different the consequences are the same. It is impossible to understand why any British subject, especially one serving in Her Majesty's forces, should be deprived of his undoubted rights, and therefore subject to 'degradation, not to say infamy,' simply because he belonged to the Masonic order.

I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,
G. R. BADENOCH.

Protestant Educational Institute,
Clarence Chambers, 12, Haymarket, London, S.W.
22nd January, 1875.

*Refusal to Bury a British Soldier because he was a Freemason.

'Some excitement has been caused in Chatham Garrison by the refusal of the Rev. M. Cuffe, Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Forces, to perform the burial service over Armourer-Sergeant J. V. Johnstone, of the 82nd Regiment, a Roman Catholic Freemason, who died in Fort Pitt Hospital. The deceased had been a member of the Buckley Lodge of Freemasons, who met at the Soldiers' Institute. A resident Roman Catholic priest also declined, as the Rev. M. Cuffe was his senior. The Rev. Mr. Phillips, a Protestant clergyman, performed the Church service when the deceased was interred in the military burial-ground near Fort Pitt. The deceased was much respected, and hundreds of soldiers attended the funeral.'—Military and Naval intelligence, the *Times*, Feb. 5, 1874.

The Roman Catholics and Freemasonry.
To the Editor of the *Times*.

14th Feb. 1874.

Sir,—I have been rather severely criticised in a few journals for having lately declined to attend a Freemason's funeral. Will you kindly allow me to explain myself in the *Times* on this occasion?

The Catholic Church does not allow her clergy to read the burial service over the bodies of those who die out of her communion. On this account I was obliged to decline attending the funeral of the late Armourer-Sergeant Johnstone, who died on the 29th ult. He died a Freemason. No Freemason is a Catholic. No Catholic can be a Freemason; the moment he becomes one he secedes from his church. I have already given this explanation to the military authorities of the Chatham garrison, on my declining to attend the funeral of the late Sergeant Johnstone, and I believe it has been accepted as satisfactory.

Allow me here to state, and I do so with much pleasure, that since I first entered the British Army, which was in 1854, no military superior ever ordered or requested me to perform any duty which could be found to clash with any of the regulations of my church; they even rather expect and wish I should adhere most strictly to the faithful observance of these regulations, and by God's grace and blessings I am determined to do so as long as I move on earth.

Your obedient servant,
MICHAEL CUFFE,
R. C. Chaplain to Her Majesty's Forces.
Chatham, Feb. 13.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

STEWARDS' LIST, 1875.

	£	s.	d.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Chairman	100	0	0
PROVINCE OF LINCOLN.			
Bro. William Pigott			
" John Sutcliffe			
" Rev. Dan. Ace, D.D.	573	0	0
" Nelson			
" John Hadfield			
PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.			
Bro. W. H. Britain, 139,			
" Geo. W. Hawkesley, 139,			
" John Harrop, 154,			
" Henry Day, J.P. 208,			
" R. J. Critchley, J.P. 108,			
" J. Dawson Sugden, 302,			
" John Hirst, jun., 337,			
" Capt. E. T. Clarke, jun., 910,	242	10	0
" John Simpson, 910,			
" William Hy. Gill, 1019,			
" J. A. Thornton, 1019,			
" John Wordsworth, 1019,			
" Jonas Craven, 290,			
" W. H. B. Tomlinson, J.P., 154,			
" Capt. J. Wordsworth, 380,			
PROVINCE OF STAFFORD.			
" 460. Bro. C. Marsh			
" 482. " Fredk. Derry	171	5	0
" 482. " J. Jacobs			
" 482. " W. R. Betteley			
PROVINCE OF WILTS.			
" Robert Stokes	69	14	0
" Samuel Rawson	10	0	0
PROVINCE OF CHESHIRE.			
LODGE 1. Bro. William H. Trego	100	0	0
" 2. " F. A. Philbrick	35	0	0
" 3. " Chas. Terry	58	13	0
" 4. " Alfred Meadows	40	0	0
" 5. " Frederick Newton	16	0	0
" 6. " Chas. Warr	25	2	0
" 7. " Richd. J. Hayhow	28	0	6
" 8. " Rev. J. N. Palmer	6	13	0
" 10. " S. B. Lemaître	34	8	0
" 12. " Edmund Nash	85	10	0
" 14. " Jas. C. Chaplin	10	10	0
" 18. " Humphrey Wood	52	9	6
" 20. " Robert P. Spice	25	0	0
" 21. " T. R. Eames	6	6	0
" 22. " William Huckvale	22	13	0
" 23. " Jos. Lindner	25	0	0
" 25. " Chas. Atkins	23	1	6
" 27. " David Crombie	121	11	0
" 28. " Arthur J. R. Trendell	49	0	0
" 29. " Geo. Eedes Eachus	18	0	0
" 33. " Wm. Body Date	63	11	0
" 34. " James Newton	66	0	0
" 37. " William Kingsbury	10	0	0
" 46. " H. G. Barwell	26	5	0
" 52. " C. M. Jones	10	5	0
" 54. " Walter T. Farthing	25	0	0
" 55. " W. L. Wheeler	64	10	0
" 60. " Chas. Daniel	15	0	0
" 65. " William Richards	44	0	0
" 68. " J. C. Riug	53	0	0
" 72. " Wm. Hicks	33	0	0
" 77. " Chas. Hull	40	5	0
" 87. " Chas. W. C. Hutton	51	0	0
" 96. " Samuel B. Harrison	82	11	0
" 99. " W. G. Clark	43	18	0
" 101. " Col. James Duff	49	0	0
" 102. " William Goodacre	22	0	0
" 104. " Wm. H. Wakefield	10	0	0
" 104. " J. E. Le Feuvre	10	0	0
" 130. " Chas. Jardine	45	0	0
" 140. " John Kennett	41	0	0
" 141. " William Kew	37	3	0
" 144. " Thomas Bull	67	5	0
" 145. " Comp. Joseph Last	43	13	0
Chap. 145. Bro. Henry Dubose, sen.	20	0	0
Lodge 156. " Wm. Hine Haycock	15	0	0
" 164. " Geo. Bolton, V.P.	5	5	0
" 169. " G. J. Hilliard	107	5	0
" 174. " Frederick Kent	51	10	0
" 177. " Walter Hopekirk	21	0	0
" 179. " Charles Burley	56	0	0
" 184. " J. Edmund Curteis	40	13	0
" 189. " Francis Fellowes	33	13	0
" 192. " B. D. Kershaw	52	0	0
" 193. " T. G. Bullen	27	19	0
" 197. " G. E. Holland	56	1	0
" 198. " Chas. F. Hogard	24	12	0
" 205. " Geo. W. Dixon	29	13	0
" 209. " J. O. Carter	25	4	6
" 209. " Jas. Martin Rutter	31	7	6
" 221. " Daniel Tallerman	10	0	0
" 228. " Rev. D. J. Drakeford	40	1	6
" 256. " John Aird, jun.	45	9	0
" 259. " Walter Spencer	61	0	0
" 263. " J. Daniel Moore, M.D.	13	0	0
" 281. " S. R. Ellis	9	13	6
" 342. " James Pye	77	15	0
" 345. " Thos. S. Ainsworth	28	0	0
" 346. " Hugh E. Diamond	11	1	0
" 353. " Rev. H. A. Pickford, M.A.	10	0	0
" 357. " William Brook Gates	70	6	0
" 360. " William Coombes	15	5	0
" 382. " Adam Winlaw	15	15	0
" 393. " T. S. Carter	37	8	6
" 403. " W. C. Phillips	68	2	0
" 435. " "	26	12	0

Lodge		F. A. Manning	£	s.	d.
452.	"	Geo. Lambert ...	27	0	6
504.	"	J. J. Berry ...	50	0	0
554.	"	John L. Jones ...	168	10	0
657.	"	Henry Hacker ...	62	0	0
723.	"	John Painter ...	40	3	0
749.	"	Thos. Jones ...	26	16	0
754.	"	Ammon Beasley ...	101	10	0
780.	"	H. Howard Hodges ...	22	12	0
795.	"	R. R. Harper ...	31	8	6
813.	"	L. Bryett ...	73	15	0
834.	"	Rev. F. W. Harnett ...	41	10	0
840.	"	Cuthbert E. Peck ...	34	12	6
859.	"	Wright Meanwell ...	25	0	0
861.	"	Charles Walker ...	65	10	0
862.	"	J. Baxter Langley ...	24	4	6
871.	"	G. Keene Lemann ...	21	15	0
890.	"	Thos Griffiths ...	47	0	0
907.	"	E. Worrall ...	55	15	0
925.	"	Henry Sanderson ...	35	0	0
925.	"	John Diprose, jun. ...	35	0	0
957.	"	E. T. Inskip ...	21	11	0
973.	"	G. Makepeace ...	35	5	0
975.	"	John Knight ...	10	0	0
1046.	"	Thos. Ayling ...	10	0	0
1096.	"	H. T. Lamb ...	59	0	0
1185.	"	E. G. Legge ...	34	0	0
1196.	"	H. M. Baker ...	41	0	0
1208.	"	George Page ...	51	15	0
1209.	"	H. Newington Bridges ...	50	9	6
1216.	"	Rev. C. J. Martyn ...	60	0	0
1224.	"	J. Wetherell ...	165	0	0
1259.	"	Geo. King, jun. ...	25	0	0
1260.	"	William Bell, jun. ...	10	0	0
1275.	"	William J. Crutch ...	103	10	0
1278.	"	H. W. J. Moxon ...	23	16	0
1298.	"	Charles Horsley ...	39	7	0
1309.	"	Alfred Avery ...	66	9	0
1314.	"	G. F. Swan ...	13	0	0
1321.	"	William Prattent ...	10	0	0
1326.	"	Edward West ...	67	0	0
1327.	"	Henry Smith ...	22	18	0
1360.	"	Chas. R. Miles ...	65	0	0
1365.	"	J. E. Cussans ...	35	3	0
1366.	"	Fredk. W. Koch ...	23	5	0
1381.	"	Hyde Pullen ...	120	0	0
1383.	"	William Cutbush ...	23	15	0
1385.	"	Hayward Edwards ...	101	5	0
1415.	"	Thos. Cubitt ...	40	0	0
1421.	"	C. W. Ashdown ...	57	10	0
1441.	"	Chas. Smith ...	105	5	0
1445.	"	W. T. Howe ...	30	0	0
1464.	"	Erasmus Wilson ...	34	0	0
1475.	"	James W. Jackson ...	8	15	0
1479.	"	John Purrott ...	62	0	6
1489.	"	Edward G. Sim ...	12	0	0
	"	E. C. Woodward ...	10	10	6
Holy Palestine Precept.	Rev. P. M. Holden		5	5	0
"	Aug. C. Marzetti				

Eight Lists to come in.

ADDRESS AND TESTIMONIAL TO LORD DUNBOYNE, P.G.M., NORTH MUNSTER.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., a Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of presenting Lord Dunboyne, R. W. Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Order in North Munster, with an address and testimonial, as an expression of the regard and esteem in which he is held by the Order in North Munster. The attendance was extremely large, and embraced the following:—

The Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, P.G.M.; James Spaight, D.P.G.M.; William Barrington, P.G. Secretary; J. Hill (Ennis), S.W.; G. Dartnell, J.W.; James O'Grady, S.D.; G. O'Neill, J.D.; W. H. McQuaide, H. Stirling, A. Rowland, G. H. Smith, 201; Robert Wellington, S.W. 201; F. N. Young, W.M. 201; A. Wallace, 73; John Hill, D. Macdonald, W.M. 60; Jonas Studdert, Wm. Daxon, M.D., P.M. 60; John Lopdell, J.W. 60; John Leames, Robert Wheeler, J. H. Symes, Gordon O'Neill, Thomas Bunting, John McKern, John Russell, 13; John McAuliffe, 541; Richard J. Lee, 73; Francis Meredith, S.W. 333; William Hosford, 333; Thomas E. Carte, P.M. 333; John Russell, 13; J. Brady, 13; R. Gibson, P.M. 73; H. S. Sterling, I.G. 73; J. K. Browne, 73; Rev. James McMahon, 333; Archdeacon Hare, 13; W. G. Gubbins, W.M. 333; Rev. Charles Ward, 268; James O'Grady, 13; and S. Pounder.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and with the usual Masonic observances,

Bro. Spaight, D.P.G.M., said before he would read the address which they had met to present to their esteemed Provincial Grand Master he would mention that it was the universal wish of the lodges of the district that a banquet should be given in order to give the greatest possible honour and eclat to the ceremony. They were aware that he consulted their feelings on the subject, and, as far as in his power, had ascertained the wishes of the whole province on the matter in reference to the carrying out of the arrangements. He had, of course, also consulted his lordship's feelings on the matter, and had apprised him of the wishes of the Craft. It had been arranged that a small deputation should wait upon his lordship and present the testimonial, but that proposition was universally received with feelings of disappointment and regret. If we might so express it, the Masonic heart of the entire province was deeply stirred in the matter, and they felt that the fact of two or three going quietly by train to be the gentle actors in a scene in which they all desired to participate would

not be a proper expression of Masonic feeling. (Hear, hear, and applause.) A different conclusion was arrived at to which his lordship finally consented, and they were now all present to participate in this happy and interesting ceremony. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated his lordship upon having evoked such a feeling of regard and esteem amongst the members of the Craft throughout North Munster, and in conclusion, he suggested to read the address with which they desired to present him—

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—We, the members of the Masonic Order of the Province of North Munster, desire to approach you with the strongest feelings of fraternal affection and respect for your distinguished position as a Mason, and your invariable kindness and courtesy as a Brother. Knowing, as we do, that the honourable status now held by the Province of North Munster is mainly owing to the able administration and watchful care of its Masonic interests by your Lordship, we desire to leave some imperishable record of our high esteem for your Lordship's character as an able administrator, and a faithful friend. We therefore beg your Lordship's acceptance of this salver with our united and fervent prayer that you may long enjoy the honours and distinctions in our Order which you have justly won, and that we may continue to enjoy the advantages we derive from your Lordship's just and courteous government of the Province of North Munster.

"On behalf of the members, James Spaight, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; William S. Studdert, Lodge 13; Marquis Paterson, 60; A. MacNab, 73; William Edwin Burdge, 135; F. N. Young, 201; George Pierce, 202; George Roe, 311; J. B. Young, 333; John C. McAuliffe, 541."

Bro. Spaight then said he hoped his lordship would consider the ceremony of presenting the testimonial as gone through, for owing to its immense weight he would experience some difficulty in holding it (laughter).

The presentation consisted of a massive salver of solid silver, and the most exquisite workmanship. The following inscription was engraven beautifully on the centre of the plate and surmounted by the Crown:—"Presented to their valued and beloved Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, by the officers and brethren of the Masonic Province of North Munster, as a mark of their respect and fraternal love and some small acknowledgment of their sense of his invaluable services to their Craft during the period of his office as Provincial Grand Master of North Munster.—December, 1874." Around the verge of the salver were a number of appropriate Masonic devices, which were also magnificently engraved.

Lord Dunboyne, on rising to reply to the address, received a perfect ovation. He said:—

You are all perfectly well aware that I am not gifted with that eloquent tongue for which our Deputy Provincial Grand Master is so celebrated. (Laughter.) Certainly, on such an occasion as this, it is impossible for me—as it would be impossible for the most gifted speaker—to express myself as strongly as I feel. I can only say that I feel most grateful to the brethren of the province for their kindness, in the first place, in congratulating me on my restoration to health. (Hear, hear.) I am proud of that magnificent testimonial. It will be, I trust, an heirloom in my family for centuries to come; and, while I live, it will always be the means of prompting me more and more to do my duty as a brother Mason. (Applause.) Latterly I was not able to come amongst you as frequently as I could have wished; but, thank God, my health is better now—(hear, hear, and applause)—and I assure you that I shall always do everything in my power to promote Masonry in general, and more especially in North Munster. (Applause.) The brethren have ever been kind to me—beyond my expectations or deserts—(no, no)—especially in their latest mark of esteem. I wish every one of you brethren, health, prosperity, and long life in this world, and, in the next, may you be received into the Grand Lodge above. (Hear, hear.) It is not the intrinsic value of the gift I prize most, but it is the kind feeling of the brethren which I pre-eminently esteem; and I regret I cannot command language sufficient to thank you. (Loud Applause.)

Bro. Spaight then intimated that the ceremony would be concluded in another apartment of the building; and the lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to the supper room, where a sumptuous luncheon was provided.

Bro. Spaight occupied the chair, and Lord Dunboyne sat on his right hand.

Bro. Spaight proposed "The Health of the Past Grand Master" in eloquent terms, and Lord Dunboyne responded.

Bro. Gubbins, W.M. 333, proposed the toast of the committee who had charge of the arrangements.

Bro. Spaight, as chairman of the committee, responded, and, after some appropriate remarks by Bro. Jonas Studdert, the company separated.

MASONIC RECEPTION TO THE SECOND MATE OF THE COSPATRICK AT GLASGOW.

A special meeting of the Lodge Clyde, No. 408, was held within the hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on 28th ult. The occasion was an unusually interesting one, being for the purpose of giving a fraternal reception to Bro. Henry M'Donald, late second mate of the New Zealand emigrant ship Cospatrick, which, as will be too well remembered, was burnt in the South Atlantic Ocean, on November 18th last, with a loss of 474 lives, Bro. M'Donald being one of the three sole survivors of the almost unparalleled catastrophe. Although the summons to the meeting was of the briefest, many not knowing of it until a couple of hours

beforehand, about sixty brethren, including visitors from sister lodges, came forward in response to it. The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Harper, presided, supported by Past Masters Duncan Downie and J. Buchanan, John M'Innes, S.W.; Wm. Bilsland, J.W.; James Stewart, Treasurer; and D. S. Mitchell, Secretary. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. John Munro, R.W.M. 360; A. R. Wilson, Chaplain 27; Jas. Duthie, and others. The lodge having been opened, the Chairman said he presumed they were all aware of the object of that meeting, which was to give a hearty welcome to their Bro. Henry M'Donald, second mate of the Cospatrick, and who, as they knew, survived the loss of that vessel after enduring almost unheard of perils. They would, perhaps, be able to do so better were they a little more at ease, and therefore the J.W. had his orders to call the lodge to refreshment. Before this was done, however, he had to ask Bro. M'Donald to come up to the dais and receive the right hand of fellowship. Bro. M'Donald, who was seated in the body of the hall, did so accordingly, amid loud and continued applause; and having shaken hands with those on the dais, took his seat by instruction of the chairman at the latter's left hand. The Stewards having done their duty, the chairman proposed in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The P.G.L. of Glasgow," and "The Magistrates of Glasgow," coupled with the name of the Lord Provost, Bro. Bain. He then in a few words proposed the toast of the occasion, "The Health of Bro. Henry M'Donald." They had all to sympathise with him in the severe trouble he had come through, and out of which, by the mercy of the Great Architect of the Universe, he had been rescued. They desired for him in the future long life and prosperity, and that he and his family might never again know the hardships they had lately experienced. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and all the honours. Bro. M'Donald, in acknowledging the toast, said he was very happy at the way in which they had received him; but he had such a whole lot to say that he could not say it all. But if there was any particular point that they would like him to speak about, he would do so. They had seen it all in the papers from beginning to end. No one responding to this invitation, Bro. M'Donald shortly rehearsed the main points of the catastrophe, in so far as he was concerned, or it came under his observation, and which was identical with the narrative he gave of it on arriving in England, and which was perused by every newspaper reader in the country. He expressed himself as exceedingly gratified with the reception he experienced from the brethren of the Craft at St. Helena, and handed to the chairman a letter he had received from them, which the chairman read. It was as follows:—"St. Helena, 12th December, 1874.—To Mr. Henry M'Donald, M.M., Clyde Lodge, No. 408, Scotland.—Dear Brother,—Having discovered that you were one of the Craft, and being made acquainted with the whole of the circumstances connected with your present unfortunate position, we, with true feelings of brotherly love, and remembering the day and hour we were received into Masbny, at once brought your case before the brethren of this island by opening a subscription on your behalf. We have now the pleasure to hand you the sum of £10 5s. 6d., subscribed by the members of both lodges, namely, St. Helena No. 488, and Old Rock No. 912, and others of the fraternity, of which we ask your acceptance. The brethren, one and all, sympathize with you, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe, who has preserved and protected you from a fearful death, may be as merciful should you ever be again placed in such trying circumstances, which we sincerely hope may never again be your lot.—We are, dear Bro. M'Donald, yours very fraternally, R. Dowling, P.M. St. Helena Lodge, 488, and member of Old Rock Lodge, 912; Thomas Storer, Secretary, St. Helena Lodge, 488; and J. W., Old Rock Lodge, 912."—On the motion of Bro. Jas. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Downie, P.M., it was unanimously agreed to that a letter be sent to the St. Helena brethren to acknowledge the great kindness they had shown to a brother of the Clyde Lodge. It was further agreed to that the names of the leading Office-bearers of the St. Helena Lodge should be procured, and that they be made honorary members of Lodge Clyde. One or two miscellaneous toasts followed, after which the lodge was recalled to labour, and thereafter closed. We may just add that Bro. M'Donald, who looks in excellent health, was initiated, passed, and raised in Lodge Clyde, on 20th Sept., 1872, and that, happening to be in Glasgow for a day or two, the meeting was arranged for with his "Mother."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The general committee of subscribers to this school met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal, V. Patron, in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, Benj. Head, John Symonds, F. Adlard, Hyde Pullen, G. J. Palmer, Collard Moutrie, J. W. M. Dosell, Jesse Turner, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

One petition was presented and accepted, and two applications from ex-pupils for outfits were considered, and £5 in each case granted.

The committee adjourned after passing a vote of thanks to the chair.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—WINTER SPECIFICS.—All can estimate the disadvantages to the human system from breathing foul air, such as must necessarily be inhaled during our winters. The safest correctives, and best purifiers of the blood, are Holloway's Bilemastic Pills, which are too well known and too highly esteemed to require commendation here. Besides cleansing the system, they improve the appetite, render digestion perfect, admirably regulate the liver, increase the secretion of the kidneys; they mildly yet effectually act upon the bowels without griping or causing an inconvenience. So long as human nature remains what it is, every person will now and again require regulation of organs disordered by irregular or too generous living, and too liberal potations.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 19, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
 " 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
 " 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.
 Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (810), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 907, Royal Alfred, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell-green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Goetheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariner's, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemason's Hall.
 Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (147), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- General Committee Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

- Lodge 140, St. George's Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

- " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.

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

- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.

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

- Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Park, Albion-road, Dalston, N.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-square.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.

- Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

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

- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (861), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

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

- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.

- " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.

- " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 Rose Croix Chap., "Invicta," 33, Golden-square.

- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

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

- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precept.

- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

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

- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke or Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

- Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 20, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 " 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 4.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
 " 537, Zealand, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee Ho., Wavertree, at 5.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, February 20, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

- " 556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

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

- " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.

- " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

- " 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmuir.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 117, Patrick St. Mary's, Partick.

- " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.

- Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Lodge 22, St. Johns Kilwig, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

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

- " 167, Free Operative, Masonic Hall, Biggar.

- " 465, St. Andrew, Garngad-road.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.

- " 31, St. Mary's, Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.

- " 306, St. Thomas, 90, Well Gate-st., Larkhall.

- " 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.

- " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.

- " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

- " 471, St. Johns, Stane Inn, Shotts.

- " 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- Lodge 544, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 20, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

- " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 62, Nicolson-st.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

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

- Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 41).—An emergency meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, February 3rd, previous to the annual meeting for installation of W.M. on the next day. The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m., by Major Preston, W.M., assisted by the following brethren, Cooper, as I.P.M.; Clark, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Everington, Secretary; Falkner, S.D.; C. Wilkinson, J.D.; Wilton, P.M., &c., D.C.; Braham, I.G. There were also present Bros. Rubie, P.M.; and Dr. Hopkins, P. Prov. G.S.W. for Warwickshire, and many others. After the lodge had been opened, and the circular of summons read, the last named brother, by permission, addressed the W.M. and the members present, thanking them for many acts of courtesy and kindness during the few months he had resided in Bath, and specially for his admission as a joining member at the meeting in January, when illness prevented his attendance. He remarked, that during the 28 years of his career in Masonry, whenever he had founded or joined a Lodge or Chapter, or had been appointed to rule over one, in either of the three Provinces to which he had belonged, he had marked the event in some special manner, either by an address suitable to the occasion, or by a present to the lodge, or in some other way. Desiring not to make this an exception, he had prepared two large Masonic Charts, which he offered, one for the acceptance of the retiring W.M., the other as a present to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, and with it several of his published Masonic and other works, namely, "A Musical Ritual for the Three Craft Degrees," "Three Original Lectures on Freemasonry," and "An Account of the opening of the Masonic Temple at Jersey," with the oration he gave on the occasion. The lodge was opened in the second degree by the W.M., when, by request, Bro. Dr. Hopkins took the chair, and examined Bros. Robinson Murlis, and Hunt, on their proficiency. This proving satisfactory, they were entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the third degree. On their re-admission, the candidates were duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M., by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, Bro. Cooper, P.M., kindly rendering assistance in one portion of the ceremony. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then gave the charge, and also an interesting lecture on the third degree, enforcing the object of it, and enlarging on its traditional history. On the proposition of the W.M., a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, for the assistance and instruction thus rendered by the newly-received member. Apologies for absence were read from Bros. Mann, P.M.; and R. Carey, P.M. The lodge was finally closed at a quarter to ten.

The annual meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, Feb. 4th, at four p.m., when there was a goodly assemblage of the brethren of this and other lodges. The lodge was opened in the first degree by Bro. Major Preston, W.M., assisted by his officers, namely, Bros. R. Carey, I.P.M.; Clarke, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Everingham, Sec.; Ashley, Treas.; Wilton, D.C.; Falkner, S.D.; C. Wilkinon, J.D.; Graham, I.G. The circular of summons was read, and also the minutes of the previous regular meeting in January, which were confirmed. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Carey, and supported by Bro. Rubie, a committee was appointed to draw up a letter of condolence to the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and Prov. G.M. of Somerset, on his bereavement by the death of the countess. The W.M. then drew attention to a presentation which had been made to the lodge on the previous evening by a joining member, Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P. Prov. G.S.W. for Warwickshire, of a Masonic chart, and also of several of his Masonic publications. He proposed a vote of thanks for the gifts, and that the chart be framed, so as to be hung up in the Masonic Temple, and the resolution having been duly seconded, was passed. The lodge was opened in the second degree by the W.M., who then gave up the chair to the Installing Master, Bro. Ashley. Bro. Clark was presented to him as W.M. elect, by Bros. Wilton and Carey, P.M.'s, and after the usual introductory proceedings, was duly obligated as such. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, all below the rank of P.M. were requested to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters was regularly opened, the chairs of S. and J.W. and I.G. being taken respectively by Past Masters Dr. Hopkins,

Wilton and Carey. There was a goodly array of those who had passed the chair, in whose presence Bro. Clark was inducted into the chair of K.S., after which the board was closed, and the brethren were admitted, who then took part in the customary salutation of proclamations, &c. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows, giving an appropriate address to each on investing him with his collar and jewel, in regard to the duties desolving upon him:—Bros. Major Preston, I.P.M.; Brown, S.W.; Everingham, J.W.; Ashley, Treas.; Wilton, D.C.; Falkner, Sec.; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; Braham, J.D.; Denham, I.G.; Styles, Assistant D.C.; Gummer, Tyler. These necessary arrangements for the conduct of the lodge throughout the next year having been completed, Bro. Ashley gave the three addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren generally, in a truly impressive manner; indeed, his management of the installation throughout was so effective as to meet with general approbation, and to elicit a well merited vote of thanks, which, having been duly proposed and seconded, was carried by acclamation. A similar vote was in like manner passed in favour of Major Preston, for the efficiency with which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year. The W.M. concluded the proceedings in the temple, by expressing his gratitude for the honour conferred upon him, and his intention to exert himself to the utmost in maintaining the dignity, the efficiency, and the Masonic character of the body over which he has just been legally constituted the ruler, and finally closed the lodge at about six p.m. In addition to the distinguished members and officers of the lodge already named, we may mention Past Masters S. Cooper, Capt. R. Peel Floyd, J. B. Montrie, and J. S. Turner. Among the visitors were Bros. General Doherty, P.M. 53 and W.M. 906; W. F. Bennett, P.M. 53; Dr. Tunstall, P.M. 53; W. Smith, P.M. 53; J. L. Whitley, P.M. 48; T. S. Keene, P.M. 906. According to custom, the brethren re-assembled at the Castle Hotel to partake of the annual banquet, which was prepared by Bro. Rubie, and served à la Russe in his usual good style. Of course Bro. Clark, W.M., presided, supported on his left by Bros. Preston, I.P.M.; J. S. Bartrum, W.M. 379; R. Carey, P.M. 41; and on his right by Bros. Rev. Dun, Past Grand Chaplain of England; Major Bousfield, M.P. for Bath; Wilton, P. Prov. G.S.W., and P.M. 41; as well as many other distinguished Masons. As on all such occasions, the after-dinner proceedings and speeches referred chiefly to the events of the day, interspersed with music and song. To this, however, there was one exception, which deserves mention. Some time ago an effort was made by the Freemasons of Bath to repair the west front of the Abbey, in harmony with the restoration of other portions. A considerable sum was raised, which was expended, leaving much still to be done. The Rev. Bro. Davey introduced the subject, and made a powerful appeal to those present, to complete the work, himself offering 50 guineas as the nucleus of the fund. Bro. Carey, who has long shown great interest in the matter, spoke to the same effect, and as the example thus set was followed by many others, who gave their names for various sums, there seems good hope of success in the work; indeed the sums put down in the course of the evening amounted to nearly £150.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY, (No. 185).—A very numerous gathering of brethren assembled at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Monday the 15th inst. The special attraction being a desire to do honour to Bro. John Ross, the W.M. Elect, whose installation was announced to take place that evening. Prior to this event, some amount of usual lodge business had to be disposed of, the most important of which was the conferring of the Master Mason's degree upon Bro. Barber, and initiating into the ancient mysteries Bro. Geo. Downing. These ceremonies, as well as the rather difficult one of installation, were performed by Bro. John Constable, the acting W.M., with consummate ability. The several addresses were delivered with rare excellence, and marked feeling, securing the undivided attention of the audience, whose approbation was expressed by vociferous applause. The newly-installed Master, who seemed perfectly composed, and quite at home in his exalted position, addressing a few appropriate observations to each, invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Constable I.P.M.; J. D. Barnett, S.W.; D. Posener, J.W.; John Peartree, Treasurer; Phil Levy, Secretary; Bilby, Organist; Geo. Pare, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Croker, I.G.; Vesper, Tyler. The proceedings now became highly interesting. Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., rose and delivered a most excellent address, in which he, in aptly chosen sentences, enumerated the high qualities which distinguished the I.P.M., Bro. Constable, and cited the great advantages the lodge had gained through his instrumentality, not only during his year of office, but ever since he had been connected with it. It afforded him unalloyed pleasure to present Bro. Constable with a slight token of the high esteem and affection in which he is held, it consisted of a handsome Past Masters' Gold Jewel, an elegant Silver Salver, and a Testimonial on Vellum, in a costly Alhambra Frame. This last Bro. Solomon considered the most important, in as much as it may be handed down from generation to generation, and upon it his posterity may gaze with pardonable pride, as having been presented to their ancestors in token of the high esteem and love in which he was held by his fellow men with whom he associated. The inscriptions on vellum, and with obvious alteration on the salver, were as follows: Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185. "The brethren of this lodge, at a meeting thereof, held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on the 18th day of January, 1875, resolved unanimously to present this testimonial, with a Jewel and a salver, to Bro. John Constable, in recognition of the many services which he had rendered to the lodge, and of the efficient manner in which the duties of its W.M. had been performed by him during the then expiring year of his Mastership, and also as a mark of the brethren's admiration of his

qualities as a man and a Mason. Presented in open lodge on the 15th of February, 1875." Bro. Constable briefly, but feelingly, thanked the brethren for their, what he deemed, exaggerated appreciation of the slight services he had been able to render, and promised that such energies as he possessed, will in future, as they have been in the past, be directed to promote the prosperity of the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where an elegant spread awaited them, provided by Bro. Silver. The newly-installed W.M. presided, who, when the cloth was removed, proceeded to set an excellent example by the concise way in which he disposed of the various toasts. The responses were as brief, even Bro. Fred. Binckes, Grand Steward, checked his usual flow of eloquence when called upon to respond for the Grand Officers. This duty, he said, very often fell to his lot, although he was not entitled to it, he certainly was very nearly, yet not exactly, a Grand Officer. However, for want of any one better, he is always pleased to say a few words in praise of the Grand Officers who filled their several positions with honour to themselves and to the great advantage of the Craft. He could not allow this opportunity to pass without expressing his tribute of admiration of Bro. Constable as a man and a Mason. Whatever he may have done for this lodge, we, who have watched his career from without, could not help admiring his zeal, energy, kindness, and above all his fervent appreciation of all appertaining to the duties of the Craft. He had been pleased to witness the testimonials presented in such feeling terms by Bro. Solomon, but, after all that has been said and done, not half the debt of gratitude to which Bro. Constable is entitled, has been liquidated. Bro. Hickman, W.M. 188, briefly responded for the visitors. For the Past Masters, Bro. Morris Hart was called upon. He said—"The W.M. may probably think I feel overwhelmed with gratitude for the honour of being named the representative of the august body of Past Masters of this lodge, but such is not the case, as I cannot pretend to represent them conscientiously. I certainly have been a Past Master of a Lodge of Tranquillity for fifteen years, but the present lodge seems quite different in all its aspects, mainly through the efforts of the Immediate Past Master. A transformation has been accomplished, so advantageous, that the old Past Masters are well pleased to be consigned into deserved obscurity, especially when we see many brethren of ability gradually advancing in the higher offices of the lodge. The testimonials which have been presented gave me profound satisfaction. I congratulate Bro. Constable with all my heart, and in this I am sure I am joined by the Past Masters generally. The present proud position of the lodge warrants a hopefulness for its future prosperity. Whatever services shall be required the brethren may rest assured will cheerfully be rendered by the Past Masters of the lodge. Prosperity to the benevolent fund produced an eloquent appeal from P.M. Solomon and was liberally responded to by many brethren. Bro. Constable proposed, amidst great cheering, the health of the Worshipful Master, who, in accordance with his determination to be brief, replied in few but very appropriate terms. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Taylor, Baxter, and Barter, under the direction and with the assistance of Bro. Theodore Distin. Bro. Geo. Perrin, who happened to be present as a visitor, kindly volunteered his assistance. His well-known vocal abilities contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the assembly, who thanked him repeatedly with well-deserved applause. The Past Masters present were Bros. Saul Solomon, Morris Hart, Holbrook, Harfield, Myer Harris, Bloomfield, N. Moss, E. Gottheil, N. Gluckstein. Among an immense number of visitors the following were the most noteworthy:—Bros. F. Binckes, P.M., P.Z., G. Steward; Hickman, W.M. 188; Buckland, W.M. 204; Greenbaum, W.M. Montifore; Dalwood, W.M. 860; Groombridge, W.M. Marquis of Lorne; Dymis, P.M. 421; Lazarus, P.M. 205; Wells, P.M. 1314; Nash, S.D. 1347; Barden, I.G. 1347; Carter, P.M. 283; Taylor, P.G.D.; Wilts, P.M. 580; Frankford, 188; Higgins, P.M. 421; Geo. Perrin, 23.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—The installation ceremony of this old lodge was held on the 9th, at the Gate of St. John of Jerusalem, St. John's-lane, Clerkwell, the birthplace of the "Gentleman's Magazine," under Cave, and of "Reports of Parliament," written by Dr. Johnson. In the hall where Garrick made his essay on histories there had assembled a large company, including Bros. J. Parkinson, G.D., D.P. G.M. of Middlesex, and P.M. of Bard of Avon; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; J. Mason, P.G.S.B.; Buss, T.P.G.S. of Middlesex; Headon, W.M. Great City; Chesterton, L. 72; Sowden, P.M. 49; Dodson, P.M. 72; Gilbert, Radford, 777; Captain Styan, Treasurer of the Macdonald Lodge; Cue, P.M. 179; T. Preston, of the Great City Lodge. Bro. Hillhouse was in the chair, and Bro. James Terry presented Bro. While for installation. Bro. While, as Senior Warden, having been unanimously elected to the chair, and the Board of Past Masters having been formed, Bro. While was installed, in a most workmanlike manner, by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Hillhouse, who astonished the old Masons present by his efficient working. After the customary salutations, the new W.M. appointed as his Officers the following:—Bros. Griggs, S.W.; James Hill, J.W.; Winsland, Treasurer; Crump, Secretary (for the 23rd time); Snare, S.D.; Holford, J.D.; Pearcy, I.G.; Todd, D.C.; Flaws, A.D.C.; Patmore, W.S. The ballot was then taken for two gentlemen, who were admitted and initiated according to ancient form. After the usual business, the hall was set out as a banquetting-room, and the brethren enjoyed an excellent dinner, well served by Bro. Gay, the host. The W.M., in proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said that all Englishmen toasted the Queen as their constitutional sovereign, but Masons had other ties of affection, she being the daughter of a Mason, and the mother of their Grand Master, who was the father of "our kings to be." The toast having been honoured, the W.M. gave

"The Present and Past Grand Officers," and made an allusion, in terms of deep sympathy, to the affliction which had befallen the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., in coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Parkinson, the W.M. said it was a matter of deep gratification to him to greet their distinguished brother in this lodge, and mentioned that when he first met Bro. Parkinson it was not as a Mason; but their brother was carrying on a work which formed one of the great pillars of the Craft, which Bro. Parkinson was spending days and nights in, bringing to light the ills attending the badly carried out Poor Laws, by which the poor and wretched were left, in some instances, to perish in the streets; in others, are so crowded in the workhouses, as to inflict the utmost misery. The result of Bro. Parkinson's work with a small chosen band, was that the Casual Acts were passed, and Gathorne Hardy's Act was now in full operation. Bro. Parkinson, in reply, said that the W.M. had given the credit which he ought to take himself, for he, by his shrewd advice, had been one means of carrying out those great reforms of which he had spoken. He congratulated the lodge upon its excellent working, and Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson added that the Master of a lodge must be like a figure-head of a ship, to lead the way, and as a helm to guide it, and the Master they had would fulfil those requirements. Bro. Mason also spoke, and the W.M., after acknowledging the cordial toast of his name, proposed "The Health of his Immediate P.M.," upon whose breast he placed the jewel of the lodge, given only to those Masters who worked the ceremonies and installed their successors. Bros. Buss, Headen, J. Terry, and Hillhouse also spoke, and a very enjoyable evening ended, just before the hour when Dr. Johnson was wont to leave the gate for his much loved Fleet-street.

BATH.—LODGE OF HONOUR (No. 379).—In compliance with the summons, the members met at the Masonic Hall, at 8 p.m., on Monday, February 8th. Bro. J. S. Bartrum, W.M., opened the lodge in the first degree, assisted by Bros. Phillips, I.P.M.; Cooke, S.W.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M., &c., acting as J.W.; C. S. Barker, Treasurer; H. Culliford Hopkins, Secretary; J. Dutton, P.M., acting as S.D.; H. Smyth, J. D.; Leir, I.G.; Gazzard, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Edwin Little, who had been regularly proposed as a candidate for initiation. This proving favourable, he was introduced, properly prepared, and duly initiated by the I.P.M., to whom the W.M. had resigned his chair for the purpose. The delivery of the charge was necessarily postponed to the next meeting. The W.M. having resumed his place in the east, called on the Treasurer to read his report for the past year, which, having been certified by the auditors, was duly passed. Considerable discussion arose on matters connected with the internal affairs of the lodge, of no general interest. No other business offering, the proceedings were brought to a close at quarter to ten.

SLEAFORD.—ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 588).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Monday 8th inst., at which were present the following:—Bros. J. Bellamy, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W., W.M.; Rev. W. Lynes, P.M., P. Prov. G.R. Staffordshire; T. E. Jacobson, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W.; T. J. Tomlinson, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C.; D. Elwood, P.M., Sec.; E. R. Dibben, S.W.; G. Williams, J.W.; W. Bourn, W. Stringer, and others. The business comprised the raising of Bro. Thorpe and the initiation of Messrs. R. Wildgoose and C. F. Bedford, the ceremonies being performed separately. The brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, in consequence of the recent death of one of the Past Masters of the lodge. Refreshment succeeded labour, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

WIMBORNE.—CUTHBERGA LODGE (No. 622).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John on Monday last, when Bro. J. W. Luff, S.W., P.G.S. Works, was installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The event attracted an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, including many of high distinction in the Craft, and the proceedings of the day were carried out in a truly Masonic manner. The Masonic Hall, where the gathering took place, was splendidly decorated in honour of the occasion. The lodge-room, too, which is handsomely furnished and cleverly lighted, was generally admired. Lodge opened at 4.30 under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Montague Guest, P.G.S.W., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. H. C. Burt, I.P.M.; J. W. Luff, S.W.; A. J. Budden, J.W.; F. Binckes, P.G.S. (Secretary Boys' School); Captain Moore, 76; Wyndham, P.M., P.G.S.W. (Wilts); Holliday, P.M. (Ringwood); A. E. Guest, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Rev. T. Pearce, P.D. Prov. G.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; H. C. Burt, P.M., P. Prov. A.D.C.; Whitehead Smith, P.M., P.G.D.C.; E. T. Budden, P.M., W.M. 386, P.G.S.D.; W. J. Fletcher, P.M.; C. R. Rowe, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Soppitt, P.M., 472, P. Prov. G.S. Works; Robins, 227, 472; Dyer (Ringwood); Pike (Wareham); R. Friend, W. J. Tink, G. Wilson, J. Hammond, Bugden, Baverstock; Ings, W.M. Poole Lodge; G. R. Crickmay, P.M. 170; C. E. Amos (London) 921, 460; A. H. Green, 1266; Ponsonby, Atkins, Captain Herford, Austin, Dr. Philpots, Hunter, Yearsley, Baynton, J. B. Cole, Braine, Raymond, Ellis, Kerridge, P.M., and others. After the usual preliminaries the worthy Bro. Luff was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient form, the ceremony being rendered specially effective by the number of Past Masters present. The Installing Master, who admirably performed his duties, was Bro. E. T. Budden, P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. M. Guest, I.P.M.; A. J. Budden, S.W.; J. Hammond, J.W.; C. W. Wyndham Treas.; J. Whitehead Smith, Sec.; J. A. Atkins, S.D.; Captain Herford, J.D.; Herbert, Org.; R. Friend, I.G. The business of the lodge having been concluded in harmony, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment. A most sumptuous banquet had been prepared, under the immediate

direction of the W.M. and a committee, and every provision was made for the comfort of the guests. The W.M. presided, supported by his Wardens, and the party numbered upwards of fifty—the most numerous company ever seen at the Wimborne Lodge. "The Queen and the Craft," "The Health of the W.M.," "Success to the Masonic Charities," and various other toasts were heartily drunk, that of the charities being responded to by Bro. F. Binckes, in his usual eloquent and persuasive manner. Forty-eight guineas were afterwards added by brethren present to the list of Bro. H. C. Burt, who has accepted the office of Steward for the Province of Dorset, at the next festival of Boys' School, the retiring W.M. having, with his accustomed generosity, placed 100 guineas on it previously. Some good singing after contributed to make it a most agreeable and pleasant evening.

THE WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 864) held its usual meeting at Anderson's Hotel, on Monday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. James Weaver, P.M. 864 and 1319, P. Prov. Org. Middlesex; James Brett, P.G.P.; R. W. Little, Sec. Girls' School; Hurlston, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Smith, P.M.; Quilter, P.M., Treasurer; Kingston, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; Pritchard, S.D.; Walmsley, J.D.; Moore I.G.; and about 25 brethren. Visitors, Bros. E. Clark and Major Finney. Bro. Weaver, P.M., occupied the chair of W.M., and initiated into our mysteries Mr. Henry Cole, passed to the second degree Bros. Holland and Captain Waterhouse, of No. 255, and raised to the degree of M.M., Bros. Hum, Williams, Ward, and Oberti. The three ceremonies were performed in Bro. Weaver's usual masterly manner, and occupied him just three hours, but as Masonry is a labour of love to him, we are sure he derived as much pleasure from giving the ceremonies, as the brethren did who heard him. There was a notice of motion on the summons, which was ultimately withdrawn. Bro. P.M. Jones will represent the lodge at the Girls' Festival as steward. The brethren then retired to the banquet room, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

SOUTHEAST.—PRIORY LODGE (No. 1000).—This very flourishing lodge held its annual festival on Tuesday the 26th ult., in the lodge room, at the Middleton Hotel, Southeast, for the installation of the W.M. elect. The lodge was opened at two o'clock. After the preliminary business had been disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. Albert Lucking, P.M. No. 160, and Prov. G.A. Dir. of Cer. was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by the Revd. Worshipful Brother S.R. Wigram, P.M., and P.Z. 214; Worshipful Brother Wm. Pissey, P.M. 160, P.P.J.G. Warden, acting as director of ceremonies. The W.M. afterwards appointed, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 379, as S.W.; the Revd. S. R. Wigram, P.M. and P.Z. 214, and P.P.G. Chaplain, as J.W. and Chaplain; F. Wood, P.M. 1000, and P. Prov. S.G.W., re-elected Treasurer; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 100, W.M. 160, and P. Prov. J.G.D. re-appointed Secretary; W. Frost S.D.; W. P. Belliss, J.D.; H. Rowley, P.M. 1000, and P. Prov. S.G.D., D.C.; Chignell, I.G.; S. J. Weston, and F. Cantor, Stewards; Bro. Mountain, Tyler. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Taylor into the mysteries of the Craft. After the lodge was closed, the brethren, about thirty in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. F. Cantor, of the Middleton Hotel. Besides the above mentioned, the following Past Masters and visitors were present: Bros. I. R. Hemmann I.P.M. 1000; Jas. Willing, J.W. No. 877 (Domestic) and W.M. 1507 (Metropolitan); J. Clarkson, P.M. 865, and W.M. 1457 (Bagshaw lodge); H. G. Savage, P.M. 174; J. Weston (No. 25, Ireland); J. C. Johnstone, P.M. No. 20, Sligo (Ireland); S. Lilley, Sec. 1457; F. T. Dawson, P.M. 211, and P. Prov. G.O. During the evening, Bro. J. R. Hemmann, the I.P.M., was presented by the W.M., Bro. A. Lucking, in the name of the lodge, with the Past Master's Jewel. Bro. Hemmann returned thanks in a suitable manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the evening was enlivened with songs, from Bros. Dawson, Phillips, Rowley, Savage, Berry, &c., and a very pleasant evening was spent.

KIRKBY LONSDALE.—UNDERLEY LODGE (No. 1074).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at three o'clock on Friday, Feb. 5th. The only business was the installation of the W.M. elect, the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M., supplemented by the annual banquet. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. D. Page, M.D., assisted by his Wardens and a full attendance of members and visitors. The P.G.M. being announced, he was admitted and received with the accustomed honours. The lodge being opened in the second degree, his lordship was presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G.R.; the first part of the ceremony was conducted by the W.M. The chair of K.S. was then assumed by Bro. John Bowes, who installed the noble earl as W.M. of the Underley lodge for the ensuing year. The concluding portion of the ceremony was most impressively rendered by Bro. W. Dodd, P.M. 1074. The W.M. closed the lodge down to the first degree, and then appointed and invested his Wardens and other officers: the former being Bros. the Rev. Canon Ware, P.M., &c., and W. James, P.M., &c. Bro. Dr. Page, I.P.M., then handed to his lordship a very handsome marble timepiece and asked him to present it to their worthy Bro. Anderson, who had filled the office of Tyler without fee or reward from the time the lodge was constituted. The W.M. willingly acceded, and in graceful terms made the presentation. Bro. Anderson feelingly replied. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The chair was occupied by the W.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M., who was supported on the right and left by Bros. the Rev. J. V. Thompson, Chaplain; John Talbot, W.M. 129, and Prov. G.J.W.; H. Rauthmell, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C.; Joseph Bintley, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Dr. Page, I.P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; John

Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G.R.; J. Holme, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W.; W. Dodd, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Bell, 314, (Preston); R. Pearson, P.M., Prov. G.R. West Lancashire; J. Postlethwaite, P.M., Prov. G. Steward West Lancashire; W. James, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., J.W. The S.W., the Rev. Canon Ware, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., ruled in the West. The following toasts were ably proposed and responded to:—"The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., W.M., and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master; John Whitwell, M.P., Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," "The I.P.M., Bro. Dr. D. Page," "The Wardens and Officers of 1074," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Treasurer," "To all Poor and Distressed Freemasons throughout the Globe, and speedy relief to them." The music was under the direction of Bro. Godfrey, and contributed largely to the pleasures of the evening.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—The ninth anniversary and installation meeting of this prosperous lodge, which now numbers over forty members, was held on the 3rd inst. at the St. James's Hotel, Derby. The W.M., Bro. F. Iliffe, P.J.G.W., and Installing Master, opened the lodge in due form and with solemn prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Henry T. Bobart, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented and took the obligation. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and all below the rank of Installed Master having retired, the W.M. elect was entrusted with the pass-word, and withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters being opened, he was re-admitted and duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After having invested Bro. Iliffe with the collar and jewel as I.P.M., the board was closed. The Master Masons were re-admitted, and the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees. The W.M. closed the lodge in the third, and afterwards in the second degree. He appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. F. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Beathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; Thos. Gadsby, J.D.; Geo. Pipes, D. of C.; G. F. Edwards, Org.; Josh. Heathcote, I.G. The customary addresses to the officers were delivered by Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, at which the W.M. presided, when the numerous loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to by appropriate speeches.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Gregorian Arms Tavern, 96, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, on Thursday, February 4th. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. Deakin, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Ruse, S.W.; J. A. Smith, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; W. Batchelor, S.D.; W. T. Lover, J.D.; F. Garbett, I.G.; J. Stock, M.C.; G. J. Grace, P.M.; J. H. Harmsworth, P.M.; J. Porter, W. May, and others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. C. B. Cheen, 849; P. Magee, 548; J. Howe, 1326; T. H. Miller, P.M. 907, &c. The work, done in an admirable manner, was raising Bros. J. Porter, and J. Howe, 1326, to the third degree, and initiating Mr. Thomas Simpson into the mysteries of the Order. It was arranged to have an emergency meeting on the first Thursday of the ensuing month. Business being ended, the lodge was closed. There was not any banquet. Soon after the lodge was closed the brethren separated.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Marquess Tavern, Canonbury. The chair was taken by Bro. Younghusband, P. Prov. G.M., P.M., P.Z., supported by Bro. Dickinson, acting S.W., in the unavoidable absence of H. W. Cattlin, who arrived later. Bro. Rafter, S.W.; Bro. Bigley, Sec., and the other officers, all of whom were at their posts punctually. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Frank F. Toole, P.S.G.W. (Essex), W.M. 363; Samuel Poynter, W.M. 1491, P.M. 902; J. W. Myers, P.M. 276; T. Shackell, P.M., 193; T. Knight, P.M. 902; W. Manger, W.M. 1314; W. Davison, P.M. 30, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, Bro. J. B. Cohen was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Jaffa passed to the second degree, both ceremonies being very ably performed. To suit the convenience of Bro. Younghusband, it was then arranged that, prior to the initiates being introduced, a silver salver which had been voted in accordance with a proposition made by Bro. Moxon, seconded by Bro. Bigley, should be presented to Bro. Shackell. The piece of plate, which bore the following inscription, "Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298. Presented to Worshipful Bro. Shackell, P.M. 30, P. Prov. G.P., Hants, W.M., on the occasion of his leaving England, as a slight token of brotherly love, esteem, and goodwill. London, February 2nd, 1875," was then presented by Bro. Younghusband, who said: Brethren, I am happy to have had the privilege of presiding over you this evening, more especially as it is an occasion when we are anxious to give honour to one to whom honour is due; to celebrate his removal to an enlarged sphere of usefulness; to rejoice at his prosperity; and to wish him God speed in the journey he is about to take. But the joy which we feel at his success, is chastened by the thought that his gain is our loss—the loss of one who has presided over us with

dignity during our hours of labour, and by his geniality lent a charm to our festive board. We grieve that the voice to which we have become accustomed, and to which we have listened with so much pleasure, will soon be no longer heard amongst us. Speaking personally, such was his kindness of heart, and readiness to oblige, of which I have had ample proof, I shall miss him severely. In my judgment, no amount of honour we can confer upon him is beyond his merits, although I am sure he will not esteem the testimonial we are about to present to him by its intrinsic value, but by the sentiments of regard of which it is the symbol—Bro. Shackell, such are the feelings with which we one and all regard you, and I am proud to be the medium of expressing them. When separated from us, by a wide expanse of land and water, I doubt not that your thoughts will often revert to the former companions of your toils, and be assured that your name will ever remain fresh in our memories, accompanied by an ardent wish for your return to the land of your birth. Permit me now, in the name of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, of which you were the founder, as the Consecrating Master, and first occupant of its chair, to present you with this silver salver, as a feeble token of our esteem and gratitude, together with this Past Master's jewel, which I have the honour to affix on your breast, and to wish with all our hearts, to you and yours, long life, health, and prosperity.—Bro. Shackell, much affected, in acknowledging the presentation, said he felt quite incompetent by word to express what he felt for that and the other kind presents he had received from the brethren, and he assured them that although in a few days he should have left this country for India, his thoughts would always be with them, and he trusted from his heart, in after years, to return and present himself at headquarters, and again work on their behalf, but more vigorously. Again thanking them, and highly eulogising several of his officers, Bro. Shackell concluded a lengthy reply, which had been marked throughout by an earnestness unmistakable.—The ballot having been taken, resulted in an unanimous approval that Messrs. Heine and Kleimnhausen should become members, and they were accordingly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Harry Moxon, who represented the lodge at the last festival of the Benevolent Institution, then stated that his appeal to his friends and brethren, on behalf of that excellent charity, had been so cheerfully responded to, that his list of subscribers had reached a very respectable amount, which he had hopes of considerably augmenting before the day of finally accounting for his stewardship, and he thanked them sincerely for their generous support. The Tyler and Treasurer having been elected for the ensuing year, and the further business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren afterwards re-assembled in the banquet-room and sat down to a sumptuous repast. This over, and the cloth cleared, the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," "The Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the other Grand Officers, past and present," coupling with it the name of Bro. Frank Toole. The toasts having been received with usual Royal Standard fire, Bro. Toole responded at great length and in most eloquent terms, and we regret being unable to give his speech in extenso. He said he felt an unspeakable amount of pleasure at being present, and expressed his great desire to carry out, to the utmost of his power and ability, all the principles which Masonry inculcated. Masonry and Masonic Institutions were progressive and progressing. The principles of Masons were grand, glorious, and true ones, and they ought not to keep them exclusive. He was sincerely thankful to them for the kind manner in which they had drank the health of the Grand Officers. Bro. Ballantyne, P.M., then rose and said, as one of their oldest members he had been requested to propose the toast of the evening, "Health, Long Life, Happiness, and Prosperity to their W.M., Bro. Robert Shackell," who to their great regret was now about leaving England for India. Perhaps it was to their feelings of social brotherhood that Masonry owed so much of its success in our midst. It bound men together in one common chain of indissoluble friendship, and it was gratifying to feel that although a link of that chain was now about to be severed, when their brother reached another land—his adopted home—there would be an opportunity of again uniting the links, of which he doubted not due advantage would be taken. The toast having been warmly drunk, Bro. Shackell, in response said, that when he first received the intimation of his appointment he felt, and had ever since experienced, a growing sense of his responsibilities, and nothing could have tended more to increase that feeling than the expression of goodwill which he had that evening witnessed, and he should ever remember the years he had spent with the brethren of that lodge as amongst the most pleasant in his experience, and that whatever he might have been able to accomplish was as nothing compared with what he had learnt. He trusted they might all be spared to meet again in Old England, but whatever might betide him, his earnest prayers for their welfare would be ever with him. The "Health of the Visiting Brethren" was then proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Poynter, who dwelt at some length upon the zeal and attention which the W.M. had shown in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Catlin responded to the toast of "The Officers," Bro. Moxon to that of "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast closed a very interesting meeting.

SWANSEA.—**TALBOT LODGE** (No. 1323).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, and was attended by a large number of members and visiting brethren from far and near. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. B. Brock, Prov. G.S.W., the chair was taken by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Edward J. Morris, the senior P.M. of the lodge, and among those present at the meeting and at the annual banquet afterwards, may be mentioned, Bros.

the Rev. Latimer M. Jones, D.P.G.M. Western Division, South Wales; Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W.; James G. Hall, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Marmaduke Tennant, P. Prov. S.G.W.; T. D. Daniel, Prov. J.G.W.; Geo. Allen, P. Prov. J.G.W.; T. Beavan Phillips, Prov. J.G.W. (Western division); W. J. Morgan, P. Prov. J.G.W. (Western division); Rev. A. H. P. Trewman, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, (Somerset); Rev. C. T. Heartley, M.A., P. Prov. G. Chaplain; John Jones, Prov. G. Treasurer; Clement S. B. Gardner, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; S. B. Power, P. Prov. G.R.; Lawrence Tulloch, P. Prov. G.R.; Walter Whittington, Prov. G. Secretary; W. H. Tucker, Prov. S.G.D.; Edward Daniel, P. Prov. S.G.D.; William Williams, P. Prov. G.S.D. (Monmouth); W. G. Davies, Prov. G. Sup. Works; J. Jones Hewson, P. Prov. G.D.C.; John Rogers, Prov. G.S.B.; Robert Margrave, P. Prov. G.S.B. (Western division); Edward Fricker, P. Prov. G. Organist; W. L. Jackson, Prov. G. Steward; Evan F. Daniel, P. Prov. G. Steward; Charles Taylor, W.M. 110 (Merthyr); James Goodall, W.M. 237 (Swansea); W. Griffith Davies, W.M. 364 (Neath); E. Cambridge Phillips, W.M. 651 (Brecon); John Jones, W.M. 833 (Aberavon); John C. Morris, W.M. 476 (Carmarthen); W. Stamer Thompson, W.M. 671 (Llanelli); David Evans, Walter Mills, G. B. Haynes, W. J. Rees, John Lloyd, E. S. Hartland, Thos. Thomas, H. Fry, A. F. Bayntun, R. W. Beor, Walter Lewis, H. A. Latimer, P. Ambrosoli, C. J. Brock, Jenkin Jones (Carmarthen), Thomas Ford, James Livingstone, W. Paxton Garrett, Robert Maine, Ebenezer Thomas, Rev. J. Spilsbury, W. Thomas, Bowen, and others. The lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed and some formal business disposed of, on the completion of which Bros. Lewis, Latimer, Ambrosoli, and Brock were brought up to answer the usual questions and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and the brethren above-named were readmitted, properly prepared, and duly passed to the Fellow Craft degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Jones Jenkins, S.W., was then presented by Bro. Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W., and having assented to the ancient charges and regulations, took the customary obligation. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and afterwards as a Board of Installed Masters, when Bro. Jones Jenkins was, in conformity with the established rites, duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being conducted throughout by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year:—Bros. John Jones Hewson, S.W.; Evan Francis Daniel, J.W.; J. D. Davies, Chaplain; Samuel B. Power, Treasurer; Thomas Thomas, Secretary; John Lloyd, S.D.; E. S. Hartland, J.D.; W. J. Rees, D.C.; A. F. Bayntun, I.G.; David Evans, Steward; Henry Simons, Tyler. On the motion of the W.M., Bros. Charles Bath and J. G. Hall were unanimously elected as the representative Past Masters to serve on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year. On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W., a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the retiring W.M., Bro. G. B. Brock, for his able and efficient services during the past year, both speakers referring in terms of the highest eulogium to the manner in which Bro. Brock had presided over the lodge, and expressing the regret generally felt at his enforced absence through ill health. On the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the ball-room of the Mackworth Hotel, where, in number about sixty, they sat down to partake of the good things provided for them by Bro. Stone with his usual attention and care. The chair was filled by the newly-installed W.M., who was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Edward J. Morris; Bros. the Rev. Latimer Jones, D.P.G.M. of the Western division; J. B. Phillips, Charles Bath, Rev. A. H. P. Trewman, Rev. C. T. Heartley, and other brethren before-named. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair with much ability and warmly responded to by the brethren. The health of the Provincial Grand Master was most fraternally drunk, great regret being expressed at the unavoidable absence of the R.W. brother in London. The W.M. proposed, in highly complimentary terms, "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," remarking that it was impossible for the affairs of the province to be more satisfactorily administered than they were under their present rulers. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding, spoke at some length, referring to the progress and present position of Freemasonry throughout the province, dwelling most encouragingly upon the improved working together of the various lodges, which he characterized as being such as the brethren might well feel proud of, and in concluding assured them of his continued interest in and care for the fraternity, with which he had been connected for nearly twenty years. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, associating with the same the name of the Junior Grand Warden, Bro. T. D. Daniel, who replied in an able address. The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M., as the eldest son of the Talbot Lodge," he having been the first candidate initiated therein, and fairly and honourably worked his way through the various chairs to the highest, which he most worthily occupied. The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for the distinguished honour they had conferred upon him, and proposed the toast of "The Visitors," especially naming Bro. the Rev. A. H. P. Trewman, P. Prov. G. Chaplain (Somerset), who responded in felicitous terms for himself and the other guests. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Charles Bath, next followed, calling forth an excellent speech from that brother for himself and colleagues. "The Lodges of the Province" elicited return speeches from Bros. James Goodall, W.M. Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea; Charles Taylor, W.M. Loyal Cambrian Lodge, Merthyr Tydvil; W. G. Davies, W.M. Cambrian Lodge, Neath; E. C. Phillips, W.M. Brecknock Lodge,

Brecon; and John Jones, W.M. Afan Lodge, Aberavon; all breathing sentiments of fraternal good-will and regard. "The health of the Officers of the Lodge," responded to by the Senior Warden, Bro. Jones Hewson, brought the pleasant proceedings of the evening to a close. Bro. Edward Fricker, P. Prov. G. Organist, presided with his usual skill and good taste at the organ in lodge. Some excellent singing was contributed by Bros. Jones Hewson, George Allen, W. J. Rees, W. Paxton Garrett, and others, adding considerably to the general enjoyment. A special feature in the arrangements for the evening was the Shaksperian programme, the suitable and most appropriate mottoes placed round the menu, toast, and music, as well as the quotations culled to mark the various toasts, happily "hit the taste o' the time" and were greatly appreciated by the brethren. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and each and all appeared to regret when the hour for separating arrived.

ALDERSHOT.—**ALDERSHOT CAMP LODGE** (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this young, but prosperous lodge, was held on Thursday, the 5th February, at the Assembly Rooms, Bro. White, the Worshipful Master, presided. There were present: Bros. Mackenzie, I.P.M.; Richardson, P.M.; Cole, P.M.; Rose, several visiting brethren, and numerous members. The minutes of the lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates, which, proving unanimous in each case, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, each initiate being presented with a copy of the book of constitutions and bye-laws of the lodge, the W.M. explained the tracing board of the first degree. The lodge was opened in the second degree, when an E.A. was passed. The lodge was opened in the third degree, when four Fellow-Craft brethren were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in an admirable manner, the masterly explanation of the tracing board was most cordially greeted.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, London, on Saturday, the 13th inst., when were present, Bros. N. B. Headon, W.M.; J. H. Townend, S.W.; G. Seex, J.W.; James Stevens, I.P.M.; Rev. J. R. Simpson, Chaplain; James Freeman, Treasurer; R. Stanway, S.D.; G. Blackie, J.D.; T. Preston, D.C.; W. H. Hook, Org.; T. Hamen and C. Taylor, Stewards; Steedman, Tyler; also Bros. J. Beneton, F. W. Potter, C. Jenkins, C. H. Burrows, J. Bumpus, R. Hooker, W. MacQueen, C. Stuart Barker, jun., T. Browne, E. Cox, Lewis Lewis, J. Thompson, J. J. Moore, W. Baber, T. W. Headon, F. J. Davis, J. Stamp, F. Keeble, R. Fendick, J. E. Hugo, W. Middleton, J. Phillips, H. Thompson, Owen Borven, J. L. Dulan, J. R. Hartley, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Beattie, 142; G. Yaxley, 463; J. K. Pitt, 463; W. Morden, 215; J. Yalden, 181; D. Buckwell, 149; T. L. Hellier, 765; T. H. Harper, 1216; and H. R. Hallam, 1314. The lodge having been opened and minutes of previous meeting confirmed, was raised to the third degree, and Bros. Potter and Davis were respectively passed to the degree of F.C. The ballot for initiating having been declared unanimous, Messrs. G. J. Wright and J. T. Skinner being in attendance, were severally introduced and initiated. The whole of the ceremony was performed in the most able and impressive manner, by the W.M., whose arduous labour was considerably lightened by the perfect attention of his officers, in the important details of the work. Further propositions for initiating at the ensuing meeting were then made, and several apologies for non-attendance, and notably a telegram from Bro. Moody, the Secretary, from Belfast, were read, and duly acknowledged. The W.M. briefly referred to his forthcoming Stewardship, as representing the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, expressing his satisfaction with the support already given, and his anticipation in regard to further additions to his list. Bro. Preston gave notice of his intention to propose at the ensuing meeting, that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office, no further business was before the lodge, it was closed in due form. This being an "off night," a plain but substantial supper was provided in the Pillar-Room, to which members and visitors at once repaired. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the initiates having been cordially received, Bro. Beattie, on behalf of the visitors, expressed their gratification with the entire proceedings of the evening. Those connected with lodge work had greatly added to their appreciation of Masonry, whilst the ample entertainment they had partaken of under the genial influence of the thorough harmony and good fellowship pervading the meeting, assured them that the lodge was animated by the true principles of the Craft. He wished the lodge every success and prosperity, and could only further desire that his brother visitors, as well as himself, might have many opportunities of witnessing its admirable working and enjoying its cordial hospitality. A most fraternal and enjoyable evening terminated with the Tyler's toast, and shortly after the brethren separated.

MOUNT EDGUMBE LODGE (No. 1446).—A meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Battersea-Old-Bridge, on the 13th inst. The lodge was opened at three p.m. by Bros. Burrell, W.M.; Poupard, S.W.; Thomas, Acting J.W.; Schiemann, Acting S.D.; Watson, Acting J.D.; Thomas, jun., I.G.; Ough, P.M., I.P.M., and Treasurer; Limebeer, Secretary. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting having been read, were confirmed, and the W.M. raised Bros. Wevell, Gibson, Beor, and Tily to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Bros. Langdale, Pratt, Wood, Cain, and Bailey were then passed to the second degree, and Mr. Ricketts initiated. The three ceremonies were well carried out by the W.M., who had the assistance of an excellent staff of officers. Bro. Ough, the Treasurer, proposed that the W.M.'s list, as

Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, should be headed by a lodge donation of £10 10s, which was seconded by Bro. Thomas, and unanimously carried. The W.M. returned thanks and hoped that that liberal gift would be supplemented by individual subscriptions, as the institution was in urgent need of support. Bro. Poupard, the S.W., gave notice of motion to increase the joining fee of the lodge to seven guineas. Two brethren of the Royal Alfred and Star Lodges were then proposed and seconded as joining members. The lodge was closed in ancient form and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In consequence of the lateness of the hour "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," and the other formal lodge toasts were given by the W.M. very briefly, but were received heartily by the assembled brethren, of whom there were nearly sixty. Bro. Ough replied for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Rickets for "The Initiates," Bro. Manders, W.M. 1231, for "The Visitors," and Bro. Poupard, S.W., for "The Lodge Officers." The W.M.'s health was proposed by the Treasurer and I.P.M., and enthusiastically drank. Bro. Burrell, in reply, expressed his gratification at the compliment passed him, and hoped that the brethren, at the termination of his year of office, would be satisfied with his efforts to promote the interest of the lodge and the comfort of every member, and, in conclusion, he stated that he was one of the Stewards at the ensuing festival. In the intervals of the toasts Bros. Rickets, Watts, Ross, Walls, and Wheeler vocally entertained the brethren. Among the visitors present were Bros. Frampton, P.M. 87; King, P.M. 172; Scott, P.M. 749; Pulsford, P.M. 1158; Watts, P.M. and W.S. 1201; Swallow, W.M. 382; Keay, W.M. 917; Manders, W.M. 1201; Pym, W.M. 1275; Wise, S.W. 1158; Roe, J.W. 780; Walls, I.G.; 141, 1381, 1503. The Tyler, Bro. Fox, gave the concluding toast, and the brethren separated.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT SION CHAPTER (No. 22).—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday 8th inst., at 6 o'clock. Amongst those present were Comps. H. Muggeridge, Z.; W. J. Crofield, H.; H. Birdseye, J.; Venn, S.N.; Spooner, S.E.; A. Partridge, P.S.; Hirsch and Clemmans, A. Sojourners; R. H. Townsend, P.Z.; J. H. Townsend, P.Z.; Wright, P.Z.; Canham, P.Z.; Steih, Bassenett, Randall, and others. Bro. J. B. Batten was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masonry in the usual magnificent style by Comps. Muggeridge, Z.; Crofield, H.; Birdseye, J.; assisted by the other officers. Afterwards Comp. R. H. Townsend presented a testimonial, written on vellum and beautifully framed, to Comp. A. Partridge on behalf of his father, W. H. Partridge, P.Z., expressing the pleasure it gave him in presenting the testimonial, having been associated with him in the Chapter for thirty-five years, during which time he had acted as Treasurer for twenty-four years, and was sorry that in consequence of his late severe illness he had been compelled to resign. Comp. A. Partridge on receiving the testimonial thanked the companions of the Mount Sion Chapter for their kindness in a few kind and appropriate words on behalf of his father. The chapter was then closed in due form, after which the companions adjourned to a well-served banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, which closed a very pleasant evening.

WHITEHAVEN.—**THE SUN, SQUARE AND COMPASSES CHAPTER (No. 119).**—A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening, 8th inst., at seven o'clock. The M.E.Z. Comp. John Barr, was supported by Comp. E. Fearon, H.; Dr. Henry, J.; W. B. Gibson, P.Z.; John Bowes, P.Z., &c.; E. Tyson, P.S., and other officers and companions. Bros. Montgomery and J.D. Thompson were exalted by the M.E.Z., in a manner that called forth the warmest approbation of all present. At the conclusion of the business, E. Comp. Gibson proposed, E. Comp. Fearon seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, "That the best thanks of the chapter are due, and hereby accorded to E. Comp. Bowes, for his valuable services as Preceptor." Com. Bowes after acknowledging the compliment, congratulated the members on the proficiency of their officers, especially the M.E.Z. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—This chapter met at the "Horns," Kennington, London. Chapter was opened by M.E. Comps. Henry Smith, M.E.Z.; Charles Hammerton, H.; W. B. Church, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z. and Treas.; and William Worrell, P.Z. There were also present Comps. George Waterall, S.W.; M. S. Larham, P.S.; T. Poore, A.S.; R. N. Field, A.S.; B. R. Bryant, Steward; W. H. Van Baerle, F. W. Levander, A. C. Burrell, Newington Bridges, A. C. Bradley, Gilbert, and others. Visitor, Comp. C. Burdett. The principal business before the chapter was the election of officers for the ensuing year; the result of the ballot being as follows, viz.: Comps. Hammerton, Z.; Church, H.; Bridges, J.; Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E. (seventh re-election); Levander, P.Z., Treasurer (sixth re-election); G. Waterall, Scribe N. (second re-election); M. S. Larham, P.S. (second re-election); and Gilbert, Janitor. Comps. Poore, F. W. Levander, Burrell, and Bradley were elected on the Audit Committee. A vote of two guineas in aid of a former member of the chapter was carried. The chapter P.Z. jewel was also voted to M.E., Comp. Smith, on his retiring from office. A considerable contribution was made by the members of the chapter, to provide additions to the excellent furniture. Six propositions for advancement at ensuing meeting were received, and other Masonic business having been despatched, the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions ad-

joined to refreshment. This chapter, always famous for its working and the unanimity of its members, appears likely to have a considerable impetus from the influx of numerous brethren of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, being held in the same locality, and suiting the convenience of most of its members. We heartily wish the Panmure Chapter the continued success it certainly endeavours to merit.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

OPENING OF THE CORNWALL ROSE CROIX CHAPTER AT TRURO.

INSTALLATION OF SIR F. M. WILLIAMS, Bart., M.P., AS M.W.S., &c.

The Cornwall Chapter of Rose Croix was formally opened and consecrated on Tuesday, the 2nd February, 1875, at the Masonic Hall, New Public Rooms, Truro, by Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council for England and Wales, assisted by Lieut.-General H. E. Doherty, C.B., 33°, Deputy Inspector-General for the S. W. District of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of 33°.

The Supreme Council Chapter was first opened at 2 p.m., by the V.I., Bro. Major Clerke, 33°, as M.W.S.; Gen. Doherty, 33°, as High Prelate, and Ill.; Bro. William James Hughan, 30°, as Grand Marshal.

The following first members of the Cornwall Chapter were present: Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., 31°; W. J. Hughan, 30°; Rev. George Ross, M.A., 18°; Col. J. W. Peard, 18°; F. W. Dabb, 18°; John Hocking, jun., 18°; John Farran Penrose, 18°; Edward Dixon Anderton, 18°; Nicholas J. West, 18°; Charles Truscott, jun., 18°; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, 18°; Rev. A. H. Ferris, 18°; and Charles Trevithick, 18°. E. and P. Bros. Thomas Chirgwin, 18°, and Henry Spry Severton, being unavoidably absent.

Visitors: Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Elliott, 31°, P.M.W.S., and Capt. Shanks, M.W.S. of St. Aubyn Chapter, Devonport; W. B. Hamblin, M.W.S., and Col. Fitz-Gerald of the Huyshe Chapter, Plymouth; George Brown, 18°, of the Shakespeare Chapter, Warwick, and W. E. Mitchell, 18°, of Metropolitan Chapter, London.

The following brethren were accepted as candidates for Perfection, and as Members of the New Chapter: Thomas Solomon, P.M. 331, P. Prov. S. G. W., (Truro); William James Johns, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Reg., (Truro); Samuel Harvey, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Pust., (Truro); Rev. Alfred Hayman Cummings, J.W. 131, Prov. G. Chap., (Truro); William Lake, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Reg., (Truro); Richard John, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G.D.C., (Truro); Samuel Harris, J.D. 331, also of No. 131, (Truro); William Tregay, P.M. 589, (Redruth); E. Milford Cock, P.M. 589, Prov. G. Std., (Redruth); John Thomas, J.W. 589, (Redruth); William Lidgely, Member of Nos. 131 and 589, (Devoran); William Rooks, of No. 131, Prov. G. Pust., (Truro); Bros. Solomon, Cummings, Lake, Tregay, John, Lidgely, Cock, Thomas, and Rooks, being in attendance, were severally entrusted with the secrets peculiar to the 4° to the 14° inclusive in the Grand Lodge of Perfection; with the 15° and 16° in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem; and then created Knights of the East and West 17°. After which they were finally exalted to the degree of S.P. Rose Croix; the whole of the ceremonies being conducted in a most able and impressive manner by Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Sec.-Gen. of Supreme Council; General Doherty, 33°, being the H.P., and W. J. Hughan, 30°, the G.M.

Each candidate was presented with a copy of the Regulations by Sir F. W. Williams, Bart. The degree could not have been given better under any circumstances, for the faultless style of the acting M.W.S. left nothing to be desired, and the candidates were evidently much pleased and interested throughout.

The fittings were good, and having all been made in the town, says something in favour of local skill and enterprise.

The Cornwall Chapter was subsequently consecrated by Major Clerke, 33°, in which beautiful ceremony he was ably assisted by Gen. Doherty, C.B., and the warrant (dated 24th Dec., 1874, and signed by the Earl of Carnarvon, 33°, S.G. Commander; Captain N. G. Phillips, 33°, L.G.C.; Major-Gen. Clerke, 33°, G.T.; J. M. P. Montagu, 33°; Major S. H. Clerke, 33°; Sir Michael Costa, 33°; and others) was read by William James Hughan, 30°, acting as Sec.-Gen. for the occasion.

Ill. Bro. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., 31°, was duly installed and enthroned by the Consecrating Officer, after which the M.W.S. appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—E. and P. Bros. Rev. George Ross, H.P.; Colonel Peard, 1st Gen.; N. J. West, 2nd Gen.; F. W. Dabb, Treasurer (elected unanimously); E. D. Anderton, G.M.; J. F. Penrose, R.; C. Trevithick, C. of G.; Charles Truscott, jun., Recorder; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, C.; Rev. A. H. Ferris, A.; John Hocking, jun., Organist; and W. Rooks, O.G.; the remaining Officers being left for the next assembly.

Bro. Hughan, 30°, then proposed that the first business of the New Chapter shall be to elect Major S. H. Clerke, 33°, Grand Sec.-General, and Lieut.-General H. E. Doherty, C.B., 33°, Dep. Inspector General, as Honorary Members, and that the best thanks of the Chapter be hereby voted to these distinguished brethren for the honour of their attendance and most valuable services, especially to Major Clerke for the admirable manner in which he had acted throughout the ceremonies as M.W.S. After the proposition was supported by Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. (the M.W.S.), it was carried by acclamation, and fraternally responded to by the two brethren, whose aid was thus so enthusiastically acknowledged by the members of the New Chapter.

The M.W.S. then nominated Bro. Hughan, 30°; Col. Peard, 1st Gen.; West, 2nd Gen.; and Truscott, Recorder; as a Committee to prepare the Bye-Laws.

Colonel Peard, 1st General, rose and said there was yet another duty to perform, and that was to acknowledge the valuable services of Bro. Hughan, the Founder of the Chapter, who had, at considerable labour, and to the satisfaction of all the members, superintended the arrangements for the days' proceedings, and in appreciation of such devotion to the Rite, he proposed that Bro. Hughan be elected a Life Member of the Chapter, which, on being seconded by the Recorder, was carried unanimously and most heartily by the brethren.

Bro. Hughan thanked the Chapter for the honour thus conferred upon him, and explained that the starting of the Chapter was owing to their esteemed M.W.S. offering to defray all the expenses at opening, which had been most handsomely done by Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. Bro. Hughan was aware that he was acting contrary to Sir Frederick's instructions in mentioning the fact, but he trusted that the announcement would be forgiven by that worthy brother, when he saw how much his kindness and zeal on behalf of the Ancient and Accepted Rite were appreciated by the members of the Cornwall Chapter, and in fact throughout the Province.

The Chapter having been closed—the Ancient and Mystic Rite being first of all observed—the members adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and partook of an excellent banquet, served in a most recherche style by Bro. Bray, Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., 31°, in the chair, supported by Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; Lieut.-Gen. Doherty, 33°; Lieut.-Col. Elliott, 31°; Captain Shanks, M.W.S.; and Col. Fitz-Gerald, as visitors, and 22 members.

Letters of apology and telegrams were received at the "eleventh hour" from Captain Nathaniel George Philips, 33°; Lieut. Grand Commander, the Rev. P. H. Newnham, 33°, and other brethren, regretting their absence.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).**—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst. in their hall at No. 213, Buchanan-street. The R.W.M., Bro. James F. Mitchell, presided, and there were present Bros. D. Watson, S.M.; Jas. Gladstone, S.D.; John Smith, Secretary; A. C. Paterson, V.S.P.G.L., acting S.W.; and, among other visiting brethren, Bros. George McDonald, R.W.M. 73 (Thistle and Rose); and Louis Loeske, 286, Illinois. The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, James Thomson was duly initiated into the Order by the R.W.M., after which the lodge was raised to the F.C. degree, when the same was conferred upon Bro. James Aitken, the Master again officiating. The lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE STAR (No. 219).**—This lodge met in their hall, No. 12, Tron-gate, on Monday, 9th inst., being their regular meeting. Present: Bros. John Morgan, R.W.M., presiding; John Garth, S.W.; Jas. Horn, J.W. There were also present Bros. J. Campbell, R.W.M. Lodge 128; A. Bain, P.M. Lodge 103; G. C. H. McNaught, S.M. Lodge 275; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), and a large number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting, and applications from the following gentlemen for admission into the privileges of Freemasonry read, viz., Messrs. W. Longhnan and Richard Lynch. There being no objection, the candidates received the E. A. degree, Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., officiating. The following brethren were then passed to the degree of F.C., viz., Bros. J. McDougall, A. Dryden, George Knot, Thos. Murphy, J. T. Erving, Bro. Muir, D.M. Lodge 103, officiating. The lodge was then raised, and Bros. Stewart and Knox, Lodge Star 219; and Bros. T. Murphy and J. T. Ewing, Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103, received the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. A. Bain, P.M. 103, officiating, the ceremony of the degree being performed in a most impressive manner by the brethren officiating. Bro. Smith, Lodge Mother Kilwinning, affiliated member of Lodge Star, No. 219, who had presented to Star lodge, about twelve months ago, a beautiful pair of Ashlars, now presented a pair of ornamental tops for the same, which are of beautiful finish and material, and add to the already many specimens of designs, emblematical of the Order, in the Star Lodge Room. The R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, in a neat and appropriate speech, thanked Bro. Smith on behalf of the lodge, and hoped that he would be long spared to be amongst them. The lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).**—It will be remembered that the emergency meeting of this lodge, held on the 28th ult., for the special reception to Bro. Henry McDonald, second mate of the ship Cospatrick, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the St. Helena brethren, acknowledging the great kindness shown by them to a brother of Lodge Clyde; and also that the leading office-bearers of the St. Helena lodges should be made honorary members of No. 408. Accordingly, at the last regular meeting of the lodge, the Secretary submitted the following which had been drawn up:—"To the R.W.M., P.M., S.W., J.W., and other office-bearers and members of Lodges St. Helena (No. 488) and Old Rock (No. 912).—Greeting, all whom it may concern. This is to certify, that at a special meeting convened for the purpose of congratulating our worthy and esteemed brother, Henry McDonald, late second officer of the New Zealand emigrant ship Cospatrick, who was rescued from a dreadful death by the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe, and thrown upon your hospitality by the ship British Scyre, and the kind manner in which you treated him, I have to say, in his behalf, will not be forgotten. By the unanimous desire of the office-bearers and members of his mother lodge, Clyde

(No. 408), S.C., I have been instructed to tender you their sincere thanks for the very true and Masonic way in which you received Bro. McDonald, and did honour to the Craft in general by rendering him that assistance he was so much in need of. We are glad to find that the real principles of Masonry are so well regarded, and carried out in the proper spirit. We shall acquaint the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, as also the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with what you have done for Bro. McDonald, and endeavour to get them also to recognise your very kind actions. As a further mark of our gratitude, we unanimously agree that the R.W.M., P.M., S.W., J.W., and Secretary of your lodge (St. Helena 488) be made honorary members of Lodge Clyde, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (No. 408); as also the aforesaid office-bearers of Old Rock Lodge (No. 912). As you (488) are the elder lodge of the two, it is your duty to make the office-bearers of Old Rock Lodge acquainted with this, and after doing so to transmit their names along with your own to us for enrolment in our books. We ask your acceptance of the above, and wish your lodge, office-bearers, and members all prosperity, and trust that none of you or yours may endure the same hardships as our much beloved Bro. McDonald has done. And should we never meet here may we meet in the lodge above, where no such sufferings have to be endured, and where the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe shall reign over us in peace, love, and harmony." The letter, as thus drawn up, was approved of, and the Secretary, Bro. D. S. Mitchell, instructed to have it written out, and with his own signature on behalf of Lodge Clyde, and with the signature and seals of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and Grand Lodge of Scotland duly attached, forwarded at earliest opportunity to St. Helena.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE, No. 413.—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in their lodge room, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 9th inst. Bros. John Wallace, R.W.M., presiding; Colin McKenzie, S.W.; D. Leeds, J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. There were also present Bros. John Munro, R.W.M. 360; Wm. Bell, R.W.M. 34; John Morgan, R.W.M. 216; George Weston, P.M. 73; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), and a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. J. Wallace, and the minutes read and confirmed. Applications were then read from the following gentlemen for admission into the Order, Messrs. G. T. Stark, A. Gilmour, and B. Ronald. The ballot box being passed around, and found clear, they were admitted and received the E.A. degree, the ceremony being performed by the R.W.M., in a remarkably impressive and striking manner. Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., reminded the brethren that the annual festival of lodge Athole would take place on Friday, 26th inst., at Bro. Thornton's, 251, Argyle-street, when he hoped to meet as many of the brethren as could possibly make it convenient to attend. The lodge was raised to Fellow Craft, when the following brethren received that degree, viz., Bros. G. A. Stark, A. G. Bell, B. Ronald, R. Johnston, T. Pearson, J. Balfour, and W. Matheson. Bro. Loutitt, D.M., officiating. Raising the lodge to the degree of Master Mason, Bros. A. Gilmour, R. Johnston, W. Matheson, T. Pearson, and J. Balfour, entered and received this sublime degree. Bro. John Munro, R.W.M. No. 360, officiating, in his usual masterly and impressive manner. There being no other business the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GLASGOW (No. 441).—This lodge held their usual monthly meeting in their hall, No. 22, Struthers-street, on the 9th inst., Bro. Hugh Tullock, R.W.M., in the chair. The lodge having been opened, two candidates, duly proposed and seconded, George Henry Reade, and John Crosbie, had the first degree conferred upon them by the R.W.M. The lodge was then raised to the second degree, when Bros. Reade and Crosbie, together with Bro. George Remington, were passed to that degree. Thereafter, the lodge having been raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the same brethren, as also Bro. Peter Charleston, were raised to that degree. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. degree, when the R.W.M., in name of the lodge, presented Bro. John Main, their late S.W., with a handsome gold Albert and locket, as also with a beautiful finger ring for Mrs. Main, on the occasion of their respected brother leaving Glasgow. Bro. Main acknowledged the compliment in suitable and feeling terms, and the lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC SONG.

Where is the song beginning, "We wear the badge of innocence, I mean the royal robe" to be found? Can any brother supply the words? H.

THE TARGUMS AND HIRAM.

In answer to Bro. Hughan, Mr. Bensley, the Librarian of Cambridge University, tells me there is no legend to be traced. Indeed it could not well be in the Targums. Oliver's statement is therefore incorrect.—Ed.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND v. THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA.

In the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, I have been surprised to notice that the Grand Chapter of Scotland has refused to recognise the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for Nova Scotia. The reasons given being based upon the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia having fewer admissions during the year, and less funds at its credit, than each of several subordinate Chapters, holding of the Supreme Chapter, which could be named.

I am sorry to note this action on the part of the authorities in Scotland, who have also so far refused to recognise the Mark Grand Lodge of England, because, I apprehend, the question should have been as to the legality of the formation of such Grand Bodies, and that point being proved—which has been done—the argument that when few in number a society is wrong, but when numerous it is right, is too absurd to need refutation. The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia has forbidden intercourse with the two Chapters hailing from Scotland, by any of its members, and those who are best acquainted with the circumstances, will, we are persuaded, support its action in the matter.

REVIRE SCO.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

I have in my possession an old book of engravings, without title-page or date, consisting of 65 busts purporting to be those of Grand Masters, commencing with "Frere Raimond Dupui, Premier Grand Maitre Militaire, 1118," and ending with "Frere Antoine Manvel De Vil Hena, Soixante-et-Cinquieme Grand Maitre, 1722." The binding of the book is very old, and the leaves are turning yellow. Could any of your correspondents, learned in such matters, inform me as to what particular Order, or branch of an Order, they belong. They are all represented with a Maltese cross on the breast, and most of them are in armour.

Should any brother wish to see this book, I shall have much pleasure in forwarding it to him. W. CHAPLIN.

[The 65 busts are those of the Grand Masters of the Order of St. John, or the Knights Hospitaller, or Knights of Malta, as they are often termed. The first Grand Master was Raymond du Pui, or Dupui. Manuel de Valena was the 64th, and Ferdinand de Hombresch was the 66th and last, when Malta was given up to the French. We do not go into the subsequent history. These busts are probably taken from a fine copy of the "Statuta Hospitalis, &c.," published at Rome in the 16th Century, of which abbreviated editions have been issued. We believe that in America they are now reproducing a somewhat similar work, with lives of the Grand Masters. Bro. Chaplin's work is valuable as a separate edition.]

A MASONIC STUDENT.

"THE FREEMASON'S MAGAZINE."

Please inform me the last date of "The Freemason's Magazine." W. J. H.

[The publication of "The Freemason's Magazine" closed about September, 1871. Ed.]

IS IT SO?

The "Bibliotheca Britannica," by Robert Watt, M.D., page 39, Volume I., contains the following:

"Anderson, James.—The Constitutions of Freemasons, &c. London. 1723. 8vo.—Discovery of their Ceremonies. London. 1725. 8vo."

My question, at the head of this paper, refers to the "Discovery of their Ceremonies." Did Anderson publish such a book?

I have, at last, ascertained the date of Dr. Anderson's death. In the "Gentleman's Magazine" of 1793, I found an obituary notice of Bro. Anderson. He died May 28th of that year.

Boston, U.S., Feb. 1, 1875.

JACOB NORTON.

Masonic Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—FESTIVAL.

—A preliminary meeting of the Board of Stewards for the above Festival, will take place in the Board Room, No. 7, Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at four o'clock precisely, to elect the Officers of the Board, and to make such arrangements for the Dinner as may be considered most desirable.

At the Festival of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, (a full report of which will appear in our next), held on Wednesday last, the 17th inst., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., present, Bro. H. A. Rickard was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold was appointed S.W., who, it was hoped, would spend the next term in Oxford.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL.—At a final meeting of the Committee, in connection with the recent annual Masonic Ball in Liverpool, held at the Town Hall last month, it was announced that the nett proceeds, after paying all expenses, amounted to upwards of £170, which will be handed over to the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, P. Sov. Conclave, 55, &c., recently gave his annual ball at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, which proved one of the most brilliant of the season. His pupils, who turned out in great force, first enjoyed themselves, and then the children of older growth kept up the assembly until an early hour. Bro. Molyneux, whose services as hon. M.C. at nearly all the Masonic gatherings in Liverpool, have been more than once recognized in these columns, was largely patronised on this occasion by the brethren of the "Mystic Tie," their wives, and families; and our worthy brother is to be congratulated on the complete success of his annual assembly.

The Marquis of Conyngham has been installed at the Masonic Hall, Dublin, Great Prior of Ireland of the Order of the Temple and Hospital. The appointment was made in compliance with the nomination of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Among the many bad effects resulting from climatic variations, it is notable that the circulation of the blood becomes languid, and congestion of the capillaries much greater during the winter, hence the frequent appearance at this time of pimples, blotches, &c. Holloway's remedies cannot be too highly commended for the favourable interest they exert upon the skin. In all eruptions, cutaneous inflammation, and ulcerations, the detergent qualities of this ointment render it so efficacious in first cleansing the diseased part, and after inducing renewed and healthy action, that the skin becomes not only sound, but soft and silky, and fully capable of performing its functions and releasing the circulation from oppression.—ADV'T.

Poetry.

QUESTION AND ANSWER, BY MADAME VON OPPEN.

QUESTION.

Who, in this wonderful City,
Raises his eyes to the Lord?
Praying for help and for pity,
Which only our God can accord?
Are thoughts of death underlying
All Mammon's glitter and gloss?
Is the rich man fervently crying
Domine Dirige Nos!
Will God's hand protect us from danger?
Has He to His children clung?
When we speak to him should it seem stranger
The old than the modern tongue?
No! Rome shall not have all the honour
In Christ's Romish Latin to pray;
Luther's Church begs God's blessing upon her—
Conserva me, Domine!
Right royal dignity shewed He
In the prayer for His daily bread—
Panem nostrum da nobis hodie!
Were the simple words that He said.
What, on earth, is our habitation,
Compared with the total sum
Of our time with eternal salvation?
Deus noster refugium!

ANSWER.

Upon the trackless ocean, far away from every shore,
When all is wild and lonely, and land is seen no more,
We are mute with fear of danger till we hear the voice of
a Friend—
Saying—I am with you always, even unto the end.
In the furnace of affliction, when the flames are leaping
high,
When all earthly ties are broken, we know that Friend is
nigh:
We hear Him saying, what He said when to Heaven He did
ascend—
Behold! I am with you always, even unto the end!
Whate'er our mother-tongue may be, whate'er our native
land,
He understands our prayers to Him; He guides us with
His hand.
Our instinct comprehends Him, although our lips be dumb
With awe, when he whispers to our hearts—Ego vobiscum
sum!
Soon must affliction's furnace, and life's little cares be past,
When we are safe and happy in our Heavenly home at
last,
From whence to the world for ever, that voice will still
descend—
Behold! I am with you always, even unto the end!

OUR BROTHER KING KALAKAUA AT THE NEW YORK MASONIC TEMPLE.

On Wednesday evening, December 30th ult., agreeably to a previous arrangement made by W. Bro. Gilson, on behalf of his Majesty the King of the Hawaiian Island, Bro. David Kalakaua, accompanied by John M. Kapena Governor of Waiiu, and Bro. George M. Totten, Lieutenant, U.S.N., were received at the head of the grand stairway of the new hall by Grand Master Ellwood E. Thorne and brethren, acting as an Emergent Grand Lodge, and were escorted to the Grand Master's room, where a formal welcome was tendered to his Majesty and suite.

Inspector Dilks, with a platoon of police, having cleared the main hall of sightseers, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, accompanied by the distinguished guests, then made a tour of the rooms of the building, with which he expressed himself as being highly pleased. On arriving at Doric room, it was found to be occupied by New York Lodge, No. 330, in special communication, convened by a dispensation of the Grand Master. The King, having expressed a wish to see the third degree exemplified, it was decided to enter. His Majesty, having proved himself a Mason by a critical examination, he was announced and admitted. W. Bro. John Giffin received him with honours due to his rank, to which the king replied as follows:—

Worthy Sir and Brethren,—I take great pleasure in this welcome, and "greet you all as brethren. Coming from a distant island to these great States, I acknowledge the kindly respect shown me by all the people of New York, and of the Fraternity whom I delight to honour. It was the ambition of my predecessors to obtain all information of the Craft in the United States that they could, and I purpose to follow them. Some of them visited this great country, which I am pleased now to acknowledge, to get their Masonic light. This great people receives my homage in and out of the lodge, therefore allow me again to thank you for this manifestation of your fraternal regard in this lodge."

The Grand Master, accompanied by the Governor and the Lieutenant, and the members of the Emergent Grand Lodge, were then admitted and received with usual honours due to their rank. The lodge then proceeded to exemplify the degree. The work was well rendered, and appeared to please His Majesty and suite. At the conclusion of the second part of the work His Royal Highness retired, followed by the Grand Lodge.

During the visit in the lodge, the Bible with which, it is said, Bro. George Washington was obligated upon when he took the oath of office as President of the United States, was shown to the King. The page whereon the hand of the first President rested when he took the oath was specially revered by his majesty, as he too placed his hand upon that page and kissed it.—N. Y. Dispatch.

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MARSON.—Feb. 10, at 174, Park-road, Liverpool, the wife of Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356, of a daughter.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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P. Z.—Your answer, in our opinion, is perfectly correct.

The candidate must be proposed again, as the first nomination is, "ipso facto," void, under the circumstances.

P. M.—A Past Master of the lodge is one who has been duly installed as actual W.M.; a P.M. in the lodge is one who has joined the lodge as such.

WARDEN.—Are six months as Senior Warden, and six months as Junior Warden, the twelve months' qualification for the W.M.'s chair, provided by the Book of Constitutions?—[In our opinion it means twelve month's service either as Senior or Junior Warden.—Ed.]

The following communications stand over:—Testimonial to Bro. Stohwasser; G. Baldwin; "Masonic Amenities," by Bro. T. B. Yeoman; Freemasonry at Newport; Reports of Salisbury Lodge, 435; Jordan, 201; Hope, 52; Domestic, 177; Greta, 1073; St. John's, 279; Macdonald, 1216; Francis Burdett, 1503; Era, 1423; Mark Lodge, Langley, 28.

ERRATA.—At page 65, the Masonic title of Prov. G. M. Staffordshire was incorrectly appended to the name of the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury.—In the List of Stewards of the Benevolent Festival, Lodge 357, for "Pickford," read "Pickard."—Lodge St. John, 38, Glasgow, in address to the chair, for "Bro. J. D. Deacon," read "J. D. Young."

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1875.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

Even to the most careless observer there is a great difference between English and Foreign Freemasonry, and to the Masonic investigator, there is a wide margin of separation. How does it arise? Why should there be this essential divergency between portions of a so-called universal system? The answer to these queries is to be found in the peculiar constitution and habits of foreign Freemasonry, and continental Freemasons. Broadly stated, England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States, Holland, and Switzerland, possess one simple uniform system of symbolical Freemasonry, though in some the higher grades exist under distinct and separate organizations. In almost all other foreign countries, Freemasonry appears under the form of some especial "system" or of the far spreading "Rite Ecossaise." In many of these countries, the higher degrees are

governed by a Grand Council or Chapter, which is yet, in some mysterious way, and by some strange "concordat," virtually overruled by the Grand Lodge, or "Grand Orient." In Germany, for instance, several Grand Lodges exist, and several systems, though the tendency latterly there has been, as with us, to adhere to the simpler system of Craft Masonry. This is one great and marked difference between English and Foreign Freemasonry, but there is also another still more striking. We in England are purely Freemasons, and we carefully eschew alike political discussions, and religious controversies. Now in this respect, the foreign Freemasons widely differ from us. We do not deny that in some countries the condition of affairs is widely different from ours, but yet we feel sure of this, that whatever the state of things may really be in any country, our system of abstention from all passing polemics, whether they be in respect of politics, or religion, is the best for Freemasons, and the safest for Freemasonry. Hence, in England we are admittedly a loyal body, and no one in his sane senses would think of accusing us of being a partizan, or revolutionary association. Abroad we feel bound to say that the proceedings and manifestoes of the Masonic bodies are not always marked by similar prudence or discretion. They publicly dilate, and they privately debate on questions, which, to use a French expression, are in our opinion, "hors de la Maçonnerie," altogether. Instead of confining themselves to the simpler considerations of true Masonic teaching, and the active work of living Masonic charity, they plunge boldly into the most controversial and debateable topics of social science and of administrative government. They do not seem to realize that the ruling powers of any country might, a priori, fairly object to such discussions, especially when carried on under the conditions of a secret society; and so they throw themselves, "in medias res," without any doubt as to their right or propriety in so doing. Now we venture respectfully to express our decided opinion, that in thus acting they are altogether in the wrong, and have practically put themselves "out of court." Freemasonry never was intended as a secret debating society, either on the problems of government or the intricacies of our national interests or domestic arrangements, much less was it ever intended to serve, by the dissemination of utopian schemes for the reconstruction of society, as an active propaganda of modern socialism. And not only this, but almost inevitably such discussions lead them, ere long, into a very dangerous "terrain," inasmuch as opposed by some religious bodies strongly in some countries, they find themselves by degrees in antagonism to religion itself. Hence arise those fretful and heated cries of "sacerdotalism," of "dogmatic tyranny;" hence, in some countries, the Bible is taken out of the lodges; hence we hear of the ridiculous and hurtful custom of "Masonic adoption;" hence we listen to those denunciations against any religious formularies in lodge; hence above all at last we have to contend with the open disavowal of the Great Architect of the Universe, all which things are stumbling-blocks to English Freemasons, and serve to show the vital and enduring disagreement between much of foreign Freemasonry and our own. Happily, in England, keeping the "golden mean" in this as in all other things, we have, while most tolerant, nay, universal in our teaching, never banished, and we never will, either religion or the Bible from our lodges. Our work as Freemasons is begun, and ended, in the solemn invocation of the Divine Blessing on our purposes and on our labours; and much of the real, deep, honest, and sincere character of English Freemasonry is fairly ascribed to the fact, that without being debaters or dogmatists, without fulminating anathemas or damnatory decrees, we have conserved with all our Masonic sympathy and fraternal aspirations for our common humanity, the sanction of religion, and our reverence for the Most High. This, we venture to conceive, is the only true basis on which Freemasonry can be safely founded, the only rightful conditions under which it can permanently prosper, and enlightened by the condition, and warned by the present aspect, in

many countries abroad, of the less satisfactory status of Freemasons and Freemasonry, we shall adhere more firmly than ever to those good old principles of our famous Craft, which, as year has followed year, have imparted stability and prestige, loyal zeal, and peaceful progress, to our genial and united English Brotherhood.

OUR BRO. LORD LINDSAY.

By the courtesy of the Grand Secretary, we have been favoured with a file of the overland Commercial Gazette, from Mauritius, of January 8th. That paper contains a most interesting account of the Masonic reception there of our distinguished brother. As some of our readers may be aware, our P.G.W. had proceeded there in the interests of astronomical science, to note and report on the transit of Venus. The Freemasons of Mauritius, alike English and French lodges, vied with each other in giving him a most warm and hearty Masonic reception. The account is unfortunately too long for our columns, which are just now in much demand for the passing records of our English Freemasonry, but we may add that nothing could exceed the success of this truly Masonic manifestation, alike in lodge, and at the banquet, at both of which all the Masonic notabilities of Mauritius were present. Twice only during 61 years had any official of English Grand Lodge visited the Mauritius, and this fact added much to the interest of the meeting, and the reception. We subjoin the addresses of Bro. Pastor, Vénérable of the lodge, la triple Espérance; and of Bro. Bewsher, W.M. of the British, as we think they deserve to be recorded and preserved in the pages of the *Freemason*. Had space permitted, we should have been glad also to insert the addresses of the Reception Committee, as well as that of Bro. Avise, Vénérable of loge La Paix, as well as the able speeches of Bro. Sir C. Shand, Chief Justice, of Bro. Nagle, and of Bro. Bewsher.

"T. C. F.: Lord Lindsay,

"Le vénérable de la Res. Loge 'La Triple Espérance,' et tous les FF. de cet atelier, travaillant depuis 96 ans sous l'obédience du Grand Orient de France, vous souhaitent la bien venue de la manière la plus sincère, dans ce Temple, où nous sommes fiers et honorés de coopérer à votre Réception, et que nous avons été heureux de mettre, pour cet objet, à la disposition des Maçons de votre obédience.

"Ce jour comptera dans les annales maçonniques de notre orient.

"Nous devons au domaine de la science, qui occupe une grande partie de votre existence, l'heureux hasard qui vous a porté dans notre petit Pays. Puisse le Grand Architecte de l'Univers couronner vos honorables entreprises d'un plein succès. Vos ff. de Maurice s'en réjouiront de plein cœur.

"C'est pour la seconde fois, très cher F.: Lord Lindsay, depuis 61 ans, qu'un Maçon aussi haut gradé, d'un mérite aussi profond que vous fait à la Maçonnerie Mauricienne l'honneur de sa visite. Dans ce même local de La Triple Espérance, d'où le 10 août 1813, à la suite d'une mémorable tenue présidée par Lord Moira, le Pro Grand Maître de toutes les Loges de la Grande Bretagne, ce très Ill. Frère, accompagné de notre F.: Sir Robert Townsend Farquhar, le Gouverneur de Maurice et de tous les Maçons de cet Orient, avec leurs insignes, bannières déployées, se rendit sur la place de notre Eglise Catholique pour y poser maçonniquement, au milieu d'un concours immense d'habitants, venus de tous les points de l'île, la première pierre de cette Cathédrale.

"C'est pour les Maçons des Loges de Maurice non-seulement un plaisir, mais un grand honneur de recevoir votre aimable visite. Les Membres de la Loge La Triple Espérance espèrent que vous voudrez bien venir un jour les honorer de votre présence, les aider de vos lumières, et y recevoir encore l'accueil respectueux et fraternal qui vous attend dans toutes les Loges de notre Orient, où vous laisserez un doux et agréable souvenir."

"My Lord and Right Worshipful Brother,

"It will be a memorable day in the annals of the British Lodge, to have had the honour of conducting the Masonic work of this evening, at the reception of a brother so exalted and distinguished in the Craft, and to have been amongst the first to offer you welcome to these shores, and congratulate you on the valuable results of your expedition, for the study of the arts and sciences, has, from time immemorial, been intimately associated with Masonry.

"Right nobly have you acted up to the Charge delivered to you on the night of your initiation in that Grand Old Lodge, the Lodge of Antiquity, and to the subsequent charges as you mounted, round by round, the Masonic ladder.

"It is by such examples, Right Worshipful Brother, that our Order is made illustrious, and that to be a Freemason is rendered an honour.

"It points out to all brethren that by a strict observance of the principles laid down in the several charges, and by making the liberal arts and sciences their study, they can all, in their different stations of life, become useful if not distinguished members of society.

"From the very high position you hold, Right Worshipful Brother, in the Grand Lodge of England, my Lodge, and all English Masons in Mauritius, may, I feel assured, count on your valuable support, when the hour shall arrive to petition our beloved Prince and Worshipful Grand Master for an extension of Masonic indulgences in this Island, which I trust may not be far distant.

"That you may long live to be a ruler in the Craft, is the sincere and fraternal wish of the British Lodge."

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

St. Valentine's day has come and gone, and the effusions of the poet and the sighs of the lover have by this time faded into "thin air." We hardly dared to write on the subject, until after the venerated anniversary was passed away, for fear we should bring ourselves under the condemnation of that religious body which has thought well to make a deliverance about St. Valentine's annual festival, and the distribution of his missives on the day of rest. We agree with them in the abstract, and think that as all the "fair enslavers" of the metropolis could only receive the expected epistle on Monday, our provincial fairies and lasses, and even "females of mature age" might have waited too, so as not to interfere with the poor postman's sabbath day. But our object in calling attention to the good Saint's anniversary is for a very different purpose. A great deal has been written and spoken lately about women's rights, and "Female Freemasonry," and we have heard lately, not a few allusions to the "Lone Star," or the "Eastern Star," or the "Mystic Star," or something of the kind equally touching and mysterious. It seems that like our fair French sisters in the last century, who invented "La Maçonnerie d'Adoption." These names or some such names as these, represent a movement in America, to establish a female Freemasonry. Well, despite St. Valentine's Day, despite its memories and its associations, despite dear visions and laughing eyes and flowing ringlets, rather, we should say, close-clipped little patches of hair, we cannot sympathize with such proceedings. No! Whether it be that we are old, or cross, or gouty, whether it may be said of us that we are too much "laudatores temporis acti," not only do we believe in the pleasant presence and the tender souvenirs of a bye-gone time, but we are inclined to think that our fair sisters to-day, like some we hugely liked and loved years, yes, years ago, have no business, no, no business, we repeat, in a Masonic lodge. Dear creatures as they are, good and true, and brave, "angel beings," as we heard a married man once say, looking up to the gallery before him (his wife was not there), "coruscations of beauty," and "scintillations of grace," as we have heard them termed by young Masons, they are still, in our humble opinion, like "fishes out of water" in a Masonic lodge. If they ask why, as women sometimes Eve-like will, all we can say is, that there are so many valid reasons that we think it "unnecessary to state them." We admit that this is rather in the "haw-haw" style, in which some of the younger generation like to indulge. But were we to write our reasons in full, we should be like the old parson, who got to the "seventeenth" and then said, naively, "here I will close, though I have several other heads, but I fear your patience, my brethren, won't stand it any longer." And so, in lieu of our prosy explanations and elucidations, as we lighted the other day on the following affecting stanzas, we give them in full. They explain themselves, and will doubtless be equally approved of by those fair sisters of ours, who read their husbands, or their brothers, or their intended's Freemason, as well as by those enthusiastic bachelors, and those somewhat vivacious married men, who give, with the deepest emphasis of pathetic emotion, the happy toast of "Woman, lovely woman."

"As Brethren we are met for mirth and delight,
And joy the bright hours of our Banquet shall fill;
Though, woman, dear woman, be absent to-night,
The spell of her beauty is over us still.

"Though shut from our Lodges by ancient decree,
In spite of our laws woman there bears her part;
For each Mason, I'm sure, will tell you, with me,
That her form is enshrined, and reigns in his heart.

"'Twas wisely ordained by our Order of old,
To tile fast the door, spite entreaties and sighs;
For once in our Lodge, she would rule uncontrolled,
And govern the Craft by the light of her eyes.

"Think not that in mysteries alone we delight,
Or that selfishness ever our fond hearts can fill,
Though woman, dear woman, be absent to-night,
The spell of her beauty is over us still."

Philadelphia Keystone.

THE PRINCE IMPERIAL.

We are not politicians, and the *Freemason* does not meddle ever with political questions per se. But there are certain subjects which seem to lift themselves, if we may so say, above the petty controversies and passing polemics of the hour. It must be a subject of much rejoicing to all Frenchmen and Englishmen to learn how well and ably the young Prince Imperial has acquitted himself in his Woolwich career. Those who know our English institution will be aware, that all we gave the Prince Imperial, as indeed all he asked for, was "a fair field and no favour," and in that he has displayed most commendable industry and intellect of a very high order. That he is the seventh out of a list of thirty-four, with 31,615 marks, is in itself a great deal, considering the examination, but when we add that he is sixth in mathematics, seventh in fortification, that he has done "very well" in artillery and mechanics, that he is fifth in gymnastics and first in equitation, and this, though eleven months junior than the average age of the class and not an Englishman, we feel that too much can hardly well be said either for his industry or his ability. It was our sad duty on a former occasion to offer our humble condolence to the widow and the orphan when, in the providence of God, Napoleon III. passed away from the troublous scene of human affairs. To-day we are glad to be able to record the results of the Woolwich examination, so gratifying to a mother's heart, and so interesting to that large section of the French people, which was faithful to the father and has not forgotten the son.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

It is stated that at the Committee Meeting on Wednesday, the 10th, our good Bro. Major Creaton in the chair, it was resolved to elect 15 widows and 22 male annuitants on the 21st of May. This resolution, which, it is also stated, has been arrived at in consequence of the liberal amount received at the Anniversary Festival, will enable the subscribers to vote for 37 candidates, leaving only 31 rejected applicants. If this announcement be correct, we congratulate the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Order, as, after the original announcements, this large increase of admissible candidates will come upon the Craft both as a pleasing surprise and a very welcome item of intelligence.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the lithograph of the Masonic Hall which appears in the *Freemason* to-day, and also to the report of the Company, which we have much pleasure in printing.

THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

We are enabled to state, on authority, that the installation of our Royal Grand Master will take place at the Albert Hall. But no details are as yet arranged, nor will they be until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. Due notice will then, no doubt, be given to all the lodges of what is proposed to be done. We will keep our readers "au courant" of all the official and correct information on the subject, and recommend them not to pay any attention to sensational paragraphs, or unofficial statements.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The want of care exercised by lodges in the admission of members has drawn from you remarks that fully indicate the evil of which your correspondent complains, but he also deals with another "blot or mischief-making source to Freemasonry, and that is the holding of our lodges in public houses."

Having repeatedly had my attention drawn to the several points treated upon by yourself, and your correspondent, on the above subject, allow me to give an opinion as to the remedy, and in doing so lay before your readers the way in which those evils were dealt with.

In the formation of a new lodge, three years ago, we had in view the objectionable features complained of, and therefore we adopted the following correctives:—That when a member had a candidate for initiation, or a joining member to propose, he should first name the matter to the W.M., who, with the I.P.M., Secretary, and Wardens, formed a "committee of enquiry," and when the result of their investigation had been laid before the lodge (for it to judge of the eligibility or otherwise of the party), it should then consider the case previous to taking the ballot. This course deals effectively with the haste and lax manner complained of, and will prevent the admission of members who "never pass, or seek to pass, beyond the 'arcana' of the 'knife and fork degree.'"

"The holding of our lodges in public houses" should most certainly be avoided. Having regard to this, we not only rented rooms in a Masonic hall, but we made a by-law—that "no refreshment shall be served in connection with the lodge, except on the occasion of the annual installation banquet." This I think you will say deals with the "public house" and "knife and fork" difficulty.

With regard to the benefits of our institution being a temptation to those who wish to enter the Order, this could be met as by the lodge I have referred to, by raising the scale of charges, which has proved a thorough success.

With regard to the "fees" being a temptation to a lodge to disregard the necessary care that should be exercised in selecting its members—that is an evil that carries its own punishment, and a lodge that thus disregards its own character, must soon pay the penalty of its breach of Masonic law.

Another point you name, and very properly condemn, is the admission of members being directed by "a clique." This proves the force of a statement in one of your previous leaders, that we number many members who are not Freemasons. The only remedy for this is to see that every candidate for initiation is "first prepared" as he says, and then, depend upon it, we shall not hear of such unmasonic terms as "a clique" in the lodge.

I cannot better close this than by quoting our R.W., Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, P.G.M. of Devonshire, who at the banquet of the lodge referred to, on the occasion of my installation, when treating upon this subject, said: "It (the London lodge) had endeavoured to do its duty without allowing itself to be carried away by a wish to largely increase its numbers, irrespective of the quality of those who were introduced into the lodge, and he wished to impress upon all Masons that they should not seek to get anyone and everyone into their lodges. For himself, he should be exceedingly glad if the Grand Lodge would double the entrance fee; they would then have a very different class of men in the Order. It was really a bad principle to look simply to the filling of their book with numbers. If a man put a bad stone into a building, it was by no means an easy thing to take it out again. But it must come out unless they wished to mar the beauty of the whole building, and how was the mistake to be remedied? Why, by never letting the stone go in. Never let them put an evil stone into a building, and then they would raise and erect a temple fit and proper for habitation. This was why they had raised their fee above that of every other lodge in the province, and he congratulated them very much upon having done so, because it was the way to keep them select. It might perhaps be said, in opposition to such a course as this, that Masonry was universal, and therefore ought not to be kept select; but he did not consider that there was anything in the argument. Masonry was universal, it was true, in its principles, but in its members it was select, and ought to be select."

Yours truly and fraternally,

I.C.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The sentiments, regarding the admission of candidates into lodges, expressed by yourself and "a sincere Mason" in the last impression of this journal, demand grave consideration from members of the Craft. There can be no doubt that great laxity has for some time existed in certain lodges in respect to initiations. Were it necessary for me to adduce evidence in support of this statement, I could easily offer indisputable facts, that have come under my own personal notice. I say this unreservedly, but with feelings of great regret and chagrin. The evil, to which reference has been made, may be counteracted by the adoption of careful and conscientious investigation into the moral and social status of each candidate, some days previous to the balloting taking place at a regular meeting. I have often felt my dignity lowered by being compelled, through frequent visits to lodges, to associate with men whose reputation was known to be of an indifferent character, and who had been initiated with-

out the prosecution of a single enquiry as to whether their conduct in public and private circles justified the brethren in receiving them into the fold. I have again and again protested against this negligent, and highly discreditable system, and have expostulated with young and inexperienced members, for having proposed parties of whose antecedents they had known positively nothing. To propose anyone without having received every assurance of his respectability, &c., from a lengthened personal acquaintance, and from those with whom he has been intimately connected, is an offence, which cannot be too generally opposed and condemned. I have, whenever an opportunity has presented itself, persistently impressed brethren with the expediency of exercising great caution in their selection of a candidate, and the responsibility assumed by proposers and seconders. Too many of us know full well what discredit has been cast upon the fraternity by some, whose sole ambition is to further their own mercenary designs, and to attend regularly at the banquetting table. These men know nothing about the principles upon which the Institution is based, nor do they understand how to establish their viva voce statement, that they are connected with the brotherhood, beyond the production of a Grand Lodge Certificate. Truly this is a sad theme upon which to reflect. Let every brother, I say, be determined to exclude from the Craft such men, who are certain to do incalculable harm. Let the Master officers and members of every lodge feel it an imperative duty to enquire personally into all propositions. By this means, I am convinced, improper persons would be effectually disbarred from passing through our portals.

"When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice, in a contemptible struggle."

In the bye-laws of the lodge, of which I am Master and founder, is the following clause, which is rigidly observed by the members, who, I am happy to state, entertain the same feelings and views as myself, in regard to the question under discussion:

"That a Committee, consisting of the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge, shall be appointed to enquire into all propositions for membership, full particulars being forwarded by the Secretary to each member of the Committee; and should there be any objection to a candidate, the W.M. shall communicate the same to the proposers, one of whom must be present to answer any question, which may arise, previous to the Ballot being taken."

Need I say more? I will, however, add that I sincerely trust that the observations I have been urged to make, may be considered in the same spirit in which they have been dictated, and that henceforth those who are received into the Order are such persons as may be readily admitted to our family circle. On a future occasion I may have something to say in respect to the holding of lodges at public houses, if you, Sir, will kindly accord me space.

I am, dear sir and brother, truly and fraternally yours,
London, St. Valentine's Eve, 1875. C.S.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read the letter of "A Sincere Mason" in last week's impression with feelings of sorrow, as I am afraid the charges made are but too true; and, like him, am at a loss to understand why Freemasonry should in the slightest degree be connected with public-houses. Its beautiful ritual certainly demands a more befitting place for its rehearsal than can be found in the atmosphere of taverns generally.

For every moment spent in the attainment cannot but be fraught with good results. At the same time I cannot dismiss from my mind the fear that a man is apt to become worse instead of better (at least, his condemnation will be greater), by becoming acquainted with solemn and sacred things, to the letter of which so much importance is attached, if the spirit of the same is lightly thought of or disregarded.

Considering how churches, lecture-halls, theatres, &c., fill when made sufficiently attractive without the aid of drink and smoke, surely for the short space of two hours a Lodge of Instruction could be made interesting enough without either.

I should very much like to hear the general opinion of the brethren on this important subject, it having been intimated to me that it would be impossible to secure an attendance if drinking and smoking were prohibited during "labour." But believing, as I do, that it would be a glorious epoch in the annals of Freemasonry, when with one unanimous vote it is resolved to hold public-house meetings no more for ever, they have no cause to fear their numbers falling off on that account.

I remain, yours fraternally,

J. W. HARPER.

THE STATUS OF REJOINING PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me to ask "Busy Bee" if he knows of a book called "The Constitution," and, if so, if he ever read it? Why I ask this question is because he says in his letter in your last number—"I submit that a brother holding that position (a P.M.) would, on joining, or on re-joining a lodge, take his seat below any P.M. then subscribing to it." I, as a Mason of 40 years standing, beg to say that I agree with him as to a P.M. joining a strange lodge, but on rejoining his mother lodge the case is very different. If he be the oldest P.M. when he resigns, on his rejoining he retakes his old place as the senior P.M., and I'll defy "Busy Bee" to prove the contrary by the Book of Constitutions, which contain our laws—and from them we cannot take one word, or add one word thereto. If he will refer to the above book, he will see that a P.M.

loses his membership with Grand Lodge by leaving his lodge for twelve months, and nothing more, and I will defy "Busy Bee" or any other of your correspondents to prove the contrary. If he can and will refer me to the page of the above book where such a rule can be found, I shall be very much obliged.

Your faithful brother,

AN OLD P.M., ONE &C.

February 13th, 1875.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As to the government of the lodge. Some years ago I had occasion to have some correspondence with an expert brother on this subject, which seems to me to be conclusive. See page 76, chap. 1, of the Constitutions, Edition, 1867:—"No Master-elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may in the interim rule the lodge."

Again, page 78, chap. 6:—"If the Master shall die, &c. In the Master's absence, the Immediate Past Master, &c., shall take the chair, and if no Past Master be present, the S.W., J.W., shall rule the lodge." But my correspondent says they have no power to take the chair.

Yours truly and fraternally,

BETA.

PRIZE ESSAY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From time immemorial, it has been handed down from our predecessors that Freemasonry is the most moral institution that ever existed. We have also been informed, by some of our divines, that it is also the hand-maid to religion. With such excellent tenets put before the public, some thousands are annually tempted to join our ranks. Yet, at the present time, we do not register on our books more than 50,000, with a male population of some 16,000,000 of inhabitants.

I heard one of the Grand Officers say some few years since, that the average duration of membership was seven years. It therefore does appear strange to myself and many more, that we should initiate so many into our mysteries, and so soon loose them—there must be something morally wrong. Then what is it which prevents the growth of the most moral institution and the handmaid to religion?

I would, therefore, humbly suggest to the powers that are, that Grand Lodge should offer a premium of £150 or £300 for the best essay on the prevailing sin of the Craft, and the best remedy against the evil now existing of the short duration of membership in our lodges. I think I could venture to say it would be the best investment Grand Lodge has made for many years.

Dear sir and brother, I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M.

THE RIGHT OF VISITING LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have always thought that a brother could enter any lodge as a stranger on proving himself to be of the Craft, and thus be a visitor for the evening. But it seems I have been in error on this point.

On the 12th inst. I presented myself at the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, held in Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and after half an hour's delay was courteously (?) informed by the principal officers that I was in the way and had better retire—not being vouched for by a brother.

It is true that on leaving my residence I omitted to carry my certificate in my pocket. But every Freemason knows that the production of a certificate under such circumstances avails nothing. At any rate, I was not allowed to enter the lodge.

I am, sir, yours truly and fraternally,

WILLETT L. ADYE, R.A., K.T., M.M., 30° K.H.

12, Manley Terrace, Kennington-Park, S.E.

15th February, 1875.

THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in the Freemason of last week, in speaking of the different lists presented for the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, you say Lincolnshire is at the head, through the exertions of Bro. Chadwick. I think there is some error. I alone am the representative Steward for the Province of Lincolnshire, and am at a loss to know who the brother alluded to is.

Believe me, fraternally yours,

WM. PIGOTT, P.M., P.G. Steward.

Brigg, 15th Feb., 1875.

[The name "Chadwick" was a misprint for "Sutcliffe."—ED.]

SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED).

The second annual general meeting of the shareholders was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the new hall, now being erected by this company in the Camberwell New-road.

Mr. W. Ramsey, who was unanimously elected to the chair, submitted to the shareholders the director's report, and statement of liabilities and assets of the company, which, after being duly discussed and commented upon by the shareholders, were unanimously adopted.

Messrs. Ramsey and Pinder were unanimously re-elected Directors of the company, as also Mr. H. A. Dubois as Auditor.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and directors of the company, and also the various officers.

The meeting was afterwards made special, in pursuance

of the notice given, for the purpose of enabling the directors to raise a loan, and a resolution was passed, empowering them to raise such loan. There being no other business to be transacted, the proceedings were formally closed.

There was a very good attendance of those that were interested in the good work, and the shareholders present were urged to use their influence amongst their Masonic brethren and others, so that the remaining capital of the company might be placed.

Those present then proceeded to examine the building as far as completed, and expressed themselves highly pleased with it, complimenting Mr. Oliver, the Builder, and Mr. Clark, the Architect, very highly upon the soundness of their work. The hall is progressing very fast, and when finished will be found to be quite as handsome a building as any on the southern side of the river; and we trust, before long, we shall have the pleasure of publishing its formal opening for Masonic and other purposes.

Applications for the remaining unallotted shares (which are £5 each) may still be made to the Secretary of the company, Mr. E. Sillifant, of 1, Gresham Buildings, Basinghall-street, E.C., and we hope that those who have the interest of the Craft at heart, and especially the removal of the meeting of lodges, chapters, &c., from public houses and hotels, to private rooms, for which this building has been primarily erected, will support this company in their laudable undertaking, by applying for the remaining shares unissued, without delay.

CONSECRATION OF THE ERA LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS (No. 176).

On Friday, February 5th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough, High-street, Southwark, the "Era" was added to the list of Mark Lodges meeting in London.

Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, as P.M. (Secretary of the Girls' School), the Officer appointed to perform the ceremony of consecration, opened the lodge. He appointed as his Officers, H. C. Levander, P.M. as S.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M. as J.W.; F. Walters, P.M. as M.C.; and other Past Grand Officers to the minor offices. The Rev. P. M. Holden officiated as Chaplain.

The ceremony of consecration was beautifully and impressively rendered.

The lodge having been consecrated, Bro. H. C. Levander, P.M., took the chair, and in an excellent manner installed Bro. John Thomas Moss, W.M. Designate, as the W.M. He appointed as his Officers (after the ballot had been taken for the Treasurer), Bro. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; T. H. Miller, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M., Secretary; H. J. Green, M.O.; T. Horton, S.O.; W. Hammond, J.O.; W. Bell, R. of M.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; J. Hammond, S.D.; A. F. Loos, J.D.; J. Johnson, I.G.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler.

Bros. J. Wallis, 1326; D. D. Weinhausen, 1423; W. Munday, 1423; and J. Johnson, 1423, were regularly advanced to the ancient and honourable degree of Mark Master Masons.

Votes of thanks were given to Bros. R. W. Little, H. C. Levander, and T. J. Sabine, also honorary memberships of the lodge, for their kindness in consecrating the lodge. Bro. R. W. Little acknowledged the votes in a suitable speech.

Many propositions were received from candidates for advancement. Apologies were given for those candidates who were absent.

The lodge was then closed. A good banquet followed. The visitors included Bros. Sugg (Bon Accord), and very many others besides those mentioned in the report.

Masonic Festivities.

MASONIC BALL AT BARROW.

The third annual Masonic ball of the brethren in and around Barrow in aid of the Masonic charities took place in the Town Hall, Barrow, on the evening of Wednesday, the 17th ult., and proved in every respect of the most successful character. The fashionable assembly was under the distinguished patronage of the following Masonic leaders:—Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master for West Lancashire; the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire; the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire; Sir James Ramsden, P.M. 1021, P. Prov. G.S.W.; His Worship the Mayor of Barrow, J. T. Smith, P.M. 1021; Alexander Stoddard, P.M. 32, P.G.S.W.; George Remington, P.M. 995, P.G.J.W.; H. W. Schneider, P.M., and P. Prov. G.J.W.; H. Cook, P.M. 119, and 1021, P. Prov. G.R.; Aymer Ainslie, W.M. 995; and the officers and brethren of the neighbouring lodges, and of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 995. The general arrangements, which were most satisfactory, were carried out by the committee. The brethren appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their respective offices, and as the ball room was decorated in the most artistic manner, the effect was one of the most striking and animated nature. The work of decoration was, in a large measure, carried out by the ball committee above named, and the artistic manner in which they performed their labour of love, reflected the highest credit upon their taste and zeal. The prevailing colours were blue and white—Masonic colours—with a sufficient admixture of other tints to avoid monotony. The platform was extended from the stage as far as the first principal, a distance of about twelve feet, and this elongated stage afforded ample space for the refreshment buffet and supper-room. These were separated from the ball-room by a tastefully-arranged screen of alternate narrow folds of marine-blue and white drapery. In front of the screen the shields of Bros. Lord Skelmers-

dale, the Marquis of Hartington, and the Hon. F. A. Stanley were displayed. The former was surmounted with a trophy of seven flags, and the two latter with trophies of five flags each. The buffet was at the extreme back of the stage, and decorated with handsome candelabra and plate, besides the good things which were intended for the consumption of the company. In front of this, in the side-wings, were the supper-tables, two in number, which were arranged in a manner which did Bro. Taylor, of the Hartington and Bull Hotels, who had the entire management of the refreshment department, immense credit. Round each table were handsome couches and chairs upholstered in crimson morocco, and on the walls, which were draped in blue, were several choice oil and water-colour paintings, chiefly depicting lake scenery, and a handsome crayon portrait of the Duke of Devonshire. The gem of the supper-room decorations, however, was the large fountain which had been erected in the centre of the room. From this fountain, which was surrounded by the choicest ferns, orchids, and other hot-house, foliage, and flowering plants, jets of water were thrown about eighteen inches, and fell over a diminutive rockery, into a basin at the foot, in which a number of gold fish disported themselves. The water fell with a pleasing sound, and imparted a charming coolness to the atmosphere of the room. At the opposite end of the hall the shields of Bros. Sir James Ramsden, J. T. Smith (Mayor of Barrow), and Schneider relieved the screen in front of the gallery, the whole imparting a pleasing effect to the room. Over the eight shields which ordinarily adorn the sides of the hall were placed smaller trophies of three flags, and from each of the principals was suspended a handsome silk banneret, the whole bearing the names of the principal cities and towns between which and Barrow trade is carried on. These latter were lent for the occasion by the Furness Railway Company. The gallery, which was very prettily adorned, was allotted to the musicians, who were stationed on a raised level platform, behind which hung the magnificent banner, with the motto "Semper Sersum," recently presented by Bro. Sir James Ramsden to the Barrow Cricket Club. The gallery on either side of the band-stage was entirely screened from view by lace curtains, looped with blue silk sashes. Masonic and Royal Arch bannerets and emblems were placed at intervals on and adjacent to the walls, and besides these there were two very pretty pictures—one a view of the Masonic Institution for Boys, and the other the Masonic School for Girls, both of which very excellent institutions are in London—and a hand-illuminated address recording the number of votes which the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, possesses in perpetuity for the various Masonic charities. Among the gentlemen who kindly lent furniture, plants, decorations, and other articles for the ball were Bros. Sir James Ramsden, his Worship the Mayor (J. T. Smith), Joseph Fisher, Gradwell, Townson, Ashburner, F. Worrall, R. T. Taylor, H. Pickavance, and others.

MASONIC BALL AT HUDDERSFIELD.

Since the New Year came in there have been several balls in Huddersfield in connection with the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, and Lodge of Huddersfield, No. 290. The ball of the season took place on Friday evening, February 12th, 1875, in connection with the Lodge of Truth, No. 521, in their new and spacious lodge-room, Fitz-William-street, which was most effectively decorated for the occasion, and was universally admired by all present. The thanks of the brethren are due to Bros. Jackson, P.M., and H. Platts for the elegant designs and decorations, the walls being draped with white muslin, relieved at intervals with large mirrors, and in various parts of the hall were baskets of imitation fruit and flowers, which completed the fairy-like scene. Dancing commenced about half-past eight, and was continued until far on Saturday morning, and at last, "when daylight did appear," there were still a few enthusiastic brethren left to think of pleasures past. The stewards did all in their power to make everyone happy, and were rewarded with success, so far as the younger brethren and ladies were concerned; we should have liked to have seen them more attentive to the ladies of more mature age. The Masters of Ceremonies did their work with efficiency and to the satisfaction of every one present. The brethren appeared in Masonic clothing, according to their rank and the degrees they had taken. Craft, Mark, Royal Arch, Knights Templar, and Rose Croix forming a various and beautiful scene.

Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. J. Craven, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; William Smith, P.M., P.Z. P. Prov. G.D.C.; T. S. Higgins, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C.; George Marshall, P.M., M.E.Z.; Allan Jackson, P.M., P.Z.; B. Hutchinson, P.M., P.Z. 290; Harrop, P.M. 290; Joseph Hurst, P.M.; J. W. Tempest, P.M.; Joseph Varley, L.P.M.; Jos. Wood, P.M.; J. W. Turner, P.M., P.S.; Joshua Marshall, W.M. A.S., P. Prov. G.O.; T. Jackson, Past S.W.; J. W. Hinchliffe, S.W., P.S.; Joseph Holdsworth, J.W.; Sunderland, J.W. 1301; John Lunn, Sec., A.S.; Samuel Kelly, 30; Albert Midgley, 16, and others. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Joshua Marshall, W.M., P. Prov. G.O., and gave every satisfaction, which, under such able management, they could not fail to do. This has certainly been one of the best Masonic balls ever held in Huddersfield, and in conclusion we can only wish the committee of management to do as ably next year, and they cannot doubt of success. The catering of Mrs. Shaw was of the very best and gave every satisfaction.

MASONIC BALL AT BOOTLE.

The brethren connected with the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, have inaugurated a very admirable scheme, which, we hope, will not only be maintained in future years with success, but will be generally imitated by other lodges in the province of West Lancashire, and other divisions. On Thursday, the 28th ult., the brethren con-

nected with the lodge, gave their first annual ball, at the Town Hall, Bootle (near Liverpool), in aid of the funds of the Bootle Borough Hospital, an institution which does not now actually stand in need of funds, although the committee exercised great wisdom in striving to lay by for the "rainy day" which may come. The claims upon the charity are increasing from year to year, thereby necessitating increased funds; and the effort to raise an endowment fund in connection with the institution, amply justified the effort made by the Bootle Brethren to help in the good work. The complete success which attended the fashionable assembly, gave excellent promise that a substantial sum will be handed over to the treasurer of the hospital. No better hall for the purposes of the "gay and festive" could possibly have been found, as all the rooms are very conveniently situated. The large hall and ante-rooms were beautifully decorated with flags, evergreens, mirrors, &c., by Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. No. 823, the proprietor of the hall, who displayed exquisite taste in all the arrangements; and the tout ensemble was greatly enhanced by numerous specimens of choice statuary from the establishment of Mr. T. Jones, of Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, kindly given through Bro. John E. Jackson, S.W. 667. The ball was under distinguished patronage. The arrangements throughout were of the most satisfactory kind, and the general enjoyment and success of the assembly were greatly due to the exertions of the following committee of brethren, who were untiring in their exertions to make the ball pleasant to every visitor: Bros. S. E. Ibbes, W.M. 1473, Chairman; Harold Wyatt, S.W. 1473, Vice-Chairman; J. W. Turley, J.W. 1473; J. P. McArthur, P.M. Treasurer 1473; Richard Roberts; Dr. Willis; W. S. Barker; J. Duncan, A. Paterson, W. H. Clemmey, W. Hughes, J. J. Dowling, J. W. McWean, C. Ferranti. As at the recent ball at the Liverpool Town Hall, the stewards were very beautiful badges, which were supplied by Bro. G. Kenning. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, very efficiently and courteously fulfilled the duties of M.C. Bro. F. D. Pearce, the hon. secretary, deserves his full share of credit for the zeal displayed in connection with his office. Mr. Eberle supplied the refreshments, and the music was played by Mr. Martin's excellent quadrille band. His Worship, the Mayor of Bootle, was present, and the company included the elite of local society. Mr. E. H. Bramhall's quadrille band furnished excellent music, and the catering of Bro. and Mrs. Taylor, both in respect to supper and lighter refreshments, gave entire satisfaction. Dancing began shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until a seasonable hour. The duties of secretaryship were discharged by Bro. H. Bagot, P.M., P.G.S.; and Bro. G. B. Nalder, Hon. Secretary 1225; both of whom deserve honourable mention for contributing so much to the success of a ball which will doubtless result in a substantial addition to the funds of the noble Masonic charities.

MASONIC BALL IN HULL.

The annual ball given by the Humber Lodge of Freemasons, No. 57, in aid of the Masonic and Local Charities, took place on Thursday night, at the Public Rooms, Jar-ratt-street, and proved one of the most successful gatherings of the kind we have witnessed for some years past. Considerable interest always attaches to this reunion, and the members of the Humber Lodge are ever desirous that some improvement shall, if possible, be made in the arrangements for each succeeding year. Thus, Thursday night, were seen many additions to the ordinary embellishments of the ball-room and other accessories; and nothing that could in any way enhance the pleasures of the event was left unstudied. The ball was under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro Grand Master of England; the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire; the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hull (Alderman Charles Wells, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.); Bros. J. P. Bell, M.D., P.G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; the Sheriff of Hull (Francis Summers, S.W. 57); C. M. Norwood, M.P.; Christopher Sykes, M.P., P.S.P.G.W.; Lieut.-Col. Pease, J.P.; A. Bannister, J.P., P. Prov. S.G.D.; the W.M., Officers, and brethren of the Minerva Lodge, Hull; Constitutional Lodge, Beverley; St. Germain's Lodge, Selby; Lonsborough Lodge, Bridlington; Pelham Pillar Lodge, Grimsby; Kingston Lodge, Hull; Sykes Lodge, Driffield; and the Alexandra Lodge, Hornsea. With such distinguished countenance and support, backed by the assiduous working of the committee, we were not surprised to meet a large gathering of the officers and brethren of the various lodges in the district; and, as the request to appear in full Masonic costume was pretty generally complied with, a very gay and animated scene was made up. The company began to assemble soon after nine o'clock, and carriages continued to arrive in rapid succession for nearly a couple of hours, by which time the pleasures of the ball were at their height. On entering the hall at this hour the visitor could not fail to have been charmed with the elegant and elaborate preparations which had been made for the occasion. The orchestra was studded with fir trees, in similar style to that witnessed at the Infirmary Ball, last week; whilst in the centre was a large figure of "Peace," and above this was the silk banner of the "Humber Chapter, founded 1811." The banner of the "Humber Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, established 1756," was also displayed, together with bannerets from several of the lodges in the town and neighbourhood, and these imparted a cheerful aspect to this end of the room. In front of the orchestra were three large stars, made up of ramrods and bayonets, and along the crimson façade were a variety of Masonic emblems, &c. Over the entrances were flags and banners, and in the doorways were hung white lace curtains, fastened with pink bows and rosettes;

whilst mirrors and ornamental boxes, filled with flowers, were suitably disposed about the walls, giving to the walls a most comfortable and elegant appearance. The floor was covered with holland and, with Mr. R. Close's quadrille band in the orchestra, there was nothing left to be desired in those essentials of the ball-room. Nearly two hundred and fifty guests were present, including the Mayor and Sheriff, the Worshipful Masters of several lodges, and many brethren who hold prominent positions in the Craft; and the mingling of regalia and uniforms amongst the groups of ladies, whose toilettes were more than ordinarily elegant, made up a scene of surpassing gaiety and animation. The following gentlemen acted as officers and stewards, and in every way exerted themselves to secure the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous company:—Bros. Jonathan West, W.M.; Henry Preston, I.P.M.; F. Summers, S.W.; Thos. Thompson, J.W.; Josh. Hindson, S.D.; Thos. Taylor, J.D.; J. E. Winspear, I.G.; E. Kidd, C.S.; G. Haigh, James Walker, Richard Buggett, W. H. Wellsted, A. Shand, E. Stone, A. Milner, A. Loftus, Thos. Greasley, and Thomas Middleton. Bro. Alfred W. Ansell acted efficiently as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. J. G. Milner as M.C.; whilst the efforts of the committee were well seconded by Bro. T. Thompson, who proved himself a most indefatigable secretary. Through the kindness and liberality of Messrs. Maw, Till, and Kirke, the splendid furniture, which was lent by that firm for the Infirmary ball, was allowed to remain, and thus the ante-room to which the guests retired from the heat and exertions of the dance presented a more than usually warm and luxurious aspect. In the vestibule light refreshments were dispensed during the evening, and in this department the arrangements were far superior to those of last year. In order to afford this additional accommodation supper was laid in the assembly-room upstairs, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. George Peacock. The dishes were interspersed with vases and epergnes filled with choice flowers, and the quality of the viands and wines supplied elicited the warmest expressions of commendation. The W.M., Bro. Jonathan West, presided, and at the conclusion of the repast he proposed "The Queen and the Craft," the toast being received most enthusiastically. "The Health of the Mayor" was next given, and Alderman Wells responded in a few happily chosen sentences, in which he congratulated the promoters of the ball upon the great success which they had achieved. "The Health of Sheriff" was the next toast, and it was received most cordially, and briefly acknowledged by Mr. Summers. The W.M. of the Minerva Lodge, Bro. Emes, next proposed "The Health of Bro. Jonathan, the W.M. of Humber Lodge," and the toast was received with the utmost warmth and sincerity. Bro. West, in acknowledging the toast, expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting so large a company on the occasion of their annual ball, and trusted that the pleasures which had been so well commenced might be continued for the rest of the night. He complimented Bro. Peacock on the excellence of his arrangements, and thanked the committee, officers, and stewards, for the hearty way in which they had assisted to make the ball a success. Bro. Summers, S.W., next gave "The Visitors," for whom Bro. Garforth, W.M. of the Kingston Lodge, responded; and Bro. Thomas Thompson proposed "The Ladies," the toast being gallantly acknowledged by Bro. C. Wells, jun. After supper dancing was resumed, and never for a moment abated in zest until the party broke up at a seasonable hour on Friday morning. We congratulate the members of the lodge upon the entire success which attended their efforts, for on every side we heard expressions of satisfaction with the manner in which the whole of the arrangements had been carried out.

MASONIC BALL AT BURY ST. EDMUND'S.

On Friday, the 12th inst., a Masonic Ball, under the auspices of the W.M. and brethren of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1,008, took place at the Athenaeum Hall. The company numbered about 230. The W.M., Captain C. J. Tufnell Oakes, officiated as master of the ceremonies, and the following brethren acted as stewards: Brothers, the Worshipful the Mayor, G. Thompson, P.M. 1,008; Major T. J. Huddleston, P.M. 1,008, and P.P.G.S.W., Suffolk; Captain J. N. York, P.M. 1,008, 88, and P.P.G.S.W. Cambs.; W. E. Bailey, I.P.M. 1,008, and P.G.A. Sec. Suffolk; J. Hendley Bevan, S.W. 1,008; J. D. Perrott, P.M. 651, 1,072, and P. Prov. G.S.W., Wales; William Patrick, J.D. 1,008; Henry Miller, I.G. 1,008; Capt. W. Horne, 1,008; Henry L. Cockledge, 1,008; Capt. E. P. Huddleston, 1,008; T. F. Lucia, 1,008, and P.G.S.; William Clarke, Steward 1,008, P. Prov. G.S. Suffolk; Charles Jennings, 1,008; W. J. Nunn, Org., 1,008; Benjamin Chennell, 1,008, J.D. 88, and P.G.A.D.C. Cambs.; Odden F. Read, 1,008; Philip Fitch, 1,008; E. M. Fyson, 1,008; J. G. Oliver, 1,008; G. H. Nunn, 1,008; A. Dura George, W.M. 114; Samuel H. Wright, P.M. 516, and P. Prov. G.R. Suffolk; T. J. Smith, W.M. 516; Francis Wheeler, 1,224. A capital supper was served by Bro. W. G. Guy, of the Angel Hotel. Howlett's excellent band occupied the orchestra. The ball room was elaborately and elegantly decorated. At the South end of the room a large crimson panel bore the inscription "Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1,008," in gold and blue; and on a similar panel on each side, were the "Andi vide, tace." Between each window on the East side was placed an elegant pier glass with a triplet of Royal Arch or Craft candles, and under them were crimson panels bearing the working tools or different degrees of blue Masonry. The staircases and balcony at the North end were draped with crimson, inscribed "Faith," "I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U." in blue and gold characters. The beautiful silk bannerets of White Rose Chapter, 1,008, lined the staircase, and had a very pretty effect. The brethren appeared in Craft clothing until eleven o'clock, and afterwards in that of the Royal Arch, Knights Templars, and other degrees.

At the annual meeting of the Oakley Lodge of Freemasons, held at the Masonic Hall, Basingstoke, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hampshire, and about 60 Grand Officers and brethren being present, the newly-installed W.M. said the brethren throughout the country had learned with deep regret of the very severe loss the Pro Grand Master had sustained by the death of Lady Carnarvon, and proposed that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to him. The motion was unanimously adopted.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—We understand that the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have, in response to an official invitation from the directors of the Alexandra Palace, graciously consented to attend the opening ceremonial, on the 1st of May next, in full Civic State.

The Queen has received, through the Earl Carnarvon, the war club of King Thakombau, which was in former times the symbol of sovereignty in the Fiji Islands, and which has now been presented to Her Majesty by the King in token of his dutiful allegiance.

Bro. the Hon. David Plunket, Solicitor General for Ireland, was, on Thursday, the 11th inst., re-elected for the Dublin University, without opposition.

Bro. John Pearson, ex-Mayor of Liverpool, has been appointed High Sheriff of Lancashire.

The infant daughter of the late Countess of Carnarvon was christened at the Chapel Royal of the Savoy, by the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain to the Queen. The sponsors were the Marchioness of Ely (representing Her Majesty), the Countess of Derby, and the Marquis of Salisbury. Lord Carnarvon, with his children, was present.

The Prince of Wales has consented to preside at the annual dinner of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 26, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (81c), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 230, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st, Millbank.

Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemason's Hall.

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

Rose Croix Chapter Palestine, 33, Golden Square.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8; Bro. Lailham, Precep.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Meeting of Festival Stewards, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at 4.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.

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

Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, W. Woolwich.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Park, Albion-road, Dalston, N.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

General Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 171, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.

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

" 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.

" 861, Finbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

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

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Lailham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (117), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 27, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

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

" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hotel, Widnes, at 6.

" 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.

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

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

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

odge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.

" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.

" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.

" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1313, Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale at 6.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, February 27, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

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

" 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

" 544, Marie Stuart, Prince of Wales Hall, Crosshill.

Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-sq., Kingston.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Calton.

" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.

" 505, Burns' St. Mary, Hurlford.

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hall, Dalry.

" 334, Cumnock, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollockshaws.

" 347, St. John's Operative, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

" 125, St. James's Newton, Masons' Arms, Ayr.

" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

" 143, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

" 305, St. John's Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 27, 1875.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hotel, Cockburn-st.

Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 112, St. John Fishermay, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 222, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-street, Leith.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROCHDALE.—HOPE LODGE (No. 54).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Feb. 10th, at the Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, and there was a moderate attendance of the brethren, the officers being Bros. Richard Simpson, W.M.; A. Barker, S.W.; J. Barnish, J.W.; Dan Mitchell, P.M., Secretary. The Treasurer being very ill, could not attend; R. Collingwood, S.D.; C. O'Doherty, J.D.; Bintliffe, I.G.; James Medgley, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 5.30 p.m., and the minutes of the former lodges were read and confirmed. After which Mr. James Medcalf, a candidate for Freemasonry, was balloted for and approved. Mr. James Medcalf was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. Dan Mitchell, P.M., assisted by T. B. Ashworth, P.M.; and Wm. Davies, P.M. The lodge was then opened in the second degree. Bros. Marshall and Thistlewhite being candidates for the third degree, were examined, and after having given proofs of their proficiency in the former degrees, were then entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Thistlewhite was then admitted and duly raised by Wm. Davies, P.M. Bro. Marshall was also admitted and duly raised by T. B. Ashworth, P.M. The lodge was then closed in the third degree. The lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Clegg, who had been prevented from attending earlier, now presented himself, and wished to be passed. He was then examined, and having given proofs of his proficiency in the former degree, was then entrusted and retired. The lodge was again opened in the second degree, and Bro. Clegg was then duly passed to the degree of Fellow-Craft. The lodge was then closed in the second degree. Bro. T. B. Ashworth's notice of motion was read—that the bye-laws of the lodge be amended in accordance with the bye-laws of the province, and carried unanimously. The lodge was then finally closed at 8.45 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was amply provided by the host and hostess. After the cloth was removed, the brethren partook of the cup of cheerfulness, and the usual toasts were then given, amongst which our "Visiting Brother" was given, and well responded to. "The newly raised Brethren" was given and humorously replied to. "The newly passed Brother" was then given and briefly responded to. "The Initiate" was next given, and eloquently responded to. The usual closing toast was given, and the brethren departed in peace and good fellowship, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A numerous meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. The proceedings commenced at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely. There were present:—Bros. Kennet, W.M.; Waygood, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Davis, acting J.D.; Dairy, I.G.; Themans, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. Bird, Crow, Oliver, Dyke, and Leavers to the sublime degree of Master Masons, and passed Bros. Pilbrow, Steng, Politzer, and Chambers to the second degree. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Isaacs and declared unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated into the Craft. The three ceremonies were carried out by the W.M. and his officers with that amount of care and impressiveness which for years past has characterized the working of the Faith Lodge. Bro. Holland, 144, was unanimously elected as a joining member. Bro. Taylor, P.M., gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he should move that the initiation fee should be increased to ten guineas, and the joining fee to five guineas. Bro. Hopwood, P.M., said that he should have much pleasure in supporting the proposition when it came on for discussion, as he considered the lodge was quite large enough in point of numbers, there being nearly 120 members on the books, and that there was not sufficient room even to accommodate those brethren and their numerous visitors comfortably, and if there should be a still further addition to any great extent it would be altogether impracticable to carry on the proceedings well, either in lodge or at the banquet table. The subject of the centenary jewel for the lodge was then fully con-

sidered, and Bros. Stuart and Hopwood were directed to see the Secretary of the Grand Lodge upon the matter, and report to the next meeting. A proposition having been taken for an initiation, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. Levy, P.M. 188; Cooper, P.M. 733; Withall, J.W. 720; Robins, 25; Maynard, 177; Carter, 209; Dixon, 209; Pence, 275; Raalk, 917; Rowley, 917; Sharpless, 1346; Woodward, 1393; Rosenheim, 27, New York City. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and Lord Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master," were loyally and heartily received. The health of the initiate, Bro. Isaacs, followed, who briefly acknowledged it. The W.M. in giving the visitor's toast, stated that on behalf of the lodge he gave them a hearty welcome, and he, personally, was pleased at being able to dispense its hospitality to so numerous and distinguished a gathering of visiting brethren. Bro. Levy, P.M., in reply, expressed, on behalf of himself and colleagues, the great pleasure they had received from their visit to the Faith Lodge. The working was good; the charitable and benevolent principles of the lodge were excellent; and the hospitality and conviviality of the brethren unsurpassed; and in conclusion he hoped that desirable state of things would continue to be the characteristic of the Faith Lodge. Between the toasts, Bros. Rosenheim, Walls, Davis, Mallett, Bird and Levy contributed several instrumental, vocal, and dramatic effusions, which appeared to give the brethren great satisfaction. Bro. Themans, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was warmly received. The W.M. having replied, gave "The Health of the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge." Bro. Stuart, P.M., replied for the former, and Bro. Waygood for the latter. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings at a late hour.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—An exceedingly strong meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. The proceedings commenced at an early hour in the afternoon. The officers present were: Bros. Everett, W.M.; Wilson, S.W.; Willing, jun., J.W.; Palmer, S.D.; Scard, J.D.; Knott, I.G.; T. Goodfellow, D.C.; Kent, I.P.M.; Smith, P.M., Treasurer; Williams, Secretary; Spink, W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Richards, Parker, Beale, and Sergeant, and passed Bros. Aley, Marriott, Turner, Herbage, and Gibson. Both ceremonies were excellently well carried out. Messrs. Plummer, Williams, and Robinson, were then initiated into the Craft by the W.M., in a most impressive manner. Bro. Orchard (201) was unanimously elected by ballot as a joining member. A motion of Bro. Foxcroft's, to give the votes of the lodge on behalf of Bro. Muggeridge, P.M., a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Aged Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, was then discussed, but at the request of Bro. Smith, P.M., who stated that the votes of the lodge had always been at the disposal of the W.M. for the time being, and he did not see why Bro. Everett should not have the same prerogative as his predecessors in the lodge, the motion was withdrawn. The W.M. then informed Bro. Foxcroft, and the brethren generally, that he should be at all times only too happy to entertain any suggestions as to the disposal of the lodge patronage, upon the matter being properly brought before him. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent repast awaited them. There were upwards of 100 brethren present, and among the visitors were: Bros. Betts, W.M. 1351; Larham, J.W. 1216; Canvin, J.W. 209; Mead, S.D. 788; Higgins, J.D. 1281; Walls, 141, 1381, 1503, I.G.; W. A. Ellis, 1381, Organist; King, 1056. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the "Queen and Craft," which was duly honoured, and Bro. Walls contributed one verse of the "National Anthem." In proposing the next toast, that of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. expressed his opinion that it was a great day in the history of Freemasonry when the Prince accepted the office of G.M., and he believed that H.R.H. would be as active in the discharge of his Masonic duties as he had hitherto been in the fulfilling of the requirements of his social and public position. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung by Bro. Wallis, accompanied by Bro. Ellis. The health of Bro. Lord Carnarvon, P.G.M., was warmly received. The initiates having been toasted, severally replied. The other Masonic toasts followed quickly, Bro. Betts, W.M. 1351, replied on the behalf of the visitors in an able speech. Bro. Kent, I.P.M., on being entrusted with the gavel, rose, and proposed the health of the W.M. in very complimentary terms, and expressed his personal appreciation of the excellent manner in which the whole of the duties of the day had been carried out by Bro. Everett, more especially when it was considered that it was his "maiden sitting." This toast was responded to by the brethren with excellent fire. The W.M. in reply, stated that he felt exceedingly gratified at the manner in which his health had been proposed and drunk, which he believed was done with sincerity. He considered it to be a very great honour to occupy the chair in so old and powerful a lodge as the "Domestic," but he felt it to be a still higher distinction in filling it at the present time, when Freemasonry was attracting so much attention, by the recent admission into its ranks of two of our Royal Princes, and the forthcoming installation of their brother the Prince of Wales, and the impending installation of their M.W.G.M.'s Royal brother-in-law, the King of Greece, who would ultimately become Grand Master of that classic country. Such a succession of distinguished events in the history of the Craft had probably never occurred before, and the speaker stated that he should look back in future years with pride, at having filled the W.M.'s chair under such auspicious circumstances, in the year of grace 1875. The P.M.'s health was proposed, and re-

ceived with the customary honours, and amusingly responded to, on behalf of himself and colleagues, by Bro. Kent. The Treasurer's and Secretary's healths were drunk, and heartily received by the brethren, and responded to at length by those efficient officers, Bros. Smith and Williams. Between the toasts the brethren were entertained by the vocal, instrumental, and dramatic efforts of Bros. Palmer, Walls, Foxcroft, Ellis, &c. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

JORDAN LODGE (201).—This noted old lodge held its installation meeting on Friday, the 15th ult. The following were the officers who took their respective positions in due time:—Bros. G. Whitley, W.M.; J. Hume, S.W.; P. Wagner, J.W.; R. T. Elsam, S.D., P.M. 889, P. Prov. G.D.C. Surrey; W. Palowkar, J.D.; R. C. Read, I.G.; R. Watts, Treasurer; F. B. Davage, I.P.M.; P. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; and H. M. Arliss, Secretary. This lodge is one of the few working on what is termed the East-end method, better known in modern days as Muggeridge's mode of working. This, however, has lapsed into a mixed method of late years, one noted old Mason having, a few years ago, broken the magic thread from his prepossession in favour of Stephen Barton Wilson's working, the more general term by which the West-end working is known. It was a time-honoured practice, too, with this lodge, indeed, from time immemorial, for the outgoing Master to instal his successor. This laudable practice, however, has also of late years been departed from; but in justice to the brother to whom reference has already been made, as an innovator, not till after he had passed the chair several years. On this occasion, that is, at the last meeting, one of the old school, Bro. R. Watts, P.M. and Treasurer, performed the duty of Installing Master, which, although not performed with that energy, fire, and fluency of by-gone days, at least reminded us of the past, when Bros. Patten, the late Secretary of the Girls' School, and the lamented J. R. Sheen, its ever faithful supporter, were the guiding spirits of the lodge. Bro. James Hume was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, and the officers named above were all advanced one step nearer the goal of Masonic aspiration, the highest honour the lodge can confer, Bro. J. Sumner, taking the post of I.G. The Board of Past Masters, which was large on the occasion, consisted, with one or two exceptions, of those belonging to the lodge, numbering a dozen in all. Subsequently, at this meeting, an incident of a very pleasing character took place, as expressive of that kindly feeling engendered in the hearts of a body of men, knit together for over a quarter of a century by the bond of Freemasonry. It was the presentation to Bro. Edward Spooner (who had held the office of Secretary to the lodge, and had otherwise been engaged in its welfare for upwards of 28 years) of a very elegant testimonial, illuminated on vellum, and suitably framed, investing him with honorary membership, and expressing regret at his resignation, as well as great satisfaction with his long years of duty to the Craft and the lodge. It is easier, perhaps, to present it in its entirety, than to deprive it of one word of its full meaning. It is as follows:—

"Jordan Lodge, 201,
of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons.
To Bro. Edward Spooner,
P.M. and Secretary.

"It is with sincere regret that the members of this Lodge of Freemasons acknowledge the retirement from active duties of Bro. Edward Spooner, P.M. and Secretary, whose services for the past twenty-eight years have been generously and cheerfully devoted to the interests of the members and Freemasons in general; and, whilst expressing their deep regret, they cannot but record with feelings of intense satisfaction the unfailing punctuality in Bro. Edward Spooner's official performances, his aptness and willingness at all times in working the ceremonies of the lodge, and the kind assistance he was ever ready to render to those who were in need of it. Although his failing health may prevent his further active attention to these duties, it is their hearty wish that he may be preserved for many years to enjoy the love and brotherly attachment which will always be exhibited by the members of the Jordan Lodge, and it is unanimously resolved that his name be enrolled as an honorary member of the lodge, in consideration his past services.

"Henry M. Arliss, P.M. and Secretary.
"December 18th, 1874."

The testimonial was presented to Bro. Spooner by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. James Hume, who expressed himself much gratified at having so pleasing a duty to perform. Bro. Arliss, P.M., one of the oldest of Bro. Edward Spooner's colleagues, made several touching observations, which were heartily echoed by every member present, and a few words in acknowledgment from the recipient, whose remarks were somewhat checked by emotion, ended the presentation of a testimonial, simple in itself, but of no ordinary character, as far as the sentiment conveyed in it was concerned.

WINDSOR.—ETONIAN LODGE OF ST. JOHN (No. 209).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall on the 2nd inst., when the new W.M., Bro. J. O. Carter, presided, supported by Bros. Denne, S.W.; Canvin, J.W.; Pullin, P.M., Treasurer; Strange, P.M., Secretary; Hume, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Schiemann, D.C.; Pears, Steward; G. W. Dixon, I.P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; J. H. S. Reid, P.M.; Hiscock, Andrews, Whomes, Garrett, Woods, and others. Visitors:—Bros. Bingham, W.M. 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; Small, W.M. 1194; J. Chambers Roe, J.W. 780; Hollingsworth, and others. The V.W.D.P.G.M. of the province, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, also honoured the lodge with his presence. The lodge was opened with commendable punctuality at the time mentioned in the summons, and after confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, the W.M. raised Bro. Garrett to the third degree, passed Bro. Woods to the second, and initiated Mr. Henry Thomas Spindler, of Isle-

worth, and Mr. John Prince, of Staines. Bro. Tolley presided at the organ with his usual skill and ability. The manner in which he rendered Mendelssohn's "To Thee, O Lord, I yield my spirit," created an impression not easily forgotten. The W.M. invested the V.W.D.P.G.M. as Hon. Chaplain of the lodge, a pleasure the W.M. was deprived of on the previous—the installation—lodge meeting, as the reverend brother was unable to be present, owing to important duties connected with his sacred calling. After some routine business had been transacted, and a candidate for initiation proposed, the lodge closed in perfect harmony.

LEICESTER.—**ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 279).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, February 3rd. Present:—Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M.; J. M. MacAllister, S.W.; G. W. Statham, J.W.; William Weare, P.M.; Treasurer; Clement Edwin Stretton, Secretary; S. Cleaver, S.D.; S. Tebbutt, J.D.; Orlando Law, I.G.; George Toller, P. Prov. G.S.W. 279 and P.M. 523; Clement Stretton, P. Prov. G.W., P.M. 279; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec., W.M. 523; R. Waite, P.M.; M. H. Lewin, J.W. 1330; J. Farndale, C. Gurden, J. Jessop, J. Bird of 279; E. Mason, Sec. 1391; and others. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. inaugurated his year of office by passing Bros. J. Farndale, J. Bird, and J. Jessop to the second degree. His very impressive and correct working evinced to the brethren his thorough understanding and appreciation of the true nature and design of Freemasonry. The usual routine business having been concluded, the brethren partook of refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed in due order.

OXFORD.—**APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE (No. 357).**—The 56th anniversary festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 23rd inst., at 3.45, for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard. There were ten candidates for initiation, who were all admitted to the mysteries of Freemasonry by the retiring W.M., Bro. F. P. Morrell, who thus brought to a close an eminently successful year of office. Bro. H. A. Pickard has been W.M. of the Apollo Lodge on two previous occasions, namely, in 1856 and 1857. The installation was performed by Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. M. Hants and Isle of Wight, who had installed Bro. Pickard on two former occasions. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy G.M. of England, was also present. He filled the office of I.G. of the Apollo in Bro. Pickard's first year of Mastership. The other eminent Masons whom we noticed were Bros. Theodore M. Talbot, P.G.M. Western Division of South Wales; E. J. Morris, Deputy G. M. Western Division of South Wales; Colonel Adair, 33°, P. Prov. G.M. Somerset; R. J. Spiers, D.P.G.M. of Oxfordshire; and Frederick Davison, Prov. G. S. W. of Middlesex. There were a great many Provincial Grand Officers present, and a large attendance of the Craft. The W.M., having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint the following officers, who were invested with the badges of their respective offices by Bro. Beach. Bros. F. P. Morrell, I.P.M.; H.R.H. Prince Leopold, S.W. (Bro. Williamson, P. G. Purst., was invested as Deputy S.W.); W. R. B. Fletcher, Prov. Grand Sec. Oxon, J.W.; C. J. S. Spedding, Prov. Grand Steward, S.D.; H. Paget, J.D.; Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, Secretary; J. E. C. Bodley, Junior Secretary; Bird, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Treasurer; S. Campbell, I.G.; Lumsden, Glenros, Butler, and Davidson, M.C.'s; Eversley, Gandell, and others, Stewards; Norwood, Tyler. The lodge being closed in ample form, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

SALISBURY LODGE (No. 435).—A very pleasing addition to the usual routine of Masonic business took place at a meeting of the above lodge, held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, Feb. 16th, by the presentation of a very handsome and massive silver tea and coffee service to Bro. Stohwasser for his unremitting attention to the welfare of the lodge, as shown by the following copy of a circular sent to each member. "Dear Sir and Brother,—It is now twenty years since the Salisbury Lodge was removed from Enfield to London; and as some of the present members may not be aware of the eminent services rendered to the lodge by the Treasurer, Bro. Stohwasser, P.M., the present opportunity is thought a fitting one to explain that Bro. Stohwasser advanced the means wherewith to purchase the valuable furniture and jewels, from the W.M. and Officers of the lodge (then held at Enfield); his energy was however so great, and, in consequence thereof, the initiations and joining members increased so rapidly (and therewith the necessary funds), that in a short time he was repaid his handsome loan. Since then he has continued a much beloved and valued Treasurer. He has never allowed the lodge to get into debt; always found a sufficient surplus to assist in a handsome manner the various Masonic Charities; and invariably made it a rule to see that the banquet for the brethren was sumptuously provided. Bro. Stohwasser's subscriptions to Masonic and other charities are numerous, and his goodness of heart proverbial. It is therefore considered desirable to honour such a brother with some substantial token of regard as some slight acknowledgment of his aid and valuable services, given solely for the benefit of the lodge. The brethren having requested Bros. P.M. Rahles, Sachs, Rosenthal, and Hooper, Hon. Sec., to act for them in this matter, they herewith invite the previous and present brethren of the Salisbury Lodge to fill up the enclosed list of subscriptions, and return it to Bro. T. R. Sachs, 22, Hyde Park Place, London, W., who, having accepted the office of Treasurer to the Testimonial Fund, will duly acknowledge the same." The W.M., Bro. W. C. Phillips, officiated for the first time, and initiated three brethren in a most praiseworthy manner. Bro. Koester, P.M., assisting him by raising another brother. At the banquet the W.M. handed his gavel to Bro. John Rahles, P.M., who then, in a most telling speech,

presented the testimonial to the recipient. Bro. Stohwasser was evidently much gratified, but his feelings would not allow him to give utterance to what he wished to say, he therefore briefly returned his thanks. Bro. Rahles had a similar pleasing duty to perform some twenty years since, when Bro. Sachs, P.M., was President of the German Society of Benevolence. Bro. Sachs then got up a testimonial to Bros. Klastenberger and Stohwasser for their unceasing endeavours, for many years, to alleviate the sufferings of poor Germans, which could not be done without great trouble and expense to themselves. The testimonials on that occasion consisted of a silver loving cup and salver each. The banquet for the Salisbury Lodge was excellent. Bro. W. Ganz, P.M. and G.O., adding much to the effect by his performance on the organ during the ceremony of raising, and afterwards on the pianoforte at the banquet. Bro. Stohwasser, jun., sang the Entered Apprentices' Song, and another pleasing melody, in capital style.

CARNARVON.—**SECONTIUM LODGE (No. 606).**—The brethren of this ancient lodge, following the example of the Denbigh Lodge members, entertained Bro. Horatio Lloyd, the newly appointed judge of the Chester and North Wales County Courts, P.G.S.W. of the Province of Chester, at a banquet at Carnarvon, on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst. After the lodge had been duly opened in the handsome room which has been fitted up in the ancient Castle of Carnarvon for the purposes of the craft, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Sportsman Hotel, where a large number sat down to a splendid banquet provided by Mr. Pugh. Bro. C. H. Rees, W.M., presided, the attendance including visitors from the Chester Independent Lodge (721), St. David's, Bangor (384), Port Madoc, and other lodges. After the loyal and Masonic toasts, the health of Bro. Lloyd was given, and responded to most enthusiastically. Our learned brother responded in an eloquent manner.

FILEY.—**ROYAL LODGE (No. 643).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Ford's Hotel, on the 8th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Samuel Rimmington as W.M. The Installing Master, Bro. George Hardy, P.M. 250, P. Prov. G. S. D., performed the ceremony in the most able and impressive manner, and his ability was the theme of admiration to every member who had the privilege of listening to him. The ceremony having been performed, the newly-installed Master returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, evidently showing the deep impression that the whole of the proceedings had made upon him, and promising to exert himself to the utmost in promoting the interests of the lodge, and of Masonry generally. He then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. Budd, S.W.; R. Hopper, J.W.; W. G. Long, P.M., P. Prov. G. S. B., Treasurer; H. A. Darley, Secretary; J. Cocksworth, S.D.; F. Spink, J.D.; R. Milford Taylor, P.M., Chaplain; C. Scrivener, P.M. and H. Nelson, Stewards; R. Dobson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S., D.C.; W. Fisher, P.M., P. Prov. G. S., I.G.; W. Jefferson, O.G. The above brethren having briefly returned thanks for their appointments, and the newly-installed Master having most impressively pointed out to them the several onerous duties which they would have to perform, the very interesting ceremony was brought to a close, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, first-rate in quality and profuse in quantity. The chair was occupied by Bro. Rimmington, W.M., and the vice-chair by P.M. Bro. Fisher, each of them vying with the other in the promotion of harmony and good feeling amongst the brethren. After the cloth was drawn, "The Queen and the Craft" was given from the chair; next, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family," both of which toasts were most loyally and warmly received. "Lords Carnarvon, Skelmersdale, and Zetland, ruling Officers of the Craft," was the next toast, and which was much applauded. P.M. Bro. Long, P. Prov. G. S. B., gave "The Health of Bro. Bell, Deputy Prov. G.M.," which elicited a succession of hearty cheers from all present. "Bro. Hardy, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D., the Installing Master," was given from the chair amid great applause, and that worthy Mason made a very telling and effective speech in reply. Bro. Hardy gave "The health of the Worshipful Master, and prosperity to the Royal Lodge," which was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and Bro. Rimmington returned thanks for himself and the members of the lodge in the most glowing terms. Many other toasts were drunk and responded to, not forgetting that of "Host Welborn and his wife, for the splendid banquet they had set before the brethren." The whole proceedings of this most truly enjoyable meeting were such as will not readily be forgotten by those who had the happiness of joining in them.

LIVERPOOL.—**EVERTON LODGE (No. 823).**—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. W. Cottrell, W.M., presided, and his official and other supporters were: Bros. T. Shaw, S.W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M. Treasurer; J. Houlding, Secretary; H. Ashmore, S.D.; J. Goodman, J.D.; J. Muir, Org.; S. Milikin, I.G.; J. S. Cuthbert, S.W.; H. Ball, Tyler; T. Ashmore, P.M.; H. M. Molyneux, P.M.; T. Bloomfield, E. H. Benedict, R. W. Gow, R. Warriner, J. Marsh, J. Hume, R. W. Oglesby, J. Beesley, J. W. C. Browne, Cave, J. Boyle, W. Nash, W. Maddock, S. Roxburgh, J. Holden, H. Hall, F. Tuft, F. Calloway, F. H. Careful, G. Graham, W. Jones, R. Leeson, C. Birchall, T. Chuton, W. Ashmore, J. White, W. H. Allen, J. W. Gatty, R. Thompson, J. Lawrence, D. Callon, W. R. Gilchrist, E. H. Bryson, W. G. Veale, W. Summers, E. Morgan, T. Griffiths, J. A. Murray, C. E. Kidd, A. Pennell, and W. H. Home. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. W. Savage, 241; R. Carter, 249; J. Long, 594; J. H. White, 594; J. McCarthy, J.W. 1393; J. Parsons, P.M. 203; A. Bergman, 48; T. L. Jones, 1393; H. Hurdle, 1393; J. R. Cave, 1094; A. Barnard, 246; R. Brown, 1356; M. Hart, Secretary 1502; T. Grayson, 249; G. H. Sharp, 249; and others. Five

candidates were initiated, and two passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., in a singularly able and effective manner, the subordinate work being admirably performed by the officers of the lodge. After several sums had been voted in charity, the brethren adjourned to the lodge room in the old building, when, after supper, the usual loyal, Masonic, and other toasts were cordially given and heartily responded to. A very pleasant, brotherly evening was spent, music being again the leading feature of the Evertonians' social gathering.

BERGOVNE LODGE (No. 902).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday evening, 22nd inst., when Bro. Field was for the second time consecutively installed in the chair of K.S., to rule and govern the lodge for another year. The ceremony was impressively performed by the I.P.M., Bro. L. R. Rogers, who also gave the three accustomed addresses with emphatic ability. The lodge, however, did not restrict its working to the installation ceremony, Bro. Field, ever zealous in labour, contriving to find time to pass Bros. Benatar, Dunn, Lockwood, and Arnold, and to admit to the light Messrs. Yates and Maltby. The brethren also, on the motion of Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Harvey, P.M., unanimously voted a sum of ten guineas from the lodge funds as a contribution to the list of Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer, on the ensuing occasion of his serving the office of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School. The officers invested by the W.M. for the ensuing year are:—Bros. Rogers, I.P.M. and M.C.; Brooks, S.W.; Jefferys, J.W.; Poynter, Treas.; Taylor, Sec.; Byng, S.D.; Pocock, J.D.; Haig, Steward; Young, I.G.; and Grant, Tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, to which sixty-three brethren sat down, and which was provided, with his usual taste and ability, by Bro. Clemow, the proprietor of the hotel. Due justice having been done to the substantial part of the repast, the W.M., who presided with his usual urbanity and cordiality, proposed the customary toasts, which were done due honour to, graceful allusion being made by the W.M. to the recent loss of our Pro Grand Master has sustained, whose health, in consequence, was drunk in reverential silence. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., alluded, in felicitous terms, to his well-deserved popularity, and the equal ability with which he filled the dual position "alow and aloft," whether with exact finish and rhetorical art performing the ritual, or with heartiness and warmth welcoming brethren to the social board. When, with a few more suitable remarks, Bro. Rogers affixed to the W.M.'s breast the very handsome jewel voted by the lodge, the vociferous applause of the brethren evinced how thoroughly he had given expression to their sentiments. The W.M. replied in very eloquent terms, and proposed the health of the Installing and I.P.M., which was done due justice to, and warmly and suitably acknowledged as was also "The Health of the Initiates." "The Health of the Visitors," who were unusually numerous, no less than twenty-five being present, was responded to by Bros. the Rev. P. M. Holden, M.A.; Headon, W.M. of the Great City Lodge; Stevens, P.M.; and Worrell, P.M.; both of the latter lodge, and another brother whose name we did not catch. The festive character of the proceedings of the "fourth degree" was considerably enhanced by the excellent songs and recitations interspersed throughout the evening, and rendered with marked ability by the brethren, particular commendation—quite, indeed, amounting to a display of wild enthusiasm seldom evinced in a Masons' assemblage, where the highest mark of applause consists of a very grave, decorous, and sober manifestation—was evoked by our reverend brother's recitation of Tennyson's well-known "Charge of the Light Brigade," and Morris's almost unknown Masonic poem, "We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square." The former was given with a power and fire probably never before surpassed, eminent as have been the readers who have essayed this, perhaps, somewhat hackneyed, poem, a characteristic, however, which can never be applied to it when given by our reverend brother. With respect to the Masonic poem, suffice it to say that such was the exquisite beauty of its delivery that eyes unaccustomed to tears, and throats unused to throbbing, felt a suffusion and a convulsion seldom experienced in moments of convivial intercourse. Among the visitors present, (and we cannot pretend to enumerate all), in addition to those we have already referred to, we observed: Bro. Slyman, W.M. Prince Frederick William, 753; and Athenæum, 1491; and Brocklesby, the esteemed Secretary of the latter lodge and P.M. London, 108; Marsh, P.M. Urban, 1196; Larham, P.M., and numerous others. The lodge broke up in good time and perfect harmony, after having spent a very delightful evening.

STOCKTON.—**LODGE OF PHILANTHROPY (No. 940).**—The celebration of the annual festival of the Lodge of Philanthropy (940) of the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons took place on Thursday, February 18th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton. At two o'clock the brethren began to assemble, and shortly afterwards the lodge was opened. There was a large gathering of members and visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. A. S. Fowler, the retiring W.M., who was supported by the following Past Masters:—J. H. Jackson, Thomas Walton, J. H. Mann, W. Best, J. Hutton, R. B. Hapley, W. J. Watson, W. Nelson, A. C. Knowles, J. Trotter, G. Ellis, J. Bowron, Thomas Bowron, C. Naish (W.M. Tees Lodge). The following brethren were present:—R. Ashton, G. E. Smirke, Robert Headlam, P. Pescod, M. V. Pearson, H. Cuthbert, B. S. Lockwood, J. Thorman, W. J. B. Caseley, W. W. Wilson, J. H. Nightscapes, E. W. Dickinson, John Young, W. Simpson, Thomas Wilks, J. W. Moses, J. Bowman, A. Hly, D. Munro, C. Jordison, W. Lightfoot, J. Scarth, J. Ellis, F. Watson, J. Sharp, J. F. Craggs, J. Rose, S. T. Stephenson, R. S. Hopper, G. Hopper, J. Hill, J. Boothroyd, S. Gordon, C. Hoggerty, T. Preston, J. Hall, G. E. Pybus, I. Alston, —Smith, W. P. Banning, G. D.

Leng, A. Mackinlay, and J. Fowler. Amongst the visitors were the following:—J. Foster, Restoration, 111; R. B. Harpley, Harbour of Refuge, 764; Wm. Mitforth, Restoration, 111; C. Fairburn, S.W. 1337; S. W. Clarks on, 1337; J. Fairburn, W.M. 1337; J. C. Crosby, 1418; Dr. Fraser, Restoration, 111. After the ordinary business had been transacted, Bro. J. Usher was duly installed Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. A. S. Fowler, the I.P.M., in a manner exceedingly able, and that afforded the highest gratification to all present; indeed, it is not too much to say the ceremony was conducted in a manner so thoroughly efficient as to bid fair to call Bro. Fowler's services into frequent requisition. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. installed his officers as follows:—Thomas Bradley, S.W.; B. Smith, J.W.; J. Hunton, Treas.; I. H. Hart, Sec.; James Rose, S.D.; J. F. Craggs, J.D.; J. W. Moses, I.G.; E. Hoggett, Org.; and J. Scarth and R. Ashton, Stewards; and J. Trenholme, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, and sat down to an excellent repast, which was admirably well served, a number of the brethren volunteering to officiate in ministering to the requirements of the company, which they succeeded in doing to the great comfort and very great satisfaction of all present. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the health of "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "The Prince of Wales, the M.W. G.M. of England," succeeded by that of "Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M. of England." He next gave "The Health of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." Bro. Naish next gave "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Durham, Bro. John Fawcett," and in doing so spoke of the many years he had served the Order so zealously and efficiently. Bro. J. F. Mann then gave "The Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Durham, and the Past and Present Grand Officers," and he paid a high and well-deserved compliment to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, for the eminent business qualities which marked the discharge of his duties. Bro. A. C. Knowles responded in an excellent speech. Bro. J. A. Jackson next gave the toast of the "Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bros. J. Foster, J. Bowron, and C. Fairbairn. Bro. Bowron, in the course of his remarks, said he did not think any lodge in the country could surpass the "Lodge of Philanthropy" in the excellence of its working. Bro. A. C. Knowles then gave "The Health of the W.M.," whom he warmly congratulated upon the high position he had attained in the lodge, and he wished him a happy and prosperous year. The W.M. responded in a manner which showed how fully he appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon him, and he assured the brethren that his best exertions should be put forth to maintain the high character which the lodge had acquired. Bro. W. J. Watson then gave "The Health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Master," Bro. A. S. Fowler, of whom he said during his year of office they had many most interesting and happy meetings, and he thoroughly agreed with Bro. Bowron in saying of the Lodge of Philanthropy that, taken altogether, no other lodge in England could surpass it, and it was but seldom they saw so high a degree of excellence in the performance of the installation ceremony, and they were, one and all, led to exclaim it was really the best they had ever seen. Bro. Fowler responded, and in doing so he remarked that the most cordial unanimity had existed in the lodge during the year, and it had been to him a most happy one, and he hoped his successor would have an equally agreeable and prosperous year. The lodge had advanced in a pecuniary sense very satisfactorily. There was a great and glorious prospect in view for the lodge, and he should be much disappointed if such did not come to pass. For some years the credit balance had been on the wrong side, but he believed that before many weeks were past, there would be a balance at the bank in their favour. Amongst the toasts that followed were "The W.M., Officers, and brethren of the Tees Lodge, No. 509," "The W.M., Officers, and brethren of the Lodge of Fraternity, No. 1418," "The Past Masters of the Lodge of Philanthropy," "the Officers of the lodge," "the Stewards," and "all Poor and Distressed Masons." During the evening some excellent recreation was given by Bros. G. S. Smirke, B. S. Lockwood, W. J. Watson, Thos. Preston, W. Mitford, J. Hall, J. H. Jackson, J. Boothroyd, and P. Pescod. Bro. Christopher Hoggett, the Organist of the lodge, presided at the pianoforte with marked efficiency. The proceedings were throughout of a harmonious and enjoyable character.

KESWICK.—GRETA LODGE (No. 1073).—The brethren of the above lodge met on Monday, 25th ult., in the new Lodge Room, Court Buildings, to assist in the installation of Lieutenant S. G. Fairtlough, Royal Artillery, as W.M. for the current year. Bro. Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W., of Wigton, acted as the Installing Master, and went through the ceremonial in the able manner which has gained him so high a name in the Craft, assisted by the retiring W.M., Daniel Crosthwaite, Bros. Wood, P.M., and Rutherford, P.M. Bro. Fairtlough, W.M., invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. P. Usher, S.W.; J. D. Wivell, J.W.; Rutherford, P.M., Chaplain; J. Wales, Treasurer; D. Pape, S.D.; P. T. Freeman, J.D.; G. P. Abraham, Organist; Jonathan Scott, M.C.; W. Hodgson, I.G.; and C. Thompson, Tyler. The Rev. E. Rice, of Bridekirk, and Dr. Lewis, of Bassenthwaite, were the visiting brethren. On the business of the lodge closing, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, and sat down at the George Hotel to a banquet, which for variety and style reflected much credit on Mrs. Easton. Bro. Fairtlough, W.M., presided, supported right and left by Bros. Porter, P.G.S.W.; Wood, P.G.O.; Crosthwaite, P.G.S.D.; Rutherford, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Rice, and many others. The remainder of the evening was devoted to loyal and Masonic toasts, varied with a selection of instru-

mental and vocal music, in which Bros. Usher, Abraham, Wood, and others participated.

ROCHDALE.—ST. CHAD LODGE (No. 1129).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., at the Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale. There was a good attendance of the brethren. The officers present were:—Bros. E. Wood Norris, W.M.; Joseph Ireland, S.W.; H. McCreith, J.W.; H. Turner, P.M., Secretary; J. Hadfield, P.M., Treasurer; Peter Lee, S.D.; J. Fletcher, J.D.; James Midgley, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 6.45 p.m. The minutes of the former lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. T. Butterworth Collingwood was duly passed to the degree of F.C. in an effective manner by Bro. Richardson, P.M. After having voted several sums of money to the charities, the lodge was finally closed at 7.50 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was sumptuously provided by Bro. C. M. Jones, P.M. The chair was taken by the W.M., who was well supported by the officers and brethren of the lodge. After the cloth was removed, the brethren partook of the cup of cheerfulness, and the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Queen." The usual toasts followed in due course, amongst which Bro. H. Turner, P.M., proposed "The Health of the newly-passed Brother," which was well responded to. "The Visiting Brethren" was next given, and also responded to. The W.M. gave the usual closing toast, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

NEWTON ABBOT.—DEVON LODGE (No. 1138).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., Bro. W. R. King, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. H. G. Beachey, I.P.M.; P. D. Michelmores, P.M.; F. D. Bewes, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.B.; B. Prowse, S.W.; J. S. Saunders, J.D.; J. Oliver, Secretary; W. Harris, S.D.; E. Huxtable, J.D. R. Crooke, I.G.; G. H. Hearder, Org.; F. J. Pratt, Steward; J. Williams, P. Symons, W. H. Banfill, H. Voysey, W. L. Pope, D.D. and P. Prov. G.C. Visitors:—Bros. W. Hooper, P.M. 444; P. Prov. G.R.; and H. Stooke, 1396. This was the first meeting after the installation, the new officers attended to their duties, and the lodge was most effectively and impressively worked. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed, and Bro. L. E. Bearne having proved his proficiency, withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. L. E. Bearne passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The explanation of the tracing board being given by Bro. P. D. Michelmores, P.M. The lodge was then resumed in the first degree, when, in accordance with notice, Bro. H. G. Beachey, I.P.M., asked the consent of the members to allow a chapter to be attached to the lodge, which was supported by Bros. P. D. Michelmores, P.M.; and W. L. Pope, D.D., P. Prov. G.C.; and most favourably received by the brethren, and unanimously carried. Two gentlemen were then proposed as candidates for the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, and Bro. Beazley, P.M. of Lodge Concord, No. 113, was proposed as a joining member. This concluded the business of the meeting. The lodge was then closed according to ancient usage, and the established custom of the Order.

DOVER.—CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1208).—The installation of the W.M. of the Corinthian Lodge took place in the lodge-room at the Royal Hotel, Dover, on Monday, 15th inst., when the interesting ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. G. Adamson, sen., P.M. 199, and 1208, and P. Prov. G.D.Cers. of Kent; Bro. J. O. Rees, P.M. 199, and P. Prov. G.P. of Kent; and Bro. A. Wilson, P.M. 199, and P. Prov. S.B. of Kent. After Bro. Smeeth was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, he invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. B. Adamson, S.W.; H. M. Baker, J.W.; Papkiss, Treas.; G. Adamson, sen., P.M., Sec.; J. Holmes, S.D.; C. Glaydon, J.D.; G. Adamson, jun., I.G.; and J. Rose, Tyler. After the business of the lodge was over, the brethren retired for a short time, and in the meanwhile a splendid banquet was provided by mine host, Bro. G. Adamson, sen., when the viands and the wines were of an excellent quality. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Kent; J. Terry, Secretary to the Aged Freemasons' and Widows' Institute; from the Peace and Harmony Lodge, 199, Dover, Bros. J. Bordeaux, J.W.; I. Lester, J.D.; G. N. Chidwick, J. Canham, G. H. Smith, I.G.; and W. Bell; and from Perseverance Lodge, 155, Bro. D. Osment, P.M. and P. Prov. G.S.D.; and from the Temple Lodge, 558, Bros. J. Kennett, W.M. and P.G.S. of Kent; and J. Sherwood, P.M.; from the Invicta Lodge, 709, Ashford, Bros. Hughes-Hallett, W.M., and R. Elliott, P.M. and P.P.G.R. of Kent; from the Wellington Lodge, 784, Deal, Bros. J. E. Apps, W.M.; A. F. S. Bird, P.M.; W. M. Cavell, P.M. and P. Prov. G.S.D. of Kent; G. Moon, and S. Olds; Bro. B. R. Eastes, W.M. of Lord Warden Lodge, 1096, Walmer; from the St Augustine Lodge, 972, Canterbury, Bros. F. Walker, W.M.; and H. Miskin; from the St Michael's Lodge, 1273, Sittingbourne, Bro. W. Wood, W.M.; from the Lodge Sandgate, 1436, Sandgate, Bros. C. Gosby, W.M.; and A. Keeler; from the Royal Military Lodge, 1449, Canterbury, Bro. H. Greenwood, W.M.; and from 1208, Bro. H. C. Fuher, P.M. and P. Prov. G.D.C. of Kent; Bro. S. Wiles, Immediate P.M., and several other brethren. After the cloth was cleared, the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts were given. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. of Kent," with a suitable speech, and Bro. J. S. Eastes responded in a very able manner, recommending the brethren to attend to their local charities. The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Aged Freemasons' Institute, and the toast met with much applause. Bro. Terry, in response, complimented the lodge upon the amount they sent up last month. Several other complimentary toasts were given by the W.M. and duly responded to, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—This lodge met at the head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, London, on Thursday, the 11th inst. The W.M., Bro. W. J. Messenger, was supported by the whole of his officers, viz.:—Bros. J. H. Hastie, S.W.; M. S. Larham, J.W.; Newington Bridges, I.P.M.; Capt. Styan, Treasurer; J. J. Curtis, Secretary; H. Hammond, S.D.; T. W. Carnell, J.D.; James Stevens, P.M. and D.C.; B. B. Joy, I.G.; F. H. Cozens, Organist; and Past Masters S. H. Wagstaff, and George Waterfall. There were also present Bros. C. Golding, C. H. Nevill, A. Woodstock, W. C. Hale, J. W. Holland, T. S. Harper, H. Puckle, W. Gray, D. Clay, D. A. Ross, T. B. Stabley, F. Hutchins, A. Youngman, E. Goldring, W. A. Curnock, E. Eldridge, T. Fitzer, H. P. Jarman, and others. Visitors:—Bros. N. B. Headon, W.M.; T. Preston, D.C.; and T. Hamer, W.S. of the Great City Lodge, 1426; H. G. Wilkin, 1167; C. W. Farmer, 25; and J. F. Bullard, 174. The business of the evening consisted of raising Bros. Holland and Staley, and passing Bros. Goldring, Hutchings, and Curnock, and of confirming a motion of Bro. Styan's relating to the musical service in the lodge. As the accompaniment of each of our beautiful ceremonies, as well as the opening and closing of the lodge, by Masonic Musical Service is much thought of by the members of the Macdonald, and is thoroughly appreciated by its visitors, the confirmation of Capt. Styan's motion was unanimous. Bro. Cozens, the Organist of the lodge, most ably performed on the magnificent harmonium throughout the evening, and fully justified to all present the importance of his office. Propositions for initiation having been received, the lodge was closed in harmony. Supper was served from the canteen, under the direction of Bro. Sergeant-Major Kethro. Time pressing, the toasts were brought to a conclusion with that of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Headon, W.M. 1216, made a suitable reply, and the meeting terminated.

BUXTON.—LODGE OF ST. ANN (No. 1235).—On Thursday, February, 18, the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann held their anniversary at the Court House, Buxton. There was a good attendance of brethren of the lodge, and the visitors included Bros. W. H. Hopkins, P.M., 633; J. Comyn, P.M. Commercial, 401; W. Milligan, P.G.D.C., Derby, and P.M. Derwent Lodge 884; J. Barrowby, Peveril of the Peak, 654, and P.G.R. Derbyshire P.M.; J. T. Wright, S.W. 654; P. Bramwell, J.W. 654; Rev. J. Mathias, P.M. 620; G. Smedley, 633; W. Dronsfield, 249; J. D. Simpson, 654; J. L. King, 37; &c., &c. The following brethren of the lodge were present:—J. Taylor, W.M. and P.St.Br.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; F. Turner, P.G.S.D., P.M.; R. Duke, P.M., P.P.D.C., W. Smith, S.W.; E. C. Milligan, J.W.; G. F. Barnard, Treas.; W. Boughen, Sec.; E. J. Sykes, S.D.; J. H. Lawson, J.D.; Philip Le Gros, I.G.; G. Marston, Org.; J. H. Waller, Std.Br.; A. Pyle, Tyler; also Bros. Sutton, G. Goodwin, C. C. Gwinnell, A. Barne, Joseph Martin, W. Shawe, J. C. Hyde, J. Heathcote, C. Adams. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Smith, was duly installed in office, the ceremony being performed by Bros. Hopkins and W. Milligan in an able, solemn, and impressive manner, after which interesting ceremony, the W.M. invested the following officers; Bros. E. C. Milligan, S.W.; E. J. Sykes, J.W.; J. H. Lawson, S.D.; P. Le Gros, J.D.; Rev. Dr. A. J. Harrison, Chaplain; W. Boughen, Treasurer; A. Barnett, Sec.; W. Goodwin, I.G.; G. Marsden, Org.; Adams, D.C.; G. Goodwin and C. Gwinnell, Stewards; A. Pyle, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the companions of the Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann, and the members of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, with their visitors, adjourned to the Old Hall Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared for them in the large dining-room. The tables were beautifully laid out, and were ornamented and decorated with choice flowers from Chatsworth Gardens. The banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. J. H. Lawson. The bill of fare, the attendance, and the excellent quality of the wines, proved that the Old Hall Hotel still does high credit to the name and fame it has inherited for centuries. After dinner the following toasts with the usual speeches, interspersed with songs and music, under the direction of Bro. Marsden, were given:—"The Queen and the Craft." "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.; the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." "R.W. Pro.G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon; with the Officers past and present of Grand Lodge." "R.W.P.G.M. of Derbyshire, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.; the R.W.D.P.G.M. Haughton Charles Okeover, Esq.; and the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers past and present." "The Charities." "The Principals of the Chapter past and present." "The Worshipful Master." "The Worshipful Board of Installing Masters." "The Immediate Past Master." "The Visitors." "The Officers of the Lodge and Chapter past and present." "The Tyler's Toast." Bro. Duke, in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Josiah Taylor, congratulated him on his popularity with all the brethren, and presented him, in the name of the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, with a very elegant Past Master's Jewel, having in addition to the usual bar a Phoenix in solid gold, tastefully designed by Bro. Bragg, of Birmingham, adding that every brother in the lodge had contributed to purchase that jewel. Bro. Taylor suitably replied. The whole proceedings were of a most satisfactory character, and the utmost good feeling and harmony prevailed.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, 18th inst., at the Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill. There were present: Bros. Klence, W.M.; Pain, S.W.; Benham, J.W.; Basnett, S.D.; Bowyer, J.D.; Coe, I.G.; Hamerton, P.M., Treasurer; Frances, P.M., Secretary; Harris, J. Knibbs, R. J. Knibbs, Frank-lain, Hinckman, H. A. Hart, Grist, Pillinger, H. Hart. The visitors were: Bros. Taylor, S.W. 833; Middleton, 65;

Croshaw, 1348; J. W. Gray, 452; Laskey, P.M. 72; Boyton, 72; Spilling, P.M. 435; Miller, P.M. 766; Murch, 72; Gluckstien, P.M. 185; Brittlebank Carr, 72; Dodson, P.M. 72; Levey, 21. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, ballots were taken for the following gentlemen to be initiated: Messrs. Fox, Clerke, and Glazier. The ballots being unanimous in their favour, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Frankland was also passed, and Bro. Gray, of the Frederic Lodge, duly raised, the ceremony being ably performed. The W.M., having vacated the chair, it was taken by Bro. Frances, P.M. Bro. Benham, J.W., W.M. elect, was then presented for the benefit of installation, and having assented to the Ancient Charges, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in an impressive manner. Bro. Benham invested his officers, giving to each the usual charge in the following order: Bros. Bassett, S.W.; Bowyer, J.W.; Coe, S.D.; Pillinger, J.D.; J. F. Harris, I.G. Bros. Hammerton, P.M., and Frances, P.M., were also severally invested as Treasurer and Secretary, with the acclaim of the brethren. The W.M. then presented the lodge, as is the usual custom in this lodge, with a handsome banner of his arms. Bro. Pillinger also presented the lodge with a handsome Tyler's jewel. Both presents were warmly received by the brethren. The W.M. then, in the name of the lodge, presented the retiring Master, Bro. Klenck, with a jewel, making a few appropriate remarks on the deserved honour he was conferring. Bro. Klenck returned his sincere thanks for the honour he had received. After the usual routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The amount of business before the lodge having curtailed the time for the banquet, the remarks made at the giving and responding to the various toasts were of necessity brief, but the evening was heartily enjoyed by the brethren, and its pleasures greatly enhanced by the exquisite singing of some of Dibdin's famous songs by one of the initiates, Bro. G. E. J. Fox, and also the vocal contributions of one or two of the visitors.

ECCLES.—VICTORIA LODGE (No. 1345).—The fifth anniversary meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Cross Keys Hotel. There were a large number of members and visiting brethren present. The business of the lodge was to install Bro. Wm. Wright W.M. for the ensuing year, and investiture of officers. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Buxton, P.M., according to ancient custom, in an impressive manner, assisted by Bros. Gillman, Mountain, Brooks, and Barker, P.M.'s. The lodge was duly closed, when the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Pearson, in every respect worthy of the occasion, and which fully sustained his reputation. Several most effective speeches were made in proposing and responding to the various toasts, and the meeting may be summed up as a great success; not the least pleasing part of the proceedings was the presentation of a handsome gold Past Master's jewel (from the establishment of Bro. G. Kenning), by Bro. Wright, P.M., to Bro. J. Brooks, I.P.M., on behalf of the brethren, in token of their appreciation of services rendered to the lodge. A most agreeable evening was enjoyed by all present.

HAMPTON COURT.—ERA LODGE (No. 1423).—At the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, February 13th, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.A.G.D.C. Middlesex, W.M., opened the lodge. There were present Bros. J. T. Moss, P.G.R. Middlesex, I.P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, S.W., and W.M. elect; J. B. Langley, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; J. S. Sweasey, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; E. W. Devereux, I.G.; A. F. Loos, M.C.; W. A. Simmons, C.S.; B. Wright, W.S.; H. Fajia, W. M. Matthews, A. Baldwin, J. Faulkner, J. Mason, F. O. Joyce, E. King, J. R. Moore, W. Chartres, A. J. Webley, J. Johnson, M. Underwood, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. J. Mason, 309, and declared to be unanimous in favour of his being a joining member of the lodge. Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer, took the chair for the purpose of doing the ceremony of installation. Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary, presented Bro. J. W. Baldwin, S.W., and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain, in an impressive manner, read the charges to the W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was ably rendered, and Bro. J. W. Baldwin installed as W.M. He appointed as his Officers: Bros. E. H. Thielley, S.W.; J. B. Langley, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer, P.G.S.B. Middlesex (re-invested third time); F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary (re-invested third time); T. H. Miller, P.M., Organist (re-invested); E. W. Devereux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; B. Wright, M.C.; W. A. Simmons, W.S.; W. M. Matthews, C.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, I.P.M.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. It was unanimously resolved that a twelve-guinea Past Master's jewel be presented from the lodge funds to Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, for his efficient services rendered to the lodge. The jewel was placed on his breast by Bro. T. J. Sabine, who, in an eloquent speech, expressed the kind feelings of the members towards him. Bro. Dubois, P.M., in a suitable speech, returned thanks. By the unanimous voice of the lodge it was resolved, on a motion made by T. J. Sabine, that from the lodge funds be given ten guineas to the Girls' School, ten guineas to the Boys' School, and ten pounds to the Female Annuity Fund, in the name of the W.M. of the lodge for the time being, thereby securing a Life Governorship of all the Masonic Charities in perpetuity by the completion of sums required to attain that object. Some candidates were proposed for initiation at the next lodge meeting. These members were selected by the Audit Committee for recom-

mendation to the P.G. Master, Bro. Col. Burdett, as those whom the lodge would like to see have P. G. Lodge honours: Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, and T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, for promotion to higher rank; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain, for P. G. Chaplain; T. H. Miller, P.M., Organist, for P. G. Organist; and the selections made met with the unanimous approval of the lodge. All business being ended, the lodge was closed. A splendid banquet, at which upwards of sixty sat down, was served in a large room in a building opposite to the hotel. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Some good songs and excellent recitations passed away, in an agreeable manner, the time, when the brethren separated, sorry to part, but hoped happy to meet again. The visitors were: Bros. S. Rade, P.M. 315; H. Andrews, 784; J. H. Spencer, 73; E. B. Grabham, W.M. 1494; J. H. Ryley, 188; T. Horton, 871; T. F. Peacock, 21; W. Fullager; W. Hammond, P.G.S. Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326; W.M. 1512.

NEWPORT (MON).—ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 1429).—The Albert Edward, Prince of Wales Lodge, the junior lodge of the province of Monmouth, was honoured on Thursday afternoon by an official visit from Bro. Col. Lyne, P.G.M., Bro. Captain George Homfray, the D.P.G.M., and other officers and brethren of the province of Monmouth, at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street. Bro. Wm. Watkins, the W.M., presided over a large attendance of brethren, and was well supported by the following officers:—Bros. Charles Rowe, P.G. Secretary, I.P.M.; J. G. Huxtable, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., S.W.; E. Whitehall, J.W.; J. W. Bebell, Secretary; J. Horner, Treasurer; Frederick Orders, S.D.; John James, J.D.; Edward W. Perren, Organist; Robert Wilkinson, Supt. Works; Louis Hermessen, D.C.; William Twist, I.G.; J. Horner, jun., and James Poole, Stewards; Henry Fletcher, Tyler. After disposing of the business set down in the agenda, the W.M. thanked the P.G.M., and also the D.P.G.M., and other visiting brethren, for the honour they had done the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales Lodge in visiting them on this occasion. The vote was passed in due form, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. Both the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. expressed the pleasure it afforded them in being present, and likewise their great gratification at the able and praiseworthy manner in which the business had been conducted by the W.M. Another pleasing feature in the proceedings was the announcement by the W.M. that the Very Worshipful Bro. J. C. Parkinson, one of the Deacons of the Grand Lodge of England, had presented to the Albert Edward Lodge an elegantly bound and beautifully executed copy of his book, containing a cleverly compiled history of the Bard of Avon Lodge, which the author had been mainly instrumental in resuscitating. The highly-valued presentation was accompanied by a letter in which regret was expressed at the inability of Bro. J. C. Parkinson to be present at the lodge's banquet, as he had fully intended to have been. His good wishes for the continued prosperity of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge were couched in fraternal language. A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Bro. C. Rowe, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Horner, Treasurer 1429, was passed in due Masonic form to Bro. Parkinson for his much-prized gift, and a minute of the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, viz.: "That a cordial vote of thanks of the W.M. and brethren of the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales Lodge, be given to the Very Worshipful Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Grand Deacon of England, and D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, for so kindly presenting this lodge with a copy of his interesting and instructive work, the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, and in consideration of his great Masonic and intellectual attainments, the brethren, with pleasure, unanimously elect him as honorary member of Lodge 1429." The business having been closed with due ceremony, the brethren repaired to the Westgate Hotel, where Bro. S. T. Hallen had placed on the tables of the banquetting room, with his usual taste and skill, a sumptuous provision of the richest and rarest as well as more substantial viands. Covers were laid for about seventy brethren, and it is almost superfluous to state that the guests were loud in their praise of the excellent manner in which all the arrangements of the banquet were carried out. The following is a list of the brethren who sat down:—Bros. Wm. Watkins, W.M. and P.G.S. Wks., president; Chas. Lyne, P.G.M.; S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M.; L. A. Homfray, P. Prov. G.S.W.; James Abernethy, Lodge of Unanimity, Wakefield, Yorkshire; W. W. Morgan, P.M. Isca, 683; J. S. Adam, P.M. 90, P.G.J.D.; G. W. Jones, 471; J. Griffiths, P.M. 471; Louis Hermessen, D.C. 1429; James Poole, St. 1429; R. Wilkinson, Sup. Wks., 1429; Henry Richards, 1429; Alfred Taylor, 471, 1429; George Fabian Smith, 1429; James Horner, sen., Treasurer 1429; J. G. Huxtable, S.W. 1429, 471; J. W. Bebell, Secretary 1429, 471; John Lewis Lloyd, 471; F. Orders, S.D. 1429, 471; Charles P. Evans, S. 471; John James, J.D. 1429, 471; H. Gratte, P.M. 471, P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. H. W. Homfray, W.M. 683, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Charles Rowe, I.P.M. 1429 and 471; C. R. Lyne, S.W. 471 and P.G.S.B.; William Pickford, P.M. 471, P.G.T.; S. Davies 1429, P.M. 1361, P.G.S.B.; W. West, P.M. 471 and P.G.D.C.; R. J. Chambers, P.M. 683, P. Prov. G.R.; H. P. Tipples, J.W. 457; W. B. Broad, P.M. 457, P. Prov. G.J.D., P. Prov. G.S.; John Thomas, S.W. 457; William Welsford, 1429; J. Eneas Seys, 1429; W. Twist, 471, and I.G. 1429; James Horner, jun., St. 1429; Walter West, J.W. 683, P.G.S. and 471; Harry T. Davis, 683, 471, P. Prov. G.S., Eastern Division of South Wales; E. Whitehall, J.W. 1429; Alfred Jacob, 471; S. Brukewick (Cardiff), 1429; W. W. Kinsey Morgan, St. 1429; John Summers, 1429; Isaac Evan Thomas, 1429; W. Milton, Locke, 1429; James Saunders, 1429; E. W. Perrin, Organist; J. Gibbs, J.W. 471 and 683; Jno. Neck, 1429; John Sims, 1429; Simeon Wyatt, 147; W. Neill, 237, &c., &c.; H. Fletcher, Tyler 1429, &c. In pro-

ceeding with the toast list, the W.M. first gave "The Queen and the Craft." The toast was loyally drunk, and the brethren all joined in singing the National Anthem. The W.M. next proposed "H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," and expressed a hope that many of the brethren would have the opportunity afforded them of witnessing the ceremony of the installation of His Royal Highness as G.M. of England. Bro. Adam, P.M. 90, P. Prov. G.D. Mon., gave, in eulogistic terms, "The R.W. the Earl Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Viscount Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; and officers of the G.L." He expressed deep sympathy with the noble Earl in the bereavement he had so recently been called upon to sustain. Bro. Colonel Lyne, as one of the Grand Officers of England, replied to the toast. Bro. G. W. Jones gave "The R.W. Bro. Lyne, P.G.M." In responding, the P.G.M. expressed the great gratification he experienced at being present at so splendid a gathering of the junior lodge of the province. What he had witnessed that day was sufficiently convincing to him that the business of the lodge had been conducted in a highly creditable and unexceptionable manner. Colonel Lyne, the P.G.M., gave "The V.W. Bro. Homfray, D.P.G.M., and officers of P.G.L., of Monmouthshire." Having been given and drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Captain Homfray responded. He had also the greatest pleasure in being present, and bore testimony to the able and efficient manner in which the W.M. conducted the business of his lodge. He had the honour of installing the W.M. in the chair, and was more than gratified with the manner in which the junior lodge had progressed. Bro. L. A. Homfray, P.M. 683, and P. Prov. G.S.W., Mon., proposed the toast of the evening, "The W.M., 1426, Bro. Wm. Watkins," and in doing so paid a befitting tribute to the ability displayed by the W.M. It was with extreme pleasure that he was here to support the youngest lodge of the province. In replying to the toast the W.M. said that he scarcely felt deserving of the high compliments which had been paid to him that evening. In his position he aimed at making the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge a credit to the province, and in the selection of members quality was the standard and not numbers (applause). He was one of those brethren who felt that a third lodge was necessary for Newport, and in his efforts to bring about this object he had sought only the healthy extension and interests of Freemasonry (hear, hear.) Bro. Chambers, P.M. 683, and P. Prov. G. Reg., proposed, "The I.P.M., Bro. Chas. Rowe, P.G.Sec.," which Bro. Rowe, in suitable terms, acknowledged. Bro. Capt. Homfray gave "The health of the representative of the oldest lodge in the Province," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Broad, P.M. Loyal Monmouth Lodge. He knew that the toast would be received with the greatest cordiality. The toast was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours, and Bro. Broad responded in a brief, though pointed manner. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. made allusion to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Parkinson, who had presented the lodge with a copy of his interesting work, "The Bard of Avon Lodge." He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Abernethy (who was engaged in a great work of operative Freemasonry in this town. He referred to the "Alexandra Dock," and expressed a hope that every effort would be made to induce the Grand Master to come down and open that grand and glorious undertaking) who replied on behalf of the visiting brethren in well chosen terms. Bro. Dr. Morgan gave "The P.G. Supt. and Officers of the P.G. Chapter," which having been duly acknowledged, "The Masonic Charities" was given by the D.P.G.M., and Bro. Pickford responded. An appeal was made, and the sum of £16 10s. was subscribed in the room, with a guarantee that it would be made up to £20, exclusive of the sum of ten guineas voted in the lodge. Bro. Gibbs gave "The Principal and Past Principals of the Silurian, St. Wood's and other Chapters of the Province. Bro. Gratte replied, and stated that the four chapters in the province were in a flourishing condition. Bro. Griffiths: "The W.M.'s Officers and Brethren of the Silurian and Isca Lodges." Bro. Wickey Homfray, W.M. 683, responded, and expressed himself in felicitous terms as to the pleasure of being amongst the members of the Albert Edward Lodge. Bro. Gibbs, J.W. 471, also replied. Bro. Sanders proposed "The other Lodges of the Province," and in doing so reviewed briefly the handsomest treatment which the English Freemasons received in Belgium at the International Rifle Competition. The W.M. proposed "The newly Initiated Brethren," and coupled therewith the name of Bro. Seys, who replied in feeling terms. The W.M. then gave "The Officers of the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1429," which was duly honoured and responded to by Bro. Huxtable, the ancient S.W., alluding to the long series of years that he had been a Freemason, and the great and satisfactory progress made in the town since his initiation upwards of twenty years ago. He was one of the brethren who advocated the new lodge, in order that competent and worthy members might have a laudable ambition gratified, in becoming officers and passing the chair. The concluding toast, "To all poor and distressed Masons," was given by Bro. H. Fletcher, which having been drunk, the brethren separated, highly pleased with the harmony and conviviality that had characterised the entire proceedings.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road, on the 16th inst., for the purpose of lessening the work to be performed at the March meeting. There was also another reason that induced the W.M., L. C. Smith, to call the brethren together, viz., the desire expressed by a gentleman, engaged in parliamentary business, to be initiated into the brotherhood. The lodge was opened soon after the hour appointed. The second and third ceremonies were worked for the benefit of Bros. J. R. and D. H. Ashford. The lodge having been resumed to the first degree, a communication was made to the effect

that the candidate, whose name appeared in the summons, would not be in attendance that evening through an unavoidable cause. The circumstance occasioned some little disappointment. The lodge was then closed, the brethren separating at about nine o'clock.

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 1475).—The installation meeting of this prosperous young lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Victory Tavern, Trafalgar-road, Old Kent-road, Bro. Alfred Henry Watkins, W.M., in the chair, all the other officers being present. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, and the ballot for Messrs. Geo. Gaywood, Frederick Reed, and Godfrey John Gibson having proved unanimous in their favour, the two first-named gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. in his customary masterly manner. Bro. Warren, P.M. and Treasurer, then presented Bro. Dalby, S.W. and W.M., elect, for the benefit of installation, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly inducted in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Watkins, I.P.M.; Canton, S.W.; Duck, J.W.; Warren, P.M.; Treasurer; Gompertz, P.M.; P. Prov. G. of Herts, Secretary; T. Stephens, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Jenkins, I.G.; Rose, P.M., D.C.; Allsopp, P.M., W.S.; Harrison, Tyler. The whole ceremony of installation was very impressively rendered by Bro. Watkins, the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in particular, being belivered in a most effective and eloquent manner. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. G. J. Gibson into the Order, the ceremony being clearly and distinctly rendered. A very pleasing duty next devolved upon the W.M., that of presenting Bro. Watkins, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel unanimously voted to him by the lodge. This very handsome jewel is from the atelier of Bro. Kenning, and is of the value of ten guineas. Having affixed the jewel on the breast of Bro. Watkins, the W.M. then presented him with a richly emblazoned testimonial on vellum, enclosed in a massive gilt frame, subscribed for by the members of the lodge as a mark of the high estimation in which Bro. Watkins is held by them, and of their appreciation of his valuable services as the first W.M. The Secretary having given notice that at the next meeting he should move that a sum of five guineas be given to the Girls' School, to be placed on the list of Bro. Watkins, who intended to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., and the usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the proceedings having been also enlivened by some good singing, the brethren separated at a late hour, after having spent a very enjoyable evening. Among the members present, besides those already mentioned, were Bros. Jackson, Murley, Cain, Wrigglesworth, Scott, Garner, Walker, Channon, Norris, Davis, Harris, Kelk, and others, and the visitors comprised Bros. Ring, W.M. 73; David Roberts, P.M. 754; Frances, P.M. 857; Dann, P.M. 72; Green, J.W. 1295; H. Gompertz, J.D. 1364; Pritchett, 1327; Johnson, S.W. 301; J. W. Ring, 72; Bevan, 1233; L. Mills, I.G. 49; F. A. Riches, 975; R. G. Bennett, 93; and E. J. Cain, 1446. The first balance sheet of this lodge shows that the whole of the furniture, beside all other expenses attending the formation of a new lodge, is paid, with a small balance in cash to the credit of the lodge, a state of prosperity reflecting favourably on the management of the W.M. and his responsible officers.

LIVERPOOL.—LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 1502).—The first quarterly meeting of this lodge after consecration, took place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Monday evening, the 15th inst., when there was a very large gathering of the brethren and visitors. As might have been expected from the excellence of the captain and crew of the new Masonic craft, its voyage has been singularly prosperous and the increase in membership has been in good keeping with the fine feeling of brotherhood which has been shown by every member. Bro. Ralph Robinson, W.M., opened his lodge at six o'clock, and the officers and members present were:—Bros. Maurice de Frece, S.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, J.W.; the Rev. Professor Prag, C.; Isaac de Frece, Treas.; M. Hart, Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; L. Schonstadt, J.D.; B. Woolf, I.G.; P. A. Crozier, S.S.; A. Hart, J.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Moss, B. Levy, L. Simmons, A. Collins, F. Moss, A. Rabow, R. Brown, L. Wagner, H. Harris, L. Lazarus, L. Hart, D. L. Marcus, N. Liebschutz, J. Frank, J. S. Maccafee, J. Goldberg, N. Goldstein, A. Saqui, J. M. Foote, F. Barnett, M. A. Prensau, G. J. Somers, M. Tieske, A. Vandyke, S. A. Stonewehr, H. M. Silver, S. Jacob, &c. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; W. Connell, 175; R. Colling, Sec., 249; G. de La Parelle, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1380; P. Savvée, 1380; J. Winsor, S.D., 241; Q. A. Evans, W.M., 1395; H. Jackson, S.W., 1393; P. Stern, 249; R. C. Yelland, S.W., 1394; T. Boden, 249; L. D. Gough, 24; J. Dale, 1505 and 786; William Savage, jun., 241; J. Parsons, P.M. 205, &c. After several candidates had been ballotted for, two brethren were passed to the second degree, and two candidates were initiated into the Order. The manner in which the W.M. performed the ceremonies in each degree elicited the heartiest admiration, and the working was pronounced by competent judges to be quite equal to any in the province. After the transaction of some formal business, the lodge adjourned from labour to refreshment in the large dining hall. Here Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle-street, supplied a most *recherché* fish supper, the excellent and varied quality of which was beyond all praise. During the after proceedings, the W.M. gave the standard loyal and Masonic toasts in terse and pointed terms. He also proposed "The Health of Bro. the Rev. Professor Prag, C.," who in responding in an eloquent speech, spoke of Masonry as like the old cedar tree which spread its branches and extended its roots. He

referred to the leading characteristics of the Order, and thanked the brethren heartily for the manner in which his health had been received. Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so spoke of his working of the Lodge of Israel, as quite equal, if not superior, to any in the Province. The W.M. briefly responded, and hoped he would always be enabled to maintain the same efficiency. "The Officers," "The Visitors," and "Bro. W. G. Veale," were amongst the other toasts on the programme.

HAMPTON HILL.—FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—A strong meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The proceedings commenced at five o'clock in the afternoon. There were present Bros. Col. Wigginton, P.M., W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., J.W.; Walls, I.G.; Knaggs, Treas.; Mitchell, Sec.; Horsley, P.M., acting I.P.M. The minutes of the January meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Saunders, Rogers, Lovett, Clark and Mitchell to the sublime degree. The lodge having been resumed to the first degree, Bros. Vaughan and Court were examined, entrusted, and ultimately passed to the F.C. degree. The whole of the proceedings of both ceremonies were successfully carried out, and completed with the W.M.'s well known ability. It was proposed by the J.W., and seconded by the W.M., that Bros. Chaplain Buchill, P.M. 795, should become a joining member. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Richards (Beaufort), who was proposed at the last meeting as a joining member, and declared unanimous. Bro. P.M. Horsley proposed, which was seconded by Bro. Saunders, S.W.—"That the sum of ten guineas should be voted from the funds of the lodge to head the list of Bro. Col. Wigginton, W.M., who had kindly volunteered to stand as Steward to the forthcoming festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." This resolution was unanimously carried. The W.M. gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he should move that the lodge should annually subscribe ten guineas, through the W.M. for the time being, to the three charities alternately, and thus secure life-governorships to those valuable institutions. Resolutions were then passed that the lodge should become subscribers to the *Freemason* and the *Masonic Magazine*, and that a library should be established in connection with the lodge to be devoted exclusively to Craft literature. Some minor resolutions having been passed the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the proceedings terminated. Among the visitors present Bros. Littlewood, P.M. 780; Buchill, P.M. 795; Hammond, P.M., &c., &c., and W.M. 1512.

HAMPTON.—HEMMING LODGE (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 18th inst. The officers present were Bros. Hammond, P.M., P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; Hopwood, P.M., S.W.; Hill, P.M., J.W.; Hurst, S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Wheeler, I.G.; Jepson, Treasurer; J. Hammond, P.M., Secretary; Wilson (Etonian), acting I.P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. T. C. Walls, 141, W.S. 1381, and I.G. 1503, as a joining member, and declared unanimous. The name of Mr. Arnold, who, by a special dispensation, was allowed to be a candidate for initiation as a serving brother, was then submitted to the ballot, and unanimously received, and he being in attendance, was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Bros. Ockenden, Phillips, and Chilcott, having satisfactorily gone through an examination in open lodge, were raised by the W.M., assisted by his officers, to the sublime degree. Both ceremonies were ably carried out by the W.M., and all the well-known points of the beautiful ritual were given with that impressive emphasis which they necessarily require in order to render them effective. Several minor matters having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the visitors present were Bros. Wilson, P.M. Etonian; Kent, jun., 889; Bowra, 889; Rowland, 957; Festing, 1063. The cloth having been cleared, the W.M. commenced the proceedings by proposing the "Queen and Craft," which was heartily received. In giving the next toast, that of "Bro. H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," Bro. Hammond alluded at length to the forthcoming installation of the Prince, which he characterised as an event of a life-time, and which would give an impetus to Freemasonry throughout the world, and check, if not silence, the denunciations of the bigoted. This toast, and the succeeding one, that of the "Pro G. M.," was responded to with excellent "fire." The health of the "Provincial G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers of Middlesex," was proposed by the W.M., who expressed the gratification he felt at being a P.G.O. of the county which was so ably represented in the Masonic world by Colonel Burdett, whose abilities and energies in every grade of the Craft were of universal renown. This toast having been drunk with the customary honours, that of "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Kent and Rowland, on behalf of their colleagues. The latter brother amusingly stated, that he being in the habit of frequenting bustling town lodges, was agreeably pleased at the contrast afforded by visiting the Hemming, whose proceedings, both in lodge and at the banquet table, were marked by rural quietness and harmony, and from that time he should add his testimony to the general opinion that this district was justly entitled to the euphonious appellation of "Happy Hampton." Bro. Hill, P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., and congratulated him upon the manner in which he had carried out the arduous duties of his position that evening, and for his zeal in furthering at all times the true principles of Freemasonry, namely, "Benevolence" and "Charity." The W.M., having briefly replied, he gave the toast of "The Principal Officers," coupling it with the name of the Treasurer, who, he said, was [one of

the oldest subscribing members in the Craft. Bro. Jepson, in reply, stated that the remark of the W.M. was correct,—he was one of the oldest representatives of this glorious institution. In the course of his speech, he stated that the room in which they were possessed an interest to him, which the brethren would appreciate, when he informed them that in it he was raised to a M.M. by Bro. Dr. Hemming, the W.M. of the Harmony Lodge, upwards of fifty years ago, and that he also took his R.A. degree as far back as 1824. From the period of his initiation unto the present time he had always had Freemasonry at heart, and he hoped to die a Mason. The W.M. then proposed the health of the other officers of the lodge, and coupled it with the name of their young member, Bro. Walls, who had kindly assisted them as Deacon several times. Bro. Walls, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by electing him as a joining member, and he hoped that this confidence in him would never be regretted. With regard to the poor services which he had rendered to the lodge, and which had been so complementarily alluded to by the W.M., he could only say that he was at all times willing to officiate to the best of his ability in any position in Freemasonry that was required to be filled, as in endeavouring to carry it out, it was to him but a "labour of love."

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in their hall, No. 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 16th inst.; Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. John D. Young, S.W.; D. Horne, J.W.; there was also present; Bros. John Dick, Secretary; R. B. Dalzell, Treasurer; McMillan, P.M.; J. B. Walker, P.M.; Thos. Fletcher, I.P.M.; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M., Lodge Dalmuir, St. Johns; J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. Lodge Union, No. 332; W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*); and a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell, and the minutes of last regular meeting, also an emergency meeting, read and approved of. The lodge thereafter adjourned from labour to refreshment, the usual loyal toasts, &c., being given to music discoursed at intervals. Bros. Rogers and Leslie, eminent vocalists, gave some of their excellent duets with great spirit and taste, to the delight of all.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, No. 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday 18th inst. Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. Thos. Hastie, acting S.W.; G. McComb, J.W. There were also present:—Bros. A. Bain, P.M. 103; Johnstone, P.M.; Wallace, R.W.M. Lodge Athole, 413; W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), and several members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge being opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. Bros. McGibbon, W. J. Craig, and John Walker were then affiliated into Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27, Bro. A. Bain, P.M. 103, Union and Crown, officiating. Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., then intimated to the lodge that the annual festival of Lodge St. Mungo would take place on Tuesday, 2nd March, at the Crown Hall, and he hoped that as many as possibly could would be present to celebrate the 146th anniversary of this lodge. Bros. John Brownie McNichol and Peter McNichol, also A. Neavey, were then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Bros. Jas. McKinnon, J. Miller, A. Neavey, J. B. McNichol and Peter McNichol raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. A. Bain, P.M. Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103, in a style which could not have been excelled. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, No. 12, Tron-gate, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 16th inst., Bros. J. W. Burns, R.W.M., presiding; James Booth, S.W.; C. R. Jenkins, D.M., acting J.W. There were also present: Bros. John Miller, P.M. 87; McNaught, S.W. 556; S. Russell, D.M. 556; and a number of brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. J. W. Burns, the minutes of last meeting read and approved of. Messrs. H. O. Foray, H. Hardy, and G. Charters were then initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, every care and attention being paid to the solemnity of the occasion by Bros. Burns, R.W.M., and John Miller, S.M., who officiated. There being no further business before the meeting, the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, 15th inst., Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. D. McKirdy, S.W.; A. Conochie, J.W.; John McInnes, Secretary; John Laird, Treasurer; R. Mitchell, P.M. There were also present: Bros. Wm. Harper, R.W.M. Lodge Clyde, 408; D. Horne, J.W. Lodge St. John, 34; W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), and several members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The minutes having been read and approved of, and the lodge opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Harper, R.W.M. Lodge Clyde, 408, applied for Bro. R. Mitchell, jun., of his lodge, to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, he being about to leave Scotland for Australia in a few days, which application was received unanimously. Mr. Jas. Mitchell, and Mr. John Dale, who had been regularly proposed for initiation, and no objection raised, received the E.A. degree, Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., officiating. Bro. Jas. Gibson, Lodge 480, was then affiliated into Lodge Union, 332, Bro. J. B. Macnair also performing the ceremony of affiliation, after which Bro. R. Mitchell, jun., Lodge Clyde, 408, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. J. Fash, in a careful manner. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

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SILLIFANT.—On the 19th instant, Bro. Edwin Sillifant, of Crofton-lodge, Upper Tulse-hill, Brixton, and Gresham-buildings, Basinghall-street, aged 41.
On the 11th inst., Edward B., eleventh child of Bro. G. A. Taylor, of 27, Change-alley.

Answers to Correspondents.

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ERRATUM.—In the letter of Bro. J. Chapman last week, for "London Lodge" read "Jordan Lodge."

BETA.—At a recent meeting of a chapter, a candidate was ballotted for and rejected, whereupon a member declared the ballot was an illegal one, inasmuch as some of the members who voted were in arrears of subscription. This objection was in turn objected to on the ground that it came too late, and was simply a device to discover, if possible, who the objectors were. The M.E.Z., however, notwithstanding the protest, ordered the Treasurer to read out the names of members in arrears, excluded such from voting, and ordered a fresh ballot to be taken.

I. Was not the M.E.Z. guilty of irregularity in ordering the second ballot under the circumstances? II. What remedy do you recommend, protest being unheeded?

Again:—III. Under what circumstances do you consider the ballot may legitimately be taken a second time for the same person? IV. Are members at liberty to shirk responsibility, or connive at trickery by abstaining from voting for candidates? I.e., is individual voting obligatory?

[We are of opinion that the M.E.Z. was guilty of an irregularity, both in ordering the names to be read out, and authorizing a second ballot under the circumstances. Something might be said for the chapter by e-laws on the subject, but though the M.E.Z. might, perhaps, before the ballot, caution the members in arrears, it is quite clear to us that he could not do so legally after the ballot was over. A ballot cannot be taken a second time, except in case of a clear mistake, or a possible misconception. In that case the presiding officer is justified to have a second ballot to clear up any doubt he has on the subject, before declaring the result. The only remedy we can suggest is an appeal to the P.G. Superintendent. Members cannot be compelled to vote. The freedom of voting in chapter as well as in lodge, is absolute.—Ed.]

Bro. Constable's and Bro. Hughan's kind communications in our next. "Ad Rem," "W. Hopkins," and "Master Mason," in our next. "A Mark Master," received, but requires consideration, as we do not insert personal communications.

The following communications also stand over Reports of Lodges 523, 543, and 1125 E.C.; 178, 219, 354, 408, 437, and 556, S.C.

A. LITSTER.—The *Freemason* has been sent you regularly each week. Any that have failed to reach you shall be replaced by others, on learning the dates of each.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1875.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

We announced to the Craft last week that the Albert Hall had been selected as the "locale" for the installation of our Royal Grand Master, Freemasons' Hall being clearly too small to receive the number of brethren who are expected to attend on that auspicious occasion. We congratulate the Order on the decision arrived at, one which we feel sure will receive the unanimous approval of the Craft. The Albert Hall is adapted to receive a large number of brethren, and we shall hope in an early impression to give a detailed account of its size and capabilities. Our readers may rely on us for giving them the earliest intimation possible of the minor details of the programme for the day's proceedings, as we well know the interest which is prevalent in all parts of England, with respect to this important gathering of our English Order.

FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

It seems that some little exception has been taken by a very worthy brother in Scotland, to some editorial words of ours in reply to a correspondent, Saturday, February 13th. We think it well, therefore, to explain the "why and the wherefore" of our remarks, which we penned in all good feeling and fraternal regard for our brethren "over the border." We wish to assure our fraternal critic in the first place, that none can have warmer feelings for the interests and prosperity of Freemasonry in North Britain than ourselves. We have partaken of the genial hospitality of distinguished lodges there, we have ourselves a good deal of Scotch blood in our veins, and we have a very genuine admiration of Scotland and its kindly inhabitants. But we are, in our editorial capacity, "censors morum lathomorum," and what we think honestly we feel bound to say plainly—in all good-will, and in all kindly intent. Our worthy brother states that it is not the custom generally to give more than one degree on the same night, and that our answer went to the effect that "all candidates receive the three degrees together." But our words, we venture to submit to our friendly correspondent, do not bear such an interpretation. All that we state is, that such a custom is prevalent in Scotland, not that it is always observed. The same *Freemason* contains the account of a meeting of the lodge Caledonian Railway, 354, at Glasgow, in which certain candidates are initiated and passed the same night, and also of an emergency meeting of the same lodge three nights afterwards, when the third degree was conferred on the same brethren. We have often previously heard of the three degrees being conferred the same night, and such, no doubt, was our impression when we wrote the answer objected to. But we rejoice to learn from our worthy brother that such a practice is in itself illegal, and is not now habitually followed by the Scottish lodges. We feel sure that the month's interval between the degrees, as enforced by the English Grand Lodge, is a very wise and salutary regulation, and that if such was also the law in Scotland much good would accrue to the Scottish Grand Lodge and Scottish Freemasonry. Our good brother asks what is Scottish Freemasonry, we say the system practised in Scotland under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, just as English Freemasonry is the system practised in England under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. We are quite aware that there are, and always will be, national peculiarities, and local divergencies, but we have this one fact clear as regards our English system, that no English Mason would advocate any alteration of the three-months regulation. Indeed, some Freemasons have thought it too short. When we mentioned the "unsatisfactory state" of Scottish Freemasonry, we used the term with-

out any offence to our Scottish brethren, as our only wish and endeavour was to raise the vital power of Freemasonry in Scotland. We stated that there were, in our opinion, three drawbacks to the system in Scotland, which, we ventured to think, were a stumbling block to the advance of sound Freemasonry. The first was the shortness of interval between the conferring of the degrees, the second was the facility and cheapness of initiation, and the third was the non-enforcement universally of annual subscriptions to every lodge. We believe that in saying this we express the opinion of a good many long-headed brethren in Scotland, who are fully alive to the weaknesses of their system. How otherwise can we account for the absence of any very striking evidence of Masonic charity? There must be many old and decayed Masons in Scotland, to whom annuities would be a most comfortable provision for their declining years; there must be many orphan sons and daughters of Freemasons to whom education and care would be alike an invaluable and a blessed gift. But the way the present system works is this—we speak with full knowledge of the subject. A person is made a Mason in a Scotch lodge; the lodge has no annual subscription; after a short time the brother leaves Scotland and moves south; he has only paid a certain sum; he is not supporting Scottish Freemasonry in the slightest degree, and yet, though practically unaffiliated, he claims all the present privileges, and all the eventual benefits of English Freemasonry. This is a very common case, known to almost every lodge in the North of England. Does our worthy brother ask what remedy do you propose? We reply, you cannot legislate ever so as to avoid all abuse of privileges; but what you can do is, to do the best you can. If the Scottish Grand Lodge will enforce an annual capitation fee on all its registered members for the purposes of benevolence; if it will require that all lodges shall receive an annual subscription from their members; if the initiation fee is raised, that is to say that the sum paid for "admission" is considerably increased, if the interval between the degrees is made as with us, we feel sure that an impetus would be given to Scottish Freemasonry, which would culminate ere long in charitable efforts worthy of so many warm-hearted men and good Masons. We trust that our very worthy brother and critic will take this friendly rejoinder of ours in good part, and will believe that it is dictated by a genuine love for our Order, and above all with heartfelt wishes for the honour and elevation, and progress and prosperity of Freemasonry in Scotland.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.
No. III.

We have, in our previous articles, under this heading, referred to some difficulties in the pathway of the Masonic student, and we propose to continue our consideration of the same subject to-day. Great has been the advance in Masonic archæology in some respects, in others little headway has been gained so far. For instance, what do we yet know of the history of Freemasonry in England before 1723? Our earliest Grand Lodge minutes, we understand, only go back to that year, and no private lodge minute book, except that of Alouwick, as far as we are aware, has been found previous to that date. We cannot however help thinking that a search in some of the lodge chests, or among their old minute books would increase our stock of early 18th century Masonic knowledge. Indeed, we do not despair of disentombing some day from the dust and oblivion of years, a 17th century minute book, in this country. It is this paucity of information relative to the habits and acts of our Masonic predecessors which renders the history of English Freemasonry so full of doubts and difficulties, alike for the initiate and the profane. Even in Scotland, where the minute books are far earlier, the information is very sparse and the particulars are very limited. And if we are able to account for this by the "nature of the case," yet it should, we think, be a warning against any hasty dogmatism on matters on which we have no certain information, and which, alike historically and archæologically, are still

enveloped in a mist of uncertainty and debate-ability, if we may use such a word. Let us take for instance that important and interesting view of Freemasonry, which we may not unfairly term the "Johannite." Whence did this theory of Freemasonry arise? When did it first appear? These are questions which we must answer before we can assign the real date, and the true importance to this colouring of our Masonic system. But yet the moment we attempt to do so we find the greatest difficulty. Dr. Oliver has, we are aware, expressed a strong opinion on the subject, and many Masonic writers have been, and still are misled by his apparent authority. Now, without denying to Dr. Oliver, that most able brother, the greatest credit for his Masonic labours and contributions, we yet feel bound to say that we cannot always accept his conclusions. Bro. Mackey's view of Dr. Oliver's writings, when critically considered, is, we venture to think, the true one. "The great error of Dr. Oliver," he says, "as a Masonic teacher, was a too easy credulity or a too great warmth of imagination, which led him to accept, without hesitation, the crude theories of previous writers, and to recognise documents and legends as unquestionably authoritative, whose truthfulness subsequent researches have led most Masonic scholars to doubt or deny; his statements, therefore, as to the origin or the history of the Order have to be received with many grains of allowance." We feel bound to express our entire agreement with the opinion of our able American brother, as it is the inevitable conclusion, in truth, to which a careful study of Bro. Dr. Oliver's works must lead the Masonic student. With respect to the Johannite teaching of Freemasonry, Dr. Oliver is very positive, and seemingly very precise, and yet modern researches do not in any way uphold his view of the matter. It is quite clear, historically, that the Johannite teaching of Freemasonry as suggested by Dr. Oliver is, if not actually, of the 18th century, at any rate not earlier than the 17th. We find no traces of it previously, that is to say, as he evidently regards it. We know indeed that in Scotland in 1599, the Wardens were ordered to be chosen on St. John's Day—that is, the Evangelist's Day, as is clear from the minute of 27th November, 1599. And probably we may assume that St. John's Day was from very early times the day appointed for the election of office-bearers. But of St. John the Baptist's Day we find no trace. Bro. D. M. Lyon states that, as a Masonic anniversary it dates, in Scotland only, from 1755, and he believes was introduced from the Grand Lodge of England. The editor of "Multa Paucis" talks of a Grand Lodge assembled at York, December 27th, 1561, and though his story is now generally, we believe, looked on as apocryphal, we may have in the meeting on St. John's Day at York, this truth, namely, that of the annual meeting of the Grand Assembly. But we know of no other Masonic English reliable authority on the subject, and so far we are not aware of any 17th century ritual, except that of the Sloane MS. 3329. In that no doubt we find allusion to the "Holy Chapel of St. John," and the brother quoted is called "Brother John," but of the two Johns there is no trace. Our evidences of the customs of the operative guilds are at present very few indeed. In 1253 the working Masons at Westminster had the Saints' days divided between them and the King, and the list is given in the Fabric Roll of that year. John the Baptist's Day belonged to the King, and the Masons worked on that day, but, as the roll ends December 6th, beginning April 28th, we cannot say what was their custom on the Evangelist's Day. We have said enough, we think, to show that whatever may have been the custom of the early 18th or late 17th Century, the Johannite theory of Dr. Oliver must be taken "cum grano salis." We write simply in the interests of Masonic truth. An error, though a harmless one, if persisted in when proved to be an error, in things historical, becomes a falsehood, and if we are ever to obtain a true Masonic history, which will stand the criticism of experts and opponents, we must not sacrifice truth, from indolence to point out prevailing misconceptions, or from an unwillingness to face the real difficulties of the case. Thus far all that our avail-

able evidence proves, appears to be, that St. John the Evangelist's Day, is an old day of Masonic observance, but of St. John the Baptist's anniversary nothing is known archæologically before, at the earliest, the latter part of the 17th century. Other evidence may be available, and when it is brought forward, we shall respectfully consider it, but until then we must regard Dr. Oliver's Johannite theory as "non proven." We shall recur to this interesting subject generally again shortly.

THE PUBLIC HOUSE QUESTION.

There can be no doubt, we think, that it is not for the advantage of Freemasonry, where it can be otherwise arranged, for lodge meetings to be held either at hotels or public houses. But when we say this, we must fairly admit, that there are many difficulties in the way of any uniform rule or practice on the subject. In the metropolis for instance, we could hardly lay down dogmatically the proposition, that the severance of lodges from hotels was advisable for the welfare of Freemasonry, inasmuch as the accommodation for meetings is very scanty indeed, and many of the hotels frequented by the Craft, offer rooms of handsome effect, and often of noble proportions. Neither should we affect, in accordance with a good deal of modern pharisaism, to condemn a public house, quā a public house. Many very distinguished lodges have habitually held their meetings at houses of "public entertainment," and these meetings have been as well conducted, and as creditably carried on, as if in the most retired and separated Masonic Hall. But we think we are writing in the best interests of Freemasonry, when we venture to express an opinion, that for many reasons it is most desirable to sever our lodges from hotels and taverns. It may indeed be said, on the other side, that as our present Grand Lodge, and the first meetings of our Masonic forefathers, were held in taverns, at a time when Masonic Halls were unknown, there is after all no valid Masonic objection to our continuing to use such places of public resort, which are both convenient and economical, for our gatherings to-day. To this we would reply in all fraternal good-will and consideration, "It is quite true what you say, but the habits of the middle of the 18th century are not quite the habits of the 19th century." And we think that in addition, our brethren should always bear in mind, that this connection of Freemasonry with taverns, has not only kept out a good many worthy men from Freemasonry, and still keeps them out, but must inevitably tend to associate Freemasonry itself in the minds of some with late hours and convivial habits. Hogarth, when he depicted a W.M. of his day, reeling home with the collar and emblem of Freemasonry still around his neck, only gave us a representation of the then popular view of lodge meetings, and of Freemasons generally. And those of us who are old enough to remember the general condition of Freemasonry some thirty years ago, will admit, that in nothing has Freemasonry so improved, so elevated itself, if we may so say, since then, as by the building of the Masonic Hall, and the severance of the lodge from the convenient, and it may be, in some respects, comfortable public house. For there is one element which has to be taken into account here, in this important question, and which has largely swayed the course of many lodges, namely, the question of expense. Masonic Halls, in most cases, represent the maximum of expenditure for a lodge, hotels the minimum, and to some lodges—whose members are not numerous—this one consideration of expense is a crucial one. Hence at this hour many excellent lodges and many equally very worthy brethren, find that it conduces to a prosperous balance sheet, to continue their old connection with the tavern, ready of access, and moderate in its charge for rent. But then, on the other hand, how much of additional dignity and decorum is thrown around the Masonic Hall, which, separated from all common or profane uses, is entirely dedicated to the services and labours of Freemasonry. We know many such, and sure it is that they ever conduce, not only to the highest performance of our ritual, æsthetically,

but they minister largely to the welfare of the brethren, and the true spirit and teaching of Freemasonry. There is something incongruous often with the calm, and peacefulness, and mysteries of Freemasonry, in the crowded entrances and thronged bar of a public house. There are tendencies in all such scenes, we strongly feel, antagonistic to that sober character and that serious formality, which ought always to characterize our Masonic meetings, but especially at the reception of candidates. We know as a fact that many an aspirant for the light of Freemasonry, has been both disappointed and unfavourably impressed, when he found that our privileges were to be sought for and obtained in the "best room," even, of a most respectable "public house." So we conclude as we began, without seeking to lay down any austere axioms, or any arbitrary regulations on a somewhat difficult and delicate subject, by the recommendation to our brethren when possible, gradually, at any rate, to obtain for themselves the privacy and the conveniences of a Masonic Hall, of a lodge room, purely Masonic, set apart for the due performance of that ceremonial to which we are all so much attached, and for the proclamation of those truths we all so wisely preserve and revere.

GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

We rejoice to notice the continued prosperity of our Grand Lodge funds. In the agenda paper of Grand Lodge, the report of the last quarter states, that on Friday, the 12th day of February, the last meeting of the Finance Committee, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was £4462 8s. 11d., besides £75 petty cash and £96 for servants' wages, in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

BENEVOLENCE.

The grants of the Lodge of Benevolence on the 17th, seem to have been heavy, no less altogether than £778. We notice among the grants for confirmation at the approaching quarterly communication £200 for the widow of our lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing. It is quite clear that we cannot under any pretence whatever reduce our Benevolent Funds.

NEW LODGES.

We note the gratifying fact, that since the last quarterly communication, 19 new lodges have been added to our calendar, so that the last number is 1535.

Original Correspondence.

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

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note with much pleasure your announcement that the above ceremony will take place at the Royal Albert Hall, but I have been looking for another announcement, re Commemoration Jewel, as suggested by several of your correspondents, particularly Bro. T. C. W., (Feb. 6th, 1875, which letter please see).

I hope this idea will not be overlooked by Grand Lodge, so that every member of that body present, may wear some token, then and hereafter; in fact, all that are present should be allowed to wear one. I hope you will insert this, as a "gentle reminder," and further, that you may think well to give us a short leader on the subject.

Fraternally yours,

"ICH DIEN."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It would render the above ceremony much more grand, as a spectacle, if it were announced that brethren should appear in court dress (if entitled to same), or in the uniform of Army, Navy, or Volunteers, or evening dress. Those who are entitled to court dress, can scarcely appear before royalty without wearing it, but an order would set the question at rest.

I am, yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

February 22nd, 1875.

THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to "An Old P.M., one &c.," I would just say this, that whatever he may deem is the letter, he clearly has not realised the true bearing, of the Book of

Constitutions. What the Book of Constitutions deals with is the Past Masters position in Grand Lodge. It does not deal with his position in the Private Lodge—that solely depends on his continuing a contributing member. If he desists for twelve months, he loses his lodge membership, and forfeits his Grand Lodge qualification. If he rejoins a lodge, he cannot recover his permanent Grand Lodge qualification, until he has been re-installed as W.M., though he may sit as Warden of a lodge, if so returned to Grand Lodge as the bona fide Senior, or Junior Warden. "An Old P.M." is very positive about the seniority question. I venture to think that he is altogether wrong. Let us take a case. A is the first W.M. of a new lodge, and at the expiration of twelve months service as W.M., becomes its first, and so its Senior Past Master. After five years more, A demits. There are now five Past Masters in the lodge, of which A is the Senior. He leaves the lodge for five years, during which time five more Past Masters have been added to the roll. A at length seeks re-admission, and becomes a joining member, and when he enters the lodge again, the question arises, where is he to go? "An old P.M." says to the top of the Past Masters, though for five years he has paid nothing to the lodge funds, and has left his other brethren "to bear the burden and heat of the day," and because he is senior in time, he continues always so! "Busy Bee" contends, and I agree with him, that he becomes the Junior Past Master at the time of his re-admission. And the common sense of this customary rule is clear. Were Past Masters to be permitted to remain or go out from a lodge just as they think well, the whole stability of our private lodges would be affected, and therefore the "lex inscripta" of all our lodges is, that a Past Master who leaves his lodge, takes rank after the Junior Past Master at the time of his re-admission. The custom of our Order, and of the lodges is, alike fair to the other Past Masters, and fair to him.

I am, yours faithfully.

MELCHISHUA.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"An Old P.M., One, &c.," who notices my recent letter on the above subject, will find no authority in the "Constitutions" bearing on the question, and it is in consequence of this silence in our written law that the discussion has arisen. What I have ventured to urge is that a Past Master in the Craft, supposing him to be in the full possession of his privileges, must be allowed to sit as a Past Master in any lodge that he joins, and that he would do so below the actual Past Masters then in the lodge, ranking in the lodge next to them. I do not think that the circumstance of the lodge being his mother lodge would alter his position in any way. "An Old P.M." seems to me to be correct in thinking that a Past Master ceasing to subscribe to a lodge for twelve months loses his membership with Grand Lodge, and nothing more; the whole of the paragraph (I, page 18) must be taken together, it recites—"Subscription as a member of any lodge is sufficient to preserve his rank and rights as a Past Master," and the inference from the concluding portion of the paragraph is, to my mind, that a non-fulfilment of this condition for twelve months, which deprives him of his membership with Grand Lodge takes from him also his rank and rights as a Past Master.

Yours fraternally,

BUSY BEE.

THE RIGHT OF VISITING LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A letter in your last issue shows the writer to be under the not uncommon misapprehension that a Mason may visit any lodge on simply proving himself a member of the Craft. A reference to the "Constitutions" (page 89) will show that no visitor can be admitted unless personally known, recommended, or vouched for, after due examination by one of the present brethren. Without this safeguard, a lodge might be at any time visited by a suspended or an expelled Mason, and even run the risk occasionally of admitting a clever cowl.

Yours fraternally,

BUSY BEE.

THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

All honour to "A Sincere Mason," who has thought it well to bring before the Craft existing evils; I am inclined to think that the admission of lame members is quite a mistake, and our Book of Constitutions, if properly carried out, would prove such initiations to be void; it might prove beneficial to those lodges who number one or two such on their books to have their certificates, and name or names, as might be necessary, cancelled and erased, so that, in this one respect, things would look healthy. I am of opinion that the manliness of some whom I know would lead one or more to accept such decision on the part of an honourable brotherhood, and at the same time remove from the mind of any one who might entertain thoughts as to motives, &c., of said individuals, that nothing but worthy motives were entertained; would you be kind enough in your next impression to favour us with a few remarks as to the validity or propriety of such initiations as they cannot possibly be of any service, in my way of thinking, to so noble an institution, and might eventually prove an eyecore to our progress. Hoping you will favour the Craft with something from your able pen, I subscribe myself a

MASTER MASON.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the above lodge last Saturday, you say that Bro. Shackell was the first W.M., &c.

In the minutes of the lodge meeting of the 7th Feb., 1871, you will find the following resolution, which at once disposes of the statement referred to:—

"That the freedom of the lodge be presented to Bro. Colonel William Wigginton, P.M. 902, P. Prov. G.D.C. Worcestershire, for services rendered as founder of the lodge and Lodge of Instruction, and as first Worshipful Master."

Yours very fraternally,
23rd Feb., 1875.

A P.M.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"An Old P.M.," writing on this subject, seems a very young one, or he would know that a lodge can vote its funds to any purpose it pleases—he wants it pointed out in the Book of Constitutions where the law is enacted that a lodge can subscribe to any charity it pleases. It is not at all necessary to have such an enactment—"Every lodge has the power of framing bye-laws for its own government." If a member wants his lodge to subscribe to a charity, or for any other purpose, he has simply to give notice of motion of what he wants; if carried at the meeting following, and the minutes are afterwards confirmed, the Treasurer is bound to pay the amount.

MAONUS OHREN,
P.M. and P.Z.

MASONIC AMENITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is with much pleasure that I have to place before you the following Masonic reception in Germany (of the Writer), at the Lodge "Lessing" in Barmen—Rhenish-Prussia.

One Thursday evening, on arriving from the above-named place, I said to myself, there is a Freemason's Lodge held at this hotel where I am staying. I made enquiry of Bro. Volger, the Hotelbesitzer (Hotel-keeper), whom I knew to be a Freemason. (I should have referred to my "Cosmopolitan," but I had given that away to an American brother, whom I came across in Brussels, and to whom I became known only by signs and a Templar Cross. More anon about this most worthy American brother). Bro. Volger said, "Would you like to enter the lodge?" I said, "Yes, with great pleasure." I was at once introduced to the Vorbereitender Brother—Tyler—and said to him that I was an English Freemason, and should like to enter the lodge—"Would you like to prove me?" He gave me to understand that he would make known my request to the Meister vom Stuhl (The Worshipful Master). The M.V.S. came out immediately. He thus questioned me: "Have you your certificate?" I said, "No, I have not; but try me and prove me." "Give me the word." I did so. "Now I will take your grips." I gave them to him. I thought, even now, a doubt rested, so I pulled from my pocket my apron, not a very clean one in appearance, and in addition to words and grips, said, "This is my certificate." He said, "Worthy Brother, enter." I did so, and met with a very hearty reception, on the report and introduction of the M.V.S. to the brethren present. With them I spent a very pleasant two hours, most brotherly and fraternally.

After some short time had elapsed, a gentleman came in whom I knew, and he again most kindly introduced me to all present a second time; this was "Bro. Hermann Brocke." They had met on this occasion for business, and not for work, and were all in an outer room, where they banqueted. I was questioned (and I also questioned) about English Masonry generally. A brother said, "Would you like to see our lodge?" I answered affirmatively, and the Tyler was ordered to light up the temple with all the appointments. I was much pleased, especially the Master's chair—which was nothing more nor less than a throne—raised high up above all others. Above his chair, which was surrounded with rich draperies, was placed a large crystal star, some two feet in diameter, and when the gas was lighted, the effect was most beautiful. The lodge had more the appearance of a temple than otherwise, and where solemn rites were performed and holy principles enunciated, such that Freemasons in general accept. I had, on my return to the brethren, a striking proof that the same glorious virtue—charity—was practised amongst them. My curiosity was aroused by seeing a list being passed round. I interrogated a brother by the side of me, and he informed me that a brother, a Frenchman, who had recently come from America with his wife and family, had died suddenly, and they were then making a collection for the deceased brother's wife. Being a foreign brother, they whispered "We cannot permit our brother to subscribe," but my heart prompted me, and my mite was given. 'Tis alone this gift, the greatest of all the three, that first drew me to have a wish to become a Freemason, and, without charity, Freemasonry would be but sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.

A goodly sum was collected, which, in relative value, amounted to about £15. All honour to our Rhenish brethren! Prior to my leaving the lodge my health was proposed and drank with all honours—the brethren expressed both satisfaction and pleasure at my being in the midst of them, and trusted it would not be the last time; he also exalted the greatness and manliness of this, the most noble and best of all orders and brotherhoods. In reply to the unexpected honour they had done me, I simply returned them my thanks, and said that I fully endorsed the sentiments which had been expressed, and that I believed in the Order at large for its fraternity of feeling, of which I had had conclusive proof personally, and also had been a witness of their charitableness.

T. BURDETT YEOMAN, 18°.

P.S.—Our American brother with whom I travelled a few hundreds of miles, was more than thankful for the "Cosmo." I handed over to him—and to show it, he drew from his pocket-book a printed card, which he signed, and said—"Upon any of my ships, on presenting this to the captain, you can travel the American lakes free

of all charge, and nothing would please me like having the pleasure to prove to you how very grateful I am for your information, otherwise than presenting me with this Masonic almanac." I hope to have the satisfaction of giving him some further proof of what an English Mason is, when passing through London for his American home. —T.B.Y.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In consequence of the late severe frost, a great deal of destitution is existing in the parish of Bethnal Green, owing to the poor having insufficient clothing; and as there appears every reason to expect a return of the cold weather, I beg respectfully to make an appeal on their behalf. There are many benevolent and charitably disposed persons, who would willingly and gladly assist them if they only knew how easy they could do so. Most of us have old coats, trousers, boots, &c., which we do not require. Now if these were given to the poor, it would be doing them a great service, by keeping them from the inclemency of the weather. All contributions sent to the address given will be gratefully acknowledged, and trusting that this appeal will meet with a hearty response, I am sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN T. BAKER.

158, Bethnal Green-road, E.

[We are glad to publish this letter in the cause of charity.—Ed.]

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd March, 1875.

- 1.—The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.
- 2.—The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd December, 1874, will be read and put for confirmation.
- 3.—To read a letter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution of Condolence passed in Grand Lodge on the 2nd September last, on the decease of The Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland.
- 4.—The M.W. Grand Master will move an Address of Condolence to the M.W. Pro Grand Master, The Earl of Carnarvon, on the sad affliction which has befallen his Lordship by the death of the Countess of Carnarvon.
- 5.—The M.W. Grand Master will make a communication to the Grand Lodge in reference to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and will move a resolution to acknowledge it.
- 6.—Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
- 7.—Election of a Grand Treasurer.
- 8.—Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last Quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—
A brother of the Samaritan Lodge, No. 286, Bacup £50
The widow of a brother of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, London 50
The widow of a brother of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Southampton 200
A brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 141, London 200
A brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, Southwark 50
The widow of a brother of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, Highgate 100
- 9.—The Report of the Board of General Purposes to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

1.—The Board of General Purposes beg leave to submit their report for the last quarter as follows:—
2.—At the quarterly communication held on the 4th day of September, 1874, the board reported to Grand Lodge that they had suspended Bro. Nathaniel Henry Braham, of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, for contumacy, under the circumstances set forth in their report.
3.—Bro. Nathaniel Henry Braham having now attended the Board and made due submission, the Board have removed the suspension and restored Bro. Braham to his Masonic functions.

4.—Mr. John Walter Malby having asked for a fresh lease of the premises in Middle Yard, held by him under the Trustees of Grand Lodge, on the expiration of the existing lease at Michaelmas next, the Board recommend that a lease of the said premises be granted for 14 years from the above date, at an annual rent of £150, subject to the covenants of the existing lease.

5.—The President will therefore move as follows:—

- (1).—That the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.
- (2).—That the recommendation of the Board with reference to Mr. Malby's application be agreed with, and that a fresh lease be granted accordingly.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, 16th February, 1875.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of February instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4,462 8s. 11d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages, £96 15s.

10.—Report of the Colonial Board to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.
The Colonial Board have little to report to Grand Lodge, except their congratulations on the continued prosperity of the Lodges in the various Colonies and Districts under the English jurisdiction, on the general absence of disputes and complaints, and the consequent good feeling which appears to prevail.

The Board beg to recommend to Grand Lodge the following alteration in the Book of Constitutions, page 114, art. 4, to omit in the second line the words—"at three o'clock precisely."

The President will therefore move accordingly.

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, 2nd February, 1875."

11.—Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1874.

12.—Proposed motions:—

1.—By Bro. J. H. Wynne, P.M. No. 554.

"That this Grand Lodge do order to be given from the Fund of Benevolence, the sum of five pounds to each unsuccessful candidate at the next general election for annuitants in 1875 for old men and women belonging to the Craft of Freemasons."

2.—By Bro. John Constable, P.M. No. 185.

"That the sum of £100 be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge towards the fund now being raised for the purpose of endowing the Freemasons' Life Boat, stationed at North Berwick in 1872."

Reviews.

"D-brett's Peerage and Baronetage." Dean and Son, 106a, Fleet-street.

These two indispensable works for all alike come before us with every claim not only for commendation but admiration. Handsome in appearance, and skilful in arrangement, they give us a great deal of very needful information, in a very small space. They are useful as books of constant reference to many persons day by day, and no public office is complete without them, just as we venture to think that few good libraries should be without them. Indeed, they ought to stand on every writing table, especially on those of writers like ourselves, who are often indebted to them for the names of those who play an important part in public life, or who compose what fairly may be termed our upper English ten thousand, and even more!

Masonic Calendars for Durham, Dorsetshire, and Oxfordshire.

These three little manuals are very useful to the good brethren of the above named counties, and to us who live far away. They are all admirably got up, very neatly printed, contain a great deal of local information, and reflect every credit on their industrious compilers. They are put forth by well known brethren, and we wish them every success.

"The Child's Bible." Cassell, Petter, and Galpin.

Our attention has been called to this very pretty juvenile work of Messrs. Cassell, which appears to us full of promise. As a little scriptural reader or primer for the young, it is sure to be appreciated, and we doubt not will be largely patronised by many earnest little students. May all of good attend them.

"The Roman Fisherman." By an Observer of the System. Matthews and McIntosh.

This is the "old, old story," though perhaps told to a slight variation of time. It seems able and vigorous, but is purely controversial. And though in the recent "escapades" of the Roman Catholic authority, we have had to endure all the virulence of intolerance and all the folly of fanaticism, yet, as Freemasons, we are not controversialists, and long may we keep out of alike the "certamen" and the "odium theologicum." Rome is still Rome, and always will be Rome, and our best policy is to go on our own way, utterly heedless alike of her censures and of her maledictions.

"Some Account of our Masonic Charities," by Bro. Hardon, P.M. Andrews, Manchester.

This is a somewhat ambitious little book, and is also a little indistinct in its recommendation. We confess that after reading it twice over we do not exactly understand the drift of our good brother's remarks. We do not clearly understand what he terms the home system. If we understand his aim rightly, he would revert to the old idea of our educational establishments, and have the children educated at the school nearest their dwellings and to live at home. But suppose they have no home? What then? Are we to have Masonic boarding out? We have no doubt of the good intent of the writer, but we fear he has hardly yet mastered the leading principles of educational work. If there is one thing clearer than another it is this, that what he calls the home system is about as unsatisfactory a system as can well be devised, and that we have in our great Boys' and Girls' Schools now, the best arrangements and the most scientific appliances, with the best of results, for the orphans and their friends. But we may have misunderstood Bro. Hardon.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

We have been requested to publish the following letter:—

British Post Office, Haskien,
Constantinople, Feb. 3rd, 1875.

J. LAURIE, Esq., Grand Secretary, G.L.S.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have noticed with pleasure that our Scottish brethren have at last been aroused to a sense of duty, a step in the right direction, and too much praise cannot be given to the promoters of this laudable and long-needed object. To establish a Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution, where our aged worthy brothers and orphans can be cared for, will do much to raise the Scottish Craft in the estimation of the other sister Grand Lodges, and the Craft in general. I feel sure it will have the support of all good Masons. It is a source of regret that something of this kind has not been thought of before; if we

cannot be foremost in the race of doing good, don't let us be so far behind.

I have no doubt that the Grand Bodies will do all they can to facilitate this excellent scheme. There are also, in my opinion, other subjects that require reforming, such as strict adherence to our Constitution. Laws are of no use unless obeyed; also the initiation and joining fees are too low; I think they could with propriety be raised so as to benefit the Craft in other ways than raising the dignity of our Order. It has at the present time somewhat the appearance of benefit societies. In short, I think Masonry in Scotland is cheap, consequently a little lax. I am proud to say that 489 is second to no lodge in this country. I have no intention of boasting, simply my opinion, and I believe it will be accepted as intended, viz., for the good and welfare of the Scottish Craft.

If foreign lodges (S.C.) are allowed to have the honour of participating in this grand design, I should have much pleasure in representing the brethren in this part of the globe. I believe it would tend rather to enhance, than to act as any impediment to the object the promoters have in view.

If you deem this worthy, and concur with me, please forward the circulars and other necessary information, and in return I will pledge myself to do my best.

Trusting you will excuse for any seeming forwardness on my part, I beg to remain, yours fraternally,

(Signed) W.W. DORRELL,

R.W.M. 489.

Constantinople.

A voice
from the
East.

MASONIC BALL AT ATHERSTONE.

For some time past expectation has been rife in this town in consequence of the report that the Freemasons of the lodge meeting in the town had determined upon giving a Masonic ball. The report proved true, the ball being held on 5th February last, at the Town Hall, the usual place of meeting of the brethren of the Athelstan Lodge. The hall and staircase were lined with shrubs and elegant greenhouse ferns, while the walls were decorated with flags. The ball-room was most elaborately decorated with trophies of the chase, such as stag's heads, antlers, fox's heads, and "tails" we were going to say, but our readers would scout any Leicestershire man who could say tails when, of course, he meant brushes. Crossed swords seemed a favourite decoration, and at one end of the room we found an old Brown Bess, which we were told had "done some service at Waterloo," while opposite to it was an elegantly silver-mounted fowling-piece some two centuries old, while between the two, and beneath a grand red deer's head, there hung a small frame containing a mysterious document, headed Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwick, and intimating that all Masons were permitted upon this occasion to display the gorgeousness of their Masonic apparel before the eyes of the uninitiated, a permission which was duly taken advantage of—many of the brethren appearing resplendent in apron, collar, cuffs, and jewellery. Dancing commenced at half-past nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until twelve, when supper was announced, and, the ball-room deserted for the supper-room, which was also elegantly decorated and draped, perhaps the most satisfactory decoration, however, was the supper table, spread with a most recherche supper, to which about 100 guests sat down, and we trust enjoyed as much as we did ourselves. The Masons may fairly be congratulated upon having secured so good a caterer for their first ball, as Mrs. Mingan (of the Red Lion) proved herself. After the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," proposed by the W.M., Bro. Banbury, of London, proposed in a few well-chosen words the health of the W.M., Bro. Page, who after acknowledging the compliment proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. Ch. Phillips responded. A return was then made to the ball-room, where half-past five found the dancers almost as numerous as ever; at six o'clock, however, the final gallop was danced, and "God save the Queen" played by the band, and very soon afterwards the rooms were emptied, the general parting words being "Give another ball next year, and don't forget to send us an invitation."

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

"Unparalleled sufferings of John Coustos, who nine times underwent the most cruel tortures ever invented by man, in order to extort from him the secrets of Freemasonry; to which is added many valuable pieces on Masonry. Date 1790."

The above is copied from a book list sent to me a few days ago. I immediately applied for it, but some one had been before me. Can any of your readers tell me who was John Coustos, and what were the nature of the tortures inflicted upon him? Should this meet the eye of the purchaser of the book, I hope he will kindly put himself in communication with you on the subject.

G. BALDWIN.

"THE FREEMASON'S MAGAZINE."

At page 75, I observe our esteemed Bro. W. J. Hughan asking the last date of this paper. As I suppose it is the "Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror" that he refers to, perhaps you will allow me to state that the last copy I got, was dated November 4th, 1871. This, I think, was its last appearance.

W. P. BUCHAN.

The Earl of Hardwicke, speaking at the Cambridgeshire Hunt dinner on Thursday night, referred to the game question, and said that the present agitation was entirely the fault of the game preservers, who, instead of giving away the game to the farmers on whose crop it had subsisted, sent it to market.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the University Masonic Hall on the morning of Tuesday, February 16th. There were present, besides the officers of the lodge, the following visitors:—Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; W. B. Beach, Prov. Grand Master of Hants and Isle of Wight; Theodore W. Talbot, Prov. Grand Master Western Division, South Wales; E. J. Morris, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, do.; Colonel Adair, P. Prov. Grand Master, Somerset; Fred. Davison, Prov. G.S. Warden, Middlesex. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. J. Spiers, presided. The bye-laws, which had been entrusted to a committee for revision, were considered and passed. There was no other business.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

An especial Grand Lodge of this degree was held on Tuesday last, at the Hall, 2, Red Lion-square, for the purpose of nominating a Grand Master in the place of Earl Percy, M.P., whose term of office as M.W.G.M. has expired. Earl Percy presided, having Bro. S. Rosenthal in the G.S.W. chair; Bro. J. H. Wynne in the G.J.W. chair; Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., as Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. H. Dubosc, as G.S.B. Bro. H. W. Binckes, Assistant G. Secretary, acted as G. Secretary, and the other brethren present were Bros. H. Parker, G. Org.; W. Worrell, B. S. Fountain, S. M. Lazarus, H. R. Trigg, T. Horton, W. Stidolph, Joseph Spencer, Israel Abrahams, T. Mortlock, J. E. Middleton, and E. Gilbert. Grand Lodge having been opened, Bro. H. W. Binckes read the summons convening the meeting, and announced the receipt of letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. James Stevens, and T. B. Yeoman, and a telegram from Bro. I. J. H. Wilkirs.

The M.W.G.M. then rose, and said he wished to say a few words on the subject of his term of office having expired, in order that there might be no misapprehension in the matter. The Order of Mark Master Masons in this country was good enough, in the year 1872, to elect him its Grand Master, and the kindness which they showed to him at that time was the more marked because he was then in a state of health which incapacitated him from performing the duties of his office, and he was consequently not able to be installed in the chair for several months afterwards. He felt the kindness of the brethren very much, but at the same time he had always felt that the fact of his being unable to undertake the duties they had called him to fulfil, was no excuse for his having a longer term of office than the Grand Mark Master was usually called on to accept. He had in fact no doubt about the matter, and when at the last meeting of Grand Lodge he knew that the Grand Master would have to be proposed, it never occurred to him for a moment that his name would be brought before Grand Lodge as the Grand Master for the ensuing year. He was therefore extremely surprised, though at the same time extremely flattered, when he found he had again been proposed to fill the chair. But this did occur to him, that in the first place it was not perhaps a good precedent to establish. One of the fundamental regulations of their Order was that the Grand Master should hold his office for one year only, but that he should be eligible for re-election for three years, and after that term he should not be eligible again until some other brother was chosen as Grand Master for at least one year. He did not think that it was a good thing to establish a precedent which should go to prove that because a Grand Master should be incapacitated—from whatever cause—from performing his duties, he should have a term of office extending to four years instead of three. This would be the case were he again to accept the office which the brethren had so kindly proposed he should be elected to. Besides that, he also felt that as time went on he did not find his occupations diminish, and he did not therefore conscientiously feel that he could give the full time to the duties, which were rather important duties, and if they were to be performed efficiently, they were duties which required a certain amount of time and attention. The brethren had a right to expect that a Grand Master would devote his time to the office, and, as he had not the time, he considered it his duty not to allow himself again to be proposed, as the brethren had so generously wished, for the fourth time. He only wished to remove any impression which might arise in their minds that he was not alive to the very great kindness and good feeling which had dictated that proposal. Ever since he had been a Mason, and certainly ever since he had been a Mark Mason, he had met, both in the Craft and the Mark, and every other degree, with the greatest kindness and brotherly assistance and good feeling, and he would extremely regret if in leaving the chair of Grand Master, which he had now held for three years, and the tenure of which had been a source of great gratification to himself, he should leave the impression on the minds of the brethren that he was insensible to the kindness he had received. Therefore, he must beg of them not to think that it was anything of that sort. If he had had the faintest idea that he would have been proposed at the last meeting in December, he would not have given them the trouble to call the Especial Grand Lodge, but he thought he would not have been proposed, and that the constitutions would have been observed, and another Grand Master proposed. They would now proceed to nominate a Grand Master in his place for the next twelve months. (Applause.)

Bros. S. Rosenthal, acting as G.S.W., then rose and said that it was with great regret they heard that Earl Percy would not allow himself to be put in nomination for another year; but as it was his wish, of course they must respect his wishes. He therefore rose to propose a Grand

Master to succeed his lordship, and he thought he could not do better than propose the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, who, in the position of Deputy for the last three years had performed the duties of that office most efficiently. He was a Mason at heart, and in all his actions; and it was such men as he who ought to fill the highest position in the Order.

Bro. J. H. Wynne, acting as G.J.W., seconded the nomination. He had often met Earl Limerick in Grand Lodge, and had found him a nobleman that was a thorough Mason. The brethren would like to see him follow in Earl Percy's steps, as head of the order of Mark Masons. The manner in which the present Grand Master had presided for the past three years had been a great pride to Mark Masons, and in electing the Earl of Limerick to succeed him, they were assuring themselves that the Mark degree would be equally well presided over.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., proposed a vote of thanks to Earl Percy, for coming in the midst of his parliamentary occupations to offer his personal explanation to Mark Masons, and presiding over the Grand Lodge. He expressed the regret which all the brethren felt at losing so excellent a Grand Master, but felt sure that it would not diminish that regret, when the brethren found the additional proof his lordship had that day given of the interest he took in the Order. He concluded by wishing that his lordship would long be spared to come among his brethren, and give them his advice and assistance.

Bro. S. M. Lazarus seconded the motion, which was put by Bro. S. Rosenthal, and carried with acclamation.

Earl Percy, in responding, said he was extremely grateful to the proposer and seconder of the motion, and to the brethren. What Grand Secretary had said as to what he (Earl Percy) had done, exceeded very much the facts, because all the brethren knew that he had not been able to give the time he would have liked to give to his duties. After again thanking the brethren, he assured them that in future he would do for them whatever he was able to do, and he congratulated them on having secured the services of so eminent a Mason as Earl Limerick for Grand Master, who had then their welfare so thoroughly at heart (applause).

Grand Lodge then closed.

Royal Arch.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (No. 41).—The companions were summoned to attend a regular convocation at the Masonic Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday February 16th. Many sent apologies for absence on account of illness, and among them were the Second and Third Principals. By request of Comp. Jelley, M.E.Z., Comp. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, and 710, took the chair of H.; and Comp. Rubie P.Z. 41, that of J.; Comp. Moultrie, P.Z. 41, acted as I.P.Z. The chapter was opened at eight o'clock, and on the admission of the companions, the chairs of the officers were filled as follows: R. Carey and E. Brown, acting as N.; Hill, N., acting as P. Soj.; Howes and Young, acting as Assistant Soj. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. C. E. Davis, as a candidate for exaltation, and this proving favourable, he was introduced, properly prepared, for the ceremony, the early portion of which, to the end of the O.B., was worked by the M.E.Z. E. Comp. Dr. Hopkins then took the 1st chair, completed the work of exaltation, and afterwards gave the historical, symbolical, and mystical lecture. No other business offering, the Chapter was closed at a quarter to ten.

MANCHESTER.—CHAPTER OF AFFABILITY (No. 317).—The installation of the Principals and investiture of officers of this chapter took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 18th inst., in the presence of a large number of members and visiting companions. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, Z., who afterwards exalted Bro. John Royle, W.M. of the Blair Lodge, to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Comp. J. Hall, P.Z., the following companions being installed and invested: J. H. Sillitoe, as Z. (second year); Samuel S. Fox, H.; John J. Newton, J.; W. P. Norris, S.E.; John Smethurst, S.N.; James Dawson, P.S.; Daniel Donahavand, 1st A.S.; J. H. Clark, 2nd A.S.; John Higginbotham, Treasurer; F. Vetter, Organist; and James Sly, Janitor. Comp. Sillitoe, in submitting the balance-sheet to the meeting, congratulated the members of the chapter on the highly satisfactory state of their finances and on their increased numerical strength. For some years the chapter had been under a cloud, and 12 months ago they were in debt to their Treasurer, but he was happy to say that they had now a favourable balance. During the past year they had exalted eighteen brethren, and had admitted three companions as joining members, and he could see plenty of work before him for the coming year. Therefore he anticipated a bright future for this chapter, which was rapidly becoming one of the most prominent and influential chapters in the province. After the close of the chapter, a soiree was held in the banquet hall, at which nearly 100 companions and ladies were present. Dancing commenced at 8.30 to the enlivening strains of Comp. Vetter's quadrille band. In the interval, an adjournment was made to the lodge-room, where a sumptuous supper had been spread by Bro. S. Wright, and was presided over by Comp. Sillitoe. After supper dancing was resumed, and kept up with spirit until early morning. All who were present expressed themselves highly delighted with the evening's entertainment, and there is no doubt that the great success of this, the first soiree given by the chapter, will be the means of inducing those in power to follow the example of Comp. Sillitoe in substituting a soiree for the usual installation banquet.

BUXTON.—PHOENIX CHAPTER OF ST. ANN (No. 1235).—The anniversary of this chapter was held on Thursday, Feb. 18th, at the Court House, Buxton, present—Comps. R. R. Duke, P.Z.; F. Turner, H.; A. A. Bagshawe, J.; J. Taylor, S.E.; Le Gros, Milligan, W. Smith, Lawson, Sykes, Comyn, P.Z. 47; and visiting Comps. Barrowby, Wriglet, Bramwell, W. Milligan, W. H. Hopkins, Jas. Hall. The minutes of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, and the Board of Installing Principals opened, the Principals elect of the chapter were duly installed by Comp. Jas. Hall, P.Z. 207; assisted by Comp. W. H. Hopkins, P.Z. 1055; viz.: Comps. Fredk. Turner as First P.; A. A. Bagshawe as Second P., and Josiah Taylor as Third P. The usual charges were also delivered by Comp. Hall; and the newly installed Principals having been saluted in the proper manner, the Board of Installed Principals was closed, and the companions of the chapter and visiting companions were admitted. The following officers were then invested and addressed by the Installing Principals:—Comps. R. R. Duke, P.Z., as Treasurer; P. Le Gros, as S.E.; E. J. Sykes, as N.; E. C. Milligan, as R.S.; W. Smith, as First Asst. S.; and J. H. Lawson, as Second Asst. S. After a cordial vote of thanks to the Installing Principals, and the hearty good wishes from Chapters Faith, 210; Derby, 1055; Abbey, 47; Justice, 257; and Hope, 322, having been expressed, the chapter was duly closed.

Mark Masonry.

CARDIFF.—LANGLEY LODGE (No. 28).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, February 5th. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. Rogers, the W.M. The minutes of the last proceedings having been read and confirmed, several brethren were balloted for and elected, one of them, J. C. Jones, 237, Swansea, being present, he was duly advanced to the honourable degree by the W.M., who then stated that, as he had performed the ceremony of advancement that evening, and was suffering from a severe cold, he should request P.M. Bro. S. Weichert to install the W.M. for the ensuing year, explaining that no slight to the W.M. elect was intended. Bro. P.M. Weichert then took the chair, and installed the S.W., Bro. W. Williams, into the chair of A., which ceremony he performed in an excellent and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hurman, S.W.; N. D. Marks, J.W.; R. South, Treasurer; W. Davies, Secretary, T. Jacob, M.O.; T. Glass, S.O.; T. C. Sladen, J.O.; J. Thomas, S.D.; E. Edmunds, J.D.; R. Maine, I.G.; W. Davies, Tyler. A vote of thanks was then proposed to Bro. Weichert, the Installing Master, and also one to Bro. J. Rogers, the I.P.M., for his services to the lodge, both of which votes were carried, and entered in the minute book. The names of several candidates for advancement were then proposed, and the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent supper at the Royal Hotel, where a very enjoyable evening was passed, though it was unavoidably shortened, many of the brethren having to leave by train. The lodge was honoured by the presence of Bro. Jukes, Past Grand Chaplain, who kindly came from Hereford, to represent the Keystone Lodge at Newport, Mon., of which he is the J.W.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LEICESTER.—BYZANTINE CONCLAVE (No. 44).—The regular assembly of this conclave was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, February 9th. Amongst those present were Sir Knight William Kelly, Intendant General; Clement Stretton, M.P.S.; G. Toller, G.H. and P.S.; S. S. Partridge, K.G.C., P.S.; F. J. Baines, V.E.; J. C. Duncombe, Hon. V.E.; W. Weare, S.G.; W. Sculthorpe, J. G. and Treasurer; J. T. Thorp and R. Waite, Aides; Clement Edwin Stretton, Prefect; C. McBride, Herald; C. A. Spencer, and others. In the temporary absence of the M.P.S., the ceremony of installing Bro. Law, I.G. 279, was very ably performed by Sir Knt. Partridge, the lecture being given by Sir Knt. Toller, and the charge by Sir Knt. Kelly, Int. Gen. The ballot for the M.P.S., V.E., and Treasurer for the ensuing year, resulted in the unanimous election of Sir Knts. F. J. Baines, W. Weare, and W. Sculthorpe. After the conclave had been closed in due form, the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and chivalric toasts were duly proposed and honoured. In response to a request of the Sir Knights, an interesting account was given by Sir Knt. Toller, of the Grand Conclave which was held at Liverpool in November last.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

PALESTINE ROSE CROSS CHAPTER.—A meeting of the Palestine Chapter of Rose Croix, under the M.W.G., H. C. Levander, took place at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on Tuesday evening last, when Bro. Venn was perfected. Bro. Little proposed, and Bro. Boyd seconded that a letter of condolence be written and sent to the widow of Bro. Sillitoe. Among those present we noticed Bros. Captain Nathaniel George Phillips, 33°; Major Shadwell Henry Clerke, 33°; Hyde Pullen, 33; Charles Horsley, 31; R. Wentworth Little, 30°; George Kenning, 30°; Dicketts, Hirsch, Cubitt, Rev. P. M. Holden, Rev. Vaughan, Leith Tomkins, J. T. Moss, H. A. Dubois, Fox, and others. Visitors, Bros. Dubosc, F. Binckes, Batty, Paas, and Grahame. After the meeting the chapter adjourned to the Café Royal, where dinner was served.

Obituary.

BRO. EDWIN SILLIFANT, P.M., P.Z.

It is with extreme regret that our columns of to-day have to chronicle the death of Bro. Edwin Sillifant, which melancholy event took place at his residence, Upper Tulse Hill, on Friday last. Although the immediate cause of death was inflammation of the lungs, accelerated from the fact of his desire to meet the shareholders of the Surrey Masonic Hall, of which company he was Secretary, on the occasion of the last general meeting, a report of which appeared in our last issue, our late Bro. Sillifant had been suffering for some months from a very painful malady, but it was hoped by his friends (who, it is unnecessary to say, were numerous) that his presence on the occasion above referred to, was the commencement of a general convalescence, and we ourselves had then the opportunity of congratulating him upon appearing again amongst his brethren. Our deceased brother was a P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex, P.M. and P.Z. of more than one Lodge and Chapter, a Life Governor of all the Masonic charities, and at the time of his death holding the office of Treasurer to the Stability Lodge, No. 207, and the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, and present Sovereign of the Premier Conclave of the Red Cross Order. His remains were deposited on Thursday afternoon in Norwood cemetery, in the presence of a large circle of sorrowing friends.

BRO. JOHN POUT, P.M., AND SEC. 31.

Freemasonry in general, and the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, has just sustained a severe loss by the death of Bro. John Pout, P.M. and Hon. Sec. He was initiated May 22nd, 1848, and installed W.M. June 2nd, 1853, and for 24 years has acted as Hon. Sec. From the time of his initiation to the time of his being seized with his last illness, a period of more than 27 years, his signature in the attendance book of the lodge is absent on twenty-two occasions only. At the preliminary meetings, as well as the Festivals of Provincial Grand Lodge, he was a very regular attendant, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see his young brethren attentive to the duties of their lodge, and express a desire for Masonic knowledge. He was considered by all who knew him a great authority on Masonic matters, being well acquainted with the ancient usages and established customs of the Order. In 1866 the brethren of the lodge, as a slight acknowledgment of his valuable services as P.M. and Hon. Sec., presented him with a handsome silver salver. He has been unwell about three months, but has attended to business until within the last fortnight. He died at 10.30 a.m. (Monday, Feb 22).

Masonic Tidings.

The Fifty-eighth Anniversary of the Stability Lodge of Instruction will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Tuesday, 30th April, at half-past five o'clock, when the Lecture of the Second Degree will be worked as follows:—

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| 1st Section | | Bro. W. Bailey, J.D. 49. |
| 2nd Section | | Bro. J. E. Russell, P.M. 22. |
| 3rd Section | | Bro. J. Jones, W.M. 715. |
| 4th Section | ..... | Bro. J. B. Scriven, P.G.S., P.M. 5. |
| 5th Section | ..... | Bro. J. B. Scriven, P.G.S., P.M. 5. |

Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, will preside at the banquet.

It is intended to form a Masonic lodge in connection with the Corporation and Livery Companies of the City of London, to be called "The Municipal Lodge." Bro. F. Kent, P.M., 117, has obtained the assistance of several distinguished brethren, who, together with some members of the Court of Common Council, have agreed to accept office.

Bro. Emra Holmes has just been delivering his popular lecture on Charles Dickens at the Literary Institute, Colchester, when the chair was taken by Bro. the Rev. C. L. Acland, Head Master of the Royal Grammar School, himself a gifted lecturer on scientific and other subjects.

For many years there has been a controversy between scientific and medical men as to the comparative value of Gelatine. Who shall decide when doctors disagree? In this case we think we may safely leave it to the house-keeper, in whom all the scientific knowledge of the chemist and the medical experience of the doctor must merge in practical experience. Every intelligent lady is glad to avail herself of all the discoveries of modern science as aids to household supplies, and a relief in the preparation of many foods from the old and very tedious methods followed by her great grandmothers. Among such discoveries one of the most useful to the cook has been Gelatine. The modern *Femme de Menage* would often be at a loss were it not for the excellent preparation of gelatine to be had so easily and cheaply at the present day. Forty years ago the late Mr. George Nelson of Emscote Works, near Warwick, and Dowgate Hill, London, started the manufacture of Gelatine under special patent, and having paid the greatest attention to the mode of manufacture, succeeded in producing an "opaque" Gelatine, containing a maximum of nutriment, and, as is certified by Dr. Andrew Ure, entirely free from acid. This preparation is admitted by the highest scientific authorities to be far superior to the best French Gelatine, and equal to the finest Russian Isinglass in nutritive value, more economical in use, and adapted to every purpose for which the Russian Isinglass is used. As a preventive against fraud, the well-known "opaque" Gelatine manufactured by Messrs. Nelson, Dale and Co., as the firm now stands, is sold principally in packets weighing from 1oz. to 1lb., each signed with the familiar signature of "Geo. Nelson."—*Church Herald*.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).—On Tuesday, 23rd ult., a grand ball took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, it being the 35th anniversary of the ball, and we must say that it was the most distinguished and elegant assembly we have for many years past observed. The whole suite of rooms having been re-decorated and beautified but recently, added much to the splendour of the scene, and the arrangements throughout redounded highly to the credit of all parties engaged in promoting this ball. The dancing was kept up with great animation and spirit until midnight, when the votaries of the light fantastic descended to the "Crown Room" which was most brilliantly lighted up for their reception. After the company had freely partaken of the various delicacies provided, Bro. Speight, the well-known Tyler of this lodge, acting as toastmaster, proclaimed silence for the V.P., who on rising referred in feeling terms to the unavoidable absence of the President, Bro. Vorley, through severe indisposition. The toasts being limited the President in glowing and eloquent language gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," after which Bro. J. Emmens, P.M., the highly respected Hon. Sec., who had on rising a perfect ovation of plaudits, shewing the respect in which he is held, proceeded to give "The Health of Bro. E. A. Masterman, the chairman, which was responded to in a most enthusiastic manner. The worthy Sec. then gave the toast of the evening, viz., "The Success of the Old Concord Ball," and spoke in the warmest terms of the support rendered by the patronage of the bodies whose presence and aid had drawn forth so large a party. Contributing as it did such benefit to the charities, the proceeds resulting being at all times handed over to some one of those excellent institutions Masons hold so dear. The Secretary's (Bro. Emmens) health was then proposed by the President, who dilated most pleasantly upon the excellent qualities and the respect in which their Bro. Secretary was so universally held by his brethren, when Bro. Emmens replied that he was much gratified that his efforts had given such general satisfaction; informing the assembled company that it was 36 years since he had had the honour and pleasure of carrying out the arrangements of the ball. The President then proposed the health of the ladies, leaving it in the hands of Bro. Ward, S.D. of the lodge, and a junior member of the company to respond. Ample justice being done to the viands, which were supplied by Bro. Francatelli in a most recherche style, the company returned to the ballroom to resume dancing, which was kept up with great spirit until 4 a.m. The Stewards, were Bro. E. Dottridge, I.P.M.; D. Devenish, S.W.; G. Gurton, P.M.; G. Watson, P.M.; A. J. Dottridge, J.D.; S. S. Wood, S.D.; W. P. Goosey, I.G. Bro. Frampton, who has been the M.C. for many years, acquitted himself with his accustomed urbanity. The band, under the directorship of Bro. Marriott, added very materially to the enjoyment of the company by the inspiring strains of music, from his repertoire of the most popular and pleasing compositions of the day.

LEICESTER.—JOHN O' GAUNT LODGE (No. 523).—The members of this lodge assembled at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday evening, the 18th ult., for the transaction of business, which comprised the election of Bro. Thomas Worthington, S.W. Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, as a joining member, two raisings, and one passing. One of the candidates for the sublime degree, who is now travelling in Russia, was consequently absent, and the candidate for the second degree was unable to attend owing to domestic affliction. There was a numerous attendance of visitors to witness the excellent working, for which the officers of this lodge are so justly celebrated, and the W.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. Grand Secretary, fully realized the expectations of all present by his masterly manner of conferring the third degree. Amongst those present on this occasion were the complete staff of officers, and the following brethren: Bros. F. J. Baines, I.P.M.; J. T. Thorp, S.W.; W. T. Rowlett, J.W.; W. B. Smith, P.M.; Treasurer; T. A. Wykes, Secretary; A. Ross, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; W. C. Shout, I.G.; A. Sargeant, Steward; R. Waite, P.G.W.; J. W. Smith, W.M. 279; G. Clifton, W.M. 1391; J. M. M'Alister, S.W. 279; E. Mason, Sec. 1391; and others. We have much pleasure in observing that Bro. Partridge has been proposed as an honorary

member of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, in appreciation of his eminent services in this province.

STOKESLEY.—CLEVELAND LODGE (No. 543).—The usual monthly meeting of the Cleveland Lodge was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, on Monday evening, February 22nd, when Bro. Richardson, of Glaisdale, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. Knowles, P.M. of the Lodge of Philanthropy, Stockton-on-Tees, and G.S.D. of the province of Durham. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. A. W. Johnson, S.W.; James Coulson, J.W.; W. S. Dixon, S.D.; David Dixon, J.D.; Sharpe, I.G.; Handyside, P.M. and P. Prov. G.J.W., remaining Secretary as before. Bro. Watson was re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison, who has been the efficient Tyler of the lodge from its commencement, was re-appointed as usual. The lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment. The annual festival of the lodge, which had been deferred on account of the change of tenants at the hotel, was served up in excellent style by Mr. and Mrs. Laws, and the youngest and oldest Masons all showed a reasonable proficiency in "the knife and fork degree." The following toasts were then given, and drank with Masonic honours. "The Queen and the Craft;" "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England;" "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," responded to by Bro. Handyside; "The Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M.;" "The Health of Bro. Knowles," to which he responded in a feeling manner; "The Zetland Lodge," responded to by Bro. Sutherest, S.W. of that lodge; "The Lodge of Philanthropy," to which Bro. Thomas Bowron, P.M. of that lodge, responded; "The W.M. during the past year," responded to by Bro. Wilcox; "The W.M. for the ensuing year," responded to by Bro. Richardson; "The Health of Bro. Handyside," in proposing which, Bro. Knowles bore his testimony to the valuable services which had been rendered by that brother in assisting to work the Royal Arch Chapters in the neighbourhood. Bro. George Markham Tweddell expressed the pleasure it gave to the members of the Cleveland Lodge to hear the remarks which had just fallen from a brother of the adjoining province. For the information of those present who had just been initiated, he might state that twenty-eight years ago there was no Masonic lodge in Cleveland, and now there were four. He did not think that if there had never been a Bro. Handyside that there never would have been a Cleveland Lodge; but he certainly was the founder of the lodge, and for upwards of twenty-seven years he had rarely been absent from the meetings of the lodge. Bro. Handyside responded. "The Assistant Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. William Harrison, who also favoured the meeting with some excellent recitations. The proceedings were enlivened by songs from Bros. Watson, Purdy, Emerson, Wilcox, W. S. Dixon, David Dixon, Best, and others. The brethren departed about ten o'clock in peace and harmony.

TIVERTON.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 1125).—The regular monthly stated lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 18th inst., Bro. Thos. Parkhouse presiding. After the confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, Bro. Mills, P.M., Secretary, presented to the lodge an elegant album to contain the photographs of the present and future members. On the first page was a life-like cabinet portrait of their much beloved P.G.M., the R.W. and Revd. Jno. Huyshe, which that gentleman had, on the application of Bro. Mills, most courteously forwarded. Thanks having been voted to the donors for their acceptable present, the lodge was opened up to the third degree, and Bro. Luxton, who had been duly examined and entrusted, was raised by the W.M. to the sublime degree of a M.M. On resuming work in the first degree, a candidate was proposed for initiation, and the lodge then formally closed. On Monday last, the 22nd inst., all that was mortal of Bro. P. P. Beedell, deceased, late a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 230, was interred in the family vault in St. George's churchyard, in this town, several brethren of St. Peter's Lodge attending the funeral, wearing white gloves and having a black rosette on the left arm. Upon the funeral procession entering the church, the "Dead March in Saul" was performed on the organ by Bro. Mills, P.M., P.G.O.; and at the conclusion of the service, the brethren passed round the grave, and dropped sprigs of acacia on the coffin.

DOVER.—CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1208).—It is the custom of the Freemasons once a year to celebrate the advent of the new Master and the retirement of the old one by a gathering of the members of the lodge in connection with which the celebration takes place, as well of other lodges in the district. A celebration of this character took place at the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, at the Royal Hotel, on Monday evening, when the W.M. elect, Bro. W. A. Smeeth, was duly installed in the presence of Bro. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M. for the Province of Kent, and a large assembly of Masons. The ceremony of installation was exceedingly well performed by the P.M., Bro. G. Adamson, sen., assisted by P.M. Bro. J. Owen Rees (who was on a visit to Dover), and P.M. Bro. Archibald Wilson. After the ceremony, 78 of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by the host, after which the W.M. very ably gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly responded to. The Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," who had just been installed, in a very able manner pleaded the cause of those truly charitable institutions, the Boys' and Girls' Schools, the Institutions for Aged Freemasons and Freemasons' Widows. The Secretary of the latter institution, Bro. Terry, also advocated its claims on the sympathies of the brethren, and he also availed himself of the opportunity of informing the brethren that the Corinthian Lodge in sending up Bro. H. M. Baker as their Steward, with the excellent sum of nearly £50, had done great ser-

vice to this institution, and he hoped that example would be followed in numerous instances. A very gratifying evening was spent, and we may add that during the evening the W.M. read a letter from Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Kent, expressing his inability to be present, and congratulating the lodge upon its prosperity; and, just previous to the opening of the lodge, a telegram was received from Bro. Alfred Spencer, Prov. Grand Sec., stating his regret at being unable to keep his engagement. The following is a list of the brethren present:—S. Wiles, 1208, W.M., vacating chair; W. A. Smeeth, W.M., elect; W. B. Adamson, S.W.; G. Adamson, sen., P.M. 199 and 1208, P. Prov. G.D.Cers.; H. M. Baker, J.W.; J. Holmes, S.D.; C. Claydon, J.D.; G. Adamson, jun., I.G.; J. Rose, Tyler; Edw. Todd, Isaac Lester, J.D. 199; A. Wilson, P.M. 199, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Bourdeaux, J.W. 199; Peachey, Faechs, Chas. J. Long, S. J. Davies, H. C. Fuhr, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. H. Welch, C. Waiter, G. R. Igglesden, Herbert E. Wright, J. Crosier, E. Fenn, S. Court, Visitors—J. S. Eastes, Invicta, 709, D.P.G.M., Kent; Hughes Hallett, Invicta, 709, W.M.; R. Elliott, Invicta, 709, and 874, P. Prov. G.R., P.M.; W. Wood, St. Michaels, W.M. 1273; H. Greenwood, Royal Military, W.M. 1449; J. Owen Rees, Peace and Harmony, P.M. 199, P. Prov. G.P.; H. Miskin, St. Augustine, 972; W. Bell, Peace and Harmony, 199; James Kennett, 558, W.M., P.G.S.; C. Gosby, W.M. 1436; F. Walker, W.M. 972; J. Sherwood, Temple, P.M. 551; J. Terry, Secretary, R.M.B.I.; W. M. Cavill, 784, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; D. Osment, 155, P.M. P. Prov. J.W.; John E. Apps, 784, W.M.; R. B. Eastes, 1096, W.M.; S. Olds, 784; G. W. Moon, 784; G. H. Smith, 199; Adam Keeler, 1436; A. F. S. Bird, 784, P.M.; G. N. Chidwick, 199.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, 18th ult. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. James Forbes, who was supported by the I.P.M., Bro. Staton, Bros. Bescoby, S.W.; Lancaster, J.W.; Christie, J.D.; West, P.M., I.G.; Webb, Treasurer. There were also present Bros. Reed, P.M., Arkell, Hammond, Busgard, Tewkesbury, Freshwater, Harper, Owen, Bathard, Timberlake, Short, Robinson, Hawtin, and Hitchcock. The worthy Secretary, Bro. Jupe, was absent through illness. The business consisted of raising Bro. Hawtin; passing Bros. Short and Hitchcock; and initiating Mr. Jones, the candidate who was balloted for at the last meeting, but who was then unable to be present. There were also two candidates mentioned in the summons to be balloted for, viz.: Messrs. Barnes and Jenkins. Punctual to time on the part of the officers, the W.M. opened the lodge, and commenced by examining Bro. Hawtin, whom he afterwards raised to the sublime degree, in a manner that portends well for the future; in fact, not only in this degree, but also in all the other business brought before him. Bros. Short and Hitchcock were passed to the second degree after due examination, and Mr. Jones was then initiated. The ballot having been unanimous in favour of Messrs. Barnes and Jenkins, they were also admitted into the ancient Order. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed. The W.M. having risen in the usual manner, and no candidates being announced, the lodge was adjourned to the month of March. At the banquet that followed, the W.M. put the Grand lodge toasts through in quick time, and these having been received, as is usually the case with this lodge, in a truly loyal manner, "The Health of the Initiates" was given. The replies from the new comers were very good, showing that the ceremony they had recently undergone, had left an impression upon their minds. For that of the "Visitors," Bros. Bateson, Jones and Oldfield returned thanks, all of them expressing themselves highly gratified at the entertainment they had received. The W.M. then gave the "Past Masters," which was replied to by Bros. Staton, I.P.M.; Webb, P.M.; and Reed, P.M. "The Health of the W.M." having been proposed, it was duly honoured with the fire of the Great Northern. After a brief, but humorous reply, the W.M. gave "The Health of the Officers," stating that he was not only proud of them himself, but proud of them for the sake of the lodge, and of those who had filled the chair before him, for they had done a great deal in getting the lodge to its present efficient state, but more especially with regard to the officers. Bro. Bescoby, S.W., replying for himself and brother officers, stated they, one and all, had made up their minds to do all they could to promote the welfare and pleasure of the members of No. 1287. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening's entertainment, which was greatly enhanced by the W.M. Bros. Webb, P.M.; and Reed, P.M.; and Bros. Arkell, Bescoby, Barnes, Harper, Lancaster, and Owen.

HAMPTON COURT.—BURDETT LODGE (No. 1293).—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Mire Tavern, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 23rd January, when a large muster of the brethren, members of the province of Middlesex, assembled. The outgoing W.M., Bro. Phythian, in a most able manner, initiated Mr. William Jones Burdett, a nephew of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, and passed two brethren to the second degree. Bro. Little, the P.G. Secretary, then took the chair, and installed Bro. Frederick Keily, as W.M. of the lodge, with that degree of perfection which renders his working so celebrated. The W.M. then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Pearce, S.W.; Berrie, J.W.; Rev. Shaboe, Chaplain; Little, P.G. Secretary, Treasurer; Buss, P.G. Treasurer, Secretary; Southwell, S.D.; Bindoff, J.D.; Tindall, I.G.; Gordon, M.C.; Woollard, W. Steward; Coote, Organist. The report of the audit committee was presented, which showed the lodge to be in a very flourishing condition, and a vote of five guineas was made to the Masonic Girls' School. After the banquet, the usual Masonic toasts were given, and ably responded to, and in a few remarks made by

Col. Burdett, the P.G.M., he expressed his great gratification at the success which had attended this lodge—the lodge of his adoption—and also on the general progress which Masonry had made in the province since his appointment to the office of Provincial Grand Master. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Dr. Woodman, 66; Edmonds, P.G. Secretary; Grabham, W.M. 1499; Waterhouse, 255; Shirley, 1118; Probert, 8; Lemon, 159; Green, J.W. 27; McLean, 474; Clark, 266; and others. The banquet was most ably and sumptuously provided by Bro. Sadler.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at six o'clock in the evening, by Bro. Gardner, the W.M., assisted by Bros. Everett, S.W., W.M. 177; Painter, J.W.; Higgins, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Koch, I.P.M.; Page, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Walls, W.S.; Kohler, A.W.S. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. and his officers initiated Mr. Rogers into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Richardson being in attendance, was examined, entrusted, and duly passed to the degree of a F.C. Bro. Kock, I.P.M., gave a notice of motion, to be discussed at the next meeting; that the services of Bro. Stuart, P.M., as Secretary of the lodge since February 1874, should receive some tangible recognition. He also gave notice of motion that he should move at the April meeting that a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge should be established. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren partook of refreshment. Bro. Smith, P.M. and W.M. of the Royal Arthur Lodge, paid the lodge a visit. This being an "off night," the only toasts given were "The Queen and the Craft," and "The W.M." The W.M. and Bros. Walls and Wormald having contributed some vocal effusions, the proceedings, which were eminently successful, terminated at an early hour.

WIDNES.—LODGE OF EQUITY (No. 1384).—The brethren of this lodge met at Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., to celebrate their annual festival and assist at the installation of the W.M. elect. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. R. D. Simpson, W.M., who was supported by a strong array of officers. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, and one candidate had been initiated, the chair was taken by Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P. Prov. A.D.C. 86; who proceeded to install Bro. H. S. Oppenheim as the W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being performed in that finished and impressive manner for which Bro. Fowler has long been well-known and admired. Bro. Oppenheim subsequently invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. D. Simpson, I.P.M.; W. Jamieson, S.W.; J. W. Wareing, J.W.; W. I. Thomson, Treasurer; James White, Secretary; A. Borthwick, S.D.; A. Tippet, J.D.; J. Raven, I.G.; W. Newsome, D.C.; R. Neill, S.S.; J. W. Carlisle, J.S.; and G. Brown, Tyler. The assembled brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, which was presided over by the newly-chaired W.M. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with great cordiality, the proceedings throughout being of a very enjoyable character.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The regular convocation of this well-established chapter was held on Saturday, Feb. 27th, 1875, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The chapter was duly opened. There were present: Comps. T. Quihampton, M.E.Z.; W. S. Wyman, II.; G. K. Lemann, J.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; C. T. Dorey, P.Z.; M. Scott, P.Z.; R. S. Foreman, P.Z.; F. Walters, P.Z., Treas.; W. M. Goss, S.N.; J. B. Sorrell, 1st A.S.; S. Pownceby; and others. There were no visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates who were proposed for exaltation. Apologies were received from all those who were absent. Comp. Scott, in an able manner, installed W. S. Wyman, H. elect, as the Haggai of the chapter. Some candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed, after the bye-laws had been revised. There was no banquet, but a few of the members dined together.

LEICESTER.—CHAPTER OF FORTITUDE (No. 279).—The regular meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, February 25th, and was largely attended by the members. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. E. J. Crow, the First Principal's chair was taken by Com. G. Toller, junr., P.Z., who was supported by Comps. S. P. Ekin, H., and W. Sculthorpe, J.; amongst those present were Comps. C. Stretton, P.Z.; S. S. Partridge, S.E.; R. W. Waite, S.N., and Treasurer; Thorpe, P.S.; Odell, A.S.; J. W. Smith, W.M. 279; F. Baines, P.M. 523; Barfoot, Stallard, Wykes, and many others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for several candidates who had been proposed. From various causes only Bros. O. Law, I.G. 279; and T. M. Quin, 523, were enabled to be present. These were exalted in due form by the acting M.E.Z., who delivered the symbolical and mystical lectures, the historical being given by Comp. Sculthorpe, J. It is only right to mention that Comp. Thorpe discharged his duties as P. Soj. without a mistake. The ballot was then taken for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and resulted as follows:—Comps. Ekin, Z.; Sculthorpe, H.; Partridge, J.; Thorpe, S.E.; J. W. Smith, S.N.; Waite, Treasurer; Rowlett, P. Soj.; Wykes, Dir. of Cer. After discussion £10 10s. was voted to the widow of a deceased member, and £5 5s. to the Boys' School, to be placed on Comp. Waite's list. The chapter was then

closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment, and passed a short time very agreeably, aided in a great measure by the admirable singing of Comps. Wykes, Stallard, Moore, Thorpe, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—EVERTON CHAPTER (No. 823).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held last week at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and was very largely attended. The chapter was opened at four o'clock by Comp. Jesse Banning, M.E.Z., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, he proceeded to install as Principals Comps. Joseph Holland, Z.; W. J. Lunt, H.; and W. Cottrell, J. The ceremony was performed in a faultless and impressive manner. The Z. invested the following as his officers:—Comps. R. W. Oglesby, S.E.; J. W. Edge, Secretary; T. Shaw, P.S.; J. W. C. Browne Cave, First A.S.; W. Trevitt, Second A.S.; T. Ashmore, P.Z., Treasurer; and P. Ball, Janitor. The members present included Comps. J. W. Ballard, W. Boulton, W. Maddox, F. Tuft, T. Bloomfield, R. Warriner, G. Parry, W. H. Thompson, W. H. Cooper, R. Carson, T. H. Carefall, G. Graham, J. S. Cuthbert, J. Goodman, J. White, W. Nash, J. Houlding, and H. Ashmore. The visitors included Comps. J. Wood, Treasurer 242; H. Williams, P.Z. 580; T. Williams, J. 203; J. McKane, P.Z. 216; T. Chesworth, P.Z. 1086; W. Shorter, 3. 1094; J. Jones, P.Z. 203; J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; J. Keaf, Z. 216, P.G.O.; J. Parsons, Z. 213; and P. G. Gee, S.N. 249. Four candidates were exalted by Comp. Holland, M.E.Z., the work being done by the Principals and P.S., in a manner rarely equalled. Three guineas were voted for charity, and at the banquet which followed business, a jewel was presented to Comp. Jesse Banning, P.Z. The "Everton" is the largest in the province, and the funds were reported as in a flourishing condition.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

ST. JOHN'S SOVEREIGN CHAPTER OF S.P.R.C. OF H. R. D. M.—The regular meeting of the above chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Grahamstown, for the purpose of consecrating the new chapter, and for the installation of the office-bearers for the ensuing year. The usual business of the evening having been disposed of, the installation and consecration were proceeded with by Ill. Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, S.P.R.S. XXXII. degree, Treasurer-General of Griqualand West, Representative in this Colony of the Supreme Council XXXIII degree of England and Wales and the British Colonies, A. A. Scottish Rite. The following were the officers installed:—M.E.P. Bros. T. H. Addison, K.R.R.C.K.H.S., M.W.S.; W. Waller, P.M., P.P.Z., H.P.; P. H. Solomon, P.M., 1st Gen.; H. Linton, P.M., 2nd Gen.; A. S. Dudley, P.M., P.P.Z., Recorder and Organist; R. Mundy, P.M., Raphael; J. F. Darvall, Grand Marshal; T. Sheffield, T.; G. G. Locke, H.; F. W. Hepburn, Captain of Guard; A. Will, O.G. Ill. Bro. Giddy, after the installation, congratulated the brethren present upon the auspicious occasion of the installation of the first officers of the first Chapter of Rose Croix Masons formed in Grahamstown, and from the number of Knights already enrolled under the banner of this exalted degree, he predicted for it a very successful career. The brethren were afterwards entertained at a banquet by Bro. T. H. Addison, the M.W.S. elect, at his residence, given in honour of Ill. Bro. R. W. H. Giddy. The health of Ill. Bros. Giddy and Addison were drank and duly responded to by each, the brethren separating at midnight.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR LANARKSHIRE.

The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on the 26th ult., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. Bro. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Supt., presided, and there were present Comps. William Smith, P.G.J.; Archibald McTaggart, P.G. Scribe E.; John Fraser, P.G.N.; James Duthie, Z. 67; Thomas D. Humphries, Z. 69; James Balfour, First P.G.S.; James S. Scott, H. 122; George Thallon, Z. 119; George Wheeler, Z. 43; James Annand, Z. 144; and J. O. Park, Z. 122. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved of, the Most Excellent Superintendent intimated that he had appointed Comp. J. Fraser to the office of P. G. Scribe N., which announcement was received with much cordiality by the companions present. Comp. Park called attention to the fact that no election had taken place since the reposal of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Lanarkshire. In reference to this, it was agreed to, that the matter should be allowed to rest over till the meeting of the P.G.R.A. Chapter in November next. It was next agreed to, that a festival of all the chapters in the province be held shortly on a convenient date; and, on the motion of Comp. Halket, seconded by Comp. Wheeler, it was resolved that the First Principals of the chapters of the province should form a committee to carry out the arrangements, Comp. Halket to be convener. Comp. Duthie called attention to the payment of the annual fees to P.G. Royal Arch Chapter, when it was determined to make intimation that the fee for the past year was due. P.G. Treasurer Comp. Halket proposed that the past year's levy should be limited to £1, which motion was seconded by Comp. Wheeler, and carried unanimously. A letter was then read by the P.G. Scribe E. from Comp. J.D. Porteous, Second Grand Principal of the Province, intimating his resignation of that office, consequent upon his departure from Glasgow. Comp. Porteous therein said—"In doing so, permit me to express my sense of the kindness I have ever experienced from yourself (the P.G. Super.) and the companions, who I leave with a strong feeling of personal regard." The letter having been read, it was moved that

a copy of the minute of the present meeting be sent to Comp. Porteous, expressing the universal regret of the Chapter at his withdrawal from them, and their sincere and heartfelt desire for the future happiness of himself and his family, and for his success in the new sphere of labour to which he had been so honourably called. The P.G. Chapter was thereafter closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—INSTALLATION DEGREE.—On Friday the 19th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, an emergency meeting took place, at which a Board of Installed Master Masons was formed, consisting of Bros. Thomas Halket, P.M. 103; Arch. McTaggart, P.M. 27; and John Fraser, P.M. 87; for the purpose of confirming the Installed Masters' degree upon three brethren from Lanark. Those were Bros. Wm. McLehose, R.W.M. Lodge 21, Old St. John, Lanark; John Currie, P.M. of same lodge; and John Annan, R.W.M. Lodge 326, Clydesdale, Lanark. The ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. Halket.

GLASGOW.—THISTLE AND ROSE LODGE (No. 73).—The 121st anniversary of this lodge was held in the Lesser Trades Hall, on the 24th ult., Bro. McDonald, R.W.M., in the chair, and Bros. Wm. McGregor, S.W.; and J. T. Hanbridge, J.W., acting Couplers. After an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Ancell, the chairman delivered an interesting address, referring to the age of the lodge, and its prosperity. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been pledged, Bro. McGregor, S.W., gave the "Three Grand Lodges," which was responded to by Bro. Wheeler, for the Grand Lodge of England, and Bro. Currie, for the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro. Hanbridge, J.W., gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge," to which Bro. G. Sinclair replied, giving valuable information as to the work done in that lodge. Bro. W. B. Pateson gave "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," to which Bro. T. Stewart responded. Bro. Grove, 116, proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73," to which the Secretary, Bro. Ampleford, replied, stating that during the past year the lodge had been very prosperous, and he had no doubt, with Bro. McDonald as their R.W.M., it would continue to be so. The other toasts were "The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council," by Bro. Bannerman; "Sister Lodges," by Bro. G. W. Wheeler; "The Ladies," by Bro. W. T. Kay; replied to by Bro. Richards; "The Strangers," by Bro. T. Stewart; replied to by Mr. Bowker. The toasts were interspersed with songs, ably rendered by Bros. Pemnan, Grove, Prout, and others. The concert programme having been brought to a close a spirited ball, kept up to an early hour, completed one of the most pleasant meetings held under the auspices of this lodge for some years.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—The eighty-fourth annual festival of this lodge was held in the Crown-street Assembly-Rooms on the 7th inst., taking the form of a soiree, concert, and ball. Bro. Joseph Singleton, R.W.M., occupied the chair, supported on the platform by Bros. Rev. J. C. Stewart, John Peters, R.W.M. 153 (Royal Arch, Pollokshaws); R. M. Quill, R.W.M. 275 (Shamrock and Thistle); Jno. Mathieson, Arthur Higgins, Robert Gardner, Peter Hipburn, Runcie (Gourcock); and King. After tea, the chairman made a few remarks, at the outset of which he said that he much appreciated these anniversary gatherings, as he thought it was distinctly good to have at least one meeting in the year at which they could be joined by the ladies. With regard to the state of the lodge he stated further on, that during the last twelve months they had initiated forty-eight candidates, who, he added, would be an honour to Masonry and to the Lodge Scotia. They had remitted to the P.G.L. of Glasgow, for benevolence, the sum of ten guineas, and they had only had three applications for relief during the year, two of which were from the widows of Masonic brethren. For the musical programme, which was a lengthened and attractive one, there were engaged other artists, Bros. John Good and D. Alexander, and the concert was on the whole a successful one. The assembly, which followed, was kept up with spirit until an early hour.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, No. 12, Tron-gate, Glasgow, on Monday, 22nd February, Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. John Garth, S.W.; Jas. Horn, J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. There were also present: Bros. John Fraser, P.M. Lodge Thistle, No. 87; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), and a large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, the minutes of last meeting read and approved, also an application from Mr. Wm. Stewart Boyd for admittance into the privileges of Freemasonry was read and approved of, the ceremony of initiation being performed in a very able manner by Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M. Bro. John Morgan, brought to the notice of the brethren the case of a member of the Star Lodge, No. 219, being in very great distress, brought on by illness, and recommended that the lodge vote £2 2s. and that the Secretary apply for another £2 2s. from the Provincial Benevolent Fund, to assist this brother in his present wants, which was unanimously agreed to. The R.W.M. also brought to their notice the great loss Bro. Davidson, P.M. of this lodge; had sustained by the death of his wife, who had always been so faithful and dear to him. Bro. Davidson also had been always a true and faithful husband, father, and Freemason, one that the Order might be proud of, and he moved that the Secretary write a letter of condolence, on behalf of Lodge Star, No. 219, to Bro. Davidson, which was unanimously the wish of the lodge. Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., then selected Bro. Jasper Martin as Depute Master. With the exception of a few alterations in the bye-laws and respecting the anniversary festival there was no further business before the lodge, which was closed in due form.

GOVAN.—LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 417).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held in the hall in Portland

Buildings, Govan, on the 16th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. John McFarlane, presided, and there was a numerous attendance. The lodge having been opened, two candidates received the first degree at the hands of Bro. John Monro, R.W.M. 360 (Commercial); and thereafter two more passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, by the R.W.M., Bro. McFarlane. There being no other business on the card, the lodge was thereafter closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 17th inst. In the absence of the R.W.M. (Bro. James Shaw), Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M., presided. There were present Bros. Wm. H. Caldwell, S.M.; Jno. W. Stafford, S.W.; Adam B. Feryman, J.W.; A. Carmichael, Treasurer; W. R. Dunn, Secretary; Jno. Harley, S.D.; and a fair number of visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, one candidate, James Poole, was duly proposed for initiation. There was no other business of importance transacted.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—This lodge held its usual meeting in the hall at 170, Buchanan-street, on the 19th inst. Bro. William Harper, R.W.M., occupied the chair, with, in their places, Bros. Connie, P.M.; McInnes, S.W.; Merriam, acting J.W.; Stewart, Treasurer; and D. S. Mitchell, Secretary. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Wheeler, 73; and A. R. Milson, 27. The lodge having been opened, the R.W.M. informed the brethren that St. John's Operative Lodge, No. 34, Rutherglen, would hold their annual festival there on the 26th inst., and as it was very desirable the lodges should support one another, he hoped as many brethren of No. 408 as could make it convenient, would see it to be their duty to attend on the occasion. Thereafter, Bro. Jno. Lyons, who had been initiated on the 5th inst., was passed to the square degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Wheeler. A circular was read from lodge 347 (as above), inviting as large a deputation as possible to assist at the laying of the memorial stone of their new hall in Rutherglen, which is to take place with Masonic honours on March 6th. Bro. John McKinnon was then installed as P.G.S. for the ensuing year, the R.W.M., Bro. Harper, officiating. The lodge was thereafter called from labour to refreshment, when, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. McInnes proposed that of "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the names of Bros. Wheeler and W. B. Paterson, No. 27, by both of whom it was acknowledged. Among remaining toasts were "Lodge Clyde," by Bro. Wheeler; "The Press," by Bro. R. Mitchell, sen.; "Health and Prosperity to Robert Mitchell,"—who is about leaving home for Western Australia—by the R.W.M.; and "Absent Brethren," by Bro. McInnes, S.W. The brethren being recalled to labour, the R.W.M. requested the assent of the lodge to a proposal that Bro. Hugh McDougall, W.M. of a lodge in Chicago, be made an honorary member of this lodge, in recognition of his kindness to the late Bro. Parker, a member of Lodge Clyde, who died there a few weeks after his arrival. This was unanimously agreed to, and the Secretary, Bro. Mitchell, was instructed to write to Bro. McDougall on the subject. Bro. R. Mitchell, sen., P.M. 332, reminded the R.W.M. that a sum of £12 10s. was now lying in the City of Glasgow Bank, in the name of three of the subscribers to a fund, which had been raised to bury with Masonic honours an American brother who died in the Royal Infirmary here on 2nd Nov. 1873. The original idea of the committee, of whom Bro. Harper was Secretary, was to purchase a vault or vaults for the interment of foreign brethren who might happen to die amongst them, and he (Bro. Mitchell) hoped the subject would be again brought up before the members of the Craft in Glasgow. The R.W.M., in reply, stated that he had not lost sight of the matter, and he would have a meeting convened in March ensuing, and endeavour to have the intentions of the subscribers carried out to the full. Subsequently Bro. McInnes, S.W., suggested that the ground and obelisk, belonging to this lodge, in the Southern Necropolis should be put in proper order now that winter was over. The R.W.M. promised that this should be done. Bro. McInnes then presented the lodge with two covers for the protection of their paraphernalia, which were accepted, and a vote of thanks to the donor, moved by Bro. Duncan Downie, P.M., heartily accorded. The lodge was thereafter duly closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, presided, and there were also present: Bros. John Millar, P.M.; Jas. Louttit, D.M.; Walter Neilson, S.M.; Colin McKenzie, S.W.; and Daniel Leeds, J.W. The lodge having been opened, the following duly approved candidates received the first degree at the hands of Bro. Millar, P.M., viz.: Donald Cameron, Robert Russell, Robert Easdale, Peter Simpson, and John Connell. There being no other business before the meeting, the lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

The annual festival of the lodge was held on 26th ult., in the Clarendon Restaurant, (Bro. Thornton's) Argyle-st. The R.W.M., Bro. Wallace, occupied the chair, and Bro. James Louttit, D.M., officiated as Croupier. The company was a numerous one, amongst brethren from other lodges being Bros. William Bell, R.W.M. St. John's, 34; Thomas Fletcher, P.M. 34; Horne, S.W. 34; D. Wilson, 34; Sergeants May and Robertson, Lodge Maryhill, 510; and others. After a substantial supper, the chairman gave successively the toasts of "The Queen," "The Three Grand Lodges," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow." In proposing the latter, coupled with the name of Bro. Jno. Millar, P.G. Director of Music, the chairman remarked that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was thoroughly deserving of the name which it held as second to none in Scotland. Bro. Millar, in acknowledg-

ing the compliment, referred to the amount of work which the Provincial Grand Lodge had to go through in the course of a year in a province which included twenty-six lodges, and gave it as his opinion that very few Provincial Grand Lodges would take the same trouble in the periodical visitations as did that of Glasgow. The toast of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" was then given by Bro. Fletcher, and replied to for the first-named by Bro. Sergeant Robertson, and for "The Volunteers" by Bro. Davidson. The chairman then said that his next duty was, on behalf of the lodge, to make a small presentation to their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Peter Agnew, than whom there was no one more deserving such a mark of recognition. It was but a small token of which they asked his acceptance, but it would be valued, not so much for its intrinsic worth as for the spontaneous manner in which it had been got up by the brethren. Bro. Agnew had been their Treasurer for a long period of years, and they all knew his worth in that capacity; but all who knew him would admit, in addition, that a more worthy or enthusiastic Mason never crossed the threshold of St. Mark's Hall. The chairman then presented Bro. Agnew with a large and handsome writing-desk, accompanying it with the wish of all the brethren that he might long be spared thereon to write out his accounts. The presentation was accompanied with that of an elegant brooch for Mrs. Agnew, without whose permission, the chairman humorously observed, Bro. Agnew could not have attended so well to the affairs of the lodge. Bro. Agnew, in acknowledging the compliments, said they had taken him completely by surprise. He had never heard a word about it, and it was a thing he never anticipated. Briefly referring to his term of office, he stated that for twelve years now he had had charge of the cash in Lodge Athole, during which time he had given out in the way of charity, nearly £100. He could only heartily thank the brethren for their kindness, and more especially in regard of the remembrance of his wife. The toast of the "Last Laid Stones of No. 413" having been proposed by the croupier, and responded to by Bro. Cameron, that of "Lodge Athole" was given by Bro. Fletcher, P.M. 31. He expressed the very great pleasure he had in being present that evening, and also his conviction that if they (Lodge Athole) went on at the rate they were going, they could not fail of great prosperity; especially under the command of such a worthy Master as Bro. Wallace. The toast was coupled with the name of the R.W.M., who said it gave him great pleasure to acknowledge the same. This was now the second year that he had occupied the chair, and he could assure their friends that they were going on at least as harmoniously as when he was first elected to it; in fact he would say that there was not a lodge in the kingdom of Scotland that worked more harmoniously together than Lodge Athole. As to their progress, he might mention that this year they had already made about as many members as they had made last year together. Amongst the remaining toasts were the "Office-Bearers of Lodge Athole," coupled with the name of Bro. Stevenson, Sec., who replied; "The Visiting Brethren," by the croupier, coupled with the name of Bro. Bell, 34; "Absent Brethren," by Bro. Colin McKenzie, S.W.; "The Press." With a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Wallace for his conduct in the chair, on the motion of Bro. Bell, and the good old sentiment, "Happy to meet, &c.," the very agreeable gathering was brought to a close.

GLASGOW.—LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—The meeting of this lodge on the 22th ult., was an unusually interesting one, and by far the most successful of any since the installation of the office-bearers. The R.W.M., Bro. J. D. Porteous, presided, and there were also present Bros. Wm. Gillies, D.M.; Julius Brode, S.M.; Robert Walker, Chaplain; S. Findlater, Treasurer; and Robert Buchanan, Secretary. The attendance of visiting brethren was on a much larger scale than usual, including Bros. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. 102; George Glen, R.W.M. 426; J. Millar, P.G. Director of Music; A. Morton, P.M. 369; Thomas H. Campbell, Proxy Master 489 (Lodge Caledonian, Haskien, Turkey); David Lamb, D.M. 360; Thos. Graham, J.D. 360; Wm. Wilson, J.W. 87; and others. The lodge having been opened in the several degrees in full by the R.W.M., the latter intimated that he had obtained the assistance of Bro. Lamb, D.M. of Lodge 360, in the working of the Master degree; and accordingly, Bro. Lamb proceeded to confer that degree upon Bro. Peter Martin, who had been passed to the F.C. degree on the 11th ult. As the occasion was not only the regular meeting night of the lodge, but was also the last of the series of three "instruction" meetings, commenced in December last, the ceremonial was more than usually elaborate, and the effect of it greatly enhanced by a service of music, chiefly adapted from Mendelssohn's "Antigone," performed by a vocal choir under the direction of Bro. Millar, P.G. Director of Music, Glasgow, and with Bro. W. Schob, Organist of the lodge, at the harmonium. After the working was over, and Bro. Martin having taken his seat in the lodge, the R.W.M. briefly addressed the brethren, referring first to the fact of his forthcoming departure from Glasgow, and necessarily from his position in Lodge Marie Stuart. He might say he had got his "walking ticket." He was under the necessity of leaving Glasgow, and the chances were that he should spend the rest of his days, be they few or many, in the south. Although he was glad at the change on some accounts, he was very sorry about it on others. He was a native of Glasgow, had been for twenty-six years in the establishment he was about to leave (the Glasgow Post Office), and had formed a round of friends here larger and warmer than he could hope to do where he was about to go. As the brethren would have learned from the minutes, he had informed the lodge committee of the matter at the earliest opportunity; and it had been agreed to have a special meeting on March 1st, for the re-arrangement of office-bearers consequent

upon his resignation, and also upon the recent death of Bro. James Stamm, their J.W., which he referred to in feeling terms. In concluding, the R.W.M. said that, in intimating at an earlier stage of the proceedings that he had obtained the assistance of Bro. Lamb, he forgot to mention that it was for the first time that brother was going to work the third degree. After seeing how he did it, however, he (the R.W.M.) was very glad of the omission, as he should have been ashamed at having made any prefatory apology for such admirable working. They were under a very great compliment to Bro. Lamb for his assistance, and he hoped he would accept the best thanks of the Lodge Marie Stuart. He thought by-the-by, that the lodge might thank him also (the speaker) for having brought forward such a promising pupil. (Laughter). Bro. Brode, who expressed his high gratification at the whole proceedings of the evening, said it would hardly be courteous not to move a vote of thanks to their musical brethren, who had come there that night to render such valuable services; and also to the visiting brethren generally, of whom he had never seen such a turn out except on their installation night. The compliment was acknowledged on behalf of the visiting brethren by Bros. Glen, 426, and Mitchell, 102. The former, in referring to the promotion of the chairman to the Postmastership of Bolton, said it showed that he was not only respected in the Lodge Marie Stuart, but by the Government of the country. Bro. Mitchell said they (the visiting brethren) owed a very hearty vote of thanks to the R.W.M. and office-bearers of Lodge 541, for the highly interesting and beautiful ceremonial they had that evening witnessed. With regard to the Master, he (Bro. Mitchell) hoped he would be happy and prosperous in his new sphere so long as he might be there. The R.W.M., in briefly replying, and in reference to what had been said about their musical brethren, took occasion to state that he had the full music arranged for all the three degrees, which, together with his rituals, he would leave behind for the good of the lodge. He had now, he said in conclusion, to bid them good-bye; and, in all human probability, he would never occupy that chair again. He was very sorry about it. However, he should take an occasional run down to Glasgow during holiday periods; and on some such opportunity he might perhaps yet be able to enjoy himself within Lodge Marie Stuart. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form. The departure of Bro. Porteous from Glasgow is a distinct event in our local Masonic history. Few brethren of late years have been more intelligently assiduous in promoting the interests of the Craft, or more intimately identified with it generally, within, and even beyond the province. The change he is making has caused him, just now, to resign the following offices:—R.W.M. Lodge Marie Stuart, 541; P.G. Junior Warden, Renfrewshire East; P.G. Second Principal of Lanarkshire Royal Arch; P.G.D.M. Royal Order of Scotland, for the Counties of Lanark, Dumfries, &c.; Representative in the Provinces of Glasgow and Renfrewshire East, of Captain Herriot's scheme for a Benevolent Institution. We may add that Bro. Porteous is a member of No. 188, a charter member and Past Secretary of Lodge Athole, 413; Past P.G. Marsh, Province of Glasgow; a P.M. Lodge Commercial, 360; Promoter and Charter Member of Lodge 541; Ex-Editor of the *Universal Masonic Calendar*, besides being an honorary member of, perhaps, fully a score of different lodges. He leaves, we understand, next week, to enter upon the office of Postmaster of Bolton, Lancashire, to which, as the public are aware, he has just been appointed by the Postmaster-General.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held within their new premises at 136, Rose-street, on 15th inst. Bro. William Phillips, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and there were in their respective places, Bros. Dr. Thomas Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; John B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W., and G. B. Yuill, Secretary. Among visiting brethren present, were Bros. James Shaw, R.W.M. 354 (Caledonian Railway); and R. M. Yuill, R.W.M. 275 (Shamrock and Thistle). The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, Bro. Frederick Stout, of Lodge 347, St. John's Operative, Rutherglen, was affiliated a member of No. 556; and thereafter, a candidate, duly recommended, James Barclay, was initiated into the mysteries of the Order by Bro. J. B. McNaught, S.W. Subsequently, the lodge was raised to the Fellow Craft degree, when the following were passed to that degree by the R.W.M., viz., Bros. James Smith, James F. Murray, Joseph Glen, James Whitehead, John Heron, and Joseph Grainger. There was no other business before the meeting.

CONSECRATION OF THE GLADSMUIR CHAPTER (No. 1385.)

On Thursday, February 25th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, a third chapter was added to the roll of Royal Arch Masonry in Hertfordshire. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed in a faultless and painstaking manner by E. Comp. Wilson Iles, M.D., P.Z., and S.E. of the Watford Chapter, No. 434, Prov. G. Sec., Herts, very ably assisted by E. Comp. Terry, P.Z., Secretary of the Benevolent Institution.

The chapter was opened by E. Comps. Wilson Iles, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.Z., Prov. G.M., Herts, as H.; and H. L. Thomas, Z. 403, as J; with several Past Principals. The companions were admitted and were marshalled by E. Comp. Terry, who acted most efficiently as Director of Ceremonies.

The founders, Comps. Terry, P.Z.; Cocks, P.Z.; Verry, P.Z., Hayward, Edwards, and Livingston, having declared that they approved of the companions named in the warrant to be the Principals, viz.: Comps. T. S. Carter, S.E. 403, as M.E.Z.; J. Lowthion, H.; and W. Cutbush, J.; the chapter was duly consecrated. That interesting ceremony being

ended, the installation of the Principals was proceeded with and carried out in a most able manner. The following officers were then invested:—E. Comps. Terry, First P.Z.; Cocks, S.E.; Hayward Edwards, S.N.; Verry, P. Soj.; Livingston, First Asst. Soj.; Humphrys, Second Asst. Soj.; Cutbush, Treasurer; and Goddard, Janitor. Several brethren were proposed for exaltation. The visitors present, besides those named, were: Comps. Binckes, P.Z., Sec. Boys' School; West, Berry, Wright, P.Z. 22; Heard, H. 403; and Shilcock, 403. The companions afterwards retired to a sumptuous banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Fisher; a most agreeable evening was spent.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday, 25th February, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major Creation, vice-patron, presided. Among the brethren present were:—Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Walter Wellsman, F. W. H. Ramsay, Raynham W. Stewar, W. Paas, J. A. Rucker, Benj. Head, Jesse Turner, Joshua Nunn, Thos. W. White, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little, Secretary.

The resignation of Miss Davis, the head mistress of the school, was announced to the committee, and the vacancy in the office was declared as from June next.

A grant of £20 was made to a late pupil of the school on her obtaining an engagement. Several matters connected with the school were discussed, and one petition was read, the little girl the subject of it, passed her preliminary very satisfactorily, and was placed on the list for election, after which the committee adjourned.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.—On the evening of the 22nd Dec., the Worshipful H. P. Thompson, Master elect of the Seville Lodge, St. Ann's Bay, on behalf of the members, presented the Right Worshipful Michael Solomon, on his retiring from the chair, with a Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to the Worshipful Michael Solomon, by the members of the Seville Lodge, as a token of brotherly love, and as a mark of his attachment to the Craft, on his retirement from office. Lodge Seville, 530, St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, 1874." Bro. Solomon thanked the brethren, in an eloquent speech, for the manner in which they had marked their appreciation of his services while he occupied the chair as Master, and assured them that he would ever feel that lively interest in the Seville Lodge which he has felt since its organization.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.—The third annual ball, organized and carried out by some of the leading spirits of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, and other lodges, took place on Wednesday evening, the 24th ult., at the Royal Assembly Rooms, Great George-street, Liverpool. Happily named "our" ball, it proved one of the most enjoyable of the season, and the Alliance thereby maintained its name and fame as being one of the most fraternal in this part of the country. This was the third of the series of balls got up under the same auspices, and was largely and fashionably attended, those present including many prominent members of the Craft. The arrangements were of the most satisfactory kind, and everyone seemed to enjoy the merry meeting. The scheme was inaugurated and carried out by Bros. W. Doyle, P.M., Treasurer, 667, P. Prov. J.G.D.; A. Bucknall, 667 (who most efficiently fulfilled the combined duties of Hon. Sec. and M.C.); H. Gregory, 667; H. Firth, 667; A. C. Morrison, 594 (Downshire Lodge), and Carter, 667. Amongst those present were Bros. R. Brown, S.W. 241, Secretary to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; T. B. Myers, S.W. 1182; R. Martin, J.W. 1182; J. Jackson, S.W. 667; W. Savage, 241; as well as representatives of Lodges 594, 673, 1356, and 1393. Bro. Eve, Lime-street, supplied the supper and refreshments, and his catering, both as respects quantity and quality, could not have been excelled. Mr. Martin's quadrille band furnished excellent music. Dancing was kept up with spirit until after three o'clock.

UXBRIDGE YEOMANRY CAVALRY.—The annual ball in connection with this distinguished regiment took place on Thursday, 25th ult., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, under the patronage of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cox and the officers. The company began to assemble, and dancing commenced about nine o'clock, and was continued with great spirit, to the inspiring strains of the regimental band, under the direction of Bro. Herr Folkey. The members of the regiment (a considerable number of whom are brethren), mustered in great force, and the handsome uniforms, and truly soldierlike bearing of the men, were the theme of universal admiration. The arrangements were perfect in every degree, and reflect the highest credit on the committee, of which Bro. R. Perkins was Hon. Sec. After supper, which was of the most substantial kind, and gave the greatest satisfaction, and the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been given and responded to, the company returned to the ball-room, where dancing was resumed until a very early hour in the morning.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Dangerous Catarrhs, Bronchitis, Asthma, and Influenza, are rife at this season of the year. Hepatic and renal congestions frequently occur as the result of checked skin action, giving rise to serious symptoms and preventing attention to business or pleasure. No time should be lost on the first appearance of any indications of the invasion of these diseases, for the symptoms may be checked effectually by the use of these valuable remedies, the penetrating local effect of the Ointment acts surely in the affected parts, and restores them to a healthy condition, and the pills, judiciously taken in accordance with the lucid directions, relieve the congestive capillaries and materially lessen the chance of serious mischief supervening.—*ADVT.*

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held last Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There were several hundreds of brethren present, who, were probably under the impression that the Prince of Wales would preside. The brethren began to arrive at an early hour, and long before seven o'clock, all sitting room was occupied. By the time the Grand Lodge was opened more than half the brethren present were standing, and they so remained during the conduct of Grand Lodge business.

The Grand Master's chair was occupied by Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bengal, the G.S.W. chair was occupied by Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., G.S.W., and the G.J.W. chair by Bro. F. Pattison. The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and the Earl of Limerick, Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, as Past Grand Master. To the right of the Earl of Limerick were Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Herts, the Rev. James Simpson, D.C.L., Grand Chaplain, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain. Among the other Grand Officers, and Past Grand Officers, were Bros. John Havers, John M. Clabon, John B. Monckton, Joshua Nunn, Capt. Platt, Col. Whitwell, Thomas Fenn, Rev. A. B. Frazer, S. Rawson, Rev. R. J. Simpson, James Glaisher, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, ex-Sheriff Hutton, John Symonds, John Savage, Brackstone Baker, and Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes.

After the opening of Grand Lodge, Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, read the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business, and afterwards the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 2nd December, 1874. He then read a letter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution of condolence passed in Grand Lodge on the 2nd of September last on the decease of the late Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

The Earl of Shrewsbury then moved an address of condolence to the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, in the sad affliction which has befallen his lordship by the death of the Countess of Carnarvon. In doing so he said:—Most Worshipful Master and Brethren, I have the honour to rise to move that a sincere vote of condolence be offered to the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, on the very melancholy suffering he has sustained by the loss of his wife. I have been permitted, or rather have been requested, to move this resolution because it has been thought that a personal friend of the noble lord would perhaps be the best person to do so. This was thought the best way of conveying to his lordship our sincere regret at the great loss he has sustained. I am well aware of what his bereavement is. I have had the honour and the pleasure of, first of all, being at the University with him; secondly, I knew the estimable lady who presided over his house for many years, and I would say, personally, I, in common with society and all who knew her, grieve for our noble and respected brother. I was unprepared to make this speech, but a set speech is not necessary, because as Masons we cherish affectionate regard for each other in every relation of life. We inculcate those kind feelings towards one another, which makes us regard others' afflictions as our own; and I am sure our sympathy will be extended towards our brother on this occasion. I might, perhaps, if I had been prepared, have addressed you in terms which would have moved you to sympathy, but I am glad to think that among our brotherhood there is no need of eloquence to excite you to such a feeling. In your own hearts you will feel what ought to be said.

The Earl of Limerick, in seconding the resolution, said: Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master, I quite agree with what has fallen from the Right Worshipful Acting Deputy Grand Master, that it requires but very few words either to propose or second a resolution such as the present. Not only does it require it, but I may almost say the fewer those words are the better they are adapted to the circumstances. I therefore, Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master, will not detain you longer, but will simply second the expression of deep sympathy which I am sure we all have for the illustrious brother, the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. John Hervey read a communication in reference to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in which it was stated by Sir John Macdonald, K.C.B., the representative of this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Canada, that all difficulties had been adjusted with the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Acting Grand Master moved that a reply should be sent to this communication, and that the Grand Lodge of Quebec should be recognised, and that representatives should be interchanged.

The Earl of Shrewsbury seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Standish Grove Grady, in rising to propose the election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, having had, as you have just heard from the Grand Secretary, the honour of nominating His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the last quarterly communication as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of our Order for the ensuing year, it becomes my duty now, and I rise with feelings of very sincere pleasure to discharge it, to ask you to confirm that nomination by your election of His Royal Highness this evening to that office. (Hear, hear.) I do indeed esteem it the highest honour that I have been selected to discharge this duty, and I cannot attribute it to any personal merits of my own, but rather it may be to the circumstances that, not many

years ago, I had the good fortune to be called upon to present to their Royal Highnesses the first words of welcome when the illustrious Princess, with whom the Most Worshipful Grand Master has so happily united his fortunes, first graced the shores of her adopted country; and still more recently to his Royal brother, the Duke of Edinburgh and his illustrious bride, the Grand Duchess, when he first introduced her to the loyalty of Her Majesty's subjects. And I again feel it an honour to discharge my present duty and to ask this Grand Lodge, so numerous and influentially attended, to confer on His Royal Highness the highest honour that the Craft can bestow on any of its members. I need not remind you of the position of our ancient Order; I need not remind you that when a recent event rendered vacant the occupancy of our throne, how the voice of the Craft throughout Her Majesty's dominions fell as one on His Royal Highness as the most fit to occupy the throne and preside over our ancient institution. I need not remind you of the manner in which His Royal Highness, when waited upon by the deputation of the Grand Lodge, which requested his acceptance of that office, how graciously, how handsomely, and with all truly Masonic feeling, he acceded to the wish and complied with their request. I need not remind you of the report which has reached us all of the able and distinguished manner in which he performed one of our most interesting ceremonies on the recent occasion of the initiation of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. The way he presided over the anniversary festival of our charitable institutions will convince you that we have in His Royal Highness a ruler who will add brilliancy to the Order, and raise it to a position of prosperity to which it has not hitherto attained in this country. I need not remind you that the most Worshipful Grand Master has still another claim upon our loyalty, and our allegiance as Masons. He is descended from an illustrious line of ancestors, many of whose members have been conspicuous at once for their attachment to the Order—(loud cries of "Time;" "Time;" and general signs of impatience, during the continuance of which Bro. Grady could not be heard to complete his sentence.) I am speaking in hearing of many brethren who knew his Royal Highness's Grandfather, the Duke of Kent, who was also a Freemason, and his Grand-uncle, the Duke of Sussex, who was Grand Master of England at the time of the union of the two Grand Lodges; and we only know the services he rendered to the Order at that time ("Time," "Time.") But brethren, His Royal Highness has still another claim on our allegiance and our love—(repeated signs of impatience, which Bro. Grady did not appear to notice, but continued speaking, although he was quite inaudible. At this point Sir Albert Woods conveyed a message to him from the Acting Grand Master, upon which he added—Under these circumstances, brethren, I shall not detain you further, but shall simply propose "That His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be elected M.W.G.M. of Freemasons of England for the ensuing twelve months." (Cheers.)

Bro. Grey, Deputy Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, of which His Royal Highness is W.M., said in seconding the motion:—After what has fallen from our brother Grady I feel that further words would be superfluous, I therefore beg to second the election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Applause.)

The motion was put to the vote, when it was unanimously carried, amidst the repeated cheering of the whole assembled body.

Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*), Grand Director of Ceremonies called the brethren to "Order," and proclaimed the Prince of Wales by his full titles duly elected Grand Master for the year.

The Acting Grand Master:—Brethren I have to ask your attention to an order from the M.W.G.M. to the Grand Secretary on the subject of nominating certain Stewards to attend the installation of the Grand Master next month. I request your special attention to the letter while it is being read.

Bro. John Hervey:—"His Royal Highness has fixed the ceremony of his installation to take place at the Grand Festival on Wednesday, the 28th of April, at the Royal Albert Hall, and with a view to assist the executive in carrying out the arrangements of the day, he proposes to authorise the appointment of a certain number of Stewards in addition to the Grand Stewards of the year, and to cause a jewel to be struck, and to permit the brethren who may be named as Stewards to wear the same." (Applause.)

The Acting Grand Master: Brethren, the next business before Grand Lodge is the election of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson proposed the re-election of Bro. Samuel Tomkins to the office of Grand Treasurer, which he had so honourably filled for a number of years to the benefit and satisfaction of the Craft. (Great cheering.)

Bro. Ramsey: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

Bro. S. Tomkins was thereupon unanimously elected Grand Treasurer, accompanied by the most vociferous applause.

The Acting Grand Master addressing Bro. Tomkins, announced the fact of his unanimous election.

Bro. S. Tomkins: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I thank you heartily for the honour you have done me in re-electing me to this important office. I have now had the pleasure of fulfilling the duties of that office for twenty-three years. (Hear, hear.) During that time I have seen a great increase in the numbers, and in the prosperity of Masonry; and now, under the auspices of the illustrious Prince who has been made our Grand Master for the ensuing year, I do not doubt that we shall see a still greater increase of members and an increase of prosperity. Every man, every brother, who feels an interest in Masonry, and who wishes well to the progress of the Craft, must be

pleased to look at it in its present position; and besides that we have every reason to hope and believe that there is a great period of prosperity before us. (Cheers.)

The Acting Grand Master: Brethren, I have an announcement to make to you which has been interpolated in the printed paper of agenda, to the effect that in the room of Bro. Llewellyn Evans, whose death you must all have heard of with great sorrow, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to appoint Bro. Havers to the Board of General Purposes. (Applause.)

Bro. John Hervey read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence, in which there were recommendations for the following grants, which required the confirmation of Grand Lodge: £50 to a brother of No. 286; £50 to the widow of a late brother of No. 29; £200 to the widow of a brother of No. 130; £200 to a brother of No. 141; £50 to a brother of No. 879; and £100 to the widow of a brother of No. 1366. The report having been ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, the two first grants were carried after having been proposed by Bro. Joshua Nunn and seconded by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart.

Bro. John M. Clabon rose to propose the confirmation of the four last grants, and requested to be allowed to make some observations on the subject. Having reminded the brethren of the position he held, by the appointment of the Grand Master, of President of the Lodge of Benevolence, he stated how that lodge was composed—of a President, a Senior Vice-President, a Junior Vice-President, members appointed by the Grand Master, and others elected by Grand Lodge. The brethren who were appointed attended very regularly; the Masters of all lodges were entitled to be present, but of these very few attended regularly. Others never attended at all, and some only seldom, during their Mastership. These, therefore, were not acquainted with the principles on which the lodge acted with regard to the making of grants, and they voted large sums. The principle that the lodge proceeded upon was this: they divided it into two parts,—first, the distress, and second, the Masonic claim. On the subject of distress he need not dilate, but still there were subjects connected with it which they considered. They liked to give money in a way and an amount which would enable the brother who applied for relief to recover himself and set himself up in business. They did not like to give money to go to creditors; and they did not like to give money to a brother who might be said to be a pauper when he became a Mason. As to the point of Masonic claims, the number of years a brother had been in the Craft was an important question. Then came the question whether a brother had belonged to more lodges than one; then, to what extent he had assisted the work of the Craft in his own lodges, and in lodges of instruction. Another important question was, to what extent a brother had assisted the Masonic Charities; and a further, important question was whether he had still continued in Masonry up to the time of his application for relief; if he had left it, and if so, how long ago; and if he was dead, and the application was made by the widow and children, whether to use an ordinary phrase he had "died in harness." Now, he ventured to say that the Lodge of Benevolence acted on these principles exceedingly well. He was going to ask Grand Lodge to confirm the grants recommended in the report, but he felt a very responsible position in coming and asking this, and he felt bound to tell the brethren what he thought of the cases in which relief to a large amount was recommended. There were many members on the Lodge of Benevolence who understood its rules exceedingly well, but he ventured to think that if in any case his judgment went counter to theirs, and he considered they were in any case granting too much, it was his duty to come to Grand Lodge to tell them so. The first case he had to propose was that of the widow of a brother of Lodge No. 130, a Past Grand Deacon of the Order, who was 38 years in the Craft, and as it was well-known what great services that brother had rendered to the Order, no brother would think the grant of £200 too much, and he should therefore have much pleasure in recommending the confirmation of the grant.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S., seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Clabon, then proposed the next grant of £200, to a brother of No. 141, who had been twenty years' in Masonry, and who, according to the accounts which were given of him to the Lodge of Benevolence, was an excellent working Mason of all the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, seconded the motion.

Bro. F. Binckes also added a few words, after which the grant was confirmed.

Bro. Clabon brought up the third case, the grant of £50 to a brother of No. 879. He had no doubt in the world it was a case of distress; but he thought that the Masonic claim was hardly so great as to warrant so large a grant as £50. The brother entered Masonry in 1857, and left it in 1866. No doubt he left it properly, for the cause assigned was that he could not afford to keep up his subscriptions. There was no statement of his having done much in the way of working in Masonry, or in the way of assisting the charities, and at the Lodge of Benevolence he (Bro. Clabon) expressed his opinion that £50 was rather a large grant to make. He would ask Grand Lodge however to confirm it, for the vote having been taken and the brother since then having been in the hope of receiving the grant, it would be wrong to disappoint him. But the brethren should bear in mind that the number of Masons was being added to largely every year. Grand Lodge had only £6000 or £7000 a year to give away. At last Lodge of Benevolence they gave away over £700; and if they went on at that rate they would not have enough to meet the claims made upon them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Joshua Nunn had much pleasure in seconding the proposition, and added to Bro. Clabon's remarks that if the brethren who had only been in Masonry six or seven

years, and had done nothing for the Order, were to be assisted with such an amount as £500, the Lodge of Benevolence would not be able to do justice to those cases where the brethren had very strong claims on their bounty, by having been a long time in the Craft, and assisted it both in purse and person to the utmost of their ability.

Bro. John Havers, P.G.W., was quite aware that he was about, as he frequently was, to take the unpopular side when a money grant was asked for; but no desire to stand well with the brethren would sway him from expressing his opinion. He would do so on this occasion, and would venture to draw attention to the extraordinary fact that they were called upon to vote £50 upon the recommendation of the most worthy man in the Craft, who told them that he quite disapproved of it. He was not going to object to the giving of this poor man the grant: the unfortunate error had been committed of voting it, and it would be an act of inhumanity to disappoint his hopes of receiving it. But let him (Bro. Havers) point out this prominent fact in this case. The brother came into Masonry and remained in it for seven short years, did nothing while he was in it, either in the way of "working" or in the way of charity. He then left it for nine years, came before the Lodge of Benevolence for relief, and they gave him £50. It was impossible, if they granted according to this scale to brethren who had been ten, fifteen, twenty, or thirty years in Masonry, had toiled hard for it during all that time and "borne the burden and heat of the day" that they should have funds sufficient to relieve the distressed. For the sake of the time-honoured institution they represented, he hoped they would be careful in future what grants they made. (Cheers.)

Bro. Herbert Dicketts said that though the President of the Lodge had told the brethren a great deal about the composition of the Lodge of Benevolence he had not told them everything. On the last occasion they had a great number of newly-fledged Masters of lodges; there were any number of new collars, new aprons, and levels to be seen shining there. And what did these new Masters do? They "went in" for a large sum of money, and ignored the whole of what had been done by the executive of Grand Lodge. He had known this state of things to happen on many occasions, and that a great many of the new Masters who attended once did not attend again. They came in, they saw a great many proposals for grants on the paper, they were not guided by those who knew and thoroughly attended to their duties on all occasions, and as soon as some one proposed a £50 or £100 grant, up went their hands for the large amount, and it was carried.

Another brother fully endorsed all that had been said.

The Earl of Shrewsbury said he had listened with great interest to the remarks of Bro. Clabon, and he was sure the Acting Grand Master would agree with him (the noble Earl), that as charity was their first duty, they should be very careful how they administered it. He was not about to move a resolution, but he thought, and felt, that the executive government, the Board of Benevolence, was greatly hampered by those who came into the house, like the new Masters, as had been described by Bro. Dicketts, and swamped the votes of the executive, and carried the division. Speaking in a political fashion, he thought a committee should be appointed to enquire into the working of the Lodge of Benevolence. It seemed very hard to brethren like the President and Vice-Presidents of the Board, who had taken great pains for many years with these affairs, should be swamped when they did what they thought was right. He attended the lodge once with a case from his own province of Staffordshire, which was received most kindly. He believed there was nothing like pressing a case yourself. There were other cases brought forward on that occasion, and having succeeded so well with his own case, he rather went in for the other candidates who were brought forward, and they were carried without any discussion at all. (Laughter.) They should be very careful what they did in the matter, because charity was the great principle of the Order, and they should be cautious in the administration of its funds. (Cheers.)

A motion was afterwards made to refer the grant back to the Board, but it was lost, and the grant was confirmed.

Bro. Clabon next proposed the last case on the list, £100 to the widow of a brother of No. 1366, who had been six and-a-half years in Masonry, but in that time had been Master of more than one lodge, had supported all the charities, but was suddenly stricken down with disease of the heart, and left his wife and family unprovided for.

Bro. Binckes in strong terms supported the grant, and seconded the motion. He gave a general outline of the deceased brother's career in Freemasonry, and showed that though he had been but six years and three-quarters in the Order, they represented a long life of Masonic usefulness. What he would have done for Masonry if he had been spared a few years it was impossible to tell, but having served the Stewardship of the other charities he had consented to be Steward for the next festival of the Boys' School, and had already got together a list of subscriptions amounting to £100.

There was a general feeling in Grand Lodge in favour of this grant, the deceased brother seeming to be known to nearly all the brethren. Some, however, did not appear to agree to the general view of the usefulness of the brother to the Order if social duties were neglected; and Bro. Joshua Nunn asked the brethren, after so many remarks had been made on the great services he had performed for the Craft—What had he done for his wife and family? Numerous expressions of dissent followed this question, and several brethren got up to inform Grand Lodge what the brother had done, and Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., made a statement of the brother's services to the Craft. These services could not have been very fruitful, for

in three weeks after the brother's death, on the petition of the widow a daughter was placed on the list of the Girls' School candidates for next election, and came before the General Committee of that institution on the 28th of January.

The motion was carried amidst great cheering.

The reports of the Board of General Purposes and of the Colonial Board given in our last edition were then agreed to, as was also the report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts.

Bro. J. H. Wynne, P.M. 554, moved—"That this Grand Lodge do order to be given from the Fund of Benevolence the sum of £5 to each unsuccessful candidate at the next general election for annuitants in 1875 for old men and women belonging to the Craft of Freemasons."

Bro. George Lambert seconded the motion, and said that if this were done, Grand Lodge would merely be following in the wake of the great metropolitan charities.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, in the absence of Grand Registrar, pointed out that it could not be done, as the Book of Constitutions provided how the Fund of Benevolence was to be applied.

Another brother thought that if the motion were carried, it would be likely to encourage a great many poor brethren and widows to put themselves forward as candidates for the sake of getting the £5.

Bro. John Havers said the Book of Constitutions precluded the motion being carried. The brethren were very charitable and good, but he was afraid if they adopted Bro. Wynne's suggestion, they would be offering a premium to the needy to apply.

The Acting G.M.: I am of opinion that this motion is out of order. Putting aside the general inadvisability—I do not think that is too strong a word—of passing a law which would simply form an inducement to any poor person who was a Mason in the United Kingdom, to have a try for £5. I hold that under the Book of Constitutions, this Grand Lodge ought not, and cannot interfere in the present instance, with the management of the Fund of Benevolence, according to the statement made by my two brethren on my right hand on the dais (Bro. Monckton and Bro. Havers), and therefore I will not put this motion to the vote.

Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, moved "That the sum of £100 be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge towards the fund now being raised for the purpose of endowing the Freemasons' Lifeboat, stationed at North Berwick in 1872."

Bro. Brackstone Baker seconded the motion, although he was generally opposed to these promiscuous grants. Still, he said, there was a peculiar popularity about lifeboats, and there were scarcely any wrecks took place in which some Freemason was not among the crew or passengers.

Bro. Havers asked Bro. Constable whether it was not the fact that if a lifeboat was presented to the National Lifeboat Institution they did not undertake the cost of keeping it up. He was strongly in favour of lifeboats, but he would like to know this before he voted on the motion. Bro. Brackstone Baker's argument was a good one as to Freemasons being wrecked if they were all wrecked at North Berwick. (A laugh.) It was one thing also to build up a charity and leave our successors to keep it up, and another thing to found and endow a charity. If the present lifeboat in twenty years were worn out, it might be safely left to the generosity of future brethren to build another. He would move that the question be adjourned.

Bro. Constable replied that Bro. Havers was correctly informed that the National Life Boat Institution undertook the cost of all lifeboats presented to them. But societies less known and less popular than Freemasonry supported their own lifeboats, and why should not Freemasons. If the Craft was willing to raise £1300, Grand Lodge he thought might grant the other £100.

Bro. F. Binckes moved a rider to Bro. Constable's motion—"provided that the sum of £1300, required to furnish the endowment for the lifeboat, be contributed by members of the Craft"—thinking that it would stimulate the Craft at large to raise the £1300 required.

Bro. John Havers observed that having received from the mover of the resolution a reply to his question, to the effect that the National Lifeboat Institution took upon themselves the whole cost and charge of maintaining lifeboats presented to them, he thought Grand Lodge would be doing a work of supererogation by contributing towards an endowment of the Freemasons' Lifeboat. He would withdraw his motion for adjourning the question, and he hoped that Grand Lodge would negative the resolution. Bro. Constable might, on a future occasion move his resolution, with Bro. Binckes's rider; but he thought that instead of giving this £100 for the purpose named in the motion, they had better subscribe the money to build a new lifeboat.

Bro. Griffiths Smith, W.M. 569, seconded Bro. Binckes's rider.

After a few words from the Grand Treasurer, the purport of which could not be gathered for the noise created by brethren leaving Grand Lodge, a division was taken, when the motion and rider were lost by 115 against 99 votes.

Grand Lodge was then closed formally, and adjourned.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. BALL, No. 670.—On Thursday evening, the 25th ult., Bro. Joseph Ball, No. 670, was presented, at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, with an address and testimonial, in recognition of his services on behalf of Protestant principles, and also in the cause of the ratepayers on several occasions. The testimonial consisted of an elegant silver service and address, valued at £200.

Bro. Staveley Hill, M.P., has been appointed Counsel at the Admiralty and Judge Advocate of the Fleet, in the room of Mr. Huddleston.

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P.M.—If, as a P.M. of the lodge, I am present, can the W.M. ask a P.M. not of the lodge to perform the ceremony. [We believe that the W.M. is autocratic in that respect. But good taste would lead a W.M., except on some very special occasion, always to have recourse to his own Past Masters.]

Junior Warden.—Must my twelve months' service be literally counted from appointment of officers to appointment of officers. [Yes, from one annual lodge for the installation of W.M. and investing of officers, to the next annual lodge meeting for the same purpose.]

The following communications stand over:—Letters from F. S., Pilgrimage Lodge; "Non nobis sed omnibus;" "A Visitor;" Karl Bergmann; Joseph Harper; "An Old P.M., One, &c." W. J. Hughan's letter on Archaeological Progress in our next. Reports of Lodge, Great Grimbsby, 1294.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1875.

AN ALBERT EDWARD COMMEMORATION MEDAL.

Though we are quite alive to the danger of Masonic decorations, and are not among those who make our Freemasonry depend, as some one has harshly said we do, on the "jewels" we "wear," or on the "dinners" we "eat," yet we think that the suggestion of one of our correspondents is worthy, at any rate, some little consideration by our Masonic authorities. Indeed, we fear that some of our readers may think us rather rash when we say that we have long held that every lodge might have, on the payment of distinct fees, a lodge jewel, approved of by the central authority. The increase to our funds would be very great indeed, and the "esprit de corps" of our lodges would be very much enhanced. But be this as it may, we quite think that the idea of our correspondent is a good one in itself, and deserves the attention of those who have a voice in such matters amongst us. For no one can deny, that it was at a great crisis in our history when our Royal Grand Master came to the rescue. Our universal fraternity was in a state, at any rate, of considerable depression at the

untoward state of affairs, when we were all cheered by the announcement, not only that Grand Lodge in accordance with our Book of Constitutions, had offered the presidency of the Craft to the Past Grand Master, but that he had accepted the offer with readiness and cheerfulness. Under these circumstances, and bearing in mind the unchangeable loyalty of our Masonic Fraternity, the installation of our Grand Master will be assuredly not only an "Alba Dies" to English Freemasonry, but one to be long remembered by all of the existing generation of Freemasons, as well as by those yet to be born. We therefore venture to express a humble opinion, that a Masonic medal, commemorative of our Royal Grand Master's Installation, would be truly welcomed by our zealous brotherhood. We think, too, that if the matter is managed on business principles, the Order may obtain much financial benefit from the institution of an Albert Edward Masonic jewel. We are of course aware that an objection may be made, that no authority exists in the Book of Constitutions for any such permission, though at the same time, as is well known, lodges have been authorized, by the Duke of Sussex especially as Grand Master, to establish lodge jewels. Indeed we are of opinion that there is nothing in the provision of the Book of Constitutions about honorary jewels to prevent any such authority being given, provided that the jewel is made to symbolize one of the degrees recognized by the Grand Lodge. We throw out these suggestions in all deference for the consideration of the "chief rulers" of the Craft, and we can honestly say that they are not dictated by any idle love of garish show or merely ornamental decoration, but from a sincere appreciation of Freemasonry, zealous attachment to our English Order, and much of loyal devotion to our royal and august Grand Master.

THE HIGH GRADES.

The historical investigations of late years have not confirmed the somewhat hasty claims often made by what are popularly termed the High Grades, to reality of perpetuation, or antiquity of existence. They are all, it is pretty clear, of 18th century formation. We are speaking now of those which have long been familiar alike to their devoted "alumni," and to the Masonic student. The Templars, it is quite clear, as Præd sang of old, "have never crossed the wave, sir." The Knights of St. John have no connection with Rhodes or Malta. The Knights of Constantine are a Masonic revival of an obsolete Order, and the Rose Croix have nothing in common with the hermetic brotherhood of the "Rose Crucis." These are all familiar grades, but of Bro. Yarker's startling list alike of imagination and nomenclature we know nothing, as in truth nothing can be known. But though the antiquity of the High Grades is now unobtainable, their position is one of increasing importance, and their value to their associates is, we think, incontestable. We entirely deprecate two opposing views of the High Grades, prevalent amongst Freemasons, which, we think, are neither tenable nor tolerant. There are those, for instance, who affect to speak in harsh tones of the High Grades, and denounce them, almost as apostates to the principles of Freemasonry. Now we are of opinion that all such criticisms and all such judgments are alike unjustifiable and unmasonic in the highest degree. We lay it down without hesitation, as an axiom of Masonic teaching, that whatever may be the merit and greatness of the Craft system in our eyes, we have no right whatever to say to others, "thus far shalt thou go, and no farther," neither have we any authority to condemn them, if they even accept the principles and teaching of a more limited fraternity, even while they continue to be Craftsmen. There may be a scintilla of inconsistency apparent in such a position, but if there is one principle more sacred than another in Freemasonry, it is the inalienable right of private judgment, and the sanctity of the individual opinion, and the personal conscience. Because A does not see how these apparently antagonistic views are to be reconciled, it does not follow that B cannot and does not see, and A has no right to

impose on B, as an objective truth, what may be after all only his own subjective idiosyncrasy. Unless Masonic toleration be a "myth," we must admit that B has as much right to his opinion as A, and that we have no right to condemn B, because he does not look at things through the same coloured spectacles as A does. If these, our premises, are correct, and we think they are, the conclusion of the whole matter is that there is room in the world alike for High grades and Craft degrees. As a general rule, those who form the bulk of the high grades are Craftsmen "ab origine," and some, as we know, are zealous Craftsmen, even while fervent Templars or active Knights of Constantine. Why then should we wish to keep up an antagonism between those who have much in common, and can associate together in many Masonic works, though on one point they must agree to differ? We think, that the tone and temper of those who are always attacking the High Grades amongst us is much to be deprecated on the true principles of Masonic toleration, and that whatever may be our individual opinion of their limited principles of action and cohesion, as opposed to our own, we should ever endeavour to recognise their liberty of organization, and the great respectability and private worth of those who are affiliated to them. So too, we do object to those who sometimes like to look on the High Grades as something superior to the Craft degrees. There are some enthusiastic High Grade advocates and adepts, who often overstep the bounds of what is accurate in this respect. In their zeal to magnify their own grades they deprecate the good old-fashioned Craft degrees. A very great mistake. For whatever may be their merits to their own initiates, the Craft degrees stand on an entirely distinct and unassailable basis. They are in fact the "substratum" of every known philosophic, eclectic, or knightly system in the world; they exist from "time immemorial," they are seen through the lapse of ages, and the onward progress of human life, alike certain and precise, both in their individuality and constitution. The great principle they now embody, and which, more or less, they have ever embodied, is, that of universal Freemasonry, and independent of all other grades, they neither ask for tolerance or favour; they make up the "platform" on which all the Craft Grand Lodges, and all the symbolical Freemasonry of the world, can assemble and fraternise. But while we say all this in deprecation of hasty statements and unwise pretensions, we can sympathize and do sympathize with those many good men and true, though we do not belong to them, who compose the High Grades. Many of them we have worked with in happy Craft Lodge meetings, many we know to be elevated in mind, and a credit to the Order they belong to, and we fully recognise, once for all, their right to enter such associations if external to Craft Masonry, believing alike that they find good to themselves, and do good to others, both in the Templar Preceptory, and in the Rose Croix Chapter.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS
No. IV.

The East, that favoured region of legend and romance, has long been looked upon as the birthplace of Freemasonry, and not without reason. Our oldest legends take us back to Solomon's Temple, and we yet see no reason to discredit the old traditions of our Order, which are neither *a priori* impossible, or historically improbable. Had Masonic writers stopped here, though some profane critics might have objected, they could not very seriously complain of this avowal and persuasion of our ancient brotherhood. If we cannot prove its actuality, no one can disprove its possibility, and whether some may think it a mere fable of the past or not, matters but little, it is the long established belief, it is the venerable tradition of Freemasonry. But some writers have gone further than this, and have involved themselves in difficulties not a few, and discussions which are interminable. We say nothing to-day of the early annals of An-

derson, or the bold statements of Oliver. They are based on the ancient legends of the Craft, and they but put into readable English, without any doubt or critical analysis what the old constitutions in verse and prose so continuously repeat. But other views have been propounded as to the early origin of Freemasonry. 1.—There are those for instance, who look to Egypt as the cradle of our accepted brotherhood. 2.—There are some who find its origin in the mysteries.—3. And once more there are many who like to trace back Freemasonry to the Dionysian Artificers, and thence to the building colleges at Rome, and the Craft Guilds of the Anglo Saxons. But these enquiries and researches necessarily lead on to others, and the farther we dig down into the dust-heap of ages, the more arduous becomes our undertaking, the more uncertain is the light of actual history, much more of simple tradition. Let us face the difficulty boldly, and see what it is we are seeking to discover. So far as we can yet speak positively on such a subject, we think it may be said that we have distinct traces of Roman sodalities with much resemblance to our organization previous to the fall of Rome, and that we have in France and Germany, and England, indigenous institutions, which, like our Anglo-Saxon Craft Guilds, equally point to a Roman origin. If we assume for the moment that our present speculative Order is the lineal descendant of the operative sodalities, we have this one fact to explain, how do we account for its Hebrew colouring? It is a question in itself of very great importance. True it is that in early and mediæval times the guilds were essentially Christian, but yet the Masonic mark was all but identically the same, allowing for natural development or local usages, in lands whether Christian or non-Christian. Now, it has been said that we may trace Freemasonry back to Egypt, that the occult system of Egypt was preserved by the Jews under Moses, and that there is no difficulty in understanding the existence of a confraternity in the time of King Solomon. Others, mindful of the real difficulties of the case, have, like our lamented Bro. S. Barton Wilson, disassociated the Egyptian system from the Jews, and made Freemasonry a secret system, which had adapted itself to various nations and successive ages, but took its rise in Egypt. A class of writers have also tried to make the mysteries the prototypes of Freemasonry, but Oliver, who saw "where the shoe pinched," to use a familiar proverb, was forced to have recourse to the serious alternative of true and spurious mysteries. A third class has found in the Dionysiacs the precursors of Freemasonry, and have taken Freemasonry from Egypt and Greece and the Holy Land to Rome, and thence to ourselves. Now a good deal may be said for all these theories, but the truth, we fancy, lies in the midst of them all. Egypt had a secret system, and the artificers had a secret organization. The mysteries preserved primæval truth if overlaid with superstitious fables and disgraced by unpardonable excesses, and the Dionysiacs had a secret order, and admitted among themselves speculative Masons, that is, men of rank and wealth. But from not one of these sources in particular did Freemasonry spring; it was a compound of all. The Egyptians, and the Tyrians, and the Etruscans, and to some extent the Greeks, were the great builders of antiquity, and the marks of their buildings were originally almost the same, and constituted a sort of technical language, which the initiated knew everywhere. The Jews received the knowledge of the arts from Egypt, and worked side by side with the Tyrians even in the building of the temple of the one true God; and, as far as we know, indeed we believe there is no doubt on the subject, the marks they all use are very nearly the same. Some writers seem to wish to discard the building guilds altogether, and work out a sort of occult society, which has existed for long centuries substantially the same. Such a view of Masonic working we believe to be a "chimera of chimeras," and that nothing is left for us, on the strict grounds of cause and effect, of historical truth and evidential certainty, but the simpler and perhaps less palatable reality of a handicraft fraternity, bound together by a secret system of teaching, and of symbols, and of recognition.

MASONIC EXAGGERATION.

Freemasonry, though admittedly a great institution, is yet mortal, and Freemasons, however excellent, per se, are not exempt from the foibles of humanity. Somebody has said that man is a "swaggering animal," and the delight of being thought greater "swells" than others; is not confined to the young or the underbred. Indeed we fear that there is a tendency, a growing tendency, amongst Freemasons, to go in, as they say across the Atlantic, for "high falutin," and for a "considerable amount of Bunkum." As regards Freemasonry, whether it be in new theories or strange assertions, whether it be in some very recondite teaching or wondrous mysteries, whether it be in the startling appearance of some new, if unpronounceable degree, there is at this moment amongst us a great deal of "tall talk," and not a little amount of rubbish. We say nothing now of the supposed infallible teaching of Masonic history, which some seem to like to claim for themselves; we can afford to be very tolerant of all dabblers in Masonic Archæology and antiquarian researches, neither do we even complain of those who refuse to hear two sides of a question, and resolute in their own happy absence of critical synopsis, look on themselves as alone right and on anybody else as wrong, utterly, irremediably wrong. To none of these things do we object, as they have existed and always will exist among men and Masons. Such are the idiosyncracies of our limited intellect. But what we do deprecate, and what we do distinctly disavow is, the assumption not only that "*non vixere fortes ante Agamemnona*," but that this person or that person, this coterie or that set of associates, are all together not only the "virtuousest, the discreetest, the truest, and the best," but that they are far above the "canaille" of Freemasonry. To hear some of our brethren talk "*ore rotundo*," to read their lucubrations, or to be bored by their vapid allocutions, is to believe that they have a "patent" for all that Masonic knowledge can impart, or that Masonic literature can disseminate. Until they throw light on the dark and intricate maze of Masonic History or Archæology, nothing was known, nothing had been elucidated worthy of the name of Masonic science, or fitting to be termed Masonic exposition. But at their appearance on the scene, all is clear and easy. The knotty points of olden controversy, the debatable question of ancient warfare, the legends, the anachronisms, the doubts of the past, all vanish and yield to the dogmas of unhesitating assertion, and to the elaborate announcements of pretentious pomposity. The truth is, that, like many "*novi homines*" here and there, in this good world of ours, this modern school is but imitating the practice of their mundane prototypes, in successive ages of the world. Other men have laboured, and they have entered into their labours, they calmly appropriate, without even the expression of thanks, what has been carefully worked out for them and for Freemasons, by a little band of modest students, whose labours are unappreciated, and whose names are scarcely known. Like some other ingenious "citizens of the world," they have a very imperfect sense of the difference existing between "*meum and tuum*," and so they "crib," without hesitation, the thoughts, the theories, the imaginations, the facts of others, and announce them, and treat them as original discoveries of their own. To read their essays, to wade through their laboured sentences, we should be disposed to imagine that they had made some special discoveries in the subject on which they treat, or that they referred for the first time to matters on which no one had written ever before. Now we all know how very easy it is to get up a little second-hand information, and yet profess and appear to be original. The German and American encyclopædia will furnish much available matter, while the forgotten contributions of other days, and the curious pamphlets of a bygone generation, will soon supply a ready amount of seemingly original "padding," in the hands of the skilful manipulator. But we should always remember that much of the "*pabulum lathomicum*," now reproduced with an air of intense importance, has long since been repudiated by our modern critical Masonic school. We do not want the

history of Freemasonry to be again dished up to us in all the flowery language and doubtful illustrations which pleased our forefathers. The enveloping of the plain facts of simple Masonic history, in all the hyperbole of oriental myth, in the untenable assumptions of unhistorical assertion, in obsolete theories, and in hopeless anachronisms, will not serve the cause of Masonic truth, but rather will discredit our Order in the eyes of the careful, the critical, and the intelligent. Let us beware then against that "Sciolism," which appears to be raising its head amongst us again. Let us at once reject any authority whatever which does not rest either on evidential accuracy, or incontestable documents, or is based at any rate on the perpetuated testimony of ancient traditions, common to our Order. It would indeed be a "*reductio ad absurdum*," a very trying dilemma for the Masonic student, a very ungrateful return for the patient labours of a few zealous Masonic archæologists, if there were to arise amongst us a school without any pretention, either to independent research or original collation of documents, but which yet by the loudness of its assertions, the dogmatism of its statement, and the "exaggeration" of its verbose lectures, should seek to give us instead of the careful result of actual analysis and laborious investigation, the exploded fallacies of a defunct school of Masonic teaching, and a most unreliable system of Masonic archæology.

AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

We have read with much pleasure the following interesting paragraph, in our valued contemporary, *The Philadelphia Keystone*, of February 3rd:—"Bro. William Baird has just made a magnificent gift to Frankfort Lodge, No. 292, of this city, in the shape of a fine building for a Masonic Hall. It is situated on Green-street, near Frankfort-road, and cost 35,000 dollars. Here is a noble example, worth following." And we have noted this passage of our transatlantic friends, because it represents well one among many noteworthy features of the onward career of American Freemasonry. Indeed, we fancy that the real condition of the brotherhood in the United States is very little known, and certainly not realised by our English Craft. We have seen from time to time statements, arising either from recklessness or ignorance, very unfair to the American brotherhood, and not to say the truth, very Masonic either in the letter or in the spirit. There appears to be a sort of idea prevalent, especially amongst those whose acquaintance with American Freemasonry is only "skin-deep" as we say, that the confraternity in the United States is given up to pomp and parade, to show and festival. We quote, however, the paragraph from the *Keystone* to demonstrate how wisely our brethren far away are imitating and developing our home movement for the Masonic hall and dedicated lodge-room. If this were all they did, they would no doubt be blameable, but we must observe that the amount spent by the American Freemason in fraternal charity is little known by some of us, or the earnestness and thoroughness of their Masonic benevolence fully understood. California is a young Grand Lodge, but if her work be a sample, and we think it may be, then, taking the thirty-six or thirty-seven Grand Lodges in America, which are said to exist there, we shall find that the "tottle" of American Masonic benevolence is very great. The California Grand Lodge expended fifteen thousand pounds in sixteen years, and if the other American Grand Lodges have given anything like that amount on the average, we shall have a sum not far short of half-a-million at the least, distributed by Freemasons in America in sixteen years. And when we add to this, the orphanages and Masonic homes rising rapidly in all parts of America, under the various Grand Lodges and the sums raised for national disasters, we have a condition of affairs and a reality of work of which we Freemasons may well feel proud. The Craft in America is a very self-supporting, independent body of men, and everything we read of them day by day convinces us how much in earnest they are, and how, for the great part, they

honestly seek to practice what they openly profess. There are imperfections in all human institutions, there are defects in every system, but allowing, as we are bound to do for the divergencies of sometimes conflicting precedents, and multitudinous jurisdictions, the more we understand how the system is worked and is working in America, the prouder we are of Freemasonry, the more respect we feel for the American Freemasons.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to offer a few remarks on the proposition published in your correspondence of Feb. 17th, that at the forthcoming installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales those brethren who are entitled shall appear in court dress.

To my mind the introduction, in a Masonic meeting, provided the members come decently attired in evening costume, of any other distinctions of dress than those gained in Masonry, is altogether opposed to its true spirit, which assumes that for the purposes of Freemasonry all men meet in its assemblies on the level.

The courtly orders or honours worthily won on battlefields are the just pride of their possessors. Freemasonry, I take it, is for the world in general, and its laurels intended for the triumphs of charity, moral example, and brotherly love.

"An Old P.M." writes, "those who are entitled to court dress can scarcely appear before royalty without wearing it." I think when he penned this, he could have formed but a slight conception of the high, noble and generous character of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, or have reflected that our Grand Master has a mind to comprehend the universe, and has travelled America and the civilized countries of Europe.

The tribute to the Prince will not be that a few appear in court dress, but that the thousands of Masons who attend to do him homage will represent all ranks of society.

The installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will serve a far higher purpose than that of presenting a grand spectacle to the privileged few.

From east to west, from north to south, over the whole surface of the globe, wherever Masons assemble, in all the various tongues of the earth, will it be told how a Prince of the Blood Royal of England is seated in the chair of King Solomon.

The moral effect of the heir to the mightiest empire the world e'er saw, linking his hand in brotherly love with the humblest of its subjects, the stimulus Freemasonry will receive from this event, will be the work of the historian to relate.

But let him not also have to chronicle that on that day were introduced class distinctions foreign to Freemasonry, and calculated at no distant period to undermine that brotherly love which is its foundation.

The force of example is very great, and were court dress worn on this occasion, attempts would be made in our colonies to feebly imitate the proceedings. In small communities an element of discord would be introduced, which could not fail to have a very disastrous effect on the welfare of the Order.

Men who attended the levées of the Viceroy or Governor would no doubt, consider themselves entitled to wear court dress in lodge; small coteries would thus be formed in the lodges of those who did, and those who did not, wear court dress; jealousies and bitter feelings would be engendered, and the Order would undoubtedly suffer. I think I have made out a clear case why court dress should not be introduced into Masonry, and I trust the brethren in charge of the arrangements for the installation of his Royal Highness, will, instead of making the order desired by "an Old P.M.," distinctly state that it is not to be worn. No one can esteem and respect more highly than I do, the conscientious efforts of the many distinguished noblemen who are such bright examples in Masonry, and who so worthily adorn the Order. I think if they were personally consulted they would be found to rest their claims on something higher than the court clothing they may be entitled to assume, and they would be the last to wish so to appear in a Masonic Lodge. By all means let us give our Royal Grand Master a right loyal, hearty and Masonic welcome, that will assure him he reigns over the hearts of the Masons of this country, as well as over the lodges; but let us take care not to infringe on the ancient landmarks of that which was intended for all men and all time.

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

EDWARD JOHN WALFORD.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your impression of to-day, I notice two letters on the above subject signed "Ich Dien," and "An Old P.M.," both of which will I hope receive from "the powers that be," the consideration their importance demands.

The installation of a M.W.G.M. is not a matter of every day occurrence, and when such an event happens too much prominence cannot be attached to it. But in this instance the proceeding is of more than ordinary interest. Not only are we about to install a M.W.G.M., but we are going to place at our head a Prince of the Blood Royal, the heir

to the most powerful throne in the world, and this circumstance will of itself be sufficient to give such an impetus to Freemasonry as cannot fail to make a lasting impression on the future of the Craft. Who will not feel it an honour in days to come to say, "I was present when the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Master," and who would not point with pride to a medal commemorative of such an auspicious occasion. Then let us have a medal by all means, but I would not restrict it, as "Ich Dien" does, to those only who attend the Albert Hall on the 28th of April. Many W.M.'s, however desirous they may be of being present, will be prevented from some cause or other of putting in an appearance, and assuming that such a medal be granted it would be manifestly unfair to deprive them, as representatives of their respective lodges, of an honour conferred on their more fortunate compeers. My suggestion then is that, in addition to every brother present at the ceremony, every W.M. for the time being, whether, at home or abroad, should be entitled to the distinction,

"Ich Dien" asks you to write "a short leader on the subject," and I hope you will do so in an early number, in order that it may be thoroughly ventilated.

With regard to the question of dress, to which "An Old P.M." alludes, it must be remembered that, comparatively speaking, very few of those who will claim admission on the day in question will be entitled to the honour of appearing in court dress, while it is scarcely necessary to remind them that evening dress will be indispensable. I cordially endorse the opinion of "An Old P.M.," that those who can affect court dress, or the uniform of the army, navy, or reserve forces should be requested to do so, and I trust that an order to this effect will be duly issued.

I remain, yours truly and fraternally,

I. J. HOOPER WILKINS, W.M. 73, &c.

Westbury Lodge, Eltham, Kent, 27th Feb. 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot agree with the suggestion of your correspondent "T. C. W.," and am of opinion that the foundation of scholarships would be more in accordance with the principles of the Craft. Should this not be acceptable, then a sufficient sum should be raised to secure the election of the 147 candidates now upon the lists for the forthcoming elections of our charities; this would indeed be a lasting commemoration of the accession of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. More tinsel is not required; we have already too much.

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE, P.M. 185.

THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is with great pleasure I see this subject is being taken up, its importance is so patent to all true Masons that it is to be hoped that now the ball has been set rolling, it will not be allowed to settle down until Grand Lodge has, Atlas-like, taken it upon its shoulders. Your correspondent, "A Sincere Mason," would seem to infer that Masons should possess great powers of discernment, if, as he says, they are to judge whether this man, or that man "will be capable of appreciating the beauties of Freemasonry," this, in my opinion, is beyond our power. My experience may be limited, but I have seen candidates recommended, privately, as being "just the men," and such men proving, so far as Freemasonry is concerned, miserable failures. I would ask, how is a man to impress his Masonic friends that the beauties of Freemasonry will make an impression upon his mind? All we can do, and the real point to aim at, is, only admitting into our ranks men of the highest order of intellect. Depend upon it, sir, that the greater the intellectual capacity, the greater the appreciation of Freemasonry. So far as holding lodges at public-houses I agree entirely with "A Sincere Mason." Nothing can be more derogatory to our glorious and noble Order, than for lodges to meet in such places now-a-days. It is to be hoped that the brethren will see this in its proper light, and that ere many years it will pass into tradition that "once upon a time" lodges were even held in taverns, &c. There is one system I have seen, which to a certain extent prevents unsuitable men being admitted, it is as follows, for instance: at January Lodge notice is given that at the next regular lodge, Mr. So-and-so will be proposed; this is entered on the minutes, and such notice is on all the summonses for February Lodge, when the gentleman is duly proposed and seconded, this is again entered on the minutes, and issued on the summons for March Lodge, when the ballot is taken. The Provincial Lodge of Yorkshire made bye-laws and issued certain forms for this purpose.

A man applies in the town where he resides, to be admitted into Freemasonry, and he is, perhaps for excellent reasons, refused; he applies elsewhere, and probably being known casually, he is admitted; so by our loose system,—had we better not say "our want of system?"—he is enabled to snap his fingers in the face of those who refused him, and who would not (in some cases) associate with the man under any circumstances. To look at things in their most cheerful light, we may ask ourselves if Masonry may not do such men some good. Never, for a man who would thus be admitted surreptitiously, feels the mistake, and what might have engendered love, engenders hate, or at least ridicule, so doing incalculable harm in lowering the standard and dignity of our institution. It is idle to conceal that such cases as these are of daily occurrence. What we must do is, not to let this subject drop until Grand Lodge affords us that protection, we must sooner or later possess. Why is it that the so-called higher degrees are so fashionable? The reason is obvious—it is the re-refining influence of the ballot; it is, so to speak, a process of distilling; once in, a member instinctively feels this, and once having felt it, never fails to guard his privileges.

Grand Lodge must (ultimately) make it imperative on all its lodges, that no person shall be initiated, nor a brother affiliated, in any place other than where he resides, without such lodge making certain enquiries, and such questions and the answers thereto shall be read aloud in open lodge, previous to the ballot being taken for such candidate, and a full report entered on the minutes, and further, such initiation or affiliation shall not be allowed (under these circumstances), until the next regular lodge, and not then, until the minutes shall have been duly read and confirmed.

Further, if the person seeking initiation or affiliation resides in a town or place where there is more than one lodge, it shall be incumbent on the lodge wherein he seeks admission to make enquiries at each and every lodge at or near (within a given radius) where the candidate resides.

Such regulations as these would soon render the disgraces the Craft has suffered an impossibility; for any lodge so neglecting should be liable to forfeiture of its warrant. For further protection, when applying for a Grand Lodge certificate for a candidate so admitted, such application should be accompanied by a special declaration, signed by the W.M. and Secretary, to the effect that the special Bye-Laws herein provided had been scrupulously adhered to. When this subject came before Grand Lodge, it would be a favourable opportunity to suggest the raising of the minimum fee to, say five guineas, inclusive of registration and certificate fees, and for a joining member three guineas, inclusive. I trust able hands will tackle this important subject, and you, amongst them, give us the benefit of your powerful pen, to keep up the cry. In conclusion, I scarcely think it necessary to make any apologies for trespassing on your valuable space, for I think I express the sentiments of all your subscribers when I say that we English Masons feel that for such high purposes as these we are proud and happy in possessing such an organ as the Freemason.

I am, fraternally yours,

"AD REM."

[We are very happy in being able to print the above interesting communication, but the pressure on our space prevents us reproducing the two printed forms, and which we think are not necessary to our brother's lucid argument. We have written privately.—Ed.]

MR. BRADLAUGH AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in the Freemason for Feb. 20th an account of the visit of the King of the Sandwich Islands to the Masonic Temple, New York, U.S.A., I have lately had forwarded to me another account of a reception still more extraordinary in the annals of American Freemasonry. Mr. Bradlaugh, of London, is now visiting America, and in the *National Reformer* gives weekly a sketch of his tour through the country. In his fourteenth letter is the following:—

"The Columbian Lodge of Freemasons had invited me to be their guest on the occasion of the reception tendered to David Kalakua, King of the Sandwich Islands and his suite. The Sandwich Islands are not precisely the largest in the world; but King Kalakua is the first live king who has made a tour in America, and is therefore a notability. In addition, malicious people say that there is a disposition to annex the Sandwich Islands to the United States, just as the Fiji Islands have been recently annexed to England.

"On reaching the Boston and Maine Depot I found my sleigh awaiting me, and it soon went scurrying and splashing through the snow and ice, with the hail pelting down furiously. At last I was safely deposited at the door of the very fine Masonic Temple in Tremont-street. On entering the lodge, under escort of the courteous Marshall, Bro. R. C. Nichols, I found more than three hundred members present, including Past Masters of other lodges, and was assigned a seat in the east by the Worshipful Master. The business of the lodge, when I entered, was the raising a Fellow-Craftsman to the Master's degree, and I had a full opportunity, for about three quarters of an hour, of studying King Kalakua, whose chair was next to mine on my left. He is a stout, lusty-looking man, with a fairly-fine broad forehead, but with the thick lips and nostrils and coloured skin, more especially found in the negro race. He was accompanied by Governors Dominis and Kapena, the first an American, the second Sandwich-born, who were seated on my right. During an interval of relaxation I was presented to his Majesty, to whom I simply bowed, just touching his hand, which he held towards me, no words being used by either; after the lodge was closed, we all ascended to the banquet hall."

"The Boston Advertiser says:—

"The reception to the King by Columbian Lodge of Masons was an imposing affair. Over 300 persons were entertained, including the Deputy Grand Master of the Boston district, with most of the deputies of the State (all in full regalia), and all the Masters of the Masons' Association. The stairways and entrance halls were crowded with persons endeavouring to gain a look at the brilliant scene. The banquet was the finest ever set in the temple, and the tables were freighted with the richest delicacies, silver ware, floral adornings, ornamental pieces of confections bearing the flags of the Sandwich Islands and the United States, &c. The banquet was concluded soon after midnight, the King and suite expressing themselves highly delighted with the entertainment and attentions they had received. The Worshipful Master, William J. Stevens, presided, and speeches, interspersed with music, were made by Dr. Winslow Lewis, John T. Hurd, Mr. Bradlaugh, the King and the two members of his suite, Lieutenant George M. Totten, U.S.N., J. B. Smith, William D. Coolidge, Joshua A. Stearus, George G. Smith, and by others.

"When called on to speak, in response to my health, pro-

posed by the Worshipful Master, I was received with a very warm greeting, and determined at least to try to say something that deserved it. The King, who had briefly spoken before I rose, had said that Masonry knew no distinctions of colour, referring to the presence of himself, Governor Kapena, and the coloured Junior Warden of Adelphi Lodge, J. B. Smith. Waiting till the cheering had subsided, I said: 'Worshipful Master and Brethren,—No greater evidence may be found of the equality amongst us than is given in this presence. That true Freemasonry knows no distinction of colour has been affirmed in words by our brother opposite, and is demonstrated in fact by his presence, and that of our honoured brother, and my good friend, from Adelphi Lodge, who stands beside me. That true Freemasonry knows no distinctions of class is here made manifest by the putting myself and our brother from the Hawaiian Isles on a level at our work, at the same table at our feast; as that under the roof of this temple there is penalty for no shade of thought, so that it be honest; for no utterance of opinion, so that it be fraternal and earnest. The majesty that Freemasonry delights to honour is the majesty of earnest manhood, the kingship which comes of effort, not of birth, the heroism of endeavour for human progress. Speaking for an orient which has on its muster-rolls many uncrowned kings, for a lodge which has had amongst its brethren Joseph Mazzini, Joseph Garibaldi, and Louis Blanc, I venture to hope that all our brethren will understand that true Masonic work is in the deliverance of humankind from poverty, ignorance, and superstition. We who claim to be Freemasons should seek so to use our trowels on the steps of the world's upward pathway, that the weak and less sure-footed may climb more easily the happiness that all humanity always seeks, but from want of light or strength, does not always find.' At the conclusion of my speech, which lasted about ten minutes, the whole of those present gave me Masonic honours, and then three cheers and 'a tiger'; and then the King, rising again, proposed a toast, 'The Cause of Humanity,' and said to me: 'We have gone through the form of shaking hands before; will you shake hands with me really now, on the ground of our common humanity?' and we then shook hands amidst much cheering. Dr. Winslow Lewis, who is an eminent and liberal physician in Boston, made a most humorous address. The old gentleman is evidently highly esteemed in Boston, and his reference to Mastai Ferretti, the excommunicated Mason, who is known as Pio Nono, was warmly greeted. Governor Dominis created some pleasantry by inviting us to visit the Sandwich Islands, there being evidently a strong under-current of opinion that "roast missionary" still figured on the hotel bills of fare in those sea-girt countries."

Is not the foregoing remarkable, especially in a country containing Grand Lodges, who do not consider anyone eligible who denies the inspiration of the scripture. I have heard that Mr. Bradlaugh is an atheist. Can it be so, and yet for him to be a Mason? This is a matter of great importance, and I feel sure that the readers of the *Freemason*, as with myself, will be anxious to have the question settled. To what lodge and Grand Lodge does Mr. Bradlaugh belong? Is he an English Freemason or what? I do not desire to refer either to his religious (?) or his political opinions, because as Freemasons we have little to do with either, but surely it should be clearly established that an atheist cannot be a Freemason anywhere.

Mr. Bradlaugh has not only been to New York, but also to Boston, and in the latter city he was present, by special invitation, at a festival of a most remarkable character. In his own terse language, and hearty sympathizing tone, in which we join, the meeting is thus described: A few years ago no coloured men were admitted to the Masonic brotherhood in any part of the United States. Last night was the first case in which a coloured Freemason was elected to be an office bearer in any regular lodge. About eight years ago the St. Andrews Lodge made Joshua B. Smith (Sumner's devoted friend) and six other coloured men Freemasons, with the intent that they might establish a coloured men's lodge. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, however, did not issue the warrant for such a lodge, and the purpose was abandoned. Joshua B. Smith, who was a Justice of the Peace for Massachusetts, and who had in the interval been elected to the Senate of that state, became a member of the Adelphi Lodge, meeting in South Boston, and yesterday evening he was formally installed as Junior Warden. We say all honour to the Boston Freemasons for so doing, and we thank Mr. Bradlaugh for the information. We would now, however, like to know if the brother mentioned is a deist. If so, his being a Mason is explained. If an atheist, what does it all mean?

REVIRESCO.

THE PUBLIC HOUSE QUESTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read, with interest, several letters in your last number, in reference to some points in the working of our Order, which I have always held to be of vital importance; namely, the holding of meetings of lodges in taverns and public houses—care in the selection of candidates for our privileges—the discontinuance of interest in Masonic proceedings by brethren after they have passed the first chair of their respective lodges and chapters. To these I may add another, which considerable experience has convinced me is a matter well worthy of consideration and legislation by our authorities; that is a provision, that no brother shall be elected to fill the chair until he has proved his competency to perform the duties thereof. Before proceeding to enlarge on these points, allow me to state that I am a Mason of twenty-eight, and a P.M. of twenty-five years' standing, that within a year of my initiation I was able to work all the ceremonies, and very soon after to give the

ectures, and have been equally competent in the Arch and Mark Degrees within a short period of my admission to them. For about ten years, from 1857 to 1867, I was a regular correspondent of your predecessor, the "Freemasons' Magazine," generally known under the signature, which I attach to this letter, but since that time, advancing years and other circumstances have led me to restrict myself to local usefulness in the provinces in which I have been successively located, no less than four, and of my exertions in each I can produce documentary evidence.

I happen to possess the Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book for every year from 1857, and the "Freemasons' Magazine" from January, 1859, till its last date, Nov. 4th, 1871. (The last is an answer to the inquiry made by W.J.H. on page 75 of your last number.) I have also the *Freemason* from its commencement in 1869.

In respect to the holding of lodge meetings in taverns, I have just examined the Calendar for 1850, and find that at that period, 385 lodges in England and Wales met in such places of public resort, and 106, that is about one fourth of the whole number, in Masonic halls, private rooms, or other buildings, not accessible to the public and unconnected with drinking associations. Our indefatigable Masonic historian, Bro. Hughan, has repeatedly expressed to me his opinion as to the desirableness of individual brethren taking up special subjects, and while he adhered mainly to his own, he assigned to me the question of separate places for our meetings, as well as correctness and similarity of ritual; and during the period I have named, I endeavoured to carry out this division of labour, nor do I feel that my efforts were unsuccessful, assisted as they were by those of many others who held the views, and were equally impressed with the importance of the subject. I have now examined the Calendar for last year, and I find that while 533 lodges still adhere to what I deem an objectionable practice; 463 lodges meet in buildings exclusively devoted to Masonic purposes, or, at least, unconnected with such as are licensed as houses of public entertainment, that is, in round numbers, about nine-twentieths. I may mention that there are a very few, perhaps twenty, as to which the place of meeting is not specified; of these I have taken no account on either side. The number 533 is still very large, but the proportion is greatly changed during the last quarter of a century, and a great improvement is manifest. Let us hope that by the year 1900 the adoption of special buildings will be almost universal.

The next point I have mentioned is care in the selection of candidates for Freemasonry. I have seen many cases of neglect on this head, and in some instances have refused to attend meetings of my lodge, while doubtful men were taking the several degrees, and when I have felt that there has been a laxity in instituting rigid inquiry. In some lodges in one province to which I belonged, intermediate meetings of the officers were held, and no candidates were allowed to be proposed without the sanction of the brethren attending those meetings, that is, of those who were more immediately responsible for the good government and welfare of the body.

As to the third point—continued interest in, and regular attendance at the meetings of the lodge on the part of Past Masters—I do not see that there can be any interference with individual action, but in order to show my opinion on the subject, whenever I am called upon to install a W.M., before delivering the three customary addresses at the close of the ceremony, I give a special one to the I.P.M., explaining the Masonic application of his jewel, and enforcing the importance of continued attendance at the meetings of the lodge so long as he continues a member of it.

With respect to the fourth subject, to which I have alluded, I have generally found that when a W.M. has felt himself incompetent to discharge his duties by want of acquaintance with the ritual, he has requested some P.M. to work the ceremonies for him. Indeed I think that every aspirant to the position of W.M. of a lodge, or Principal of a chapter, should be required to prove his competency before election. I am told that this course is sometimes adopted, but I imagine that it is very rare. I am aware that many Masons plead the calls of business and family engagements as an excuse, but I hold that in such case they should not undertake what they know they cannot perform, nor can I understand how they can conscientiously give the necessary pledges on installation.

In the hope that these remarks will tend to forward the views of your other correspondents,

I am, yours fraternally,

H.H.

THE RIGHT OF VISITING LODGES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letter of Bro. W. I. Adye, in your impression of 20th ult., I must say I was much disappointed at not finding in your last number an answer to this most important question from some brother of acknowledged influence in the Craft. I am unacquainted with "Busy Bee," but I should imagine he has not spent much of his time in flitting from "flower to flower," but on the contrary, has confined himself to the parent hive. It seems to be the general impression of the brethren of this province, inculcated by our provincial rulers in the Craft, that a Mason has a right to visit any lodge of the town in which he resides, by simply proving himself a subscribing member of the Craft, and that an examination at least cannot lawfully be denied when properly demanded. Referring to the "Summary of Ancient Charges," etc., to be read to the Master elect of a lodge prior to his installation. I find the following:—"No. 7. You agree to be courteous to your brother, etc." "No. 8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren." Now it appears to me that Bro. Adye was not even examined by any member of the Domestic Lodge, but that he was simply informed

that he was "in the way." I would ask—"Was that courteous behaviour?" or—"Was it showing respect to the brethren?" I am led to believe that in the "Ancient Charges, at the constitution of a lodge," contained in a M.S. of the Lodge of Antiquity, it is directed—"That every Mason receive and cherish strange fellows when they come over the country, and sett them on worke, if they will worke, as the manner is; that is to say, if the Mason have any mould stone in his place, he shall give him a mould stone and sett him on worke; and if he have none, the Mason shall refresh him with money unto the next lodge."

This appears to me to be explicit as to the right of every Mason to present himself at the door of a strange lodge, and to demand an examination, which, if properly complied with, should suffice to allow of his admission.

Permit me to say that if this right be denied, the foundation of our noble fabric would appear to be built upon sand, for what becomes of our boasted "three grand principles," when one of the chief benefits of our ancient institution is hereby scattered to the wind?

I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

F D. MARSDEN, I.P.M. 712,
Prov. Grand Secretary, Lincolnshire.

THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the report of the celebration of the 56th anniversary festival of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, in your last issue, I observe one or two startling announcements, and as we regard Oxford as one of the great founts of knowledge, Masonic and otherwise, I am disposed to ask a question or two. It is stated "there were ten candidates for initiation, who were all admitted to the mysteries of Freemasonry;" this by dispensation, I imagine, although it is not so stated. Was there a dispensation for the closing of the lodge in "ample form?" as described by your correspondent. I am aware Oxford has some Masonic privileges, but do not quite understand this as one of them.

I am induced to notice this statement lest they may mislead.

I am, sir, yours fraternally, AN OLD P.M.

THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At line thirteen of my letter on the above subject in your last issue, I am represented as having written that "An Old P.M. seems to me to be correct," instead of "incorrect." The mistake is important, as completely upsetting the intended meaning of my letter.

Yours fraternally, BUSY BEE.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO LODGES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly state in your next edition, the etiquette to be observed in paying official visits to other lodges.

The W.M., officers, and brethren (of the lodge visiting), having entered the lodge and taken their seats, witness the business of the evening. After which the presiding Master rises, and in a few appropriate remarks, acknowledges the honour and pleasure of being visited by lodge (so and so). Then the W.M. (of the lodge visiting) responds.

Now, what I should like to know is, "When the presiding Master is acknowledging the visit, do all the members of his lodge rise and remain standing whilst he speaks? and do the W.M. and brethren (of the lodge visiting) stand at the same time, if so, you will perceive we are all standing at one time. I consider this wrong. That which I think correct, is, whilst the presiding Master welcomes the visiting lodge, the members of his lodge stand (when he has finished speaking of course he and they sit down), then when the W.M. of visiting lodge rises to respond, all the members of same, rise and remain standing with him.

Kindly say whether I am correct; if wrong, state what it should be.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
M.M., Bristol.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, (No. 1598.)

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A "P.M." has misunderstood the meaning of the words used by Bro. Younghusband at the last meeting of the Royal Standard Lodge, the report of which appeared in your columns of the 20th ult., page 73.

Bro. Younghusband's words were:—"Permit me now, in the name of the Royal Standard Lodge, (No. 1298,) of which you were the founder, as the Consecrating Officer, and first occupant of its chair to present," &c. &c. Bro. Younghusband, having been the Consecrating Officer, of necessity became the chair's first occupier.

M. M.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 12, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 6.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.

" 1470, Thames Valley; Ship Hotel, Halliford, near Shepperton.

Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 Precep. 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton Court.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (81c), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
 Mark Lodge 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-sr., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Queen's Hotel, Cork-street, Bond-street, W.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
 Lodge 3, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
 " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
 " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.

Lodge 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.
 Chap. 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern.
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.
 " 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.
 " 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, Craven-rd., W.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 " 1475, Peckham, Victoria Tavern, Old Kent-road.
 Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 619, Beadon, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.
 Preceptory D., Mount Calvary, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-sr., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.
For the Week ending Saturday, March 13, 1875.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
 " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
 Chap. 537, Zion, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 " 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonie, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1213, Bridgwater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 5.
 FRIDAY, MARCH 12.
 Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, near Birkenhead, at 7.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, March 13, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Prince of Wales Hall, Crosshill.
 Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Kingston.
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street.
 Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

Lodge 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
 " 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 313, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12.

Lodge 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 SATURDAY, MARCH 13.
 Lodge 179, St. Mungo, Loudon Hotel, Mauchline.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 13, 1875.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court, at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.
 Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CANTERBURY.—UNITED INDUSTRIOUS LODGE (No. 31).—The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th of March last; among the brethren present were Bros. Capt. P. H. Knight, W.M., in the chair, Bros. Coppin, P.M., P. Prov. S.W., acting as S.W.; Dr. Browning, J.W.; Wiltshire, Plant, and Dean, S.D., J.D., and I.G. respectively; Pringher, Tyler. The minutes of the last lodge night were read and confirmed, and on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Major Elmsall, it was unanimously resolved that the lodge do record on its minutes its deepest sense of the heavy loss it has sustained by the death of Bro. John Pout, P.M., for twenty-six years one of its members, twenty-four of which he had been appointed Hon. Sec.; and also that a letter be addressed to his widow and family, sympathising with them in their bereavment, and expressing the great sorrow of the lodge at the loss of so good a Mason. Brother Pout was initiated in May, 1848, and from that time up to his death, which occurred on February 22nd, 1875, his signature is absent from the attendance book on twenty-two occasions only. Brother John R. Hall, P.M., P. Prov. Assist. G. Sec., was appointed by the W.M. Hon. Sec., and duly invested with the collar and jewel of his office. A ballot was taken for Dr. W. M. Longhurst, Organist of Canterbury Cathedral, which the W.M. declared unanimous. Some other business was transacted and the lodge adjourned.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 41).—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday, March 4th. Present—Bros. Clark, W.M.; Major Preston, I.P.M.; Brown, S.W.; Everingham, J.W.; Falkner, Sec.; Wilton, P.M., D.C.; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; Stiles, acting as J.D.; Denham, I.G.; Past Masters Wilcox, Carey, Rubie, Moutrie, and many members of the lodge. By previous arrangement, there were also many visitors: Genl. Doherty, W.M. 906; Simmons, W.M. 53; J. S. Bartrum, W.M. 379; Payne, P.M. 53, and Prov. G. Treas.; Sinnott, P.M. 326; W. Smith, P.M. 53; Dickenson, S.D. 379; Heyward, 906; Yate, 170; Dill, 906; Sumson, 33; W. F. Collins, 53; C. Collins, 53. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular, and also of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. mentioned that he had received communications from Bro. Ashley, P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., &c., expressive of regret at absence on account of illness. Letters were read from Lodges 370, 906, 446, 285, 261, and from Bro. Else, Prov. G. Secretary, returning thanks for presents of the published history of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, and on the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by the W.M., it was resolved that a copy be sent to the Grand Lodge of England. The W.M. stated that Bro. Major Bousfield, M.P. for Bath, had presented £2 2s. to the lodge for charitable purposes, and proposed that it be supplemented by a grant of £3 3s. from the general fund, with the view of obtaining a Life Governorship in one of the charities. This was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried. The D.C. proposed, and Bro. Wilcox seconded a resolution that the letter of condolence on his domestic bereavment, which had been forwarded to the Pro Grand Master, and also his reply thereto, be entered on the minutes, which was unanimously agreed to. A ballot was taken for Mr. C. W. Rodway, as a candidate for initiation, which having proved favourable, the chair was taken by Bro. Major Preston, who performed the ceremony and gave the charge. Bro. Brown explaining the working tools. Bro. Smith was then examined as to his proficiency, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and the I.P.M. duly passed the candidate to the rank of F.C., the tools being illustrated by Bro. Birth. The lodge was resumed in the first degree. A vote of thanks to the visitors was passed for their attendance, and acknowledged by the P.M.'s of the respective lodges. Bro. Carey, P.M., proposed by Bro. Major Bousfield as a joining member. The lodge was closed soon after ten o'clock.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—This old and exclusive lodge met for work at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 18th ult., when there were present a goodly number of brethren. Bro. Kilphack, who was initiated and passed to the F.C. degree in this lodge last year—but who had been residing in Galatz, now came forward to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, when the ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., Bro. A. D. George—that beautiful hymn "Days and Moments swiftly flying" (No. 376, Hymns Ancient and Modern)—being sung in an adjoining room by Bros. Barber, P.G.O.; Emra Holmes, and George, and adding greatly to the solemnity of the proceedings. Bros. Lieut. Pirie, R.N., and Geo. Elliston were afterwards passed to the second degree, the W.M. effectively performing the more simple ceremonial, and other Masonic business having been transacted, the brethren retired for refreshment, when the customary toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LION AND LAMB (No. 192).—The last regular meeting of the session was held on Thursday the 4th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. George Newman, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Cobu, S.W., Arkell, J.W., Jones, S.D., Legg, J.D., Rickwood, I.G., J. G. Marsh, P.M., Secretary, Abbott, Troit, Roberts, and Kenning, Past Masters; Bros. Bartholomew, Fisher, Baker, Stubington, Lucas, Bright, Kent, Cann, Alflatt, Stevenson, Cotter, Smale, Davis, Fellowes, and many others. Visitors, Bro. Henry Birdseye, and other five or six brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then raised and passed several brethren, Messrs. J. Pinder, C. E. Scholes, and T. T. Hampton, were balloted for and initiated; the whole of the work being done by Bro. George Newman, in his usual happy and efficient manner. Bro. George Abbott, I.P.M., proposed, and Bro. F. Troit, seconded, "That in consideration of the onerous duties of the Secretary of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, so ably performed by Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., the sum of ten guineas be given out of the Lodge funds towards a suitable testimonial to be presented to him, and that each Brother have an opportunity of subscribing to such testimonial. This being carried unanimously, a committee was then formed to carry out the arrangements. A brother from Exeter was relieved from the charity box fund. The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren supped together, the evening being enlivened by some good singing and recitations by Bros. Scholes, Fellowes, Cann, Marsh, and visitors.

OXFORD.—APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE (No. 357).—On Friday, February 26th, a meeting of this lodge was held for instruction. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Oxon.; acted as instructor, the officers were filled as follows:—Bros. Gordon Campbell, W.M.; J. S. C. Bodley, S.W.; C. G. Paget, J.W.; W. P. Eversley, S.D.; A. Glencross, J.D.; G. Barker, I.G.; H. S. Butler, Secretary; Bro. Crossacted as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was performed. On Thursday, March 4th, another instruction lodge was held under the mentorship as before. The officers were Bros. J. E. C. Bodley, W.M.; C. G. Paget, S.W.; W. P. Eversley, S.D.; H. S. Butler, S.D.; F. E. Weatherly, J.D.; Stewart, I.G.; Bro. Hedges acted as candidate. The ceremony of passing was performed.

BATH.—LODGE OF HONOUR (No. 379).—At the regular meeting held at the Masonic Hall, at 8 p.m., on Monday, March 8th, there were present Bros. J. S. Bartrum, W.M.; Davis, acting as I.P.M.; Cook, S.W.; H. Gore, J.W.; H. Culliford Hopkins, Sec.; Barber, P.M., and Treasurer; Dickenson, S.D.; Loder, P.M., as J.D.; Leir, I.G.; A. Hunt, P.M., and other members. A return visit from the local lodges was paid by the following:—Bros. Clark, W.M. 41; Simmons, W.M. 53; General Doherty, W.M. 906; Carey, P.M. 41; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; Major Preston, P.M. 41; Payne, P.M. 53 and P.G. Treas.; Smith, Treas. 53; W. F. Collins, 53; Birth, 41; Rolfe, 53; Nixon, 53; Baldwin, 41; C. Wilkinson, 41. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the previous minutes were read and confirmed. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins gave the lecture on the First Tracing Board to Bro. Little, which had been omitted when he was initiated at the meeting in February. The candidate was then examined as to his proficiency, and entrusted, after which he was requested to retire for preparation. The lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Little on his re-admission was duly passed as a F.C. by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Dickenson. The charge was delivered by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. The lodge was resumed in the first degree. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., a vote of thanks was passed to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, for a present of the history of the lodge, the records being complete from its foundation in 1733, which had been compiled by Bro. Ashley, P.M., and published. A similar complimentary resolution was agreed to, thanking the visiting brethren for their attendance, especially the W.M.'s of the other two lodges in Bath, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins, a member of 41, for the efficient assistance he had rendered, which the W.M. hoped would be fully appreciated by the candidate, as affording him an insight into the principles of the Masonic Order into which he had so recently been admitted. In a pleasing, impressive, and eloquent manner, the W.M. expatiated on the benefits to be derived from such intercourse between the local lodges, and pointed out the advantages of the Masonic system as a humanizing and fraternal social link in every part of the world which may be visited by its members. Bros. Clark and Simonds, W.M.'s of the Royal Cumberland and Sussex Lodges, briefly replied in acknowledgement of the compliment. The lodge was finally closed at a quarter to ten.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—An excellent meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The proceedings commenced at half-past six o'clock in the evening. There

were present Bros. Keay, W.M.; Jones, S.W.; Rowley, J.W.; Cocke, I.P.M.; Depotieu, P.M., Treasurer; Stean, P.M., Secretary; Taylor, S.D.; Lemarque, I.G. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Ellis and Starey to the sublime degree. The whole of the arduous and beautiful ceremony was exceedingly well carried out. The W.M. proposed, which was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, that the sum of £10 should be voted from the funds of the benevolent box to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. White, J.D., having resigned the lodge, the W.M. invested Bro. Lemarque as J.D., and Bro. Crouch as I.G. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet. Among the visitors present were Bros. Themans, P.M. 141; Walls, I.G. 141, 1381, 1503, and 1512; Clarke, 141; Edwards, 192. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the following toasts, briefly, but to the point; all of which were responded to by the brethren with excellent "fire." The "Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the "Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," the "Visitors," the "Past Masters of the Lodge, and the Officers of the Lodge." Bros. Themans and Walls replied at length for the visitors. The former stated that he had visited the lodge several times, and had always found the working excellent, and the hospitality and conviviality unbounded, in conclusion, he paid a high compliment to the Past Masters, who had evinced so much energy in bringing the lodge to its present state of efficiency and prosperity. The latter, in the course of his reply, expressed the pleasure he had received by his visit, both as regards the proceedings in the lodge, and at the banquet table. He stated that he attended numerous lodges of greater pretensions, but that the working of the Cosmopolitan would challenge comparison with any, and if the present edition was an example of what had gone before, the lodge had every reason to be proud of its position in the craft. The I.P.M. having been entrusted with the gavel, proposed the W.M.'s health, and stated that it was a duty exceedingly pleasing to him, because he had introduced Bro. Keay into the lodge, and now had the gratification of beholding him fulfilling the duties of W.M. so well, and in that position had the honour of toasting him. This toast was well received, and the W.M. briefly replied. The Past Masters' toast was severally responded to by Bros. Cocke, Gibson, Depotieu, and Stean. The latter made an excellent reply, and expressed his pleasure, as one of the founders of the lodge, at seeing the great strides it had made in the Craft, and having been connected with Freemasonry upwards of forty years, out of which period he had been thirty-five years a Past Master; he was pleased to see that the principles of philanthropy which he had always advocated throughout his long Masonic career, were not lost sight of by the brethren of the Cosmopolitan, which, without interfering with the general funds of the lodge, was able to dispense charity from another source, viz., the box of benevolence, and in conclusion, he hoped that the lodge would eventually become Vice-Presidents of all the Masonic charities. Between the toasts Bros. Cocke, Walls, and Lemarque, contributed some vocal effusions. In consequence of there being a member of a continental lodge present, the W.M. made him a subject of a special toast. Bro. Vanemans, I.G. Mutual Faith, Zwolle, replied, and stated how honoured he felt, in having so high a compliment paid him by the W.M. and the brethren, and on his return to the Netherlands he should acquaint his brethren of the Zwolle Lodge with the gratification he had experienced at visiting so excellent a lodge as the Cosmopolitan, and under so able a W.M. The officers of the lodge having severally responded to their toast, the Tyler gave the concluding one, and the brethren separated.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held for the first time at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Henry J. Bobart, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M., presided, and there were present, Bros. T. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; W. H. Bobart, P.M., Treasurer; J. Worsnop, P.M., Secretary; T. Gadsby as S.D.; J. H. Biggs, as J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, O.G.; J. G. Eaton, C. D. Hart, T. H. Hepworth, Sam. Steele, Edgar Taylor, J. E. Russell, J. O. Manton, W. Butterfield, Hy. Mills, A. A. Newham, J. Whales. Visitors—T. H. Warner, P.M. 802; J. McLaren, True Blue Lodge, 935, Wexford. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the third degree, when the W.M. raised Bro. Whales to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He then resumed in the second degree, and passed Bro. Newham. Two candidates for initiation, Messrs. Richard Daniel and James Parkins, jun., were balloted for and elected. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, with solemn prayer, and adjourned. The foregoing were the first ceremonies worked at the new Masonic Hall.

SANDWICH.—CINQUE PORTS LODGE (No. 1206).—The installation of the W.M. of the Cinque Ports Lodge took place in their lodge-room at the Bell Hotel, Sandwich, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., when the interesting ceremony was ably performed by Bro. L. Hills, the retiring W.M. After Bro. W. W. Woodcraft was duly installed in King Solomon's chair, he proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. F. Baker, S.W.; H. S. Watts, J.W.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, Chaplain pro tem.; A. C. Plater, Treasurer; C. Baker, Secretary; J. Alchin, Organist; E. Terry, S.D.; R. Harrison, jun., J.D.; L. H. Hatherway, I.G.; Dixon, Dir. of Cer.; Dick Baker, S.; J. W. Hughes, S.; and J. V. Greer, Tyler. Shortly after the lodge business was over the brethren retired to a large room, where a banquet of a first-class quality was provided by Bro. Birch. The fare was exceedingly good,

and about fifty brethren sat down together to dine. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. J. S. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M. of Kent; from Lodge Union, No. 127, Bro. Hornett, W.M., Margate; from Lodge Harmony, No. 133, we noticed Bros. H. Bathurst, P.M., and F. T. Giraud, P.M., of Faversham; from Lodge Royal Navy, No. 429, Bros. I. Jarman, W.M.; J. J. Darby, P.M.; L. Finch, P.M. and P. Prov. G.D.C. of Kent; H. Lucard, J.W.; and H. A. Vilon, Ramsgate; from Lodge Invicta, Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. of Kent; and Hughes-Hallett, W.M., Ashford; from Lodge Wellington, No. 784, Bros. J. E. Apps, W.M.; W. Harding, P.M.; A. F. S. Bird, P.M.; A. E. Ralph, P.M. and P.G.S.D. of Kent, Deal; from Lodge Lord Warden, No. 1006, Bros. B. R. Eastes, W.M.; T. J. Usher, P.M.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, P.M.; T. Ayling, J.D.; and Bro. S. Holgate, Tyler, Walmer; from Lodge Lewises, No. 1209, Bros. W. Call, W.M.; G. Page, J.W.; and W. H. Howard, Ramsgate. Amongst the brethren of Lodge 1206 we noticed, in addition to the officers, Bros. L. Hills, I.P.M. and P.G.S. of Kent; R. J. Emerson, P.M. and P. Prov. G.J.W. of Kent; W. Mate, P.M. and P. Prov. G.D.C. of Kent; and several other brethren. After ample justice had been done to the "inner man," the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts were given; then followed the complimentary toasts, when the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," and said he felt highly honoured with the presence of Bro. J. Eastes at the present festive board. Bro. J. S. Eastes duly responded to the compliment paid him, and in a very appropriate speech said that out of thirty-eight lodges in the province there were a great many more applications for the various charities than there were vacancies to admit. He cautioned the W.M.'s and brethren as to whom they admitted, as the rapid increase of lodges and the number of new members must increase the number of applications to the various charities, and great caution should be exercised. Bro. F. Baker, in a very suitable speech, proposed "The Provincial, Present and Past, Grand Officers," and coupled the toast with the name of Bro. E. Ralph, who very suitably responded. Bro. R. J. Emerson proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," which, he said, were second to none in the world. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Finch, who responded in a very creditable manner. Bro. Plater next proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. J. Harrison, who duly responded. Several other complimentary toasts were proposed and responded to, and the evening's amusement was greatly enhanced by Bros. Frank Elmore, F. H. Cozens, and Thurley Beale, of London, who gave some excellent glees, songs, &c., in good style, which added considerably to the enjoyment of the brethren, and a very pleasant and agreeable evening was spent, which will doubtless long be remembered by all present.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—ST. ALBAN'S LODGE, (No. 1294).—On the 25th February, Bro. Jack Sutcliffe (late J.W.) was duly installed as W.M. of this lodge by Bro. Anderson Bates, P.P.G.D. of C. Linc. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe was the first initiated in this lodge, his father, Bro. John Sutcliffe being then the W.M., who is well-known in the Masonic circle, and the recently installed Grand Mark Master for the province of Lincolnshire. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Jos. Chapman, S.W.; John Nelson, J.W.; S.T. Faddelsey, Sec.; Thos. Coates, S.D.; Alfred Brady, J.D.; and D.H. Bury, I.G. Bro. C. B. Moody, is the Treasurer, and Bro. H. Wardale, the Tyler of the lodge. The W.M.'s and Wardens of the Grimsby (Pelham Pillar), Hull (Lumber and Minerva), Louth (Lindsey), Brigg (Anchorage), and Barton (St. Matthew) Lodges, and other brethren honoured the occasion with their presence. After the installation, 40 brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, at the Royal Hotel, given by the brethren of the lodge as a compliment to Bro. Samuel Walmesley, the I.P.M., which was presided over by Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, the newly installed Master.

HUDDERSFIELD.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Royal Archer Hotel, Dale-street, Manchester. The lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Henry Smith. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Davis and Mr. Edward Dickinson, and proving favourable in both cases, the ceremony of initiation was preceded with by the I.P.M., Bro. Jno. W. Turner, on behalf of Mr. Davis. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Edward Dickinson, which he did with great proficiency. The J.W., Bro. C. J. Kent, afterwards delivered the charge in a most able and impressive manner. The lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, when the W.M. raised Bro. D. L. Bracke to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, doing his work so creditably as to be congratulated by the Past Masters on his proficiency. Bro. Thomas Tyer, P.M., who is known as an excellent worker, then raised Bro. Richard Wheeldon with that ability which his long connection with Masonry has taught him. Business was then resumed in the second, then in the first degree, when one gentleman was proposed for initiation, and one as a joining member. Heartily good wishes having been given by twelve visitors, and business concluded, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock. The brethren and visitors adjourned to refreshment, when thirty-five sat down to an excellent supper, provided by the worthy host, Bro. Potts, and presided over by the W.M. After the excellent working and rational enjoyment, the brethren separated, each and all expressing the pleasure they had enjoyed at being present at the meeting of this rising and prosperous lodge.

SHEPPERTON.—THAMES VALLEY LODGE (No. 1460).—A meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Saturday, 6th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Huddersfield. The lodge was opened by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Peters, and among the other brethren present were the Rev. Dr. Brette, P.G.C.

S.W.; Lieut. C. B. Elliott, Royal Naval Reserve, J.W.; W. Paas, Treasurer; Lieut. J. G. Marsh, Secretary; J. L. Jones, S.D.; W. T. Howe, J.D.; Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Lieut. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Secretary Middlesex; Herbert Kerr, Charles Semple, Joseph Davis, J. Burdett Yeoman, John A. Magee, John While, W.M. 228; Thomas Cubitt, G. Purst, England; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; Rev. P. M. Holden, M.A., 907; Rev. W. B. Church, M.A., P.M. 165; A. Perrot, 720; G. Townsend, P.M. 754; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (Freemason); E. Amphlett, M.A., 859; John Boyd, Past Grand Pursuivant, England; E. Semple, 14; and H. Parner, Prov. Grand Organist, Middlesex. Bro. J. G. Marsh, at the request of Col. Peters, passed Bros. C. Semple, J. Davis, and R. Stone to the F.C. degree, and then initiated Mr. W. Sweetland, Lieut. Walter Alecock, Mr. J. E. Kershaw, Mr. C. J. Davis, and Mr. J. W. H. R. Gowan. When these ceremonies were concluded, Bro. R. Wentworth Little took the chair, and installed the Rev. Dr. Brette as W.M. for the current year. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers:—Lieut. Elliott, S.W.; J. L. Jones, J.W.; William Paas, Treas.; J. G. Marsh, Sec.; W. T. Howe, S.D.; J. A. Magee, J.D.; and Woodstock, Tyler. The lodge unanimously voted a fifteen guinea Past Master's jewel to Col. Peters, as the first W.M. of the lodge, and this being the conclusion of the Masonic business, the brethren, after four hours of hard work, adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was provided by Bro. Stone, the proprietor of the Ship Hotel, with great taste and judgment. When the cloth was removed, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. In proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," Col. Burdett, the W.M. said he was supported by two Colonels, one on his right, Col. Burdett, and the other on his left, Col. Peters, the latter of whom was the father of the lodge, and the former of whom might not inappropriately be styled the grandfather. Both these brethren had done much good for Masonry, and their presence was always acceptable to the members of this lodge. Col. Burdett knew how pleased they always were to see him, and the lodge had only to hope that whenever they met he would favour them with his company. Col. Burdett responded, and in the course of his remarks, observed that the lodges in Middlesex not only held a proud position in the province, but in the Masonic world in general. The Thames Valley Lodge, although only a young one, was one of the most flourishing. The efforts made by the province were a step in the right direction, and the election of Dr. Brette to the chair of Master, in succession to Col. Peters, was another such step. While acknowledging the kindness which the brethren had manifested in drinking his health, he thanked them, not only for himself, but on behalf of all the Grand Officers, because the compliment was not only paid to him, but to the whole of the Province of Middlesex. In that province he would uphold the dignity of Masonry, and whenever his advice and assistance were sought they were at the disposal of the Craft. To the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, Bros. J. C. Parkinson," Bro. R. W. Little replied, and remarked that the Grand Officers of the province viewed with great satisfaction the prosperity of the province, which, however, had only been in existence a few years. The success of individual lodges was also a source of much pleasure to them, and this lodge had attracted considerable attention. The first Master, Col. Peters, through whom the great success of the lodge had been attained, had worked very well on its behalf, and the thanks of the brethren were due to him in no limited measure. The lodge would, no doubt, continue to prosper, and under such W.M.'s as Col. Peters, and Dr. Brette, it had every chance of succeeding. Col. Peters proposed "The W.M.," a brother, who, though he had been a long time in Masonry, had never till that evening reached the distinguished position of the Masters' chair, which all Masons strove for, and were proud to get. As Master of this lodge, he would do his duty as he had in every other position in life which he had filled, and would do the best he could to carry on the work of the lodge in the most efficient manner. The W.M., in reply, said he would not speak of himself, although he was much obliged to the brethren for drinking his health. He should leave the brethren to judge of him by his acts. "Verba volant; facta manent;" and it was only by his deeds he would ask to be judged. He would now present the Immediate Past Master with a valuable jewel, which had been that day voted in lodge to Col. Peters, for his zeal and ability in discharging the duties of his office during the past year. It would be unnecessary to tell the brethren what Col. Peters had done, because they had seen for themselves. Col. Peters was founder of the lodge, and the brethren hoped that he would long have health and strength to come among them, and show how much they esteemed him. The jewel he had to present to him, was but a feeble token of the brethren's esteem for him, but its real value consisted in the feeling which had dictated the voting of it. It was certainly of elegant design and workmanship, and was constructed from a drawing by Bro. Marsh, the esteemed Secretary of the lodge. He hoped that Bro. Col. Peters would long live to wear it. Col. Peters, in acknowledging the kindness of the brethren in displaying such consideration for him, assured the brethren that he did not deserve it. The opportunity of becoming First Master of the lodge was offered to him by his friend, Col. Burdett, and he need not say that he did not hesitate in the least in accepting it. But it would be improper if he allowed the present moment to pass over without saying that if it had not been for the great assistance he had had from very many members of the Craft, he could not possibly have come out of the duties of his year of office. That "nothing succeeds like success," was a sentiment which every member of the Thames Valley Lodge would agree was true; and he felt that under the auspices and guidance of its present Master, the lodge would progress. The lodge had already

attained a prominent position, and it could not be denied that the popularity of the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Burdett, gave an impetus to the brethren of the province on behalf of Freemasonry. Col. Burdett was a very active Prov. G. Master, and visited all the lodges of his province, and the personal interest he took in them, which he thus so plainly manifested, imbued the brethren with the same spirit as that by which he was actuated. The brethren would all corroborate him (Col. Peters) when he said that they would always be delighted to see Col. Burdett among them. With respect to the handsome P.M. jewel which the W.M. had just affixed to his breast, he would add that he was very much obliged to the brethren for it. It was an honour which all P.M.'s looked forward to, but did not always get, and he would value it; but though he had obtained it his efforts, in the interest of the lodge would not be in any way relaxed. The W.M. gave the toast of "The Initiates," five, fine, bright young fellows, fit to carry on the work of Masonry properly. The lodge was started but a year ago, and it had now thirty-one members, among whom were representatives of the Army, the Navy, the Church, the Law, and other professions. The toast having been responded to, the toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Rev. W. B. Church, P.M., 165; and "The Press," for which a special toast was proposed, by Bro. John While, 228. The toast of "The Officers," was acknowledged by Lieut. Elliott, Royal Naval Reserve, S.W., who said he felt great interest in the working of the lodge. Whatever he had done had been for the interest he took in Freemasonry in general. Bro. Williams, Paas, and Bro. J. G. Marsh, replied for "Treasurer" and "Secretary," the latter brother stating that he was going to stand as Steward for the lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School. The brethren shortly afterwards started to town, having passed a very pleasant evening.

Royal Arch.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 766).—A meeting of this young flourishing chapter was held on the 25th February, at the City Terminus Hotel, E.C., when the following companions were present:—Comps. William Worrell, M.E.Z.; George J. Kain, H.; Dr. R. H. Whiteman, J.; M. E. Newton, Treasurer; Henry Garrod, S.E.; George Newman, S.N.; Aug. Brown, First Assistant; Dr. W. H. Kempster, Second Assistant; also Dr. Cutmore and P. Steinmann. A ballot was taken for several candidates, the following being present, they were duly exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons, Bros. John T. Gibson, No. 1420; John T. Hiscroft, No. 1420; H. F. Partridge, No. 769; J. M. Klenck, P.H. 1339. This being election night for the Principals and officers for the ensuing year, the following were unanimously elected: Coms. G. J. Kain, M.E.Z.; Dr. R. H. Whiteman, H.; George Newman, J.; Henry Garrod, Treasurer; William Worrell, S.E.; Aug. Brown, S.N.; Dr. W. N. Kempster, P.S.; A. Grant, Janitor. The following notices of motion were given to be discussed at the next convocation:—1st. That the chapter be a banner chapter. 2nd. That a jewel be presented to Comp. William Worrell, to mark the valuable services he has rendered to the chapter, as the first M.E.Z. All business being ended, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent dinner, presided over by Comp. William Worrell, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Mark Masonry.

YEOVIL.—WILLIAM DE IRWIN LODGE (No. 162).—The installation meeting of this young lodge was held on Wednesday last, March 3rd. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Ben. Cox, P. Prov. G.W., the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Elise, P.P.G.W., and the lodge opened in due form. After the confirmation of the minutes, a deputation from the Prov. G. Lodge entered, and was received with the honours, namely, V.W. Bro. Capt. Irwin, Deputy Prov. G. Master; W. S. Gillard, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Wynn Westcott, P.G. Reg. Marks. The R.W. Deputy then installed Bro. J. Chaffin, J.W., into the Master's chair, which ceremony he performed in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested as his officers, Bros. W. S. Gillard, S.W.; W. J. Nosworthy, J.W.; Dr. W. Westcott, M.O.; W. Sawtell, S.O.; Dr. P. Colmer, J.O.; G. Rugg, S.D.; J. Sherwood, J.D.; T. Davies, Reg. and I.G.; G. Summer, Sec. Several names were then proposed for advancement, and the lodge closed. The V.W. Deputy G. Master then opened a lodge of Ark Mariners, and advanced eight candidates; he then installed Bro. J. Chaffin, W.M., in the chair, and the ark was moored in due form. All the brethren then present adjourned to an excellent repast, and several hours were spent in genial toasts and kind remembrance of absent friends, the V.W. Dep. P.G.M. (Craft), Capt. Bridges, being especially remembered.

Red Cross of Constantine.

The Premier Conclave of this Order met, in conjunction with the Bective Conclave, No. 23, on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, and was numerously attended. Four candidates, namely, Bros. Edward Amphlett, M.A. (son of Baron Amphlett); Cuthbert E. Peck (son of Sir Henry W. Peck, Bart., M.P.); W. H. Whitway Wilkison, L.R.C.P.; and Frederick Woodin, were installed as Knights of the Order. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Sir Knt. Edwin Sillitani, G. Standard Bearer, the M.P.S., who died on the 19th ult. Sir Knt. T. Burdett Yeoman was elected M.P.S.; T. Cubitt, P. Sec.,

Treasurer; and J. Gilbert, Sentinel. The conclave was then closed and the annual assembly of the

GENERAL GRAND CONCLAVE

was held. The chair was occupied by the M.E. Sir Knt. Col. Burdett, G. Viceroy, supported by Sir Knts. W. H. Hubbard, P.G.S.G. and G. Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.G.S.G.; H. C. Levander, G.H.C.; W. R. Woodman, G.R.; Angelo J. Lewis, G.C.; T. Cubitt, G.O.; T. W. White, G. Preceptor; W. Roebuck, G. Prefect; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, G.S.P.; Rev. P. E. H. Brette, D.D., G.A.R.; H. A. Dubois, G.S.A.; G. Kenning, G.I. of R.; Col. J. Peters, G. Standard Bearer; H. Parker, G. Organist; T. Burdett Yeoman, G.A.M.; E. H. Thiellay, G.V.C.; C. F. Hogard, G. Herald, J. T. Moss, G. Usher; Chas. Horsley, Int. Gen.; S. Rosenthal, Int. Gen.; A. A. Pendlebury, K.G.C., No. 6; J. Baird Mercer, K.G.C., No. 4; G. Moren, No. 2a.; F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D., Premier and Bard of Avon, No. 99; W. H. Scott, 101; W. Hurlstone, 6; Alfred Moore, Premier; F. Kelly, 2a.; J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., Premier; John Clark, 35; W. Cubitt Lucey, M.D., 6; Clement Stretton, 44; Rev. P. M. Holden, Premier; E. S. Norris, 2; T. Kingston, Premier; P. Sovereigns T. Massa, Premier; F. J. Barnes, 44; P. Viceroy S. Spencer, 2a.; R. Gresley Hall, Premier; G. A. Green, 35; J. Musgrave Levick, 2a.; Horatio H. Shirley, J. Adams, Acton; William Winn, E. Amphlett, W. H. W. Wilkinson, C. E. Peck, and F. Woodin, Premier.

The Grand Conclave was opened in due form, and the report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted. The Knights then proceeded to elect ten members of the Grand Senate, out of fifteen candidates, and the result of the ballot having been made known, the Acting Grand Sovereign announced that the principal officers of the Order for the ensuing year would be as follows, all being nominated but the last ten Senators, who were elected in conclave:—

GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL.—Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign; Colonel Francis Burdett, Most Eminent Grand Viceroy; The Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Grand Senior General; William Edward Gumbleton, J.P., Grand Junior General; Rev. William Benjamin Church, M.A., and Rev. Joseph Marychurch Vaughan, Grand High Prelates; Henry Charles Levander, M.A., Grand High Chancellor; Robert Wentworth Little, Grand Treasurer; William Robert Woodman, M.D., Grand Recorder; Raynham William Stewart, Grand High Almoner; Angelo John Lewis, M.A., Grand Chamberlain; John Boyd, Esq., Grand Architect; Thomas Cubitt, Grand Marshal; George Toller, jun., Grand Orator; Thomas W. White, Grand Historiographer.

PAST GRAND COUNCILLORS.—The Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, Past Grand Sovereign; The Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale, James Percy Leith, Past Grand Viceroy; Edward Busher, The Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, Robert Jones, Past Grand General; Rev. Thomas Fitzarthur Tovin Ravenshaw, M.A., Rev. Charles John Martyn, Past Grand High Prelates; Hyde Clarke, John Hervey, Past Grand High Chancellors; William Henry Hubbard, Past Grand Treasurer; Henry Gustavus Buss, Grand High Almoner; Colonel John Whitwell, M.P., Past Grand Chamberlain; John George Marsh, James Lewis Thomas, Past Grand Architects.

GRAND SENATE.—Joseph Chas. Parkinson, Grand Preceptor; William Roebuck, Grand Examiner; Chas. H. Rogers-Harrison, F.R.C.S., Grand Prefect; Rev. Philip E. H. Brette, D.D., Grand Sub Prelate; George Powell, Grand Vice Chancellor; Henry Arthur Dubois, Grand Assistant Treasurer; George Kenning, Grand Assistant Recorder; Lieut.-Col. Jas. Peters, Grand Sub Almoner; Alfred A. Pendlebury, Grand Inspector of Regalia; Eugene H. Thiellay, Thomas Burdett Yeoman, Grand Standard Bearer; Frederick Kelly, Grand Sword Bearer; Henry Parker, Grand Organist; John T. Moss, Grand Assistant Marshal; Chas. Frederick Hogard, Grand Vice Chamberlain; John Wm. Ellison Macartney, M.P., John Robert Goepel, Grand Heralds; James Percy Leith, Grand Usher.

The Grand Conclave was then closed, and the Knights adjourned to the banqueting room, where forty-two sat down, under the presidency of Colonel Burdett, in the absence of Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., who, as was subsequently ascertained, had not received his notice in time to attend the meeting.

After the cloth was cleared, the Chairman proposed "The Queen and the Christian Orders," "H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales," "The G. Sovereign, Sir F. M. Williams, and the P.G. Sovereign, the Earl of Bective," all of which were heartily received. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little then gave the health of the Chairman, and referred to the untiring zeal and sterling Masonic qualities of that illustrious Knight. The toast was responded to with the greatest *verve* and enthusiasm, all the company rising to give the *Red Cross* fire. Col. Burdett expressed his thanks and the pleasure he experienced in again meeting the Knights, and aiding the well-being and progress of the Order.

Sir Knt. Levander replied for the Council, and Sir Knt. Roebuck for the Senate.

Dr. Lacey and other M.P.S's. returned their best acknowledgements for the toast of "Prosperity to the various conclaves of the Order," and the Sentinel's toast concluded the proceedings. Out of respect to the memory of Sir Knt. Sillifant, a Grand Senator, the usual professional musical entertainment was dispensed with on this occasion.

ROMAN EAGLE CONCLAVE (No. 6) met at Anderton's Hotel on the 27th ult. under the presidency of Sir Knt. W. Hurlstone, M.P.S. During the evening Bro. Walter Spencer was installed as a Red Cross Knight and subsequently received the grade of Eusebius in company with Sir Knt. A. Perrot, the elected Viceroy. Sir Knt. W. Cubitt Lucey, M.D., was inducted into the chair of Con-

stantine and appointed his officer for the ensuing year. Amongst the members present were Sir Knts. W. F. N. Quilty, P. Sov. and Treasurer; H. C. Levander, M.A., P. Sov. and G.H.C.; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; A. A. Pendlebury, K.G.C. Rec.; A. C. Morton, J. J. Caney, Rev. W. B. Church, P. Sov. P.H.P.; A. Smith, and G. Smith. Sir Knt. T. Cubitt, G.O., was the only visitor. A banquet followed the business in conclave, and after the cloth was cleared a Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to Sir Knt. Hurlstone, who suitably acknowledged the gift.

THE INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MASTER.

The circulars for making the preliminary arrangements for the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master were issued on Wednesday from Grand Secretary's office. They consist of four forms. The first is addressed to the Masters of all London lodges, informing them that each London Lodge will have the privilege of naming a Steward to serve on the occasion of the Prince's installation, and inviting the lodge to do so.

If the number of intending Stewards exceeds the number of those required for the service, the selection is to be by ballot: but every brother whose name is returned as wishing to be a Steward, must undertake to attend the meetings when summoned, to be present at the Albert Hall at twelve o'clock on the day appointed for the installation (the 28th April), and to undertake the duty that may be assigned to him. The Stewards personally discharging these duties are to have the privilege of wearing a special jewel, the cost of which is not to exceed £5. The second circular is to the Masters of all lodges, stating that the installation will take place at the Albert Hall, on the 28th of April, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Master Masons, not being qualified members of Grand Lodge, that is, brethren who have taken the third degree in Freemasonry, but who are not Wardens, Masters, or Past Masters, will be permitted to be present; but no brother will be admitted to the hall unless his name shall have been returned, in a form accompanying the circular, to Grand Secretary's office, before the 31st of the present month.

Should it be found impracticable to provide accommodation for all the brethren whose names are so returned, an equitable distribution of tickets for the admission of Master Masons will be made to each lodge. Brethren who are subscribing members of more than one lodge must return their names on one list only. Tickets will not be transferable, and as seats will be provided for every brother to whom a ticket is issued, it is particularly requested that no brother will send in his name unless he is prepared to attend.

The third circular is addressed to Provincial Grand Secretaries, informing them that it is desirable, in order to facilitate the arrangements, to prevent confusion, that two brethren from each province, to whom the members or some of the members of each lodge are known, should act as Stewards, and undertake to be present at the Albert Hall before the doors are opened on the 28th of April, for the purpose of identifying, as far as practicable, the brethren as they enter. Provincial Grand Secretaries are therefore invited after consultation with their Provincial Grand Masters, to return the names and addresses of two brethren who may be willing to undertake this duty. A further circular is also issued as a form of letter which Masters or Secretaries of lodges are to write to the individual members of their lodges, embodying most of the foregoing particulars.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this Institution met on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Major John Creaton, V.P., presided, and among the brethren present were Bros. H. M. Levy, C. A. Cottebrune, John G. Stevens, William Stephens, John Bellerby, J. Newton, F. Adlard, Dr. Jabez Hogg, L. Stean, John M. Stedwell, Hyde Pullen, C. F. Hogard, W. Hale, Thos. Cubitt, J. A. Farnfield, Benjamin Head, Griffiths Smith, John Constable, Richard Spencer, and James Terry, Secretary.

A letter from the Marquis of Ripon was read by the Secretary, resigning the trusteeship of the Male Fund, the Widows' Fund, and the Sustentation Fund of this Institution.

It was suggested that the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, should be invited to accept the trusteeship of the Male and Widows' Funds, and Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, should be asked to accept the trusteeship of the Sustentation Fund.

The deaths of three annuitants and an approved candidate were announced, and the insanity of one annuitant was also reported.

The report of the Warden of the Asylum was read, as was also that of the House Committee, in which there was a recommendation that an honorary Vice-Presidentship should be offered for the acceptance of Dr. Strong, the honorary Surgeon of the Institution at Croydon for the last 11 years.

It was then moved, seconded and resolved, that this recommendation should be carried out, and Dr. Strong was thereupon duly elected an honorary Vice-President of this institution.

A letter from the Rev. John Palmer, as to the system of voting, was read, but it was not entertained by the committee.

Permission was given to one inmate to go home to her friends, the lady requested to do so, on account of age and infirmity.

The Chairman announced the death of Bro. W. Pultney Scott, P.G.D., which took place on Tuesday, and a letter of condolence was therefore ordered to be written to Mrs. Scott. The committee then adjourned.

OPENING OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE IN ROME.

The Masonic Temple was opened on Friday, 5th inst., by the Grand Master, Joseph Mazzoni. Brethren from all parts of Italy, with the badges of their degree and office, including Members of Parliament and of the liberal professions, artists, literary men, &c., were present. The foreign lodges were represented by Great Britain, France, Germany, Hungary, and North and South America. The Past Grand Master, Signor Mauro Macchi, delivered an eloquent speech congratulating Teutonic civilization on statesmen, like Bismarck and Gladstone, and hoping for a better day for Latin civilization, led by Italy. The reception of the foreign lodges was gracefully acknowledged in Italian by Colonel Balcanes Ramsay. During the proceedings, congratulatory telegrams kept arriving. The Temple is a model of simple elegance.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE PUNJAB.

A regular communication of District Grand Lodge assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Saturday the 9th January, 1875, at 7.30 p.m. There were present:—Wor. Bros. Capt. Marmaduke Ramsay, A.D.G.M.; William E. Ball, as D.G.S.W.; Walter Adlard, as D.G.J.W.; William Mellor, D.G. Treasurer; George Davies, D.G. Secretary; Peter Scott, as D.G.S. Deacon; James Wilkinson, as D.G.J. Deacon; Capt. Lewis W. Taylor, as D.G. Organist; C. W. Calthrop, M.D., as D.G. Dir. of Cers.; William Bull, as D.G. Purst.; Bros. J. W. Lemarchand and J. J. Davies, Stewards; George Read, as D. G. Tyler. There were present representatives of Lodges: Himalayan Brotherhood, 459; Hope and Perseverance, 782; Ravee, 1215; Light in the Himalayahs, 1448; John the Evangelist, 1483; Industry, 1485.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 7.30, with prayer, in ancient form.

The Wor. Acting D.G.M. proposed that the proceedings of the last regular communication having been printed and circulated to the lodges and officers of the District Grand Lodge, they be taken as read, which was duly seconded by W. Bro. W. Adlard, was put to the vote, and carried "nem. con."

The following brethren were proclaimed appointed to the following offices, the A.D.G.M. investing those of them who were present:—Wor. Bros. Arthur M. Saunders, 563, D.G.S. Warden; William Mellor, 1215, D.G.J. Warden; Rev. J. B. Brunesson, B.A., 1483, D.G. Chaplain; Major W. H. Mackesy, D.G. Treasurer; Major F. E. Hadow, 1483, D.G. Registrar; George Davies, D.G. Secretary; John Goldney, 459, D.G.S. Deacon; Capt. Fred. Grundy, 988, D.G.J. Deacon; Henry T. Tanner, C.E., 1448, D.G. Supt. of Works; Colonel C. Minchin, 1442, D.G.D. of C.; C. W. Calthrop, M.D., 782, A.D.G.D. of C.; Felix Goldstein, 459, D.G. Sword Bearer; Captain Lewis W. Taylor, 1483, D.G. Organist; William Bull, 1215, D.G. Purst.; Bros. Wycliff Jackson, 563; John Baker Tapp, 1485; W. J. Lemarchand, 782; J. J. Davies, 1215; Harry Calthrop, 1442; Captain G. G. Nelson, 2463, D.G. Stewards; Bro. Murphy, District Grand Tyler.

The R.W.A.D.G.M. then addressed the brethren as follows:—

"Amongst the actual offices there are but twelve appointments, and these have been distributed among nine lodges. The only lodge which appears to have a preponderance of strength is St. John the Evangelist, to which is assigned three appointments, but out of these three, two were of necessity assigned to it, as amongst its members alone at Lahore were found brethren competent to fill the offices of Chaplain and Organist. So, in reality, it has the Registrarship alone assigned to it."

"Since we last met, Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the office of Grand Master, which we heard of by telegram before the last meeting; and at the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 3rd December, he allowed himself to be nominated as Grand Master for the next year, thus proving he intends really to accept the office, and not take it as a stop-gap, if one may be allowed to use the expression. Until the next annual election comes on, all interested in the Craft will be delighted to hear that the Earl of Carnarvon has been appointed Pro Grand Master, and was obligated as such at the meeting referred to, and is succeeded as Deputy Grand Master by Lord Skelmersdale, the popular P.G.M. of Lancashire. We may, therefore, now fairly expect to hear by every mail of the appointment of a new D.G.M. for the Punjab."

"Turning to the report of the Board of General Purposes, there is little to remark upon. For some time past, a sum of Rs. 155 has been standing in the name of the Dalhousie Entertainment. This was got up by the exertions of Wor. Bro. Adlard, P.D.G.J.W., who now presents this sum to District Grand Lodge, in order that the vote attached to it may be used. This offer the board recommend should be accepted with thanks, and in which recommendation I most cordially agree. As regards the second point brought before the board, the circular from the Punjab Masonic Institution, which will be read to you, explains itself. It is impossible to get up annual festivals as in England, and I most cordially and warmly support the idea of an annual drawing, and trust that all the Masters of Lodges for 1875 will take an active interest in the disposal of tickets, and become members of the committee. During 1874, we have had three similar drawings, which have been most successful; this one, however,

is on a larger scale. The last one we had was drawn on St. John's Day, and the first prize, a Vice-presidentship, was won by Bro. Major Beamish, 36th Regiment, and the second, a life-governorship, by Bro. Sola, of Umballa. In the annual one now proposed, it is intended to increase the number of prizes by having twenty life-governorships as prizes of the value, as you are all aware, of Rs. 100 each. The board suggest that District Grand Lodge should take five tickets, paying for them out of the Fund of Benevolence, which is well able to afford it; and should we not gain a prize, our money, Rs. 25, will go towards the P.M.I., a most deserving institution.

"As regards the Fund of Benevolence, there is one application for assistance come in from the W. Master of Lodge Multan, but as it does not appear of a very urgent nature, that W. Brother has been requested to furnish the board with more information before they proceed to deal with the case.

"I should, perhaps, before have alluded to the state of our funds. We have in the Agra Bank a sum of Rs. 2,655-7-9, of which Rs. 482-0-1 belong to District Grand Lodge, and Rs. 2,173 7-9 to the Fund of Benevolence. Returns from all the lodges are in, up to the 30th September, 1874, and seven have been received up to the 31st December, 1874. The only debt is one of about Rs. 450, balance still due to Lodge Hope and Perseverance for the furniture. This will be paid off before our meeting in April, and we shall then, I hope, go on even more successfully, if this is possible, than we have been doing for the past three years.

"At a recent election for the E.C. many of you may remember that the votes recorded for two brethren were equal, and when it was suggested that the W.M. had a casting vote, it was ruled by the Master in the chair had not a casting vote. This was entirely erroneous; and as there appears some difference of opinion as to when the casting vote can be used, I will read you para. 2, heading "Private Lodges," Constitutions, p. 62:—

"Whenever it may happen that the number of votes shall be equal upon any question to be decided in a lodge, either by ballot or otherwise, the Master in the chair shall be entitled to give a second or casting vote, excepting upon a ballot for a candidate for initiation or a brother to join."

"From which you will see that the Worshipful Master has the casting vote in all cases except upon a ballot for a candidate for initiation, or a brother to join. Consequently, in that case, he could have given a second or casting vote.

"As regards the state of Masonry in the Province, brethren, all is most satisfactory, so far as one is able to judge; the lodges have all elected as Worshipful Masters for 1875 brethren well suited to conduct their affairs for the good of the Craft in general and their lodges in particular. I congratulate those worthy brethren who have had bestowed on them the highest honour a lodge can confer, feeling certain they will not betray the trust reposed in them by their fellows.

"There is a ruling at the last meeting of Grand Lodge to which I desire before concluding to call the attention of all Worshipful Masters. Lodge St. Augustine, 972, has been admonished for initiating a Lewis before he attained the full age of twenty-one. Grand Lodge directed that his certificate be withheld until he attained the full age of twenty-one, and had been re-obligated. I mention this as many are under the impression a Lewis may be initiated at eighteen, and it was because this idea was so prevalent, that Lodge St. Augustine got off so easily. Any lodge so acting would in all probability lose its warrant."

The District Grand Secretary then read the proceedings of the Board of General Purposes and Fund of Benevolence."

At a meeting of the Board of General Purposes, assembled at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 2nd January, the committee examined the Treasurer's accounts to date, representing the following figures, which they accepted as correct:—

To Balance brought forward from 23rd	
October, 1874,	Rs. 504 15 1
„ Receipts from 23rd October, 1874, to	
9th January, 1875,	557 0 0
Total Rs.	1,061 15 1

By expenditure from 23rd October, 1874, to date... .. Rs. 579 15 5

Actual cash balance at credit of D. G. Lodge on 9th January, 1875, Rs. 482 0 1

Your committee considered a proposal made by Wor. Bro. Adlard, P.D.G.J.W., to transfer the sum of rupees one hundred and fifty-five, realised by an entertainment at Dalhousie, to the credit of D.G. Lodge, in the books of the P.M.I. Your committee cordially recommend the acceptance of Wor. Bro. Adlard's proposition with thanks.

Your committee note with pleasure that every one of the returns for the quarter ending 30th September, 1874, has been received by the D.G. Secretary, and returns for quarter ending 31st December, 1874, of the following lodges to hand—Light in the Himalayas, St. John the Evangelist, Charity, Ravee, Mooltan, Mayo, and Himalayan Brotherhood.

At a meeting of the Board of the Fund of Benevolence, assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Saturday, the 2nd January, the committee examined the Treasurer's accounts to date, representing the following figures, which they accept as correct:—

To Balance brought forward from 23rd	
October, 1874	Rs. 1,777 7 9
„ Receipts from 23rd October, 1874, to	
9th January, 1875	456 0 0
Total ...	Rs. 2,233 7 9

Expenditure:—	
By expenditure from 23rd October, 1874, to	
date	60 0 0
Actual cash balance at credit of fund ...	Rs. 2,173 7 9

The Committee considered a letter from the W.M. of Lodge Multan, recommending the case of a widow, for help from the Fund of Benevolence, but, as nothing definite was recommended, the Committee were of opinion that the case had better stand over for the present, and a reference made to the W.M. as to the character of the help required. The Committee, having considered the circular from the Honorary Secretary of the Punjab Masonic Educational Society, recommend that five tickets be taken in the proposed lottery;—the object being one of pure charity.

The A.R.W.D.G.M. then informed the District Grand Lodge that the next duty before them was the election of a District Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. Mellor having resigned. The A.R.W.D.G.M. had great pleasure in proposing W. Bro. Major W. H. Mackesy, who would, he was quite sure, perform the duties in a most satisfactory manner, which, being duly seconded by W. Bro. W. E. Ball, was carried unanimously.

The A.R.W.D.G.M., having requested W. Bro. Mellor to retire from the District Grand Lodge for a few minutes, proposed, that in consideration of the excellent service rendered this District Grand Lodge by W. Bro. Mellor, extending over a period of three years, during which time the status of this District Grand Lodge had undergone a thorough change, W. Bro. Mellor had taken up the duties of Treasurer at a time when there were little or no funds to look after. He now resigned the office, leaving the financial condition of this District Grand Lodge everything that could be desired. It was a pleasing duty, therefore, and one which he was sure the District Grand Lodge would participate in, in asking Bro. Mellor's acceptance of an undress District Grand Lodge Apron and Collar, to be paid for from the Funds of the District Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. G. Davies begged leave to second the proposition. In his capacity as District Grand Secretary he was in a position to bear testimony to the good service rendered this District Grand Lodge by W. Bro. Mellor. He had done his work well, and it was with no ordinary feelings of pleasure he rose to second the proposition. It was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

W. Bro. Mellor being recalled, the A.R.W.D.G. Master begged his acceptance of the collar and apron, which, during his temporary absence from the lodge, had been voted to him. In reply W. Bro. Mellor assured the A.R.W.D.G. Master that he had served the District Grand Lodge con amore, not looking for or anticipating any reward. He accepted the gift voted by District Grand Lodge with great pleasure, and thanked them heartily for their kind acknowledgment of his services.

There being no more business before the District Grand Lodge it was closed in due form, with prayer, at 9 p.m.

FREEMASONRY IN SWITZERLAND.

ORIENT OF GENEVA.—INAUGURATION OF THE NEW TEMPLE OF THE "BROTHERHOOD LODGE."

The day of the 15th November, 1874, was impatiently expected by the brethren composing the Lodge "La Fraternité." Numberless difficulties had been placed in their way; but thanks to the energy of the W. Master, Bro. Camps; thanks to the good will of the Grand Orient of France, all their manoeuvres had led to nothing, and the inauguration of the Temple was not hindered. At 10 a.m. the doors of the Temple were opened, and every one could admire the excellent taste and skill which had presided over the decoration and arrangements of the lodge. The brethren of the "Fraternité," the delegates of many lodges in Geneva, Bro. Jousserandot, member of the Supreme Council of France, Bros. Besançon and Amberg, of the Supreme Council of Switzerland, and many other visiting brethren from Lausanne, soon filled the lodge-room, when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Camps.

After an address from Bro. Gomes, Orator of the lodge, detailing the progress and success of the lodge, and which we give later, Bro. Jousserandot exhorted the brethren of "La Fraternité" in an energetic allocution only to admit into their body meritorious candidates. He assured them of his deep admiration for the zeal and constancy displayed by the lodge, and expressed the happiness he felt at being in the midst of such an assembly. After speeches in a similar strain from Bro. Besançon, Bro. Krauss, of the Lodge "Union des Cœurs," and from Bro. Metford, of the Lodge "Les Amis de la Vérité," Bro. Amberg announced, as a matter of much rejoicing, that "L'Amitié Ecossaise" founded at Geneva, by the Supreme Council of Switzerland, would also carry on its work in the same Masonic Temple, and the activity of the one would stimulate the activity of the other. After the closing of the labours and the lodge, the brethren assembled at a magnificent banquet, at the Hotel Russie, at which the most fraternal union and harmony prevailed.

The following is the oration pronounced by Bro. Gomes on the occasion:—May we be happy my brethren. The day which has dawned upon us is an "alba dies" for Freemasonry. My mouth is all but powerless to express to you all the joy that my heart feels in this our solemnity; but you, Freemasons all, you who feel that your hearts still beat loyally for the holy traditions of our Order, you can rejoice and you will rejoice, for to-day is the inauguration of our new Temple. Very dear and very illustrious brethren, may my words be the words of gratitude for the brethren, our friends, and the brethren our visitors who have had the fraternal thought to come and sit at our sides in this new sanctuary, and to associate themselves

with our festival, in honouring us with their presence, and their intelligence. May the arches of our Temple resound with my praises of them, and re-echo for all the visiting brethren in the name of all our brethren present or absent, the most sincere and thankful recognition of their kindness which is on our lips, and will ever remain deeply engraven on our heart of hearts. At present, my dear brethren, I must ask all your indulgence, and think not that it is a useless or oratorical precaution.

My hesitation, you will understand, is most natural when I find myself in this new temple of which the opening is hailed by the presence of so many brethren, and when I see close to me, in the lodge, those worthy Masons whose voice would certainly have more authority than mine. But as the kindly will of our very dear Master and that of my brethren has conferred on me this difficult task, I will force myself to fulfil it, if not with talent at any rate with good will. Post tenebras lux. After darkness light. These words, my brethren, are very applicable to the situation we have just passed through, and in which we find ourselves to-day. "La Fraternité" had for the moment ceased to enlighten its "Orient." It remained in the shade, but it yet lived, and full of confidence in the revival of our work, notwithstanding the opposition we encountered, and the difficulties we experienced, we have always toiled as labourious workmen, that is to say, with ardour and perseverance. To emerge from the state of uncertainty in which we found ourselves placed by the force of circumstances, we addressed ourselves directly to the Grand Orient of France, and the very illustrious brethren who compose the Council of the Order, have been most willing, with the obliging aid of our most honoured Bro. Besançon, to receive our requests and to regularize our labours.

Ought it to be otherwise? Certainly not. Our lodge could not perish, it had to reform itself for its own good, of which I ever had the firmest hope—it must return to its origin to draw therefrom a new life. And so the happy day which now shines upon us, was at last to appear to unite the links of the past to those of the present. May the blessing of the great Architect of the Universe rest upon our generous brethren, may our love recompense them, and may our services and devotion repay to them, their numerous benefits to us.

Such pleasant and gentle sentiments so fill my heart at this moment that I am hardly able to express the happiness which I feel on seeing our efforts crowned with such success. I am profoundly moved by the solemnity, so much the more moved, because, putting aside my character of officer to preserve my liberty as a Mason, I am proud to be able to say that we owe this temple to the courage and persevering efforts of our very dear and venerable Master, Bro. Camps.

It is to him, the chief sanctuary, it is to him that all our gratitude is due. We are, therefore, ready to second his endeavours to increase the influence and consideration of Geneva Freemasonry. Under its exalted devotion our institution will be able to accomplish without difficulty the mission of pacific progress which its traditions have bequeathed to us. Have we not always thought that it was possible to unite mankind by suppressing little by little the causes which divide it? Have we not always thought that everything moved and changed itself in nature?—that everything held together and that we lived one for another here. Well, since it is thus, we hope yet for the reign of peace and of justice, and according to us, the best means for arriving at them, are toleration and liberty. I see before me the sacred symbols which represent to us the sublime principle which Masons our ancestors have defended in by-gone ages, at the peril of their lives, and which point out to us our duties. Therefore, to the work, my brothers. We will strive to penetrate the profound meaning of these symbols, to engrave them in our breasts, and practice the virtues which they teach. In the past ages, Freemasonry was preserved by humble workmen who desired to have amongst them, in the midst of all the persecution of which they were the victims, a link of brotherhood capable of assuring to those who are in misfortune, the succour of those who were in prosperity. Since that epoch Freemasonry has done nothing but advance. These bonds of union have ameliorated the social condition. To-day liberty reigns amongst us for all Freemasons, but Masonry has not said its last word. It is always a useful institution, mainly, because its end is to suppress all hatred, by putting in practice the broad principle—let us live one for another, let us support one another, and let us form a free people, united and strong, in order to combat those prejudices which create inequalities among men.

Our great object is the extinction of all animosity, of all fanaticism, of all intolerance, which, unhappily we yet see every day, deplorable spectacles in our age of light. May we continue our way and find ourselves again at the end of our course as united and as prosperous as we are here.

Deign, great God, to pour down the treasure of thy favours on the chief who governs us, on our very dear and very honourable Master, W. Camps, and to prolong his days for the good of his family, and of all the brethren who surround him now.

[Extracted from the Bulletin Officiel of the Grand Orient de la France. January, 1875.—Ed].

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Dangerous Catarrhs, Bronchitis, Asthma, and Influenza, are rife at this season of the year. Hepatic and renal congestions frequently occur as the result of checked skin action, giving rise to serious symptoms and preventing attention to business or pleasure. No time should be lost on the first appearance of any indications of the invasion of these diseases, for the symptoms may be checked effectually by the use of these valuable remedies, the penetrating local effect of the Ointment acts surely in the affected parts, and restores them to a healthy condition, and the pills, judiciously taken in accordance with the lucid directions, relieve the congestive capillaries and materially lessen the chance of serious mischief supererogating.—ADVT.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC SONG.

For the information of your correspondent H., I append the Hymn to which he referred in your issue of the 20th inst. It is to be found in "Ballads and Songs of the Peasantry of England," published by Charles Griffin & Co., Stationers' Hall Court, London.

THE MASONIC HYMN.

["This is a very ancient production, though given from a modern copy; it has always been popular amongst the poor 'brethren of the mystic tie.' The late Henry O'Brien, A.B., quotes the seventh verse in his essay on 'The Round Towers of Ireland.' He generally had a common copy of the hymn in his pocket, and on meeting with any of his antiquarian friends who were not Masons, was in the habit of thrusting it into their hands, and telling them that if they understood the mystic allusions they contained, they would be in the possession of a key which would unlock the Pyramids of Egypt. The tune to the hymn is peculiar to it, and is of a plaintive and solemn character."]

Come all you Freemasons that dwell around the globe,
That wear the badge of innocence, I mean the royal robe,
Which Noah he did wear when in the Ark he stood,
When the world was destroyed by a deluging flood.

Noah he was virtuous in the sight of the Lord,
He loved a Freemason that kept the secret word;
For he built the Ark, and he planted the first vine,
Now his soul in Heaven like an angel doth shine.

Once I was blind, and could not see the light,
Then up to Jerusalem I took my flight;
I was led by the Evangelist through a wilderness of care,
You may see by the sign and the badge that I wear.

On the 13th rose the Ark, let us join hand in hand,
For the Lord spake to Moses by water and by land;
Unto the pleasant river where by Eden it did rin,
And Eve tempted Adam by the serpent of sin.

When I think of Moses, it makes me to blush,
All on Mount Horeb where I saw the burning bush;
My shoes I'll throw off, and my staff I'll cast away,
And I'll wander like a pilgrim unto my dying day.

When I think of Aaron it makes me to weep,
Likewise of the Virgin Mary who lay at our Saviour's feet;
'Twas in the garden of Gethsemane where he had the
bloody sweat;

Repent, my dearest brethren, before it is too late.

I thought I saw twelve dazzling lights, which put me in
surprise,

And gazing all around me, I heard a dismal noise;
The serpent passed by me which fell unto the ground.
With great joy and comfort, the secret word I found.

Some say it is lost, but surely it is found,
And so is our Saviour, it is known to all around;
Search all the Scriptures over, and there it will be shown;
The tree that will bear no fruit must be cut down.

Abraham was a man well beloved by the Lord,
He was true to be found in great Jehovah's word,
He stretched forth his hand, and took a knife to slay his
son,

An angel appearing, said, The Lord's will be done.

O, Abraham! O, Abraham! lay no hand upon the lad,
He sent him unto thee to make thy heart glad;
Thy seed shall increase like stars in the sky,
And thy soul unto Heaven, like Gabriel shall fly.

O, never! O, never, will I hear an orphan cry,
Nor yet a gentle virgin, until the day I die;
You wandering Jews, that travel the wide world round,
May knock at the door where truth is to be found.

Often against the Turks and infidels we fight,
To let the wandering world know we're in the right,
For in Heaven there's a lodge, and St. Peter keeps the
door,

And none can enter in but those that are pure.

St. Peter, he opened, and so we entered in
Into the holy sect secure, which is all free from sin;
St. Peter, he opened, and so we entered there,
And the glory of the temple no man can compare.

Note.—Our able and Rev. Bro. Woodford may be able to give some authentic data of its origin. As a poem, little can be said of it. "Royal Arch Masons" will more readily interpret its meaning.

J. CONSTABLE, P.M. 185.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

If your correspondent, G. Baldwin, will put himself in communication with me, I shall be able to give him the information he is in quest of. I have a copy of the book, the correct title of which is as follows:—

"The sufferings of John Coustos, for Freemasonry, and for his refusing to turn Roman Catholic, in the Inquisition at Lisbon; where he was sentenced, during Four Years, to the Galley; and afterwards released from thence by the gracious interposition of His present Majesty King George II. To which is annex'd, The Origin of the Inquisition, with its Establishment in various Countries. A distinct account of that Tribunal, with many examples of its Injustice and Cruelty; and the practice of the Primitive Church, in bringing over Hereticks, compared with that of the Inquisition." With Portrait and Three curious Plates of the Tortures. Ld. Jon, 1746.

There is another kindred book, of which I have a copy, viz.—

"A Narrative of the Persecution of Hippolyto Joseph da Costa Pereira Furtado de Mendonça, a native of Colonia do Sacramento, on the River La Plata; imprisoned and

tried in Lisbon, by the Inquisition, for the pretended crime of Freemasonry. To which are added, the Bye-Laws of the Inquisition at Lisbon, both Ancient and Modern (never before published). Taken from the originals in one of the Royal Libraries in London." Two Vols. Portrait. London, 1811.

JOHN HOGG.

In answer to our good Bro. G. Baldwin, John Coustos, whose "sufferings" for Freemasonry have been often told, was a native of Berne, in Switzerland; but tells us that his father became naturalized in England in 1716. In 1738 he states that he went to Lisbon, and there was seized by the familiars of the Inquisition, tortured by that amiable institution, and was for some time in prison, until released by the intervention of King George the Second, 1744. The edition I have (the first), is "published for the author by W. Strahan, 1746," and contains a very sad recital and two very disagreeable plates, with a portrait of Coustos. A considerable amount of money was raised for him on his return to England, he was presented to the King, and his book had a large number of subscribers. As regards the essential verity of his statement opinions may differ, but of his actual imprisonment by the Inquisition and ill-treatment there is, we believe, little doubt. His account may be exaggerated and his portrait gives you the idea of a man who has "done it very well." There are English and foreign editions of the work, and even one in M.S.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

I very heartily endorse the happy sketch of the progress of the Craft in the United States, and its charities, contained in the *Freemason* for March 6th.

The writer (and editor) is well known to the readers of the readable *Keystone* (Philadelphia) by his periodical letters respecting Freemasonry in Great Britain and Ireland, and we only wish that a brother equally competent would send similar communications from across the "Big-pond," so that we may be kept as well posted.

In the article reference is made to the Masonic contributions raised for national disasters in the United States. It has occurred to me that the assistance rendered by the American Craft to alleviate the distress caused by the great conflagration of October 8th and 9th, 1871 (through which so many brethren, and the widows and children of deceased Masons were rendered houseless, destitute, and poverty stricken), should be chronicled in the columns of the *Freemason*, and I have, therefore, carefully examined the final report of the proceedings of the Masonic Board of Relief (Chicago, 1872).

The energetic Grand Master at the time was the M.W. Bro. de Witt C. Cregier, and that most humane brother was the President; R.W. Bro. Holcomb, the V.P.; R.W. Bro. Egar, Grand Commander, K.T., Treasurer; and Bros. Haylett and Hill, Secretaries, with several other members and special committees. The report comprehends 160 pages of closely printed matter (octavo), is a model for clearness of details, and yet brief withal, and from beginning to end furnishes evidences of the discretion, carefulness, and fraternal manner in which the committee discharged their important trust.

The entire cash donations amounted to	...	Circa.
Supplies of goods valued at	...	£16,618
		1,509
		£18,127
Of this amount there was disbursed in the relief of the numerous applicants, grants to Chicago Lodges, the expenses of the Board, &c., &c., all minutely explained in the report	...	£13,761
		£4,366

The balance unappropriated, and which was in excess of the Masonic requirements to meet the distress was £4,366! which amount be it observed was returned to the donors.

From England the only contribution sent was £74 2s. 6d. from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, the fraternity generally in this country having had a preference to subscribe to the general fund, which, as we know, the Grand Lodge, and many of its lodges most liberally aided.

The accounts were audited by the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and Iowa, and the Private Secretary of the first mentioned. Need we say more as to the truly Masonic character of American Freemasonry, when such a noble sum was contributed (with but few exceptions) from the Craft in the United States.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. D. H. HILL.

The whole Masonic brotherhood in the province of West Lancashire and Cheshire will learn with deep regret that Bro. Charles Hesketh Hill, Solicitor, died at his residence, Rose Cottage, Seaview-road, Liscard, near Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 25th ult. Our deceased brother, who was 60 years old, was long known as a zealous, conscientious, and consistent Freemason, and for many years was closely identified and took a warm interest in all Masonic schemes. He was P.M. of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, and several other lodges, and was a member of nearly all the other Orders. He was P.G. Registrar for West Lancashire in 1873-75, and took a warm interest in all Masonic charities, both in Cheshire and West Lancashire, frequently giving his countenance and support to meetings in connection with the different institutions. The remains of our deceased brother were interred at Wallasey Church, on Monday, when there was a large attendance of the brethren connected with local lodges.

BRO. JOHN JONES, P.M. 205.

We have to announce the death of Bro. John Jones, an old inhabitant of Barnstaple, and who had been connected with the Newspaper Press for nearly forty years. Bro. Jones was a member of a Glamorgan family, some of whom settled in the neighbourhood of Lynton many generations ago. The deceased was born at Callington, in Cornwall, in the year 1801. He was brought up to the scholastic profession, and for many years was assistant-master at Mr. Carpenter's school at Pilton, and also assistant-mathematical teacher at the Barnstaple Grammar School, when under the mastership of the late Rev. Henry Nicholls. He afterwards became the proprietor of the *North Devon Advertiser*, a Conservative journal, up to the time of his decease. Bro. Jones was one of the oldest brethren of the Loyal Lodge, No. 251, in Barnstaple, and for two successive years was the Worshipful Master. About eight years ago, in conjunction with Bro. Samuel Jones, of Exeter, the deceased assisted in the formation of a Lodge of Freemasons at Ilfracombe, and was appointed the Worshipful Master there for the first year. He was also a director of the North Devon Building Society. Bro. Jones had been unwell for some months past, and last Thursday he was seized with inflammation of the lungs, and expired on Friday evening.

BRO. CHARLES OLDROYD.

The Province of West Yorkshire has been bereaved of two excellent and distinguished brethren. Bro. Charles Oldroyd, of Lodge No. 208, Dewsbury, after gradually declining health, paid the last debt of nature on 25th February last, at the age of fifty-two years. He held the office of Prov. G. Registrar in 1862, and P. G. Treasurer from 1867 to 1873. He was initiated on the 7th Sept. 1845. The memory of his name is cherished.

BRO. JAMES PEACE.

Bro. James Peace, of Lodge No. 279, Huddersfield, was initiated on 26th May, 1842, and gathered to his fathers on 4th March, inst., having exceeded, by four years, the allotted space of three score years and ten. He served as Prov. G. Junior Warden in 1849, and as Prov. G. Organist in 1851-2, and was also Past Prov. G.J. in the Royal Arch. He was exceedingly well versed in the ritual and lore of our Craft and Arch Masonry, and greatly interested himself in communicating to his brethren the knowledge he possessed. His veneration for and tenacity to the ancient landmarks and constitutions of our Order were excellently portrayed in his Masonic character. Peace to his ashes.

Masonic Tidings.

Our exalted Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has given a donation of £50 to the hospital for sick children.

The *North China Herald*, of Jan 21st, says:—"The following Masonic appointments have recently been made. At the meeting of the Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 501) on 28th Dec.—H. D. Camajee, W.M.; J. G. C. Stent, P.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; R. Pestonjee, Treas.; U. Harris, Sec.; J. Passmore, S.D.; B. Minck, J.D.; T. Ford, I.G.; T. Hore, Tyler. At the meeting of the Tuscan Lodge (No. 1024) on 4th inst.—J. J. Miller, W.M.; T. W. Ecdfeldt, P.M.; L. Moore, S.W.; J. F. Goodfellow, J.W.; H. J. C. Barlow, Treas.; J. C. Hughes, Sec.; R. Palamountain, S.D.; W. Hopkins, J.D.; T. Hore, Tyler. The officers of the Northern Lodge of China for 1875 are:—E. Tobin, W.M.; W. A. Turnbull, P.M.; H. Watson, S.W.; R. Ferguson, J.W.; M. Hawtreay, Treas.; C. V. Housman, Sec.; H. S. B. Usill, S.D.; A. Bean, J.W.; W. Brand, I.G.; T. Hore, Tyler."

On Friday, the 26th ult., Bro. Crawley, P.M. 174, gave his lecture on conversation at the Highgate Literary Club, at Bro. Garrett's Bull and Gate, Kentish Town. The brethren connected with the Club, and the visitors expressed satisfaction. After the lecture several of the members played Mozart's First Symphony, and also Haydn's quartette No. 39 for strings. First violin, Bro. A. Dickinson; Second violin, Mr. R. Dickinson; Viola, Mr. B. Scarlett; Violoncello, Bro. Crawley.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will, on Saturday next, the 30th inst., be the guests of the Great City Lodge. Lodge will be opened at four o'clock, in the pillar hall, at the City Terminus Hotel, and banquet will be served at six o'clock, in the great hall.

The "Golden Wedding" of Bro. Ransford, the well-known vocalist, will be celebrated by a dinner to his friends, which the Lord Mayor has kindly arranged to take place at the Mansion House on the 23rd inst.

Bro. Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside at a festival of the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, to be held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Friday, the 19th inst.

The consecration of the St. Mary Magdalen Lodge, No. 1523, will take place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Wednesday, April 7th.

Contrary to report, the Pope did not descend into St. Peter's yesterday (Friday, 5th inst.). The Vatican papers described His Holiness as "grievously afflicted" about the opening of the Masonic Temple in Rome on Friday. The condemnatory language used by the *Osservatore* had the effect of making several foreign Freemasons attend the ceremony, which is described as having been very picturesque.—*Echo*.

Wednesday, the 10th inst., being the twelfth anniversary of the marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the occasion was celebrated at Windsor by the ringing of the bells of the Chapel Royal and the firing of a Royal salute of twenty-one guns in the Long Walk.

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Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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R. CARTER.—You ask how a W.M. can initiate one candidate, pass three, and raise four the same day, and, you add, you supposed that it must be done by suppression of the individual ceremony. If so, the W.M. is clearly acting, in our opinion, illegally. Initiation, passing, and raising are personal ceremonies, and cannot be performed in any way, we feel sure, in "groups." The best way would be to get the formal opinion of the Board of General Purposes on a case, as any member of the lodge can clearly object to and protest against such a "hash" of the ceremonial.

W.H. (Wellington, New Zealand).—Would you kindly answer the following queries, by so doing you will oblige, not only myself, but many of my colonial brethren. 1st. Is it proper for the members of a lodge to be summoned to attend the funeral of a brother, with instructions to appear in white gloves and neckties, without other insignia as Masons, and when there, to walk behind the mourning cortege. [Masonic Funerals are not of obligation.—Ed.] and. A Past Master (S.C.) advises the R.W.M. to rule, that none but M.M.'s. can vote on the admission of candidates to Masonry; further stating that an E.A. cannot either speak or vote on any question; a F.C. may speak but not vote. I have looked through the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and can find no such provision, please inform me whence comes the ruling? [The W.M. is wrong on every point, and his ruling is untenable.—Ed.]

3rd. Bro. Henry Melville, well-known in this part of the world as the "Father of the Tasmanian Press," spent 40 years of his life on the production of a work entitled "The Lost Secrets of Masonry," it was in the hands of the publisher when he died some two years ago; he left peculiar conditions in his will in re the publication, which would take too much of your valuable space to recapitulate. Can you inform me if the publication has been completed, or if there is any likelihood of its shortly being so. [Bro. Melville's work has been published under the title of "Veritas."—Ed.]

The following stand over: Letters from "An Old P.M.;" "A P.M.;" Bro. Wigginton, (Poetry); A. Lawrence; D.A.; J. W. Harper. Reports of Lodges 1473, 1474, E.C.; 31, 27, 347, 354, 419, 541, 556, S.C.

W.H. (New Zealand).—Offer declined with thanks.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1875.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

—We have much pleasure in being able to inform our readers of the preliminary steps which are being taken for the purpose of making arrangements for the proceedings at the coming installation of His Royal Highness as Grand Master of English Freemasons, at Albert Hall, on the 28th April. The particulars will be found in another column.

THE ALBERT HALL.

The Albert Hall, which has been selected by H.R.H. the Grand Master as the "locale" of his installation, April 28th, is, as many of our readers will know, that circular building at Kensington, in juxtaposition with the monument of the lamented Prince Consort. It has, no doubt, been chosen on account of the number it can conveniently receive, as those who are expected to attend, far exceed the normal accommodation of Freemasons' Hall. The building in which it is proposed that the Craft should muster for our "Annual Grand Assembly," and above all on the auspicious occasion of the installation of the Prince of Wales, has an outward circumference of 764 feet, its largest diameter being 219 feet 4 inches, and its smallest 185 feet 4 inches. Its interior arena is 102 feet by 68, and there are twenty-two distinct staircases for the 8000 visitors who can all be seated. Access to the building is gained by three entrances. One end of this large hall is occupied by the orchestra, in the midst of which appears the organ. In front of the orchestra is the area, surrounded by rising seats like those in a Roman Amphitheatre, which lead up to a triple tier of boxes. The upward sweep of the amphitheatre seats is continued in a lesser degree to the box tiers, each tier being placed somewhat further back than the one beneath it, and thus a double benefit is gained, everybody can see everybody else, and the architectural effect is enhanced. We are indebted to our contemporary, the *Graphic*, for this short, if clear account of the Albert Hall, and we shall await with interest the regulations and arrangements of the day's ceremonial. Our readers may depend on having them printed for their information the moment we receive them ourselves.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

The large attendance of brethren on Wednesday last, the 3rd instant, showed how deep was the interest which the election of the Grand Master had caused in our ever-loyal Craft. The ringing cheers which greeted the unanimous resolution of Grand Lodge, evidenced, if evidence were needed by anyone, what a subject of rejoicing to the entire brotherhood is the re-election of our august Grand Master. A very becoming expression of fraternal sympathy to the Pro Grand Master in his afflictive bereavement, was moved by Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury, seconded by Bro. Lord Limerick, and feelingly assented to by Grand Lodge. The condolence of all English Freemasons is with our distinguished brother in his affliction and heavy trial. The report of the Board of Benevolence was next considered, after a communication from Quebec, and a very serious report it was. £700, voted at the last meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence; among the votes for confirmation, were two of £200 each, an unusual occurrence. Well might Bro. Clabon put in a timely word of warning. From the discussion which ensued, it is quite clear that the warnings of Bro. Clabon, and the good advice of Bro. Havers were in truth imperatively required. It is all very well for brethren to expatiate upon what a brother has done for the Charities; but that is not the only ground of relief. Excellent are our Charities, worthy is the cause they represent, and most praiseworthy are the efforts some of our brethren make, even beyond their means, to aid these admirable and deeply-needed institutions. But we agree with Bro. Joshua Nunn, in pointing out what a good many of us often forget, apparently, that an old-fashioned authority, one which now-a-days is too little regarded in our dealings with men and things, said, long ago, "that if any provide not for his own, but especially for those of his own house, he is worse than an 'infidel.'" Our brethren are so genial and large-hearted as a rule, that they often lose sight of the truth that in all these cases, "charity really begins at home." If a brother gives up all his time and substance for Freemasonry, and leaves his family, those nearest and dearest to him, so destitute that they have at once to apply to the Craft, this fact,

though it may constitute a claim for them, it is no justification for him. Every case must be decided on its own merits, and we can lay down no general rule which will apply safely to all cases, as some are exceptional and special in the highest degree. But the warning to the brethren who constitute the Lodge of Benevolence to watch carefully over their grants is one which cannot be given too strongly, or repeated too often. We do not think that it is quite fair to throw all the "onus" of this largeness and open-heartedness of Masonic charity on the W.Ms. who attend occasionally. We have always been of opinion that, subject to one or two slight modifications, the original constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence should be carefully preserved for the best interests of Freemasonry. We do not believe that any blame can attach to what has been termed the "shifting character of the lodge." That is inevitable from the constitution of the lodge being an open board, and no scheme that we have ever yet seen or heard of, except one of an elected board, can do away with this special characteristic of the Lodge of Benevolence. But in our humble opinion, that constitutes alike the reality and the value of the Lodge of Benevolence to our entire Order, and the moment you take away this great open court of benevolence from English Freemasonry, you make a sacrifice to the spirit of centralization which is distinctive of provincial interest in this living and abiding duty of Freemasonry. We are of opinion, however, that if brethren would weigh all the cases accurately, and in the judicial spirit of Bro. Clabon, and, without laying down a hard-and-fast line, which we believe is impossible, would attend to the principles of donation he has so lucidly suggested, a greater uniformity of action on the part of the Lodge of Benevolence would be speedily attained. There is a tendency sometimes to make cases, the cases of Bro. A, or Bro. C, or Bro. E, forgetting that in the great exercise of Masonic charity, individuality and personality ought to go for nothing, and that the grant should be decided and acceded to only on right principles, and on constitutional grounds. We congratulate the Craft on the return of Bro. Havers to the Board of General Purposes. Great as have been his services to the Order, and long as has been his official training, so long that he may almost claim to be "emeritus" in the faithful army of Freemasons, we feel sure that we are expressing the opinion of the vast majority of our Order when we say we are glad to know that we still can count on the sound advice, the sobered judgment, and the loyal devotion to our good old Craft of our very able and distinguished brother, the Past Grand Warden, in the official arrangements of Grand Lodge.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.
No. V.

One of the great hindrances to the study of Masonic Archæology, and one of the greatest reproaches against Freemasonry, has been the compilation of fictitious documents. The profane critic all but naturally, when he discovers this or that "fraus pia," immediately begins to suspect all our documents. Many animadversions have been cast on Freemasonry on account of one or two unfortunate and unjustifiable errors—we would even say crimes of this kind. Our earlier historians and writers accepted too readily what was put forward as an old MS. or a venerable document, and exercised little caution and less criticism, in some evidences which they received as genuine and handed on as such to us. Take for instance what is called the Locke MS. though that is a misnomer. This purports to be a Masonic catechism of the reign of Henry VI., to have been seen by him, if not written out by him, and to have been copied by Leland, the famous antiquary, when found by him in one of the monasteries, by command of Henry VIII. But the curious part of this document is, that it is not a MS., but translated professedly from a German book, printed at Frankfurt. It first appeared in the "Gentlemen's Magazine," about the middle of the last century, was reproduced in the *Masonic Magazine* later, was previously used by Hutchinson, and subsequently by Preston, was accepted by Oliver, and has

been repeated ever since in all Masonic works more or less. The German pamphlet has not yet been found, and Kloss doubts if it ever did exist. How it could have got into the "Gentlemen's Magazine" no one knows, or who sent it to that journal. One copy of it in MS. exists in the British Museum, in the handwriting of Essex, the celebrated architect, late 18th century, and is probably a transcription of one of the printed copies. It was originally said that Leland's copy existed in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, but it is not to be found there, and Leland himself nowhere mentions it. It has had additional interest given to it by the alleged letter of John Locke. Dr. Oliver seems to think that the letter was genuine—the modern school of Masonic critics greatly doubt the fact. Indeed, it seems very dubious if Locke ever was a Mason at all, and no reason has ever been suggested why a letter to Lord Pembroke from him, should be first printed in a German pamphlet. The verbiage of the alleged catechism is very peculiar, and experts have said that the archaisms are unnatural, and in fact, made-up. The document in its present form is clearly a fiction, it is not what it purports to be, it cannot be what it claims to be. But it is just possible that we have in it an old form of Masonic Catechism, in use in some of the lodges, which by an ignorant brother, or by a profane, has been added to and garbled in order to serve his end. What that end could be, we cannot very well see, unless indeed it be, to support the old tradition that Henry VI. was a member of our Order. But it is useless to speculate. Whoever introduced this document in the "Gentlemen's Magazine," no doubt did it designedly; if he was a Freemason, it must have been from some mistaken idea of adding to the antiquity of our Order; if a non-Mason from ignorance or mischief. Subject to what we have said above, we must reject it as available evidence for our truth-loving and historical Order. The Charter of Cologne, is equally an inculpated, and equally an untenable document. Its history is somewhat obscure and intricate. It seems to have first appeared in Holland, whether made there or not we know not; but though for a time it was accepted, it has long since been given up by Masonic critics. Brother Findel, in Germany, some time ago denied its genuineness and its authenticity, and such has been also the verdict of our modern English critical school. It is not a document of much importance in itself, and we can dismiss it here, with the expression of our opinion, that we wonder any competent critics should ever have been imposed upon by its hopeless and unhistorical statements. But here we must stop for to-day, as the examination into the alleged Constitutions of Edwin, printed by Krause, requires more space than we can give to it, and a great deal may be said on both sides of the question, at least as regards the special character of the document.

THE RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

Many of our good brethren and correspondents seem to be somewhat perplexed with one or two difficulties attendant on this subject, which has always been somewhat of a "vexata questio" to our lodges. And some, we note, are rather disposed to blame what they term the "obscurity" of the Book of Constitutions on the matter. Now, with due submission to all such, we venture to express our opinion to-day, "au contraire," that the Book of Constitutions is quite explicit on the subject, and the law it lays down is equally sound and practical. We must bear this in mind, that while, by the general principles of our Order, all duly registered Freemasons, with their certificates and duly vouched for, can claim to be admitted to the working of a lodge, our lodges never have professed except on personal acquaintance, to admit all visiting brethren to their social reunions. Such is the hospitality of our genial Order, that, as a general rule, their hospitality is as co-extensive as their Masonic reception, but cases might arise in which, though they might receive a visiting brother "jure suo,"

in the hour of work, they might not desiderate his presence in the time of refreshment. We admit that such cases are rare, but they may occur, and they do occur, and some of our brethren seem to forget that the lodge has two characters, so to say, its public character in work, and its private character in refreshment. Each lodge is, or ought to be, a little family, an aggregation of private friends, and no one, without the full consent of the brethren, has a right to interfere with their freedom of action or intrude on their privacy in this respect. But let us see what it is that our Book of Constitutions really does lay down. These are the words of the law. "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he is personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination, by one of the present brethren." Two conditions of admission are clearly here expressed. The visitor must be known or recommended by some brother of the lodge, and must be vouched for as a Mason, after due examination, if he be not known to any of the brethren, by a member of the lodge. Nothing is said about his certificate. As a general rule, what occurs when an unknown visiting brother is announced, is this. A brother is deputed to examine him, and the production of the certificate is undoubtedly to be recommended as a proof of identity. But if the visiting brother passes his due examination and can conscientiously be vouched for by a member of the lodge, in our opinion the requirements of the Book of Constitutions are fulfilled. But the whole question really turns, for the most part, on the subsequent social reunion. In consequence many lodges make a rule, and they have a right to do so, that unless a visitor is introduced by a brother, personally, or be invited by the W.M. in the name of the lodge, he cannot be admitted to their private gatherings. And we confess we cannot see how our lodges err in making their refreshment hour as private and as confidential as can be. There are some good brethren of ours who go from lodge to lodge, whether they know any of the brethren or not, and expect, without demur and without fail to be at once welcomed into their private meetings. Now all who have had much experience of lodge life, know well how difficult often the exercise of hospitality becomes. We are met, a friendly "band of brothers," knowing each other well, intimately acquainted with each other's foibles, and, finding amusement from the lodge jest, and all of a sudden a stranger who knows none of these things, and understands none of these things, comes amongst us like a "wet blanket." In a moment geniality is chilled, the song is hushed, the joke is unheard. We have exchanged the full flow of warm-hearted sociality for the formality of etiquette, for "doing the civil." We write quite philosophically on the subject, stating facts as they are, as we do not profess to deal either in the sensational or in bombast. Hospitality is a very good thing and very commendable, and we may even, in these common-place days, sometimes "entertain angels unawares," but hospitality, like charity, still begins "at home." We cannot, therefore, blame those brethren who make the admission to their inner circle a privilege and not a right, though we shall uphold at all times the claim of all duly registered and subscribing members, subject to the provision of the Book of Constitutions, to be admitted to the working lodge.

BRO. CAPTAIN AILLET.

We publish in another column a most interesting account of generosity and good feeling on the part of a brother, Captain Joseph Aillet, of the French Mercantile Marine, and Commander of the ship Cilaos. It appears that the Industry, of the Port of London, commanded also by a brother, William Reid, was burnt at sea, in South Latitude 33° 47', and East Longitude 52° 47', and the captain and the crew took to the boats. While in the open sea the French ship Cilaos, commander our good Bro. Joseph Aillet, came across the captain and some of the crew in one boat, and then went in search of the other two boats. This gallant brother received the captain and all the crew in the Cilaos, took

them to Réunion, where he handed them over to the Britannic Consul. He had hospitably entertained the captain and twenty-one seamen for fourteen days, but declined emphatically to receive any payment whatever for their subsistence, though offered him by the English Consul. The Consul's despatch to the Foreign Office announcing this act of devotion and charity was published in the official journal of Réunion, and we give it also in another column. These two seamen brethren were cordially received by the Lodge L'Amitié, Orient de St. Denis, at Réunion, under the Grand Orient of France, and the kindly brethren raised an immediate subscription to purchase clothes, &c., for the destitute sailors. We feel sure that our generous English Craft will appreciate at once this truly Masonic conduct of Bro. Captain Joseph Aillet. And those of us who have at heart not only the peace of the world, but the lasting friendship of two great nations like France and England, will rejoice to hear of another little proof, if proof be wanting, how great, happily, are the mutual good will and good feeling between two such civilized and neighbouring people. We do not know if any official notice can be taken by our Grand Lodge, of the disinterested assistance of Bro. Aillet, or the fraternal sympathy of the Lodge L'Amitié at Réunion, but sure we are of this, that any English Freemason who reads the account in another column will feel how true a representative of the loving spirit of Freemasonry is our gallant Bro. Joseph Aillet, the Captain of the good French ship Cilaos.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This article in the impression of your paper of the 20th ult., prompts me to give an answer as far as German Freemasonry is concerned, by inserting which in your next issue you will greatly oblige.

You are perfectly correct, when you speak of the great number of Grand Lodges with several varieties of system which exist in Germany. Since 1866 the number has diminished, but we still have eight Grand Lodges, besides five independent lodges, and one lodge in Frankfurt-on-the-Maine, working under a charter of the Grand Lodge of England. I may remind you, however, that the union of all lodges in England under one Grand Lodge only was accomplished under the Duke of Sussex, the 13th December, 1813. It was about the same time, when Bro. Schroeder, of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg strove to purify German Freemasonry from all the mysticism and strict observances imported into German Masonry from Sweden, by Zinnendorf. He was aided in his endeavours by such men as Goethe, Wieland, Duke Karl August, and others, and you will find by this time that most of the German Grand Lodges have returned to the rational English Craft Masonry with three degrees. The Grand National Lodge of the Three Globes, the Grand Lodge Royal York, both at Berlin, and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, have essentially the English Ritual, whilst the Grand Land-Lodge v.D., at Berlin retained the Swedish Ritualism. The light of Freemasonry, however, shines through all, sometimes clear and bright, sometime a little dim; and the one of Freemasons' landmarks; the exclusion of all political and religious polemics, is as strictly adhered to in Germany as in England.

The saying of Frederick the Great, that the Freemasons were his most loyal subjects, still holds good to-day. Since Frederick, who was made a Mason in the lodge Absalom, in Brunswick, the 14th of August, 1738, the Royal Family of Prussia have always favoured Freemasonry, and the present King of Prussia and Emperor of Germany is protector of the Craft, and he and his son are known to be good and active working Freemasons. As regards religion, I dare say that, as discussions, especially in lodges of instruction, are more free in Germany than here, attempts may have been made to introduce this topic, but such attempts will always be promptly suppressed as soon as it becomes known to the higher authorities.

So far in answer to answer to your charges, and now let me point out some differences between English and German lodges.

The public-house question has been solved in Germany long ago. Even in small towns you mostly find a Logenhaus, a club-house with a temple, belonging to the Freemasons of the town. The brethren will assemble there at least once a week, banquets, always cheaply arranged and paid for, not by the lodges, but by those who partake of them, are less frequent than in the English lodge-year, but the younger brethren have to be all the more regular in their attendance for instruction, if they

wish to be advanced. The entrance fees generally are moderate, but in the choice of candidates the utmost care is taken. A candidate has always to wait twelve months before he is ballotted for, and during this time he is watched by all the brethren of the lodge, whose business it is to make themselves acquainted with his character, habits, and morals, before the ballot takes place. After he has become an apprentice he has again to wait at least twelve months before he is passed into the second degree, and mostly a still longer time before he can be raised to the third degree. There is but little scope for office-hunting, the Worshipful Master and the officers being mostly re-elected year after year until they themselves tender their resignation.

The total number of the German lodges is estimated at about 310, but these lodges contain larger numbers and are altogether more lasting in their existence than is the case in England, and it is a rare occurrence in Germany for a brother to leave his lodge, and to resign, unless forced by external circumstances.

I remain, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,
KARL BERGMAN, J.W. of Pilgrim, No. 228
(Working in the German language).

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to offer a suggestion and to ask a question in relation to the unprecedented ceremony about to take place in connection with the installation of our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Is the rule to be absolute that none but Past Masters can be present on this auspicious occasion, and if so, why? To shut out Master Masons would be unjust and dishonourable; at least, such is my opinion. It is scarcely within the realm of every Master Mason to become a Past Master, then why should this exclusiveness be exercised. I of myself know a little multitude of full-grown Master Masons who are quite as worthy to appear in the presence of His Royal Highness as any Past Master, and no argument or reason presents itself to me that they should be "disbarred" this privilege.

It would be unjust to close the door upon Master Masons of ten years standing, or any Master Mason. This body of Freemasons are the backbone and sinew of our most noble brotherhood. Master Masons, as a rule, are men of the right stamp—charitable—and numbers of them are Past Stewards, and many are Governors of our charities, and yet, withal, not Past Masters. I, for one, think these brethren should have the immunity of being present. I hold that it would be a lasting slur upon this, the greater and stronger body of Freemasons, should they be excluded, simply because they have not passed the chair, and never having had the opportunity.

If the rule is absolute, which I think might be relaxed if the feeling was made known at head-quarters, with all decorum and courtesy, and as the ceremony of installation will partake of the character of a levée, being in the presence of royalty, nay more, the heir to the throne of England's empire is to be enthroned our Grand Master. Let me suggest that if exclusiveness is to be the barrier of Master Masons being present, make Court dress a law of necessity, and if, upon this authority, Master Masons can appear, we should have a large addition to the grand gathering, and they would help to raise, as well as help to swell, the honour on this unique occasion. There are numberless Master Masons gentlemen in the full acceptance of the word who are not Past Masters. I would earnestly press this matter and should thank you to offer a means whereby Master Masons can become eligible.

This installation will be a red-letter day in England's history, the fame of which is already sounding abroad, not only Masonically, but as a protest against the puny and silly anathemas of an intolerant and lugubrious priesthood, whom England's eldest son and pride will tolerate—all and every honour to him for his manliness in taking upon himself this great office in the very face of this unmeaning party,

Hearty good wishes, sincerely and fraternally yours,
"NON NOBIS SED OMNIBUS."

2nd March, 1875.

THE RIGHT OF VISITING LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was greatly surprised to see in your issue of Saturday last, a kind of half admission by "Busy Bee," that a stranger had no right of entrance to a Masonic Lodge, unless personally known, recommended, and vouched for by one of the brethren present, and a half-hearted kind of defence of the same, lest some expelled member, or some clever cowlan, obtained admittance to our lodge-rooms. Bosh! The same might be said about the issue of bank notes, on the ground that a forged one might be uttered, or another presented from a bank which had failed to meet its liabilities. In the one case, so long as a man stands before you, to all external appearance a just and upright man and a Mason, you are to receive him as such, until the contrary be proved; and in the other case, I think he would be a very clever cowlan indeed who could pass himself off as a Mason at my lodge.

My contention, sir, is, that the spirit of Masonry, its scope, its object, and its purpose (with other noble aims), is to unite man to man more and more; instead of giving pain, to be the medium of joy and gladness; to be the channel by which men of divers notions and languages may meet on the square for the purpose of giving and receiving information, and to render every kind office which justice or mercy may require; to ennoble a man wherever he may be, either in his own land or in a far-off country, in the crowded city or the secluded village; to exclaim with pride and satisfaction, "I am a Master Mason; try

me and prove me," and being found in all points a true man and no spy, he shall meet with that friendly grip which none but Masons know, and shall find friendly steps which shall be ever ready, even through dangers and difficulties, to meet with such an one, in forming a column for mutual support and defence.

I care nothing for the strained interpretation of page 89 of the Constitutions. To me it appears perfectly clear, that it is the easiest thing possible for one of the brethren present to step out, try, and prove the strange brother; finding him right, he vouches for him, and introduces him to the lodge, where I have always known him to be most cordially received. If this be not so, what is the good of all our secret signs, our tokens, our grips, and our words? If I, before being admitted as a Mason, have to be known, vouched for, and recommended, then there is no need for all these elaborate precautions. Our lodges, being scattered over the surface of the whole habitable globe, to me is nought; since, presenting myself at a strange lodge, I am met with the words, "depart from me, I know you not."

Are these brotherly love, relief, and truth? Is this the result of making ourselves known by signs, tokens, and perfect points of entrance.

Fraternally yours, JOSEPH PARKER, W.M. 346.
Clayton-le-Dale, March 1st., 1875.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.—No. III.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am much interested in the series of articles entitled "Archæological Progress," and hope several more are yet to follow from your facile pen, and many other students of Masonic history have been similarly gratified to note their character.

As to the "Johannite teaching," I am quite certain that your statement is correct, viz., "It is quite clear, historically, that the Johannite teaching of Freemasonry, as suggested by Dr. Oliver, is, if not actually of the 18th century, at any rate not earlier than the 17th. In fact, I go farther, and declare it is my belief that the Festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were not common to the Craft until the last century. In other words, these 'Saints' were not the adopted Saints of Freemasonry until after the Revival of 1717."

You allude to the lodge at Alnwick, of which I gave a long account in the *Freemason* of January 21st, 1871. The "Orders" of Sept. 29th, 1701, provided for the Two Wardens being chosen on the "Feast of St. Michael the Archangel," and Apprentices were only to be "accepted" (after having served seven years) at that Feast. A few years later, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was selected for the anniversary. You say truly "Of St. John the Baptist we find no trace" until the last century.

In the Ordinario Cementarium, circa, A.D. 1370, ("Fabric Rolls of York Munster") will be found some curious laws to regulate "ye loge," "ye maystyr masoun," and "all ye masouns."

Though it is true we are not so well off in England as respects lodge records as in Scotland, yet we have the foregoing preserved, which is of considerable value, especially as it is of the fourteenth century, and a lodge record or code of regulations withal.

Then there is the entry in Elias Ashmole's Diary of Oct. 16th, 1646, of his reception, with Colonel Mainwaring, at Warrington, and the names of the brethren who attended the lodge. Also the visit of that well known antiquary at a lodge in London at Mason's Hall, March 10th, 1682.

There are also other references which will occur to you, and which are worth being collected and presented in one of your articles of the series, exhibiting the records and accounts of lodge meetings, &c., in England, prior to 1717.

Fraternally yours, WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.
Truro, 27th Feb., 1875.

THE FREEMASONS' LIFEBOAT SUPPORT FUND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The gratuitous services rendered by you in the lifeboat movement, induces me to ask a space in your next edition for this letter, that will enable me to explain the reason the above movement fell through. I think it would be found in the last report that appeared in your columns, Bro. A. E. Harris and myself were confined to our homes from illness, which prevented our attending the meeting; it was afterwards intimated to me by Bro. Harris, that his professional engagements, combined with the occasional indisposition, would prevent his attendance in future. Unfortunately a continuous affliction of rheumatic gout prevented my attending to business; since then, finding that a support movement could not be effected without the continual assistance of a committee, I made enquiries of Mr. R. Lewis, the Secretary of the National Lifeboat Institution, if the sum of £500 could be realised by subscriptions, whether it would be accepted by that committee as a permanent endowment for the "Freemasons' Lifeboat." I received a letter of thanks to the Freemasons for their kind consideration of the institution, and that the sum specified would be accepted with pleasure. I wrote to several members upon the subject, but being confined to my bed for many months, was unable to form a committee. From the columns of your contemporary I find a rival movement has been started, and Bro. Constable has given notice to Grand Lodge that he would apply for a grant of £100 to endow the Freemasons' lifeboat, he having the sum of £335 in hand, I delayed writing until the result of the application was known, but find it was not made, I visited my lodge last meeting to ascertain the feeling of the members. As to forming a committee for the purpose of realising the amount required, I am pleased to state I shall be supported. Knowing how heavily the pockets of the brotherhood are taxed, I would suggest a very easy mode of collecting the amount; it would

require the co-operation of W.M.'s and P.Z.'s, that they would, one night during their year of office, seek a subscription of sixpence each from every member present. Taking the average of thirty members at each meeting, 100 lodges and chapters, would produce £750, but supposing only half that number assembled, a Fancy Fair, by gifts from the wives, sisters and daughters of Masons would enable us to carry out the object.

I shall be glad to receive the opinions of the brotherhood through your columns, or by post, to me, with names of those who will assist on committee, as a meeting will be called immediately after the next meeting of the Faith Lodge, that officers may be elected, my accounts audited, and the money deposited in the London and Westminster Bank, in the names of the President, Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary, and a banker's receipt produced at each meeting, as was formerly carried out by

Yours fraternally, SOLOMON DAVIS,
Faith, 141.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Busy Bee" says that the oldest P.M. of a lodge rejoining it after an absence of a year or more becomes the youngest. The Book of Constitutions does not say so. I rely on the latter authority. "Magnus Ohren" says that the Book of Constitutions does not empower lodges to apply their funds to any other than Masonic charities or purposes, but it empowers lodges to make bye-laws, and by these bye-laws lodges may be so empowered. I never, during the forty years that I have been a Mason, saw such powers contained in any bye-laws, and if there are no such bye-laws, how then, Bro. Magnus Ohren?

If you will kindly give these few remarks a place in your next paper, I will not again trouble you on these subjects.

Your ever faithful brother,
AN OLD P.M., ONE, &c.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have, on many occasions, advocated the cause of our Charities in your valuable paper. That I have ventured to say a few words on this particular subject, as the plan of support falls very short of a proper development, which should exist in such a body of Freemasons as we possess. I fear it will require a more able pen than mine, and a stronger argument than I can place on paper, to create a change in our system, but still I hope to solicit some stronger power on my side to advocate the cause of our Charities, whereby they may be supported by a large majority of its members instead of a very small minority.

It does appear to me somewhat strange that the Charity Committees should continue, year after year, to appeal to the large-heartedness of the few, instead of developing a scheme for the easier method of obtaining that support for our charities they so justly deserve.

I shall now offer several suggestions for the further consideration of our members.

1st. Every brother, giving a donation of five guineas, and collecting fifteen more, shall be entitled to the Charity Jewel.

2nd. That collecting-cards be prepared by the Secretary of each Institution, leaving sufficient space between the lines for every subscriber to write his name and address and the sum subscribed. All cards to be forwarded to the W.M. of the lodge, who is to take charge of all monies collected, and to forward the same to the Secretary of the Institution. No second card to be issued to any lodge until the first is returned and cash received at head quarters.

3rd. That the Committees of the Charities should make an alteration in the annual fees payable to the Institutions to meet the more advanced times. There are now 1524 lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, and I feel sure if some such plan was adopted, there would be no difficulty in obtaining twelve annual subscribers of One Guinea in every lodge under our Constitution. That would produce the large sum of £19,202. This sum divided by three would give £6,400 to each Institution. Each subscriber of One Guinea to have an equal interest of voting power in each Institution as to candidates to be elected.

I would also most respectfully call the attention of the committees to the following facts:—

Cheap fares has produced a greater travelling public, with larger dividends to the shareholders. Cheap postage a much larger revenue for Government.

And I would ask, why should not the annual subscription to our Masonic Charities be reduced from Three Guineas to One per annum, which, I firmly believe, would have the same beneficial results for the charities, as the above facts prove.

It is evident to everyone with half an eye to business, that three guineas given annually to have an equal interest in our charities, is not a popular feeling in the Craft, or we should have a larger number of annual subscribers on our lists.

Dear sir and brother, I remain, yours fraternally,
P.M.

FREEMASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It was with interest that I read your account of Freemasonry in Constantinople and also with some regret, seeing that it only mentioned the Leinster Lodge when referring to the banquet, which appears rather one-sided, but I, as Secretary of the Leinster Lodge and a subscriber to the *Freemason*, cannot think of letting this go by unnoticed. In the first place, when the officers of the Leinster

and Caledonian Lodges were elected it was also decided that the installation of the two lodges should take place on the same day, so as to facilitate the one banquet, which was very happily carried out to the satisfaction of the brethren of both lodges. The first part of the programme was the installation of W.M. and officers of the Leinster Lodge, No. 166, I.C., held in the Masonic Temple, Hasskien, Monday, 28th December, 1874. The brethren met at 5.30 p.m., Bro. F. Flucker, W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bro. Hy. Wetherill, I.P.M., acting as S.W.; W. Ite, W.M. elect, J.W.; Jno. Wetherill, P.M. 166 and 687 (E.C.), and D.G.S.D., Treasurer; R. McGill, P.M., Secretary; T. Dickinson, S.D.; J. C. Blair, J.D.; T. Johnson, I.G.; Jas. Cowan, Tyler. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer in the first degree, the W.M. then calling upon Bro. Hy. Wetherill, I.P.M., to take the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. Wm. Ite, W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Jno. Wetherill, P.M., and P. Flucker, I.P.M. The lodge was in due time raised to the third degree, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Ite was duly installed in the chair of K.S. According to the ancient Irish rite the brethren below the chair were then re-admitted, and the W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. P. Flucker, I.P.M.; J. J. Dunn, S.W.; J. Wetherill, P.M. 166 and 687, D.G.S.D., re-invested Treas.; Hy. Wetherill, P.M., Sec.; T. Johnson, S.D.; J. Laigon, J.D.; J. C. Blair, I.G.; J. Cowan, Tyler. Among those present were the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Oriental Lodge, No. 687 (E.C.), the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 489 (S.C.). The W.M. then thanked the Installing Master for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The visiting brethren were thanked for their kind assistance; the lodge was then closed in the usual manner at 7.15 p.m., the W.M., officers, and brethren retiring for a short time while the Caledonian Lodge was opened, when they were admitted among the rest of the visitors.

I am, fraternally yours,
Hasskien, Feb. 17th, 1875.

H. W.

THE PUBLIC HOUSE QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The last few weeks I have noticed that a great interest is being taken by you and your correspondents in the "Public House Question," and, although many complaints have been very justly stated, no one is coming forward to suggest something to better the position of Freemasons' Lodges.

As I am, and have been from the very first against the "Knife and Fork" system, and consequently against the public house lodges, I have been thinking about a remedy to prevent meetings in such places, and beg to submit to your readers the result of it.

There are now 1535 lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England, and I think the greatest part of them held in London, of all these I do not know of one which has its own temple, and have not heard of one.

Now how would it be, suppose twenty lodges with about fifty members each (altogether 1000 members) join together to form a company, each member taking one share of £5, a capital of £5000 would thus be created. With this sum, I should think, a nice house with a fit temple, with the required rooms, banqueting rooms, and minor ones as library, kitchen, &c., could be built, and although not elaborately yet plainly and suitably furnished.

The management would be entrusted to a committee formed of twenty members, each lodge to elect one, who would conduct the business of the entire club.

I will not enter into the expenditure of the concern, but feel sure that with a real Masonic management, the saving in banquets, wines, &c., would pay everything.

Trusting you will insert this in your next issue, I am, yours fraternally,

F.S., PILGER LODGE.

MR. BRADLAUGH AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read with much interest the long letter under the above heading from the correspondent "Reviresco." After relating the sayings and doings of Mr. Bradlaugh within various Masonic lodges in the United States, where he has recently been visiting, "Reviresco" closes his remarks with the query—If he, Mr. Bradlaugh, is an atheist, what does it all mean? Meaning by this, I suppose, that if Mr. Bradlaugh be really an avowed atheist, how does it come that he is eligible, or has been allowed, both to be present and to speak, in the bosom of an open Masonic Lodge? In order to give this question fair play, I think there are three other questions we should get an answer to first, viz.—First, when was Mr. Bradlaugh made? Second, where was he made? Third, was he an avowed atheist when he was made? Trusting that some of your correspondents may be able to answer these questions, I am, yours fraternally,

LEO.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At pages 98 and 99 of your columns for 6th inst., there appears a very graphic communication from "Reviresco," detailing various proceedings of Mr. Bradlaugh in several of the American lodges. I shall not here enter upon any of the points touched upon by "Reviresco," but I would mention that I was also taking an interest in this matter, and a fortnight ago, a letter of mine appeared in Mr. Bradlaugh's own paper, *The National Reformer*, calling in question the truth of a statement he had made about Masonic lodges in the 17th Century.

In his speech at a Masonic Festival lately held in Boston, Mr. Bradlaugh said,—

"In the 17th Century, the Masonic Lodges of Europe were the sole temples where free utterance of true opinion gave possible light, while all around was dark."

Now this is a very important statement to write, and if Mr. Bradlaugh can support his assertion with substantial evidence, that evidence will, I believe, be both highly interesting and also of great value to all students of our Masonic history. I need add nothing further at present, but as it is announced that Mr. Bradlaugh will be in England by next Friday, I hope to be able to say something further at a future time.

I am, fraternally yours,
Glasgow, March 6th, 1875.

W. P. BUCHAN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think I can give an answer to the query of your correspondent "Reviresco" as to what lodge Mr. Bradlaugh belongs to. I remember, about a year ago, chancing to see in a copy of his paper, *The National Reformer*, a report of a meeting of the Lodge des Philadelphes Reunis meeting somewhere in Soho, at which Mr. Bradlaugh made a long speech in reply to a toast, which I think was "To the Oppressed all over the World." I suppose he is a member of that lodge.

I do not see the name of this lodge in the "Calendar." It carries on its work in the French language, and its members and officers seem to be Frenchmen. I should like to enquire by what authority they hold a lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and whether they have any so-called authority from, or is acknowledged in any way by the Grand Orient of France.

Yours truly,

AN ENQUIRER.

A FEMALE TYLER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being on business in the West of England, in a province whose working I had heard spoken highly of, I thought to do myself the pleasure of seeing for myself. I therefore determined upon a visit to one of the lodges, when, upon entering the hall, to my surprise, I saw a female in attendance, performing the duties of announcing brethren, &c., as O.G. Having previously read and heard of an Order termed the Eastern Star, purporting to be a Masonic Order, which I very much doubt, I thought perhaps I had stumbled upon one of those meetings, but upon entering the lodge-room, I found myself among brethren instead of sisters. Now sir, never having heard of but one lady F.M., I was at a loss to account for the presence of the one I saw in office outside. Upon enquiry, I found the Tyler had died some months since, and the female was acting in his stead: but I think the sooner a proper Tyler is appointed the more satisfactory it will be to the members, as also visitors. I must certainly say I found the working of the ceremonies was all that could be wished, reflecting great credit upon all the officers.

I am, dear sir and brother,

A VISITOR.

AN ACT OF GALLANTRY AND GENEROSITY.

It is reported from the Isle of Réunion, that Bro. Joseph Aillet, Captain of the vessel "Cilaos," saved, in the open sea, 400 miles distant from land, the entire crew of an English ship, commanded by Bro. Captain Wm. Reid. Both these brethren attended the Lodge Amitié, Orient de St. Denis, in the Island of Réunion, and were most kindly received by the brethren, who send the report to the Grand Orient of Navel.

The following is the official notice of Captain Aillet's gallant and kindly behaviour:—

"The 'Cilaos,' Captain Aillet, arrived at Réunion, Oct. 31, bringing 22 men, composing the shipwrecked crew of the English ship 'Industry,' all of whom he found in the open sea, and happily saved. The Governor has privately congratulated, and now publicly congratulates Captain Aillet for his conduct and generosity under the circumstances. He orders, in addition, the official publication of the following letter, which has been addressed to him by the English Consul on the occasion, and which has been transmitted to Captain Aillet:—

"Réunion, Nov. 3, 1874.

"Your Excellency,

"It is with great pleasure that I bring to the knowledge of your excellency the generous and disinterested conduct of the Captain of the French ship 'Cilaos,' which arrived on the 31st of last month at St. Denis, having on board all the crew of the English ship 'Industry,' of London. It appears that the 'Industry,' was burnt at sea, 33° 47' lat S, and 52° 47' long E, and that the crew had to take to their boats in the open sea, when, a few hours afterwards, they were providentially saved by the appearance of the 'Cilaos,' the captain of which vessel took them all on board, and with that kindness and courtesy which have always distinguished the French nation, treated them with the greatest hospitality for fourteen days, and now refuses to receive from the Consulate, in the name of the Government of Her Majesty, any indemnity for their subsistence. In this generous resolution, the captain is supported by the proprietors and consignees, Messrs. Lebeau et Cie. It will be my duty to bring the noble conduct of Captain Aillet to the knowledge of the Government of Her Majesty, which will, I have no doubt, hasten to thank the brave sailor for his great services. In the meanwhile, I can do no less than ask your excellency to express to Captain Aillet, in my name and that of the Captain of the 'Industry,' our sincere and grateful thanks for the assistance rendered to the crew of the lost vessel.

"I have the honour to be, your excellency's very humble and obedient servant,

"GERALD PAUL VERRY, H.B.M.'s Consul."

THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

A special quarterly court of the subscribers to the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools, jointly, will be held on Monday next, at Freemasons' Hall, at twelve o'clock, to consider some alterations which have been proposed to be made in the printed rules or "laws," which are now in force in the two institutions. The proposed alterations were reported in our columns at the time the propositions were made, and a joint committee was appointed to confer upon the subject. This committee having reported, the quarterly court will have to decide upon the report, viz.: To erase the second clause of law 13, also law 15; to consider the following laws under the heading:—"Privileges of Stewards" (to follow law 24) second clause of law 13, re-enacted; also the following new law:—"Every Steward at the anniversary festival who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than fifty guineas, in addition to his personal donation, and shall collect and pay over the amount to the funds of the institution, shall receive one additional vote at each election of boys (or girls) and a further extra vote for every additional sum of not less than fifty guineas, so collected and paid over." Also to add to law 37, providing for mode of election of House Committee. "Scrutineers shall be appointed for the purpose of taking the poll, which shall remain open until five p.m." Two Trustees of the Sustentation Fund of the Girls' School will also have to be elected by the Quarterly Court.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the above Institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. William Roebuck, V.P., presided. Among the other brethren present were John Symonds, Vice-Patron; S. Rosenthal V.P.; Samuel May, V.P.; Geo. Bolton, V.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, V.P.; J. G. Chancellor, F. Adlard, Henry Moore, John Read, A. H. Tattershall, Wm. Noak, H. A. Collington, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. W. Dosell, Geo. Free, Jesse Turner, A. D. Loewenstark, Henry Dubosc, G. J. Grace, Hyde Pullen, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. Binckes (Secretary).

A letter was read by Bro. Binckes, from Bro. J. Bond Cabbell, in reply to the letter of condolence sent to him by this institution, on the death of his uncle, Bro. Benj. Bond Cabbell. A letter having also been received from Bro. Edward Harris, the collector to the school, asking for an increase of commission on all sums collected by him, a sub-committee of nine brethren (five to form a quorum), was appointed to consider and report upon the matter. Three petitions from candidates for election were accepted, and an outfit to one late pupil of the institution was granted. The special court, as per advertisement, was appointed to meet on Monday next at twelve o'clock. The committee then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Era, of Saturday last, after repeating the announcement already made, that the Lord Mayor will preside at the next festival of this Institution, on the 12th of May, says his lordship will be "accompanied by the Sheriffs, one of whom is a Mason of some eminence, while the other was only initiated a few days ago." The same paper further says that "there will be a great attendance" at the festival "of celebrities in the city of London, most of whom belong to the Craft." At the meeting of the Board of Stewards, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Grand Deacon, in the chair, a vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Mayor, for consenting to preside at the festival.

Bro. John Monckton, the Town Clerk of London, and Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who is the W.M. of the Needle-maker's Company, were respectively elected President and Treasurer of the Stewards.

The brethren anticipate a successful gathering, from the fact that it is many years since a Lord Mayor has occupied this position.

The "Lodge of Israel" (Birmingham, No. 1474) has established a benevolent fund for general charitable purposes. During the past eleven months a donation of ten guineas was given to the Redemption Fund of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and fifteen guineas towards the general Masonic Charities.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 19, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 176, Caveat, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
- " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- " 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
- Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adam-st., Adelphi.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (810), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 991, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55, Preceptor.

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

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

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

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

" 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 857, St. Mark's, Half-Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.

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

Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 127, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

Grand Stewards' Lodge.

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

" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

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

Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (218), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.

" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

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

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

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

" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.

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

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

" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.

" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.

Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.

" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

Preceptory 6, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.

" 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 20, 1875.

MONDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.

" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

" 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

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

" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.

" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.

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

" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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

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

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 4.

" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.

" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.

" 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.

" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

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

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

" 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.

Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

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

" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.

" 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.

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

" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.

" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.

" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.

" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Preceptory William de la More, New Court House, Prescott, near Liverpool.

" Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, March 20, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.

Encampment St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

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

" 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

" 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalnair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

" 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.

Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

Lodge 22, St. Johns Kilwigg, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

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

" 167, Free Operative, Masonic Hall, Biggar.

" 465, St. Andrew, Garnad-road.

" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.

" 31, St. Mary's, Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.

" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Well Gate-st., Larkhall.

" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.

" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 471, St. Johns, Stane Inn, Shotts.

" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

" 524, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 20, 1875.

MONDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Registrar-street.

" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 62, Nicolson-st.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 100).—The annual installation of the W.M. and officers of Lodge Friendship, No. 100, was held at the Town-hall, on Thursday, 25th February. The lodge being opened in due form by the W.M., the ceremony was then proceeded with in the usual manner. Wor. Bro. O. Diver (Installing Master) having taken the chair, invested the following with their several offices, viz., Wor. Bro. James Bond, W.M.; Wor. Bro. M. Tracey, I.P.M.; Bros. R. W. Hubbard, Secretary; E. J. Bonfellow, S.W.; R. Martins, J. W.; J. W. French, S.D.; G. Bristow, J.D.; C. M. Kirkman, I.G.; Holt, Tyler. By the unanimous vote of the brethren assembled, Wor. Bro. O. Diver was re-elected the Treasurer of the lodge. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served by Wor. Bro. John Franklin, in his usual excellent style. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Wor. Bro. W. D. Palmer, P.M. 313, and P. Prov. G.R.; in responding for the visitors, expressed the pleasure he had experienced by attending the installation, and his gratification at the admirable working of the lodge, intimating his wish to become a subscribing member to Lodge Friendship, No. 100, which was received with applause.

STONEHOUSE.—LODGE METHAM (No. 1205).—On Monday, 16th inst., Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P., was installed as W.M. of Lodge Metham for the ensuing year, in the presence of about a hundred brethren, many of whom had come from various parts of the two counties to do honour to his lordship, who is highly esteemed amongst his Masonic brethren. The interesting and imposing ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by Bro. Col. Elliott, assisted by Bro. Leigh, and at its conclusion the lodge choir sang the beautiful anthem "Behold how good and joyful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." His lordship appointed his officers for the coming year as follows:—Bros. Col. Elliott, I.P.M.; Wm. Harries, S.W.; W. Glover, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Newham, Chaplain; C. Leigh, Treasurer; W. Powell, Secretary; E. A. Northey, Assistant-Secretary; S. Hyne, S.D.; T. Gibbon, J.D.; C. Hale, I.G.; C. Mutton, D.C.; R. K. Granger and Howe, Stewards; T. Moore, Tyler. The following brethren were present:—Col. Elliott, P.M. 1205, P. Prov. G.S.W.; C. Leigh, P.M. 1205, P. Prov. G. Secretary; the Rev. Richard Measham, P.M. 1205, P. Prov. G. Chap.; R. W. Beechey, P.M., P.G.W. Malta; J. M. Hifley, P.M., P. Prov. G. A.D.C.; C. Parkin, P.M. 884, P.J.G.D. Derby; F. Aubrey Thomas, P.M. 1247, P.G.S.D.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, 1247, 1486, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; Vincent Bird, P.M. 954, P. Prov. G.T.; S. Jew, P.M. 105 and 1496, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; W. B. Hambly, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; C. G. Gibson, P.M. 180, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. Hele, M.B., W.M. 330, P. Prov. G. Organist Cornwall; G. Bignell, P.M. 105, P.G.S.; Josiah Austin, P.M. 1099, P. Prov. G. Organist; G. Sadler, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; T. S. Bailey, P.M. 189, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; J. Montgomery, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; Lord Charles Beresford, J.W. 1205; C. C. Gibbs, P.M.; the Hon. H. A. Court, J.D. 1205; W. Joll, P.M. 230; W. D. Thomas, P.M. 159; W. Powell, P.M. and Hon. Secretary, 1205; D. Cross, P.M. 1205; S. H. Annis, W.M. 223; J. E. Curteis, W.M. 189; C. Cooper, W.M. 105; Thomas Goodall, W.M. 954; J. May, P.M. 223; F. E. Thompson, P.M. 112; Dr. R. W. Beaumont, P.M. 114; E. A. Northey, William Harries, W. Glover, T. Gibbon, G. H. Emery, C. Mutton, C. Hale, S. Hyne, R. K. Granger, E. Hart, H. Dean, J. Maher, W. H. Blowey, J. Martin, W. Pearce, T. E. Peck, A. Thompson, G. A. Arberry, W. Meadows, R. S. Smith, R. Bankhead, G. Nuick, T. Brown, W. H. Ching, T. Brooking, H. Boyling, J. S. Cox, W. H. Hunt, G. Congram, S. Page, Hislop, J. Maunder, A. Stalter, G. W. Freen, G. T. Derry, A. E. Lean, J. Matters, W. Morris, J. P. Kearney, H. Shaw, T. Sims, 223; S. Roach, 105; G. Evans, 1099; Harris, 105; Raymond, 212; F. Littleton, 139; W. Brodie, 1254 (Exeter); W. Boon, 223; J. James, J.W. 105; J. Northey, 105; T. Moore, 1205; S. Samuels, 213; A. Ralph, 183; J. Sullivan, 202; E. T. Tarratt, 70; J. Murch, 1099; J. E. Nicholls, 1099; T. Child, 230; R. H. Burt, 230; J. J. Westcott, 202; E. Binding, 202; B. P. Fisher, 70; S. Ramsden, 70; J. Bear, 202; J. Courley, 153; W. Yeo, 223; &c. The annual banquet was held in the evening, at St. George's Hall, under the

presidency of Lord Charles Beresford, the newly-elected W.M. The hall was decorated with exceedingly good taste by Bro. Coath, P.M. 893, under the direction of a committee of the lodge, with flags kindly lent by Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, K.C.B., and a variety of plants from the gardens of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. The banquet was provided by Mrs. Coffin, of George-street, Plymouth, and the wines by Mr. S. Vosper of Stonehouse, and in each of these departments the greatest satisfaction was given. There were about 120 brethren present, including the majority of those who attended the installation, and in addition there were also present:—Bros. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel; I. Latimer, P.M. 189, P.G.J.W.; W. Derry, P. Prov. G.S.D.; Risk; J. T. Smith, P.M. 223; Frœhnert; Fly; Sherwill; Haggarty; Hearle, P.M. and Treasurer 156, P.G.A.D.C.; J. J. Avery, W.M. 70; J. Waldo Howe, J.W. 189; Twose, P.M. 105; W. Coath, P.M. 893; A. Knowles, D.C. 159; H. Davey, S.S. 105; A. W. King, 1205; C. Walters, J. Pethick, and many others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the removal of the cloth, and the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Most Worshipful, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," said His Royal Highness was a true, good-hearted Englishman, who would always carry out to the fullest extent the truest principles of Freemasonry, and who would do honour to the high position he was soon about to occupy. The next toast was "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Past and Present Grand Officers, the Deputy Grand Master of Devon, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." This was drunk with the usual honours, and was followed by the toast of "The R.W. Brethren the Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.M. of Devon and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall." In proposing this, the W.M. spoke in the highest terms of Bros. the Rev. J. Huyshe, and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, both of whom were greatly beloved by the Masonic brethren of their respective provinces. Bro. Huyshe's name was a household word amongst Masons all over England—(hear, hear, and applause). Bro. Col. Elliott, who responded, regretted the absence of the P.G.M., who had recently been laid upon a bed of sickness, and who, at one time was so ill that his recovery was despaired of. He was now progressing towards convalescence, and he was sure every true Mason would heartily hope that the R.W. brother might live for many years to preside over the province—(applause). Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe had fully intended to have been present at the installation of the W.M., but he was suddenly called away to London, and the lodge was, therefore, deprived of the honour of his presence. Bro. Metham would also have been present but for the death of his brother. He had written expressing his deep regret at the cause of his absence, inasmuch as he had hoped to have had the opportunity of thanking all the lodges for their generous subscriptions to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke. He (Bro. Elliott) was glad to be able to say that towards this fund Metham Lodge had contributed fifty guineas—(applause). He had now to ask the brethren to join him right heartily in drinking the health of their W.M., Bro. Lord Charles Beresford—(cheers). The admirable manner in which his lordship had that afternoon discharged his duties after his installation was a sufficient justification—if there were no other—of the choice which the lodge had made. Metham Lodge should feel proud at having such a noble brother at its head, and also that it was the means of adding to the list of members of the Grand Lodge of England one who was so thoroughly and entirely worthy to fill that honourable post, and whom they might shortly hope and expect to see filling a high office under His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England. (Cheers). Lord Charles Beresford, in acknowledging the toast, assured the brethren that he had the highest appreciation of the great honour which had that day been done him, and he hoped to be able to attend to the duties of the office during the greater part of the year. He was also glad that it would give him an opportunity of being present at the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. He had a very great idea of the value of Freemasonry, and believed it was one of the best institutions they had in the country. Under its banner, high and low, rich and poor, old and young, were brought together in social intercourse, and for benevolent and charitable purposes, and such an institution was bound to do good. (Hear, hear). The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," proposed by the W.M., and suitably responded to by Bros. Colonel Elliott and Leigh. "The Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge," was acknowledged by Bro. W. Harries, S.W., who thanked his lordship for the kindly terms in which he had proposed the toast. The office which had been conferred upon him was one which he valued very highly, and he hoped he should always be found performing its duties in a manner that would be in every way acceptable to the brethren generally. He was warmly attached to Masonry, and he need scarcely say that he was equally attached to his lodge, and he hoped he should always be found foremost in promoting that good feeling and those truly Masonic principles which were, or ought to be, the very essence of the Order. Metham Lodge was a lodge of which they all had reason to be proud, and the maintenance of its honour and reputation depended to a great extent upon the manner in which its officers discharged their functions. Those functions required a vast amount of thought, study, and attention, and it would be his pleasure, as indeed it was his duty, to give to the office all that study and earnest attention which the brethren had a right to expect of him. (Applause.) Bro. Glover, J.W., also acknowledged the toast, and hoped the lodge would find him always at his post. Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel responded for "The Visiting Brethren and Sister Lodges," and the last toast on the list was our "Poor and Distressed Brethren." During the evening, valuable musical services, vocal and instru-

mental, were rendered by Bros. Frœhnert, Fly, Hart, Cross, Harries, Emery, Gibbons, Mutton, Binding, Glover, Maher, Hele and Rowlands. The evening, altogether, was a most enjoyable one.

GREENWICH.—STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, March 5th, 1875, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. There were present:—Bros. H. Keeble, I.P.M.; W. Ough, P.G.S., P.M.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. J. Limebeer, S.W.; H. J. Green, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, Chaplain; R. W. Williams, S.D.; C. R. Williams, J.D.; W. Bell, I.G.; F. B. Williams, Organist; W. E. Williams, E. W. Chetwynd, W. Brough, W. B. Woodman, E. H. Rand, A. Tilsey, W. Kipps, G. F. Guest, J. Brooks, L. H. Williams, E. Lane, H. J. Clare, H. W. Elmer, W. Hardman, W. P. Tong, J. Ellis, E. Searle, A. C. Woodward, F. J. Lindsey, W. F. Gardiner, and others. Amongst the visitors we noticed: Bros. John Archer, 667; A. Stewart, 1446; A. Burnell, W.M. 1446; A. Boehr, 1446; W. T. Morphey, 1446; J. Hayward, S.W. and W.M., elect, 946; W. B. Wallace, 127; H. Potter, 11; W. H. Waghorn, W.M. 946; and others. Bro. H. Keeble, P.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of last regular lodge were read and confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of all the candidates for initiation; Bros. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M. (the father of the lodge), took the chair. He raised Bro. E. Chetwynd, passed Bros. E. H. Rand and J. Brooks, and initiated Messrs. E. Searle and F. J. Lindsey, all the work being well and ably done. Several propositions were received from candidates for initiation. Bro. George Pym, P.M. 749, P.M. 1310, the W.M., was absent through ill-health. The lodge was closed. The usual banquet was served.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the City Terminus Hotel, Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. J. H. Townend, S.W.; John Seax, J.W.; James Stevens, I.P.M.; James Freeman, Treasurer; Edward Moody, Secretary; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; Richard Hanway, S.D.; G. W. Blackie, J.D.; W. H. Catchpole, I.G.; Thomas Preston, D.C.; W. H. Hook, G. Jenkins, Thomas Hamer, and Charles Taylor, Stewards; besides forty-five other brethren, and Bros. E. M. Haig, P.G.S.; J. Poore, P.M. 720; T. Larham, 1216; Rickwood, 192; John Constable, P.M. 185; and Ross, W.M. 185. Bros. T. W. Headon, E. H. Davis, J. Stamp, and F. T. Davis, were raised, and Bro. Gray was passed. The brethren were then called off for refreshment for about half-an-hour, and on the resumption of the lodge the ballot was taken for the proposed initiates, and it being unanimous in favour of the whole of them, who were eight in number, Messrs. Richard White, Charles Bristow, Richard Isaac Measures, and Anthony Alexander Hicks, who were in attendance, were initiated in ancient form. The work of the day was all performed by the W.M., in splendid style. On the motion of Bro. J. Preston, D.C., a Past Masters' jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted to Bro. Headon, with the thanks of the lodge to him, on the termination of his year of office in October next. The motion was carried by acclamation. The elections were then taken, and Bro. J. H. Townend, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. of the Great City Lodge for next year. Bro. James Freeman was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Steedman, T. Bros. Browne, Lewis, and Hooker were elected on the audit committee, and then the W.M. read the circular which had been issued from Grand Secretary's office, relating to the installation of the Prince of Wales. It was thereupon unanimously resolved that the W.M., Bro. Headon, do represent the Great City Lodge, as Steward on that occasion, and that the expenses of the Steward and the cost of the Steward's jewel be defrayed by the lodge. This proposition was received by all the brethren with expressions of considerable satisfaction, and it was requested that the Secretary would return the names of all the brethren to Grand Secretary, as desiring to be present on the occasion. In acknowledgment of the services rendered by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M. 720; as instructor of the Lodge of Instruction connected with the Great City Lodge, it was decided that he should be a recognised visitor at the Great City Lodge, at all the lodge meetings, and banquets. The W.M. announced that his list as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May, already amounted to over 170 guineas. He also announced that the arrangements for the visit of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs to the lodge, which will take place to-day, were complete, and that the event would be one of the most interesting in connection with Freemasonry that had ever occurred in the City of London. A great number of eminent Freemasons would be present, and among them would be many Past and Present Grand Officers of England, as well as representatives of Freemasonry in Scotland, Ireland, and America. The band of the Grenadier Guards would perform a selection of music during dinner, and a party of vocalists, consisting of Bros. Chaplin Henry, Baxter, Carter, and other eminent musical brethren, would sing in the intervals between the toasts. He requested the brethren to be punctual in their attendance, as the lodge would be opened precisely at four o'clock in the pillar room of the City Terminus Hotel, and the banquet would commence at six o'clock in the large hall. The brethren then adjourned, the work of the day having occupied them from a quarter past three to half-past ten o'clock, with the exception of the slight interval for refreshment. All the arrangements were of the most satisfactory description, and they will no doubt be equally satisfactory at the great meeting of to-day.

BOOTLE.—BOOTLE LODGE (No. 1473).—The first anniversary festival of this very excellent lodge, which was consecrated so auspiciously a year ago, was celebrated

with the greatest éclat on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Town Hall, Merton-road, Bootle, near Liverpool. The proceedings were fixed to begin at half-past two o'clock, and shortly after that hour Bro. S. G. Ibbs, P. Prov. G. S. B., the W.M. of the lodge, proceeded to open it in ancient and approved form. The officers and members present were Bros. Harold Wyatt, S.W., W.M. elect; John W. Turley, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, Treasurer; T. D. Pierce, Hon. Secretary; Dr. T. M. Wills, J.D.; W. H. Clemmey, S.W.; Blake, Tyler; E. Johnston, J. W. McWean, T. Grant, J. Sharpe, H. Parry, I. Platts, J. Evans, W.M. 220; J. J. Dowling, J. C. Paterson, J. Hodgson, W. Shortis, P.M. 724; G. Woollan, R. A. Hough, H. J. Mandy, J. Ferranti, J. D. Glass, R. J. Sprakeling, J. Duncan, jun., J. C. Caley, H. J. Tiffin, A. McCubbin, W. H. M. Smithson, A. Bucknall, J. Le Comber, and F. M. Jones. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. W. Doyle, P. Prov. G. J. D., P.M. 667; T. Evans, P.M. 1356; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; W. M. Chudley, W.M. 241; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; A. Winkup, P.M. 667 and 1256; J. Wells, P.M. 580; W. Horn, 1086; W. Smith, W.M. 1235; H. Trevitt, 724; T. W. Kellett, 721; P.M. Larsen, P.M. 594; R. Ing, P.M. 594; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; J. F. Newell, W.M. 1035; A. D. Hesketh, 1182; J. Ireland, Treasurer, 1356; R. Roberts, 1356; and others. As the last act of his official year, the W.M. initiated three candidates into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, performing the ever-impressive ceremony with unction and efficiency. The chair was then given up to Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, who proceeded to instal Bro. Councillor Harold Wyatt, the W.M. of the Bootle Lodge, the work being done with that facility and effectiveness for which Bro. Baker maintains a high reputation in West Lancashire and elsewhere. The investiture of officers for the year was as follows:—Bros. Samuel E. Ibbs, I.P.M. and Treasurer; John W. Turley, S.W.; Richard Roberts, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, D.C.; John Duncan, jun., Hon. Sec.; Dr. T. M. Wills, S.D.; Wm. Hughes, J.D.; Wm. H. Clemmey, I.G.; J. C. Paterson and J. C. Hulbert, Stewards; and William Blake, Tyler. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the leading representatives of the lodges present, the W.M. thanking them for their kindness, the purely business portion of the proceedings terminated, and the brethren, after the lapse of about an hour, sat down to an excellent banquet in the very handsome lodge room, the catering having been entrusted to Mr. Russell, Bold-street, Liverpool. "The Queen," "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M. of England, and P.G.M. West Lancashire," and "Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Officers, Past and Present," were proposed by the W.M. in brief but pointed terms, the last-named toast being acknowledged by Bro. S. E. Ibbs, P. Prov. G.S.B., and Bro. J. W. Turley, P.G.J.D. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for the Children of Deceased and Distressed Masons," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. W. M. Chudley, W.M. 241, who said the funds of the Institution now amounted to £11,600. Bro. Ibbs proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Harold Wyatt," wishing him a prosperous year. He wished that Bro. Wyatt might enjoy the position as much as he (Bro. Ibbs) had done during the past year. Being an eminent member of the Corporation of Bootle, and an old Mason, there was little doubt that the duties of the chair would be fulfilled by Bro. Wyatt with honour to himself and benefit to every member of the lodge. The brethren had made a very judicious selection, and would have no reason to regret their choice. The toast was drunk in bumpers with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in acknowledging his thanks for the compliment of toast and response, said he would content himself by saying that every effort would be made by him to deserve the good opinion of every member of his lodge, and he hoped that at the close of his year's office, he would not have sacrificed any part of that high esteem by deed or word. There was one thing which gave him confidence, and that was the conviction that he would have the hearty co-operation of every officer of his lodge. That fact invariably strengthened a Master's hands, and gave him greater confidence in fulfilling his duties. Before sitting down, the W.M. gave "The Worshipful Past Master, Bro. S. E. Ibbs." The lodge, he said, owed Bro. Ibbs a deep debt of gratitude for having so readily acceded to the request to become the first Master of the lodge, and for the exceedingly able manner in which he had fulfilled his duties. The brethren had deputed him (the W.M.) to present Bro. Ibbs with a slight mark of their regard, with the hope that he would look upon the spirit in which it was given, rather than upon its intrinsic value. The W.M. then presented a handsome silver salver to Bro. Ibbs, who acknowledged the gift in suitable terms. In speaking of the ball recently held, he said that £35 had, as the result, been handed over to the Bootle Hospital, "The Installing Master," responded to by Bro. Baker, P.M., "The Officers of Lodge 1473," "The Visiting Brethren," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," were the other toasts on the list. Several excellent songs were given by Bro. A. Bucknall (whose "Doctor's Boy" caused immense amusement), Bros. Baker, A. Winkup, and a number of brethren connected with the Bootle Lodge.

BIRMINGHAM.—**LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 1474).**—On Monday, the 8th inst. Bro. Michael Davis was installed W.M. of this lodge for the second time. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. Muggleton, P.M. 74. The following brethren were invested as the officers: Bros. S. Lyon, S.W.; Isaac Silverton, J.W.; Rev. G. B. Emanuel, D.A., Chaplain; J. Myers, Treasurer; Maurice Silverton, S.D.; Philip W. Newman, J.D.; and Marks, Secretary. There was an unusual amount of work performed, as the three degrees were gone through prior to the installation. This lodge, which was only consecrated

twelve months since, has made a progress unusually rapid. During the past year twenty candidates have been initiated, and the members already number fifty. In point of importance the Lodge of Israel already stands second to no other in the province, and has been pre-eminent in the cause of charity. It boasts of a very strong Benevolent Fund, which has been liberally endowed by the members, and the Masonic and local charities have not been neglected. On the same evening a ball was given in aid of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, under the patronage of the Provincial and Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of Warwickshire and a long and influential list of Stewards. The room was gaily decorated with valuable oil paintings and flowers, and with the magnificent dresses of the ladies, and full Masonic clothing of the brethren, produced a tout ensemble at once various and pleasing. About two hundred were present, and the result will, we hope, bring a handsome surplus to the coffers of the charity. Great credit is due for the success of the ball to the committee and its chairman, Bro. B. Lazarus.

LIVERPOOL.—**LODGE OF EMULATION (No. 1505).**—One of the most enjoyable meetings of this young and prosperous lodge, which has so greatly flourished under the able rule of the first W.M., Bro. Henry Nelson, was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. Nelson opened the lodge in due form, shortly after six o'clock, and amongst those present during the evening were: Bros. J. T. Callow, S.W.; H. Morris, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treasurer; W. Quayle, Secretary; W. H. Corbin, S.D.; R. Croft, J.D.; J. Dale, Acting I.G.; J. Capell, D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; W. H. Ball and H. Williamson, Tylers; H. Carmichael, J. Parvis, W. H. Chapman, T. Garrett, W. S. Russell, R. Brown, C. Blood, C. W. Sidebotham, R. Foote, H. J. Atkinson, R. Lytham, H. Coulson, H. Burrows, G. Clements, and E. P. Eyre. The numerous visitors included Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. of Greece; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; John (Jolly) Nash, 457; H. Hart, 1094; J. Ferguson, 753; R. H. Evans, W.M. 1393; J. Parsons, P.M. 203; H. Jackson, S.W. 1393; J. McCarthy, J.W. 1393; E. Wilson, Sec. 1393; N. Turner, 1356; R. Evans, 292; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; H. W. Nicholas, 249; T. J. Hughes, 216; D. Saunders, 1299; J. B. MacKenzie, 1182, 1356; and others. A long night's business began with the initiation of five candidates, and was followed by two raisings. The whole working was of an unusually complete and effective character, the masterly manner in which the W.M. did his duty being admirably seconded by all his officers. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served by Bro. W. S. Russell, manager of the Washington Hotel, in a manner which fully warranted the subsequent compliment paid to him by the W.M. in a special toast. Bro. Nelson gave a few of the loyal and Masonic toasts with commendable brevity, wisely choosing to make his meeting one of harmony rather than that of mere speech-making. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. of Greece; R. J. Goepel, Prov. G.D.C. of West Lancashire; and R. H. Evans, W.M. 1393. A specially enjoyable feature of the pleasant after-banquet proceedings were the capital songs given by Bro. John (Jolly) Nash, who proved the very prince of harmony in private, as he is certainly the "merriest man alive" in public. Amongst others who gave songs and recitations, all of which were above the average, were Bros. T. J. Hughes, H. W. Nicholas, R. Brown, H. Morris, Chapman, H. Jackson, W. S. Russell, N. Turner, and Quayle. The evening was spent most pleasantly by all who were present, thanks in a large measure to the tact and good management of Bro. Nelson, W.M.

INSTRUCTION.

BURGOYNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (902).—The Fifteen Sections were very ably worked on Friday, the 5th inst., by fifteen different brethren. Bro. Wuest, P.M., was in the chair, Bro. Frost, P.Z., acting S.W. There were twenty-eight present, of whom no less than fourteen were Past Masters, and W.M.'s, and four were Preceptors of other Lodges of Instruction. A more instructive and pleasant evening cannot be spent than the two hours from eight p.m. to ten p.m., on Friday, in this increasingly thriving lodge.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).**—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. John D. Young, S.W.; D. Horn, J.W.; John Dick, Secretary; R. B. Dalzell, Treasurer; and a numerous attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., when the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. There being no business of importance before the lodge, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and a very pleasant and agreeable evening was spent.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).**—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Thursday, 4th inst. Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., occupied the chair. Bros. McInnes, S.W.; B. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown, acting J.W.; with the several officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, and the minutes read by the Secretary, Bro. Wm. Niven, and approved of. In the course of the opening of the lodge Bro. Wilson, Chaplain, explained the three great principles upon which Freemasonry is based, Faith, Hope, and Charity, in a masterly style, which added much to the beauty of the ceremony of opening. Bro. A. Young, 919 (E.C.), was then affiliated into Lodge St.

Mungo, Bro. A. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown, officiating. There being no further business, the brethren spent the remaining part of the evening in harmony and refreshment most pleasantly.

The 146th anniversary festival of this lodge was held in the Crown Hall, Sauchiehall-street, on 2nd inst., and proved to be one of the most largely attended and successful Masonic gatherings of the season. As usual of late years it took the form of an assembly and supper, the wives and sweethearts of the brethren being thus pleasantly admitted to join in the proceedings; and when, soon after 8 o'clock p.m., dancing was commenced, there would be over fifty couples on the floor. At about eleven o'clock supper was served in a spacious hall above the salle de danse, when fully 140 sat down to the good things purveyed for the occasion by Bro. James Ancell (27) of Glassford-street. The R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, presided, and Bro. T. Loch-head, Treasurer of the lodge, officiated as Croupier. On the platform supporting the chairman were Bros. Archd. McTaggart, D.M.; Geo. Sinclair, P.M.; William Bell, R.W.M. 34; Thomas, Boston, 553; and others. Throughout the hall were numerous brethren from other lodges. After supper the Chairman gave in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Scottish Masonic Craft, and the other Members of the Royal Family," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow." The latter was coupled with the name of Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, who, in a strikingly succinct reply, stated that the scope of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was summarised in four words, viz., "work, security, benevolence, economy." The toast of the evening—"The Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27"—was proposed by Bro. Sinclair, and coupled with the name of the R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, who delivered an able reply. In course of so doing he said that when he remembered how that chair had been filled in former years and on similar occasions, by learned professors, physicians, clergymen, and influential merchants, he felt conscious of his inability to deal as effectively as he would like to do with its duties and responsibilities. It would be his earnest aim, however, to keep the lodge over which he had the honour to preside, green and flourishing—and he would ever rejoice in its growing prosperity. The history of their parent lodge was very ancient, dating as far back, distinctly, as the days of Malcolm Canmore, A.D. 1068, more than 800 years ago; and the records of the lodge of St. Mungo, still extant and in their possession, carried them back for nearly a century and a half. This was now their 146th anniversary in the city of St. Mungo—they were getting on to the age of Methuselah—and during that period alone, although he could not venture on precise numbers, they had for many years past, been admitting at the rate of about twenty-five members yearly, and had sent brethren from their little sanctuary with the principles of Freemasonry in their consciences and the sympathies of the Craft in their hearts to almost every corner of the world. He (the Chairman) would venture to assert that the men who represented their brotherhood in various parts of the world would do no dishonour either to their principles or to their common humanity, wherever they were found. For his own part, without pretending to so profound an acquaintance with the recondite principles of our mystic orders as many others do, he was satisfied to rest his faith and extend his fellowship to mankind on the broad and simple platform of its earliest and grandest degrees, and to give the right hand of brotherhood, if called upon, to Jew and Gentile, Christian and Brahmin alike, without fear and without suspicion. He knew nothing of Masonry that was not in the Bible, and he knew nothing in the Bible that was not of God. What the Pope and his representatives, Cardinals or Councils, had to fear in connection with it was to him incomprehensible; and if his Holiness had ever been admitted to their secret, it must have been to some very distorted view of the whole system. Certain newspapers, he was aware, had been occupied a good deal lately in attempting to show that the Pope is, or is not, a Freemason—which might be a matter of curiosity, but was certainly of no moment. If the religious system, of which his Holiness was the acknowledged head, embodied principles which would not bear the touch of Freemasonry, or assumed authority which was inconsistent with the liberties of mankind, the less the world had to do with it the better. It would be more to the purposes if such papers could show us for certain that Garibaldi was a Mason, or that such men as Luther and Knox belonged to their ancient fraternity. They knew in fact that Robert Burns was a Mason, Benjamin Franklin was a Mason, that the Prince of Wales was a Mason, and for him (the Chairman) and those before him, that was perhaps enough. In such principles, and with such fellowship, they defied the Pope, and could enjoy their privileges and celebrate their festival, as they now did, with perfect indifference as to the threats and excommunications of his Holiness. Amongst the remaining toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Wm. Bell, and responded to by Bros. Thomas Boston, 553, and Thomas Fletcher, P.M. 34; "The Ladies," by Bro. John Scouler; and "The Strangers," by James McDonald. Thereafter, dancing was resumed down-stairs, and kept up by the younger and more enthusiastic spirits until an early hour.

DUNBAR.—**DUNBAR CASTLE LODGE (No. 75).**—After the usual Masonic business meeting on Tuesday, 2nd inst., the brethren of this lodge entertained their R.W.M., Captain Dennistown, of the 64th regiment, to a farewell supper occasioned by his approaching departure for the South of England. The chair was well filled by Bro. Brand, D.M., supported by Bros. Vallance, P.M.; Nelson, J.W., ably discharging the duties of Croupier. The chairman in proposing the toast of the evening, referred at some length to Captain Dennistown's Masonic qualifications, which had gained for him, in so short a time, the right of presiding

over them as their R.W.M., and that they viewed his coming departure with every regret in losing such a good friend and excellent Master. The toast having been responded to with much enthusiasm, Captain Dennistown thanked the brethren very kindly for the support they had at all times given him, and said that in marching behind the drums of the 64th, in other countries, he should always remember with pleasure his short residence with the Dunbar Castle Lodge. A very pleasant evening was passed, other toasts following, songs contributing in no small degree to the pleasure, marred only by the thought of losing their respected R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held in their hall at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 8th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Jas. F. Mitchell, presided, and there were also present Bros. Thos. Halket, P.M.; Thos. Kerr, S.W.; J. Renton, J.W.; Jno. Smith, Secretary; A. C. Paterson, Treasurer; Jas. Gladstone, S.D.; and Hugh McMillan, J.D. The lodge having been opened, James Henry Crawford, a candidate duly recommended, received the E. A. degree at the hands of the R.W.M., after which, the newly-made brother enjoyed the advantage of a short, but very admirable and instructive lecture on the tracing board, delivered to him by Bro. Halket. The R.W.M. thereafter tested Bro. Crawford, and delivered the charge to him belonging to the degree he had just taken. The chairman then said he supposed the brethren were aware that there were offices in the lodge not yet filled up. There was the S.W., the Inner Guard, and the Depute Master-ship. The appointment of the two first-named rested entirely with the members of the lodge, the last-named was his (the Master's) affair only. He had therefore much pleasure in appointing as his Depute, a brother who was an able Mason, from whom he (the chairman) had derived much instruction, and who brought to the discharge of the duties of the office a rare amount both of ability and energy. He referred to Bro. Alex. C. Lindsay Gray. Thereupon Bro. Gray was duly installed as D.M., by Bro. Halket, and having been invested with the jewel of the office, took his seat on the dais at the Master's right hand. He then, in very neat terms, returned thanks. He was but young in the lodge, he stated, but he had a sincere desire to increase his Masonic knowledge, and he trusted that, with the assistance of the R.W.M., he might prove to be not altogether unworthy of the high honour to which he had been called. It was then agreed upon that the S.W., and I.G. should be appointed at next meeting (22nd inst.), and the lodge was thereafter duly closed.

AIRDRIE.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 166).—This lodge met on the 3rd inst. in their lodge-room, Olive Hall, Airdrie, Bro. Jas. Henderson, P.M., in the absence of the R.W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. H. McIndoe, S.W.; D. Lindsay, J.W.; T. Inch, Treasurer; James Halliday, Secretary; and several members of the lodge. The lodge being opened by the acting R.W.M., the minutes of previous meeting were read and approved of. Mr. George Penman, who had been well recommended, received the E.A. degree from Bro. Henderson in a very efficient manner. Some business of the lodge having been got through, Bro. J. Jamieson, who had received the E.A. degree, was advanced to that of Fellow Craft, Bro. Jas. Henderson officiating. The lodge was then closed in due form.

RUTHERGLEN.—ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 116).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst. Bro. William Ferguson, R.W.M., presiding. The lodge being opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting being read and confirmed, the lodge proceeded to labour. A candidate being in attendance (Mr. J. Stewart Anderson), was regularly initiated in that superb style, which the R.W.M. of this lodge can adopt, the ritual being carefully and judiciously given, and the precepts it contains instilled into the mind of the neophyte. This being the harmony night with No. 116, the attendance of members and visitors was unusually great the room being crowded in every part. Amongst the brethren we observed Bros. Scouler (Provost of Rutherglen), Councillor Don (Dean of Guild), Kinning, Gilmour, Craig, Hamilton, Colquhoun, Lang, M. Alpine, Muir, Calder, F. Price, Scott, M. Waters, Callen, M. Indoe, Tait, Murphy, Melville, M. Cormick, Somerville, Dunn, Ferrier, Graham, Dick, M. Bride, White, Hutcheson, Kerr, Walker, J. Price, Sterling, Duncan, Pearson, Park, J. Gilmour, Wright, Montgomery, Woodrow, M. Queen, Duncanson, Gemmell, Lock, Hodge, Baird, Crowth, Anderson, Bruce, Todle, W. Lang, Rove, M. Larty, W. Hamilton, Quin, M. Donald, and others. The lodge being called from labour to refreshment, the brethren enjoyed themselves with song and sentiment, the singing of Bros. M. Larty, M. Alpine, Price, and Black conducting very much to the harmony of the evening. In the midst of the hilarity the lodge was called from refreshment to labour, for the purpose of affiliating as honorary members Bro. Scouler (Provost of Rutherglen), and Bros. M. Waters and Tait. This was accordingly done, the brethren being duly made honorary members. Bro. Scouler thanked the lodge for the honour, and said it gave him great pleasure to come amongst the brethren of No. 116, and he felt deeply grateful for the mark of honour they had thus conferred on him. It should always be his duty to forward the interests of the Order, and he trusted that all the members would adopt those beautiful precepts taught them in the lodge, so that they might be an honour to themselves, and show to others the benefits morally accruing from the companionship of our ancient society. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when some excellent songs were sung, the brethren enjoying themselves till high twelve, the lodge being then closed in full form.

COATBRIDGE.—LODGE OLD MONKLAND ST. JAMES'S (No. 177).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place

on and instant, in the Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings. The R.W.M., Bro. Richard White, assisted by the officers, punctual to time, opened the lodge in due form, and some business associated with the lodge being amicably concluded, two candidates were proposed, and the ballot being proved clear in their favour, were introduced, and initiated into the Order, the degree being given by the R.W.M. in a very careful and impressive manner. Several candidates were proposed, and duly seconded, for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in formal manner. Among the officers present we noticed Bros. A. Donaldson, D.M.; J. Stewart, S.W.; W. Dickson, Sec.

KILMARNOCK.—ST. CLEMENT'S LODGE (No. 202).—This lodge met on the 6th instant. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.M., Bro. David Hodge, the lodge was opened by Bro. Alexander, P.M. A candidate (Mr. M. William) having been proposed and approved of, was duly entrusted with the E. A. degree by Bro. Alexander, after which the lodge was raised to the second, and the R.W.M. having by this time arrived, asked the favour of Bro. Martin to give the same candidate the F.C. Bro. Martin, who is well known in the provinces to be an efficient worker, assented to this, and gave the degree in a very excellent manner. The lodge was then opened in the M.M. degree, and it being a case of emergency, Bro. M. William, as also Bro. John M. Laren, obtained the sublime degree from Bro. Alexander in very good style. Nothing in the shape of business being before the lodge, it was closed. Among the brethren present were Bros. G. Smith, J. Barrie, W. Thompson, Wm. Fisher, Thomas Clark, Sec., and others.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, No. 12, Trongate, on Monday, 8th inst., Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., in the chair, Bros. Garth, S.W.; Horn, J.W. There were also present: Bros. A. Bain, P.M. Lodge Union and Crown, 103; G. C. H. McNaught, W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), and a very large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, upwards of seventy having signed the book. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, and Mr. J. A. Easton, a candidate, received the E.A. degree, Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., officiating in a very efficient manner. Bro. Jasper Martin was then installed as Depute Master, Bro. A. Bain performing the ceremony of installation. The lodge being raised, Bros. Easton and Loughran received the degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. Morgan officiating. The lodge was then raised to the M.M. degree. There being six brethren for advancement to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., asked the favour of Bro. A. Bain to officiate. Bro. Bain, who is well known as an efficient worker, assented, and gave the degree in his usual impressive and masterly style. The lodge was then closed in due form.

The seventy-sixth annual festival of this lodge will take place in the hall, No. 12, Trongate, on Wednesday, the 31st inst.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SHAMROCK AND THISTLE (No. 275).—The 58th anniversary of this lodge was celebrated by a soiree, concert, and ball, held in the Masonic Hall, Struthers-street, on Friday, the 5th inst. Bro. R. M. Yuill, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M.; Rowan, D.M.; Peterson, S.M.; Ronald, S.W.; Finlay, J.W.; J. Horn, Secretary; Rev. R. Thomas, Chaplain; Joseph Singleton, R.W.M. 178; and others. Amongst numerous visiting brethren present were a deputation from Lodge Clydesdale, No. 557, consisting of Bros. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M.; Dr. Russell, D.M.; John B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W.; and others. After tea, the chairman delivered a short address. It was just three months, he said, since he had been elected to the office of Master of Lodge 275, and he must admit that during that time he had had the greatest pleasure in the world in performing the duties pertaining thereto, owing to the support he had received from the other office-bearers. They were met there that night to celebrate their 58th anniversary, and he was proud at being able to state that the year they had last passed through could compare favourably with any of those before. They had a good proof of that in the turn-out which he saw before him that night. He was pleased to see such an assemblage of the brethren, but he was better pleased to see such a turn-out of their wives, sisters, cousins, &c. In this connection, the Chairman then briefly referred to the attempt to introduce into this country from America the element of female freemasonry, and in downright terms deprecated the Order of the Eastern Star. He was glad to find, he said, that that star had disappeared beneath the horizon, and was now looked for in vain. Referring to the operations of the lodge during the past year, he said that amongst others they had not failed to exercise the greatest of all virtues, namely charity. They had assisted many a poor and worthy brother "pulling hard against the stream," and when all was done that could be done for him until the end, they had seen his remains decently interred. Nor did they even stop there; they had assisted the widow in having her children educated and brought up in respectability. The Chairman having concluded, Bro. Horn, Secretary, rose and stated that they had now come to the most interesting portion of the evening's proceedings, namely, the presentation of a small testimonial to their worthy Past Master, Bro. G. C. H. McNaught. He (the speaker) need not there expatiate upon Bro. McNaught's many good qualities. When he joined that flourishing lodge they soon found in him something above the average. He was speedily called upon to be their Secretary, and then, upon the resignation of Bro. Phillips, he was elected to the chair. Though youthful in appearance he was old in knowledge, and had for two years performed the duties of the office of Master in a manner which made them all

feel proud of him. He had therefore great pleasure in then and there presenting Bro. McNaught with a handsome silver tea service, as also a Masonic jewel, subscribed for by members of the lodge and other friends, as a mark of the esteem in which they held him. Bro. McNaught, in acknowledging the compliment, said he desired to thank every individual subscriber to the testimonial, and also all there assembled, for the very flattering manner in which its presentation to him had been received. When he was elected to the chair of the lodge he was a very young man, and a very young Mason, and it therefore could not be expected that he should do everything that might have been desired. However, he had endeavoured to discharge his duties conscientiously, impartially, and to the best of his ability. He would add that the lodge was also much indebted to the industry and zeal of its office-bearers, and he took that opportunity of thanking the latter for the encouragement and support they had afforded him during the period he held office. In the concert which followed the vocalists were Miss Aitken, Mr. W. Lee, and Mr. J. Templeton; and the occasion concluded with an assembly, at which the master of ceremonies was Bro. Hardie.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, 1st inst. Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., occupied the chair. Bros. A. Connochie, J.W., acting S.W.; W. Dempster, S.M., acting J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. There were also present W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*), and several brethren of the lodge and visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bro. W. Harper, R.W.M. Lodge Clyde, 408. The minutes of the last regular meeting, also an emergency meeting, having been read and approved of, several matters of business connected with the lodge was discussed and harmoniously settled. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, then presented the lodge with some emblems for the better working of the lodge, which was heartily received by the members present. Bro. Laird, Treasurer, in a neat and appropriate speech on behalf of the lodge, thanked Bro. Macnair, for his handsome present, and Bro. Dempster, S.M., proposed that a silver plate be put upon Bro. Macnair's present, with a suitable inscription, showing by whom the present was made, and in commemoration of Bro. Macnair's kindness, which was unanimously agreed to. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to the adjoining room for refreshment, and with toast and song spent a short time together most pleasantly.

RUTHERGLEN.—LODGE ST. JOHN'S OPERATIVE (No. 347).—Saturday, 6th inst., marked an era in the history of this lodge, on which occasion the memorial stone of a new Masonic Hall for the burgh, was laid with all the Masonic honours by the R.W.M., Bro. John Cunningham. The lodge, which was constituted twenty-nine years ago, was an offshoot from Lodge Royal Arch, No. 116, and has prospered greatly since its formation, its membership and revenues being now in a very flourishing condition. As the outcome of this prosperity, the brethren came to a resolution some time ago to build a hall for themselves, their present lodge-room being too small, and otherwise ill-adapted for their necessities. A limited liability company was formed, with the title of the Rutherglen Masonic Hall Company (Limited), for the purpose of raising the necessary funds, and a contract having been entered into with Mr. Park, builder, Rutherglen, a site was fixed upon in Cathcart-street, and building operations were begun at the commencement of the year. The edifice will be two storeys in height, and will have a frontage of 55ft., its width being about 36ft. The ground flat will be occupied as shops and a house for the hall-keeper, and the Masonic Hall and ante-rooms will take up the whole of the space in the upper storey. The cost of the building will be about £1,500, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy, in August ensuing. Invitations to attend the ceremony of the 6th inst. had been issued to many of the lodges in the West, and in response thereto, the following were represented, more or less numerously: Hamilton Kilwinning, 7; St. John's Lesmahagow, 20; Old St. John, Lanark, 21; St. Mungo, 27; Ancient, Stirling, 30; St. Mary, Coltness, 31; Thistle and Rose, 73; Thistle, 87; Union and Crown, 103; Royal Arch, Cambuslang, 114; Royal Arch, Rutherglen, 116; St. Mary's, Partick, 117; St. John, Shettleston, 158; St. Mirren, Paisley 129; St. Barchan, Killarchan, 156; Hamilton, 233; Shamrock and Thistle, 275; Union and Crown, Barrhead, 307; St. George, 333; St. John's Operative, 347; Commercial, 360; St. Clair, 362; Clyde, 401; Thornhill, Thornliebank, 512; St. Andrew, East Kilbride, 524; Clydesdale, Larkhall, 551; and Clydesdale, Glasgow, 556. At about 3 p.m., Lodge 347, was opened in Bro. Reid's Hall, Main-street, the following being present:—Bros. John Cunningham, R.W.M.; Wm. Gardner, P.M.; Samuel C. Abbot, D.M.; David Smart, S.M.; Jno. Murdoch, S.W.; Thos. Alston, J.W.; Wm. Lecoy, S.D.; Thos. Brodie, J.D.; Alex. Warnock, Secretary; Wm. Miller, Treasurer; Andrew Pearson, Chaplain; and Jas. Crawford, B.B. Previous to the opening of the lodge on the E. A. degree, Bro. Bryce, Tyler of Grand Lodge of Scotland, who came through for the occasion, read the following special permit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province: "Lochwinnoch, 27th February, 1875. I, Henry Lee Harvey, Esq., of Castle Semple, R.W. Depute Provincial Grand Master for Renfrewshire, East, as presiding over the Masonic province in the absence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood, do hereby authorise and commission Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M. of Lodge St. John Operative, Rutherglen, No. 347, to lay the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall at Rutherglen, with full Masonic honours, at Rutherglen, on Saturday, 6th March, proximo, hereby granting him full powers to make choice of the necessary office-bearers to assist him

on said occasions, and requiring him to make a full report of the proceedings immediately thereafter to me. For all which these presents shall be full and sufficient authority. Signed Henry Lee Harvey, Depute Provincial Grand Master for Renfrewshire East." The lodge having been opened, the deputation from Lodge 116, senior lodge of the province, were admitted, and the above having been read to them, it was arranged that they should carry the working tools in the procession; and therefore the various lodges assembled at Rutherglen Green, where they were duly marshalled by Bro. Edward Cornelly. At about 3.30 p.m., the procession marched from the Green, headed by the band of the 105th Lanarkshire Volunteers, and preceded by Captain Cornelly on horseback, who attended as Grand Marshal. On arriving at Cathcart-street, the brethren of St. John's, Royal Arch, Shamrock and Thistle, and one or two other lodges, defiled into the building, and ascended to the second storey, where the corner-stone was to be laid, the other lodges taking up a position in front of the edifice. The usual ceremony was then proceeded with by Bro. Cunningham, R.W.M. of St. John's Lodge, who, at the proper interval, was presented with a handsome silver trowel by Bro. Gardiner, P.W.M., as a token of the regard entertained for him by his brethren in the lodge. At the conclusion, prayer having been offered up by the R.W.M., and the Masons' Anthem having been played, Bro. Cunningham delivered a brief congratulatory address to the assembled brethren, in the course of which he expressed a hope that the building, of which they had just laid the memorial stone, would be the means of giving an impetus to Masonry in Rutherglen and the district. He thanked the office-bearers of the lodge for the energy which they had displayed in promoting the building scheme, and the deputations from the other lodges, who, by their presence at the ceremony, had manifested a kindly interest in the welfare of their brethren in Rutherglen. Bro. Scouler, Provost of the Burgh, then expressed the great pleasure he had derived from being present at the interesting ceremony which had just been performed, and said it was a satisfactory indication of the esteem in which the brethren of Rutherglen were held, that such a large and influential body of Freemasons had consented to take a part in the proceedings. He hoped that the events of that day would aid in binding them closely together by those ties of brotherhood which they all recognised, and he exhorted them to show to the world that such a bond of fellowship was no meaningless title, but that in their journey through life, they smoothed each other's path by kind words and deeds, and a brotherly interest in each other's welfare. Cheers were then given for the Queen, R.W.M. Cunningham, and Provost Scouler, after which the assemblage dispersed. The brethren of Lodge 347 returned to Bro. Reid's hall, their usual place of meeting, we may state, when the lodge was closed in due form. Altogether, the day was one which will be long remembered in the ancient burgh of Rutherglen.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (354)**—The annual soiree and concert of this lodge was held in the Victoria Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 5th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw, occupied the chair, supported by Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; W. Stafford, S.W.; A. B. Ferguson, J.W.; D. Leitch, J.D.; Colin McKenzie, Jeweller; Robert Paterson (acting) Architect; J. Dorman, C.S.; and J. Rowat, I.G. There was a large attendance of the brethren generally, with their wives, sweethearts, and friends, and numerous visitors from sister lodges. After tea, the chairman delivered a brief address, in which, after a few preliminary remarks, he touched upon the subject of the lodge, and continued:—I can say with confidence, we have prospered in a manner satisfactory to all. I don't think the prosperity of a lodge depends on the number of Masons they add to their roll in the year. It depends mostly in trying to create that amount of good feeling and brotherly love which should exist amongst the brethren. Better make nine worthy members in the year, than ninety and nine unworthy. The Lodge Caledonian Railway may take the credit of having added to its number members who will be a credit to the Order, and I trust it will be long ere it can be said of it, that it is a shop where Masonry is sold for pounds, shillings, and pence. During the past year we have added to our number one third more members than during the year previous, and have thus been enabled to increase our charities, both in a direct and an indirect manner. Charity is one of the chief corner stones of our temple. The charity of which our Order boasts is not the giving of a few pounds in pecuniary aid alone. The true Mason will be slow to anger, and easy to forgive. He will admonish with friendship and warm with kindness. The true Mason will love and cherish all who sit beneath the Great Architect of the Universe. It is a Mason's boast that his charity extendeth throughout the whole world. However, much the sceptic may laugh us to scorn, we remain united throughout the whole globe, and will continue so to the end of time. Why have our lady friends never been appealed to to assist us in our works of charity in Glasgow? Both in England and Holland the ladies assist very much in the furtherance of Masonic charities, and why we in Glasgow cannot get up bazaars for that purpose as well, is a matter of surprise to a good many. There are 26 lodges in the province of Glasgow, and though each should only educate six boys, in after years we should have something to show for the Masonic body. It must be gratifying to see amongst us to-night some of the first stones of our lodge, which is twenty-six years old, with a roll of 662 members scattered throughout the whole world. Many have been called away by the Great Architect of the Universe, and one well-known face will be missed from amongst us, that of Bro. Gemmell, who, by his kindness and willingness to oblige, gained the confidence and esteem of every one who came in contact with him, and who guarded the

precincts of our temple for twenty-five years with a jealousy and devotion not to be equalled. The chairman concluded by expressing a hope that they might have many returns of their annual reunion, and that each of these might be as successful as the present. An excellent concert programme was then entered upon, for which the vocalists engaged were Miss Coleridge, Mr. H. Cathcart, and Bro. James Houston, the most popular local comic. At an interval during the evening, Bro. Collin McKenzie shortly addressed the meeting, his remarks being chiefly in corroboration of, or to the same purport as, those of the chairman, as to the genuine prosperity of the lodge, the suggestions of the R.W.M., to arrange for the education of a few boys and girls, children of deceased Masons, the desirability of increased efforts for the spread of education generally, and the valuable assistance that might be afforded by the ladies in raising the funds to carry out the objects in question. The occasion was concluded with an assembly.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556)**—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge, on 1st inst., was one of unusual interest, owing to the fact that the members met for the first time in their new hall, at No. 106, Rose-street, South Side. As the brethren in Glasgow are aware, this lodge, the youngest in the province, constituted only last year, met from the beginning until recently in an underground hall in the Crown-street Assembly Rooms. The disadvantages of the situation, however, compelled them to look about for a change; and circumstances being prosperous with them, they took a lease of a two-storey self-contained house in the locality above mentioned, and which they have now transformed into premises in every way eligible for their purpose. The lodge-room is upstairs, is some 33 by 23 feet, inside dimensions, and will, when the decorations are fully completed, be at once a commodious and elegant Masonic hall—the second, we may add, erected on the south side of the river, within the province of Glasgow, the first being that of Lodge Neptune, in St. James's-street, Kingston. The interest taken in the occasion was manifested by the attendance on Monday evening, no fewer than 84 brethren having signed the Tyler's book. The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Phillips, presided, and of other office-bearers of the lodge there were present Bros. John McNaught, S.M.; John B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W.; John Frew, S.D.; Hugh Weir, J.D.; George B. Yuill, Secretary; H. W. Jackson, Architect; and J. Webster, Chaplain. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. J. Peters, R.W.M. Lodge Royal Arch, Pollokshaws, 153; Geo. Muir, D.M. 103; D. Ronald, S.W. 275; John Wilson, G. Marshal, 34; Geo. W. Wheeler, 73; John Horn, Secretary, 275; Peter Hepburn, J.W. 178; Jas. B. McNeil, 362; and others. The lodge having been opened, the chairman, in a few remarks, referred to the new locale in which they were now assembled, which, however, he asked them to remember, did not show as it would do when the decorations were completed. Thereafter the lodge proceeded to business, when Bros. Wm. Kirkwood, P.M. Lodge Royal Arch, Rutherglen; John Horne, Secretary; and Thos. Russell, Lodge Shamrock and Thistle, 275, were affiliated members of No. 556 by the R.W.M. The subsequent work consisted of the initiation of four duly recommended candidates, also by the R.W.M., the passing to the F.C. degree of Bro. James Barclay, by Bro. J. B. McNaught, S.W.; and the raising to the sublime degree of six brethren, by the R.W.M. The lodge was thereafter closed in due and ancient form. In proof of the prosperity of this young lodge, it may be stated that within two months past, that is since the beginning of the year, they have initiated sixteen members into the Order, and that an emergency meeting is to be held for the initiation of three more.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360)**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge room, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 5th inst., Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., presiding, Bros. John Oliver, S.W.; and J. Brode, P.M., acting S.W.; there were also present Bros. A. Morton, I.P.M.; John Davidson, P.M.; and a goodly number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. H. Bickerton, Secretary, Bro. A. Morton, I.P.M., read the minutes of previous meeting, which were approved of. Bro. John Monro presented the lodge with a Masters' apron, which could be used by his successor in office, which was received with acclamation. Applications were then read from the following gentlemen for initiation into the ancient privileges and mysteries of Freemasonry, Messrs. Wm. Harrison, John Brash, F. C. E. Schröder, and Alex. Martin, there being no objection they were admitted, and received the E.A. degree, Bro. Julius Brode, S.W., officiating in a most masterly style. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE NEPTUNE (No. 419)**—The thirtieth annual soiree of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst. in Crown-street Assembly Rooms. The R.W.M., Bro. James S. Scott, presided, supported on the platform by Bros. Dalziel, S.M.; L. Brown, S.W.; J. B. McNaught, S.W. 556; Deneef, S.D.; Colin Wood, J.D.; M'Allister, Secretary; R. T. Dunn, Treasurer; and Johnstone, Chaplain. Among brethren from sister lodges, in the body of the hall, were Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M. Shamrock and Thistle, 285; Malcolm Stark, D.M. St. Vincent, 553; Dr. Russell, D.M. Clydesdale, 556; and others. After tea, the chairman delivered a brief address, in the course of which he congratulated the brethren on the steady progress of Lodge 419. During the time she had been in existence, she had admitted no fewer than ten hundred members, and he thought that it augured well for her prosperity in the future. The lodge had done some good in their day and generation, and in the way of charity especially had often caused the heart of the widow and orphan to leap for joy. Referring to the extension of Masonry in Glasgow, the speaker said he remembered

when there were only fourteen lodges within the province, whereas now the number was twenty-six. In concluding, the Chairman remarked that the facts, among others, that the Prince of Wales was about to become Grand Master Mason of England, and that the representative of her Majesty's Government in Ireland was G.M. there, were surely sufficient to give the Craft a status in society. An excellent concert programme was then entered upon, in which the ballad singing of Misses Marion Vallance and Edith Leslie, and the respective efforts of Bro. Charles Stewart (tenor), D. Alexander, and J. C. Gordon in the humorous department, gave satisfaction to all and sundry. The occasion, as usual, concluded with an assembly.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413)**—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 9th inst. Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., officiating; Bro. Colin McKenzie, S.W.; Bro. D. Leitch, J.W.; there were also present J. Millar, P.M.; Bros. J. Loutitt, D.M.; Agnew, Treas.; Stevenson, Sec.; the visitors were Bros. John Morgan, R.W.M., Lodge Star, 219; J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., Lodge Union, 332; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason); and a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Several matters connected with the lodge were discussed and amicably settled. The lodge being raised, the following brethren were advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason—Bros. I. Simpson, John Connell, D. Cameron, R. Russell, R. Easdale, being an emergency meeting. Bro. Loutitt, D.M., officiated in the Fellow Craft degree in such a masterly style, that looks well for the future working as well as the present, of Lodge Athole. Bro. J. Millar, P.M., officiated in the M.M. degree in his usual careful and impressive manner. The lodge was then closed in due form. At the next regular meeting, Tuesday, the 23rd inst., Bro. Walter Baynham will give a lecture, subject, "Freemasonry." Visitors cordially invited.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE GLASGOW (No. 441)**—This lodge met in the Masons' Hall, Struthers-street, Calton, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. Bro. Hugh Tulloch occupied the chair, and the office-bearers present were Bros. W. B. Marr, Secretary; Wm. Sloan, Treasurer; John Neagle, S.D.; Duncan Campbell, J.D.; and James Martin, P.G.S. The lodge having been opened, one candidate for initiation came forward and duly received the E.A. degree at the hands of the R.W.M. There being no other business the lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553)**—The ordinary bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in Claremont Hall, 162, Kent-road, on the 11th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Robt. McDougall, presided, and there were present, Bros. Malcolm Stark, D.M.; William Wilson, 87, acting S.W.; A. C. Hunter, J.W.; John McLellan, Treasurer; and Thos. Best, J.D. The business consisted of raising Bros. Thos. McLean, Thos. Liddel, John Shields, Wm. McGhee, and T. B. Barrett, receiving the sublime degree at the hands of Bro. Bain, P.M. 103. At the close of the proceedings, Bro. William Wilson, 89, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Bain, for the admirable working they had just witnessed, which was carried by unanimous acclamation. Bro. Bain having briefly acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was duly closed.

CROSSHILL.—**LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541)**—A pro re nata emergency meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the evening of Monday, the 1st inst., in the regular place of meeting. Bro. Julius Brode, S.M., acting R.W.M.; Bro. John Monro, R.W.M. 360, acting S.W.; and Bro. Robt. W. Buchanan, Secretary, acting J.W.; with a fair attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren from Glasgow and elsewhere, including Bro. Thos. Halkett, P.M. St. Mark's, 102. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Brode, in his usual impressive style, the Secretary was called upon to read a committee minute, explaining the object and business of this meeting, viz.: the filling up of the offices rendered vacant by the resignation of the late R.W.M., Bro. J. D. Porteous, on his removal from Glasgow, to fill the office of Postmaster of Bolton, Lancashire, and by the death of Bro. Stamm, J.W. The committee recommended Bro. Brode for the office of R.W.M., and to supply the other offices, they suggested that the remaining office-bearers should be advanced, and new nominations made for the more subordinate vacancies thus formed. This proposal having been put and unanimously approved of, Bro. Halkett, at the request of the lodge, proceeded to instal Bro. Brode (who is an Installed P.M. of No. 360) to the office of R.W.M., and invested the other office-bearers present in their new positions—a duty in which, from his great experience, Bro. Halkett is quite at home, and which he performed on this occasion in his usual impressive and kindly style. The newly-installed R.W.M., Bro. Brode, having received the appropriate greetings of the brethren, in a few well chosen remarks thanked them for the high position in which he was placed, and referred to the great responsibility which he felt to devolve upon him, from filling the chair as successor to such an accomplished and eminent Master as Bro. Porteous, who, he was sure, carries with him the grateful esteem not only of this lodge, but of every lodge in the province and neighbourhood. He should, however, perform the duties to the best of his ability, and would be stimulated to do so by the efficient support which he was confident he could count upon from the office-bearers and every brother of the lodge. At the close of his remarks, the R.W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Halkett, for his attendance and service that evening, which was heartily responded to and acknowledged in fitting terms. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

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LIMPUS.—On the 15th inst., Bro. Richard Limpus, of 41, Queen-square, London, aged fifty years, Organist of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, P. Prov. G. Organist Middlesex, W.M. 1309. A brother who was esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

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[Strictly speaking, we think that, in all probability, E.Z. is the proper appellation for the First Principal of a subordinate chapter, and the same rule applies to J. and H. But custom seems to give to the First Principal the same title as is given in Grand Chapter, "M.E.Z.," and equally in Provincial Grand Chapter. There is no distinct rule certain on the subject, but "mos est lex."—Ed.]

The following stand over:—Letters from "Deux Etoiles," Fred Morrell, Oxford; A P.M.; reports of Early Grand Encampment, Scotland; Rock Lodge, No. 1289; Whittington, 862; East Surrey Lodge of Concord; 603; Lodge of St. George, 323, Nelson, New Zealand,

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1875.

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

We were happy in being able to announce some of the preliminary arrangements for the installation of our Royal Grand Master in our last impression, and we call attention to the official documents to-day. We think that the announcement of the "modus," proposed for appointing the additional Stewards will give much satisfaction. The London lodges are to nominate each one Steward, and the provinces, two Stewards each. The idea seems a very happy one, and if perfectly and practically carried out, will tend greatly to simplify the proceedings of the day, and to obviate many possible difficulties. The Craft will be

greatly pleased to note that by the favour and consideration of the Grand Master, all Master Masons can be present; at any rate, an allotted number of them. This act of grace will be warmly appreciated. Our contemporary, the *Times*, despite its usual accuracy, made one or two mistakes in its statement about things Masonic on Monday week last, to which we think it right to call the careful attention of our brethren. It states, for instance, that a Committee of Grand Officers was proposing regulations, &c., and drawing up the arrangements. Our distinguished Bro. Sir Albert Woods has "virtute officii" the natural direction and elaboration of all the needful arrangements; but by special appointment of His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, the superintendence of the arrangements for the accommodation of the members who are privileged to attend, has been entrusted to Bro. Thomas Fenn, who officiated for some years as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. The *Times* also announced that only 400 tickets would be issued for the festival at Freemasons' Hall. In this, we believe that the *Times* is both premature and incorrect. The arrangements for the dinner rest with the Grand Stewards alone, and they certainly have not yet decided on any such course of action. We will endeavour faithfully to keep our brethren "au courant" of all the arrangements and regulations, as they are matured, from week to week, as we well know the deep interest which our loyal brotherhood feels in regard of this most felicitous event in the annals of our English Craft.

THE SPECIAL STEWARDS.

Some brethren, especially in the provinces, are under the impression that by serving as a Steward on this occasion they become Grand Stewards and have the privilege of wearing the "crimson." We need hardly, perhaps, say to our general readers that this is not the case. These Special Stewards have nothing whatever to do with the Grand Stewards or the Grand Stewards with them. The Grand Stewards' duties are entirely distinct. They are connected with the procession, the ceremony, and particularly the banquet at the Freemasons' Hall, or, properly speaking, the Grand Festival, of which they pay a large proportion of the expense. The Special Stewards are appointed to assist Bros. Woods and Fenn in carrying out the arrangements for admitting and seating the brethren, and beyond the cost of the jewel, which they may have or not as they please, they will not be called upon to contribute towards any expense.

THE PROSPECTS OF MASONIC LITERATURE.

It is very remarkable, and at the same time a perfectly inexplicable fact in the annals of Freemasonry, how evanescent have been the efforts of Masonic writers generally, and how fleeting has been the popularity of Masonic literature. In this country the record of Masonic literary enterprise is—with one notable exception—the record of failure and of loss. Of all our Masonic writers, Oliver is the only one who has retained in any measure, if we may so say, the Masonic literary market. Magazines and Mirrors, serials, sentimental and matter of fact, have come and have gone, and for the most part to-day, they are relics of archaeological curiosity, and serve to "point the moral and adorn the tale" of unsuccessful speculations and an apathetic brotherhood. No one Masonic periodical has so far survived a few fleeting years, and that the *Freemason* has weathered the gale so long, cannot fairly be ascribed to the support of our Order, but simply to the pluck and perseverance of its enterprising and fraternal publisher. His motto has been "auspiciis melioris ævi," and we trust that the sympathy of our great Order may yet be extended to his efforts on behalf of literature, and reward his zealous energy and self-sacrifice, by revived interest in Masonic journalism, and a more general display of appreciation and approval. In saying this we do not intend to complain, and we do not complain; for probably no Masonic journal has ever been cheered by a more kindly

circle of correspondents and subscribers, and the position of the *Freemason* is not only one of which our publisher may be proud, as it is his own creation, but it is also, and it is gratifying to remember, in the enjoyment of much confidence and an increasing circulation weekly amongst our honest and truth-loving English Craft. But we have been led into these remarks, not, we venture to deem, ill-timed or inappropriate, by learning from the other side of the Atlantic that the same fate seems to attend literary efforts there, the same spell seems to be cast on the most striking productions of Masonic literature. Bro. Gouley's *Freemason* of St. Louis has not only an American but a world-wide reputation. It has been conducted with singular ability, truthfulness, and fearlessness, on the principles of Freemasonry alone, and in a manner to reflect the greatest credit on our able and energetic brother. And yet here with the January number of his very interesting paper, Bro. Gouley announces that he suspends the publication until April, in order to see if he can receive the more hearty support of his brother Freemasons, and we fancy, too, the payment of over-due subscriptions. Bro. Gouley tells us that in order to establish the *Freemason* of St. Louis on a firm basis he bought up and consolidated with his journal five other Masonic magazines, the *Iowa Evergreen*, the *Californian Masonic Mirror*, the *Texas Masonic Mirror*, the *Illinois Masonic Trowel*, and the *Mississippi Tablet*. He further mentions this startling fact, that though he closed the eighth volume with "over 7000 names" upon his "books," "in commencing the ninth volume, 1875, the cry of poverty comes up with redoubled force." Though it is true that the "prominent and leading Masons" in most of the American states "continue to increase," yet Bro. Gouley tells us "the number of reading Masons" who are "willing" to pay "two dollars per year" is "so limited" that he "cannot afford to furnish a journal of this size for the price without throwing his entire time and labour away, without making a labour of love a labour of loss." With the following opinion of Bro. Gouley, we fully concur. "The apathy exhibited by the Masonic fraternity, composed as it should be, of the most reflecting and intelligent minds of the community, wherever located, is perfectly astounding, and as incomprehensible as it is alarming." Thus we see, that in the United States, Masonic literature has a hard if not a harder battle to wage, both for existence, much more for success, than even we have in the old country. If in England we count our numbers by tens of thousands, in America they count them by hundreds of thousands, and certainly that two such excellent and high-class periodicals, as Bro. Mackey's *National Freemason*, and Bro. Gouley's *St. Louis Freemason* should not be fully supported by our American brethren, does surprise and startle us not a little, we confess. Two causes seem to predominate, in bringing about this untoward state of affairs, unwillingness to pay the annual subscriptions, and lack of genuine sympathy with the Masonic press. There are a good many excellent brethren, who do not refuse to support the press, but do necessarily dislike to be reminded that the payment of the pittance is due. We all remember that amiable person, Nicholas Nickleby, who had the philanthropic weakness and custom of leaving "little accounts," not long ones, owing. And in Freemasonry, the caterers for Masonic literature have the same class fraternally to deal with, kind, good, zealous Masons, but who meet the reminder of payment with a P.O.O., and the authoritative word, "discontinue." There is also a class of Masons, who seem to expect to have Masonic literature provided for them, "free gratis." They forget that printers have to be paid, that reporters have to be subsidized, that editors have to be remunerated, and that the publisher has a claim for interest of locked-up capital, for time, and for general management. This is a fact sometimes forgotten, and it lies, if as truth generally does lie, "at the bottom of a well," certainly at the basis of all possible Masonic literary profit and success. There is still a lingering dislike to the Masonic press. It is, we venture to think, alike unwise and unmasonic, inasmuch as a properly conducted Masonic

press, like a properly conducted press anywhere, is an additional guarantee, in our humble opinion, for the safe progress of society, the needful development of intellect, and the peace and well-being of the human race. We can only hope that Bro. Gouley's appeal may be answered by our American brethren, in a true Masonic spirit, and that we may yet have to record another happy victory of right and truth, and cultivation, over the opposing influence of prejudice, ignorance, and benumbing apathy.

THE OPENING OF THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT ROME.

Italy continues, as it has long been, a land of the deepest interest to all educated Englishmen. That happy association of our youth, which, in our great and sheltered "academies," linked us with the "Morgen land" of poetry and history, of legend and romance, is preserved by us more or less during our busy lives. There are few of us who have not strayed in the "tempi passati" amid the ruins of Rome, and the "debris" of the Colosseum, few indeed to whom the Italy of many hundred years is not familiar, in all its eventful annals, and in its imperishable worthies. It is this wonderful, if pervading "classicalism," to use a modern word, which has tended, in our opinion, so much to round off the sharper angles of the Anglo-Saxon character. To the blunt and honest, if dogged sensibilities, of our semi-Teutonic ancestors, we have superadded the "gentillesse" of the Norman Preux Chevalier, and upon this has been grafted that appreciation of the free struggles of Rome, and the intellectual aspirations of Greece, which have rendered the character of Englishmen so "thorough," if with many defects, as before the nations of the world. Hence to Italy, Roman, Christian, Mediæval, nay, even Papal, Englishmen have all turned as age has followed age, with the deep sympathy of memory and admiration. And, as Freemasons, we have also much of deeply seated interest, in the Masonic present and future of that favoured land. Until quite recently, Freemasonry was practically unknown in Italy, it was suspected, denounced, watched, and suppressed. It was a subject of fear to the rulers, and even of doubt to the ruled. Hence arose what is inevitable under such circumstances, an anomalous and regrettable state of things. The lodges, forbidden to meet under the wise sanctions of law and order, met in secret, and there was cast over Freemasonry what is always prejudicial to its interests, a hindrance to its progress, and unfair to its real character, that colouring of a political secret association, of which Freemasonry proper knows nothing. But all these untoward obstacles have gradually passed away, or at any rate are slowly yielding to the onward and humanizing march of liberation and enlightenment. The Roman Catholic church has not yet, indeed, given up its hostility to Freemasonry, and does still, and will probably yet still, in the fervour of its perverse fanaticism, like some other good but most mistaken men nearer home, impede alike by open denunciation and secret calumny, the benevolent and philanthropic teaching of true Freemasonry. We congratulate our Italian brethren on the opening of the New Masonic Temple at Rome, and we trust that this successfully completed work may be the omen to them of many more peaceful and fraternal victories. We believe that the Italian Freemasons have, so to say, the "game in their own hands," if only they will, to use a familiar expression, "run straight," and carefully avoid any declinations from the one right course, as usual a straight and a narrow path, either to the right hand or to the left. Their first attempt should be to be "quit" of all real or supposed political tendencies. Freemasonry has nothing to do with secret political societies, with "carbonari" or "Madre Natura," with any of these peculiar forms of "Giovene Italia," which have their own ends to attain and their own principles to propound. And these aims and these principles are not Masonic. The tendency of too many foreign bodies of Masons is to indulge in the fine phrases and stereotyped formulæ of socialism or communism, accompanied with the vague and often meaningless professions of humanitarian

sympathies and philanthropic designs. The Italians are, in themselves, not only a most tolerant, but a most genial people, full of kindness and affection for their fellow men, and those of their own kith and kin. To them Freemasonry in its message of fraternity, equality, beneficence, toleration, justice and truth, its practical vitality, and its active charity, will appeal with forcible emphasis. These are, after all, Italian virtues, despite the errors and false teachings of others, and as such they will, we doubt not, soon permanently take root in the luxuriant Italian soil. May the future progress of Freemasonry in Italy be one of practical utility, of expansive benevolence, and of true fraternity.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.

VI.

The famous so-called York Constitution, published by Krause, originally in the "Kunsturkunden," in 1810, has been the subject of much controversy. He, himself, originally announced it as "the ancient York Constitution, accepted in the year 926 from an original, preserved by the Grand Lodge of York, translated into Latin by an Englishman in 1807, and retranslated from Latin into German by Bro. Schneider, in Altenburg, in 1808, and illustrated with explanatory notes by the editor." Such is the original description given by Krause, in the edition of 1810, which we have not seen, according to our able Bro. Findel. The history of this document is somewhat peculiar. Quite at the end of the last century, or at the beginning of this, Bro. Schneider, of Altenburg, received from a Bro. Böttger, then in London, an account of an old York Constitution, which he had seen. This letter is to be found in the Altenburg journal for Freemasons, 1. B S 408. He describes this MS. as a very old one, consisting of 107 leaves, in large folio, of which nearly one third was illegible by him, on account of its being in old English. In this volume were contained the charges said to be collected by command of King William III., in 1694, as also the fourteen regulations from King Edred's until Henry Eighth's time. Bro. Schneider, of Altenburg, in unison with Bros. Mörlin and Pierer, therefore continued his enquiries in respect of the York Constitution. In 1803 he told a Bro. Van Dyk, passing through Altenburg from Holland of it, and expressed his desire to have a copy of it. In the beginning of the year 1808, Bro. Van Dyk sent him a Latin MS., which he said was a copy of the York Constitutions, and which he had received, through a certain Colonel William Erskine, who lived in Scotland, but was often at York in the summer. A certain I. Stonehouse, dating and sealing his letter from York, Jan. 4th, 1806, declared the Latin to be a "true copy of a MS., which, composed in the ancient vernacular tongue of the country, was written on parchment, and was preserved in the archives of the most venerable Society of Architects of this town, contains the same things as the Latin translation." At the conclusion of the Regulations of Edred, &c., Stonehouse also says, "this translation in the Latin tongue answers to those, which, from time to time, have been added to the parchment MS. above mentioned, and are found at the end of the same." This is signed the same day in 1806. This Latin translation was again translated into German by Bro. Schneider, and is certified to be correct, by a certain Carl Erdmann Weller, 9th January, 1809, according to his opinion, and that of three linguists of the Royal Saxon Chancellerie at Altenburg. Such is the history of the document, and a very remarkable one it is. Several points in it must strike even an uncritical student. Of the original MS., nothing is so far known, as no extant constitution agrees with its description, and the charges of William III., and the regulations of Edred, are entirely strange to our English Masonic historians and students. Who translated the MS. constitution into Latin is not told us. In one place Krause calls it "Stonehouse's translation," but nothing has as yet been discovered, either of Col. Erskine or of Stonehouse. There is as yet no known Masonic constitution in Latin, and where

Colonel Erskine got it from, seems very difficult to understand, unless indeed, it was a "prolusio lathomica" of the famous Dr. Brown. Admitting that there are some circumstances of suspicion about its history, let us go and see what its internal evidence has for us. In the first place, we must give up the Edwin name and theory. The tradition probably refers, as good old Drake pointed out in 1726, to Edwin of the Deira, and not to Athelstan's brother. If there was an old guild at York, as there might have been in Edwin's time, it might have been patronized by him and subsequently have received a charter of confirmation from Athelstan. But Edwin the Atheling's name is clearly a mistaken interpolation. It is very remarkable, that there are expressions in Krause's Constitution which are perhaps only to be found in Anderson's Constitutions, especially of 1738. Both mention Carausius, both say that he gave the Masons two and not three-pence, and both call Edwin, correctly, Athelstan's brother. Both refer to the early establishment of a Grand Lodge, and the early meeting of the Grand Assembly of York. What then is the value of Krause's MS., per se? That it represents a constitution of 926 is both absurd and untenable. The archaisms, the verbiage, the allusions all forbid such an idea. But the constitution, notwithstanding we dethrone it from its high archaeological pedestal, is still, in our opinion, a valuable document, and genuine, as a Masonic constitution. We cannot now trace the original, it is true; at least we have not done so, so far, and as we observed before, no one in England knows anything about the Charges of 1594, or the Regulations of Edred. But we still believe the documents to be Masonic documents, and to have been probably seen by Anderson and Preston. Whether the original "Codex" seen by Böttger now exists it is impossible to say, if we had it before us, we could perhaps affix a date to it, but judging from the translation, though we admit such a medium is not entirely reliable, we should not be disposed to place the MS., at any rate, earlier than the contemporary constitutions of the 15th century, if even it does not belong to a still later epoch. In all our discussions, therefore, it appears to us, we can only use Krause's Constitution, &c., as an old and interesting Masonic document. We reject entirely the supposition, that it was fabricated at the beginning of this century.

LODGE MEETINGS.

Our lodge meetings almost universally still have for us all happy associations and pleasant memories. They are to us like an oasis in the outspread desert of time, for there, as in every well-ordered lodge meeting, we all of us assembled in blither days perhaps, of yore, to keep up the venerable traditions, and to "work" the cherished ceremonial of our good and genial Craft. To-day we are older, and may be sadder than of old. Time has thinned our locks and bowed our forms, the lapse of years, the conditions of our calling, the wear and tear of life, nay even the trials and sorrows of mundane experience, have affected us all more or less, and ours are now serious and sobered views of men and things, instead of the exuberant flow of spirit, and the gay "insouciance" of early days, and to us, therefore, lodge meetings are not quite so accessible or so available as in other and younger days. We have home duties and claims, or our steps are not so elastic, or our health so good, as one and both used to be, or we find that our first consideration must be sterner avocations, and that our society must henceforth necessarily consist of the domestic circle. All these, and many other causes and contingencies, as years advance, make some of us less assiduous than we were in our lodge attendance, less frequent in our appearance amid the friendly and fraternal gathering. Yet, as we said at the outset, all our associations and memories of lodge meetings are pleasing and refreshing. There was the humble "upper room," where we met, a cheery and goodly band, say some four short "lustra" ago. We seldom missed a lodge meeting then, and our assemblies were alike agreeable and always welcome. In that old spot we saw the light of Ma-

sonry, there we took office, there we sat in the Royal Chair. There, as careful Past Masters, we closed our mystic ceremonies; there, for many a long year, we met, as month followed month, that muster roll of good fellows and true, who enhanced the charms of Masonry by their social worth, and who upheld the prestige of our lodge by their high characters. And yet how few of that goodly array of Master Masons, and Past Masters and officers, and brethren, are still to the fore. Bro. Stiggins has the gout badly; Bro. Thompson has retired into the far west on a fortune and a family connection: Bro. Philpotts has married a second time, and Mrs. Philpotts, No. 2, objects to the lodge; Bro. Chandler has daughters to take out; Bro. Willis is a disappointed old bachelor, who has never recovered his refusal by a certain young lady we wot of; and Bro. Shakerley has become pompous and learned, and a swell. Few of the "old school," now assemble in that famous lodge, or around that festive board. A new generation has taken their place, but still the old familiar work is done, and still the links of brotherhood are kept up. So it has always been, and so it will ever be. Such is the fate of most earthly things—they are and they are not; they flourish and decay. Still let us cherish the memories of those lodge meetings of ours, which seem always to tell us a tale of more youthful, perhaps more joyous days. They were to us "albæ dies." When we greeted them week by week, or month by month, they were symbols of all that is true, and pleasant, and faithful, and gracious, in the friendship and in the brotherhood of man, and their strains still linger in our ears, and their warm sympathies still vibrate in our hearts. Such were to us many of the lodge meetings of the past. What the present should be to our "nova progenies" we will try and point out in our next impression.

A NEW MASONIC LITERARY WORK.

We have been favoured, by the courtesy of Bro. W. J. Hughan, with a portion of the proof sheets of the memorial volume in connection with the completion and consecration of the Masonic Hall at Philadelphia. It promises to be a most interesting resumé, when we have it in its entire state, alike of the history of American and Pennsylvanian Freemasonry. This work has been got together, we believe, by a syndicate of some of the most distinguished of the Philadelphia Freemasons, but on this point Bro. W. J. Hughan can give further details. Though we are unable, owing to the press upon our pages to give a more detailed account of it in the *Freemason*, we have made arrangements by which much of the history will appear in the May number of the *Masonic Magazine*, and to which useful periodical we beg to refer our many readers. We in England feel the greatest interest in all that appertains to American literary efforts, and we welcome the memorial volume as conducive to the best interests of Masonic history and Masonic literature.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

We are informed, on good authority, that the arrangements for the ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall are under the sole control of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Albert W. Woods, *Garter*. Subject to his direction, the superintendence of the carrying out of the arrangements for the admission and seating of the brethren, is, by special appointment of His Royal Highness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, entrusted to Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.A.G.D.C. Bro. Sir Albert Woods has held the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies for fifteen years; besides this long personal experience, he has had the benefit of the experience of his father, Sir William Woods, who formerly held the same office in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Fenn held the office of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies for five years; namely, from the year of laying the foundation stone to the Inauguration of Freemasons' Hall in 1869, on which latter occasion he discharged a duty similar to that with which he is now entrusted. His services received the personal recognition of the Earl of Zetland, and at the quarterly communication in June, 1869, the thanks of Grand Lodge, inscribed on vellum, were presented to Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn, for the admirable manner in which they organized the "preparations and arrangements for, and conducted, and carried out the ceremony of the Inauguration Festival." He is Secretary

and Past Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, a member of the Board of General Purposes, and is well known to the Craft from the leading part that he takes in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, of which eminent lodge he has been an active member for nearly twenty years.

INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The following circulars have been issued from the Grand Secretary's office.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., March 10, 1875.

Sir and Brother,

By book post I forward a packet of circulars, which I shall feel obliged by your distributing to the W.M. of each lodge in your province.

In order to facilitate the arrangements therein referred to, and prevent confusion and delay at the entrances of the Hall, it is desirable that two brethren of your province, to whom the members or some of the members of each lodge are known, should act as Stewards, and undertake to be present before the doors are opened, for the purpose of identifying, so far as practicable, the brethren as they enter. I shall therefore feel obliged if you will, after consultation with the Provincial Grand Master of the Province, return the names and addresses of two brethren who may be willing to undertake this duty.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to sanction the striking of a special Jewel to be worn by the Stewards who personally assist in carrying out these arrangements.

The cost of the jewel is not to exceed five pounds.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

To Bro. ——— Provincial Grand Secretary, ———
N.B.—All communications on this subject are to be addressed to the Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., and marked on the outside, or on the envelope, "Installation."

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., March 10th, 1875.

W. Master,

A limited number of brethren being required to assist the Executive in carrying out the arrangements for the admission and seating of the brethren at the Royal Albert Hall, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to order, that each of the London lodges shall have the privilege of nominating a Steward for that purpose. If, therefore, it is the desire of your lodge to name a Steward to serve on the occasion, you will have the goodness to forward the name and address of such brother on or before the 31st instant.

Should those returned exceed the number required for this service, the selection will be determined by ballot. It must however be distinctly understood that every brother whose name is so returned must undertake to attend the meetings when summoned, to be present at the hall at twelve o'clock on the day appointed, and to undertake the duty that may be assigned to him.

The Stewards personally discharging these duties will have the privilege of wearing a special jewel which His Royal Highness has been pleased to sanction.

The cost of this jewel is not to exceed five pounds.

By command of the M.W.G.M.,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

To the W. Master, Lodge No. —

The following is the form of letter suggested to be adopted by the Masters or Secretaries of lodges in communicating with the members individually.

March —, 1875.

Sir and Brother,

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as M.W. Grand Master, is appointed to take place at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Wednesday, the 28th of April next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, being the day fixed by the Constitutions.

In order that proper arrangements may be made, I am requested to make a return of all qualified members of Grand Lodge, and of all Master Masons, who may desire to be present on the occasion. Should there not be accommodation in the hall for all the brethren, whose names are returned, an equitable distribution of tickets for the admission of Master Masons who are not members of Grand Lodge will be made to each lodge.

As no brother will be admitted whose name is not returned to the Grand Secretary on or before the 31st of this month, your answer must reach me to the above address on or before the 24th instant.

Brethren who are subscribing members of more than one lodge must return their names on one list only, and it is particularly requested that no brother will return his name unless he is prepared to attend.

Tickets will not be transferable.

Yours fraternally,

To Bro. ———, Lodge No. —

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONIC FAIR PLAY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read an extract, professedly from the "Pomeroys Democrat," an American paper, in a contemporary of yours, with great "gusto," as like Samuel Weller, I could say, "them's my sentiments." Then I remembered all of a sudden that I had seen those "werry identical words"

afore, and that they once formed part of a leading article of yours in the *Freemason*, which has been extensively reprinted in Masonic papers and serials of the United States. So I said to myself, says I, "here's a go." A bit of the *Freemason* copied into the "Pomeroys Democrat," and then republished in a contemporary Masonic paper in London as American. Is there such a thing as Masonic fair play? I pause for reply!

MARK TAPLEY.

INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AS M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you permit me to offer one or two suggestions as to the forthcoming event for the benefit of those whom it may concern. I believe we may thank the *Freemason* for the decision to hold the meeting at the Albert Hall, a suggestion first made and urged in your columns.

As there will be a very large influx of country Past Masters present, and as it is very desirable that the occasion should be made the most of for the Masonic charities, I venture to suggest that all W. and Past Masters, &c., desiring to attend, should acquaint the Secretary of their respective lodges, and that through that channel only, tickets, say at 10s. 6d. each, should be issued from the Grand Secretary's office, say up to the 7th or 14th April. After that date the tickets should be double the amount I mention, in order to induce brethren to apply early, and to enable Sir Albert Woods and his staff to make the necessary arrangements. Of course I take it that the numbers of lodges will be strictly arranged according to precedence, the oldest, according to their number, in the lower boxes, and the new ones at the top and in the gallery.

I suppose the actual members of Grand Lodge will be upon the stage with His Royal Highness. I think the entrance of His Royal Highness should be the signal for the whole of the brethren to rise and sing the National Anthem; the effect would be magnificent with four or five thousand voices, and as we are thoroughly loyal, I fancy it would not be considered unmasonic or out of place if the proceedings were preluded in this way.

A very considerable sum might be raised by the issue of tickets, as I suggest, which might be equally distributed, after payment of expenses, between the three great Masonic charities.

There are very few of the 10,000 Past Masters entitled to attend who would grudge the 10s. 6d. for the ticket.

The jewel commemorative of the event, suggested by a correspondent, should, in my opinion, be restricted to those who were actually present. Medals are not given in war to those who only wished to be at such and such a battle, and it would be ridiculous to allow those who could not trouble themselves to go up to town the same privilege which the participants in the greatest Masonic gathering of this century, will be enabled years hence to talk of with pride and satisfaction. Of course it will be out of the question for the multitude who flock to town to dine together. I presume, however, that the Prince and the Grand Officers will probably have a banquet, and I venture to suggest that here also a goodly sum might be made for the charities, by charging say £2 2s. for the dinner ticket, allowing all Past Masters, bona fide members of Grand Lodge, to go who liked, and giving a moiety of the dinner fee to the charities. Of course, under ordinary circumstances people will not pay £2 2s. even to dine with His Royal Highness, but on such an occasion, of the thousands who will come up for the installation, I should be very much surprised if 500 at least cannot be found who will gladly pay £2 2s. to sit down to the banquet.

And for the rest I have a cool proposal to make, which is this, that the London lodges should entertain the country lodges. The Masons of London should hold high festival, and each lodge might easily banquet a few Past Masters who have come up to town from long distances, and who very likely have no personal friends to entertain them elsewhere. I merely throw this out as a suggestion for the consideration of the metropolitan brethren. It would be very easy for all the lodges intending to banquet to intimate to the Grand Secretary that lodge so and so would have a banquet at such a place and hour. The Grand Secretary might then allot in rotation the Past Masters, &c., of such a country lodge to them for hospitality, when the Secretary of the lodge would communicate with the Secretary of the country lodge, as to the number, rank, &c., of the members who propose to accept the invitation.

Speaking for myself, as a country Mason, pretty well known in the Craft, I may state that I have never been privileged to partake of the hospitality of any London lodge, and I for one am open to any invitation, however humble, to any metropolitan lodge, however remote.

Your obedient servant,

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To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"E. J. W." has let his hobby-horse—opposition to court, &c., uniforms—run away with him. I never dreamed that it should be worn in our lodges, or that "small coteries" would be formed, at the same time I am aware of the fact that volunteers do attend lodges in uniform, and that no jealousies are fostered thereby.

The 28th of April will be of so exceptional a character that it behoves us to seize every means possible to mark it as a red letter day in our Masonic calendar. Perhaps "E. J. W." will give me credit for having travelled largely also, and that I have a considerable knowledge of the "high, noble, and generous character of His Royal Highness," and that it is this very knowledge which has, to some extent, prompted the suggestion, the more especially as military brethren cannot always afford, even if permitted to wear, mufti. I speak now of that large and worthy set of non-commissioned officers, and wish to steer clear of such a fiasco as that at Plymouth.

With Bro. Wilkins I hope that an order will be issued defining the several uniforms I have suggested being worn, and giving authority for the same.

Yours very fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to ask a question for the information of country brethren, who may be desirous of being present at the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master. Is it imperative that evening dress coats must be worn, or can brethren appear in frock coats. Your information on this subject will greatly oblige many of the brethren, and enable them to provide accordingly.

An answer in this week's issue of the *Freemason* will oblige.

I am dear sir and brother, yours fraternally and faithfully,

A. P.M., P.Z., &c.

Sheerness-on-sea, March 17th, 1875.

THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I would venture to suggest to "An Old P.M., One &c." that he would be rendering a service to Freemasonry by getting the subject of the Status of Past Masters definitely settled by a reference to Grand Lodge through the Board of General Purposes. It is, as I have already endeavoured to show, the silence of the Book of Constitutions on the question that has given rise to the present discussion. We are told in that book only so much: first, that subscription as a member of any lodge is sufficient to preserve rank and privileges as a Past Master; and next, that a brother who has for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge loses those privileges, and cannot regain them until again installed Master.

From this law I infer:—

1st.—That a Past Master in possession of his privileges has a right on joining any lodge as a Past Master with rank from date of Mastership, or at any rate of joining the lodge; and—

2nd.—That a brother who had forfeited those privileges would have, whether rejoining his old lodge or entering a new one, to take his seat as an ordinary Master Mason only; and further that he would on regaining his privileges, rank in his lodge below all those who had passed the chair during the time that his privileges had been in abeyance.

Referring to the first of these points, I believe that it is sometimes contended that a brother has no right, whatever be his position in the Craft, to rank as a Past Master in a lodge in which he has not passed the chair. This view is, I venture to think, wholly opposed to the law which preserves to him everywhere his rank and privileges so long as he subscribes to any lodge. In the second case the loss of rank is simply the consequence (and, as it seems to me, a fair one) of his "demonstration."

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

BUSY BEE.

THE RIGHT OF VISITING LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry that every brother who is not suspended or expelled has an unquestionable right to visit any lodge he pleases, provided he complies with certain rules, which fact I should have thought most Masons were acquainted with. I cannot explain (nor would you permit me to do so in your paper) the proper method of claiming this privilege, but your correspondent, W. J. A. dyer, appears to have been at fault, and, if so, was very properly rejected by the W.M. of the Domestic Lodge. If he is really a Mason, and is desirous of learning the correct method of presenting himself for admission into a strange lodge, he can gain that information at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement any Friday evening. When I first went there I was unknown to anyone present, yet I found no difficulty whatever in gaining admission, and your correspondent may do the same if he only knows how to go about it. If I presented myself in the same manner at the Domestic or any other lodge, and was refused admission, I would summon the W.M. and his Wardens before the Board of General Purposes, where I feel sure they would be severely dealt with.

The Book of Constitutions is perfectly clear on the subject, notwithstanding "Busy Bee's" opinion to the contrary. I would recommend him also to seek information from the rulers of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Yours fraternally,

D.A.

THE PUBLIC HOUSE QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Every Mason who has the interest of the Craft at heart must be exceedingly obliged to you for the impartial manner in which you have reviewed this great and important subject, clearly demonstrating that it is to the interest and welfare of the whole fraternity that the columns of your valuable paper are devoted.

It is mainly against the practice pursued in lodges of instruction that induces me to address you. They (lodges of instruction) are, you must admit, most valuable auxiliaries to Freemasonry, for by their aid we become in a comparatively short time, acquainted with the sublime teaching of our Order, and the mode of working generally, and are thereby the better enabled to perform the important duties that may at any time devolve upon us. I therefore think a decorous and reverential mien is absolutely necessary in the due performance of the rites and ceremonies so dear to the hearts of every true and faithful brother amongst us. Then let us not rest until we have done all in our power to preserve in its entirety the

spirit of the lessons inculcated, and also arrive at the best means of conveying with all their force and meaning the moral truths of our art.

There are several alterations which, if happily effected would tend materially to raise our institution in the eyes of the brethren (especially the newly-initiated) and the world at large. First discontinue our connection with the public houses; second, let drinking and smoking have a time and place assigned, and not be introduced during the performance of our Masonic rites. Although it is most desirable that Masonic Halls should be built, yet I do not think it is necessary or advisable to remain where we are until that happy time shall have arrived, but at once secede from our present objectionable connection. Are there not suitable rooms to be obtained in almost every street in London, where the brother in search of Masonic knowledge, may have our mysteries expounded without being compelled as at present (see places of meeting at the end of this paper) to frequent such places as are objectionable to him.

I have not the slightest doubt the number of worthy brethren would considerably increase were the foregoing suggestions carried into effect. To suppose for one moment that our severance from public houses, or the discontinuance of smoking and drinking during "labour," would cause our meetings to be less frequently attended, or endanger the stability of the Craft, would be stating that the three principal supports are anything but wisdom, strength, and beauty.

Yours fraternally,

J. W. HARPER.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In trying to get out of the difficulty, "M.M." has put his foot into it. The resolution of the lodge, to which I referred in my last, stated that Bro. Wigginton was the "Founder." The part I wished to correct in the report of the installation meeting, was just this—and this is the very part that "M.M." gives repetition and prominence to in this letter. Bro. Younghusband was quite right in stating that, as consecrating officer, he was the first occupant of the chair, and no reasonable man could find fault with this expression. But I must again inform "M.M." that the "Founder" of the lodge was the brother above-named (as also its first W.M.), and of the knowledge of this fact, I wish him joy. Let "M.M." stick close to the centre, and he will seldom be misled.

Yours, very fraternally,

A. P.M.

AN ALBERT EDWARD COMMEMORATION MEDAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your able leader of the 6th inst., touching the above subject, I am of opinion that you fully expressed the sentiments and wishes of every brother. Grand Lodge would complete this event in its entirety if they would authorise a uniform jewel to be worn by every member of the Craft who chose to do so, in commemoration of so great a day in the annals of Freemasonry. There should be no exception made; in an instance like this do not let brethren be made envious of each other, because chance and grade may exclude them partaking the honour of being present as Steward, but let every brother be allowed to show the thorough affection and loyalty he bears to our Royal brother.

As you rightly observed, if it is managed in a business manner, our charities ought to considerably benefit by it also, and I hope your article may yet receive the consideration of Grand Lodge. Coming from you the question would be more delicate, perhaps, than coming from some other brother of Grand Lodge, who, I hope will press the matter upon their notice, but for so far expressing my sentiments in the matter, great thanks are due to you, and I trust your suggestions will not be thrown away.

Yours fraternally,

A. H. E.

MR. BRADLAUGH AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am astonished at the contents of the *Freemason* to-day, respecting the visit of Mr. Bradlaugh at New York and Boston, for if it be true that he is a member of an irregular lodge, meeting in London, our American brethren have unwittingly received into their fellowship a gentleman whose Masonic position is unrecognised in this country, or in any country whose Grand Lodge is in harmony with the Grand Lodge of England.

I trust that your correspondents will not fail to investigate the matter, and I feel certain that if my friend, Bro. Buchan, "puts his hand to the plough," he is not likely to rest until the matter is settled.

If Mr. Bradlaugh is a regular Mason, let it be known, and if a deist, he shall have our best wishes as brethren; but if an atheist, and an irregular Mason, let it also be known that the fraternity may be warned, and our American friends prevented from again doing what they will regret as much as we do, should the latter supposition be proved correct.

Yours fraternally,

REVIRESCO.

Masonic Watch Tower, 13th March, 1875.

We have received the following memorandum, professedly from Mr. Bradlaugh:—

"Memorandum.—From Mr. Charles Bradlaugh, The *National Reformer*, 29, Turner-street, Commercial-road, London, E.

"To the Editor of the *Freemason*. March 16, 1875.

"Charles Bradlaugh, born 26th September, 1833, was made in the Loge des Philadelphes, on the 9th March, 1859, was received in the Loge de la Perseverante Amitie,

Grand Orient of France, 11th March, 1862, and was an avowed atheist prior to the first date.

"Charles Bradlaugh also joined the Tottenham High Cross Lodge, after a discussion on his anti-theological opinions, and he received his regular certificate from the Grand Lodge, which certificate he returned to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England last September, cancelled, in consequence of the accession of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. The lodge at Tottenham, changing its locale, Mr. Bradlaugh only subscribed one year."

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to state my information was incorrect. Bro. Constable did apply to Grand Lodge for a grant of £100, for the endowment of the Freemasons' life-boat. It was not carried.

The last part of my letter in your edition of last week ought to read 1000 lodges and chapters, would produce £150, not £100 as is placed.

Yours fraternally,

SOLOMON DAVIES, Lodge Faith, No. 141.

THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

A special Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. Major Creation, Vice-Patron, and among the brethren present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Raynham W. Stewart, Hyde Pullen, J. C. Parkinson, Dr. Ramsay, John Symonds, H. Moore, Griffiths Smith, Spencer Stanhope, C. F. Hogard, H. A. Dubois, W. F. C. Moutrie, John Boyd, Thomas Cubitt, Jesse Turner, and Little and Binckes, Secretaries of the two schools.

The meeting was called for the purpose of making alterations in the laws of the Institutions, particularly with regard to extra privileges to be granted to the Stewards of the annual festivals; but there were also other matters before the court as well.

Bro. J. Symonds stated the extra privileges which it was proposed to give to Stewards of festivals, and said that his proposition for giving additional votes had been submitted to a joint committee of the two schools and the result was the recommendations which were embodied in his motion that day. For the purpose of carrying this into effect it would be necessary to erase the second clause of law 13 and the whole of clause 15, which he proposed.

Bro. Hyde Pullen seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. J. Symonds then proposed—

"To consider the following laws under the heading 'Privileges of Stewards' (to be inserted after law 24), second clause of law 13 being re-enacted—viz., every Steward making a donation, at an anniversary festival, if not less than ten guineas, shall be entitled to additional votes at each election of Girls and Boys as follows: for the first Stewardship, one additional vote; for each subsequent Stewardship, with a similar donation, two additional votes; with the following new law: Every Steward, at the anniversary festival, who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than fifty guineas, in addition to his personal donation, and shall collect and pay over the amount to the funds of the institution, shall receive one additional vote at each election of Girls and Boys and a further extra vote for every additional sum of not less than fifty guineas so collected and paid over."

He explained that it was right to make some recognition of the eminent services some brethren performed on behalf of the institution. Some brethren undertook the Stewardship, and acted as Stewards, but took no further trouble about it. Others, on the contrary, took a great deal of trouble, and collected large sums of money for the institution, and in doing so also incurred great expense. It was proposed that some return should be made to the brethren who took so much trouble to collect the money; but it was not intended the extra vote should be given to the Steward until the money on his list was all paid.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, wished to know whether commission would be paid to the collectors on these sums; because this was a serious question, and the institution would be paying twice over.

The chairman said it had been decided that commission should be paid in the Girls' School, but not in the Boys'.

Bro. J. Symonds added that the question of the collectors' emolument was one which had been before the General Committee from time to time, and must be altered. It had always been his opinion that the collectors should receive something, although only small, where these Stewards lists were paid over to them. The collectors in some cases had to call for individual guineas several times, the subscribers being out when they called, and the money was paid afterwards at the office. In that case they received very little.

Bro. Binckes opposed the payment of commission on the sums collected from the country. The provincial brethren objected very much to it. The question had been settled, and he hoped it would not be re-opened, the collector for the Boys' School had £10 a year given him for those cases where he called on brethren for subscriptions, which were afterwards paid at the office. The motion did not affect the collector at all.

Bro. Parkinson asked whether the words, "and shall collect and pay over the amount to the funds of the institution," did not affect the collectors at all.

On this some discussion arose, when Bro. Parkinson proposed, and Dr. Ramsey seconded, the omission of these

words in the motion, and also the concluding four words of the motion; and the same brethren also proposed and seconded the insertion of the word "five-hundred," instead of "fifty" guineas.

Bro. J. Symonds adopted the omission of the words proposed to be omitted by Bro. Parkinson, but adhered to his proposition, to have "fifty" guineas as the sum named.

This was adopted, and the motion was carried.

The following motion was also carried:—

"Also to add to law 37, providing for mode of election of House Committee—Scrutineers shall be appointed for the purpose of taking the poll, which shall remain open until five p.m."

Major Creation and Colonel Burdett were elected trustees of the sustentation fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for which Major Creation thanked the brethren, and a vote of thanks having been passed to him for presiding, the committee adjourned.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 26, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 1339, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at 4. (Special).
 Red Cross Conclave 9, Villiers, Northumberland Arms Hotel, Isleworth.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.
 " 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Gt. Ilford.
 Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Instruction (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street.
 " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
 " 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 239, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
 " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
 " 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st, Millbank.
 Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 46, Old Union, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 Rose Croix Chapter Palestine, 33, Golden-square.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Dematic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

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

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John, Hotel, Queen's Road, St. John's Wood.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Red Cross Conclave, 15, St. Andrews, Regent Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-st., W.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

- General Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 766, Wm. Preston, City Terminus Hotel.
 " 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

[Being Good Friday, the following lodges probably will not meet.]

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
 " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 K. T. Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke or Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 27, 1875.

MONDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 1384, Equity, Walker's Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 " 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, 11, Joppa, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
 " 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264) Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale at 6.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, March 27, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 102, St Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Prince of Wales Hall, Crosshill.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmuir.
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Calton.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
 " 505, Burns' St. Mary, Hurlford.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

- " 390, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
 " 334, Cumnock, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
 Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

- Lodge 51, London, Black Bull Inn, New Milns.
 " 118, St. Bride's, Masonic Hall, Douglas.
 " 125, St. James's Newton, Masons' Arms, Ayr.
 " 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 236, St. John, Forth Inn, Carnwarth.
 " 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27.

- Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
 " 305, St. John's Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

Chap. 143, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 27, 1875.

MONDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemason's Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.

Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemason's Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 112, St. John's Fishermar, Royal Hotel, Musselburg.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

- Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemason's Hall.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

COWES.—MEDINA LODGE (No. 35).—The monthly meeting of this old established lodge took place on Thursday last, when Bro. J. G. Wheeler, in the absence of the W.M., conducted the business of the evening. The following brethren were present:—Bro. W. Strickland, W.M. of the Ryde Lodge; and Bros. Scadding, Vaughan, and Furner, visitors. Bros. O. Haxthausen, P.M.; J. H. Wallace, D.C.; J. Hall Smith, S.W.; J. C. Ains, J.W.; E. Wyatt, J.D.; G. Munt, S.D.; S. Benzle, I.G.; T. Giles, Sec. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. H. S. and W. Weeding, R. Fox, F. Dyett, J. Pryor, C. Fellows, and J. Gettiffe. The W.M. pro tem. informed the brethren that he had received a communication from the Worshipful Master, stating that he was away, and asking him (Bro. Wheeler) to perform the duties of the evening. The W.M. informed the lodge that there were four candidates for Masonry, but one could not be present that evening. A ballot was then taken for Mr. S. Wheeler, Mr. W. H. Holmes, Collector H.M. Customs, Cowes, also for Captain A. K. Granville, and Mr. Richard Andrews, and being unanimous in their favour, each candidate was separately initiated into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry. There being no other business to transact the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a capital supper was laid. The Stewards had again almost eclipsed themselves, and through the kindness of two of the brethren the spread was considerably added to, and at the conclusion grace was again said, and the cloths removed. The chairman stated that the time was short, and he had a toast to propose which the brethren of Medina Lodge always responded to with a deal of pleasure. It was "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," coupling with it the name of Bro. Strickland. Bro. Strickland rose, and in his reply remarked upon the perfect working of the Medina Lodge, that he could say with truth he had visited many lodges, but never saw the various duties carried out more efficiently. The health of the newly-initiated was also proposed and responded to, and the remainder of the evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner.

ROCHDALE.—HOPE LODGE (No. 54).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, and there was an excellent attendance of the brethren; all the officers were present: Bros. Richard Simpson W.M.; Dan Mitchell, P.M.; Secretary; (Treasurer being ill was unable to attend); R. Collingwood, S.D.; Charles O'Dhorty, J.D.; Bincliffe, I.G.; James Midgley, I.M.; Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form at 5.20 p.m. and the minutes of the former lodges were read and confirmed, after which the business of the evening commenced by initiating Mr. John Thomas North, which was done in a very efficient manner by Bro. T. B. Ashworth, I.M. Bro. Metcalfe presented himself as a candidate to be passed to the second degree. He was examined, and having satisfied the brethren he was then entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Metcalfe was then admitted and regularly passed to the degree of a F.C. by Bro. Dan Mitchell, P.M., in a very creditable manner; he was then invested and retired. Bro. Clegg was next called upon, and after giving satisfactory proofs of his proficiency in the former degrees, he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree; the candidate was then admitted and was duly raised as a Master Mason by Bro. William Davies, P.M.; he was invested. The lodge was closed in the third degree. The lodge was also closed in the second degree. After the communications were read, Bro. T. L. Ashworth made a motion that a vote of thanks be sent to Bro. David Thomas Buckley for his willingness to prepare a testimonial and the skill he displayed in executing the same, giving universal satisfaction to the brethren. This testimonial was presented to Bro. Edward Clegg for his long and valuable services as Secretary to Hope Lodge, 54, for over a period of thirty years—which he discharged with honour to himself and credit to the lodge. The motion was entered on the minute book. There being no other business the lodge was finally closed at the hour of 8.15 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was elegantly provided by Bro. Wm. Ashworth, P.M. and his wife, in

that excellent style which at all times is highly approved of by the brethren. After the cloth was removed the W.M. gave the usual toasts—commencing with "The Queen," which was drunk with that feeling of respect it so justly merits. The remainder of the toasts followed in due course, amongst which "The Newly-raised Brother" was given and briefly responded to. "The Newly-passed Brother" was next given and was responded to in an eloquent manner. "The new Initiate" was also given, and Bro. J. T. Worth, on rising to respond, thanked the brethren for having admitted him to the mysteries and privileges of so ancient and honourable an Order as a member of this lodge. The usual closing toast was given and the brethren separated in peace and brotherly love towards each other, after having spent a very pleasant and comfortable evening.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.—FAWCETT LODGE (No. 661).—On Monday, 14th March, the annual installation of W.M. of the Fawcett Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. J. B. Wells was installed. Bro. J. Ayre was the Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Humphrey of Sunderland. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. H. B. Wright, I.P.M.; Gibbon, S.W.; Stratford, J.W.; J. Richardson, Treasurer; H. W. Richardson, Secretary; Cockburn, S.D.; J. Potts, J.D.; G. Grieves, I.G.; Taylor, Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were the following:—Bros. W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; R. Humphrey, P. Prov. S.G.D.; W. Liddle, P. Prov. J.G.D.; G. Lord, P. Prov. G.S.B.; M. Douglas, P. Prov. G.J.D.; R. Lutet, P.G.J.D.; S. Surtees, W.M. 94; H. Fryer, S.W. 97; J. Symington, Blyth; W. Mitford, Darlington; W. A. Harbourn, Plymouth; Thos. Riley, W.M. 1398. After the business of the lodge was concluded, the brethren, to the number of 50, sat down to a magnificent banquet.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173).—A strong meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 13th inst. The proceedings commenced at four o'clock in the afternoon. The officers present were Bros. Vine, W.M.; Wiles, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Massey, S.D.; Phillips, J.D.; Finch, I.G.; Wilson, P.M.; P.Z.; Treas.; Matthews, Sec.; Allen, D.C.; Burford, W.S.; Salmon, acting I.P.M. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, passed Bros. Parker, Pearce and Mabey to the second degree, and gave the lecture on the tracing board. The whole ceremony reflected great credit on all concerned. Mr. Waterman was then initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. in an impressive manner. The sum of ten guineas was voted by the lodge, to head the list of the W.M. as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Several communications were then read from Grand Lodge, respecting the forthcoming installation of the M.W.G.M. Several of the brethren having offered themselves as candidates to represent the lodge as one of the Stewards to officiate on that important occasion, the W.M. requested them to retire, and their names were then severally submitted to a show of hands, which resulted in favour of Bro. Green, P.M., being elected to serve that distinguished office. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well served. Grace was sung by Bros. Salmon, Witt and Parker. The W.M. having briefly given the "Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." and "The Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bros. Farquharson, Parker, Witt and Salmon sang the "National Anthem," and Bro. Wilson "God Bless the Prince of Wales." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed with great warmth Bro. Salmon, heartily received by the brethren, and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Vine. "The Initiate," Bro. Waterman, and "The Fellow Craftsmen," Bros. Parker, Pearce and Mabey, were toasted, and they severally replied. Among the visitors present were Bros. Adams, P.M. 504, &c.; Walls, 141, 1381, 1503, I.G. 1512; Moore, 173; Emsworth, 813; Turner, 902, 1266. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with names of Bros. Adams and Walls. The former, in reply, expressed his gratification at having had the pleasure of visiting the lodge that day, and congratulated the brethren upon possessing so able a W.M., who not only had carried out the ceremonies of passing and initiating so well, but had given the beautiful lecture on the second tracing board with such great effect. Bro. Walls, in responding, said it was the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting the Phoenix Lodge, which honour he owed to the W.M. He came prepared to see the ceremonies well carried out, as became so distinguished a lodge, but he was quite unprepared to witness the proceedings of the banquet table, and the musical arrangements so admirably concluded. In conclusion he could honestly state that his senses of "seeing, tasting, and hearing," had never before, in a Masonic gathering, been so agreeably employed; he had seen the excellent working of the lodge, he had enjoyed an elegant and substantial banquet, and his ear had been delighted by the vocal and instrumental abilities of the brethren, and he felt exceedingly gratified at the manner in which he had been received. "The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed and severally responded to. Bro. Witt, P.M., in the course of his reply, introduced an eloquent appeal for the interest of the brethren having votes for the Boys' School, on behalf of the son of Bro. Dawson, of the Phoenix, who died suddenly of heart disease, and left his family totally unprovided for. In addition to the before mentioned brethren, who discoursed most excellent music, Bros. Walls and Matthews, between the toasts, sang and recited. "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" having been given and replied to, the Tyler gave the final toast, and the proceedings terminated.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—An exceedingly strong muster of this large and prosperous lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, on the 12th inst. The business commenced at four o'clock by Bro. Kent, I.P.M., opening the lodge, in the absence of Bro. Everett, W.M. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Kent raised Bros. Isensten,

Marriott, Herbage, and Gibson, to the third degree, with the assistance of the officers Bros. Triadwell, S.W.; J. Willing, jun., J.W.; Palmer, S.D.; Buscall, J.D.; Smith, P.M.; P.G.P., Treasurer; Williams, Secretary; White, D.C.; Spink, A.D.C. The beautiful and solemn ceremony was well performed. Among the Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. Brett, P.G.P.; Adams, P.G.P.; and Ferguson. Upon the arrival of the W.M., Bro. Everett, he passed Bros. Plummer and Robinson, and initiated Mr. Thomas Grant Wells. Both ceremonies were performed with great care and ability. The Secretary then read communications he had received concerning the approaching ceremonial of installing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. It was moved and seconded by Bros. Smith and Kent, and carried unanimously, that the W.M. should be requested to represent the lodge as Steward on the occasion. Bro. Everett having accepted the office with thanks, a resolution was passed that the sum of ten guineas should be voted to Past Master Ferguson, who had volunteered to act as Steward to the Girls' School Festival. Bro. Kent, I.P.M., who had acted as Steward to the Aged Freemasons' Festival in January last, and whose list was headed by a sum of ten guineas from the lodge, then addressed the brethren on the subject, and a formal vote of the lodge was then taken and carried, and that sum decided to be paid to him by the Treasurer. A resolution having been passed that a Summer Festival in connection with the lodge, and in which ladies should participate, a committee consisting of seven members in addition to the officers of the lodge appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements, and the W.M. was empowered to use some of the funds of the lodge for the purpose, should they permit. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall. Among the visitors present were Bros. Boyd, 145, P.G.P. of England, &c.; Koch, P.M. 820 and 1381; Fairfax, W.M. 43; Gardner, W.M. 1381; Slee, W.M. 1421; Tucker, J.W. 435; Baker, S.D. 1305; Walls, I.G. 141, 1381, 1503, and 1512; Marks, 1479. The W.M. gave, with commendable brevity, "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. and the Pro G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Walls having sang one verse of the National Anthem, Bro. Kent, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a neat speech. Bro. Everett, in reply, stated that it was his intention during his term of office, not to trouble the brethren with long speeches, as he wished them to enjoy themselves convivially as much as possible, and therefore he should content himself by thanking them very heartily for the compliment they had paid him, and he hoped that at the expiration of his Mastership, the lodge would have no occasion to regret having elected him to fill the high position which he then held. The initiate, Bro. Wells, having been toasted, made an excellent reply. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. mentioned the names of several who were present at the banquet table, and expressed the gratification he felt at having the honour to dispense the hospitality of the Domestic Lodge to them. Bro. Boyd, in reply, thanked the lodge, through the W.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had been entertained. Bro. Fairfax, in the course of a good speech, stated that he had been highly impressed with the working of the lodge, and at the harmony which prevailed at the banquet table, and should any of the brethren ever visit Warwickshire, he should be only too pleased to see them at his lodge. Bro. Walls, in reply, said that the brethren might think it importunate on his part to address them, after the able manner in which the preceding speakers had responded for the visitors, but as it was the second time he had received their hospitality, he could not allow the last night of their session to pass without expressing his humble mood of praise at the exceedingly good working and general arrangements of the lodge. In conclusion he stated that the W.M. had been the S.W. of his mother lodge, when he received from his hands that badge which he should endeavour to keep Masonically unsullied, and which he should ever regard as a bond of friendship, and on that account he had felt it incumbent upon him to congratulate the Domestic Lodge upon possessing so energetic and zealous a W.M., who had first presented him as a candidate for the privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. Marks also briefly replied. The remaining toasts followed in quick succession, viz.: "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge," who all acknowledged the high compliment paid them by the W.M., the replies of Bros. Kent, Smith, and Willing, jun., being particularly good. Between the toasts Bros. Palmer, Dawson, and Walls, entertained the lodge by several vocal and dramatic contributions. The Tyler having given the last toast, the lodge adjourned until October.

CROYDON.—EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD (No. 463).—The members of the Lodge of Instruction connected with the East Surrey Lodge of Concord met at their headquarters, Bro. Goodman's, the Fox and Hounds, Croydon, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., to partake of a good substantial dinner, provided by mine host with his usual care and attention; the occasion being the presentation of a testimonial, consisting of a very handsome tea and coffee service and tray to Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.M., on his retirement from his position of Preceptor to the lodge, in acknowledgment of his most zealous attention to his duties, extending over a period of seventeen years. The repeat over the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, in well chosen words, by the chairman, Bro. Thos. Wales, P.M., and were duly received and responded to. The toast of the evening then followed and the chairman, in very appropriate terms, presented the testimonial, accompanied by a beautifully executed inscription on vellum, which had been kindly done by a well-known and respected Mason, Bro. Thos. Wales Lee. The testimonial was acknowledged in feeling terms. Several other toasts followed, including "The Chairman," "The Vice-Chairman, Bro. A. C. Ebbutt," "Bro. Sharp," "Bro. Lee," and

Bro. Pocock, the Hon. Sec. to the Lodge of Instruction." The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by the vocal powers of several of the brethren present; and after a most enjoyable meeting the party retired, all feeling convinced they had done honour to one to whom it was due.

DERBY.—ARBORETUM LODGE (No. 731).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, Arboretum Hotel, Derby, on Wednesday, the 10th of March, at 4 p.m. when there was a large assemblage of the brethren of this and other lodges. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. R. Gee, W.M.; and the ceremony of installing the W.M. Elect, Bro. J. C. Merry, was performed by him, assisted by P. M. Bro. Wright, and P. M. Bro. Cox, and a band of sixteen Installed Masters. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows, giving an appropriate address to each, on investing him with his collar and jewel, in regard to the duties devolving upon him, Bro. Gee, I. P. M. and Treasurer; Burton, S. W.; Brown, J. W.; Cooper, Sec.; Winter, D. C.; Fowkes, S. D.; T. Merry, J. D.; Knight, I. G.; Cay, Whittaker, and Frazer; Stewards; Stone, Tyler. Amongst the brethren present were, H. Hallam, P.P.G.S.W., P.M.; I. Worsnop, P. M.; R. Bennett, S. W.; J. Miller, I. E. Holloway, W. W. Vincent, I. Caborn, I. Poxon, T. Day, I. Harper, T. Roe, Junr. W. M. 102; W. P. Morris, P. M. 815; W. F. Fowle, P. M. 815; W. H. Marsden, P. G. Sec.; W. L. Gardner, 411; W. Boden, J. D. 353; James Merry, P. M. 1170; W. Loveroch, W. M. 787; G. Small, P. M. 787; J. H. Biggs, J. D. 802; B. Cooper, S. W. 787; T. H. Warner, P. M. 802; The lodge having been closed, the brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Ballock, the proprietor of the hotel, in his usual faultless manner, at which upwards of 40 brethren sat down; the W.M. occupied the chair, supported by the Past Masters of the lodge and visiting brethren, the S. W. occupying the vice chair. After the cloth was drawn, "The Queen and Craft," was given from the chair, next, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," "R. W. Pro G. M. the Earl of Carnarvon. The Earl Skelmersdale, and rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge." "The R. W. P. G. M. of Derbyshire, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the R. W. D. P. G. M., H. C. Okeover, Esq., and the P.G.L. Officers." "The Worshipful Master," was proposed by Bro. P. M. Smith, P. Prov. G. J. W., in suitable terms, congratulating him upon the position he had attained in the lodge, and wishing him a happy and prosperous year. The W.M. responded in a manner which showed how fully he appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon him, and assured the brethren that his best exertions should be put forth to maintain the high character which the lodge had acquired. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Gee," congratulating him on his popularity with the brethren, and the manner in which the business of the lodge had been conducted during the last 12 months, when with a few more suitable remarks he affixed to his breast a very handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge. The applause of the brethren evinced how thoroughly he had given expression to their sentiments. Bro. Gee responded, thanking them for their kind expressions and handsome present, remarked that the most cordial unanimity had existed in the lodge during the year, and it had been to him a most happy one, and he hoped his successor would have one equally agreeable. The W.M. proposed, "The Health of the Installing Masters and Past Masters of the Arboretum Lodge." "The Visiting Brethren" by the S.W. The "Officers of the Lodge," by the W.M. and the "Tyler's Toast" brought to an end one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in the Arboretum Lodge.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862) held its last meeting for this season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, March 15th. The lodge was numerously attended, the W.M. was well-supported by his officers:—Bros. T. Kingston, S.W.; W. Walker, J.W.; G. Pritchard, S.D.; Walmsley, J.D.; W. Harstone, P.M.; F. Smith, I.P.M.; Jones, P.M.; N. Quilly, Treasurer; R. W. Little, Secretary Girls' School, P.G.S. Middlesex; and Bro. James Weaver, P.M. 862, and 1312, P. Prov. G. Org. Middlesex. There were several visitors; the W.M. passed to the second degree Bros. Cole and Brown. Bro. Weaver then took the chair, and raised to the degree of a Master Mason Bro. Holland, giving the whole of the ceremony with the traditional history and explanation of the tracing board. The lodge will send a Steward to the Albert Hall to represent the lodge at the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where a sumptuous repast awaited them.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1257).—The March meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, 18th inst., Bro. J. Forbes, W.M., in the chair, assisted by R. Besoby, S.W.; E. Lancaster, J.W.; R. Christie, J.D.; G. West, I.G.; G. Webb, Treasurer, P.M.; and P. G. Jupp, Sec. There were present T. H. Sutton, I.P.M.; and H. T. Reed, P.M.; also Bros. Arkell, Barnes, Bathord, Buszard, Hawlin, Hitchcock, Jones, Jenkins, Lancaster, Robinson, Schermer, Tewkesbury, Timberlake. The business of the evening consisted of raising Bros. Short and Hitchcock, and in passing Bros. Jones, Barnes, and Jenkins. The W.M. commenced by examining Bros. Jones and Barnes, and passing them to the second degree, afterwards passing Bro. Jenkins. Bro. Hitchcock was then examined, and raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Short not being in attendance, the W.M. brought forward the notice of the installation of the M.W.G.M., when it was proposed by Bro. Sutton, I.P.M., that Bro. Webb, P.M., be nominated as Steward. This was unanimously agreed to, and as there were several members absent, it was decided to send a circular to all, asking for an answer by return, if they intended to be present at the Albert Hall. Bro. Webb returned thanks for the compliment, and there not being any business to transact, the W.M. closed the lodge in due form.

ROCK FERRY.—ROCK LODGE (No. 1289).—This lodge met on Friday, the 12th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Friend, P.M., performed the ceremony of initiation, the candidates afterwards receiving the lecture of the degree, delivered in an admirable manner, by Bro. S. Sprathy, M.D., P. Prov. S.G.D. of Cheshire. The W.M., Bro. Ellis, then assumed the chair, and raised a brother to the degree of M.M., in his usual careful and efficient style. About twenty-eight brethren afterwards partook of supper, and a very harmonious evening was spent by all.

WEST DERBY.—PENNYROCK LODGE (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of this excellent suburban lodge was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool, where there was a very large and influential gathering of members and visitors. The business commenced shortly before three o'clock, when the lodge was opened by Bro. Peter Macmurdrow, W.M., and the officers who supported him at the initial proceedings were Bros. Joseph Clegg, I.P.M.; Wm. Crane, P.M.; W. Jones, S.W.; R. Bennett, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treasurer; A. E. Kirkpatrick, Secretary; G. Aspinall, J.D.; J. Capell, I.G.; W. S. Bennett, Steward; and H. Robinson, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bros. W. Brown, W. Hiles, J. Sutcliffe, P.M.; F. R. Bramham, J. Stephenson, J. Lonsdale, H. Hargreaves, T. Baxter, J. Holmes, J. Dawson, and J. Christian. The visitors present were Bros. W. Doyle, P. Prov. J. G. D., P.M. 667; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org., P.M. 216; J. Lunt, P.G.S., P.M. 1086; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1016; J. P. Bryan, O. 1035; C. Humphries, W.M. 1013; R. Yelland, S.W. 1094; W. J. Chapman, 667; H. Nelson, W.M. 1505, P.M. 673; W. Wood, P.M. 1182; W. T. May, P.M. 673; R. Brown, S.W. 241, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Jones, the W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. J. Clegg, P.M., by Bro. P. Macmurdrow, P.M., and Bro. Crane, P.M., for the benefit of installation. Bro. Clegg last year performed this ceremony in a remarkably effective manner, and although called upon for the second time at a few hours' notice, he went through the performance of the installation and the investiture proceedings in a creditable manner. Bro. Wm. Jones, after being placed in the chair of W.M. with the usual ceremonial, chose the following as his officers:—Bros. P. Macmurdrow, I.P.M.; Richard Bennett, S.W.; G. Aspinall, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treasurer, (unanimously re-elected for the third time); A. G. Kirkpatrick, Secretary; J. Capell, S.D.; W. S. Bennett, J.D.; John Dawson, I. G.; Joseph Clegg, P.M., D.C.; John Holme, S.S.; W. Hiles, J.S.; and H. Robinson, Tyler. At the conclusion of business, the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, provided by Bro. Rawlinson, "mine host" of the hotel in which the meeting was held. The W.M. briefly gave the toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England, R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, and his Deputy, Bro. the Right Hon. F. Stanley." "The Health of the W.M." was pointedly and happily proposed by Bro. P. Macmurdrow, I.P.M., and then followed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. J. Clegg, P.M." The W.M. afterwards proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. P. Macmurdrow," to whom, in the name of the lodge, he presented a handsome Past Master's jewel, referring to the excellent way in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair. "The Past Masters of No. 1299" was responded to by Bro. W. Crane, P.M.; "The Officers of No. 1299," by the S.W., Bro. R. Bennett; "The Visitors," by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde; and "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," Bro. R. Brown, the Hon. Sec. to the noble charity. The Tyler's Toast brought the after-dinner proceedings to a termination at an early hour, and afterwards the lodge was closed in due form.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The brethren of this lodge responded very numerously to the call of the W.M., which summoned them together for Masonic business on Tuesday the 16th inst., at Bro. Plock's, the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge Road, and some twenty visitors were also present to share in the working of the lodge, and the subsequent festivities which crowned the occasion, it being the night of installation in the lodge. The lodge was opened in due form at the appointed hour by Bro. Charles Smith, W.M., and founder, who, during his tenure of office, since the consecration of the lodge in the year before last, has discharged the duties of the chair in a manner which we trust will be long treasured up in the memories of the brethren of the Ivy Lodge, as one to be followed and imitated by every succeeding W.M. More especially we signal out for special approbation his careful husbanding of the funds of the lodge, the balance-sheet showing that the lodge has obtained, during its brief existence under his Mastership, a very satisfactory position, being not only free from debt, but with a considerable sum devoted to the benefit of the Masonic charities, and the promotion of a private benevolent fund attached to the lodge. Bro. Smith, who, we were sorry to observe, was suffering from indisposition, having opened the lodge, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; the lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. D. H. Ashford was investigated as to his proficiency in the science preparatory to his being raised to the sublime degree, which was ultimately conferred upon him. The lodge having again been resumed to the proper degree, Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P., presented Bro. G. Matlock, S.W. and W.M. Elect, to receive from the hands of the W.M. the benefit of installation, a duty which was discharged by Bro. Smith in a manner which elicited the highest compliments and felicitations from the many eminent brethren who were present; he was rapturously applauded at the termination of his labours. In due course the officers were appointed for the ensuing year. Bro. Smith addressing each in appropriate terms on the duties of his station, viz., Bros. J. J. Cantle, S.W.; C. F. Poupard,

J. W.; Smith, Treasurer; C. St. Jolly, Secretary; L. Cornelissen, S.D.; W. Ashwell, J.D.; J. F. K. Smith, I.G.; T. H. Cox, W.S.; R. Forster, D.C.; and G. T. Fox, P.M., Tyler. The ceremony of installation being concluded, the newly installed W.M. gave the brethren a taste of his quality, by initiating in a very creditable manner, Messrs. A. H. Miller and R. M. C. Gloag, two professional gentlemen of eminence, after which Bro. Matlock addressed the brethren thus:—"Brethren, I have now a duty to perform, which occasions me great satisfaction and pleasure. It is to present to Bro. Chas. Smith, our retiring W.M., a jewel, as a token of the affection and high esteem in which he is held by the members of the Ivy Lodge, and also a testimonial on vellum, expressing those sentiments entertained by the brethren. I need not make any comment upon his abilities as a Mason, or upon his conduct in public and private capacity. Suffice it to say that he is every where equally respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance and friendship. May he live long to be amongst us." The jewel was then affixed to Bro. Smith's breast, and the testimonial presented, which was elaborately emblazoned and surrounded with an admirably executed border, emblematic of the plant from which the lodge derives its name, and bearing the following inscription:—"Ivy Lodge, No. 1441: This testimonial, accompanying a Past Master's jewel, is presented to Bro. Charles Smith, one of the Founders and First Worshipful Master of the above Masonic lodge, upon his retirement from office, as a token of the sincere respect and admiration entertained by the brethren for the efficient manner in which he fulfilled the duties of that important position. In verification of which we have subscribed our names this 16th March, 1875. (Signed)." Bro. Smith expressed his acknowledgement in a few well chosen sentences, which showed that he fully appreciated the kind expressions of good will emanating from the brethren. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Bridge House Hotel, where a superb banquet awaited them. The retiring W.M. was unable to remain with the brethren, having only left a sick room to discharge what to him was a solemn and imperative duty; and his absence from the banquet table was most materially felt.

HAMPTON HILL.—FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel on the 10th inst. In consequence of the unavoidable absence of Bro. Col. Wigginton, the W.M., the proceedings were opened by Bro. Hammond, P.M., and W.M. of 1512, who kindly officiated in his stead, assisted by Bros. Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.G.S.D. of Norfolk, J.W.; Walls, acting S.D.; Deekes, J.D.; Vinaggo, Treasurer; Mitchell, Secretary; Jenkins, acting I.G.; Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hammond raised Bros. Court and Vaughan to the sublime degree. The ceremony was well carried out. Bro. Horsley, P.M., &c., then assumed the position of W.M. and passed Bro. Bennett to the degree of Fellow Craft in an excellent manner. The W.M., Bro. Col. Wigginton, having arrived, then initiated Mr. W. Taylor into the Craft with his customary ability. The notice of motion, given by the W.M. at the last meeting, that the W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge for the time being should have the sum of £10 10s. voted to him to head his list as Steward to one of the three charities, was then fully discussed, and ultimately a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that the W.M. for the time being, or a member should become a Life Governor of one of the three charities alternately. The W.M. also moved that a Masonic lending library should be formed and a Committee appointed to carry it out consisting of the W.M., P.M.'s the Wardens, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, who should be annually elected. This was seconded by the S.W. and unanimously carried. The W.M. further moved that a Lodge of Instruction—to be held under the sanction of the lodge—should be formed as soon as practicable; this was also seconded by the S.W. and carried without dissent. In introducing the next and last motion on the agenda as to the removal of the lodge, on account of the insufficiency of accommodation, the W.M. stated that he had personally used every endeavour to obtain at the last licensing sessions a licence for the house, but on account of the strong opposition and influence of one of the residents, the application was refused, and he believed that another petition would fare no better next year, and consequently, although he would rather have remained at the King's Arms Hotel, yet, as many of the brethren resided in town, it was necessary that some place should be obtained where the trains were more frequent, and where adequate refreshment and other accommodation could be obtained. He then called upon Bro. Horsley, P.M., to move a resolution upon the matter. Bro. Horsley said that as he had on the last occasion brought the matter forward at length, he should not trouble the brethren with many remarks on the subject that evening, but as he had heard that there was good accommodation to be had at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham Station, and as there were frequent trains to and from town from that place he should move that the Francis Burdett Lodge should be removed to the Albany Hotel, subject to the sanction and approval of Col. Burdett, the P.G.M. of Middlesex, or to some other place in its vicinity. This resolution was seconded by Bro. Saunders and unanimously carried, and a committee—consisting of the W.M., the Wardens and Bros. Horsley, Knaggs, and Mitchell, appointed to visit upon Col. Burdett upon the matter, and, if his consent were obtained, to immediately carry out the necessary arrangements. Some minor business having been transacted the lodge was duly closed and the brethren departed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The regular March meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 69, Pentonville-road, under the presidency of Bro. James Willing, junr., W.M. Among the brethren present were Bros. J. J. Michael, S.W.; T.

Williams, J.W.; R. Rose, Treas.; George Tims, Sec.; H. Child, S.D.; R. T. Kingham, J.D.; J. T. Doreglass, I.G.; R. Fowler, D.C.; C. Scales, Steward; Rapkin, Side; Coles, Check; Tims, jun., Easy, Sainsbury, Shand, Cavet, Stiles, Gilbert, Clarke, Horton; and visitors, Bros. Tubbs, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; and H. M. Levy, P.M. Bros. Trimmings, H. G. Rapkin, Rogers, J. Timms and Hatton were raised, and Bros. Sainsbury, Shand and Tritton, passed; after which Mr. William Read, of Holford-place, was initiated into the Order. The brethren then proceeded with the elections, and Bro. Michael, S.W., was chosen W.M. for the next year. Bro. R. Rose was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Daly, T. A motion of the W.M.'s was carried, "that a sumee festival, at which ladies are to be present, be held in the month of July," and a committee consisting of Bros. Scales, Side, Rapkin, Check, and Jones, was appointed to carry out the details. A P.M. jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted by Bro. Willing for the success which the lodge had attained during his year of office, there being now forty eight members on the roll. It was decided to have an emergency meeting on the 15th proximo for the dispatch of business, and the lodge was afterwards closed. The lodge work was succeeded by an excellent banquet, and the brethren wound up the evening by honouring the usual masonic toasts.

HAMPTON.—HEMMING LODGE (No. 1512).—A strong meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday, the 18th inst., it being the last meeting of the season, and the night of election of W.M. The proceedings commenced at six o'clock in the evening. There were present—Bros. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, P.G.S. Middlesex, &c., W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, S.W.; S. Hill, P.M. of several lodges, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; Rowe, P.M. 969, acting I.P.M.; Hurst, S.D.; Walls, 141, 1381, W.S. 1503, I.G., acting J.D.; Jessop, acting I.G.; Gilbert, G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Watts, P.M. 201; Carvell, P.M. 201; Wagner, S.W. 201; Jenkins, 382, 1503; Sadler, 1293. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, initiated Mr. Kent into the mysteries of the Craft, and passed Bro. Arnold to the second degree. The impressive ceremonies of both degrees were carefully and ably performed by the W.M. The Secretary then formally read the bye-laws, in compliance with the Book of Constitutions, which were passed without dissent. The ballot was then taken for the election of a Worshipful Master, which resulted in Bro. Hopwood, the S.W., being unanimously elected. The W.M. congratulated the S.W. on his success, and assured the lodge that their choice had fallen on a brother who would reflect honour on the position, as he was a P.M. of many years standing of one of the oldest lodges in the City of London. Bro. Hopwood having returned thanks, the ballot was taken for the election of a Treasurer in the place of Bro. Jephson, who had resigned that office in consequence of failing health, which ballot unanimously resulted in favour of Bro. Rowe, P.M. 969. A vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow and family of Bro. Limpus, P.G.O. of Middlesex, Organist of the lodge, whose melancholy and premature death has cast a gloom in Masonic circles, where he had endeared himself by the exercise of those genial and musical abilities which he so amply possessed. Bro. Hopwood moved and Bro. Hill seconded, which was unanimously passed, that a Past Master's jewel should be presented at the next meeting to the W.M., who had carried out the duties of his position so ably. Bro. Hammond in reply to this mark of confidence and esteem said that he should prefer that the sum kindly voted by the lodge to purchase the decoration should be devoted towards purchasing a life governorship of one of the charities for some member of his family. The J.W. then addressed the lodge and said he hoped the W.M. would not pass the matter in that way, as he was of opinion that a P.M.'s jewel should always be awarded a W.M., when found deserving of the distinction, and should be worn by him as an incentive to those young members who were anxious to attain the chair. Bro. Walls also supported this view and said that as the W.M. was one of the founders of the lodge, and would hold next year the proud position of being first P.M., it was a duty he owed the lodge to accept the jewel and he respectfully hoped that Bro. Hammond would accede to the general wish of the lodge on the matter. The W.M. said that after the views that had been expressed by the several speakers and the unanimous vote of the lodge having been taken he would withdraw his request that the money should be devoted to one of the charities and desired to express his grateful acknowledgment for the honour of receiving a Past Master's jewel, which had been so kindly awarded him by his brethren of the Hemming Lodge. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren having partaken of refreshment, the lodge was adjourned until October next.

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GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MINGO (No. 27).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's hall, Buchanan-street, on the 18th inst. Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported on the dais by Bros. Geo. Sinclair, P.M.; Archdeacon McTaggart, D.M.; Jas. W. Burns, R.W.M. 87; John Miller, P.M. 87; Alex. Bain, P.M. 103; and A. R. Wilson, Chaplain 27. Bros. Dr. McInnes, S.W.; McComb, J.W.; and W. Niven, Secretary, occupied their respective positions. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and passed, the chairman announced that at their next regular meeting, on 1st proximo, they would have the annual visitation of the P.G.L. of Glasgow, and thereafter would be favoured with a lecture from the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, of St. Matthew's Established Church. In the latter he expected a treat, and he hoped they would

have a large and respectable meeting. The lodge was then called for a short time to refreshment, during which the chairman proposed the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of Bro. Geo. Sinclair, Treasurer and convener of the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Sinclair said he hoped that P.G.L. would be found continuing on as they had done in the past. It had done a good deal to raise the status of Masonry generally in the province, to keep the working of the various lodges in proper order, and see that their books were correctly kept, and in relieving poor and distressed persons—widows of Masons especially—who might have claims upon their sympathy. This last year, towards the fund, they had received from the lodges, from initiation fees, £190 5s., which represented, an addition of 761, to the membership of the Order, being an increase of 61 over the year preceding. Their total income for the year was about £215, and they had disbursed in charity the sum of £100. In some instances the grants awarded were of £4, £5, and even £6, respectively. They had also been instrumental in aiding not a few into a way of doing for themselves; one case being that of a widow whom they had managed to put into a little shop, whereby she now not only supported herself, but five of a family. The present gross capital of the fund was about £750; but the R.W.P.G.M. was presently taking steps to interest in the matter a few gentlemen who did not attend lodges, but could well spare a £5 note; and he (the speaker) saw no reason why they should not before long have £1,000 invested. When that was accomplished, they would be able to do much more in the way of benevolence. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was then given by the S.W., and responded to by Bros. Burns, R.W.M. 87; A. C. Lindsay-Gray, D.M. 102; and A. Sage, P.M. 4. The lodge having thereafter been recalled to labour, it was moved by the R.W.M., seconded by the P.M., and agreed to, nem. con., that honorary affiliation to the lodge be conferred on Bro. Stewart, of Lodge Commercial, 360. The ceremony of affiliation was then performed by Bro. A. McTaggart, and Bro. Stewart having acknowledged the compliment paid him, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The 113th anniversary of this lodge was celebrated by a supper and ball, held in the Crown Rooms, Sauchiehall-street, on the 16th inst. At about eight o'clock the chair in the supper-room was taken by the R.W.M., Bro. James W. Burns, who was supported on the platform by Bros. John Mackie, John Miller, and John Fraser, Past Masters of the lodge; C. H. Jenkins, D.M.; and James Love, S.M.; Thomas Paton, Treasurer; Archd. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary; Robert McDougall, R.W.M. 553 (St. Vincent); and W. B. Paterson, 27. Bro. James Booth, S.W., officiated as Croupier, supported by Bros. William Wilson, J.W.; D. McDougall, Secretary; &c. There was a large attendance of brethren of the lodge and other lodges, with their wives, sweethearts, and daughters, and in all about 120 sat down to a supper at once amply and admirably purveyed by Bro. S. McPhee, of the St. Andrew Restaurant, Hutcheson-street. The substantials having been disposed of, the chairman proposed in order the toasts of "The Queen, Prince of Wales, and Royal Family," and that of "The Three Grand Lodges." He then gave the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupling with it the name of Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Sec. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. McTaggart said that he would fail in his duty to the company, as well as to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, if he did not return them his sincere thanks for the honour they had, through himself, done the Provincial Grand Lodge. And why, he would ask, was this honour always accorded, not only on all high and festive occasions, but on all occasions on which the brethren harmonised in the light? The answer, to his thinking, was easy. It was because, as he thought, the office-bearers of the different lodges, as well as the members generally, were satisfied that the Provincial Grand Lodge had endeavoured to do its duty. In regard to some of its schemes, it had no doubt failed; and amongst these might be reckoned the erection of a grand Masonic Temple in our midst—the scheme for the education of Masons' "bairns,"—and that of houses for decayed brethren, their widows and orphans. Still, when the past history of Masonry in Scotland came to be told, it would be discovered that, allowing for the poverty of their country, they had done their duty. All would have been made right but for the untimely death of Bro. Capt. Arch. A. Spiers, of Elderslie, their late P.G.M.,—than whom one more worthy never filled the chair, or was actuated by more noble principles. Death took him away; but, in his place, we have a man and a brother who will follow in his noble footsteps to elevate the principle of Masonry here, and extend it elsewhere. With regard to other very important objects, the speaker believed that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow had succeeded. They had succeeded, first, in bringing the working of the individual lodges into better order, and in giving them a better tone. Formerly there was no control over them whatever; but by their visitations and constant and regular supervision, the Provincial Grand Lodge had brought them into harmony. Again, they had made the lodges more tolerant of each other, readier to reciprocate kindnesses, and more harmonious in their relationships. Further, they had succeeded in fostering the principles of benevolence and charity. (Applause.) The membership was not a "benefit" society, but a benevolent society; they did not enter into it to get good, but to do good. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow had a hard fight to gain their object; but ultimately, through the assistance of the Grand Lodge, they succeeded in establishing a permanent benevolent fund. One of the chief of those who early laboured in this direction was Bro. James Thomson, who strove for it from the beginning, and who left it flourishing.

(Applause.) So much so, that they had a handsome sum funded, and were able to disburse a very large amount per annum amongst applicants who were found worthy of recognition and support. (Applause.) They had succeeded in another point—that was, in endeavouring constantly to inculcate a knowledge of the higher esoteric principles of the Order, to illustrate its symbolism, and expound its higher allegorical allusions. Finally, the P.G.L. of Glasgow had led the van of Provincial Grand Lodges in Scotland, and had thrown in its lot unreservedly with Grand Lodge, and had prevented dissensions and even schisms, which in past years were loudly and widely prevalent. In conclusion, he (Bro. McTaggart) hoped that in the future they should go on, until they saw the ancient Order flourishing in its pristine purity and unity. (Applause.) Before sitting down Bro. McTaggart said they would allow him to propose the toast of the evening—viz., "Lodge Thistle, 87." The lodge, he said, had seen its days of prosperity and of adversity, but now it had prosperity along with it. For the last ten years, he believed, it had been going on to prosper, and adding at the rate of about thirty per annum to its membership. It was due to the lodge to mention the Past Masters who had earnestly worked for its prosperity. And foremost among these they could not omit the name of Bro. Thomas Payton, who presided over it for no less a period than eleven years. (Applause.) To him succeeded Bro. John Fraser, the active and loyal brother; and next came Bro. John Miller, who occupied the chair—not for the first but second time—for three years. Now they had in the seat of honour to-night, Bro. Burns, in whose hands they expected the lodge would continue to flourish as it had done in time past. (Applause.) The speaker concluded by stating that in its intercourse, whether at labour or at refreshment, he hoped the lodge would always harmonise in the light, whether it might be in the light of brotherly love, moral truth or intellectual progress and forbearance. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm. In briefly replying to it, the chairman said that he was comparatively a young member of the lodge. He had, on his right hand, the oldest member of 87 at the present moment, Bro. Mackie, who had been connected with it for over thirty years. Next to him was Bro. Miller, who had been twice Master during twenty-four years; and at the other end of the table was Bro. Sinclair, a member for twenty-one years. Under these circumstances he felt very young indeed; seeing he had been a member for only five years. Referring to a time previous to that, he said he was once so sceptical about secret societies of every sort—especially Freemasonry—that he denounced them and scoffed at them. He said to himself that he would become a Freemason from sheer curiosity, and then he could laugh and scoff at them more than ever. So strong was his scepticism, and utter abhorrence, that if he had been told when he entered Lodge 87, that within five years he would be Master, he would have replied that the man who said so would be in Gartnavel, or in his grave before he (the speaker) took the chair. However, he was not long in finding out how mistaken he had been, that the principles of Freemasonry are what the Almighty teaches in His holy works, and that those who deviate from its principles could not believe in the Bible. In a few words, with reference to the lodge affairs, the chairman stated that, in Nov. 1873, their cash in hand amounted to about £105; and in November last (1874) to over £119. After paying all their expenses last year, which amounted to about £30, and giving away £14 in charity, the balance in hand was the sum mentioned (£119) which the lodge had on hand to dispense in charity if required. The sum thus disbursed last year might, he stated, have been trebled, if it had been wanted. Immediately on concluding his reply, the chairman said he had now the most arduous duty of the evening to perform, namely, a presentation to the late Master of the lodge, Bro. John Miller, who had twice occupied the chair, and the last time for three years in succession. After a few complimentary remarks, the chairman accordingly made formal presentation to Bro. Miller of a valuable gold watch, together with a silver tea set and salver for Mrs. Miller. On the watch was an inscription stating that it was presented by brethren of the lodge and friends as a mark of respect and esteem. The salver was also suitably inscribed. Bro. Miller, in feeling terms, acknowledged the gifts. He had, he said, for some time been making up his mind to withdraw, in a great measure, from the Order. He thought he had done his duty, and wanted to make room for new blood. However, this token of their respect had put a binding tie upon him in such a manner that he could not withdraw from it just yet a while. Amongst the remaining toasts on the programme, subsequent to the presentation, were "The Ladies," proposed in unusually happy terms by Bro. Wilson, J.W.; and replied to by Bro. McDougall, Secretary; "The Press," by Bro. W. P. Paterson, acknowledged by Bro. W. H. Bickerton (Freemason); and "Visiting Friends," by Bro. John Fraser, P.M., responded to by Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M. 533 (St. Vincent). The routine of toast and speech, we should add, was agreeably varied by music, vocal and instrumental, and the proceedings in the supper room having been concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the majority of the company proceeded down stairs to the ball-room, where dancing was commenced forthwith, and kept up with unflagging spirit till an early hour.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—The third of a series of harmony meetings got up in this lodge was held on the 16th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, presided, supported by Bros. Halket, P.M.; Harper, R.W.M. Lodge Clyde, 408; John Smith, Secretary; and a large number of visiting brethren. The business in chief of the evening was the delivery of a lecture on "Coal Mines, and a Visit to a Coal Pit," by the R.W.M. The subject, as might have been expected under the circumstances, was handled in a masterly manner, and at the close the lecturer received a cordial vote of thanks from the lodge. The next lecture is to be delivered by Bro. Bairnsfather on

29th inst. The subject is "Egypt," and the lecture will be illustrated by pictures exhibited under the lime-light.

PARTICK.—**LODGE ST. MARY** (No. 117).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held on 17th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. W. Wylie, presided, supported on the dais by Bro. Ferguson, R.W.M., 503; and the P.M., D.M., S.M., and Treasurer of the Lodge 117. There was an unusually large attendance, including deputations from Lodge St. John, Dalmeir; and St. Vincent, Glasgow, (553). The business consisted of passing, a raising, five candidates having been duly initiated by Bro. Bain, D.M., and eight passed to the F.C. degree, and subsequently raised to the sublime degree, by Bros. Borland and R.W.M., Wylie. The lodge, we may mention, has arranged for erecting a new hall, the plans for which are already out of the architect's hands.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. GEORGE** (No. 333).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday 10th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Alexander Thomson, presided, and there were also present as officers of the lodge, Bros. John M'Farlane, D.M.; Jas. Forsyth, S.W.; Robert Anderson, J.W.; Archd. McIntyre, Secretary; Thomas Hill, J.D.; and Jno. McDonald, Architect. The lodge having been opened, two candidates, namely, Robert Fairbairn and James Rutherford, farrier-sergeant 5th Dragoon Guards, who had both been duly recommended, received the E.A. degree at the hands of Bro. Wm. Robertson, P.M. of the lodge. The latter candidate, his case being one of emergency, was subsequently passed to the Fellow Craft degree by Bro. Robertson, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. J. O. Park. Thereafter, the R.W.M. stated that there had been forwarded to him by Bro. Wm. Dobson, of the Theatre Royal, a petition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, craving that body to sanction the erection of a new lodge within the Province of Glasgow, for the special benefit of members of the Craft belonging to the musical and dramatic professions. The petition referred to the fact that, owing to the peculiar exigencies of these professions, the members thereof were debarred from attending lodge meetings at the hours at which such were usually held, and stated that, to meet these exigencies, the hour of assemblage of the proposed lodge would be three o'clock p.m. The proposed name of the lodge was to be "The Dramatic," and the place of meeting at 163, Renfield-street, corner of Cowcaddens. The petition had been sent to Lodge St. George for the purpose of having the signature of the Master and Wardens of the latter attached thereto, should the lodge acquiesce in its prayer. The R.W.M., after explaining the scope of the petition, announced his decided objection to its being endorsed by Lodge St. George. He thought there was no present necessity whatever for the erection of a new lodge in the district; and there was a particular objection in the case of such a lodge as that proposed, namely, that they could not have a staff of permanent office-bearers. The nature of the "professional's" avocations forbade this. They were migratory in their habits—here this week and gone the next. Under these circumstances, they could not have a staff of office-bearers such as was requisite to the regular conduct of a lodge. He therefore moved that Lodge St. George have nothing to do with the petition, but send it back as they had received it. The motion was seconded by Bro. John M'Farlane, D.M., and unanimously agreed to. The lodge was thereafter closed in due and ancient form.

The anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on the 19th inst. in the large hall of Bro. Middleton's dining rooms, Trongate, when between sixty and seventy brethren sat down to an excellent supper soon after eight o'clock, p.m. The chair was occupied by Bro. Alexander Thompson, R.W.M.; Bro. Andrew McIntyre, P.M., officiating as Croupier. Supporting these there were Bros. John Winton, Wm. Robertson, and Robert Adam, P.M.'s of the lodge; James Forsyth, S.W.; John Clark, Chaplain; A. McIntyre, jun., Secretary. The tables having been cleared after an excellent supper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, including that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," were given in succession and duly honoured. The chairman then delivered a short address, in the course of which he said that Masonry was a great moral institution. Its principles were taken from the Bible—and the latter was the great luminary of their Order. Bereft of the Bible, Masonry was bankrupt. The objects of Masonry were not prohibited, nor were they confined to any denomination or any sect. It had been the means of uniting millions of men of all nations and of all creeds in one common bond of amity. The name of the Prince of Wales was a guarantee that loyalty to their sovereign and country was their true and sterling watchword, and they had the experience of 3,000 years to show that charity to mankind and love to the brethren were and had been the leading and guiding principles of their noble Craft, and the great and ultimate ends of their association. The toast of "Lodge St. George, 333," was then given by Bro. Gilchrist, drank with enthusiasm, and responded to Bro. Winton, with whose name it had been coupled. The chairman then said:—I now rise to perform a pleasing duty, namely, to present our friend Bro. Winton with a small token of our respect. I have no doubt some might perform the duty with more ability; but no one could do so with kinder and more brotherly love than I now do. It is not the value of the article I am about to present, but the way in which this testimonial has been got up that makes its value; and nothing could be more pleasing to Bro. Winton, or to any man, than to receive in so brotherly a way the approval of those with whom he has been long associated. I am pleased at being the medium through which this is to pass; and I trust he may be long spared to use it; and that every time the hands pass round the dial it may remind him that his time on earth is one hour less, than that he may with greater earnestness prepare for so entering the Grand Lodge above. The chairman then

said he had great pleasure in formally handing over to Bro. Winton the testimonial in question, which consisted of a very handsome marble ormolu time-piece and a pair of heroic bronze figures. After a brief interval, Bro. Winton in suitable and feeling terms acknowledged the compliments paid him. Among the remaining toasts were "Past Masters of 333," acknowledged by Bro. Robert Adam; "Visiting Brethren," acknowledged by Bro. Peter Stewart, of Scone Lodge, Perth; "Absent Brethren," "The Festival Committee," "The Chairman," "The Croupier," and "The Health of Bro. Middleton," Purveyor.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE COMMERCIAL**, No. 360.—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, No. 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 19th inst. Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., occupied the chair, Bro. J. M. J. Olliver, S.W.; Bro. T. Graham, acting J.W. There was also present, Bro. John Davidson, P.M.; Bro. J. E. Spiers, S.M.; Bro. W. H. Bickerton, Secretary, and many other members of the lodge. Among the visitors we noticed Bro. W. Shaw, R.W.M., Lodge Caledonian, No. 354; Bro. Wm. Wylie, R.W.M. Lodge St. Mary, No. 117; Bro. L. Moritz, and a deputation from Lodge Caledonian, 354. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, and the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. The lodge was raised to F.C., and Bros. W. Harrison and A. Martin were passed to that degree, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., officiating in his usual efficient manner. There being no other business the lodge was closed. The next regular meeting of this lodge will take place on Friday, 2nd April, in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow. (Business passing and raising). Visitors are cordially invited, and a full attendance of members requested.

Mark Masonry.

ROCHDALE.—**LODGE OF FAITH**, (No. 20).—The quarterly meeting of this M.M.M. lodge was held on Thursday, March 4th, and there was a numerous attendance of the brethren this being, the annual festival. The lodge was opened in due form at 6.15, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and put for confirmation and were unanimously carried. Bro. J. J. Smith of Naphthali Lodge having been proposed by letter, was balloted for and approved, he was then admitted and regularly advanced to the rank of a M.M.M., by P.M., William Davis. Bro. F. B. Ashworth having served the office of W.M., in the Craft in such a manner that the brethren unanimously elected him to the office of W.M., of this M.M.M.'s, lodge, and he was duly installed according to custom by W. Davis, P.M., supported by Bros. W. Roberts, P.M.; W. H. Prince, P.G.S.W.; C. W. Jones, P.M. The installation of the W.M., being finished the Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the brethren were admitted, and the W.M., appointed the following officers, Bros. J. Bell, S.W.; J. Partington, S.W.; R. Gorton, M.O.; J. Holt, S.O.; Richardson, S.O.; J. J. Smith, Chaplain; D. Mitchell, P.M., Treasurer; W. Briggs, Secretary; H. Chadwick, Reg. of M.; J. Burnish, S.D.; W. Davis, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; C. O'Dherty, J.D.; W. Schofield, I.G.; P.M., J. M. Taylor. After rendering the communications and receiving hearty good wishes from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Lancashire, and the Prov. Grand Lodge, West Yorkshire, also from Roberts Lodge, No. 24. The lodge was closed at eight p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was sumptuously provided by P.M. W. Ashworth. The W.M. took the chair and was well supported by his officers and brethren after the cloth was removed the M.W. proposed "The Health of the Queen." The W.M. next gave "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and the Members of the Royal Family." The W.M. next gave the W.M. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, and with it the M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Masons, the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale M. P.; W. W. Beach Esq. M. P. and the Rev. George Raymond, Portal, M. A. The next toast given was the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The W.M. gave the R. W. Provincial Grand Master for Lancashire—The S.W. gave Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy, P.G.M. The J. W. gave the rest of the P. G. Officers. The Health of the newly Installed Master was next proposed. The W.M. on rising, thanks the brethren very heartily for having once more placed him in the honourable position of W.M. and assured them that it would be his constant study to merit their esteem. The Health of the Installing Master was given and briefly responded to. The W.M. gave to all poor and distressed &c. and the brethren separated after having spent a very pleasant evening.

SOCIETATIS ROSICRUCIANÆ IN ANGLIA.

A meeting of the Rosicrucian United College of Manchester, Liverpool, and the Northern Counties was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, the 20th inst. There were present R. W. Frater C. Fitzgerald Matier, 19°; C. A. Frater J. Yarker, P.S.G. (F.C.O.); Fraters G. Turner, J. Wood, Entwistle, Brockbank, Robinson, Leather, Clark, Green, Petty, Hine, H. Nelson, Wilson, and others. The M.C. was opened at half-past four o'clock, and after confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held at Liverpool and ballot for aspirants the following were admitted to the grade of Zelator:—Bros. Joseph H. Woodworth, Ohanness Andreasian, R. Hardman Holt, and Thomas Wainman Holmes. Frater Yarker afterwards read a paper upon "The Egyptian Ritual of the Book of the Dead." He commenced by quoting the words of St. Matthew, "Out of Egypt have I called my Son," and drew from thence arguments favouring the divine nature of Jesus. He then showed the doubtful and uninspired nature of the biblical chronology, and the arguments upon which the antiquity of man was

founded, and the general derivation of all nations from the highlands of Central Asia. Frater Yarker passed from this to the cosmogonical theories of the Chinese, Babylonians, Egyptians, &c., and from thence to the doctrines of the "Book of the Dead," which he showed to embrace an antiquity of from 5,000 to 10,000 years, and to include all the salient points of the Christian faith. Quoting from this ancient source he showed the divine origin of man, the immortal nature of his soul, and the temptations to which he is subjected in the future state until justified by Hesiari the "meek-hearted," the primitive man soul, who gave His own blood that we might partake of His divine nature, the Chauratic father, brother, and spiritual judge, like all living souls "begotten by Ptah out of Neith," or the male and female primal source acted upon by Turn, the Polar rays through Saturn or Rhea—time and space. At length the Hesiari, A.B. (discard), is crowned as a faithful servant of the gods, who address him:—"Thy father Turn has bound Thee with this good crown of justification, with that living frontlet, beloved of the gods, thou livest for ever." After a short discussion, led by the R.W. Chief Adept, Frater Matier, a vote of thanks was carried to Frater Yarker by acclamation.

EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT, SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of Grand Council of the Early Grand Encampment was held on the 6th inst., at the Sun Inn, Kilmarnock, the M.N.G.A., Sir Knight Hodge, presiding. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Council proceeded with their usual business.

The Encampments were not so well represented at this meeting as they generally are. The Encampment of Muirkirk, which, to a certain extent, has seceded from the general body, and though notified to attend, did not put in their appearance. They, however, intimated by letter the cause of their absence. For certain reasons their expulsion from the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland was agreed upon.

The following motion, being proposed, seconded, and carried by acclamation, that, having considered the conduct of Muirkirk, and their pertinacity in retaining in their possession the paraphernalia, the property of Grand Encampment, their time having expired to their rightful use of the same; and although Grand Encampment, acting upon legal advice, could easily recover the same, they do not wish to bring the matter so far, as being quite inconsistent with our Masonic teachings, they have, however, resolved to expel from their body the Encampment of Muirkirk. The said Encampment of Muirkirk shall henceforth neither hold name or number in the records of the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland from this date.

This resolution of Grand Encampment was arrived at with much regret; better by far to have withstood the tyrannising and usurpation of Muirkirk, than be forced to adopt such stringent measures as this. The previous warnings of the Grand Encampment being set at naught, their willingness to accede to any honourable proposal, made by Muirkirk, and the many methods adopted to bring a happy termination to the matter being utterly futile, they have, with much sorrow, been forced to part from and expel the Encampment of Muirkirk.

A petition, praying for a charter of erection in Airdrie, was presented, and having met with approval, will be granted in the usual way.

The Most Noble Commander informed the Sir Knights that Grand Encampment was in communication with various places in Scotland, desirous of erecting Encampments under the sanction of the E.G., and in all likelihood, petitions from several parts of the country would be presented at next quarterly communication of Grand Council. This enterprising spirit on the part of our brethren proves that our labours are not neglected, and our Order, in receiving such an unexpected impetus, augurs well for the future prosperity of the Early Grand Encampment.

The sentinels, being withdrawn from their posts, the Grand Encampment was duly closed.

Original Correspondence.

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

INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AS M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a W.M., I wish to attend the installation of His Royal Highness, and have noticed the agitation as regards the dress to be worn on that occasion. I am not rich, but wish to carry out the principles of Masonry to the best of my ability. I intended to become a life subscriber to the Boys' School, but if I must buy a dress coat for that occasion, and possibly never want it again, it will deprive the charity of that amount which is so much wanted. Is not the idea absurd?

Yours fraternally,

J.H.

[The worthy brother must see that there must be some regulation on the subject. He had better wait to see it, before he complains.—Ed.]

COMMEMORATION JEWEL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Up to the present time, I have heard no suggestions as to the jewel to be struck for this occasion; doubtless it will have due attention, as to style and size. Nevertheless, I venture to offer an opinion, that it should be a solid gold circular medal, with bust of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. on the obverse, and a suitable inscription on the reverse, suspended by a ribbon of Craft blue with edges of Grand Lodge purple forming three stripes. In such a

medal there would be no pretension, no failure of design (such as we have too often to lament in Masonic decorations) and yet it would be an ornament which any Mason could display with pleasure and pride. It need not be larger than between the size of a shilling and florin, nor thicker than a sovereign, so there would be no difficulty in supplying a thoroughly well struck medal, in good quality gold, at the proposed price. Another point I would notice as to the Craft blue collar, required to be worn in Grand Lodge. In the case of Prov. Grand Officers who attend Grand Lodge, this collar is usually worn over the purple collar, with the provincial purple and gold apron, the effect of which is too well known to need remark. It is to be hoped upon this occasion this requirement will not be insisted on, and so the effect for large numbers of brethren in purple and gold will not be marred.

I am, sir, yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M. AND A PROV. G. OFFICER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hope the suggestion of your correspondent of last week will be carried out, viz.: that an Albert Edward Commemorative Jewel will be struck, and which said jewel may be permitted to be worn by the whole Craft who are "Master Masons" on the date of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, this being an event which will only happen once in a lifetime, and all know the universal satisfaction that was felt throughout the Craft when it was announced that the heir to the throne of England would accept the Grand Mastership of the Masonic Order.

I would suggest that the jewel, of whatever device it may be, should embrace the "Prince of Wales' Feathers," in honour of His Royal Highness. That it should be made of "gold," and also in "silver gilt," so as to come within the means of all, and to be applied for by the brethren through the Masters of their own lodges.

Hundreds of Masons would apply for this jewel, and a moiety of the price of each one sold could be set aside and applied to a fund to be equally divided between the three charities after they were all disposed of.

Yours fraternally,

D. H. A.

THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to a letter of "An Old P.M." in your edition of March the 6th. I think it would have been better, in the first place, if "An Old P.M." had written to the W.M. or Secretary of the Apollo Lodge, to know if the report was correct. The report was not sent up by the W.M. or any person authorised by the lodge to send it, and though in the main correct, it was a very short report, and in the particular noticed by your correspondent was not accurate; a dispensation to initiate more than five candidates at one time was and is always obtained and read, and the lodge was closed in the usual way, viz., "in due form and order with solemn prayer and adjourned." The statement that it was closed in "ample form," was probably made for brevity's sake, but it is inapplicable and inaccurate.

I am, sir, yours fraternally,

FRED. MORRELL, I.Y.M. 357, P.S.G.W. Oxon. Black Hall, Oxford, March 17th, 1875.

THE ENSUING ELECTIONS OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have just received the voting papers and description of the candidates for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys, London, and have made the following scrutiny of their contents.

For the girls there are 31 candidates for 13 vacancies, one of whom had applied twice before, and five once, the remaining 18 being their first application; 26 of the candidates are fatherless, two, the parents are both dead, one is motherless, and the parents of two are both living.

The fathers of the candidates have on an average subscribed to the Grand Lodge (or their lodge) for nine years, but one had only been a member for one year, another not three years, and 17 for less than the average of nine years.

The subscriptions, then, of the average nine years' members, with their initiation fees would cover the cost of the maintenance of the candidates if all were elected for about six months!

Of the 31 brethren whose daughters are now candidates for the R.M.I. for Girls only two were subscribers to the Masonic charities, Bro. Richard Phillips being a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and the lamented Bro. Jesse F. Owens having served six stewardships and contributed to each. Four are said to have subscribed through their lodges, whatever that may mean, but except such an equivocal form of contribution, 29 of the brethren out of 31 have never subscribed to either of the institutions, and the majority appear to have been of little use to the fraternity else.

For the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys there are 48 candidates for eight vacancies, 20 applying for the first time, 11 once before, 10 twice before, two the third time, two for the fourth time, two for the sixth time, and one for the seventh time.

40 of the candidates are fatherless, 6 have lost both of their parents, and two have their parents still alive.

The fathers of 45 of the candidates have contributed to their lodges on an average for 8½ years, but only six out of the 48 have subscribed to either of the Masonic charities.

The average contributions and initiation fees of the brethren whose sons are candidates for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would be sufficient to maintain the 48 candidates for about four months, or in other words each

brother in question during his life-time—excepting the few who subscribed to the Masonic charities—contributed sufficient to his lodge to support his son in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—for education, clothing, &c., for about four months, and in all probability not a hundredth part even of his subscription reached the institution in question.

Of course it should be remembered that several of the brethren contributed to their lodges until their decease, but the facts remain unaltered that out of 79 candidates for 21 vacancies in the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys the fathers of only eight of the children subscribed to either of the Masonic charities during their lifetime, or presumed prosperity, and their average subscriptions and fees together contributed to their lodges for all purposes would scarcely pay for the maintenance of one of each of their children at either of the institutions for six months.

W. JAMES HUGHAN.

THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me a few words on this vexatious question? I write, with all due respect to older and wiser Masons, and with no wish to reopen the subject if now at rest.

Let us take it as follows, A. B. and C. pass the chair of K.S. respectively, A. and C. in, say the year 1850, B. in 1852. A. and B. belong to one lodge, say No. 1, C. to another, say No. 1000. These several brethren having passed the chair and received the benefits thereof, are for life Past Masters or Installed Masters (quocumque nomine vocantur).

A., from private or unforeseen causes, ceases to be a subscriber to his lodge, therefore losing right of speaking and voting (membership) in Grand Lodge (vide constitutions) and his own lodge. B., his successor as senior Past Master in his own lodge, still subscribes. Likewise, C., his own equal in standing in the other lodge, to said other lodge. What is A.'s position?

A., having taken the rank of Past Master, and received the benefits thereof, is a Past Master for life, only by the Constitutions he is unable to speak or vote in Grand Lodge until he has again passed the chair of K.S.: or in his own lodge till he has re-joined. In Grand Lodge, the governing body of the Craft, A., having now again qualified by passing the chair, takes his seat again; from which date therefore does his rank count? Be it remembered he has not taken the degree again, but simply passed the chair a second time to qualify for membership.

But now, in his position in his own lodge, A., in re-joining, re-acquires the power to vote and speak; he is no longer senior Past Master of said lodge, B. occupying that position as successor to A., but in the Craft at large, A. ranks as the senior, equal in fact to C., if he be visiting said lodge No. 1.

A. becomes in fact in Lodge No. 1, a co-equal Past Master, as to status with C., as a visiting brother, and has by courtesy, precedence, according to standing in the Craft, but as to visiting power or personal status in the lodge B., his successor, still remains senior Past Master.

A. is a Past Master (according to date of receiving the degree) for ever, but on taking the chair (a second time after default) in his own lodge, he ranks in that lodge (quā that lodge) only in the same position as if he had just received the degree. Courtesy precedence only can be given him, as if he was a senior Past Master of another lodge, visiting!

Having given my ideas without wishing to raise a controversy, I leave the matter in the hands of wiser and clearer heads than my own.

I am, sir and brother, yours fraternally,

A.P.M.

MR. BRADLAUGH AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can say a word or two in regard to this question, and I express the hope that our brethren will in prudence do no more than set our brethren in different parts of the world on their guard against this coward and intruder, for your space and our time are too valuable to be wasted over "Iconoclast."

A few years ago my professional duties threw me into the company of a Frenchman who wore a Masonic jewel. I tested him in every possible way, but he knew none of our signs at all, so I challenged him with making a show of being that which he was not. He declared that he was a Mason, and I asked him of what lodge. His answer was the name of one—which I forget—held at the Eclectic Institute, a democratic meeting-house used by Irish and foreigners of the agitating classes, and he gave the name of Bradlaugh as the "Venerable." I had the pocket-book with me and searched for the name in vain among the list of lodges—else I might have been temporarily deceived. I told him then that there was no such lodge, and that, moreover, Bradlaugh could not be a Mason, for it was well known that Masons were obligated in some form or the other, taking pledges of faith, and how, I asked him, could an atheist be bound in faith to his fellows?

The answer shows the idolatry of these impious men. It was that the brethren were "obligated" to the "Goddess of Reason." The men who deny God bind themselves to an unknown "Goddess!" He declared too, and our Grand Lodge ought to inquire how far it is true, that this precious assemblage of idolatrous atheists is recognised by the Grand Orient of France. I do not believe it. I know from my experience abroad, that foreign Masons are very chary of letting even proved Masons see their "working" of the ceremonies, and I expect that all Bradlaugh has been admitted to in America has been to a gathering like his own—children of the "Goddess of Reason."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DEUX ETOILES.

THE GLASGOW ST. MUNGO LODGE, NO. 27, AND ITS PARENT LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your elaborate and well-arranged reports of the Scottish lodges, I see an account of the 46th anniversary of the Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27. In that account I observe the R.W.M. stating that—"The history of their parent lodge was very ancient, dating as far back distinctly as the days of Michael Canmore, A.D. 1068, more than 800 years ago." Now I have for some years back taken an interest in the rise of Freemasonry in Glasgow, and I confess that if Bro. Butler can really "distinctly" prove his assertion, he will have added something to our knowledge of the history of Freemasonry in Glasgow. Four years ago I was authorised by the St. Mungo Lodge to examine its old minute books, which I did, but I know of nothing in them to support Bro. Butler's statement, but the very opposite.

I would therefore request him either to back up his statement by informing us upon what foundation he makes it, or, if he cannot do that, let him apologise for making it, and never make it again. I consider he has simply been misled in the matter.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you lend the brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, your assistance in putting the members of the Craft generally on their guard against relieving a man who is travelling through the country asking alms, he gives his name "F. G. Risse," and represents himself as being a member of this lodge.

He is not, and never was, on the roll of St. Peter's, but letters of enquiry are constantly reaching us from all parts of England, and, unfortunately, in many cases, assistance has been rendered him before the truth of his story has been ascertained.

The man is nothing more or less than an impostor, and it is expressly the wish of the brethren of this lodge, that after this caution, members of the Craft will not assist him in what is really a system of "obtaining money under false pretences."

The man is about 60 years of age, height about 5 feet 10 inches, hair grey, has a slight limp in his walk, and speaks with a foreign accent.

Brethren in distress ought never to be relieved unless their certificate is produced.

I am, dear sir, very fraternally yours,

W. DIXEY, Secretary.

Poetry.

28TH APRIL, 1875.

All hail to England's hope—heir to the British Crown,
The Free-Masonic Chief, who dared Rome's deadly frown;
Who, spite of Peter's curse—regardless of the fray—
Accepted our defence, our Battle fights to-day!

The insult "Pio mad" with bitter hatred hurl'd,
(As though his "single will" were Master to the World),
Gallant Albert Edward, like our good king of old,
Resents with scorn and swears—like him, good, true, and bold,—

That no Italian priest, in self-made thunders clad,
On England's soil shall rule! It must be very sad,
(Oh, pardon, Pope, the rub), for imbeciles to see,
How Albert Edward treats,—Infallibility!

'Tis done! Our Mason's chief, is this day crown'd with love.

With truth his brow is deck'd,—the truth of Him above!
This truth,—Masonic Truth,—poor Pio never knew,
He ne'er had this, and that is why he hates the "Blue."

We've had for ages past, to bear with much from him,
Who now proclaims aloud, that Masonry is sin!
Yet, true and faithful to Masonic rules and laws,
We have but pitied those who've tried to crush our cause.

May Pius get some sense, and judge of what we learn
By our own acts, and see if he can find the germ
Of aught that's bad in those. We're taught, on broadest grounds,
To love our neighbour with the love that knows no bounds.

E'en then for him, we let no curse rise aloft,
But e'en for him, we wish but blessings sweet and soft;
Yet heed he must that voice now ringing through the land,

"God bless our noble Prince, chief of our Holy Band!"

Wm. WIGGINTON,

W.M. 1503; P.M. 902 and 1298;
P. Prov. G. D. C. Worcestershire.

INSTRUCTION.—The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be worked by Bro. James Terry, P.Prov. G. D. C. Herts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, held at the Southwark Park Tavern, on Wednesday, March 31st.

"THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST."—If this doctrine be true, it is imperative for us to keep our bodily health at the highest possible standard, so as to render ourselves efficient for the performance of the arduous duties which are the lot of most of us, otherwise we fall back in the struggle and perhaps succumb to some trifling disease. The purifying and strengthening properties of Holloway's remedies are undoubted and no one should be without them; they cleanse the blood from impurities, invigorate the nervous system, and impart tonic to the unstrung fibre. By their judicious use mental depression is replaced by a genial flow of spirits and the whole system invigorated. Mankind has reason to be thankful for their invention.—ADVT.

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The following communications stand over: Letters from "A Friend in Need," and John Boyd, P.M.

"Testimonial to Bro. Sir Michael Costa," unavoidably kept back until next week.

Reports of Lodges 118, 1096, 1129, 1138, and 1205.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1875.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

The announcement we made last week, on authority, that the arrangements for the installation are under the direction and management of Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods and Thomas Fenn, is one calculated to afford unqualified approval to the entire Order. The main arrangements are in the care of Sir Albert W. Woods, so long our Grand Director of Ceremonies, while the direction of the accommodation for the seating of the large number expected to attend could not possibly be more appropriately confided than to Bro. Thomas Fenn. We feel sure that all that skill can effect and thoughtfulness contrive will be effected and contrived by those two distinguished brethren. It is a feature in Freemasonry that duties, which, at ordinary public meetings, are fulfilled by paid officials, are on occasions like the present discharged by the members themselves. The number of Masons volunteering their services as Stewards on this occasion for such duties is very large, including many Grand Officers and other Masons of high standing, all willing to undertake any duty which may be assigned to them. The provinces have been invited to send also a prescribed number of Stewards—and they will, no doubt, have appropriate work found for them. It is, however, obvious that the greater part of the real work must fall upon the London brethren, who are alone in a position to attend meetings at the shortest notice, and who will no doubt have several preparatory assemblies to attend. The details of the arrangements have not, we believe, been finally approved of, so as to be published with authority, but we are informed that from the fairness and clearness by which they are specially marked they are calculated to give

general satisfaction. The executive are evidently exercising an earnest desire to meet, so far as is practicable, the wishes of the brethren and the loyal anxiety of the Craft. As we pointed out a fortnight ago, the seats of the Albert Hall being arranged in the form of an amphitheatre a view of the whole proceedings can be obtained from every seat. The advantage of this form of building on the present occasion will be this, that no one seat can be better than another. Under these circumstances the arrangements can, if thought necessary, be made with a regard to colour and effect, and no brother need be or can be dissatisfied, who is asked to change his seat with this object. We hope to give more detailed information next week.

MR. CHARLES BRADLAUGH.

It seems, from what has appeared in our columns, that this well-known person, who has been attending one or more meetings of Freemasons in the United States, is not a regularly made Freemason under the English Constitution at all, nor indeed under any regular constitution at all. According to his own account, he was made in the Loge des Philadelphes, 9th March, 1859, a spurious political and unrecognized Order, and he adds that he was received in the Loge de la Perseverante Amitié, Grand Orient of France, 11th March, 1862. We, however, can find no such lodge under the Grand Orient. Mr. Bradlaugh was, it appears, admitted a joining member of the High Cross Lodge, Tottenham, 754, after some discussion, to which he modestly alludes, on his anti-theological opinions, a somewhat curious expression, though he does not state in what year. He only, however, subscribed one year. Upon the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, Mr. Bradlaugh returned his certificate to our good Bro. Hervey, cancelled. At the time, then, of Mr. Bradlaugh's visit to America, he was unaffiliated to any lodge, and more than this, he was not, in our opinion, legitimately a Freemason at all. In his original initiation he was radically wrong, and nothing but a member of a spurious fraternity. If the Loge de la Perseverante Amitié be a regular lodge under the Grand Orient, even his reception there does not do away with his original vicious admission, and at the time he joined the High Cross Lodge, Tottenham, he was, as far as we understand his own position, ipso facto, ineligible, being made in an illegal and unwarranted lodge. Mr. Bradlaugh complacently tells us that he was an avowed atheist then, as at all times, and that the fact was known to the brethren of the High Cross Lodge. We feel bound, therefore, with these facts before us, to ask for a little explanation. How did Mr. Bradlaugh get into the High Cross Lodge? At the time he was admitted, how did they know that he was a Freemason? We must all of us greatly deplore the laxity manifested by that lodge. Here is a person of known atheistical opinions, made in a spurious political lodge, mixed up with revolutionary proclivities, admitted into a respectable English lodge. Even on Mr. Bradlaugh's own showing there was a taint on his original admission which, as far as Freemasonry is concerned, is in itself fatal to his joining an English lodge. But what is La Perseverante Amitié? Is it under the Grand Orient of France, or is it under the Rite Ecossaise, or the so-called "Rite of Misraim"? What certificate had he when visiting the American lodges? Answers to these questions will serve to make the matter more clear, though enough has been said and put forward to prove, that Mr. Bradlaugh has no right to call himself a Freemason, or to claim the privileges of Freemasonry. We hope that the members of the High Cross Lodge can give some satisfactory explanation of a most anomalous and unprecedented proceeding.

OUR LODGE MEETINGS.

We alluded, in our last issue, to the lodge meetings of other days. We propose to call attention now to the meetings of our lodges "de mense in mensem." We have no right or warrant for believing that there is much difference in the general routine, though we have heard

that some of our younger W. Masters and Past Masters are not so well up and attached to our purely oral ceremonies as we used to be. Otherwise we presume that there is little difference. The same round of customary work goes on there, the same old familiar ritual, with all its beauties is performed, and their business being over, the brethren adjourn to refreshment. Whatever may have been the want of memory or want of interest previously, we fancy no one need complain of the attendance of the majority of the brethren at this mysterious and agreeable degree. The symbols suggest a good deal to the thoughtful mind. Curiously enough it is the only degree which all are equally willing to take part in, and it is one which seems to commend itself to the objectiveness and subjectiveness, to use some fine modern words, of us all alike, old or young, neophyte or veteran. And no doubt, just as of yore, our lodge meetings are still very pleasant. They are meetings, for the most part, of good men and true, honest fellows and loyal friends. For a little hour the conventionalities and conflicts of the outer world are at an end, we breathe an atmosphere of moral freedom, we live in a land of harmony and geniality where all these things are forgotten. What matters to us, as Freemasons, the quarrels of mankind, the controversies of theologians, the insane disputes of the "big-endians" and the "little-endians." We are brethren, we are friends, we are happy, and we are contented. Life has few rosier hours for any of us harassed mortals, than those which, within the peaceful portals of a Freemason's lodge, have made us a "band of brothers." Long may it be so! and still, as time moves on, and years fade, though our goodly gatherings grow less numerous, may we, as Freemasons, united in the sacred bonds of a friendship which never wavers, an interest which never grows selfish, a brotherhood which never decays, find many of the happiest moments of our little lives, in that good old lodge of ours, with which are stored up all the gracious memories of our Masonic career. But it has been said that "sameness tires," and that the "chilling influence of routine diminishes interest, and weakens satisfaction." It may be so, and therefore we have thought well to add one or two further suggestions for those who now mainly direct the course of our lodges. Could not something be done to arouse a little intellectual activity in the lodges? Would not a series of lectures, or of conversaciones, in which the artistic, or scientific, or archaeological, or mystical aspect of Freemasonry is set forth, serve to animate any flagging interest, or to stimulate waning activity? Indeed, we do not see why our sisters should not be pressed now and then into the service of our gallant Craft. They have, we know, the best of intentions; they are endowed with the warmest of hearts; and were we but to ask them now and then to grace our gatherings, and shed a lustre on our secluded halls, we should, we are bold to think, make our Order more generally popular amongst the fairer sex than it is. For the most part they are apt to regard us with a mingled feeling of doubt, suspicion, and fear. They hear queer stories; their "lords and masters" are sometimes late. Bro. Thomas and Bro. Partington have on more than one occasion not re-appeared at the deserted domestic shrine until the "wee sma' hours," and both Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Partington have blamed Freemasonry of course. Now we would say to our readers, give up late sittings and go home early. But "en revanche," every now and then, invite the partners of your joys and your heart, present and future sisters, to a little Masonic "swarry," to a cup of tea, to a pleasant re-union. Once within the mysterious locale, once feeling themselves permitted to lift, if even but a corner of the veil, over the shrouded "Isis," they will begin to feel quite "Masozic." Of course such a luxury must not be indulged in too often, as, dear creatures as they are, good and true, they are still descendants of mother Eve, and always like to know as much as they can. But every now and then, once or twice a year, as an occasional "fillip" to the W.M., and the officers, and the brethren, after the long routine of lodge labours, we can think of no better or pleasanter contrast, than the beaming faces and silvery voices of those who still continue to make an Eden of this world of ours, for toiling, and contentious, and ungrateful man.

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

At the next election, April 10th, out of 31 candidates, 13 are to be elected. The candidates come mostly from the provinces. There are nine London candidates; three from Devonshire and Middlesex each; two from Staffordshire, Suffolk and Lincolnshire; and one each from South Wales, Hants, Monmouthshire, South Africa, Kent, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Durham and Antigua. No words of ours are needed to prove the universality alike of the wants of our Order, and the benefits to the recipients. There is no institution in the land which can surpass the Girls' School, either in the perfection of its adaptability as a means to an end, just as there is no educational establishment we know of, comparable to it, in its good order and efficiency, in the home character it imparts, and the practical education which it gives. We wish Bro. Little, heartily, all success.

MASONIC BORES.

Most of us know what a "bore" is. We are privileged to have one in our families and circle of friends who is always the "enfant terrible" of domestic life. He is always in the way, always says something he ought not to say, always does something he ought not to do; he frightens the old, he fidgets the young by his irrepressible garrulity, and his hopeless "betise." But there he is, we avoid him, we are afraid of him, we complain of him, but we cannot get rid of him, so we shrug our shoulders and resign ourselves through life to that terrible infliction the bore "par excellence." And as Freemasonry is a counterpart of worldly struggles and domestic life in some respects, we are not without that interesting individual, even in our more sheltered and select assemblies. Alas! who of us does not know well the Masonic bore? We hear him—nay, we see him now. Loud in tone, noisy in utterance, loquacious and cheeky, self-opinionated, and of intense importance, the brassy tones of that grating voice vibrate still on our acute if suffering ears. He is always to the fore; go where you will, you meet him, always ready for the banquet, always full of self assurance. He is ever positive and ever wrong. You never hear him say anything which does not work back upon himself, you never know him do anything out of mere love for Masonry. We have met this awful character under various forms and in different scenes, but he is always consistent in praising himself, and even when he spouts Masonry in making his platitudes and his volubility minister to himself, and himself alone. We make allowances for the earnest advocate for some good cause, betrayed by human infirmity into an occasional "lapsus linguae," we sympathise with the able lecturer who now and then precipitates himself on the horn of a dilemma, through the impetuosity and impulsiveness of his psychological formation. But what can we say for a Freemason who bores us on every occasion, who will speak when an abler man is present, to whom all are willing to listen, who will give us his dreary iterations and his commonplace verbosity, when we wish to gain mental illumination from one of the lights of Masonry? He is a dreadful infliction, the Masonic bore, and many of our lodges are suffering from his presence and his patronage. We shall some of us remember how Brown, Jones, and Robinson, in their continental tour met and dodged the bore on the "glorious Rhine" and amid the ruins, of Heidelberg; the terror with which his presence impressed them, and the happy manner in which a good genius rescued them from his clutches in the pleasant town of Frankfurt-on-the-Maine. We fear that no such good luck is in store for us Freemasons. The bore exists; the bore talks; the bore holds forth; the bore lays down the law; the bore has got a tongue; the bore knows "what's what," and the bore "won't be put upon;" and many a happy gathering, and many a cheery fraternity, are overpowered by his mournful eloquence. "O, fortunati nimum," we say to all who are yet free from this pernicious parasite on the good old tree of Freemasonry. May you never know, and may you never ex-

perience, what it is to be bored hopelessly by "eccentric assumptions" as Mr. Disraeli says, by pretentious ignorance, and by unabashed audacity.

FOREIGN FREEMASONS AND THE INSTALLATION

In answer to numerous enquiries, we print a copy of the official reply to all such applicants.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 22nd March, 1875.

"Sir and Brother,—I regret to have to inform you that the applications for admission to the Royal Albert Hall from brethren who are subscribing members of lodges under the English Constitution, are so numerous as to render it impossible to comply with your request to be present on the occasion.

"Yours fraternally, "JOHN HERVEY, G.S."

DRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

The following circular has been sent to querists on this important point:—

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., March, 1875.

"Sir and Brother,—Application for Tickets to attend the Installation Ceremony at the Albert Hall, on Wednesday, the 28th April next, or for any information on the subject, must be made to the W. Master or Secretary of the Lodge of which you are a member. Full particulars and instructions have been forwarded to the W.M. of every Lodge. No Brother who is not a Subscribing Member of a Lodge under the English constitution is eligible for admission to the Hall on the occasion. Full directions as to Dress and other matters will appear on the Tickets, which will probably be issued about the second week in April. The banquet at Freemasons' Hall is under the sole control of the Grand Stewards of the year, to whom application must be made for Tickets. The name and address of the Secretary to the Board of Grand Stewards is—J. E. MIDDLETON, Esq., 37, Ludgate-hill, London, E.C.

"Yours fraternally, "JOHN HERVEY, G.S."

"To Bro. ——— Lodge No. ———"

We believe that the matter will be finally decided this week, and we hope to announce the actual regulations on the subject next week.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426.)

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT TO THE LORD MAYOR AND SHERIFFS OF LONDON.

One of the most splendid Masonic entertainments ever witnessed in the City of London, was given on Saturday last, by this young but pre-eminently famous lodge, at the City Terminus Hotel. Having closed their year of labour, on the previous Saturday, and elected a new Worshipful Master for Installation in October, the brethren resolved to hold an emergency meeting for the initiation of some gentlemen into the Order, and for a Grand entertainment to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and other civic dignitaries, as well as a large company of visitors, Officers of Grand Lodge and others. The meeting was arranged to take place on Saturday last, and every endeavour was made by the W.M. and his officers to make the event a complete success. In this they were not disappointed, for as a reward of all their labours, the entertainment was pronounced by every one who was fortunate enough to take part in it, unexceptionable. The lodge was summoned for four o'clock in the afternoon, and long before that time had arrived, the brethren began to assemble in great numbers. Lodge was not, however, opened at that hour, the brethren coming in very fast about that time, and as all of them had to sign before entering the lodge, an operation which took a long time, for their convenience, as an opportunity was given to every one to see the lodge work, the opening of the lodge was delayed till half past four. The officers of the lodge were most assiduous in the discharge of their duties, and those, of director of ceremonies, which were exceedingly onerous on this occasion were most ably discharged by Bro. T. Preston, the Director of Ceremonies for the year. Lodge was opened by Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, W.M., with the assistance of his officers, Bros. Townend, S. W.; and W.M. Elect; Seex, J. W.; James Stevens, I. P. M.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; Edward Moody, Secretary; Freeman, Treasurer; Stanway, S.D.; Blackie, J.D.; Catchpole, I.G.; Taylor, S. Steward; Hamer, Junior Steward; Bro. T. Preston, D.C., and the other brethren present. The company during the evening numbered over 180, and among these were Bros. N. B. Headon, W.M.; J. H. Townend, S.W.; J. Seex, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; J. Stevens, I.P.M.; J. Freeman, Treas.; Edwd. Moody, Sec.; T. Stanway, S.D.; G. W. Blackie, J.D.; Thos. Preston, D.C.; W. H. Hook, Org.; W. H. Catchpole, I.G.; T. Hamer, S.S.; C. Taylor, J.S.; F. T. C. Keeble, F. W. Potter, R. Hooker, J. Hancock, T. W. Headon, Hooper, Kibble, R. H. Townend, Portway, Hannaford, Bowen, J. Hervey, G. Sec; Fendick, Tompkins, Skinner, Roberts, Stamp, Moore, Davis, Phillips, Hicks. J. Thompson, F. T. Davis, A. T. Rolfe, E. Girdham, R. T. Measures, R. White, G. Page, J. R. Colmer, Jackson, C. W. C. Hutton, J.G. Deacon; T. Robinson, Dulan, H. Thompson, P.M.; Baber, Burrows, Hartley, C. Stuart Barker, jun., Jenkins, Archer, Bumpus, Browne, Boulton, Stanley Elliot, Macqueen, J. H. Gray, L. Lewis, E. Crickmay, W. Muddleton, J. Tullidge, D. H. Stone, Lord Mayor; Farmer, McNiven, Durrant. Visitors: Collings, 22; Heald, 163; Thos. Ford, Riffe Lodge, Edinburgh; Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M., Middlesex; S. Tomkins, G. Treas.; Sir J. Bennett, 1; J. W. Ellis, Alderman and Sheriff, No. 1; Die, 1421; J. Saunders, P.G.D.; Noehmer, 186; Mann, 144; Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, P.G.D.C. Hertfordshire; R. W. Little, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; F. Binckes, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for

Boys, P.G.S.; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas. Middlesex; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; J. Dixon, P.M., 73; J. Savage, P.G.D.; Sir Albert Woods, Garter, G.D.C.; Thomas. Fenn, A.G.D.C.; J. C. Parkinson, J.G.D. D.P.G.M., Middlesex; J. A. Rucker, S.G.D.; E. M. Haigh, P.M. 29, P.G.S.; T. Meggy, P.M. 21, P.G.S.; J. D. Gay, 766; Medwin, 192; Swallow, I.P.M. 382; Trott, P.M. 192; Poore, P.M. 720; Luff, W.M. 622; J. L. Thomas, P.M. 142; Boon, 1306; C. Bennett, P.M. 25; Massey, P.M. 619; Geo. Payne, W.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1; Kew, S.S. 144; Tallent, P.M. 186; While, W.M. 228; Styan, Treas. 1216; Egginton, 1101; Stagg, 192; Basham, 144; J. B. Monckton, Pres. B. Gen. Purposes, P.G.D.; J. Taylor, 584; W. Sharp, 463; W. Pitt, 463; W. J. Farmer, 463; O. Roberts, P.M. 188; D. R. Still, P.M. 1293; H. Brenchley; J. Tugwell; J. H. Cambridge, 15; C. Stuart Barker, sen., 19; Dr. Pinder, P.M. 7; J. Oliver, W.M. 1328; R. N. Field, W.M. 902; George Abbott, P.M. 192; C. Daniel, J.D. 65; Partridge, 1445; Leveron, P.M. 655; Kempster, P.M. 245; Walker, S.D. 27; Mardon, 205; Woodward, 376; Thompson, 1329; Lyon; J. Allen, W.M. elect 1297; J. Constable, P.M., 185; Jacob Norton, of Boston, U.S.A.; Woodruff, W.M., 1206; Devenish, 172; George Kenning, P.M. 192, P.G. Deacon Middlesex; J. Crawford, P.M.; Shearing; W. Allen, 1471; Light, 959; Hogg, 58; Galpin, 1515; Glover, 778; Middleton, W.M., 29; Larham, J.W., 1216; Whitaker, 765. Letters of apology and regret for absence were received from Lord Tenterden, P.G.S.W.; Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.S.W.; E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg; Sir. F. Wyatt Truscott, W. S. Gover, No. 1; J. Symonds, P.G.D., and Sheriff Shaw.

After the opening of the lodge Messrs. H. Durrant, D. McNiven and W. H. Farmer were initiated, the work being performed by the W.M. and his officers in a style which elicited the warmest approval of all the brethren present. From the date of the constitution of the lodge, May 3rd, 1873, down to the present time, the lodge has been celebrated for the excellence of the working of its Worshipful Master and Officers, and on Saturday last no exception was made to the rule, for in all particulars the lodge working was perfection: Nothing was omitted which could give impressiveness to the ceremony; and an excellent organ accompaniment by Bro. W. H. Hook, the Organist of the lodge, greatly assisted the proceedings.

When the ceremony was completed the Lord Mayor was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge, on the motion of the Master, seconded by the Master Elect. For this compliment his lordship returned thanks, and said that he looked on membership of this lodge as a very great honour, and added that it would give him great pleasure to see the Great City Lodge the foremost lodge in the City of London. There was no further Masonic business before the lodge, and it was then closed, and the company adjourned to the great hall, where a sumptuous banquet was spread, and where the walls were decorated with a fine display of the flags of different nations. The Worshipful Master presided, having the Lord Mayor on his right hand, and Bro. James Stevens, the Immediate Past Master of the lodge, on his left. During the progress of the dinner the band of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Mr. Dan Godfrey, played a selection of beautiful music. At the clearing of the cloth grace was sung by Bros. Hodges, G. T. Carter, and Chaplin Henry, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Hook, with Bro. C. Warwick Jordan at the piano. The toasts were then proposed and honoured.

The W.M. in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that as time was fast advancing, all the speeches would be very brief; but this was a toast that there was no need to expatiate upon, for all he would say would only amount to what the brethren already knew, and felt in their hearts. He would not attempt to extol the virtues and excellencies of Her Majesty further than to say that she was a pattern to all her sex, and an example to all her subjects.

The W.M. then said it was with the sincerest pleasure and gratification that he proposed the next toast, "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons." He had the privilege of being present in the Grand Lodge as one of the representatives of the Great City Lodge on the 3rd inst., at the election of His Royal Highness, and when he was proclaimed M.W.G.M. in the presence of one of the largest assemblies of Masons that had ever been known. He was gratified and delighted beyond measure to hear the applause which followed the announcement, and to-night they would re-echo that applause, and so endorse all that was done at last Grand Lodge. They were all on the tip-toe of expectation with regard to the ceremony of installation, which would be performed on the 28th April, and he believed it would be one of the greatest ceremonies that had yet taken place in Freemasonry. There would be a greater assemblage of Freemasons at that meeting than had ever been gathered at the installation of a Grand Master, and he (the W.M.) hoped, as the representative of the Great City Lodge, to be there.

The W.M., in giving the next toast, "The Pro Grand Master—the Earl of Carnarvon," said it would ill-become him, in the presence of so many Grand Officers, to attempt to eulogise their Pro Grand Master, whose great abilities and administrative talents were so well known and fully recognised throughout the Craft. It was a matter for the highest congratulation that they had such an efficient and distinguished Pro Grand Master, than whom there was no member of the Order more respected or highly esteemed. In his recent sad bereavement he had the deepest sympathy, not only of every member of the Great City Lodge, but of the Craft.

Col. Burdett, in responding to the toast, said he thanked the W.M. very much for the kind and flattering way in which he had put before the brethren the virtues of the Pro Grand Master. All would agree with him that it re-

quired a better member of the Order than he (Col. Burdett) to reply properly to this toast. (No, no.) He felt that he did not do it as he ought, but it was a great pleasure to him, nevertheless, to have to respond to such a toast in the presence of perhaps the largest assemblage of Freemasons in a private lodge that had ever met together. He would not trespass on the time of the brethren by dilating on the virtues, high qualities, and excellences with which the Pro Grand Master adorned his position, but would confine himself simply to thanking the brethren for the way in which the toast had been proposed and drunk.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and reminded the brethren of the cheerfulness and readiness with which all the Grand Officers performed the very important duties which devolved upon them. Composed as the Great City Lodge was of business men, and situated as it was in the midst of a great hive of industry, they could appreciate the exertions of hard-working men. At the present time competition was so great that everything was conducted at express speed, and therefore the Grand Officers' duties were the more arduous that they had to be discharged in time which was snatched from other engagements. The Grand Officers made great sacrifices for the Craft, and the brethren who were present, he was sure, would be glad to have this opportunity of acknowledging their sense of the benefits conferred by the Grand Officers. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, L.L.D., Past Grand Chaplain, replied, and thanked the lodge on behalf of himself, and all the past and present Grand Officers whether at the table, or dispersed throughout the kingdom. Whilst doing so, he thanked the brethren also most heartily for the privilege accorded to him and the other Grand Officers around for being allowed to see so good an assemblage. But more he congratulated the lodge and the Craft generally on the admirable working which they had all witnessed that evening. It was of the highest character, and offered a pattern to the lodges throughout the metropolis. He was not disposed to flatter, but, as almost the father of the Grand Officers of England, having been connected with Grand Lodge for nearly 30 years as a Grand Officer and Past Grand Officer, and in that character having visited many lodges, both in the metropolis and the provinces, he could say, without fear of contradiction, that he had never in the whole of his Masonic career witnessed the initiation of brethren with so much pleasure and delight as he had that evening. But he must not forget that he had to respond for the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers, and he hoped he would not be considered as travelling out of the record when he said that it was also a pleasure to find the principles of the order so well enunciated as they had been that night by the Worshipful Master. It was a matter of immense importance that they should be then assembled in the City of London—a gathering together of Masons from all quarters of the world, at a time when Masonry was distinguishing itself as it had not distinguished itself for many and many an age past, when it was producing that universal love of freedom which was the cementing bond of the nations, and more especially in one quarter, where it had mounted itself above the depression which had been put upon it in times past—it was a great thing that such a lodge as this should be found working so correctly, manifesting the highest principles of the Craft, and showing that there was something more in Freemasonry than the outer world gave it credit for, and something more than that for which pedantry and bigotry condemned it. Conducted as the Great City Lodge was, no men being admitted into it without the tongue of good report being most thoroughly heard in their favour, which was a most vital thing at a time when Masonry was making such great strides, he could not doubt that in all its members quality and not quantity was considered. When the members of the Order were men of character and respectability it mattered not what their circumstances were. But if there were anything like a stain on their characters, or if they sought Masonry for private purposes, let Masons have none of them. These guiding principles had made the order what it was—a cementing bond of unity, which brought "peace on earth," and promoted "goodwill amongst men." (Cheers.)

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P. G. C., said that by the permission of the I. P. M., Bro. James Stevens, he was privileged to propose "The Health of the W.M." In doing so he might be permitted for a moment to say that, as there were two kings of Brentford, so there was a kind of dual government in this Great City, they had the chief magistrate of the City of London present, and the chief magistrate of the Great City Lodge. He was sure he would not be considered guilty of what was called in another place a "breach of privilege" when he asserted the title for this lodge of *imperium in imperio*. There would be no brother so ready to acknowledge the claim as the right hon. brother who had that evening been made a member of the lodge. He would have wished, in the presence of the initiates, to speak of the principles of Freemasonry; but time did not admit of it; still he could point to a glorious past, in which our ancestors asserted not only the principles of the Order, but that independence of thought and freedom from that spiritual domination, which unhappily prevailed even in the 19th century. He could point, too, to that glorious future to which Masons were taught to look, to that future which "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard." But he would not do so. He would speak of the living present, of those glorious principles founded upon piety and virtue, of those symbols which set forth to all not only that which put them in mind of what was noble, but which descended into the practical duties of every-day life; and in doing so he could not do better than speak of the Master of the lodge. Bro. Cox had so well and eloquently described the working of that night, that

he (Bro. Simpson) would not dilate upon that subject. Speaking not of what he had witnessed only on that evening, but as a frequent attendant at the lodge during its short but brilliant history, he could testify to the admirable working of the lodge, and the excellent conduct of its business. He would advise brethren to come to it not on a grand night such as the present was, but to "steal in, as the inspectors of schools did sometimes" (a laugh), on an ordinary occasion, and he could promise them always a treat as great as they had just had. The W.M. had commended himself to all his brethren, not only by his able working, but by his urbanity, constant courtesy, and kindness, and in proposing his health he felt sure that the visitors as well as the members of the lodge would acknowledge the efficient manner in which he had that evening presided. (Cheers.)

The W.M., while acknowledging most heartily the compliment just paid to him, said he would not profess to have any new words to reply to this toast, which was drunk at every Masonic meeting, and therefore imposed a great difficulty on a brother to find something fresh to say. He felt it a high privilege to be the Master of this lodge, and if they would really believe in him as a friend as well as a brother, he would feel it a greater pleasure than they could imagine. He hoped for many years to be associated with the brethren then around him, and he also hoped that he might never fail to receive that which he had hitherto always enjoyed—the very highest respect and regard of his brethren.

Bro. Joseph C. Parkinson, G.J.D., proposed "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge, and Bro. James Stevens, the Immediate Past Master." He said, Worshipful Master, my Lord Mayor, Bro. Sheriff, and brethren,—I have the pleasing duty of proposing success to the Great City Lodge, and I do so with the greater confidence by reason of the presence of the Lord Mayor and a Sheriff of the City of London, for Freemasonry and civic institutions have, I think, much in common. Benevolence, education, and hospitality are inscribed on the shields of our ancient city guilds, and in countries where civil liberty and religious freedom are assured the vast revenues and potent social forces of Freemasonry are devoted to the same ends. (Hear, hear.) The principle of self-government is enshrined in our Masonic constitutions, and our annual election of Masters, our profound obedience to laws made by ourselves, and binding upon all who take our obligations, whether rulers or ruled, our perfect system of representation, whereby every lodge sends its representative to Grand Lodge—the deliberative assembly which alone has power to alter or repeal laws—all these have their types in that free municipal life of which the City of London has been for 800 years the proud exemplar (cheers), which provides that representation and taxation shall go hand in hand, and that local communities shall be ruled by those whose public services, worth, and character have caused them to be selected by their fellow-citizens for distinction, honour, and power. (Hear, hear.) It is natural, therefore, that Freemasonry should in these, the days of its great prosperity, find a congenial home in the powerful City within whose walls it and its principles were cherished, even in times when the outer world looked coldly on. This Great City Lodge recalls by its title those far-off days when our brother, Elias Ashmole, the antiquary, had to travel some hundreds of miles to the City, as the only place where he could see an initiation, to other days when Wren was Deputy Grand Master of England, and erected the noble city cathedral which forms his monument, to days when the civil rights and religious liberties of the English people were assailed by the Popish monarch James, and when the only two Freemason's lodges in England which, according to Preston, worth working, were presided over, one at St. Paul's by Sir Christopher Wren, and the other at St. Thomas's Hospital by Sir Robert Clayton, the then Lord Mayor of London. (Cheers.) After the first general assembly of English Masons, in 1717, it was in the City where the Duke of Montagu was installed Grand Master, the ceremony taking place in Stationers' Hall. Before the Freemasons had acquired the property they possess now the great city companies were always ready to show their sympathy with the Craft by lending it their halls. In 1723 the Duke of Buccleuch was installed Grand Master in the hall of the Merchant Tailors' Company, in the presence of 400 Masons; and in 1731 Lord Lovel, afterwards Earl of Leicester, succeeded the Duke of Norfolk as Grand Master, and was installed in the hall of the Mercers' Company; and it would be easy to multiply examples. This Great City Lodge represents, therefore, by the circumstance of the present Lord Mayor of London (cheers) being one of its founders, and its striking numerical success, the close union which has long subsisted between the City of London and Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) And, if I may turn for a moment to another memorable city, I will say that the most significant and the most encouraging spectacle the Masonic world has seen for many a century is the peaceful establishment of a Masonic temple within the walls of ancient Rome. (Loud cheers.) Liberty of conscience, natural equality, and mutual dependence, the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man, being the broad watchwords of Freemasonry, the capital of England might well send Masonic greetings to those brethren who, after years of persecution, have established themselves under the beneficent protection of Italian unity to proclaim their principles in spite of opposition, and in the face of the whole world. (Cheers.) For it is a good test of the government of a country to mark whether Freemasonry be fostered or proscribed. (Hear, hear.) Spiritual tyranny and civil oppression dread light; and wherever it is dangerous to admit yourself to be a Mason, wherever the Craft is denounced and punished, the historian need not look far for evidence of an unconstitutional government and an enslaved people. (Hear, hear.) In Italy, as in England, members of the ruling dynasty now give their active per-

sonal support to Freemasonry; and we shall, I trust, learn in due course, of meetings such as this, where the chief civic dignitaries of Rome will meet their brethren under the banner of a great city lodge. In London we have Freemasons numerously represented in the City guilds, in the Common Council, on the aldermanic bench, and among the high officers of the corporation. (Hear, hear.) The magnificent public buildings with which the City authorities have adorned their metropolis during the last few years, edifices combining the utmost architectural beauty with the greatest public usefulness, have been designed by and erected under the superintendence of a popular member of our fraternity, Bro. Horace Jones, the City Architect. The duties of the Town Clerk of the City are discharged by no less a person than the President of our Board of General Purposes, Bro. Monckton; and, culminating honour of all, in the year when the future King of England will be installed Grand Master, under circumstances of pomp and splendour such as the Craft has not seen since the days of Solomon, we have an experienced Past Master filling the high position of Lord Mayor of London, able by his Masonic rank to witness the greatest Masonic pageant the centuries have seen. Brethren, if I say that the Great City Lodge is 'worthy of the connection between the City and the Craft of which I have given evidence; that during its brief, vigorous life, it has been presided over by so excellent a working Mason as our Bro. James Stevens; that it has kept to its original programme and by its Saturday afternoon meetings conducted into our mysteries members of the great commercial community, whose multifarious duties and occupied lives make the day and hour especially convenient; that its contributions to our charities have been, thanks to its self-denial, most liberal; and if I further appeal to your knowledge of the benevolent character and excellent qualities of its present Master, to whom we are all indebted for the magnificent reception of to-night, and to whom the success we are commemorating is greatly due—I shall have said more than enough to ensure an enthusiastic reception to the toast I now submit to you, "Success to the Great City Lodge." (Cheers.)

Bro. James Stevens, I.P.M., said that the warmth with which the toast had been received was at once a reward, and an ample reward, for all his past labours on behalf of the lodge, and an encouragement to persevere in future efforts on behalf of Freemasonry in general, and of the Great City Lodge most particularly. For the other portion of the toast, "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge," he felt he should be wanting in his fair duty towards the brethren if he did not a little dilate on the subject of "The Lodge." He would, however, do so briefly. For himself, as well as for the other members of the lodge, he might say they had very great pride indeed in the past transactions of the lodge. It had been launched, after some amount of difficulty, and was put into its present position after encountering some storms. They all felt a pride in now being able to receive the chief magistrate of the City of London, and it was a still further pride to them that he felt happy to be one of them. They had reached this distinguished position by small steps, and he (Bro. Stevens) was quite sure that such an example would have a good effect on other lodges. They had strongly supported the charities of the Order, and they had the good wishes of all their brethren, and it would be very much their own fault if they did not do still greater things. (Applause.)

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Lord Mayor." The brethren did not all know, although the founders of the Great City Lodge knew, that the Lord Mayor was with them in sympathy and in spirit from the very inception of the Great City Lodge. His signature appeared on the petition for the charter which he (the W.M.) had now the honour to hold. From a variety of circumstances, however, and the great pressure of other engagements, the Lord Mayor was unable to associate himself with the brethren at the formation of the lodge—a circumstance, he thought, that any of the brethren would not now regret, for, had it been otherwise, they would not have had the pleasure that night of enrolling his lordship as an honorary member of their lodge, and entertaining him as their guest. (Addressing the Lord Mayor, the W.M. said): My Lord, we feel it a very high and great privilege, and pleasure, to have had the opportunity of enrolling you to-night as a member of our lodge. I feel that I might dilate upon this toast to a most inordinate length, but I will only say how proud I am, and how happy we all are, to know that you have been pleased to accept the honorary membership of our lodge. We trust we may have many opportunities of greeting you at our meetings. I shall now call upon the brethren to respond to the toast I propose with the greatest enthusiasm. (Cheers, in the midst of which the toast was duly honoured.)

The Lord Mayor, in reply, said—I thank you, sir, very much for the kind way in which you have proposed my health, and the brethren present for the way in which it has been received. I should be ungrateful indeed if I did not warmly acknowledge the kind reception you have given me this evening. I consider myself to be, although rather an ancient Mason, yet somewhat of a negligent one. I must say that, having arrived at a certain position in Masonry, I have not stuck to it as I ought to have done. But I am now under the influence of this very, I may say, cordial reception you have given me to-night. I may say I am undergoing a kind of revival. (Laughter and cheers.) I begin to feel again that the respect and esteem of my brethren in Masonry is a possession worth having, and I feel that the honour you have paid to the office I hold is that which should be encouraged. All who hold that office should endeavour to obtain the esteem and the respect which you have shown to me this night. I also feel that you have called upon me in a year which is likely to be most eventful. We have already elected as our Grand Master the Prince of Wales. That

is again a revival. (Laughter.) It was some years ago that the Grand Master of Masons was also a member of the Royal Family, but it is many more years since we have had, as the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the heir to the throne. This year, I am sure, will mark a great epoch in Freemasonry. When we meet together in that large and noble hall which has been erected for other purposes, but which will now be sanctified and made honourable by the ceremony of the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, I feel that we are now, if Masonry did require it, though it does not, being placed before the world in a better light than we have ever been. Our private charities and benevolence can never be much more than they are, but the knowledge of the beauty of them and the good they do may be increased and better and more widely promulgated than it has been. We know at the present time there is a contest going on between darkness and light; we know that Popery and the Pope himself are determined on putting down freedom and goodwill to men. It is the object of us Christians, and of us in this country, and of the Prince of Wales himself, to insist that light shall prevail, and that everything that is good, and graceful, and honourable, and beneficial, shall stand upward and be put most forward before all mankind (Hear, hear). Brethren, it is not for me to enlarge more upon this subject. I only wish to show you that although I have been rather neglectful, I have not been forgetful of the great principles of Freemasonry. I do now say that I feel very grateful indeed for the honour you have done me to-night in electing me a member of your Great City Lodge, and thus connecting my name, as chief magistrate of this City, with Freemasonry. Brother Parkinson, in his excellent speech, has shown that it is the duty of every official in this great Corporation of London to unite himself with Freemasonry. He has brought forward sufficient proof to show that this great city had much sympathy with Freemasonry, and that is a subject which should be deeply engraven on all our hearts. It shows to me that within the short space of two years so large a lodge as this has been collected together, has earned for itself such respect and esteem that a large body of Grand Officers have now met around your table. When I look on my right hand, and on my left, and see so many distinguished Freemasons present, I feel that it is an honour indeed to be elected a member of the Great City Lodge. They give to us very great countenance and support, and I hope to show you, by my acts rather than by my words, how great an honour I consider it to be a member of a lodge so highly esteemed. (Cheers).

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hutton, G.J.D., then proposed "The Health of Sheriff Ellis," and remarked that it was a fact that deserved to be noted, that the Great City Lodge, after not two years' existence, should be able to entertain such a gathering of the brethren as were then assembled. Bro. Parkinson had alluded to the fact of municipal institutions going hand in hand with Freemasonry. He (Bro. Hutton) knew as a fact that for the first time the position of the municipality of the City of London had been attempted to be dealt with and interfered with, at, curiously enough, about the time that the Great City Lodge was instituted. Singularly enough, too, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the present year were all Masons—one of them, he was sorry to say, was absent through illness. When they saw men in such responsible positions in this metropolis of the world coming forward as Freemasons, and inculcating the principles of Masonry, the Order commended itself to the whole world, and they could confidently look forward to the future of Freemasonry. When they looked also to the circumstances under which Ultramontanum was defeated by taking up the gauntlet when it was thrown down, they had also much to congratulate themselves upon, and he thought those points would soon be brought to a very crucial strong test. It was not for any of those present to say what the effect might be; but this they knew—what was going on in Europe—it was a struggle between light and darkness, between intelligence and ignorance. No one knew this better than a Sheriff of London and Middlesex, who came in contact with scenes which proved it. The office was a very old and important one, although it had been shorn a good deal of late years. It went back many hundreds of years, and ranked only second to Her Majesty in the country. Bro. Ellis had not been neglectful of his Masonic duties, and he would no doubt soon become a famous Mason.

Bro. Sheriff Ellis, in reply, said he was afraid he should be unable to gather together the various threads which Bro. Hutton had entangled so as to address the brethren in a suitable reply to so able a speech as he had made, but he should not be wanting in his reply to the spirit in which the brethren had accepted the toast. He had been mightily delighted that evening to find that he was still again becoming a member of the institution of his country, which he believed had raised it to the pre-eminence it had attained. He remembered well that speaking in the Guildhall, one of our statesmen said, that individuals might form communities, but it was its institutions which made a nation. He, Bro. Ellis felt that this was addressed to Englishmen of every class. It was the institution of our country that had made our country great, and it was only when our country should forget what she owed to our institutions that the greatness of England should fall. From what he had heard since he had been a Freemason, he felt that Masonry might rank amongst the most glorious institutions of this country. He had been honoured among his fellow citizens; he had, at various times, had reason to be proud; but he had never felt a greater gratification than he had experienced on that occasion when he had been associated with the Lord Mayor of London. He believed there was nothing more glorious than for a man to be selected by his fellow citizens for that high and honourable office. Men had rarely, if ever, filled that post that had not risen from the ranks; but the most glorious point in the position which they occupied, was not that they should

only occupy that position, but that from century to century, and from age to age, the glorious people of England should so maintain their integrity and their sense of the duty that was thrown upon them, as to place them in the same position—that he should honour them while they honoured him. Those were the sentiments which animated every Englishman, and the Craft of Freemasonry was only a concentration of freedom, and liberty, and religion, which every Englishman was proud of. Therefore, on that occasion, he was delighted to be present, and to be honoured by the brethren as he had been that evening. (Applause).

Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., responded, and referred to the fact that the Lord Mayor would take the chair at the Girls' School festival, and that Bro. Headon would represent the Great City Lodge as Steward on that occasion, with a list which he believed would be the largest known. It might be thought that he (Bro. Rucker) would be disposed to take advantage of this opportunity in order to call upon the brethren to be liberal towards the institutions, but when he looked at the position in which the charities stood, and the manner in which they had been supported by the members of the Craft throughout the length and breadth of the land, his duty, he thought, was to thank them for what they had done, rather than to exhort them to do more in the future. Every man knew his own power, and he (Bro. Rucker) was quite satisfied that every man who had been initiated, passed, and raised in Freemasonry, would do everything he could to support the institutions.

Bro. Farmer replied for "The Initiates."

Bro. John Hervey, G.S., in proposing "The Visitors," humorously alluded to the W.M.'s first speech, in which he said that the speeches would be brief. As far as he could see, the brethren had not thought fit to carry out the principle of brevity which was promised, and even the W.M. himself had not observed his own rule. He (Bro. Hervey) would however, even at that late hour, set the example, and as it was known that the visitors wanted no utterance of his to make them more happy than they had been at their reception that night, he should simply propose their health, and hope that this was not the last time they would assemble around the board of the Great City Lodge.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins, G.T., replied, and thanked the brethren for the admirable working and the hospitality of the lodge. He hoped that the energy and thoughtfulness exhibited would not be diminished in future. (Hear, hear.)

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Edward Moody, Secretary, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a termination about 12 o'clock, when the brethren separated.

Bro. Goodchild was an excellent toastmaster.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The annual installation of the officers of the Waterloo Lodge (S.C.) took place in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott-st., Tuesday, Dec. 8. Bro. Gillon, P.M., presided as installing officer, and the following officers were invested according to ancient form:—Bros. Dr. Johnston, R.W.M.; Player, S.M.; Press, S.W.; McComisky, J.W.; Powles, P.M., Treasurer; Innes, Secretary; Lindsay, S.D.; McKirdy, Stevenson, I.G.; Sealy, Organist; Burns, Steward; Buck, Tyler. The Deputy Master elect, Bro. Downes, was absent through illness. Bro. Lambert, P.M., acted as Director of Ceremonies. After the installation, upwards of fifty brethren sat down to the usual banquet. The R.W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Gillon, P.M.; Woodward, P.M. Pacific Lodge; Toxward, P.M. Pacific Lodge; and Iggesden, W.M. elect of the Pacific Lodge (E.C.). The vice-chair was occupied by the retiring R.W.M., Bro. George, supported by Bros. Powles, P.M., and Koch, P.M. A considerable number of visitors were present, as well as members of the Pacific Lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and several excellent songs sung. The party broke up shortly before midnight, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Lodge, E.C., took place on 29th December (St. John's Day) in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott-street, the principal business being the installation of the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, the work of installation in this instance being shared in by Bros. C. White, P.M.; E. Butts, P.M.; and T. J. Ladd, I.P.M.; was performed in a satisfactory manner. The brethren below the rank of Past Masters having withdrawn, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. C.M. Iggesden was duly inducted to the chair of K.S. The brethren having been recalled, the W.M. proceeded to invest and appoint the following officers:—Bros. T. J. Mountain, S.W.; N. Marchant, J.W.; Rev. Nicholls, Chaplain; R. Lambert, P.M., Treasurer; J. M. Taylor, Secretary; G. Sample, S.D.; F. C. Binns, J.D.; C. Hardy, and K. Wilson, Stewards; S. Brown, I.G.; E. Buck, Tyler. Immediately after closing the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Doncker in his usual recherché style, after the enjoyment of which the W.M. gave the first toast "The Queen and the Craft." This was honoured by the brethren singing the first verse of the National Anthem. "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. designate," was received with enthusiasm, the brethren singing a stanza of "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Other loyal and Masonic toasts followed, as also some excellent singing by some of the musical brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Pacific lodge is to be congratulated on the selection of so earnest a Mason as Bro. Iggesden to fill the "curule chair."

Probably there is no other town of its size (about 2000 inhabitants) in the Southern Hemisphere where Masonry is so revered and regarded as a "labour of love" as in Grey-mouth, Westland, N.Z., the following lodges, chapters,

&c., being in full work: Greymouth Lodge and Chapter, E.C.; Grey River St. Andrew Lodge and Chapter, S.C.; Lewis Mark Lodge; E.C., Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, a conclave of the Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, and a sanctuary of the K.H.S. A petition is now being forwarded to the proper authorities, through Sir Knt. E. Archer, for the degrees of Knights Templar and Rose Croix. Surely our brethren may eventually exclaim "Consummatus est!"

FREEMASONRY IN BERMUDA.

An emergency meeting of the Loyalty Lodge (No. 358) was held on the 31st Dec., in the Hall of the above lodge, Ireland Island, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Bray, S.W., investing the officers for the ensuing year, and for celebrating the festival of our patron Saint John the Evangelist. The brethren assembled at the stated time, 6.30 p.m., when the lodge was opened with solemn prayer in due form by Bro. W. E. Warder, W.M., supported by Bros. P.Ms. Thiele and Tucker; Bros. J. Bray, S.W.; W. T. Llewellyn, J.W.; Balls, S.D.; J. Soby, J.D.; W. Downing, I.G.; and T. F. Barnes, Tyler. The lodge was then passed to the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and in a very solemn and impressive manner, Bro. J. Bray, W.M. elect, was inducted into the oriental chair of K.S. as W.M. of Loyalty Lodge, No. 358, the ceremony of installation being conducted by Bro. W. E. Warder, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. P.Ms. Thiele and Tucker. Too much praise could not be accorded those brethren for the very able manner in which it was carried out.

Bro. G. Bray, W.M., then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. W. E. Warder, I.P.M.; W. T. Llewellyn, S.W.; W. Cann, J.W.; C. Thiele, P.M., Treasurer; T. F. Barnes, Secretary; R. Pike, S.D.; E. Marsh, J.D.; D. Heath, I.G.; and A. E. Fiddy, Tyler.

Bro. W.M. Bray then, in a very neat and appropriate address to each of his officers, reminded them of the responsibilities they had this evening taken upon themselves, and desired them to look well to their different stations in the lodge, and finally congratulated the brethren upon their choice of Treasurer in the person of our most worthy and highly-esteemed Bro. P.M. Thiele, who had held that important office so long and so creditably.

The ceremonies of installation and investiture being completed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, numbering about 65, sat down to an excellent repast, prepared by the Stewards, Bros. Bray, Warder, and Pike.

The very tasteful manner in which the hall was decorated reflected great credit on those brethren, who had devoted their time to that purpose, under the directions of the Stewards, while the table was such as to show into what able hands that department had fallen, and the brethren showed their appreciation of the provision made by doing ample justice to the good things provided.

The cloth being removed, several loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, among which were the most prominent:—"The Queen and Craft," "Navy and Army," "M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers," "W.M. and Officers for 1875," "Retiring W.M. and Officers," "Guests," "Stewards," "Visitors," "Ladies," and, last but not least, "All Sick and Distressed Masons throughout the Universe."

"The Queen and Craft" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by all the brethren, singing "God save the Queen."

The W.M., in proposing the toast "The M.W.G.M. and Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom," did not forget our near neighbours, the Grand Lodge of the City of New York, to which our Bro. R. A. Young, in his very agreeable style, responded in particular on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New York, expressing the pleasure he felt at being present at such a meeting, and above all the pleasure of being a member of such a well-conducted lodge as Loyalty, and concluded by wishing Bro. W.M. J. Bray and his officers a most happy and prosperous year.

On the toast of "The Retiring W.M. and Officers" being proposed, Bro. Bray, W.M., in congratulating Bro. Warder, I.P.M., on the prosperity of the lodge during his year of office, remarked that it was indeed something to be proud of, to be able to say that he had been the W.M. of Loyalty during one of the most prosperous years in the annals of the lodge, next in numbers to the worthy P.M. Bro. Tucker.

Whereupon Bro. P.M. Warder responded in the most able manner, giving a short but very clear account of the work of the year, concluding with the most hearty wishes for the continued prosperity of the lodge.

The toast of "The W.M. and Officers of 1875" being proposed by Bro. Warder, I.P.M., it was received with the most hearty applause and drank with true Masonic honours.

When Bro. Bray, W.M., responded and endeavoured to make the brethren understand that it should be his most earnest endeavour and constant study to convince them that their confidence had not been misplaced, and, as he had received the warrant from his predecessor, so he would labour hard to hand it to his successor, pure and unimpaired as he had that evening received it, and after a few neat but appropriate remarks to his officers, asked their regular and continued support, for the well-being of the Order generally and the continued prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Cann, J.W., then responded on behalf of "The Officers" in a few but appropriate words, in which he showed the brethren that as he had then taken one step on the Masonic ladder he assured them that he would work hard to reach the topmost round, keeping that object in view, which every good Mason should strive for.

The toast of "Our Guests" was very ably responded to by Bro. Tucker, P.M., expressing sincere regret at the absence of those esteemed brethren, Bros. Watkins, P.M., and Darrell, P.M., who were then suffering—the one from bodily illness, the other from an accident. Their speedy

and safe recovery was drank with enthusiasm. The other toasts then followed and were ably responded to by the several brethren.

While song and sentiment were proceeding in a very agreeable and pleasant manner the solemn tones of the clock struck the hour of 12. The W.M. then intimated that another year had passed away with all its hopes and fears, and the new year, 1875, had dawned upon us in its most pleasant form, and while we were enjoying the good things of this world let us not forget all sick and distressed brethren throughout the universe; and to close one of the most pleasant evenings "Auld Lang Syne" was sung right heartily, and the brethren retired to their respective homes.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC SONG.

In answer to my excellent Bro. Constable, I beg to say, that I, with others, feel indebted to him for pointing out the "whereabouts" of a somewhat remarkable song. I had seen some of its words before, but did not know, nor do I yet, in what Masonic collection to find them. They do not exist in Stephen Jones's "Muse of Masonry" of 1797 and 1811, but they may be found in some other collection. In the "Institutes of Masonry," &c., addressed to the "Sea Captain's Lodge," and published at Liverpool in 1788, in Masonic Song 24, occur these two verses at its close, and which have a good deal of likeness to the last two verses quoted by Bro. Constable:—

Let's lead a good life while power we have,
And when that our bodies are laid in the grave,
We hope with good conscience to Heaven to climb,
And give Peter the password, the token, the sigh;
Saint Peter, he opens, and so we pass in,
To a place that's prepared for all those free from sin,
To that Heavenly lodge which is tyled most secure,
A place that's prepared for all Masons who're pure,
To all pure and upright Masons.

There is also a Song, No. 38, in the same book, which travels somewhat over the same ground, but is neither so clever, and much more coarse than Bro. Constable's quotation. This is one verse about Noah:—

Then, after the flood, like a brother so true,
Who still had the good of the Craft in his view,
He delved the ground, and he planted the vine,
He formed a lodge, aye, and he gave the lodge wine.
This song is to the tune of "Derry Down."

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

ARCHIVES OF THE MASON'S COMPANY.

I am happy to announce, that by some researches kindly made for me, through the courtesy of the Master and of H. H. Burnell, and Mr. Hunter, the present clerk, by Mr. Gwatkin, in the records of this ancient company, Mr. Wm. Gray, Mr. Samuel Taylor, and the two Mr. Wises, all mentioned by Elias Ashmole, have been found to be members of the Masons' Company at the period mentioned by Ashmole. I hope to learn something more before long, as I have asked the favour of other researches being made; though whether we shall clear away all the doubts and difficulties of the case, may be a question. Elias Ashmole, if I read his words aright, makes a difference between the "Society of Freemasons," and the "Masons' Company," and it is, I think, more than probable that they were two and distinct sodalities.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 2, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey,
77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby,
New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, MARCH 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8; Bro. Latham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Rishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
Chap. 435, Mt. Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Red Cross Hall, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicker Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.

Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arm's Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls-Pond-road.
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark Lodge, 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Latham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 3, 1875.

MONDAY, MARCH 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Allpass Encampment, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, March 27, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 29.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-sq., Kingston.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.
" 22, St. Johns Kilwieg, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
" 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.
" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
" 202, St. Clements, Trades Tavern, Kilmarnock.
" 320, St. John, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.
" 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.
" 465, St. Andrew, Garngad-road.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang.
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 156, St. Barchan, Aron's Arms, Kilbarchan.
" 215, St. Andrew, Aron's Arms, Strathavon.
" 217, Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
" 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone.
" 244, Union St. John, Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse.
" 248, Lockhart, St. John, Masonic Hall, Carnworth.
" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Millport.
" 512, Thornetree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 458, St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Brisby.
" 544, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 3, 1875.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 291, Celtic of E. and L., Ship Hotel, E. Register-st.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PRESCOT.—LODGE OF LOYALTY (No. 86).—There was a good attendance at the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held at present at the King's Arms Hotel, Prescott. After the usual business, including an initiation, Bro. Young, W.M., called attention to the special circular which he had issued to the members in reference to the approaching installation of our Royal brother, remarking that, as nearly the oldest lodge in the province, and one whose leading members had always taken a very active interest in everything concerning the Craft, he had no doubt many would be exceedingly anxious to witness the interesting ceremony. A long general conversation ensued as to the event, many expressing themselves desirous of being present, and various suggestions being made as to the best means of promoting the comfort and convenience of the brethren on the occasion, especially in reference to the railway travelling. Ultimately on the motion of Bro. J. Vaughan, J.W., it was unanimously resolved that Bros. Reginald Young, W.M.; H. Scott, I.P.M.; J.W.; J. Fowler, P.M.; Treasurer; and J. T. Hall, P.M., be requested to wait upon Bro. Shaw, the indefatigable and obliging district superintendent of the London and North Western Railway Company, to ascertain what arrangements could be made for the conveyance of the brethren, to and from London on the occasion. It was announced that the New Masonic Hall, which has been built for the accommodation of the lodge, was nearly ready for occupation and Bro. J. T. Hall, P.M., gave notice that at the next meeting of the lodge, he should move that it be removed, from and after the April meeting, to the new building.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 25th ult. Present:—Bros. Durand George, W.M.; C. Schulen, P. Prov. G.D.C.; C. Long, P.G.D.C. Cambs., S.W.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, P.G.C.; J.W.; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; W. Spaulding, P.M., Secretary; H. Clarke, and others. The lodge was opened in ancient form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of last lodge having been read and confirmed Bros. Geo. Elliston and G. Pirie were examined, obligated, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and Mr. Henry Edwards, who had been previously balloted for and accepted, was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree—both ceremonies being ably performed by Bro. George, W.M. The beautiful hymn "Days and Moments quickly flying" was given with great effect, adding much to the impressiveness of the third degree, which, we think, always needs the powerful adjunct of music to render it really sublime. The usual banquet succeeded, and of course was well attended and excellently served as usual.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—held an emergency meeting on Monday, 22nd ult., for the purpose of electing a Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master. A greater number of members than might have been expected were present. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. S. L. Hickman, who after calling the attention of the brethren to the business of the meeting addressed the lodge, in his usual meek and gentlemanly manner, stating that he should feel great pleasure in representing the lodge as Steward on the occasion. Bro. I. Frankford (the oldest member of the lodge), proposed that the W.M. should represent the lodge as Steward at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was seconded by Bros. S. Davis, when to the surprise of the majority present, it was opposed by Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M., and Bro. O. Robert, I.P.M., who brought forward a candidate in the person of Bro. Albert, P.M. and Secretary. After a somewhat noisy discussion, the two propositions were put to the lodge, when Bro. Albert, finding his chance hopeless, gracefully retired from the contest, and the W.M. was formally elected to fill the important position. It may be remarked, that such a lack of deference to the W.M., emanating as it did from Past Masters, has rarely, if ever, been witnessed at the lodge.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the annual installation meeting of this lodge was held, at its old quarters, the Horns, Kenington. The

lodge was opened by Bro. James Duckett, P.M. and Secretary, in the absence of Bro. Levy. There were present, Bros. Jas. Duckett; F. Lee, P.M.; S. Haddock, P.M.; W. R. Grellett, P.M.; North Ritherdon, S.W.; J. S. Terry, J.W.; J. Broadbent, S.D.; D. Barclay; J. M. Marr; Geo. Reeve; W. M. Marr; J. Bradley; W. Levantin; H. Grain; J. Gooch; and visitors Bros. P. Dickinson, 1298; M. S. Larham, 1216; H. O. Graham, 281; R. Charlwood, 376; W. F. Roger, P.M. 193; F. Coudercy, 79; John Oliver, W.M. 1328; H. Massey, 619 (*Freemason*); J. W. Weight, S.W. 1298; and Jas. Stevens, P.M., 1326. After the opening of the lodge, Bro. Grellett, P.M., in a most able and fluent style installed Bro. North Ritherdon, S.W., and W.M. Elect, in the Master's chair, who appointed as his officers, Bro. Terry, S.W.; Bro. Broadbent, J.W.; Bro. Lee, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. Duckett, P.M., Secretary; Bro. Hicklin, S.D.; Bro. Barclay, J.D.; Bro. Bradley, I.G.; Bro. Grain, W.S.; Bro. Grellett, D.C.; and Bro. Bentley, T. On the completion of the ceremony, the new W.M. initiated Mr. John William Watts, and performed his work in a most able manner. He afterwards read to the brethren the circular from the Grand Secretary concerning the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and called upon them to elect a Steward for the occasion. The brethren elected the W.M. unanimously, on the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the J.W. Bro. Lee, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Grellett, P.M., seconded the gift of a P.M. jewel to Bro. Levy, the I.P.M., who has filled the office of W.M. of the United Pilgrims Lodge twice; once ten years ago, and again last year. The motion was unanimously adopted, and the brethren then closed down, and adjourned to an elegant banquet, provided by Bro. J. Eaton, the proprietor of the "Horns." At the conclusion of the feast, which was much enjoyed by all the brethren, the toasts were proposed and honoured. After "The Queen and the Craft" and the other three opening toasts, Bro. Lee proposed the "W.M.," who, he said, they were all pleased to see working the ceremonies so ably. From the way he had hitherto conducted his Masonic duties, the brethren might be sure he would continue to discharge them with satisfaction to himself and gratification to his brethren, and no doubt they would all have a very delightful year under Bro. Ritherdon's reign. The W.M. in responding, said he had now an opportunity of thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him. The office of W.M. was a most important one, and he should endeavour to fill it properly. He trusted that they would have a successful year; but that depended as much upon the brethren as upon him. If they would do their part, he would do his, and he requested the officers to attend punctually and regularly, and support him, and the ceremonies would be conducted in such a way as to produce an impression on the candidates, which they should always receive. (Cheers.) In proposing "The Health of the Past-Masters," the W.M. said the lodge was much indebted to them for the assistance they rendered. Bro. Lee, P.M., responded. He regretted that the I.P.M. was not present. The W.M. had alluded to the approaching installation of the Prince of Wales, which would be a great event in the annals of Masonry. He would suggest that all the brethren of this lodge should attend the ceremony on that red letter day. As was mentioned by the Lord Mayor at the Great City Lodge, it would have a great effect on the country at large with regard to freedom of opinion and Popery. Now was the time for Masons to move and be stirring, and if they did, no doubt their lodges would be prosperous. He trusted that the United Pilgrims Lodge would prosper, and that a great number of brethren would be added to that fold, and uphold the dignity of the Craft. Bro. Grellett and Bro. Duckett also replied. "The Health of the Initiate" followed. In giving it, the W.M. said that he hoped that their newly-made brother would find that this lodge was not merely a place where its members might meet, but that it was a lodge of Freemasons—that is, every member doing his best for the Craft in general, and his own special lodge in particular. From the way Bro. Watts had gone through the ceremony, he had shown a desire to make himself a worthy brother among them. He had paid particular attention to the obligations, and exhibited a wish to go thoroughly into the Craft. He had seen the beneficial effects produced on others by their joining the Order, and was anxious that they should also be produced on himself. Bro. Watts said he was entering on a new phase of life, and it might be imagined he was rather anxious and nervous, for this reason, he craved the indulgence which was accorded to brethren addressing a lodge for the first time. He wished them to understand, that as far as lay in his power, he would always endeavour to uphold the dignity and the honour of the Craft, and of this lodge. His next aim would be to make himself thoroughly acquainted with all the mysteries appertaining to it. He did not know what they were, but it should be his purpose thoroughly to understand the whole art and mystery. On some future day, he hoped to be greeted with yet greater warmth than he had been that day. Bro. James Stevens in his reply to the toast of "The Visitors," remarked that he must inform those brethren who were not constant visitors at the hospitable board of this lodge, that this was the usual way in which the United Pilgrims treated their guests, consequently visitors were always glad to come to this lodge; as a frequent visitor himself he had often seen the W.M. do the Masonic work, and it was with very great satisfaction he saw Bro. Ritherdon placed in the high position of W.M. He was a Mason who would do honour to his position, to the Craft, and to the lodge. The visitors heartily wished him a successful year, and trusted he would have officers about him who would be willing to discharge their duties, in fact as they had now promised to do. Referring to the event which was now occupying so much attention among the Craft, he would say that it was much to the visitors' satisfaction that they had seen the W.M. elected as Steward. He thought the 28th of April would

be a kind of holiday, and that the London lodges would consider it a point of duty to call their lodges together and get them to accompany them to the Albert Hall, and afterwards to entertain their country brethren at banquet at their lodges. The country brethren would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing London working. The ceremony of installation would not last long, and a sort of jubilee might be kept by all the brethren, in honour of the event. The Prince of Wales taking the Grand Mastership, was an event of great importance at the present time. The events of the past two years had been such that they proved it; and from the capital of Italy utterances had come which showed that this installation would be distinctly impressed on the whole world. As Englishmen and as Masons, they were called upon to take notice of the notorious dogma which was antagonistic to them in every way, and they must give a distinct denial to any idea of supremacy from that part of the world which he spoke of. The utterances of the Lord Mayor on Saturday, the 20th March, were so explicit and definite that there could be no mistaking his meaning. He (Bro. Stevens), hoped that the 28th of April would be an unmistakable answer to what had been fulminated from Rome, and that from that day he should not be subjected to anathemas and excommunication. He looked to the event as one of great significance, and hoped it would last for years and years, and be the means of making Freemasonry flourish still more than it had ever done. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Grellett responded to the toast of "The Installing Master," and said that it was only by attending the late Bro. John Thomas's Lodge of Instruction, and paying attention to the information he was always ready to impart, that he had become proficient in the art. He then paid a just tribute of gratitude to Bro. Thomas for the liberality with which he always offered his time and his knowledge to such brethren as might wish to avail themselves of it for the purpose of learning Masonry, saying that he was never more pleased than when he could open the immense stores of Masonic learning which he had acquired. Bro. Grellett added that if any of that knowledge which he had so acquired was of any service to the W.M., if he wished to instal his successor he should be most happy to place it at his disposal (cheers). The W.M. then gave "The Officers," whom he described as the backbone of the lodge body. He had great confidence in those brethren he had appointed, and he believed they would use every endeavour to be properly qualified for their duties. He also related to the brethren how he became an efficient officer himself:—by attending lodges of instruction regularly, and leaving his friends and neighbours always when the lodge of instruction at Brixton met. Bros. Terry, Broadbent, Barclay and Duckett replied, the latter brother observing that he had done all he could to become an efficient officer under Brother Thomas; it was much to the regret of all that they had heard of his death. With respect to the remarks which had been made respecting the installation of the Prince of Wales, he thought it right that he who would one day wield the British sceptre should now wield the Masonic sceptre; and as to the anathemas of Rome, he looked upon them as the vapourings of envy. As long as brethren acted up to the ceremonies they would defy the vapourings of the envious, only let them be true to themselves and each other, forget their personal differences, support the Order and discharge their duties, and they would be strengthening the Craft. The lodge was a part of the body corporate, and if it was properly supported, and properly nurtured (for Masonry was only in its infancy at present) it would become one of those gigantic bodies that would last for all time (cheers). Bro. Lee also replied as Treasurer, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

DEPTFORD.—ROYAL OAK LODGE (871).—An emergency meeting was held at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, March 25th, 1875. There were present Bros. S. O. Lewin, W.M.; W. Wyatt, as S.W.; J. J. Pakes, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; R. Harman, D.C.; H. J. Fisher, Organist; G. Andrews, P.M.; H. A. Collington, P.M.; L. Lemon, W. A. R. Harris, C. Williams, G. Jones, T. Frith, A. Maers, E. James, E. Good, R. Harvey, J. Allen, J. Phillips, G. Porter, F. H. Burn, J. Rennie, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. W. Halsey, P.M. 134; J. V. Watkins, 1326. The work was done by Bro. G. Andrews. J. T. Phillips was passed, and G. Jones and T. Frith were raised. G. Andrews, P.M., was elected to be the Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Letters of condolence were unanimously agreed to be sent to the widows of Bros. J. W. Reed, P.M., who died on the 20th, and F. R. Hood, who died in the morning that the lodge met in the evening.

WALMER.—LORD WARREN LODGE (No. 1096).—On Friday, March 19th, the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year took place at the Lord Warren Hotel, Lower Walmer. The following brethren were present:—Bros. B. R. Eastes, W.M.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, I.P.M.; T. Ayling, S.W. pro tem.; T. E. Cavell, J.W.; J. W. Grimes, Chaplain, pro tem.; T. J. Usher, P.M., Sec.; R. L. Batting, Organist; J. E. Lawrence, S.D.; E. Kirby, J.D., pro tem.; J. Lees, I.G.; C. Chamberlain, P.M.; E. Hanger, J. Dow, A. H. Des-Barres, R. N. Stratling, H. G. Laming, F. Powell, T. Smith, W. T. Pritchard, C. L. Seth, J. Trollope, and S. Holgate; and visiting brethren, Bros. W. Hester, P.M. Belgrave, 749, and E. T. Rose. The lodge opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed; the ballot for the W.M. for the ensuing year was next taken, when Bro. T. E. Cavell was elected; the ballot for the Treasurer was next taken, when Bro. B. R. Eastes was elected, and the Tyler was re-elected; then the ballot was taken for Bro. G. Thompson to become a joining member, which was unanimous; the bye laws were next read in conformity with them. Then Mr. Samuel Michael Williams and Mr. George Wood were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., after which another

brother was proposed to be balloted for next lodge night as a joining member. Nothing further being offered, the lodge closed. The brethren then spent a pleasant hour together.

ROCHDALE.—**St. Chad Lodge (No. 1129).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale, 17th, March. The officers present Bros. E. W. Norris, W.M. Jos. Ireland, S.W. P. M. H. Turner, Secretary; P. M. James Hadfield, Treasurer; Peter Lee, S. D.; James Fletcher, J. D.; Hodgson, I. G.; The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 6.45; the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree. Bro. T. Butterworth Collingwood presented himself and was examined, and the brethren were highly satisfied, he was therefore entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the candidate was admitted and duly raised by P. M. Richardson, in a pleasing manner. Bro. T. B. Collingwood was invested, and the business of this degree being ended the lodge was closed. The lodge was closed in the second degree. After reading the communications and making necessary arrangements to ascertain how many of the brethren intend to be present at the installation of H. R. II. the Prince of Wales, the lodge was finally closed at 8.15, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was provided by C. M. Jones, P.M.; and his wife, in that excellent manner they are so well noted for. The W.M. took the chair and was well supported by his officers and brethren. After the cloth was removed, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," and the toasts were given in the usual manner. P. M. Turner proposed "The Health of the newly raised Bro. T. B. Collingwood," who on rising thanked them kindly for admitting him among them and said he would endeavour to become a Mason in act, as well as in deed and conform to the rules and regulations of the Order. The W.M. gave the closing toast, and the brethren departed in peace, and good will towards each other, after having enjoyed a comfortable evening.

NEWTON ABBOTT.—**Devon Lodge (No. 1138).**—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on the 16th ult. Present—Bros. W. R. King, W.M.; B. G. Beachey, I.P.M.; F. D. Bewes, P.M.; P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. S. Saunders, J.W.; W. Harris, S.D.; E. Huxtable, J.D.; R. L. Lloyd, Treas.; J. Oliver, Sec.; G. H. Hearder, Org.; F. J. Pratt, and C. Stevens, Stewards; Q. Crooke, I.G.; W. L. Pope, D.D.; P. Prov. G.C.; R. Hoskins, L. E. Bearne, W. H. Benfill, J. Williams, A. Christie, H. Voysey; visitor—W. Uglow, Morning Star Lodge, 1396. The lodge being opened and minutes confirmed, when Bro. N. H. Beazley, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. of C. West Lancashire, was balloted for as a joining member and unanimously elected. The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, when Bro. L. E. Bearne, who having proved his proficiency as a Fellow Craft, was most ably raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. F. D. Bewes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. The lodge was then resumed to the second, and then to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Herbert Martin, and Mr. Robt. E. Burges, candidates for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry; being clear, they were initiated into the Order in a most impressive manner. Several accounts were passed, and a letter from Grand Lodge, announcing the installation of the M.W. Grand Master, was read, and some brethren stated it was their intention to attend if tickets could be obtained. The labour of the lodge (which had been open upwards of three hours) being ended, it was closed in the usual manner.

MILLOM.—**Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the evening of the 16th ult. There was a goodly muster of brethren present. The minutes of last communication were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. T. B. Myers, of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, Liverpool, as a joining member, also for Mr. Wm. Hodgson, which proving favourable for both, the latter being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries by the W.M., Bro. John Mills, P. Prov. G.S.B., the working tools being given by the S.W., Bro. Meredith, and the charge was most impressively rendered by Bro. McKay, being a visiting brother from the Union Lodge Kendal. This being the only business of the evening, at the request of the W.M., Bro. McKay, gave the lecture on the first tracing board, which was given with his usual good style, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for the treat the brethren had enjoyed, and hoped that it would not be the last that Bro. McKay would give to the brethren of this lodge. Bro. McKay thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment, and expressed himself glad to do anything to further Freemasonry and promote its principles among the brethren, and if, at any future time, he should be in the neighbourhood on lodge night, he would be pleased to give the more advanced lectures. On a letter being read from Bro. Postlethwaite, the J.W., saying that in consequence of his sad bereavement, he would not be present that evening, the W.M. rose to say a few words on this and another sad circumstance. He said in God's providence it had pleased Him to visit the homes of both our Wardens with that dreadful foe, death. Bro. Postlethwaite had met with the greatest loss that can fall upon a household in the loss of his wife, Bro. Meredith, also in the loss of all his dear children. We can well feel what those bereavements are. I have known both for some years, and I, in common with their friends and acquaintances, feel much for their loss. I am not prepared to make a speech; but that, I am sure, is unnecessary, because, as Masons, we cherish affectionate regard for each other in every relation of life, and inculcate those kind feelings towards each other, which makes us regard other's afflictions as our own. Among the brotherhood I am sure there is no need of eloquence to raise feelings of sympathy in our hearts; we can feel what ought to be said. I therefore propose that addresses of condolence be sent to Bros. Meredith and Postlethwaite,

and that they be recorded on the minutes. A brother having seconded the motion, it was carried unanimously. Bro. Blakeney proposed, and Bro. Cooke seconded that Bro. the Rev. Wm. Barton, of Lodge Sincerity, 1019, be received as a joining member. There being no further business, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer at 10 p.m.

STONEHOUSE.—**Lodge Metham (No. 1205).**—On Monday, 15th ult., Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P., was installed as W.M. of Lodge Metham, for the ensuing year, in the presence of about a hundred brethren, many of whom had come from various parts of the two counties, to do honour to his lordship, who is highly esteemed among his Masonic brethren. The interesting and imposing ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by Bro. Col. Elliott, assisted by Bro. Leigh, and at the conclusion the lodge choir sang the beautiful anthem "Behold how good and joyful it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity." His lordship appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Col. Elliott, I.P.M.; William Harries, S.W.; W. Glover, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Newnham, Chaplain; C. Leigh, Treasurer; W. Powell, Secretary; E. A. Northey, Assistant Secretary; S. Hyne, S.D.; T. Gibbon, J.D.; C. Hale, I.G.; C. Mitten, D.C.; R. K. Granger and Howe, Stewards; T. Moore, Tyler, the following brethren were present:—Col. Elliott, P.M., 1205, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Leigh, P.M., 1205, P.P.G. Sec; the Rev. Richard Metham, P.M., 1205, P.P.G. Chaplain; Br. R. W. Beechey, P.M. P.G.W. Malta; J.M. Hiffley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; C. Parkin, P.M., 884; P.J.G.D. Derby; F. Aubrey Thomas, P.M., 1247, P.G.S.D.; J.B. Gover, P.M., 70, 1247, 1486, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Vincent Bird, P.M., 954, P.P.G.T.; S. Jew, P.M., 105; and 1486, P.P.G. Treasurer; W. B. Hambly, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; C.G. Gibson, P.M., 189, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Hele, Mus. Bac. W.M., 330, P.P.G. Organist, Cornwall; G. Bignell, P.M., 105, P.G.S.; Josiah Austin, P.M., 1099, P.P.G. Organist; G. Sadler, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T.S. Bayly, P.M., 189, P.P.G. Treasurer; J. Montgomery, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Lord Charles Beresford, J.W. 1205; C. C. Gibbs, P.M.; the Hon. H. A'Court, J.D. 1205; W. Jell, P.M. 230; W. D. Thomas, P.M. 159; W. Powell, P.M. and Hon. Secretary 1205; D. Cross, P.M. 1205; S. H. Annis, W.M. 223; J. E. Curteis, W.M. 189; C. Cooper, W.M. 105; Thomas Goodall, W.M. 954; J. May, P.M. 223; F. E. Thompson, P.M. 112; Dr. R. W. Beaumont, P.M. 114; E. A. Northey, William Harries, W. Glover, T. Gibbon, G. H. Emery, C. Mitten, C. Hale, S. Hyne, R. K. Granger, E. Hart, H. Dean, J. Maher, W. H. Blowey, J. Martin, W. Pearce, T. E. Peck, A. Thompson, G. A. Arberry, W. Meadows, R. S. Smith, R. Bankhead, G. Quick, T. Brown, W. H. Ching, T. Brooking, H. Boyling, J. S. Cox, W. H. Hunt, G. Congram, S. Page, Hislop, J. Maunders, A. Staite, G. W. Green, G. T. Derry, A. E. Lean, J. Matters, W. Morris, J. P. Kearney, H. Shaw, T. Sims, 223; S. Roach, 105; G. Evans, 1,099; Harris, 105; Raymond, 215; F. Littleton, 139; W. Brodie, 1,254 (Exeter); W. Boon, 223; J. James, J. W. 105; J. Northey, 105; T. Moore, 1205; S. Samuels, 223; A. Ralph, 183; J. Sullivan, 202; E. T. Taret, 70; J. Murch, 1,099; J. E. Nicholls, 1,099; T. Child, 230; R. H. Burt, 230; J. J. Westcott, 202; E. Binding, 202; C. P. Fisher, 70; S. Ramsden, 70; J. Beer, 202; J. Gourley, 153; W. Yen, 223, and others. The annual banquet was held in the evening at St. George's Hall, under the presidency of Lord Charles Beresford, the newly-elected W.M. The hall was decorated with exceedingly good taste by Bro. Coath, P.M., of 893, under the direction of a committee of the lodge, with flags kindly lent by Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, K.C.B., and a variety of plants from the gardens of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. The banquet was provided by Mrs. Coffin, of George-Street, Plymouth, and the wines by Mr. S. Vospre, of Stonehouse, and in each of these departments the greatest satisfaction was given. There were about 120 brethren present, including the majority of those who attended the installation, and in addition there were also present—Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, Bros. I. Latimer, P.M., 189; P.G.J.W.; W. Derry, P.P.G.S.D.; Risk, J. T. Smith, P.M. 223; Frœhnert, Fly, Sherwill, Haggarty, Hearle, P.M. and Treasurer, 156, P.G.A.D.C.; Bros. J. J. Avery, W.M. 70; J. Waldo Howe, J.W. 189; Twoose, P.M. 105; W. Coath, P.M. 893; A. Knowles, D.C. 159; H. Davey, S.S. 105; A. W. King, 1205; C. Walters, J. Pethick, and many others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the removal of the cloth, and the W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Most Worshipful H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," said his Royal Highness was a true, good-hearted Englishman who would always carry out to the fullest extent the truest principles of Freemasonry, and who would do honour to the high position he was soon about to occupy. The next toast was "The Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, and Past and Present Grand Officers, the Dep. Grand Master of Devon, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." This was drunk with the usual honours, and was followed by the toast of "The R.W. Brethren the Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.M. of Devon, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall." In proposing this the W.M. spoke in the highest terms of Bros. the Rev. J. Huyshe, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, both of whom were greatly beloved by the Masonic brethren of their respective provinces. Bro. Huyshe's name was a household word amongst Masons all over England. Bro. Col. Elliott, who responded, regretted the absence of the P.G.M., who had recently been laid upon a bed of sickness, and who, at one time, was so ill that his recovery was despaired of. He was now progressing towards convalescence, and he was sure every true Mason would heartily hope that the R.W. Brother might live for many years to preside over the province. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe had fully intended to have been present at the installation of the W.M., but he was suddenly called away to London, and the lodge was, therefore, deprived of the honour of his presence. Bro. Metham would also have been present but

for the death of his brother. He had written expressing his deep regret at the cause of his absence, inasmuch as he had hoped to have had the opportunity of thanking all the lodges for their generous subscriptions to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke. He (Bro. Elliott) was glad to be able to say that towards this fund Metham Lodge had contributed fifty guineas—(applause). He had now to ask the brethren to join him right heartily in drinking the health of their W.M., Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. The admirable manner in which his lordship had that afternoon discharged his duties after his installation was a sufficient justification—if there were no other—of the choice which the lodge had made. Metham Lodge should feel proud at having such a noble brother at its head, and also that it was the means of adding to the lists of members of the Grand Lodge of England one who was so thoroughly and entirely worthy to fill that honourable post, and whom they might shortly hope and expect to see filling a high office under His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England. Lord Charles Beresford in acknowledging the toasts, assured the brethren that he had the highest appreciation of the great honour which had that day been done him, and he hoped to be able to attend to the duties of the office during the greater part of the year. He was also glad that it would give him an opportunity of being present at the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. He had a very great idea of the value of Freemasonry, and believed it was one of the best institutions they had in the country. Under its banner high and low, rich and poor, old and young were brought together in social intercourse, and for benevolent and charitable purposes, such an institution was bound to do good. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," proposed by the W.M., and suitably responded to by Bros. Colonel Elliott, Metham, and Leigh. "The Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge" was acknowledged by Bro. W. Harries, S.W., who thanked his lordship for the kindly terms in which he had proposed the toast. The office which had been conferred upon him was one which he valued very highly, and he hoped he should always be found performing its duties in a manner that would be in every way acceptable to the brethren generally. He was warmly attached to Masonry, and he need scarcely say that he was equally attached to his lodge, and he hoped he should always be found foremost in promoting that good feeling and those truly Masonic principles which were, or ought to be, the very essence of the Order. Metham Lodge was a lodge of which they had all reason to be proud, and the maintenance of its honour and reputation depended to a great extent upon the manner in which its officers discharged their functions. These functions required a vast amount of thought, study, and attention, and it would be his pleasure, as indeed it was his duty, to give to the office all that study and earnest attention which the brethren had a right to expect of him. Bro. Glover, J.W., also acknowledged the toast, and hoped the lodge would always find him at his post. Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel responded for "The Visiting Brethren and Sister Lodges," and the last toast on the list was "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren." During the evening valuable musical services, vocal and instrumental, were rendered by Bros. Frœhnert, Fly, Hart, Cross, Harries, Emery, Gibbons, Mitten, Binding, Glover, Maher, Hele, and Rowlands. The evening, altogether, was a most enjoyable one.

SOUTHALL.—**Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, March 23rd, at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall. Since the last regular meeting held in November the lodge has had to deplore the deaths of Bros. Richard Limpus, P. Prov. G. Organist Middlesex, W.M., and Edwin Sillifant, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary, opened the lodge; Bro. C. Horsley, P. Prov. G.R. Middlesex, P.M., passed Bros. C. Paulson and J. Davies to the second degree and raised Bro. G. Wilson to the third degree, the work being done in an admirable manner. Letters of condolence were ordered to be sent to the widows of the deceased officers. A petition from a widow was recommended to the Lodge of Benevolence, and she had £8 10s. collected from amongst the dozen members present—to be increased to £10 0s. from the Charity Fund of the lodge. Bro. R. P. Tebb was unanimously elected as the Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. C. G. S. Stahr, P.M.; C. A. Ferrier, S.W.; C. G. Rushworth, J.W.; J. W. George, J.D.; H. D'Arcy, G. W. Schollar, R. J. Tebb, T. S. Lewis, and others. Visitor—Bro. J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 1423. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. The brethren partook of tea and slight refreshment, and then returned to town.

LIVERPOOL.—**The Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).**—Of all the lodges in West Lancashire, perhaps none are at this moment so prosperous as the comparatively young one known as the Hamer, formerly meeting in Windermere Street, Liverpool, but now having elegant and comfortable quarters of its own at the Clarence Hotel, Everton road, Liverpool. For many reasons, but especially for the marked excellence of its working, and the great popularity of its W.M. Bro. R. H. Evans, and indeed of all its excellent officers there has for some months past, been a very large and constant accession to its members. Indeed so rapidly is the number increasing, that the necessity for greatly enlarged accommodation is every month becoming more and more urgent, though in other respects, the present place of meeting is so comfortable and convenient that all would regret to leave them. At the usual monthly meeting on Tuesday last, there were no fewer than five balloted for initiation, and three of them being in attendance were effectively passed through the first degree. Afterwards six were passed to the second degree, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the

W.M. and his Wardens. There was an unusually large attendance of visitors, including brethren from several other neighbouring towns, and even from Ireland and Canada. At the close of the usual business of the lodge the W.M. called attention to the communication from the Secretary of Grand Lodge, in reference to the installation of "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales." The members expressed very great interest in the event, and many expressed their desire to witness the ceremony. Bro. J. Jones, I.P.M., said he thought it was highly desirable that as many members of the lodge as possible should visit the metropolis on such an auspicious occasion, but in his opinion the Hamer Lodge ought to be officially represented, and he had therefore very great pleasure in proposing that their esteemed Worshipful Master, Bro. Evans, be requested to attend the installation of our Royal Brother at the expense of the lodge. The motion was received with much favour, and unanimously adopted. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the lodge was closed shortly afterwards. A little later the brethren met together at supper, the W.M. presiding, and the vice chairs being occupied by Bro. Jackson, S.W., and Bro. McCarthy, J.W. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" expressing his gratification at seeing so many of them present with them that evening. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Crosby Leighton, W.M. 1035; J. Vaughan, J.W. 85; H. Vaughan, J.D. 86, and W. Simpson, 823, all of whom acknowledged the compliment, and spoke in high terms of the excellent working of the Hamer Lodge, and the very great hospitality and kindness which all its members invariably showed to visiting brethren. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were altogether of an interesting and enjoyable character.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, and like all the meetings of the companions of the Domatic Chapter, was most successful. Chapter having been opened by the Principals and Past Principals, among whom were Comps. J. R. Foulger, Z.; G. Bolton, H.; A. T. Hayward, J.; James Weaver, P.Z.; H. G. Buss, P.Z.; John Coutts, P.Z.; Thomas Cubitt, P.Z.; H. Moore, P.Z.; M. Scott, P.Z.; H. Levander, P.Z.; — Wilson, P.Z.; and — Gilbert, P.Z. The companions were admitted, and for the purpose of exalting some brethren, Comp. T. Cubitt took the H. Chair; and Bros. M. H. Sellar, (Domatic Lodge), Thomas Hayward, (Kennington Lodge); John Mason, (Ebury Lodge); and Thomas Skinner, (Ebury Lodge), were exalted, as R.A. Masons. Comp. Bolton was then installed M.E.Z.; Comp. A. T. Hayward, H.; and Comp. Montague Scott, P.Z.; J. The other officers were Comps. H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treasurer; Comp. William Palmer, S.E.; Comp. James Weaver, P.Z., S.N.; Comp. Hill, P.S.; Comp. A. Treadwell, 1st A.S. Comp. Lawrence, and A.S.; and Comp. Bentley, Janitor. On his retirement from the First Principal's chair, Comp. J. R. Foulger was presented with a beautiful P.Z. jewel, whose exquisite neatness drew warm admiration from all the companions. This being the whole of the business before the chapter, it was closed, and the companions sat down to a nice banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

IPSWICH.—ST. LUKE'S CHAPTER (No. 225).—The regular quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., present Comps. Jas. Turner, Z.; Emra Holmes, H.; Charles Byford, J.; Geo. Abbott, Prin. Soj.; Jas. Goodball, Treasurer, &c. The chapter having been opened in ancient form and the minutes of last chapter read and confirmed, the M.E.Z., announced that this was the annual meeting for the election of officers. The following were nominated to the respective offices:—Comp. Emra Holmes, as Z.; Charles Byford, as H.; Jas. Turner, as J.; Geo. Abbott, as Prin. Soj.; Jobson as N.; Syer, Janitor. Comp. Holmes proposed a candidate for exaltation at next meeting. The M.E.Z. announced that he had received a copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Alexandra Chapter against the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter, advocated by the Royal Sussex Chapter, and asking the opinion of the companions thereon. After some discussion it was decided to take no steps in the matter. The other routine business of the chapter having been disposed of, the companions shared the secrets, the Royal Arch Chapter was closed in due and solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal toasts were given, and three Grand Principals were duly toasted, and a pleasant social hour was passed.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (time immemorial).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, March 25th. Present—V.W. Bros. Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W., and P.M. 26 and 74, acting as W.M.; Moutrie, acting as S.W.; James J. Dutton, J.W.; Milsom, S.D.; Birth, acting as J.D.; John Dutton, M.O.; Rubie, as S.O.; Keene, as J.O. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were three candidates for advancement present, with regard to whom due notice had been given, namely, Bros. Gazzard, G. Falkner and P. Braham. For the first of these a ballot had been taken on a former occasion, and on the names of the other two being submitted to the brethren present, the result was unanimously in their favour. The ceremony was conducted by the acting W.M., and the candidates were duly admitted; first as Mark Men, and afterwards as Mark Master Masons.

Letters of apology for absence were read from Bro. Thompson, W.M., on account of illness, and from Bro. Major Preston, who was unavoidably from home. A ballot was taken for W.M. during the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. James J. Dutton, and in the same way, his brother, John Dutton, was appointed Treasurer. The Secretary presented the report of the committee of three members selected to draw up a code of by-laws, and the reading of them was commenced, but as it appeared probable that much discussion would arise, and that owing to the lateness of the hour, it would be impossible to complete them on that evening; it was determined to appoint a more extended committee for their reconsideration, with a view to their adoption at the next meeting. The lodge was finally closed at ten o'clock.

Knights Templar.

ROCHDALE.—ALBERT PRECEPTORY (No. 34).—The annual meeting of this preceptory was held in the Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochdale, on Thursday, the 19th March, and I am sorry to say there was a very bad attendance of the Sir Knights. The Sir Knights present were Wm. Davies, Preceptor; John Fothergill, First Captain; Robert Whitworth, Second Captain; C. M. Jones, Past E.C., Treasurer; E. Woodcock, Registrar; James Holroyd, Past E.C., Almoner; John Ashworth, Equerry; William Ashworth, Prov. G. Chancellor, Lancashire; and Clement R. N. Beswick-Royds, Sub-Prior, Lancashire. The preceptory was opened in form, and the minutes were read and put for confirmation, and carried unanimously. After which the Sub-Prior took the chair, and proceeded to install Sir Knight John Fothergill, who had been elected Preceptor for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner, the newly installed Preceptor appointed the following officers:—Wm. Davies, Prelate; Robert Whitworth, First Captain; E. Woodcock, Second Captain; C. M. Jones, Treasurer; John Ashworth, Equerry. On account of so few being present, the Preceptor was unable to get a sufficient number of officers to support him during his term of office. Since the alterations in the statutes there has been a great falling off in the attendance of the Sir Knights. They say there is no inducement to attend, as past rank is abolished, the titles altered, and separated from the Masonic body. We get no new members, and those who have joined do not think it worth their while to attend. The Order is in a very unsatisfactory state, and if something is not done soon the Great Priory will have no need to suspend the preceptories in arrears. They will not meet in sufficient numbers to open. It is a great pity such alterations should have taken place for no earthly good. Why it has been done I do not understand, I have not heard anyone speak about the alterations, but entirely disapprove of them. Those who are installed Preceptors now are called upon to pay 10s. 6d. and after their time is expired fall into the ranks of a full private. Before the alterations, those who were installed Eminent Commanders had nothing to pay and enjoyed all the privileges of past-rank. It is a strange alteration, the sooner something is done the better, that the encampments once more may flourish and enjoy all the privileges they used to do.

Scotland.

ANNAN.—ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 79).—This lodge gave a grand concert and ball on the evening of Thursday, 18th ult., under the patronage of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Annan, Lauderdale Maitland, of Eccles, P.G.M.; A. Johnstone Douglas, of Lockerbie House, R.W.M.; the Prov. Grand Lodge of Dumfriesshire; and sister lodges. The concert and ball were generously taken in hand by the brethren of the mystic tie, to raise funds in aid of the new Town Hall, proposed to be built in place of the "mickle o' stanes" at present doing duty as Town Hall; but unfortunately the public of Annan did not give the concert that amount of tangible encouragement, which the labour and pains bestowed on the object by Bros. J. Walsh and R. Jeffrey, as well as the other members of the lodge, deserved, and which praiseworthy end the Masonic brethren had in view should have commanded. The brethren, however, have the consciousness of knowing that no efforts were spared by them to make it a success.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—The annual visitation of this lodge by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow took place on the 22nd ult., within St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The lodge having been opened by the R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, the deputation from the P.G.L.—who had previously inspected the books and accounts of the lodge in an adjoining apartment—entered the hall. They appeared for the first time in their beautiful new clothing (specially made for them by Bro. George Kenning, of London, and Argyle-street here), and were received by the brethren standing, and with the customary honours. The deputation consisted of Bro. J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas.; A. McTaggart, P.G. Secy.; James Gillies, P.G.S.D.; George Thallon, P.G.J.D.; A. Allison, P.G. Jeweller; A. Baul, P.G.B.B.; and John Miller, P.G. Direc. of Music. The deputation having taken their seats on the dais, the R.W.M. said he had much pleasure in welcoming them within the sacred precincts of that lodge, and he hoped they would find the books of St. Mark in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Bro. McTaggart then said that the deputation had come there that night under very adverse circumstances, seeing that unfortunately they had with them neither the R.W. Provincial Grand Master nor his Depute-Master, both being unavoidably absent. However, he (Bro. McTaggart) would be able to report extremely favourable regarding the state of Lodge St. Mark and of

its books during the past year. Having read the official report to that effect, signed by the inspectors, Bro. McTaggart continued that he was glad to say that from the manner in which the books and accounts had been kept the task of the deputation that night had been a very simple one, and they had found the condition of the lodge as good and as favourable now as it had been in times past. With regard to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, he was glad to say that the past history of its work was a very gratifying one, as was evinced by the progress made by the Order within the province. The number of members added to it during the last twelve months had been over 700; being, he thought, more than had been made in any twelve months preceding. This was very satisfactory, in view of the fact that there is a growing desire on the part of Masons to keep their membership more select, and to increase the amount of payment—that was, of lodge fees. It would be found that by comparison with other countries, the fees in this country were very small; and he thought that one of the first things to improve the Order in Scotland would be to increase them. He was led to believe that a motion was on foot, which had his entire approval, to the effect that the Grand Lodge should fix a minimum admission fee for all lodges holding under it. Bro. McTaggart then went on by referring to the gratifying condition and prospects of the Benevolent Fund in connection with Provincial Grand Lodge, and after touching on one or two other points of interest to the Craft within the province and generally, concluded by hoping that on their next year's visit they, or those who might form the deputation, would be able to report as favourably of Lodge St. Mark as they had been this year. The R.W.M., Bro. Mitchell, having thanked the deputation for the very flattering remarks they had made about the lodge, moved a hearty vote of thanks to them for their visit, which having been carried with acclamation the deputation withdrew. Thereafter, the lodge went on to business, when three candidates, Wm. Morrison, John Marshall, and John Hannay, received the first degree from the R.W.M., the charge at the close being delivered to them by the D.M., Bro. A. C. Lindsay-Gray. The chairman announced that the annual festival of the lodge would be held on the 23rd prox., being the eve of St. Mark's Day, and the lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE PARTICK ST. MARY (No. 117).—The 106th anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated by a supper and ball, held in the Burgh Hall, Maxwell-street, Partick, on the 26th ult. Soon after eight o'clock, the chair was taken at supper by the R.W.M., Bro. Robert Wylie; the duties of croupier devolving upon Bro. David Peacock, S.W. There were present: Bros. Thos. Grainger and Andrew Brunton, P.M.'s of the lodge; John Bain, S.W.; Andrew Agnew, J.W.; Forrest, S.D.; John M. Wylie, Treasurer; John Calderwood, S.D.; and Alfred Lawrence, Chaplain. There was a numerous attendance of members at lodge and visiting brethren, as well as a large proportion of ladies, about ninety in all sitting down to an excellent supper. The tables having been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and were heartily responded to. That of the "Army, Navy, and Volunteers," was coupled with the names of Bro. Forrest for the Navy, and Bro. Agnew for the last-named branch of the service. Each of these brethren having briefly replied, Bro. Brunton proposed "The Commercial Interests of Partick," coupled with the name of Bro. Grainger, by whom it was acknowledged. The toast of the "Provost and Town Council of Partick," having been given, in somewhat humorous terms by Mr. Lyon, and replied to in a corresponding vein by Bro. Wylie; Bro. Thomas Halket (102) said he had no doubt they would all heartily respond to the toast which had been given him to propose, namely, "Prosperity to Lodge Partick St. Mary's, No. 117." The success which had hitherto attended the lodge could not but be greatly gratifying to the Master and office-bearers, while the present meeting was a very good proof of the spirit and energy with which they conducted their business, as well as of the prosperity of the lodge. It gave him great pleasure to propose the toast. In Freemasonry there was no rivalry; Masons were one and indivisible, members of one brave brotherhood to promote all that was noble and good, all that was just and generous. In asking them, therefore, to honour that toast, he did not ask them to support anything selfish or exclusive. On the contrary, Masonry sought the good of all. In their Order, they had nothing to be ashamed of, nothing to apologise for. Its principles had been expounded by the most eminent men of all ages, who had given them their approval. There was one point in connection with that lodge he would just refer to—that was the proposal now before them—to get a hall for themselves. That showed that there was life and energy among them, and the erection of such a hall would make an era in the history of that ancient and honourable lodge. He hoped that their next anniversary meeting they would be able to hold in their own hall. The toast was coupled with the R.W.M. and office-bearers of the lodge, and replied to by the chairman in a sentence. He had to reply, he said, for their old mother Mary. She was 106 years old that night, and very vigorous. She gave birth every year to about fifty sons of the Craft, and he hoped she would many a fifty more. After one or two other toasts, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the entire company, the latter retired to allow of the hall being cleared for dancing. In about half-an-hour, or there about, afterwards the ball was opened and kept up with spirit till an early hour. The gathering was altogether an entire success.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held within their own hall, at No. 12, Trongate, on the 22nd ult. The R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, occupied the chair; other office-bearers present being Bros. J. Garth, S.W.; J. Horn, J.W.; B.

Smart, Treasurer; and J. Crawford, Secretary. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, among the latter being Bros. James Shaw, R.W.M., 354; Dugald Butler, R.W.M., 27; R. M. Yuill, R.W.M., 275; &c. The lodge having been opened, and minutes of the last meeting read and approved of, the following candidates for initiation having been duly proposed and seconded, and there being no objections, received the E.A. degree at the hands of the R.W.M.:—G. Finlay, J. Taylor, J. Hutcheson, W. Robertson, and J. Charles. Two cases for charity were then brought forward, which were favourably entertained; after which a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow entered the hall, having concluded their annual inspection of the lodge books in another apartment. The satisfactory result of this was announced from the dais by Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, which he followed up by an able, interesting, and most useful address to the brethren on points, the observance of which would conduce to the advancement and improvement within the province and generally. At the close, the R.W.M. (Bro. Morgan) thanked the P.G.L. for their kindness; and with reference to one or two little short-comings in their working which Bro. McTaggart had pointed out, said he would endeavour to have them remedied. Three of their number having been affiliated as members of Lodge Star, the deputation then withdrew, after which the lodge closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOL (No. 413).—The usual meeting of this lodge, held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on 23rd ult., was an unusually agreeable and successful one. The R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, presided; and the other office-bearers present were Bros. John Miller, P.M.; James Loutitt, D.M.; Colin McKenzie, S.W.; Daniel Leeds, J.W.; Wm. Loutitt, S.D.; Robert McLeish, J.D.; and J. W. Stevenson, Secretary. Among the numerous visitors present were Bro. A. B. Thorburn, R.W.M., 4; David Horne, J.W. 34; Dr. McInnes, S.W., 27; James Booth, S.W., 87; and J. M. Oliver, S.W., 360. The general attendance was the largest that has been seen in the hall at any ordinary meeting for a lengthened period, no fewer than 103 in all, having signed the Tyler's book. The lodge having been opened, three approved candidates came forward for initiation—namely, James Crichton, Wm. Lockey, and George Robertson, who, there being no objections, received the E.A. degree at the hands of the R.W.M. Thereafter, the chairman announced that, in fulfilment of his kind promise made some time ago, Brother G. Walter Baynham had come forward that evening, to favour them with a short lecture, which he was sure they would all enjoy. Brother Baynham, who was seated on the dais at the Chairman's right, then commenced the delivery of his lecture, which was entitled "The Two Sides of Life." Of this we need but say that the chairman's prediction was realized to the full. The lecture, which occupied about half-an-hour in delivery, is a witty and a wise one in happy combination, discovering in its author much insight into human, and particularly social, life and character, and containing not a few shrewd shots at "folly as it flies," the most of which reach well home. It seems, we may add, with apt illustrations and anecdotes, which, we need scarcely add, were most felicitously "rendered." Bro. Baynham's elocutionary abilities and practised skill in dramatic delineation are as well, and much more widely known, without than within the craft; so that all and sundry will readily believe that the occasion was in the very truth a treat. The lecturer received that (as he so well knows) highest of all compliments, the rapt attention of his auditors throughout, save when at some happier stroke they perforce gave way; whilst universal and prolonged applause rang through the lodge-room when he had concluded. On the cessation of this, the Chairman, in a few words, expressed his lively sense, in which he was sure every brother present would join, of the high gratification afforded them by Bro. Baynham's admirable lecture; and said the least thing they could do was to award him a very hearty vote of thanks. This was thereupon given with a will, and the demonstration was renewed in full force when Bro. Baynham, in brief, returning thanks for the reception he had met with, announced his willingness on some other occasion, perhaps before the end of the present session, to give "another of the same." The lodge then adjourned to refreshment, when a very pleasant hour was spent. In the course of the proceedings the Chairman proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of Bro. John Miller, P.G. Dir. of Music; who, in a few words of reply, referred to the amount of work which fell to be gone through by the P.G.L., not the least of which was the annual visitations, just now commenced for the present year, which they paid in turn to each of the lodges within the province, now 27 in number. The orthodox toast of "The Last Laid Stones" having been neatly given by the chairman and duly honoured, the J.W. (Bro. Leeds) gave "The Visiting Brethren," of which he was happy to see so many present that evening, and hoped to see many of them back again. The toasts were coupled with the name of Bro. Thorburn (No. 4), and by him acknowledged. He was sure that he only spoke the mind of every visiting brother present in expressing his appreciation of the amusement and instruction they had received that night from Bro. Baynham's lecture; and he only wished they could have many more like it. The pleasure of the harmony hour, we should add, was greatly enhanced by the singing of a glee party, consisting of Bros. Miller, Shaw, and Robertson; and the efforts in the humorous direction of Bros. Scott and J. C. Burne. The "last toast" having been honoured, the lodge was recalled to labour, and, on its being found that there was no more business, the lodge was then closed in due form.

RENFREW.—COUNTY KILWINNING LODGE (No. 370).—On the 18th ult. the usual fortnightly meeting of the R.C.K. Lodge, 370, was held in their hall, High-street,

and after the transaction of business Bro. Anderson, R.W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, introduced to the meeting Bro. Thomson, of Glasgow, who is well-known among Masons for the grand enthusiasm he has shown at all times in providing for the wants of those of his brethren who may have been more unfortunate than the majority of us in connection with the good things of this life. Bro. Thomson, who was received with applause, delivered an excellent address, taking for his subject "Charity," which was listened to with great attention and frequently applauded, after which remarks were made by Bro. ex-Bailie Masson. The meeting then closed at an early hour, all having being well pleased with the evening's performance. This is the second lecture which has been given this season. The R.W.M. has arranged for a few more for the benefit of the Craft.

GLASGOW.—LODGE MARYHILL (No. 510).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 167, Main-street, Maryhill, on 24th ult. Bro. John Lockhart, R.W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. Hugh Niven, P.M.; Jno. McKay, D.M.; Alex. Nevay, S.M.; Wm. Carey, S.W.; Jno. Govan, Treas.; P. F. Craigie, Sec.; and Matthew Wingate, S.D. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, the occasion being the annual visitation by Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. The lodge having been opened, and minutes read by the Secretary, the deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, being received by the brethren with due honour. Having taken their seats upon the dais, the R.W.M. presented his mallet to Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., who said he accepted the same in the name of Bro. J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas., and himself, who had a special authority to come out and visit the lodge. He had much pleasure in returning the mallet to the R.W.M., being quite satisfied that, while the latter held it, it was in trustworthy hands. Bro. McTaggart then briefly addressed the lodge. He said it afforded him no small gratification to be there that night. He was in the position of being able to report to the brethren that the affairs of that lodge were in a highly satisfactory condition. The certificate he had inscribed in their book, he thought, was amply sufficient in testimony of the fact. It was to the effect that the deputation had found affairs in excellent condition, and that the lodge was working in strict harmony with the laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. A higher certificate than that they could hardly have had. In the first place, the sederunt book was exceedingly well kept; a fact which reflected great credit on their Outer Guard. This matter of the sederunt book, he might state, was an important point, inasmuch as of late years a spurious body of Masonry had sprung up, the promoters of which professed to give it cheaper than it could be obtained in legitimate lodges; but he (Bro. McTaggart) shrewdly suspected that it was just about value for the amount of money paid for it. It behoved them, therefore, to be well guarded; and the speaker then gave them some advice as to how to proceed when a stranger sought admission to the lodge. Continuing, he said he was very glad to see that their minute book was in capital condition, and gave not only a truthful but a very copious account of their proceedings. The roll-book was well kept, and the cash-book had been properly audited; and he was glad to see from the latter that the balance was on the right side. The receipt-book was also well kept. As to their cash-book he wished to say a word or two. He observed that in three cases where they had made new members the fees were not paid on the night of initiation. This he warned them to avoid in the future. The first preparation of a candidate should be the payment of his money, and a record of the same taken and kept. It was all very well to say that the proposer and seconder of a candidate were his securities and as such liable for the amount, but, in practice, did they ever know of a case where they were fallen back upon and compelled to pay. He was very glad that night to find that they had been able to subscribe no less a sum than £7 15s. to the Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. During last year he saw they had initiated thirty-one members, and of that number there was not a single case where the three degrees had been given to a candidate in one night. In three cases two degrees had been given on the same night, the remaining twenty-eight members admitted having received the degrees according to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He might fearlessly say the records of the Provincial Grand Lodge had not shown another so clean a bill in this respect as the Lodge Maryhill. The hurrying through the three degrees in one night was clearly contrary to Grand Lodge law, but the latter was often disregarded in this matter on the shallowest pretext. No single man could take up at once the three degrees of Masonry; and it was therefore absurd in any man to seek them in one night, unless in cases of extreme emergency, for which Grand Lodge laws amply provided. In concluding Bro. McTaggart said they would allow him to congratulate them on the state of their lodge, and he hoped, if the deputation were spared, to see them another year, that they would find him in an equally faultless position. It was very gratifying that a lodge so young as theirs had made so much progress during its short existence; and he might say that if the Provincial Grand Lodge could in any way encourage them, it would be glad to do so. He thanked them for the reception they had given the deputation. Bro. Geo. Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of the P.G. Benevolent Fund, thereafter briefly addressed the meeting with reference to his own department, adducing in proof of the very satisfactory progress and position of the Fund, the figures which he brought forward at the meeting of Lodge St. Mary's a week previous, as recorded in the last issue of the *Freemason*. In looking over his books, he added, he did not find any applications for relief from Lodge Maryhill for the last two years. He was very happy that this should be so, if there was no necessity;

but if they did want they must not be backward in coming forward for schedules, with which he should be happy to supply them. The speaker having concluded, Bro. McTaggart said they would allow him to supplement what Bro. Sinclair said by the announcement that the accounts of Brother Walker had been equally flourishing. When he was appointed Treasurer of the P.G.L. some six or seven years ago, he was in the unfortunate condition of having no funds. After his election, he (Bro. McTaggart) remembered very well saying that there was not much use in having a Treasurer when there was no funds to take charge of; and he proposed that the office should be abolished. This, however, was not done, and Bro. Walker was now in a different case. At the end of last year he had a balance in hand of over £50. Moreover, he had been able to provide and pay for, the fine new clothing which the deputation had brought out with them, and was then able to manage affairs without asking the lodges for a single penny more than they had been in the habit of paying. On the conclusion of Bro. McTaggart's remarks, the R.W.M., on behalf of the lodge, returned thanks for the encouragement the deputation had given them to go on; and thereafter stated his desire that those of their number not already affiliated to Lodge Maryhill should now be so. Accordingly Bros. Geo. Sinclair; R. Robb; P. G. Marshall, and W. Phillips, P.G.S.B., stepped forward to the altar, and received affiliation at the hands of Bro. McTaggart. Bro. Sinclair having returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them, the deputation retired, and the lodge adjourned for a short time for refreshment, being afterwards closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (No. 67).—This Chapter held its regular monthly meeting in the F.M.H., 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on the 23rd ult.—Companions present, J. Duthie, Z.; J. Cunningham, H.; W. Taylor, J.; D. French, Scribe E.; D. Renald, First Sojourner; J. Nagle; Second Sojourner; J. Dickie, Third Sojourner; J. Mason, Scribe, N. Not only all the office-bearers were present, but the Treasurer and a full meeting of well qualified companions to constitute and hold the same. The visiting companions were G. W. Wheeler, Z., 73; Gilchrist, P.Z., 73; C. McKenzie, First Sojourner, 50; and Companion W. H. Bickerton, of Chapter 79. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and approved of. Applications were then read from Brothers William Niven, of Lodge 27, and William Mitchell, of Lodge 3, for admission into this Chapter, which were approved of. The candidates having been duly prepared, were led into the lodge and instructed in the mysteries of this degree by Bro. Taylor, Past Z. The lodge was then closed on the Mark degree, and opened on the degree of Excellent Masters, when Bros. Laird, Niven, and Mitchell, were duly prepared and led into the lodge, and installed into the mysteries, by Companion Duthie, Z. The Lodge of Excellent Masters was then closed and the Holy Royal Arch Chapter opened, with Companion Duthie, Z.: Comp. Cummin, H.; Comp. Taylor, J.; all the office-bearers in their proper places. The three above named brethren being duly prepared, were led into the chapter by the First Sojourner and were instructed and received as Companions by the First Principal. A committee was, after discussion, appointed to make arrangements for the annual supper of the chapter, which is to take place in F.M.H., 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on Tuesday, 27th inst., at 7 o'clock, p.m. [The chapter was closed in due and ancient form by the three Principals, all the companions standing to order.]

GLASGOW.—GOVAN CHAPTER (No. 117).—A special meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on the 22nd ult., at 8 p.m. On the invitation of the officers, the chapter was opened by Comp. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent of Lanarkshire, for the purpose of installing newly-elected office-bearers. He was assisted by Comps. Thomas Halket, acting H.; James Balfour, acting J.; and John Fraser, P.G. Scribe N. There were present Comps. John McFarlane, Z. of the Chapter; John Sutherland, H.; John Hutcheson, J.; Archibald W. Berry, S.E.; John Miller, S.N.; Robert Muir, Treasurer; Thomas Lowther, First Soj.; William Ferguson, Second Soj.; Robert Dunlop, Third Soj.; John McIntyre, Janitor; and a considerable number of companions belonging to the Govan and other chapters. When the chapter had been duly opened, the P.G. Superintendent installed the above-named office-bearers into their several offices, and at the close of the ceremony, which was performed in an able and impressive manner, he congratulated the Chapter upon its present prospects, and hoped that after that meeting they would have in the future a prosperous career. Thereafter, Companion Jas. McFarlane, M.E.Z., thanked the P. G. Supt. for the kindness and courtesy he had shown the Chapter of Govan, and trusted that the remarks he had made would stimulate them to renewed efforts in the direction of promoting Royal Arch Masonry in the district, as well as in Lanarkshire at large. The P.G. Supt. made a suitable reply, in the course of which he gave some useful advice to the office-bearers and companions present. The following companions of the deputation were then affiliated, by the unanimous voice of the chapter, the newly-installed M.E.Z. officiating:—Thomas Halket, John Balfour, and John Fraser. Companion Halket, in replying for himself, said he would be most happy at any time to assist the chapter in any way within his power. Companions Balfour and Fraser also acknowledged the honour paid them, the latter adding that he felt it the more from that being the first chapter within the province from which he had received the distinction of honorary affiliation. The chapter was thereafter duly closed.

Much of the beauty of Masonry is seen in its traditions and legends. To ignore this fact would be to put a check on the prevalence of truth. To discard fiction, would be to reject the rhetoric or poetry of literature, and to prohibit all orators from edifying their hearers with fine perorations.

CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held at the Masonic chambers, Argyle Street, Birkenhead, Bro. Donald Fraser, W.M. 477, presiding, and there was a numerous attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province.

The accounts for the past year having been audited and found correct, the following report for presentation to the Court of Governors to be held at Crewe, on the 31st instant, was read and unanimously agreed to:—

During the last twelve months, in consequence of the resignation by the Marquis of Ripon of the Grand Mastership of the Order, Masonry has been exposed to severe criticism, its principles called in question and much odium attempted to be cast on the fraternity; yet Masonry flourishes, and even its greatest traducers have been compelled to admit that the exertions of the Craft in the sacred cause of charity, and especially of education, are beyond all praise.

Year by year the great Masonic Institutions in London increase in usefulness and strength, conferring inestimable benefits on large numbers of poor and distressed Freemasons, widows, and orphans.

As these great institutions in the Metropolis administer to the necessities of the Craft in general, so this institution provides for the educational requirements of this Province in particular, and it is very gratifying to find that while the brethren exhibit an increasing interest in our local charity, their zeal on behalf of the general charities remains unabated.

The demands on the resources of your institution during the past year have been great, twenty children having received the benefits of education and two advanced in life, at a cost of £136 1s. 7d., and there are now five candidates for election.

These facts show how important it is for all the lodges in the province, and the brethren individually and collectively, to exert themselves to the utmost to procure a large annual increase in the donations and subscriptions.

Your Committee have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a donation of £5 5s. the proceeds of a Masonic Ball, given by the brethren of Stockport; they also gratefully acknowledge the benevolent zeal of the brethren of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, by whom the sum of £84 has been presented as the result of an amateur dramatic performance in December last, which was eminently successful, under the general superintendence of Bro. W.M. Asher, of that lodge, and of a picnic held in August; these examples of the benefits arising from combined effort will, it is hoped, have their due influence in stimulating other lodges in the province. We regret to find that notwithstanding the strong appeal made in our report at the close of the year 1872, to the W.M.'s in the province, there are some lodges who still stand aloof from contributing to the funds.

At the close of last year, the capital of the institution amounted to £1995 3s. 10d., the interest on the invested portion of which was £95 0s. 5d. During the current year an additional £365 has been securely invested, making the present capital £2216 11s. 2d.

Your Committee cannot close their report without again expressing their thanks to the Honorary Secretaries, Treasurer, and other Officers of the Institution, for the very valuable services rendered, and their constant watchfulness over its interests.

The five candidates for admission to the benefits of the Institution were in attendance, and after a careful consideration of each case it was resolved that the whole should be recommended for election, in the hope that, during the ensuing year the brethren will, by renewed exertions, make up the deficiency in the revenue legally applicable to the objects of the Charity.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

On St. John's Day the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge, 735, E.C., Nelson, New Zealand, held their annual Festival in the Masonic Hall, at high noon; the installation of officers took place, Bro. W. Westbrooke Squires, P.M., acting as Installing Officer, assisted by Bro. W. B. Sealy, P.M., conducting the ceremonies. Bro. William Lightfoot having been installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge, the following office-bearers were duly invested:—J. C. Moutray, S.W.; Leonard G. Boor, J.W.; W. M. Stanton, Treas.; John E. Green, Sec.; William Holmes, S.D.; W. T. Good, J.D.; John Cann, I.G.; Woolcott, Tyler. At the close of the ceremonies, the pleasing duty devolved on the retiring Worshipful Master, C. L. Maclean, of presenting, in the name of the lodge, to Bro. Past Master Sealy, a handsome silver cup, purchased by the subscriptions of the brethren, as a testimonial in recognition of his valued services and zeal in support of Masonry in Nelson for many years past, and particularly for the great interest shown by him in the instruction of the brethren. The cup bears the following inscription:—"To Bro. W. B. Sealy, P.M., Southern Star Lodge, 735, E.C., in acknowledgment of his able services as Instruction Master, Nelson, 1874." Bro. Sealy acknowledged the fraternal presentation in feeling terms, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had always co-operated with him, for the general good, and claiming no merit for the success attending his work, which at all times he felt to be not only his pleasure, but his duty to the Craft he so devotedly loved and revered. The banquet took place in the evening, and after the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts, and a tribute of acknowledgement offered to the retiring Secretary, Bro. Geo. Collins (who retires by reason of failing health) the evening was pleasantly spent in music and social harmony. On the following Tuesday evening, the Trafalgar Royal Arch

Chapter of Nelson held its second convocation at the Masonic Hall, M.E. Comp. Sealy, Z, and the other Principals and officers being present. The new robes and chapter equipments, supplied by Comp. Geo. Kenning, having arrived, via Suez, were used for the first time on this occasion. Four Master Masons were exalted to the sublime degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and others were balloted for and elected. The chapter already numbers over thirty companions, besides the honorary members.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. E. G. WILLOUGHBY, P.M.

Birkenhead has just lost one of its oldest and most respected Freemasons by the death of Bro. Edward Gardner Willoughby, who died on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at his residence, Carlton-road, Kingsland-park, Tranmere, near Birkenhead, at the ripe age of 77. Deceased was a native of London, of which city he was a Free Vintner, and for some years kept the Albion Hotel at Chester. He subsequently kept the Birkenhead Hotel, and for years rented, along with his brother, the Birkenhead Royal Mail Ferry from the Corporation of Liverpool, and also the Tranmere Ferry at a later period. He was well known and very highly respected in connection with these and other schemes, and on his retirement from business he carried with him the respect of every one who had had any dealings with him. Bro. Willoughby served his fellow citizens in various ways, being a churchwarden in St. Mary's Church, Birkenhead; a commissioner of the township; a poor law guardian; and one of the original promoters of St. Catherine's National Schools. By his fellow citizens he was highly esteemed and loved for his upright, gentle, and charitable character.

The deceased had been a prominent member of the Masonic Order for the long period of nearly half a century. Indeed, Bro. Willoughby and the late Bro. Clarke Rampling, architect, who died a fortnight ago, were amongst the oldest members of the fraternity in this country. The Mersey Lodge, No. 477 (Birkenhead), the first in the Hundred of Wirral, was founded 34 years ago, Bro. Rampling being the first W.M., and Bro. Willoughby the second. The latter had previously been W.M. of one of the Chester Lodges. He was some years Treasurer of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, now in existence for 12 years, having during that time educated 40 children, many of whom have received grants of money to advance them in life. The funeral on Saturday last was attended by a large number of friends, and an unusually large assembly of brethren belonging to the various lodges and chapters.

The following Royal Arch Chapters were represented:—Fidelity, 477, Birkenhead; Zion, 537, Birkenhead; De Tabley, 605, Seacombe; Grosvenor, 721, Chester. The lodges represented were the Cestrian, Chester, 425; Mersey, Birkenhead, 477; Zetland, Birkenhead, 537; Combermere, Seacombe, 605; Warren, Seacombe, 1276; and Rock, Rock Ferry, 1289. The Mark Master Mason lodges represented were the Joppa, 1A, Birkenhead; and the Egerton, Rock Ferry. Amongst the brethren in attendance were the following:—Bros. J.P. Platt, P. Prov. G.H. Cheshire; William Bulley, P. Prov. G.H. Cheshire; T. Platt, P.G.H. Cheshire; F. K. Stevenson, P. Prov. G.D. Cheshire; E. Harbord, P. Prov. G.S. Cheshire; J. B. Hignett, P.M. 537; T. E. Hignett, P.M. 537; J. Griffiths, P.M. 477; S. Jones, P.M. 477; R. Gracie, P.M. 477; H. Martin, P.M. 477; J. M. Radcliffe, P.M. 605; T. Leighton, P.M. 705; J. Williams, P.M. (Chester), 425; Donald Fraser, W.M. 477; E. Haddon, W.M. 605; Dr. Wilson, W.M. 537; W. M. Asher, R. Rhodes, J. Alsop, H. O. Jones, George Mowll, C. Cook, Charles Marsh, B. Elvis, William Corrie, W. Worrall, jun., T. Roden, Richard Hinton, Robert H. Hughes, M. N'Erney, Richard Ackersley, T. Dixon, Gallagher, John Walker, Godfrey, Davis, W. H. Hime, H. Green, and others. Each Freemason wore a spray of acacia as the Masonic emblem of purity.

The Rev. Canon Knox, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Rigby, officiated at the last service over the remains of his old friend. At the close of the service the brethren placed on the coffin, in a solemn manner, the sprigs of acacia which they had worn during the procession.

BRO. FRANCIS ROBINSON HOOD.

Bro. Hood died at his residence, 20, Union-street, Deptford, on Thursday, March 25th. He was initiated in the Royal Oak Lodge, (No. 871), on February 22nd, 1871, and continued a subscribing member until his death. He never took office in the lodge, as he entered the order late in life, and was in ill health for many years before his decease. He was an annual subscriber to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He held a prominent position in the town in which he resided. No brother could possibly be more respected than he was. A sorrowing widow and family lament their heavy loss.

BRO. JOHN WILLIAM REED.

Bro. Reed died on Saturday, March, 20th, at the early age of 29 years. He was initiated in the Royal Oak Lodge, 871, on January, 22nd, 1868, and after filling several offices, was installed W.M. in February, 1872. He did good suit and service to Masonry, for he was a Life Governor to the Boys' and Girls' School, serving the office of Steward to the Boys', he being the only Installed Master of his lodge, who had been initiated in it, that was a Life Governor to both institutions. His good example was, in a measure, followed by one of his successors. Bro. William Myall, P.M., became a Life Governor of the Girls' School; and another, Bro. G. Andrews, P.M. of the Male and Female Annuities. Some of his predecessors in the chair, who had been joining members, were Life Governors and Vice-Presidents of the Masonic charities. He was exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry in the Pythagorean Chapter 79. He was buried on Thursday, March 25th.

He has left a father, brothers, widow, and family, to lament his early death. He died of consumption, after a long and protracted illness of intense suffering, which he bore with Christian resignation.

BRO. JOHN HOLMES FUDGE.

Bro. Fudge, we regret to say, died on Thursday morning, March 18th. He was initiated in the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, on November 9th, 1867, he being the first person initiated after the lodge had been consecrated in October 1867. He served every office in the lodge, and was last year Senior Warden. His wife died a short time before his election as W.M. last year. When his time came for election, in consequence of his loss and failing health, he declined being elected into the chair. He in a quiet and unobtrusive manner worked well in the cause of Masonry. He was an annual subscriber to the Male Annuity of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He has left nine children to lament the heavy loss they have sustained in the irreparable death of one of the best of fathers and a thorough Mason.

MONUMENT TO THE LATE PROV. G. MASTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

Last Sunday, a ceremony of a peculiarly interesting nature took place at the handsome church of St. Mary's, Rufford, near Ormskirk, where a monument to the memory of the late Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Thomas George Fermor Hesketh, Bart., M.P. for West Lancashire, was unveiled in the presence of a numerous and influential congregation, comprising some of the best county families, and a goodly gathering of Freemasons. The monument has been erected by the eldest son of the deceased F. G. Fermor Hesketh, Esq., at a cost of 1000 guineas, and is placed in the corner of the north side of the chancel chapel. It is a recumbent figure in marble of the deceased baronet, weighing about three tons, resting on an alabaster tomb of great magnificence, bearing the simple inscription "Sacred to the memory of Sir Thomas George Fermor Hesketh, Bart., M.P., born January 11th, 1825; died August 20th, 1872." The whole subject and design have been admirably conceived and carried out by Mr. Noble, the eminent sculptor, of London. Afternoon service began at three o'clock. Prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., West Lancashire, the beloved and much respected rector of the parish of Rufford—the church having a history which extends back 600 years. The lessons for the day were read by the Rev. J. Sperling, of Eccleston, and a very eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Cross, of St. Andrews, Southport, who took his text from the 27th chapter of St. Matthew, verse 60, "And they rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed." In the course of his discourse the preacher pointedly alluded to the many excellent qualities which had marked the late baronet, and spoke of the peculiar propriety of the monument they had that day met to unveil. It may be interesting to know that the Freemasons of West Lancashire have erected a marble font, certainly the finest in this part of the country as a mark of respect to the memory of their deceased P.G.M. Although the church contains a reredos, pulpit, reading desk, a real Flaxman tablet, and illuminated windows of great beauty, there is nothing at all to be compared to this really magnificent font, which is solid enough to last for centuries. The basin is formed of the red Victoria marble, weighing about one ton, supported by fine marble shafts of various colours, elegantly carved, and resting on two steps of Belgium or St. Ann's marble. The font has been erected by Messrs. Stubbs, of Liverpool, and will prove alike creditable to them and honourable to the Freemasons of West Lancashire. It is expected that there will be a Masonic demonstration at Rufford when the font is completed and given over for use in the Church.

Masonic Tidings.

Our Royal Grand Master is at Nice.

Bro. Emra Holmes, whose recent lecture at Colchester, on "Public Speaking," is about to be published in our contemporary, the "Masonic Magazine," gave a reading, à la Bellevue, at the Working Mens' College, Ipswich, last week, when about 400 were present, and numbers were turned away from the doors. The reading comprised selections, grave and gay, from Shakespeare, Hood, Arthur Sketchley, Gerald Massey, and others. Bro. Holmes is to give another reading at Colchester, during the present month.

The Right Hon. Lord Waveney, Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, has appointed V.W. Bro. the Rev. Chas. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec., as Stewards for the Province of Suffolk, at the installation of the Prince of Wales. No appointment could have been more popular in the province.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.—On Tuesday last Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Arthur reached London, on his return from a visit to Egypt. He had left Paris on Monday evening by the mail train which starts from the Northern terminus at a quarter to eight, and had crossed the Channel from Calais to Dover, landing at four in the morning. His Royal Highness arrived at Charing Cross Station at ten minutes past six o'clock. There were in attendance on the Duke of Connaught three or four gentlemen of his suite, who accompanied him in a royal saloon carriage from Dover. Several of the Queen's carriages were in waiting at the Charing cross terminus of the South-Eastern Railway, and his Royal Highness drove at once to Buckingham Palace.

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NOTICE.

With reference to the statement of the *Times* that "Certificates are required to be countersigned by the Secretaries," it is entirely incorrect and unfounded.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

We understand that after providing for all the qualified members of Grand Lodge there will be one Master Mason's ticket for each lodge that has made application.

DRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

With regard to this most important point we are in a position to say, that the following regulations on the subject will be printed on the cards for admission. We request our brethren carefully to note the rules and arrangements thus laid down. "Brethren to appear in evening dress (or black frock coats), white gloves, and full Masonic Craft clothing. Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters must, in addition, wear the collar and jewels of their respective offices. Provincial Grand Officers—the collars and jewels of the lodges and offices, respectively, in right of which they attend as members of Grand Lodge. Non-commissioned officers of the regular service in full dress uniform will be considered in evening dress. Volunteers must not appear in uniform. No jewels or emblems to be worn but those appertaining to Craft or Royal Arch Masonry. Brethren are recommended to bring their Grand Lodge certificates, as they

cannot be admitted unless the Stewards in charge of the entrance are satisfied of their identity. This ticket is not to be given up, but is to be produced for inspection whenever required by the Stewards on duty. The places in the hall have been determined by ballot. A seat is provided for every brother to whom a ticket has been issued. Brethren are therefore expected to proceed quietly to the places assigned to them. Brethren bringing coats and hats must take them in the hall and place them under their seats out of view. The use of this ticket is an engagement by the brother named thereon to conform to all the regulations made by authority of the Grand Master. By command of the M.W. Grand Master. (Signed) John Hervey, Grand Secretary."

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

We think it well to give our friendly readers and the Craft a few words of fraternal advice and warning. Some lodges, it seems, despite the cautionary directions of the official circulars, are sending in the names of all their brethren, on the ground, we suppose, that if there is to be an allotment of tickets at the last, they may stand well as to numbers in the distribution. Now, we venture to think, and to say, that in so acting, they are not behaving quite fairly to the authorities, as they are giving them much increased trouble. It is not likely, as a general rule, that one half of the members of any lodge will attend, and as W. Masters are desired to return only the names of those who *really mean to attend*, we trust that they will consider a little the very heavy labours of those excellent brethren who have the arrangements of the gathering and the apportionment of the tickets. We trust, that all who are in authority in our lodges will endeavour strictly to comply with the rules and regulations laid down, and appreciate the evident desire of the central authorities and officials to be fair and considerate to all.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE.

The visit of our Bro. the Lord Mayor and other civic authorities to this new and most flourishing lodge, specially and fully recorded in our last impression, seems to have been a most successful and enjoyable one. We are glad to read such a list of visitors, we congratulate its worthy W.M. on so pleasant a "soiree." It puts us in mind, as we con over the names of those who gathered round the hospitable board, of what the oldest Masonic MS. still preserves for us, of the habits of our operative forefathers in their Grand Assembly.

And the grete burges of that syte,
They were there alle in their degre.

We heartily endorse all that was said about the friendly feeling that should ever exist between our ancient fraternities and the civic authorities of the oldest municipality in England, of the first municipality in the world. At this moment the important office of Lord Mayor is filled by our worthy and respected Bro. W. H. Stone, while the President of the Board of General Purposes is the Town Clerk to the venerable municipality; Bro. Ellis and Bro. Shaw, the two Sheriffs, are also Free and Accepted Masons. Several other members of the corporation belong to our Order, among them our excellent Bro. J. Symonds, and Bro. Horace Jones. We sincerely trust that the "entente cordiale" may long continue and increase as years move on. Freemasonry has yet but existed superficially so to say, in the city. We believe that it yet has to find there "a local habitation and a name," and probably a good hall, in which most of the City lodges could meet, would give impetus to its advance, and confer permanency on its existence. We hope to be privileged to record many more such truly fraternal reunions.

THE BANK HOLIDAY.

Though as Masonic journalists we are very wisely estopped from all purely political remarks and reveries, we are not prohibited, so far as we are aware, from noticing from time to time, some of those many social questions and usages

which crop up in the onward passage of years, and the peaceful progress of mankind. We confess we are amongst those who fully approve of Bank Holidays. We think that many of us will remember the old adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and most true it has proved like many others in the history of our Anglo-Saxon human race, and especially in Great Britain. We hear sometimes violent diatribes against the improvident and reckless habits of the operative population. But it may be fairly said of them, we contend, after much experience of their ways and feelings, that their virtues are their own, their vices the consequences, more or less, of social anomalies or exceptional causes. Given the same conditions to start with, there is no possible reason why our laborious fellow countrymen, or that important class which fills our banks, counting-houses, and warehouses, should not be every whit as intelligent, as self-restrained, as prudent, as well-conducted, as their "betters," to use a common form of expression. But until quite lately, the condition of these great classes was one of hard toil, so that the pursuit of material enjoyment, nay even of excessive relaxation, was the inevitable result of the long strain upon the human machine. We were in the parks on Monday, and we saw many hard-working clerks and workers, with their wives and children, enjoying the fresh air, and the verdure of those great lungs of London. No doubt the same scene was witnessed elsewhere in many crowded localities. We can conceive nothing better for the classes mainly interested, or indeed for every section of the community. Prince Albert said years ago, and no truer or wiser words have been uttered in our generation, that the "interest of the most widely contrasted classes," was, after all, "identical," and any legislation which tends to draw us all closer together, to give a stronger and kindlier cohesion to our social system, which lightens labour and takes away a little, if even for one hour, from the often depressing influences of toil, ought to be welcomed by the patriot, the philanthropist, and the Freemason. Sure we are of this, that with some faults and some errors, the result for the most part as, we said before, of much mistaken policy, the English people possesses in itself, the germs of the finest character the world has ever seen. Respectful and yet independent, loyal and peaceable, orderly and tractable, faithful to their employers, and most deeply attached to their kith and kin, they deserve, as they will no doubt receive in the wiser arrangements of administrative Government to-day, all that consideration, and all those social ameliorations, which will assuredly increase the general and domestic happiness of our nation, and render more stable the sacred institutions of home and Fatherland.

THE NEW GENERATION.

One of the most popular topics of the "high falutin" writers just now, appears to be, the intense wickedness and worthlessness of the new generation. One might almost fancy such scribes were wishful to take a leaf out of the book of those excellent men, Messrs. Moody and Sankey; to denounce, like the eloquent Mr. Stiggins, the wickedness of all around him, except one or two chosen "vessels." No doubt when Mr. D'Israeli, in the memorable pages of "Coningsby," put into the mouth of a great nobleman, "these are evil days for the new generation," he struck a chord which vibrated through many sensibilities. But time has passed on, the changes of the world have been many, and that suffering generation has vanished in turn, and here we are, on the whole, as "well as can be expected," at any rate to-day, and with numberless signs of prosperity, loyal order, and peaceful progress. It is well we think, then, never to allow ourselves to give way on any pretence to hasty censures of persons and events, or to a morbid view of things in general. The world, after all, is pretty much the same from generation to generation. Particular epochs may have special characteristics and possibly have, but on the whole, the normal state of the world and of mankind varies very little. "In the long run," said some one of old, "most things find

their level here," and most true it is, that time, which carries everything away, heals most of the wounds and softens most of the changes it inflicts, and leaves us at last pretty much the same. It always has been the position of the passing generation to condemn the new one jostling it, and thrusting it on one side. The "post-nati," as good old Counsellor Pleydell said, have the advantage in a great measure of us old boys, and so we old boys get angry, and like angry people, some times inconsistent, are not very particular or uniform in the complaints we make, or the charges we bring forward. The "sensational" writer of to-day goes in for the "entire animal," and roundly asserts that there never was such a reckless, such a dissolute, such an ignorant, such a hypocritical lot, as those who are to succeed us. Well, we think the view is a morbid one, and the complaint exaggerated, and the position unreal. For curiously we ourselves remember almost the very same words when we ourselves were young. Then we were told, in sonorous emphasis, that we were headstrong and unmanageable, regardless of authority, and disobedient to rule. Then we were assured that our fathers behaved better than we did, and yet here we are repeating the same good old song to the ears, it may be, of laughing and chaffing youth. We, therefore, do not believe in the especial heinousness of the habits of this generation, as if beyond all preceding generations, in folly and perversity, though we do manfully avow our opinion—that there is much room for improvement. We are inclined to think that the "cram" system has a good deal to do with the alleged ignorance, the superficial acquirements of many of our young men. "Students' Humes" and other students' manuals are our utter abomination. Many of our boys, fine lads themselves, crammed like little quails in the poulterer's shops, for a special examination, know nothing correctly, and have mastered nothing thoroughly. As long as they can satisfy the examiners, as long as they are not "spun," that is all they seem to care for. They do not study for knowledge, or learning, or mental improvement, but for the "competitive examination," or the "qualifying examination," and when that object is gained they dismiss—as scarcely worth a thought, the crammed-up information of months. Hence our young men, as a fact, are behind our young ladies in everything, and once again in our history, if society is to be leavened with a purer spirit, and raised from its "slough of despond," our women must come to the rescue. There is no doubt that young men talk in society, of a good many things we kept to ourselves and there seems, therefore, generally to be a greater, "watershed" of evil in society. But as everything finds its level here, as we before observed, this very vicious freedom of speech has a counterpoise in the reaction sure to arise in all pure and gentle and ingenuous minds. We do not then, despite much that has been said, believe that our young men are essentially worse than our older generation, though they are fonder than they were of talking of themselves, and "trying to astonish the Browns." That there are many foolish young men in society, we do not attempt to dispute, who lead very dissolute lives, and say many silly words, and do many deplorable deeds. But so it has always been, and much as we regret it, much as we condemn it, it is not a new evil, but one which each age has successively witnessed. We do not think that "Young Masonry" is as yet, happily much to be blamed; it may be a little hasty in its opinion, and fidgety under restraint, but such are always attributes of youth. We do not believe, however, that much good comes either from jeremiads or denunciations. Our experience of life tells us that man is not only a "gregarious," but a "combative animal," and we do not "fancy" that he is ever much improved, either by "tall talk" or "high falutin." We especially deprecate the illogical generalization of many writers just now on this topic, the "post hoc, proper hoc," in which so many like to indulge, as though it may be very fine writing, it is to our minds extremely inconsequential and hopelessly unsound. We deprecate all uncharitable judgments and morbid anticipations, the nervous irritability of third rate intellects. The eminent physician was quite right who said to a moaning and agitated patient "put your feet in

water, drink a glass of warm brandy and water before you go to bed, don't excite yourself, don't worry yourself with trifles, and please go to sleep."

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

Anything which concerns our illustrious Grand Master must be a subject of deep interest to us, his loyal brother craftsmen. The announcement of the *Times* that our Royal Brother intends to visit India in the autumn is a matter of the deepest gratification to our Order. It is very characteristic of our Royal Family that they are ever to be found visiting and warmly sympathizing with all the different dependencies of our great empire; and the visit of the Prince of Wales to Hindustan is in itself a very striking event. In that far, yet fascinating land, dear to Englishmen, from the lives and valour of our "white-faced children," which, someone has said, "has been won by English valour and is now preserved by English pluck," there is hardly a palm grove or a jungle, hardly a hill or a vale, or a winding river which is not endeared to us by the graves and deeds of our own flesh and blood. Indeed British India constitutes in itself almost a romance. From the time of the first merchant adventurers until Clive with a handful of men won Plassy, and established our dominion, through the laurels of the great Duke, the victories of Lord Gough and Lord Napier, the 'quelling of the oruel mutiny, Anglo-India life is but a recapitulation of all that is devoted, and daring, and true in English history. We have had amid nearly 180 millions of people, a little phalanx of "heroic women" and stout hearts, whom nothing has hindered and nothing has daunted. When the Prince of Wales lands in India he will see a mighty Empire, won by the stalwart prowess of his race, and he will meet with countless millions speaking a strange language, worshipping other gods, yet bowing down before the peaceful sovereignty of Victoria. The meeting of the Indian Princes, with the Heir Apparent to the English throne will be a great, important, and an affecting one. He may be said to go in the name of the Sovereign, to confirm to those masses of people, all the very sincere declarations of the English Government of wise laws, civilizing arrangements, and equal rights, and just rule. In that strange and still mysterious land he will be able to point to a wise administration, and a contented people, and in the assurance of his sympathy with the princes and the people of Hindustan, he will no doubt greatly advance, there, by his royal presence, the progress of improvement and the prospects of peace. India has a great future before it, and under the directing and controlling influence of the Anglo-Saxon will, and truth, and high courage, and noble aims, we trust that many years of tranquil happiness and expanding civilization will be the lot of that numerous portion of the human race.

CANDIDATES FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have at length received the official list of the candidates for the Boys' School, that is, within the last few days, though we believe a list was published we presume on some official authority, some time back. Not however being favoured with such information, we can only deal with it, when it reaches us, officially. There are 48 candidates and 8 vacancies; fourteen candidates were elected last October. Of the present candidates, fourteen come from London, four from Hants, two from Cumberland, Kent, Devonshire, East Indies, Durham, East Lancashire, Dorsetshire, each; and one from each of the following provinces or districts: St. Helena, Gloucestershire, South Wales, Northamptonshire, Foreign Stations, Staffordshire, Gibraltar, Constantinople, Cheshire, Middlesex, West Yorkshire, Cambridgeshire and Warwickshire. This enumeration will suffice to show how cosmopolitan are alike the claimants for, and the operation of the benefits of the Boys' School. Indeed, it is an institution whose needs the Craft last year most surely testified of. We regret to note that only eight candidates out of forty-eight applicants can be elected this year—eight admitted, forty left out in the cold. Could not something be done to make a supplemental election in honour of the installation of

our Royal Grand Master by special exertions, or an emergency fund? We believe that at a small outlay, many more boys can be admitted, and would it not be worthy of our great Order in honour of this auspicious event in the annals of English Freemasonry to try and reduce this sad margin of disappointed hopes and expectations? We observe that in the *Times* it is stated sixteen of the boys have passed the Cambridge Middle Class Local Examination, and we hope that the statement is correct. We wish all prosperity to the Boys' School, and we trust that Bro. Binckes may have a good field day on the 30th June. We congratulate the Province of West Yorkshire on having already a Steward's list of over £400.

AMERICAN MASONIC LITERATURE.

We alluded, a fortnight ago, to the memorial volume of the "Dedication Memorial of the new Masonic Temple at Philadelphia." We have since received the volume, and nothing but the very crowded state of our columns prevented our reviewing it last week. We had prepared a review of it for next week's *Freemason*, but we prefer to refer our readers to the remarks of our able and respected Bro. W. J. Hughan. It is really a most remarkable book in every way, most admirably edited, and reflecting every credit on its compilers, and the great cause it represents. It will possess the deepest interest for future generations of Freemasons. The following worthy and distinguished brethren were entrusted by unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with the editorial duties, and right well have they fulfilled their task: Bros. Charles G. Meyer, Mark Richard Muckle, Robert H. Pattison, W. A. Burkhardt, Charles H. Ide, John L. Young, and Phineas Garrett. Of these the worthy and valued Rev. R. H. Pattison has gone to his rest before the completion of their noble labours. It is a work American Freemasonry may be proud of.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

The *Times* of Thursday has the following paragraph with reference to the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master:—

"Yesterday was the last day on which returns could be received by Grand Lodge of the members of English lodges who desire to be present at the installation of the Prince of Wales in Albert Hall, and so great is the demand of the brethren that Grand Secretary John Hervey has sent a notification to foreign lodges to the effect that as the building selected for the ceremony will not more than suffice for the English brethren who desire admittance, places cannot be given to deputations of foreign lodges, and the applications from these were exceedingly numerous. As it is, the admissions to Albert Hall on the occasion will be very restricted, and a Steward from each London lodge, in most instances the Worshipful Master, and two from each Provincial Grand Lodge, will regulate the actual admission of the brethren, and three additional safeguards will be taken that those admitted are personally known, that they have with them their certificates signed by themselves and countersigned by the Secretaries, as well as tickets of admission, which they can only obtain through the Masters of their lodges. The Worshipful Masters of Lodges, Wardens, and Past Masters, the constituent members of Grand Lodge, will themselves only gain admission on this occasion by having sent in their names through their Worshipful Master or the Secretary of their lodge, and of the brethren of the lodges. As only a certain number of tickets can be allotted, ballots will be held for these, but none under the rank of a Master Mason is eligible even to take part in the ballot. Under no circumstance can any but subscribing Masons to a lodge be admitted. Among the host of applications for admission beyond those of the brethren entitled and beyond those of the Master Masons who will share in the ballot have been large numbers for the Press—so large a number, indeed, that a great amount of space would be taken up if they were granted. The Grand Lodge will, however, recognise none but those members of Grand Lodge who have been authorised to supply Press reports, the right of reporting the proceedings in all lodges being strictly reserved, and the Craft is not disposed to extend the limits of this privilege in the performance of a ceremony which will contain forms guarded not only from "cowans and intruders," but from the eyes of young, incautious, and indiscreet brethren. Sir Albert Woods, the Garter King at Arms, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, will direct the proceedings.

The anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 11th of May.

Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., has accepted the Provincial Grand Mastership of West Riding, Yorks, at the invitation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

Bro. H. A. Dubois has been appointed Secretary to the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, in place of Bro. Edwin Sillifant, deceased.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES
AS M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is extremely gratifying to observe the efforts which are being made by the executive of Grand Lodge to ensure the comfort of the brethren at the approaching installation of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. on the 28th of this month, and I have no doubt all and every arrangement will be as satisfactory to the Craft as it is possible for them to be. Part of the special Stewards will probably act as scrutineers (accidentally printed sentinels in my last letter to you), others would, I should think, be appointed to see the brethren take their proper seats according to their names and the numbers on the tickets, corresponding with the number on the seat allotted to them. I would suggest that the brethren should be admitted by different coloured tickets.

Say Grand Lodge, Blue; Grand Stewards, Red; Provincial Officers, Blue and White; Past Masters and Wardens, Pale Blue; Master Masons, White; and that a large banner (calico would answer the purpose), should be placed over each entrance corresponding with the colour or pattern of the tickets to be admitted at that door. This would tend to prevent confusion, and greatly facilitate ingress.

I would also suggest to the brethren, not to go without their certificates, as, in the event of not being known to the scrutineers, and not vouched for by some well-known brother, they might be spared the disappointment of not obtaining admission.

And I beg to assure the brethren there are very strong reasons, (whether well founded or not), for urging the adoption of this suggestion.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN BOYD, P.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It being decided that a jewel to commemorate the above event should be struck, to be worn by the brethren acting as Stewards on the occasion, do you not think it would be a splendid opportunity to benefit the whole of the Masonic Charities by extending the privilege of wearing the jewel to the whole of the members of the Grand Lodge, such as Past Masters, Masters, and Wardens, or even to the whole of the brethren who attend on the occasion, it being understood that they should give a subscription of one guinea to one of the charities, which could be easily managed by the subscriptions being sent to the Grand Secretary's Office, at which place the jewels could be obtained or forwarded to Provincial brethren. As a London brother, and also a subscribing member to provincial lodges, and knowing the large number who intend being present, I apprehend that not less than from £7000 to £8000 would easily be obtained in that manner. The jewel would be a gratification to the brethren, the subscription a benefit to the charities, and the event a red letter day in the annals of Masonry. Should you deem this worthy of consideration, kindly grant space for this letter in your next issue.

Yours fraternally,

M.E.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to add my suggestion to the rest, by expressing a hope that brethren acting as Stewards on this occasion will be permitted to wear some "special" jewel as a recompense for the labours they will undertake and perform, distinct from a mere commemorative jewel, which may be bestowed on the Order in general.

I also trust that members of the Craft who may be photographers may be engaged to take views, which might be sold for the benefit of the charities.

Could not some opportunity be given to ladies to view the hall after the ceremony—just a quiet march past the throne.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

N. R., W.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Feeling deeply for the W.M., who does not possess a dress coat, I beg to enclose the following advertisement out of the *Standard* of the 26th March, which may enable him to tide over this difficulty, without preventing him from becoming a life subscriber to the Masonic Boys' School.

Yours fraternally,

A RUSTIC BRIDGE.

"DRESS COATS LENT."—of 13, — street, — lends the finest of Clothes for all occasions. Also Ladies' Riding Habits, Opera Cloaks, and Glasses. The Largest Stock of superior Clothes in London."

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any of your correspondents learned in Masonic Archæology, inform me what is the meaning of the letters P.X.J.H., now used by officials of "The Order of the Temple," so called, after their signatures?

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

The Directors of the "Hackney Public Hall Company, Limited," have altered their title to that of the "Hackney Public and Masonic Hall Company, Limited," and propose to adopt the plans of the front portion of their building, now in course of erection, by Messrs. Jno. Waldram & Company, of Kingsland-road, for Masonic purposes.

Reviews.

"Dedication Memorial of the new Masonic Temple, Philadelphia." A review by BRO. WILLIAM JAMES LUCIAN.

This grand and superb book has been already much admired; and no wonder, for it is without an equal of its kind, and Masonically immortalizes the Library Committee, to whom its compilation and publication was entrusted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The names of the brethren selected for such an important undertaking were Charles Eugene Meyer (Chairman); M. Richards Muckle, the Rev. Robert H. Pattison, D.D.; William H. Burkhardt, Charles K. Ide, Treas.; John L. Young, and Phineas Garrett, Sec.; who engaged to complete the work on their own responsibility, which meant a pecuniary loss of several hundreds of dollars, and not only considerable trouble in the providing the material, but also much anxiety during the progress of the several portions of the work. The volume has been produced through a wise division of labour, and a most judicious selection of assistants in the enterprise, represented by F. Faas, engraver; Thomas Hunter, lithographer; Collins, printer; J. Fagan and Son, stereotypers; and Claxton, Remsen, and Haffelfinger, of Philadelphia, publishers. The photographic artist for the various views of the exterior and interior of the extraordinary building, is the skillful Bro. Gutekunst, who had previously issued some really excellent views of the Masonic Temple. Each of the thousand copies of the work bears the certificate signed in facsimile by the committee, with the number of the copy inserted, and there is a complete list of the subscribers printed, including only some eight brethren under the Grand Lodge of England. Had it not been for the copies being so quickly applied for, and had it been known that the "Memorial volume" was to assume its present imposing character, many more would have gladly subscribed. Unfortunately, it is now too late, unless the library committee decide to publish a second edition, which we hope they will do.

We should state that the typographical merits of the volume are of the highest class, and reflect the greatest merit on all concerned. The size of the type is most pleasing to the eye, and a more judicious arrangement of the contents seems to us impossible.

The "Introduction" declares that the "volume is given to the Masonic world without any claim to originality." Certainly there is no such claim made, but any who would infer the absence of originality because of the statement, would err indeed.

The committee, each in their own departments, have not only presented in a connected form all the incidents of interest connected with the Masonic Temple—the grandest in the wide world—but the work contains a really valuable sketch of the history of Freemasonry down to the present time, evidently written by a brother well skilled in the art of Masonry, and thoroughly conversant with the eventful career of the Craft.

Various important documents have been carefully transcribed, and inserted to elucidate certain doubtful points, and an interesting letter is given in reduced facsimile, which was sent by Bro. Lawrence Dermott, Grand Sec. of the "Grand Lodge according to the old Constitutions," to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Jan. 11th., 1765, the earliest of its kind so far published in any Masonic work.

It is also clearly proved that so far Philadelphia has established its claim to possess evidence of being the oldest Masonic city in the United States, a lodge having been warranted there as early as A.D. 1730 by Daniel Coxe, whose patent as Prov. G.M. for New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, was dated June 5th., 1730, and issued by the authority of the Duke of Norfolk, M.W.G.M. of England. As this lodge was formed "during the fall" of 1730, and the patent as Prov. G.M. was only issued in June, it was scarcely possible to have constituted a lodge earlier, and so the "Keystone" state may await the trial with confidence.

The City of Philadelphia also establishes its claim to have built the first Masonic Hall in America, the subscription list for which, dated March 13th, 1754, forms a splendid facsimile—large and faithful—of the original document, which is interesting to all students of American Masonry.

We have not noticed any more special claims on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania, excepting that, without doubt, the New Masonic Temple (which was dedicated in "Ample Form," in September, 1873) stands unrivalled for its grandeur, proportions and magnificence in the "Old Country," or the "New."

The "corner stone" was laid by the Grand Officers on the 24th June, 1868, in the presence of 10,000 Freemasons and a vast concourse of spectators, the gavel used by Bro. George Washington, at the laying of the corner stone of the Federal Capitol, being employed for the occasion. A capital photograph of the six Grand Officers who officiated follows the description. The total cost of this wonder of the Masonic world was more than a million and a half of dollars, or about £300,000.

The portion raised by a loan might have been doubled or trebled with ease, so well does the credit of the Grand Lodge stand in the estimation of the "outer world." The architect of the imposing structure was Bro. Jas. Windrim, of the Philadelphia Lodge Hope, No. 72, the plan being adopted by the Building Committee with great unanimity, and afterwards duly approved by the Grand Lodge.

We should state that no less than 12,000 Masons assembled to take part in the dedicatory procession, many Grand Lodges being represented, and no expense or pains were spared to make the ceremony in every sense a reflection of the noble principles of the Order. The Grand Lodge entered the building at three p.m., but it was not until six that the youngest lodge passed through its portals.

The photograph exhibiting the Grand Officers at the Dedication, contains three brethren who took part officially in the Corner Stone Ceremony, viz.: M.W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, G.M., (then S.G.W.), R.W. Bro. Alfred R. Potter, G.M. (then J.G.W.); and our well-beloved M.W. Bro. John Thomson, the Grand Secretary. Words fail us to adequately describe this great undertaking so successfully begun, continued and completed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and which the Memorial Volume, ably and graphically portrays, so we conclude by saying, "well done!"

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO BRO. SIR
MICHAEL COSTA.

An invitation having been issued by the W.M. of Fidelity Lodge, 286, Leeds, to the brethren of the neighbourhood of Leeds to celebrate at a lodge of emergency the winter Festival of St. John on the 16th ult., about sixty members of the Craft assembled at the Masonic Hall, Carleton-Hill, Leeds, under the Mastership of Bro. William Spark, M.D., P.Prov.G.O. of West Yorkshire.

The object of this gathering of Masons was to welcome Sir Michael Costa on the occasion of his second visit to Leeds for conducting a performance in the Town Hall of his own oratorio of Eli. Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.M. of the Saint Oswald's Lodge, 910, Pontefract, P.Z. 495, &c., was invited to present the address to Sir Michael Costa.

The Fidelity Lodge was opened by the W.M. at 5.30 p.m., the other officers being Bros. Bakewell, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; Dixon, S.D.; Ostler, J.D.; Rowbottom, I.G.; Rawling, Tyler. The Fidelity brethren mustered strongly. Amongst the visiting brethren we noticed—Bros. H. Smith, P.G. Secretary of West Yorkshire; Collinson, P.Prov.G.S.B. North and East Ridings; Dr. Taylor, of Bradford, Captain E. T. Clark, of Snaith, John Simpson, P.M., Castleford; R. Holmes, Sir Michael Costa, T. W. Tew, with several others from neighbouring lodges. The lodge was opened by the W.M. at 5.45 p.m. in the first degree. Bro. Sir Michael Costa was introduced to the lodge by the Deacons and Stewards of the lodge, the brethren rising whilst their distinguished brother took his seat on the right of the W.M., Bro. Tew, P.M., being requested to be seated on the left of the W.M. The Master of Ceremonies of the Fidelity Lodge called upon the brethren present to salute Bro. Sir Michael Costa in the manner becoming Sir Michael's Masonic rank.

The W.M. then briefly addressed Sir Michael Costa, and said how gratified he and all the brethren present were at the opportunity afforded them of giving a right hearty Masonic welcome to Sir Michael, who was not only one of the most distinguished Masons—but one of the most accomplished musicians of the day, and that he had come to Leeds to conduct the performance of his own oratorio of Eli. The brethren of the Fidelity Lodge had drawn up an address which he hoped Sir Michael would accept as a testimony of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Craft, and which would be to him a record of the pleasure his second visit to Leeds had conferred. The W.M. would call upon Bro. Tew to present the address, which he had much delight in reading.

"The Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Fidelity at Leeds. No. 289, and in the province of West Yorkshire.

"To Bro. Sir Michael Costa.

"Tuesday, March 16, 1875.

"We, the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren, of the Lodge of Fidelity, at Leeds, desire to convey to you, Sir Michael Costa, our hearty welcome on your visiting Leeds a second time; and this gratification is further enhanced that we are able to greet you as a distinguished member of the Ancient Order of Freemasons.

"Our sentiments towards you on this occasion of your coming amongst the brethren of the Craft are intensified by the recollection of the great pleasure you conferred upon all classes of the community at the Leeds Musical Festival last October.

"No one possessed of the smallest musical taste could but appreciate at that festival your masterly powers over masses of musicians, making choristers and performers so blend their voices and instruments together in one harmonious whole as if there had been but one single person sounding one single note.

Your talents as a conductor of mighty Oratorios always rule supreme, and by the best use of these thus give adequate interpretations of the sacred work of the giant masters of music, and which have universally received for their productions the hearty appreciation of all admirers of classical music.

Many times at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, the Crystal Palace, and Provincial Town Halls, have we listened to your direction of the masterpieces of Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, Rossini, Donizetti, and Verdi, and greatly have we been impressed with the genius of your abilities in giving full force and meaning to such oratorios as 'The Messiah,' 'The Creation, and your own composition 'Eli,' as well as those lighter sparkling works the *Barbiere de Sieglia*, *Don Giovanni*, *Der Freischütz*, *Robert le Diable*, *Lucresia Borgia*, and *Fidelio*.

To-day then you have afforded us the opportunity of welcoming you in a Freemason's Lodge, and of offering our congratulations to an accomplished musician, as well as an eminent member of the brotherhood.

In conclusion we beg to assure you of the gratification you have conferred upon us by this visit, and we trust that the blessing of the Most High may ever rest upon you, and that it may please Him to grant you a long life, not only to fulfil the important duties attaching to your musical attainments, but that He may also long spare you

to adorn with your talents and accomplishments the land of your adoption.

"Bro. W. SPARK, MUS. DOC.,
"P.P.G.O., W. MASTER.

"Masonic Hall, Carleton Hill, Leeds."

Bro. Spark, W.M., having read the address from his chair of office, called upon Past Master Tew to supplement it, who accordingly addressed Bro. Sir Michael Costa as follows:—

"Bro. Sir Michael Costa, Alpha Lodge, No. 16. The Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Lodge of Fidelity, desire that as a P. Prov. G. S. W. of the Province of West Yorkshire, I should supplement an address which every brother present trusts you will be pleased to accept, with a few remarks in addition to those which have just fallen from the lips of the talented brother who has been elected to occupy the chair of this lodge for the year 1875.

The Lodge of Fidelity at Leeds, better known under its original number of 364 than 289, is not a lodge just recently established. It has now enrolled upon its books the names of upwards of 50 active members. Both from its old and rectified number on the registry of Grand Lodge of England, it will afford you gratification to learn the antiquity of this West Yorkshire Lodge of Fidelity at Leeds, and that the brethren are remarkable for the three grand principles embodied in the name of their lodge, Unity, Honesty, and Loyalty.

Leeds has much occasion to be gratified with this second visit within so short a time, and must long remember with pleasure your successful inauguration of the musical festival last October, which this town trusts, under the Mayor, who has chosen the motto "Mars denique Victor est," may prove a nucleus for the organization of triennial festivals.

In conducting at that festival, your masterly leadership gave adequate interpretations to works of such genius as the oratorios of St. Paul, Elijah, and The Messiah, as well as the lighter though equally difficult compositions Paradise and the Peri, and the Bride of Donkerron, and we understand with pleasure that your abilities as a composer will be displayed to an appreciative audience in your own oratorio of Eli.

This is a work which I may say not alone as at Birmingham, when first introduced to an enthusiastic assembly, but in other large towns since 1855, has added laurels to your fame as an eminent musical composer.

We, then, who anticipate much pleasure in listening to Eli, cheerfully acknowledge on this present occasion, surrounded by the brethren of the Craft, who would have been more numerous could the invitations of the W.M. have been extended to the 2841 members of the 58 Masonic Lodges of West Yorkshire, that our first and chief ears as Freemasons is to extend to you the right hand of mystic fellowship, and welcome you as a brother in the midst of the Fidelity Lodge.

We greet you with respect because as a brother Craftsman you have, we believe, taken every degree which the orders of Freemasonry in this country can confer, and which few Masons amongst us have been endowed with equal abilities to merit.

Our next cause of rejoicing at this welcome of an accomplished member of the Craft is still further enhanced that we have as our guest this evening a brother amongst us who, in addition to all these Masonic distinctions, has himself attained the very highest position among the living musicians of the world.

The decorative honours which have been conferred upon you by the crowned heads of Europe, and which you are permitted to wear in this country, are tangible proofs of the high estimation in which you are held by the best beloved and most talented in the long catalogue of British Sovereigns.

Sir Michael, we cannot but feel proud of you, as a gentleman, an accomplished musician, and as the designer of the grand organ for the Alexandra Palace, but perhaps still more proud that these qualities and attainments adorn a member of the fraternity of Freemasons.

We hope therefore this, your second visit to Leeds, will be as gratifying to you as a musical composer, as the first in last October, and more especially in this ancient lodge, where the W. Master, also a scientific organist and musician, can doubly appreciate you as the guest of the Fidelity brethren.

Bro. Dr. Spark has rendered valuable services to the cause of Freemasonry in this country. His musical publications, freely given for the use of the Craft at all their gatherings, and in all their lodges, have earned for his unselfishness well deserved respect. Dr. Spark long felt the urgent necessity of some fixed but classical standard of music, which should be recognized by the brethren generally, and should intensify the sublime dignity of our beautiful rites and ceremonies. In this object the W. Master has singularly succeeded, and by introducing good music at all our important gatherings has tended to increase their harmonious working in this country.

Long may you, Sir Michael, be able to devote yourself to disseminate amongst hundreds of people a love for sound classical music—as an art the most difficult and sublime of the seven liberal arts and sciences cultivated in a Fellow Craft's Lodge. May the Great Architect of the Universe grant you a long life to enable you still further to extend by new oratorios the genius of your abilities amongst all nations and all languages, so that when the Grand Geometrician of the Universe summons you from this earthly lodge to the everlasting lodge above, you may be permitted to join that grand chorus of all the Angels, Archangels, Cherubims, Seraphims, in the Celestial Lodge-sang, "Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.

May this crown of glory, and inheritance in the celestial lodge, be your everlasting grand reward.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa in returning thanks to Bro. Tew, the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Fidelity Lodge, said that he really did not know how to thank them sufficiently for the honour they had done him that day. He was an old and attached member of the Craft; he had worked hard for Freemasonry, for he loved it much, and more particularly English Freemasonry. English Freemasons did not, as was practised by Continental Freemasons, mix politics with Freemasonry, and the brethren in England were wise in not doing so. With reference to what had been said by the W.M. and Bro. Tew about his success in his profession, he could only observe that he had done his best to inculcate the love for classical music, and was thankful to God for what talents had been bestowed upon him. He had been much pleased with his visit to Leeds last October on the occasion of the musical festival, and he had noticed with pleasure the power and clearness of the Yorkshire voices. In again thanking the Lodge of Fidelity for the honour they had done him, Bro. Sir M. Costa said he should always look back upon this day as one of the happiest in his life.

The Lodge of Fidelity was closed in perfect peace and harmony at 6.30 p.m.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-hall of the Fidelity Lodge, where an excellent dinner was provided.

The musical arrangements, which were of an exceptionally excellent kind, were under the guidance of Bro. S. Sewell, Joe Wood, Fred. R. Spark, Hamilton Clarke, Walker, and the Organist of the Fidelity Lodge, J. P. Bowling. The words and the music were taken from Dr. W. Spark's "Liber Musicus."

ANNUAL BALL OF THE RED CROSS ORDER.

The annual ball given by the members of this degree was held on Wednesday evening at Willis's Rooms. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept up with unflagging energy till supper time. After this repast had been partaken of, the knights and ladies entered again with undiminished vigour into the spirit of the entertainment, and kept it up till an early hour in the morning of Thursday.

The arrangements made for the comfort and pleasure of the dancers were of the most approved description. The supper and refreshments during the evening were admirably supplied, and Coote and Tinney's band fully maintained its character of being the best in the profession. The surplus pecuniary proceeds of the ball will be given to the Masonic Charities and the Almoner's Fund of the Red Cross Order.

A fuller report will appear in our next.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following is the list of candidates for election on Monday, 12th April next, with the lodges and provinces to which their respective fathers belonged:—

- 1 James Thomas Marks, Medina Lodge, 35, Hants and L.W.
- 2 James Armytage, Buttreby, Royal Sussex Lodge, 342, Hants.
- 3 Henry Morrison Shipway, St. Helena Lodge, 488, St. Helena.
- 4 Robert Duff, Solway Lodge, 1220, Cumberland.
- 5 James Earl Storey Graham, St. Georges' Lodge, 140, Kent.
- 6 Charles Henry Cromwell, Zetland Lodge, 511, Gloucestershire.
- 7 William Reginald Hunter, Confidence Lodge, 193, London.
- 8 John Vincent Lee, Union of Waterloo Lodge, 13, London.
- 9 George Augustus Wimpey, Zetland Lodge, 511, London.
- 10 William Astle Cooke, Beaureper Lodge, 787, Derby.
- 11 Arthur David Kerr, Cambrian Lodge, 364, S. Wales, E.D.
- 12 John Tom Swallow, St. Peter's Lodge, 442, Northampton.
- 13 Donald Stewart Wharton Hambly, Lodge, St. John's, 70, Devon.
- 14 James Herbert Rees, St. Tudno Lodge, 755, N. Wales and Salop.
- 15 George Samuel Cox, Fortitude Lodge, 185, Devon.
- 16 Richard Thomas Gardner, Panmure Lodge, 720, London.
- 17 Leonard Wain, Pattison Lodge, 913, London.
- 18 Alfred Greville Vivian, United Strength Lodge, 228, London.
- 19 William Christopher Ludlow, Peace and Harmony Lodge, 359, Hants and I. of W.
- 20 George Randall Allison, Eastern Star Lodge, 95, London.
- 21 Richard George Head, Salopian of Charity Lodge, 117, N. Wales and Salop.
- 22 Gilbert Palmer S. Perrin, Moira Lodge, 92, London.
- 23 James Archibald Barclay, Union Lodge, 207, Foreign Stations.
- 24 Arthur F. Lemarchand, Harmony Lodge, 438, East Indies.
- 25 Percy James, Honour Lodge, 526, Staffordshire.
- 26 Victor Hugh Fairfield, Inhabitants Lodge, 153, Gibraltar.
- 27 William Henry Jackson, Royal Naval Lodge, 59, London.
- 28 Charles Frederick Austin, Williamson Lodge, 949, Durham.
- 29 Henry Walter Stock, Oriental Lodge, 687, Constantinople.
- 30 James Thomas London Slate, Vitruvian Lodge, 87, London.

- 31 James Sanders Davies, True Brothers Lodge, 609, India.
- 32 Charles Henry Jackson, Hope Lodge, 54, East Lancashire.
- 33 Elwood Blake Tibbits, Independence Lodge, 721, Cheshire.
- 34 Percy Norman Gingham, Mount Lebanon Lodge, 73, London.
- 35 John Henry Gurney, Royal Union Lodge, 382, Middlesex.
- 36 Alfred James Green, Honour and Friendship Lodge, 1266, Dorsetshire.
- 37 Charles Edgar Armitage, Eccleshill Lodge, 1034, West Yorkshire.
- 38 Wrightson Robert Bryant, Scientific Lodge, 88, Cambridge.
- 39 Robert Walter Keddell, Adams Lodge, 158, Kent.
- 40 Stanley Heppell Service, Fawcett Lodge, 661, Durham.
- 41 George William Stanton, Faith and Unanimity Lodge, 417, Dorsetshire.
- 42 George William Pinner, Euphrates Lodge, 212, London.
- 43 Alfred Christopher Quelch, Victoria Lodge, 1056, London.
- 44 Charles William Johnson, Temperance Lodge, 739, Warwick.
- 45 John Butterworth, Union Lodge, 129, Westmoreland.
- 46 George Arthur Dawson, Phoenix Lodge, 173, London.
- 47 Joseph Gover, Peace and Harmony Lodge, 359, Hants and Isle of Wight.
- 48 Thomas Smith Pilling, Royal Lancashire Lodge, 116, East Lancashire.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the general committee of this school was held on the 25th ult. in the library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major J. Creation, Vice-Patron, presided. The other brethren present were Bros. J. A. Rucker, S. Rosenthal, Richard Spencer, Robert B. Webster, H. Massey (Freemason), and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

There was very little business before the committee. The minutes of the former meeting, and of the house committee, having been read, authority was given to the chairman to sign cheques, and five petitions were read. The prayer of each was granted and the five candidates placed on the list for October election.

The committee then passed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and adjourned.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the Lodge of Benevolence held its customary monthly meeting. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. M. Clabon, President; Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President; and James Brett, Junior Vice-President. Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; John Savage, P.G.D.; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; William Smith, P.G.S.; Hogg, P.G.D.; Samuel May, P.G.S.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Cubitt, G.P.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer, Middlesex; and Bros. H. M. Levy, W. Mann, William Stephens, Bingham, Marsh, Hogard, Hemming, and Rogers, were also present.

The sitting of the lodge was a prolonged one, as there were a great many cases before the lodge, some of them of a peculiarly distressing character. Grants to the amount of £125, made by the former lodge, were confirmed, and additional grants made to the amount of £505. One of these was of £100, and one of £50. Seven grants of £30 each were made; three of £20; eight of £10; and one of £5.

Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR GEORGE ELLIOTT M.P. P.G.S.W. Middlesex.—On Wednesday last a banquet, attended by upwards of a thousand persons, took place in the Market-Hall, in the city of Durham. At the same time a magnificent dessert service in silver, by Hunt and Roskell, was presented to Sir George. The service, consisting of ten pieces, cost £2000, and was subscribed for by friends and admirers of the hon. baronet. The Marquis of Londonderry occupied the chair, and made the presentation.

Tuesday's *Gazette* states that Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Factory and Workshops' Act to, among others, Bro. Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, Past Grand Senior Warden.

EGYPTIAN HALL.—As a rule, managers of entertainments give their patrons some extra novelties about Easter. Dr. Lynn, observing this good practice, presents to his visitors two lady pianists, the Sisters Gerbaldi, who at stated intervals play some most exquisite duets on two of Erard's grands, so that those who patronize Dr. Lynn's entertainment have just now an opportunity of witnessing some extraordinary feats of legerdemain and may alternate this by listening to some most delightful pianoforte recitals. The introduction of the Sisters Gerbaldi is an event in London musical circles.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—These remedies correct that state of the system which arises when the functions have been overworked, a low kind of inflammatory state arises in the blood, which is a fertile source of rheumatism and gout, the nerves partake of the general derangement and hence neuralgic pains so frequently occur, the acute suffering that ensues on the supervision of these pains must be felt to be understood. These pills strengthen and renovate the nervous system throughout, and consequently the whole bodily and mental functions are restored to vigour—they are of great value in those conditions of loss of tone, brought on by excess or free living, and in constitutions weakened by premature development or exertion.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 9, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 3.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (810), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-street.
188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 313, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.
1261, Golden Rule, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshaf P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.
Lodge 511, Zealand, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road, Hol-loway, at 5.
1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich (Consecration).
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
Mark Lodge, Old Kent, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue,

Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park. Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
860, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern.
1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.
1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles. Camberwell.
1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, Craven-rd., W.
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1475, Peckham, Victoria Tavern, Old Kent-road.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
Chap. 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
619, Beadon, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.
Preceptory 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arm's Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.40.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.
Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern.
Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, 33, Holden-square.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Malham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (117), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 10, 1875.

MONDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool, at 6.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Mark Lodge 161, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fleetwood, near Preston.
477, Mercy, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.
786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 115, Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, near Birkenhead, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, April 10, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
324, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.
Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 31, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.
198, Royal Arch, Maybole Town Hall, Maybole.
233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
406, St. John, Dalziel Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.
437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.
4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.
86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.
117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.
126, St. Andrews, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
128, St. John Shettleston, Shettleston.
166, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.
354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.
442, Neptune, Kilwinning Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8.

Lodge 88, New Monkland Town Hall, Airdrie.
109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
203, St. John, Operative Olive Hall, Airdrie.
290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Kilwinning Mission Hall, Dumbarton.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at Anderson's Hotel. There was a large attendance of the brethren, Bro. S. R. Lambie, W.M., presided, and among the other brethren present were Past Masters C. B. Payne, H. G. Buss (Treasurer), D. H. Jacobs, J. Sheppard, W. H. Libbis, H. F. Hoare, John Coutts, F. Harrison, J. B. Poole, and Charles Atkins. Among the officers were Bros. John Green, S.W.; John Walker, S.D.; Walter D. Pattenden, J.D.; W. Richards, I.G.; and T. J. Maidwell, D.C. The W.M. raised Bro. John Lindell, and initiated Mr. John Riches. It was resolved that a summer banquet should be held, and the brethren were informed that a lodge of instruction to work under this lodge had been established, to meet on those Thursday evenings throughout the year on which the parent lodge did not meet, the place of meeting to be Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 119, Leadenhall-street, and the hour 7.30; the lodge to be closed at 9.30. The brethren then voted ten guineas to the list of Bro. J. Poole, P.M., who stands as a Steward for the approaching festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 11th proximo. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the W.M. accompanied by his officers and the other members of the lodge, and Bros. J. Crawley, 174; Arthur Grubb, 73, I.C.; and I. Ashur Allison, 90, sat down to a delightful banquet. The toasts were in due course proposed and honoured. The W.M. in reply to the toast proposed and drunk in his favour, assured the brethren that whether in the office he now filled, or in the others through which he had passed, he had always endeavoured to perform his duties. He then proposed "The Past Masters," of whom there were nine he had himself seen go through the chair since he joined, and he hoped they would all be spared many, many years to give the brethren their advice and instruction. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Buss, Treasurer, was called on to reply, and in the course of doing so assured the brethren that he was sensible of the honour of holding so high a position. As long as he had belonged to the lodge his chief object had been to promote its interests, and he had laboured hard with that object for many years. For a quarter of a century he had been Secretary, and also for a great part of that time acted as Treasurer, even while the late respected Bro. B. P. Todd was the actual Treasurer. No lodge had succeeded so well in arriving at a high position as the Egyptian had, and no lodge had subscribed so much to the charities. During the last 14 or 15 years £400 had been thus contributed. On that evening the lodge had entered on a new phase of existence; it had established a benevolent fund, and £150 was already in hand on that account. Next week £100 of that would be invested, so as to bring in the largest amount of revenue. It was not the intention of the lodge to make this fund available only for the members of this lodge, but it would, he hoped, aid the charities by placing a large sum on the list of any brother who would stand as Steward for whichever of the charities would be getting low. He was not one who wished to see a large fund accumulated. Let them give their money to cases of distress, and let the Masons of the future act for themselves. He could not see why the brethren should aspire to having £1,000 or £1,500 in hand, as some lodges had, and he hoped he should never see the benevolent fund of the Egyptian Lodge amount to that sum. If the brethren would support the institutions, they would be preventing so large a balance accumulating. Bro. Buss then thanked the brethren on behalf of himself and the other Past Masters, and concluded by wishing the lodge every prosperity. The remaining toasts were afterwards disposed of, and the brethren separated.

FAITH LODGE (111).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult. The proceedings commenced at half past four o'clock in the afternoon. The officers present were: Bros. Kennet, W.M.; Waygood, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Malett, S.D.; Davis, Acting J.D.; Darey, I.G.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Themans, L.P.M. Among the visitors

were Bros. Gardner, W.M. 1381; Parnell, 101. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Pilbrow, Steng, and Chambers, passed Bro. Isaacs, and initiated Messrs. Elverston and Field. The whole of the ceremonies were ably and impressively performed. Bro. Taylor, P.M., then addressed the lodge at length upon a notice of motion which he gave at the last meeting that the initiatory monetary bye-law, No. 7, of the lodge should be altered from £5 5s. to £10 10s., in consequence of the great strength of the lodge and insufficiency of accommodation. This motion was fully discussed and ultimately seconded by Bro. Thomas, I.P.M. The W.M. moved, as an amendment, that the initiation fee should be increased from £5 5s. to £7 7s., which was seconded by Bro. Catmur. The amendment, upon being put, was carried by a majority of eight, and then put and carried as an original motion. Bro. Taylor, P.M., then proposed that the joining fees should be increased from £2 2s. and £3 3s. to £4 4s. and £5 5s., which was seconded by Bro. Davis, D.C., and carried unanimously. Bro. Taylor then moved that the visiting fee, on partaking of refreshment, should be ten shillings, except on nights of installation, when it should be twenty-one shillings, which was seconded by Bro. Wilson. The W.M. moved, and Bro. Hopwood, P.M., seconded, that the refreshment fees should be altered from 5s. and 7s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. and 15s. The amendment was carried by a large majority. Bro. Carter, P.M., Treas., was unanimously elected to act as Steward at the forthcoming Royal Installation at the Albert Hall, and a resolution passed that all his expenses should be paid by the lodge. Bro. Carter returned thanks, but expressed his unwillingness to receive anything from the funds of the lodge towards the expenses of the honourable position which his brethren had so kindly elected him to fulfil. It was moved by Bro. Davis, D.C., that the sum of £5 5s. should be placed on Bro. Hopwood's list as Steward to the Girls' Festival, and a like sum to Bro. Bennett as Steward for the Boys. This gave rise to considerable discussion, and Bro. Walls moved that the sum voted to each Steward for the institutions should be £3 3s., but upon the representations made by the W.M. and the Treasurer, both motions were withdrawn. The proceedings, which were very lengthy and animated, then terminated, and the lodge having been duly closed, the brethren separated.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—A meeting of this old established and flourishing lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 18th inst. There was a good muster of the brethren, who assembled at six o'clock in the evening, at which time the lodge was opened by Bros. Hume, W.M.; Wagner, S.W.; Elsom, P.M. (Dobie), J.W.; Watts, P.M., P.Z., &c., Treasurer; Arliss, P.M., P.Z., &c., Secretary; Palowka, S.D.; Read, J.D.; Sumner, I.G. Among the Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. Hammond, W.M. 1512, &c.; Davage, Carvill, Whiting, Robinson. Bro. Walls, I.G. 1503, &c., visited the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, passed Bro. Park to the F.C. degree, in a most excellent manner. The W.M. was then unanimously elected to act as Steward at the Installation of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. Bro. Hume, in acknowledging the honour awarded him, stated that when he came to the lodge that evening, he had intended not to accept the position should it be offered him, as he was of opinion that one of the old Past Masters of the lodge should be elected, but as it appeared to be the general wish of the brethren that he should stand, he accepted the office, which he would endeavour to carry out to the best of his ability, and to the honour of the Jordan Lodge. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant repast. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," which was duly honoured, and Bro. Read sang one verse of the National Anthem. The toasts of "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," followed, and were received by the brethren with excellent "fire." Bro. Whitney, the I.P.M., upon being entrusted with the gavel, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was heartily received. Bro. Hume, in reply thanked the brethren, and in the course of his speech, expressed his thanks to the Past Masters of the lodge who had, throughout his Masonic career, rendered him valuable aid, and by whose kindness and instruction he had been enabled to aspire, and ultimately attain, the dignified and honourable position which he then held. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," in a complimentary speech. Bro. Walls, in reply, said he felt unpleasantly situated at having to respond for himself as a visitor for the first time in his Masonic life. He had visited many lodges, and when the health of the visitors had been proposed, he had generally managed to escape from responding, by shifting the delicate duty upon another, but on the present occasion there was no help for it. He then touched briefly upon what he had witnessed, both in and out of the lodge, and in conclusion stated that the brethren of the Jordan Lodge ought to be proud of their Past Masters, many of whom had achieved high honours in other lodges and in many of the higher degrees, and he had to thank one of those distinguished brethren, viz. Bro. Hammond, for the pleasure he had that evening received in being invited to their lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," which was duly responded to. In giving the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. spoke very highly of the services rendered to the brethren by their Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Watts and Arliss replied at length, and the former stated that he had been upwards of 30 years a Freemason, and that his love for the ancient Craft continued unabated, and that as long as his health would permit him, he should continue an active member of the Jordan Lodge. The latter reiterated the sentiments of his colleague, and hoped that his humble services as Secretary to the lodge would be always

deemed worthy of receiving so hearty a recognition as the W.M. had been pleased to express that evening, and which the brethren had so kindly endorsed. Between the toasts Bros. Read, Walls, and Watts, contributed several songs and a reading. The Tyler's toast brought the successful proceedings to a close, and the lodge separated.

LODGE OF ST. JAMES (No. 765).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Bridge House Hotel. Bro. Francis Child, W.M., presided, and initiated Mr. Benjamin Dafforn, and raised Bros. Marler, Nelson, Reed, and Taylor. Bro. Peter McCallum, of Glasgow, and Fetter Lane, London, was then installed as W.M. by Bro. Montagu Scott, P.M. and Secretary, and received the hearty congratulations of the brethren on his accession to the chair. The newly installed W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Thos. Brown, S.W.; R. W. Gibbs, J.W.; R. P. Hooton, Treasurer; M. Scott, Secretary; J. Cox, S.D.; S. W. Bidwell, J.D.; Goodwin, I.G.; Past Master Hyde, M.C.; I. Abbott, W.S.; W. G. Laing, Tyler. A P.M. jewel was presented to Bro. F. Child, for his great services to the lodge during his year of office. A banquet, provided by Bro. Joseph Spencer, was subsequently partaken of, and the toasts were proposed and responded to with a brevity and ability seldom equalled. Bro. Child in proposing the W.M.'s health, said he had watched his career with attention ever since that brother had become a Mason, and from what he had seen of him he was sure his year of office would be successful. The W.M., in reply, said that from the time he was initiated in this lodge he had been gratified at his progress, placed at last in the chair, and in a year that was to be such a crucial period in the history of Freemasonry, he must be said to have attained the summit of his ambition. He had longed for it for many a day. He had loved Masonry; it had been the solace of his soul, from his first joining it, and if people would only apply its principles and morality in their life and walk, it would be a consolation to their minds greater than any of the "Modes of Faith," which a zealot might fight for. Bro. Montagu Scott replied for the Past Masters. The initiate, Bro. Dafforn, said, he felt he had that night began a good lesson; but he had often thought of it, and he hoped to become a better man for Freemasonry than he had been. "The Health of the Visitors" was afterwards proposed, and the remaining toasts having also been honoured, the brethren separated. Amongst the visitors, were Bros. F. Walters, P. A. Nairne, P.M. 176; G. Lemann, P.M. 176; H. Massey (*Freemason*), and twenty-three others. The annual audit report, which was brought up, received, and adopted, showed a balance of £70 7s. 9d. on account of the "General Fund," and £67 6s. 4d. at the London and Westminster Bank to the credit of the "Benevolent Fund."

THE ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319) held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, April 6th. Present—Bros. E. Frewin, W.M.; W. Reed, P.M., as S.W.; W. A. Tinney, J.W.; H. Tinney, I.G.; E. Swanborough, D.C.; E. S. Jones, P.M., Sec.; C. Coote, P.M., P.G. Org. Middlesex; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M.; James Weaver, I.P.M., P.M. 862, P. Prov. G. Org. Middlesex; and several other brethren. Bro. Coles was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A notice of motion was given to remove the lodge from the Freemasons' Hall, in consequence of the ventilation of the Moira rooms being so bad; and the charge for the banquets at the tavern being considered exorbitant. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—This lodge met for the last time of its first year, under the presidency of Bro. William Stephens, W.M., at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond Road, Dalston. The attendance of brethren was large, and included, besides the W.M., Bros. E. Somers, S.W.; W. D. Murlis, J.W.; Walford, Treasurer; W. Jones, P.M. 449, A.G.D.C., North, and Hunts, Secretary; Jessell, S.D.; E. Sim, I.G.; F. Ellen, Steward, numerous lay members of the lodge, and visitors, Bros. George Penn, G. W. Watkinson, 813; E. Crosby, 74; W. W. Fawn, 1305; E. Braine, 605; and T. H. Massey (*Freemason*). The W.M. raised Bros. Henry Morrey, George J. Glover, Samuel Smout, and Phillip A. Coard, and afterwards initiated Messrs. Charles Biggs, Charles Henry Fisher, and Frederick Charles Nevill. Bros. John Remington Brending, 781, and Henry Field, 200, were admitted as joining members of the lodge, and a motion by Bro. Murlis was carried to raise the initiation and joining fees. Bro. Somers, S.W., was elected unanimously W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. W. Stevens, Treasurer, and Bro. Gilchrist, Tyler. The brethren subsequently partook of a collation and honoured all the customary toasts. Bro. Stevens responded for the last time to the toast of his health as W.M., and congratulated the brethren on the high position which the lodge had attained by the exertions of all the brethren combined. He expressed his great gratification at this result, and the flourishing state of Freemasonry, and alluded to the forthcoming installation of the Prince of Wales, as an event to be remembered in the Order. With regard to what he had himself done, and which had been spoken of several times in this lodge in terms of approbation, he expressed the pleasure he felt at having so far succeeded in his endeavours to promote the good, both of the lodge, and the Order as to have secured the support of his brethren, and promised that in future his efforts in the same direction should not be relaxed. He afterwards proposed "The Initiates," whom he exhorted to follow the example that would be set them in the lodge, and to maintain the principles of the Order. The toast having been responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," for whom Bros. Walford and Jones replied, the former brother passing a high compliment on the ability of the W.M., who would shortly be a P.M. The Past Masters he always looked upon as brethren who were the support of a lodge. They had been described as "pillars" and "pillows," pillars to support,

and pillows to rest upon. He was glad that the toast had been proposed, as no doubt it was one which ought always to be honoured, and in this lodge it was acknowledged as it deserved to be. For himself, he hoped that whether as Treasurer, Deacon, Warden, or Master, he might be a pillar and a pillow, and respected by every member of the lodge. Bro. Jones, in his reply, congratulated the brethren on having had such a W.M. as Bro. Stephens, to whom he had been proud to render every assistance in his power. He was also glad to find that ever since the lodge had been started they had obtained such brethren as members and initiates as they had reason to be proud of. Their numbers were now getting so large, that at the former meeting they deemed it advisable to pass a motion restricting their number to fifty. They had initiated forty brethren since the establishment of the lodge. He trusted that in the future it would never be forgotten that Bro. Stephens had been the first Master of the lodge, and as an old Past Master he should look back upon this first year of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge with great delight. In proposing "The Officers," the W. Master thanked them for their services during his year, and felt sure that they would continue to do good to their fellow-creatures, as they had done in the past year. He also added that they deserved the thanks of every member of the lodge, and of the Craft generally. Brother Somers in reply said that this body never started as a featherbed lodge, if the P.M.'s wished to be pillows, he hoped that he should be a pillar, and that the foundation stone they had laid by giving 250 guineas towards the charities would lead to the capstone of a very much larger sum. If what they had done was a sure foundation stone for a noble building, which he trusted would be never disgraced, he would use his best exertions individually to improve the position of the lodge. If he should not do his work so well as the present W.M., it would not be from the want of will, but of power. From the time he entered into Masonry his heart had been in it, and he had endeavoured sincerely, zealously, and earnestly to carry his wishes out. He could only ask the brethren to help him to extend the advantages of the lodge as far as the charities were concerned, and prove that this was one of the brightest, ablest, and most useful of the lodges in London. Bro. Marlis also replied, and thanked the brethren for the support they had given to his list for the Girls' School. There were some brethren he had not yet asked, but if they felt themselves at all slighted he should be happy to receive their names. His list amounted to nearly £100 already, and he intended to make it more. If he had been rude in asking some brothers, or bashful in not asking others, he hoped the brethren to whom he had been rude would excuse him, and the brethren whom he had slighted would repair the defect. He had a capital list, and to show that it was perfectly respectable he would inform them that Bro. Wm. Gordon, M.P., for Chelsea had placed his name on it. Bros. Jessell and Sim likewise responded, the latter brother saying that whatever might be required of him to do to improve the position of the lodge he should always do it. What he had done for the charities was a very small matter, but he hoped that next time, which he trusted would be before long, that he represented the charities of the Order he would go up with an amount which he must be proud of. The Tyler's Toast brought this very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

INSTRUCTION.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—A meeting of the brethren was held on the 25th ult., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 191, Leadenhall Street, for the purpose of constituting a lodge of instruction in connection with the Egyptian Lodge, 27, to be called the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Charles Adkins, I.P.M., 27, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. H. T. Hoare, P.M. 27, T. J. Maidwell, D. C. 27, George B. Chapman, D. Salmonese, J. T. Dickenson, A. Head, J. Murch, Charles A. Grammer, W. O. Walbrook, and J. Crawley, P.M. 174. The Egyptian Lodge 27, having granted authority for a lodge of instruction being established in connection with it, it was proposed by Bro. Hoare, seconded by Bro. Walbrook, and resolved, that the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction should meet at the above address every Thursday evening, at 7.30, and be closed at 9.30. It was then proposed by Bro. Hoare, seconded by Bro. Chapman, and resolved, that Bro. Joseph Crawley, P.M. 174, be appointed Preceptor. Bro. Maidwell proposed, Bro. Hoare seconded, and it was resolved, that Bro. Chapman be appointed Secretary pro tem. On the motion of Bro. Chapman, seconded by Bro. Salmonese, Bro. Charles Adkins was appointed Treasurer. The joining fee and subscription were fixed, and the Treasurer and Secretary were instructed to purchase the necessary clothing for officers, furniture, and working tools. Instructions were also given to the Treasurer and Secretary to obtain the approval of Grand Lodge, to the bye-laws of the lodge, and all the brethren present having paid their joining fee and subscription for a year, the first meeting was appointed to be held on the 8th inst., and the brethren adjourned till that date.

DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 860).—The annual festival of this lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Bro. Dalwood, W.M. of the parent lodge, presided, and was supported by Bros. Joseph Crawley, Preceptor of the lodge; W. H. Wallington, W.M. elect of the Dalhousie Lodge; W. Bristo, P.M.; Ashburner, P.M. 1278; Taylor, D.C. 1426; Crane, 933; Crouch, 1278; Perrin, Knox, J.W. 160; Smith, Wordsley, White, and about a score of others. The sum of £5 was voted to the Girls' School, a similar sum having previously been subscribed to the Male Fund of the Benevolent Institution, and a like sum to the Widows. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, and honoured the usual Masonic toasts. A fine musical treat was provided for the brethren

by Bros. Bristo, Wallington, Perrin and Rien. Bro. Crawley also gave some good recitations. In the course of the evening, the W.M. was much congratulated on attaining his high position, and complimented on filling the Master's chair, after having been the first initiate the lodge had the pleasure of making.

PROVINCIAL.

CANTERBURY.—UNITED INDUSTRIOUS LODGE (No. 31).—The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday the 1st April. Present Bros. Capt. P.H. Knight, W.M., in the chair; Geo. Johnson, S.W.; Doctor B. Browning, J.W.; J. E. Wiltshire, S.D.; W. Sice, Org.; Strand, Tyler; John R. Hall, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Chas. Hallturn, P.M.; J. Coppin, P.M.; P. Higham, P.M.; Rev. L. G. H. Mason, M.M.; David Callard, M.M.; J. G. Shanks, P.M. 189, P.P. J. G. W. Devon, and several more brethren, members of the lodge. The minutes of the last lodge night were read and confirmed. The gavel was then placed in the hands of Bro. John R. Hale, P.M., and Doctor W. H. Longhurst, the Organist of Canterbury Cathedral, who had previously been regularly proposed, balloted for, and unanimously elected, was initiated according to ancient custom. A committee consisting of the W.M. and his Wardens was appointed to confer with the St. Augustine's and the Royal Military Lodges for the purpose of fixing the day and making such arrangements may be necessary for holding a banquet to celebrate the occasion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being installed as M.W.G.M. Some other business having been transacted the lodge was closed in due form and in due time.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 41).—The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, April 1st, which was but scantily attended, not more than 20 members being present. At 7.30 the lodge was opened by Bro. Mitchell, P.M., supported by Bros. Dr. Hopkins, acting as I.P.M.; Brown, S.W.; Everingham, J.W.; Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Falkner, Sec.; Wilkinson, S.D.; Braham, J.D.; Birth, acting as I.G.; Gazzard, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of apology for non-attendance, caused by absence from Bath in each case, were read from Bros. Clark, W.M.; Major Preston, I.P.M.; and Carey, P.M. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Major Bousfield, M.P. as a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. A letter from the Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, was read, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the history of No. 41, as a present to the Library of Grand Lodge, and similar communications were announced from several private lodges. The chair was then taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who had been deputed by the W.M. to perform the ceremonies. Bro. Radway, having been examined as to his proficiency, was entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the second degree, the candidate re-admitted, and duly passed to the rank of Fellow Craft, the symbolism of the working tools being carefully explained by Bro. Birth. Bro. Jacob Smith was examined as to his knowledge of this degree, and having been complimented on the correctness of his answers, and duly entrusted, withdrew. On his return to the lodge, he was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who also gave the traditional history of the degree, and the charge connected with it, apologizing for omission of lectures on the tracing boards, for which there was not time. The lodge was resumed in the first degree. On the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the J.W. a vote of thanks was passed to the acting W.M. for the efficient manner in which he had presided and worked the ceremonies. The lodge was finally closed at a quarter to ten.

FOREST HILL.—WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The installation meeting of the West Kent Lodge, was held on the 27th ult., at the Forest Hill Hotel. Bro. Kindon, W.M., installed Bro. John Allen in the Master's chair, in the presence of a full lodge, and numerous visitors, among whom were Captain G. A. Smith, P.M. 619; Bro. C. J. Cooke, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; Bro. Alfred Avery, P.M. 619; and Bro. John White, W.M. 228. The W.M. appointed as his officers, Bros. H. D. Stead, S.W.; J. M. Stretch, J.W.; H.G. Warren, Treasurer; A. P. Leonard, Secretary; C. R. Crouch, S.D.; E. C. Massey, J.D.; and C. R. Crowden, I.G. The W.M. passed a brother to the second degree, and was afterwards unanimously elected himself to represent the lodge as Steward at the Installation of the Prince of Wales. A banquet followed the working of the lodge, and Bro. C. J. Cooke made an admirable speech in reply to the toast of "The Visitors."

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, April 3rd, at the Royal Archer, Dale-street. The lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Smith. The minutes being read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for an initiate and a joining member, and proved favourable in both cases. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the second degree, and passed Bros. Davies and Dickenson (they having previously answered the necessary questions and been entrusted). The ceremonies were most ably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Pearson, S.W., who presented the working tools in such a manner as to call forth the unanimous praise of the brethren. Bro. Chas. J. Kent afterwards delivered the lecture on the second tracing board with such proficiency, as to be congratulated by the Past Masters and W.M. It is seldom we find in young lodges the J.W. being able to take such advanced positions as delivering the lectures, and lodges that possess such able workers in their junior officers can look forward to years of prosperity and proficiency. The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and notice of motion given by the I.P.M., Bro. Jno. W. Turner, that the initiation and joining fees be raised. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. H. Kershaw, W.M., Imperial George, 78, Middleton; N. Dunille, P.M. Virtue, 152; William Dunville, S.V., Richmond; Geo. Ellis, Stamford and Warrington, 1408, Stalybridge. Business

being concluded, and the W.M. complimented on the efficiency of the working, the lodge was closed at 6.45. The refreshments, supplied by Bro. Potts, were, as usual, of the very best, and were appreciated by the members and visitors, and after the usual toasts, the brethren separated, well pleased and deeply impressed with the solemnity of the ceremonies they had seen so ably performed.

Royal Arch.

BARNSTAPLE.—LOYALTY AND VIRTUE CHAPTER (No. 251).—The quarterly communication of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, on Wednesday week. Chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals. Comp. Wiltshire as First Principal, assisted by an efficient staff of officers conducted the business of the chapter. Brothers Ficklin and Marks were exalted, and a proposition made for a joining member. This old chapter is now getting in a flourishing state; several brethren having of late joined it, it can now boast of a long list of members.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—WILLIAM DE LA MORE PRECEPTORY (No. 49).—A meeting of this preceptory was held on the 18th ult., at the Court House, Prescott, near Liverpool. Amongst those present were Sir Knights J. Kellett Smith, E.P.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.P.; Captain Turner, P.E.P.; R. Young, 1st Captain Henry Nelson, Registrar; Joseph Wood, Treasurer; W. Tyrer, Almoner; W. J. Thomson, C. of G.; W. S. Matthews, P. H. Whittaker, &c. The visitors were Sir Knights Captain Berry, P.G.S.B. 1st G. Captain and P.E.P. Jacques de Molay Preceptory; H. Burrows, Alpass Preceptory. The preceptory was opened in solemn form, and with prayer by Em. Sir Knt. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, E.P. The muster roll was called over, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Eminent Preceptor then proceeded to present Sir Knight Captain George Turner, P.E.P., with a very chaste and elegant silver cigar case, which had been subscribed for generally by the Sir Knights of the William de la More Preceptory in acknowledgment of his valuable and efficient services as G.M. Sir Knight Captain Berry eulogised in pointed and effective terms the peculiar aptitude of Sir Knight Turner for Masonic duties generally and Knight Templary in particular. Sir Knight H. Nelson, Registrar, then read a communication from the V.E. Prov. G. Prior, A. H. Roys, expressing his regret at not being able to attend the meeting; and expressing the pleasure it gave him to learn that the services of Sir Knight Turner were about to be recognised in a suitable manner, and complimenting the members of the preceptory generally on their presentation, of which he (the Prov. G. Prior) highly and heartily approved. The E.P. (Dr. Smith), then complimented Sir Knight Turner, and in an able and eloquent speech made the presentation. The article bore the following inscription:—"To Sir Knight Captain Turner, P.E.C., Prov. G.B.B., Lancashire, from the members of the William de la More Preceptory of Knights Templar, in recognition of past services, 1875." Sir Knight Turner, who appeared to be much affected by this token of approbation of his conduct, responded in feeling terms. The preceptory was then closed in solemn form, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the principal hotel, where a bounteous repast was served by Mrs. Lloyd in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR LANARKSHIRE.—This chapter met in solemn conclave for the first time after a lapse of fifteen years, in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 31st ult. There was a large and distinctly representative body of Royal Arch Masons present, numbering in all somewhere about seventy. The chair was occupied by Comp. J. A. Barrow, Most Excellent Supt., 30°; and the duties of the Croupier-ship were discharged by Comps. Thos. Hallett, P.G. Treas. and A. McTaggart, P.G. Scribe E. Supporting the Chairman and Croupiers were Comps. Duckett, P.Z. 73; W. Smith, P.G. J., 30°; J. Balfour, P.G. 1st Soj.; John Fraser, P.G. Scribe N.; John Miller, Z. 50; Jas. Duthie, Z. 67; G. W. Wheeler, Z. 73; John Tweed, H. 73; Chalmers, No. 113; Paterson, 113; Grainger, 113; Wylie, 113; Schiff, 113; Ward, 113; Barr, 113; Julius Brodie, Z. 79; John Monro, Scribe E. 79; McDonald, P.Z. 73; John Stewart, J. 73; D. Gilchrist, P.Z. 73; A. Arrick Smith, 50; W. Phillips, Z. 87; D. Reid, 87; Robert Bell, M.E.C. St. Mungo Encampment; Comps. Mc Murdo, Z. 143; Laird, J. 143; Russell, N. 143; and Baker, E. 143. Amongst the general company we observed Comps. Robt. Fraser, 69; Sutherland, 117; Arch. W. Berry, 117; I. Miller, P. Prin. 117; Jas. Arnaud, Z. 144; Jno. Johnston, 122; Jas. Black, 119; &c. After supper, which was served up by Comp. S. Mc Phee, in the St. Andrew Restaurant, Hutcheson-st., in a chaste and elaborate style, the Chairman briefly addressed the companions. He said: "It is little more than three years since I received my commission as Prov. Grand Supt. for Lanarkshire from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and therefore nearly three years since we formed this P.G. Chapter. During that time we have endeavoured to aid and foster Royal Arch Masonry in our province; and the presence of so many office-bearers and companions here to-night, representing as they do nearly every chapter in Lanarkshire, shows the esteem in which they regard the Order. To the Craft Masons merely, the R.A. degree is one to be looked forward to, whilst by those who have obtained its privileges, these are valued for the more ex-

altered knowledge of the principles of Freemasonry which they communicate. The Royal Arch is the highest order of Masonry, which can be called universal, and which may be adopted by men of all climes, and of every creed which acknowledges the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler of the Universe. The "higher orders," recognising and adopting the principles of the Christian faith, are not universal in the same sense. As R.A. Masons it is our duty and privilege to see that the principles of the Order are maintained and carried out to their full extent. These principles are, love to God, love to the brethren, charity towards all men, helping the distressed, and defending the cause of the orphan and widow. Let us endeavour to act up to these principles, so that at last we may receive in the Grand Chapter above the reward of "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The P.G. Chapter having been duly opened, and immediately thereafter adjourned, the companions were called from labour to refreshment. The Chairman then proposed in succession the toasts of the "Queen and the Craft," the "Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family," the "Army, Navy, and Volunteers," and "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland." In reference to this last named, the chairman read an apology for absence which had been received from Comp Mackersy, expressing regret at his unavoidable absence, and a hope for the success of the meeting. In proposing the toast, the chairman referred to the full control exercised by the Supreme Chapter, and to past meetings of the R.A. Order under her superintendence; and expressed a hope that the present meeting would be a guarantee to the supreme body of the loyalty of the P.G. Chapter for Lanarkshire. In concluding, he (the chairman) was happy to say that the present state of R.A. Masonry in the province could bear favourable comparison with that during any other year in the past history. In proposing "The other Sup. Grand R.A. Chapters," Comp. W. Smith attributed to them much credit, especially to those of England, America, France, and Germany; remarking that they were far ahead of us in advocating and supporting every charitable institution that falls to be maintained by companions of the R.A. He hoped that in our own country, and more immediately in Glasgow, now that they had got a fresh start, they would put their shoulders to the wheel, and make renewed and increased endeavours to extend their charities. The toast of the "Prov. Grand R.A. Chapter for Lanarkshire" was then proposed by Comp. William Wylie. In the course of his remarks he referred to the importance of the toast, and to the principles of charity and benevolence touched upon by the previous speakers, and made graceful allusion to the late lamented Comp. Walker Arnott, whose name, he said, would go down to posterity, equally lauded for his position in literature and as a botanist, and for his indefatigable services to Freemasonry. He was glad to know that the present Superintendent was no unworthy successor to so eminent a companion. The M. E. Supt. shortly replied to the toast, remarking that he was not an orator but a worker. He had passed the best years of his life in the service of Craft Masonry, and could honestly say that while the latter was the school of their order, R.A. Masonry was its university. In conclusion he thanked the companions, especially the First Principals, for their cordial support in the past, and hoped by constant attention to his duties as P.G. Supt. to obtain their kindly aid in the future. The toast of "Daughter Chapters" was proposed by Comp. Jas. Balfour. He was certain, he said, that the toast would meet with hearty approval at their hands, because the success and prosperity of the Supreme and P.G. Chapters depended so greatly upon the healthy and good working condition of the daughter chapters under the jurisdiction. They all knew sufficient of R.A. Masonry to admire the grand principles upon which it was constituted, the order and regularity which pervaded it, and the good government necessitated at all times to carry out these principles. He hoped that their coming together that night would be the means of diffusing a more lively interest in R.A. Masonry, for there was no denying the fact that there had not hitherto been such an amount of this in the province as there might have been. He would suggest that the Principals should invite each other to their meetings, and the visitors lend a hand at the working of the degrees; and in case of there being no initiations or exaltations, they might form themselves into a Chapter of Instruction. Such reciprocity, he had no doubt, would tend greatly to increase the interest in R.A. Masonry. Several of the companions replied to the toast. After Comps. Jno. Miller and Jas. Duthie had briefly acknowledged it on behalf of their respective chapters, Comp. Wheeler made an elaborate reply, advocating unity in the Order, more general and systematic instruction in, and a higher appreciation of, its universal principles. From that night forward, he said, they should take a firmer and nobler step towards its advancement generally. Comp. J. Brodie, in his reply, referred to the fact that the P.G.R.A. Chapter for Lanarkshire had been, for some time, dead, but was now alive again, and likely to flourish in the future. Comp. Halkett made some appropriate remarks on the working of R.A. Masonry in England and elsewhere; and recommended periodical social meetings of the companions to be held at short intervals, to consider as to the best methods of advancing R.A. Masonry in this province, as well, generally, throughout the world. Comp. Annand replied for Lodge 124. He remarked that the want of success was not alone due to the office-bearers of the several chapters, but a good deal also to the members. He hoped that henceforth, at the end of every year, a grand demonstration would be held, that, in its issue, might tend to bind and consolidate the chapter, and the companions as well, in the social bond of unity. The P.G. Supt. next spoke in terms of commendation of the several replies which had been made by the First Principals. "The other Orders of Masonry" was then

given by Comp. A. McTaggart, who observed that that was the first time that that toast had been put upon a Masonic programme; and in course of his remarks as to the origin and antiquity of Masonry, remarked that its principles culminated in the universal Order in the R.A. degree, and had its full exposition, as regards the three degrees, in the ritual of the Royal Order of Scotland. He also referred to the harmony of principle that existed in all the orders of Masonry; and spoke with effect as to their suitability to man's moral, social, and intellectual capacity and condition. The toast was coupled with the name of M. E. C. Robert Bell, of St. Mungo Encampment; who in his reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see and to know that so many of those present had taken the Knight Templar degree. He hoped that those who had not yet been advanced to the high Order would see it their duty to make early application. The remaining toasts were "Visiting Companions," by Comp. Phillips; "Benevolent Institutions," by Comp. Duthie; "The Press" by Comp. Halkett; and "The Ladies," by Comp. Jno. Fraser. The proceedings were agreeably relieved by songs, &c., most prominent among which were an original piece of poetry, entitled "The A B C of Masonry," recited by the author, Comp. Wheeler, and an impromptu song given by Comp. Robert Fraser, in which worthy and highly appreciative reference were made to the more notable companions present. A vote of thanks was passed to the proprietors of St. Mark's Hall for their kindness in giving the use of it for the meeting gratuitously; and with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the pledging of the "last toast," Happy to meet, &c., the pleasant gathering broke up.

RUTHERGLEN.—ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 116).—The 106th anniversary of this lodge was held in Bro. Don's Hall, Main-street, Rutherglen, on the 19th ult., and was celebrated by a supper, torchlight procession and assembly. There was a large attendance of brethren and gentlemen, with their wives and sweethearts. Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M., occupied the chair; there was also present, Bailies Edgar and Kinning, Councillor Laing, and several other worthy brethren and gentlemen. Bro. McGaveny acted as Croupier. The supper was served by the host and hostess, which was most amply and tastefully supplied. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the Chairman said it gave him much pleasure to preside at this festival, supported by the municipal dignitaries of the Burgh of Rutherglen. He was glad to see that the brethren had availed themselves of the opportunity of bringing so many ladies to grace the annual festival. It was customary at such meetings as this for the Chairman to give an outline of the Order, and the benefits arising from it, with a history of the lodge, its progress and prospects. He did not intend to make a long speech, as he considered this unnecessary at a meeting of this description. They did not come, he expected, to hear long speeches, but to enjoy themselves otherwise. With reference to the lodge over which he had the honour to preside, although his presidency of the lodge had been comparatively short, only being elected to his present high position within the last few months, he had, however, been closely associated with the lodge for a period of ten years, during which time he had witnessed many changes, and many of his best known brethren had gone to their reward. Intimately connected with many of the brethren present as he was, he could speak with safety as to their Masonic knowledge, and zeal in everything tending to the good of the Order; and, in fact, without their assistance he could never fill the position he did at present hold, and he begged to thank them for their support and the high honour they had conferred upon him, and that nothing would be wanting on his part to further the interest of the lodge and the Order in general. He had already devoted a large amount of time to the cause of Freemasonry, and he would double his exertions and leave nothing unturned that he could do to further the cause of this noble Order. In our endeavours to work faithfully may we all be guided by a higher power, and may the Great Architect of the Universe, in His great love, teach us with the truths that the volume of the sacred law contains to make us good Freemasons, good citizens, and good members of the community. He would impress upon the younger members the necessity of attending the lodge meetings regularly, so that they might be well posted in Masonic matters. Bro. Councillor Lang then proposed the Army, Navy, and Volunteers, and in doing so said that our defences were never in such a prosperous condition as at the present time. The Army Reform would no doubt in the end work well, though in the meantime some little diffidence was felt in adopting those laws which had been made for their guidance. In our Navy we all recognize a power of which no country could boast of. What would we have been without it? May we long enjoy that safety and security, in the knowledge that we possess the first maritime fleet in the world. With regard to the Volunteers we all know they possess great strength and with the legislation and reform that was about to take place, and put them on another footing, they would be the backbone for the defence of our homes. Bailie Kinning then replied in a humorous and a few well chosen remarks. The following toasts were then given, that of the Royal Arch Lodge No. 116 from the chair coupled with the name of Bailie Edgar, the Council of the Burgh of Rutherglen by Bro. Wm. McGaveny, who referred to the spirit of the age now, to put good and intelligent men to represent them in council, and if their conduct did not meet with the approval of the electors they had only to choose others to fill their places. This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Bailie Edgar, who referred to his services in the Burgh over thirty years as a criterion of his conduct as a magistrate. Their work was much more heavy now than in former years. He could remember when there was scarcely a case to be brought before the magistrates, but he regretted to say that now there were too many; this he attributed to the increasing

population, and the influx of new industries necessitating a corresponding increase in the people. They (the magistrates) dealt gently with first offences, except cases committed upon the sabbath, which were stringently punished. After the toast of the Ladies, which was proposed by Bro. Lang, and replied to by Bro. J. Hamilton, several songs were most pleasingly rendered by several of the brethren and ladies. After the concert the brethren formed a torchlight procession and with their banners, clothing, and jewels, led by the Rutherglen Brass Band, really looked very striking. After going through the principal streets they returned to the Hall and commenced the assembly, dancing being kept up with great spirit until morning, everyone being well pleased with the 106th anniversary of Lodge 116.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION AND CROWN (No. 103).—The monthly meeting of this prosperous and well-attended lodge was held in the hall, 170, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on Monday, the 26th ult. Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M., occupying the chair, supported by Bro. A. Bain, P.M.; Bro. J. Gilles, P.M.; R. Muir, D.M.; D. Murray, S.M.; W. Thomas, S.W.; R. Munro, J.W.; N. Cameron, Treas., &c., &c. Among the visitors we noticed, Bro. A. Thorburn, R.W.M. Lodge Glasgow, No. 4; M. E. Drummond, R.W.M. No. 5, Canongate and Leith, and a very large attendance of members and visitors. The R.W.M. opened the lodge, and the Secretary read the minutes of previous meetings, which were approved of. Mr. Robt. Fyfe, whose application for admission into Freemasonry had been well received, entered and received the E.A. degree, Bro. Wright, R.W.M., administering the ceremony in a most careful and impressive manner. After a little discussion of matters connected with the lodge, which was most amicably arranged, the lodge went from business to refreshment and harmony, and with toast and song spent the evening in a most pleasant manner.

POLLOKSHAWS.—ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 153).—The 92nd anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on the 19 inst. at the Maxwell Arms Inn, by a grand supper and ball, present Bros. John Peters, R.W.M., Chairman; Paton, S.W.; Black, J.W.; Rev. J. Rodgers Chaplain; Johnson, Sec.; Allen, Treas.; A. B. Thorburn, R.W.M. Glasgow, 4; J. Singleton, R.W.M. Scotia, 178; D. Lamb, D.M. 360; A. Mc. Gregor, R.W.M. 458; Scobie, R.W.M. 512; Wm. Jardine, Treas. 512; T. E. Schriden, Sec. 512; R. Mc. Ewan, J.W. 512; Julius Brodie, R.W.M. Marie Stuart, 541; T. Russell, D.M. 556; J. Rust, E.C.; and several others from the various lodges in the district. At 8 o'clock, the office-bearers entered the room, the band playing a march, all being seated and a blessing asked. Supper was done ample justice to, every description of good things being provided by the host, Bro. T. Galbraith. After supper, "Behold how good a thing it is," was sung by the company. The chairman being first on the programme, addressed the meeting as follows: "Ladies, Brethren, and Gentlemen, I find from the programme before me, that I am to give an address, but as the programme is somewhat lengthy, and so many of the fair sex present who will enjoy the latter part of the programme best, I will make my remarks as brief as possible. It gives me very great pleasure to occupy the position in which I am placed to-night, it being now ninety-two years since the charter was received from the Grand Lodge, authorizing this lodge to hold Masonic meetings, and since that time many hundreds have received, in this hall, the secrets of this, our ancient and most honourable Order, whose mysteries have, in all ages, been extolled by some as the true faith, by others as an offshoot of his Satanic Majesty; it has been praised by crowned heads, and banned by the priesthood, dreaded by others as a secret political engine, and admired by those in our fraternity for its complete indifference to all political matters. Freemasonry is still as complete a mystery to the uninitiated as it ever was. This brotherhood, which has outlived centuries of conflicts, of defeats and victories, and which has become so extended in its ramifications, must certainly contain, within itself, principles of paramount importance. I shall endeavour to point out some of these. When a candidate is once introduced into a Masonic Lodge, he is made to feel that, whatever distinctions there may be in the outer world, inside our doors all are equal and meet upon the common basis of brotherhood. (Cheers.) He is also required to declare his belief in the existence of a God, the centre of all good, the source of all knowledge, and the foundation of all light, and his first prayer is that he may be enabled to display the beauties of virtue to the praise and glory of that most holy name. His first lesson is one of charity and toleration, and our other lessons are such that no one who studies them can fail to become a truer and a better man. I do not claim for Masonry that it is a religion, but I say that Freemasonry is a pure, high-toned morality, to the practice of which every brother has voluntarily and solemnly pledged himself, and this cannot be set aside without condemnation and loss of character, both to the individual and to the Craft. Freemasonry in its teachings indicates the virtues which should rule and govern the actions of all its members, and these are based on such broad principles as enables gentlemen of all creeds, with the exception of atheists, to range under its banners. I feel that Freemasonry cannot maintain its ancient and honourable reputation, increase the number of its members, or promote the high and noble objects of its founders, unless its laws are strictly enforced and its principles exhibited in their practical appreciation. Freemasonry is practical as well as theoretical, and unless we look upon it as such and endeavour to carry out its requirements, we do ourselves and the institution an injustice. I am glad to find that in Scotland its practical application is likely soon to take a more tangible shape by our having an institution devoted solely to the taking care of aged and infirm Masons, their widows and orphans, although, during the year 1873, over £460 was disbursed by our Grand Lodge in Edinburgh, towards relieving our poor brethren; and this

independent of what the various lodges have done themselves, and they number nearly 600 under the Scottish Constitution alone, and many have blessed our fraternity for their aid. In England there exist several Masonic institutions, such as that proposed for Scotland, and over £20,000 is annually subscribed for to support them. In America they abound, as indeed they do throughout the globe, so that a Freemason may travel throughout the whole world, and at all times feel that he is not far from one who will aid and assist him in a manner known to our fraternity. There is another feature that I would just mention, and that is the feeling of friendship, that is at once established between brother Freemasons, and that feeling is constantly kept prominently before us in all our meetings. No matter where or how you may come in contact with them, the same feeling is found, as I can testify from my own experience, in Italy, Azores, Bermuda, and America. I would just mention, that in forty States in America, during 1873, no less a number than 36,434 gentlemen were admitted members of our fraternity, and during the same period there were no less than 528,190 subscribing members belonging to the various lodges. In Scotland, I find that during the same period, no less than 3,683 were admitted to our fraternity, which must be very gratifying to all of you, showing that Freemasonry is flourishing in our midst, even to a greater extent than in America, were it is making such rapid strides. In conclusion it gives me very great pleasure in representing this ancient lodge, and seeing so many brethren and gentlemen, with their wives and sweethearts, present, to meet with us at this, our ninety-second anniversary, and I hope that all of us will enjoy this evening's amusement, and that it may be marked as a most successful gathering. Several loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to, which were followed by a well attended assembly, the ladies being in most elegant form, and the dancing was kept up with great spirit until morning. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Galbraith for the very excellent spread he provided on his own premises.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360), held their bi-monthly meeting in their hall, 30, Hope Street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., presiding: J. M. Olliver, S.W.; T. Graham, S.D., acting as J.W.; A. Morton, I.P.M.; J. Brodie, S.M.; Bro. D. Lamb, D.M.: Visitors—Bro. A. Thorburn, R.W.M. Lodge Glasgow, No. 4; Bro. R. Munro, J.W. Lodge No. 4; Bro. Lindsay Gray, D.M. Lodge St. Mark, No. 102; and others. Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., opened the lodge, and the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. A. Morton, late Secretary, with a gold pencil case, as token of their regard, and the very high estimation they held of Bro. Morton, both in and out of the lodge room, for he had always done his duty in a most courteous and faithful manner, and he hoped he would be long spared to be amongst them. Bro. Morton, in a few well chosen remarks, acknowledged the high compliment that had been paid to him, and said that any services he could at any time render to the lodge, it would give him great pleasure to do so. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft, when Bro. A. Martin and Bro. W. Harrison retired. The lodge being raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bros. Martin and Harrison re-entered, and received that degree, Bro. J. Brodie, S.M., and Bro. D. Lamb officiating. The lodge was then closed in due form.

THORNIEBANK.—THORNIEBANK LODGE (No. 512).—This lodge met in the School Room, Thorniebank, on Saturday, the 20th ult., present Bro. R. Scobie, R.W.M.; Bro. R. Fletcher, S.W.; Bro. R. McEwan, J.W.; Bro. W. Jardine, Treas.; Bro. T. E. Schuden, Sec., and several others. The lodge being opened by the R.W.M., the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. Applications were read from the following gentlemen for admission into the Order, viz. John Ferguson; F. Gallagher; James Jardine; R. S. Slatt; A. Nicholson; and W. Buckley; there being no objection, the candidates received the E.A. degree, Bro. R. Scobie officiating in a very efficient manner. After several loyal and Masonic toasts had been given by the R.W.M., Bro. McEwan, J.W., proposed "The New Laid Stones," and said it augured well for the prosperity of the lodge when they found such worthy gentlemen as the present coming forward to join them. Bro. A. Nicholson said as a young Mason he thanked them for the honour they had conferred on him and his companions; he had thought a good deal about Masonry, and for many years had been opposed to it, but at last made up his mind to join it, and having done so he could only now express his regret that he had not done so before, for he really could now see some of the advantages of Freemasonry, and he would only be too happy to do all that might lie in his power to forward the interest of the Craft in general and the Thorniebank Lodge in particular. Bro. Buckley also replied. The R.W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. G. W. Wheeler, Lodge 73, Glasgow, the compliment being suitably acknowledged. After several songs, etc., from Bros. Gallagher, Clark, Hutton, and others, Bro. Wheeler proposed "Prosperity to the Thorniebank Lodge" coupled with the name of Bro. Scobie, R.W.M.; Bro. Scobie replied, and said while they continued to get good members, their prosperity was certain, and he should make it his study to bring about that result. The lodge was then closed in due form.

COATBRIDGE.—ST. ANDREW (No. 544).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, Bank-street, on the 20th ult., Bro. A. Kennedy, R.W.M., presiding. Bro. Jas. Kennedy, S.W.; Bro. Mailer, acting J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., and the three candidates who were proposed and ballotted for at the previous meeting received the E.A. degree, Bro. D. Reid, R.W.M. No. 465, officiating in a very impressive manner, Bro. Kennedy, R.W.M., giving a short lecture on

the same degree. Bro. Bassett was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Kennedy, R.W.M. officiating. After other business connected with the lodge had been gone through, the lodge was closed in due form.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W. GRAND MASTER.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by her Royal Highness the Princess, by the Princess Mary and the Duke of Teck, and by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a numerous assemblage, took the principal part in the ceremony of celebrating the installation of Merchant Taylors' School in the Charterhouse. Although Charterhouse School is removed to Godalming, the poor brethren remain in their old building to continue the long tradition of monkish life upon that spot. Parts of the old school have also been preserved—the gown-boys' buildings and the master's house—and form part of the edifice, the first stone of which was laid by the Duke of Edinburgh two years ago. There are now in the completed building, 19 class-rooms, two large school-rooms, a library, a lecture-theatre, and a magnificent assembly-room, in which the school will meet for prayers when the boys first arrive in the morning, and on grand days for speeches. It will easily hold the 400 or 500 boys whom the school now contains; and they are to assemble there on Saturday and Tuesday next. There are the old cloisters, some new cloisters, five courts, and a playground of considerable size for a city school. From the old Merchant Taylors' School some books have been brought up, together with the monitors' table and prompters' bench, on which from year to year the eight monitors and the eight boys who prompt them in their speeches have cut their names. There are also the masters' chairs of black oak. These relics take the place of the Charterhouse stones, similarly inscribed, which have gone to Godalming. Kitchens and dining-rooms in which the boys will be supplied at an extremely low tariff occupy a portion of the quadrangle. The principal building is a handsome red brick structure, designed by Mr. E. P. Anson, built by Messrs. Brown and Robinson, and ventilated throughout by Phipson's apparatus, which pours hot air in winter, cold air in summer into the class-room.

At half-past 8 yesterday morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, and at 11 service in the chapel of the pensioners of the Charterhouse. Here the Rev. Dr. Baker, the head master, read the service, and the Rev. Mr. Whittington, lecturer of St. Peter's, Cornhill, and the Rev. Mr. Airey, read the lessons. The Bishop of Ely (Dr. Woodford) preached a sermon from Ecclesiastes, "He that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." He acknowledged the truth of the maxim spoken by the wisest of the children of the East, and followed it through the various branches of study—of science which only reveals remoter difficulties; of history, which shows man building up and finding that he laid his foundation on the sand; of the knowledge of humanity, which teaches the grown man to substitute wariness for the open trust of boys, and which, by revealing to him who was above all a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, the real thoughts of even the high spirits by whom He was surrounded, contributed probably a great part to His weight of sadness. But, he said, that nobility was revealed through suffering, and that it is not when the ship sits brightly upon a summer sea we recognize the skill of the constructor, but when she holds her own before the storm. Those who dwell upon this ground before the Reformation passed centuries of uneventful repose, but there came a time when, while serving God to the best of their knowledge, they had to choose between death and the denial of the faith which their hearts believed. A modern historian, who is without sympathy for the form of faith which these poor Carthusians professed, has described with admiration how they prepared for their end, not less deserving the memory of mankind than those 300 who combed their locks as they sat in the straight place of Thermopylae. So closes the last ante-Reformation scene in the history of the Charterhouse, with the sight of those hardened into greatness by persecution and the approach of death. Speaking next to the boys as their old school-fellow, he told them their lot was cast in days of much intellectual warfare, when old forms of thought were being sifted to the uttermost, and the very knowledge which they gained there might involve them in the struggle. By keeping their faith unshaken and their judgment clear they might attain in these quieter times a like nobility to those old Carthusians; and by following out the spirit in which their school was founded, "to the honour of Christ Jesus," they might become worthy servants of Him in Church and State.

Punctually at half-past one the Royal party arrived and proceeded to the lecture-theatre. They were received by the Master of the Company, Mr. J. Coysgarne Sim; the Head Master of the school, Dr. Baker; and the wardens. The 49th Middlesex (Post Office) Rifle Volunteers, under Lieutenant-Colonel Du Plat Taylor, formed the guard of honour. Lord and Lady Suffield, Sir W. Knollys, and Colonel Ellis, Lady Caroline Cust and Captain St. John Mildmay were in attendance on their Royal Highnesses, who were received with enthusiastic applause, the Coldstream band, under Mr. F. Godfrey, playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The Prince was in ordinary morning dress, and the Princess wore a light polonaise, a dark hat, with light blue feather.

In the lecture-theatre, the Master (Mr. Sim), after a few words of gratitude for the fresh mark of the Royal favour to that institution which the Prince of Wales had given, called upon the clerk of the Company, Mr. F. Grantham Faithful, to read a statement in reference to the history and hopes of the school.

Mr. Grantham Faithful then read the following address, which was handed, on emblazoned vellum, to his Royal Highness:—

"May it please your Royal Highnesses, my Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—

"The London school of the Merchant Taylors' Company, known as Merchant Taylors' School, was founded more than three centuries ago—i.e., in the year 1561, with a view (as the statutes record) to the better education and bringing up of children in good manners and literature. It was established by the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Merchant Taylors' Company, at the suggestion of Sir Thomas White, the munificent founder of St John's College, Oxford, Mr. Richard lilles, and other prominent members of the guild, and was built in Lawrence Pountney-hill, partly by contributions from their private purses, partly out of the corporate funds of the Company. The school was designed for 250 boys. The building in which you are now assembled will hold twice that number. The old school on Lawrence Pountney-hill contained nothing within its precincts that could be dignified by the name of a playground, and this has always been considered by the Court of the Merchant Taylors' Company a very great drawback. Here not only will the school buildings be large, airy, well-warmed, and well-ventilated, but there will be a good playground for the boys. Since the first stone of these buildings was laid in June, 1873, by his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, the school has been entirely re-organized, and whereas hitherto the education has been for the most part classical, a modern department has now been established, so that such boys as may desire to be instructed in modern languages, English literature, and natural science, will have an opportunity of studying those subjects under a competent staff of masters.

"The school has been much sought after in the past, partly in consequence of the excellence of the educational curriculum, which is fully up to the standard of our best public schools; partly on account of the valuable Scholarships and Exhibitions which it has in connection with the Universities, and especially with St. John's College, Oxford. Among the many distinguished men of bygone times who have received their education in it may be enumerated five translators of the Bible (among whom was Bishop Andrews), the pious and loyal Archbishop Juxon, Dr. Wren, Bishop of Ely; Dr. Mews, Bishop of Winchester; Lord Clive, the founder of our Indian Empire; and last, not least, Edmund Spenser, the poet, author of the "Faerie Queene," the fact of whose education at the school has only become known during the last year by the research of the Historical Manuscripts Commission among some papers in possession of the Townley family. Coming to the present time, it will, perhaps, be only necessary to mention, with the view of showing that the education given at Merchant Taylors' has not deteriorated, that of our present English Episcopate, the Bishop of Ely and the Suffragan Bishop of Nottingham were alumni of the school, and that of our Colonial Episcopate, the Bishop of Capetown and the Bishop designate of Ballarat received their education within its walls.

"Sorry, Sir, as we are to bid farewell to a building so full of interesting associations as the old school at Lawrence Pountney-hill, we may yet fairly predict for the new school, to be opened under your Royal Highness's auspices, a future, with God's blessing, no less distinguished than has been its past, and we contemplate with satisfaction the probability of a still larger measure of success attending the efforts of the Merchant Taylors' Company to further the cause of mental culture through the widening of the range of subjects to be taught here, and the twofold increase in the number of those for whom additional educational advantages will be provided.

On the conclusion of the reading the Prince of Wales said, addressing the Master, the Merchant Taylors, their Royal and Serene Highnesses, My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—I beg to return you my warmest thanks for the address you have presented to me, and for the excellent and admirable report it contains on the state of this ancient school. It only remains for me to assure you of the great interest which the Princess and myself take in the proceedings of to-day. I beg now to declare the Merchant Taylor's School open. (Loud cheers.)

An ode in Latin Alcaics was then declaimed with effect by Shearman, the head monitor of the school, "in order," said the Master of the Company, "that the first words spoken in the school, after your Royal Highness declared it open, should be from the monitor." Addressing the Prince of Wales as

"Amantis spes patriæ et decus,

"Quem semper artes ingenuas sequi

"Insuevit exemplum parentum,"

the ode went on—

"Tuque—O quibus te laudibus efferam?

"Incède! Præsens Gratia habere:

"Incède, Alexandra, festi

"Pars merito melior dici!

"Mutantur ædes, non animus: manet

"Immota prisca religio Domus:

"Æternus o Rector secundus

"Continet sine fine cursus!"

When the lines in which the Princess was addressed as "rightly the better half of the festival" were reached, the ode was interrupted by applause, which was also very loud at the end. The Master of the Company then handed to the Princess a gold medal, the obverse of which bore the likeness of their Highnesses, and the reverse the arms of the Company supported by its dromedaries. It bore the inscription—"Merc. Sciss. Schola re-aedificata, et ausp. Alberto Eduardo Galliarum Princ. et Alexandr. conj. ejus instaur." and the date April 6, 1875. A similar medal in silver was handed to the Prince of Wales, and by him presented to the head monitor.

The Archbishop of Canterbury then offered up the following prayer:—

"Almighty and everlasting God, by whose sway the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his ministry may truly and godlily serve Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Almighty God, Who, through Thy own begotten Son Jesus Christ encountered death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech Thee that as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into us good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen."

The Lord's Prayer and the Benediction followed, and the Royal party left the lecture theatre. Luncheon was served in the assembly hall, and also in two other rooms and a marquee, to the Livery and the friends of pupils. The string band of the Royal Engineers, under Mr. Sauwerthal, played in the assembly hall. Grace having been said by the Archbishop of Canterbury,

The Master of the Company called upon those present to drink with the Guild of Merchant Taylors their time-honoured pledge of faith and loyalty "to Church and Queen."

The band played the National Anthem, and Mr. Sim next said it would not become him at that time and in that presence, to use words of praise in asking for a second expression of their loyalty to the Royal Family. Edward I., he continued, sire of Edward of Carnarvon, the first Prince of Wales, granted the Merchant Taylors the privileges of trading. Another Edward, his successor, had come among them that day, after 500 years of prosperity to the industry of that guild by devotion to their motto, "Concordia parvæ res crescunt." When Edward the Black Prince, the next Prince of Wales, came from France with the trophies of Poitiers and Cressy, he bore the plumes of Bohemia, with the legend, "Ich dien." Then came another Edward, their Royal guest that day, who hurried from the plains of France to fulfil the duties of a citizen and be faithful to the motto "I serve." He might be pardoned if he referred to the Prince who was among them too short a time, but long enough to leave his mark in the history of this country. He was a citizen of London and a Merchant Taylor, and now they humbly sought to acknowledge the visit of his son, a citizen and an honorary member of their company who worthily represented the Saxon Albert, the English Edward. In the year 1607 Ben Jonson wrote and Dr. John Bull composed the music of "God Save the Queen." It was first sung for the Merchant Taylors when King James I., and the Prince of Wales dined in their hall. The Queen of that monarch was Anne of Denmark. History repeats itself, "for you, Sire," continued the Master, "have entwined the flower of Denmark in the wreath of England." (Loud applause.) Long might it flourish, he said, in the affections of the English people, and he called upon them to drink "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Mary, the Duke of Cambridge, the Crown Prince of Prussia, his Serene Highness the Duke of Teck, and the other illustrious members of the Royal family."

Amid loud cheers the Royal party rose and bowed. It had been raining during part of the day, but the sun was now shining through the great window, decorated with flowers, over the high table, and the Prince of Wales said,—"For the excessively kind and flattering manner in which this toast has been proposed from the chair, and received by you all, I beg to return my warmest and most sincere thanks. I need hardly assure the Master and all those assembled here to-day what pleasure it has given to the Princess and myself to be present on this occasion. The numerous guilds of the City of London are well known for their hospitality, and especially distinguished is the Merchant Taylors' Company. At the same time, although they kindly and cordially receive their guests, they do all they can to make themselves useful in this great city. I will not recapitulate what we have heard in another room, and also from the lips of the Master, of the prosperity of this school. I hope it will continue to flourish; and that the sun which is now shining will bring prosperity to a school which has so long flourished and which is now moved to other buildings. I must say we cannot but congratulate the Master and the Guild on the beautiful building in which we are assembled at the present moment. In conclusion let me propose a toast I am sure you will all drink with enthusiasm—"Success to the Merchant Taylors' School." It affords me great pleasure to couple with it the name of the head Master, the Rev. Dr. Baker. (Continued applause.)

The Rev. Dr. Baker, in responding to the toast which had been proposed in such gracious and, he ventured to say, in such felicitous terms by his Royal Highness, said that his Highness had inaugurated a new era in the history of their school. They now enjoyed advantages such as they had never enjoyed before, while they retained the ennobling recollections of their past history. The present was the latest stage of that continued munificence and zeal for education which from the first had inspired the founders and supporters of this school, by which at the present time the children of parents residing in and about the metropolis could have an education which combined the home influences and parental authority with the generous spirit and healthy emulation of a public school. For himself he reaped rather than sowed from the work of his predecessor, but he knew that nothing could be witnessed with greater satisfaction by Dr. Hessey (cheers) than the proceedings of that day. He thanked his Royal Highness, on behalf of himself, the masters, and scholars of the Merchant Taylors' School.

The Master then proposed, "The Honorary Members of the Company," associating the toast with one who so fully performed his duties of a citizen, his duties to the Queen, to the younger Princes of the blood Royal, and to the people, as the Duke of Cambridge.

The Duke of Cambridge, in lying, said,—I feel ex-

tremely favoured that my name should have been coupled in such extremely complimentary terms by the master with the toast of the honorary members of this ancient union, and I have often had the honour of expressing my gratification at being a member of so ancient, useful, and important a body. If ever there was an occasion when the honorary members wished to support the chair, certainly it would be on this occasion, on which the guild show, not only, as his Royal Highness has said, that they receive their guests with the princely hospitality for which they are known to the world, but their usefulness and their value in developing such institutions as this. This school, which they have fostered for so many generations, has now entered on a new course of usefulness in these magnificent and these great and handsome buildings, and under no circumstances could such an inauguration have been made more acceptable to the society, more valuable in every public point of view, than by being graced with the presence of their Royal Highnesses. His Royal Highness had determined specially to be present on this occasion. When I heard the other day it was expected he would not be back I took the liberty of dissenting, for I was aware that he was so impressed with the importance of his public duties that nothing would have dissuaded him. (Cheers.) I feel sure that under such auspices this great institution will continue to flourish as it has hitherto done, and if it does not, that it will not be for the want of that support in the highest quarter which has so long been afforded to enable this country to maintain that bright and dignified position which it has attained, and which we should always desire it to retain. (Applause.)

The Archbishop of Canterbury proposed the health of "The Master of the Merchant Taylor's Company," and the Prince of Wales led the cheers with which the toast was received.

The Master, in responding, took the toast as one which referred to the whole of the company, and proposed in turn "The Visitors," many of whom were distinguished old scholars of the school. He called upon the Bishop of Ely to respond. The toast having been acknowledged with the expression of a hope that if centuries hence the school required further enlargement the same princely company would be found to enlarge its borders and one of our Royal House would still be found at whose regal touch the building they had constructed might quicken into active life.

The Prince of Wales said,—Ladies and gentlemen, before we separate I am anxious to make one request to the Master, which I feel sure that on the present occasion he will not be so unkind as to refuse, and that is, on the part of the Princess and myself, to beg that an extra week's holiday shall be given to the boy's school.

There were no signs of backwardness, to obey this command, and the assembly broke up. The Royal party walked round the playground, and then drove off amid the cheers of the boys and through other crowds in the neighbouring streets.

In commemoration of this event a medal has been struck by order of the Merchant Taylors' Company, containing, on the obverse, finely executed profiles of their Royal Highnesses, and on the reverse, the arms of the Merchant Taylors' Company, a description of which is herewith appended. The first patent of the arms was granted by Sir Thomas Holme, Knight, Clarencieux King of Arms, in 1480 (21st year of the reign of Edward IV.). The same Arms and Crest were confirmed by Thomas Wriothesley, Knight, in the 22nd year of the reign of Henry VIII. They were then somewhat altered, with a new crest and supporters, granted by Robert Cook, Clarencieux, in 1586 (the 20th year of Elizabeth's reign), the Armorial Ensigns are: Argent, a Tent Royal, between two Parliament Robes, Gules, lined ermine on a Chief azure; a Lion of England; crest a Holy Lamb in Glory proper, supporters two camels, or; motto "Concordia Parvæ Res Crescunt."

The medals are of gold, silver, and bronze, by George Kenning, Medallist, of Little Britain.

Obituary.

BRO. W. A. MUSGRAVE, P. M. 304.

On Easter Monday an accident, resulting fatally, occurred to Brother W. A. Musgrave, P.M.; Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, 304, which cast a gloom over the brethren of that lodge, and over the brethren of other lodges in Leeds. Bro. Musgrave, who was an innkeeper of high repute amongst that class of tradesmen and the public generally, had been to witness the steeplechases at the neighbouring town of Wetherby, on Easter Monday, and had returned to within a ten minute's ride of his own house when a waggonette came into collision broadside with his horse. To save himself Bro. Musgrave raised one foot out of the stirrup, but his horse bolted, he fell, and, with one foot fast in the other stirrup, was dragged some distance along the kerbstone of the pavement, sustaining such a severe fracture of the skull that he died at eleven o'clock the same evening—four hours after the accident,—never regaining consciousness. At the regular lodge meeting of the deceased on Wednesday 29th ult., much regret at his loss, and deep sympathy with his bereaved widow was expressed by all the brethren. In speaking to a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Musgrave, Bro. Mason, P. M., eulogised the many excellent traits in Bro. Musgrave's character. He was a brother whose geniality of disposition, evenness of temper, willingness to perform any duty, affability with all men, had endeared him to every brother in the lodge. Nor were these virtues restricted to his brethren in Freemasonry. As a publican he bore an irreproachable character. His kind and frank manner as a man of business was the admiration of all who had dealings with him. About 80 brethren assembled on Friday to follow his remains to

their last resting place, including the W.M., officers, and about 30 brethren of Bro. Musgrave's own lodge; the remaining brethren representing the whole of the other six Leeds lodges. The funeral was also attended by many publicans, and representatives of the local yeomanry Cavalry, in which body deceased held the rank of sergeant.

Masonic Tidings.

Our worthy Brother Alderman Mark Pearson, Mayor of Pontefract, was presented on Thursday, April 1st, 1875, with a silver tea service, bearing the following inscription. "Presented to Mark Pearson, Esq., J.P., Mayor and Alderman of Pontefract, by the inhabitants generally and a few other friends, as an expression of their high appreciation of his great moral worth, and more particularly of the unwearied assiduity and distinguished ability with which he has discharged the important duties of the Mayoralty of his native town from his first election to that office on the 9th November, 1873, to the present date, Pontefract Town Hall, 1st April, 1875."

The foundation stone of the new church of St. Paul's, Heaton Moor, near Stockport, was laid on Saturday by Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P. The church will seat 400, and will cost £5,500. The stone was laid by Bro. Callender, with full Masonic honours. Mr. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., and Mr. Hugh Birley, M.P., were also present. A luncheon was held in the school-room in the evening.

The annual festival of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction will be held at the White Swan Tavern, High Street, Deptford, on Monday, the 19th April. Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will preside. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. banquet at 7.30.

The William Preston Lodge and the Lion and Lamb Lodge have united to give a grand banquet on Wednesday, April 28th, at the City Terminus Hotel, in honour of the Installation of H.R.H., The Prince of Wales.

Bro. Thos. Henry Wiles has entered into partnership with Messrs Keeling, Beville & Co.

We understand that the applications have been so very numerous for admission to the Dublin Masonic Hall, to be held in honour of the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, that only one Master Mason from each lodge can be admitted.

The Graphic of Saturday last, the 3rd inst., contains a page illustration of the banquet at the Great City Lodge, on the occasion of the State Visit of the Lord Mayor.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (No. 1445) held at the Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday evening, April 12th, at 7 o'clock. Bro. T. Howe, P.M., will preside.

Mrs. Tweddell, the wife of Bro. G. M. Tweddell, has published a very interesting and clever little work, called "Rhymes and Sketches in the Cleveland Dialect," which we commend to the notice of all our brethren. The trifling price, 1s. 6d., places it within the reach of all. We recommend an early application to our publisher, Bro. Geo. Kenning, 108, Fleet-street, or to Tweddell and Co., Publishers, Stokesley, Yorkshire. We give a review of it in another column.

Bro. Dr. Canney, of Durham, died suddenly on Thursday, the 1st inst. He retired in his usual health at twelve o'clock, and his wife found him dead in bed at five a.m. Deceased enjoyed an extensive practice as a physician in the North, and had been medical adviser to three Bishops of Durham, besides the aristocracy of the district. He was Past Master of the Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121, and Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden of the Province of Durham.

Prince Leopold, Her Majesty's youngest son, on Wednesday last, completed his 32nd year, having been born on the 27th April, 1853. The event was celebrated at Windsor with the customary honours. The bells of St. George's Chapel and the parish church rung out merry peals, and salutes were fired from the Long Walk, the Royal Adelaide frigate, and Fort Belvedere, Virginia Water.

The annual meeting of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum was held on the 31st ult. Bro W. Worrell, the Secretary, presented the report. The income of the past year amounted to £6352 2s. 8d. the number of children admitted last year was 38, the cost of food, clothing, lodging, education, and training the children in this institution being £18 16s. 9d. per head. By the kindness of the Duke of Edinburgh, who is president of the institution, the next concert of the Royal Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society, to be given on 24th inst, will be on behalf of the institution.

Bro. Sidney Spencer has been re-elected president of the Hotel Keeper's Association for the ensuing year.

Bros. Dr. Hogg, Josland and George Kenning have been chosen Overseers for St. Botolph Aldersgate for the ensuing year.

THE LIVER, THE STOMACH, AND THEIR AFFECTIONS.—Alteration of temperature, muggy weather, a troubled mind, sedentary habits, excesses at the table, and a gay, reckless mode of life, exert the most deleterious influence over the liver and stomach. When once these organs are fairly out of order, great inroads are quickly made on the general state of the health, the constitution, which loses the aid of two of its noblest organs, soon gives way, and diseases quickly follow, from which, if neglected, the worst consequences will inevitably result. If a course of Holloway's celebrated Pills be preserved in, all will be well again, as they are the finest and noblest correctives of the blood ever known, and effect certain cures of all disorders of the liver and stomach.—Adv.

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The following communications stand over:—

Letter from R. H.; Reports of Eccleshill Lodge, 1034; Bradford; Lodge Star, 219, Glasgow.
"SENIOR WARDEN" must see that his letter is inadmissible in our columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DEATH.

BANKS.—On the 1st instant, deeply lamented, at the residence of his father, Overcliffe, Gravesend, in his 20th year, Percy, youngest son of Bro. Benjamin Banks, senr., (of the Polish National Lodge, and formerly co-lessee and manager of the Freemasons' Tavern.) He was educated in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and received the Canonbury Gold Medal on quitting the school.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1875.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

Thus far the arrangements for the Installation seem to be perfectly clear and satisfactory. The statement in the *Times* of Thursday, and quoted in our columns last week, about the counter-signature of the certificates by the Lodge Secretaries being requisite, has been at once repudiated and rectified on proper authority. Indeed, it was in itself so evidently incorrect, as hardly to merit correction, and must have proceeded from a non-Mason, as no Freemason could have made such a blunder. So great has been the demand for tickets of admission from those who are "de jure" entitled to be accommodated, that only one Master Mason's ticket can be allotted to each of the lodges. This will be evident when we say, that the application for seats are, in round numbers, 6000 qualified members of Grand Lodge, and 10,000 Master Masons. We understand that the one ticket allotted to each lodge for Master Masons may probably be offered to the oldest subscribing member of each lodge, a very Masonic arrangement. We also understand that it will be endeavoured to seat the London Lodges and the Provincial Brethren in groups, a very

convenient and comfortable proceeding for our "country," brethren and "cousins." The limitation of Master Masons' tickets will, no doubt, be a very great disappointment to countless loyal and worthy brethren, but they must remember that as all present and past Grand Officers, all W. Masters and Past Masters, and all acting Wardens have a right to be first considered, the present posture of affairs is utterly unavoidable. We are sure of this, that if success will depend on the zealous labours of the directing officers, we need anticipate nothing but a most satisfactory result. The most earnest and painstaking efforts have been made, and still are making, day by day, to give contentment as far as possible to all applicants, and to render every arrangement as simple, as sensible, and as practicable as well may be.

We are authorised to say that the arrangements are proceeding as rapidly as the immense amount of work will permit. The work has been much increased by inattention to the directions in the forms of return. A great many lists, especially from the provinces, have to be returned for correction, whilst others, in many cases, have required the shifting of the names from one division of the list to the other. All additions to the list of qualified members received up to Monday night have been attended to. Those which may be received after that day must be put aside until after the tickets are all prepared, according to the lists as they stand. The ballot for places began on Monday in the presence of the President and Vice-President of the Board of G.P., the Grand Secretary, and others, and was completed yesterday. The ballot was so contrived, that all the members of each province may be together, and must enter at the same door. There will be twelve entrances, distinguished by numbers and colours—of these, three on the West side have been drawn by the London lodges, and the corresponding entrances on the East side, leading to similar places on that side of the hall, together with four other entrances, have fallen to the provinces. The remaining two, leading to the Picture Gallery will be used for the admission of the M.M.'s who may be fortunate enough to receive tickets. The tickets, bearing the colour of the different entrances, are all printed; the writing in of so large a number of names will be a work of some days, but they may be expected to be forwarded to the lodges next week. The Grand Officers' tickets of admission will be posted this week.

Our contemporary the *Standard* has the following note on the subject:—

All the returns from the various lodges in England having now been received they have been examined, and the names therein counted. It appears from these returns that the members of the Masonic fraternity who desire to be present in the Royal Albert Hall on the 28th inst. approach in number 20,000. As the hall will not accommodate with seats anything like half that number, the privilege of admission, which it was desired and resolved to extend to those who, being only Master Masons, are not members of Grand Lodge, has been of necessity so restricted as to give but one such admission to each of the 1000 lodges in England. No doubt much disappointment will be felt and expressed at this result; indeed, it has already begun to manifest itself, and the correspondence on the subject which daily pours in at the Grand Secretary's office is overwhelming. Those who have charge of the arrangements are anxious that it should be as widely known as possible that no alteration in the above restriction is at all admissible, and that in case of delay in replying to letters on the subject of the installation, should any occur, it must not be imputed to want of courtesy, or an absence of desire to consult the wishes and convenience of all, so far as is practicable, but to the extraordinary pressure, now daily increasing.

OUR CANADIAN BRETHREN.

Our able contemporary, the *Craftsman*, has taken us, in a very friendly and fraternal manner, a little to task because we have latterly said a good deal about the American Freemasonry and Freemasons, and nothing about our good brethren in Canada. On reflection we think that our contem-

porary will admit, that his complaint, if it be a complaint, has no valid foundation, either in reality or in equity. We were writing simply "ad hoc." The remark had been made, as remarks are often made by the ill-informed, about American Freemasonry and Freemasons, which we thought equally unwise and unjustifiable, betraying, moreover, an entire ignorance of the "status" of Freemasonry in the United States. In our duty to the Order, therefore, as critical censors of what is going on in our little Masonic world, we thought it well to enter our "caveat" against such ill-digested and hasty utterances, by whomsoever made. But when we said what we ventured to say in praise of the American Freemasons, praise which we make bold to add is their just due, we did not forget, much less did we undervalue, the Canadian Freemasons. On the contrary, we shall always be ready to admit, and hasten to acknowledge the worth, the zeal, and the true Masonic spirit of the numerous brotherhood in the Canadian Confederation. We belong to an old-fashioned school both of citizens and thinkers, and we are among the last to undervalue either the admirable qualities or the patriotic loyalty of our Canadian fellow-countrymen. We hope, therefore, that our contemporary will dismiss at once any such mistaken notion, and will believe our assurances and accept our fraternal good wishes. We shall always be happy to insert any account of Canadian Freemasonry, whether statistical or charitable, and we shall ever watch, with the utmost feelings of fraternal attachment and goodwill, the onward progress of our excellent Order amongst the intelligent population of Canada.

OUR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER BRETHREN.

We congratulate the central authorities on the just compliment paid to our non-commissioned officer brethren, under the direct sanction of H.R.H. the Grand Master. It is very satisfactory to observe and to realise, that the highest authority we have, recognizes alike the justice of their claims, and confirms the truth of what we have always said on the subject. It was quite clear to us, in the old Plymouth controversy, which we do not however, wish to revive, that some remarkable Masonic red-tape had been largely indulged in on that occasion by some one or other. There was not a shadow of justification for the exclusion of the non-commissioned officer brethren then, and we are glad to see that such an un-Masonic regulation is not to be perpetuated now. It will be a great satisfaction to our many worthy non-commissioned officer brethren to read and to hear, that the supreme Masonic authority fully concedes their claims, and openly recognizes their Masonic membership. We think that this wise and befitting regulation is another proof, if any proof be needed, how anxiously those who have the preparatory arrangements to make, are labouring to give satisfaction to all, and to render this great gathering a thoroughly successful and ever to be remembered Masonic anniversary.

MR. CHARLES BRADLAUGH.

The more we think of "l'affaire Bradlaugh," to use a French idiom, the more we feel how very bad a case it is. Here we are, a great Order, priding ourselves on our strictness, our regularity, and our carefully-tyled lodges, the due observance of the "Book of Constitutions," &c. &c., and yet, we find, all of a sudden, that all these things are "words, Sir, only words." As a rule, no one can be admitted a joining member of a lodge who does not bring his Grand Lodge Certificate with him, and is able to refer the authorities of the lodge he seeks to be affiliated with, to the authorities of the lodge from which he has demitted, or of which he is still a subscribing member. Now, we would venture to ask the brethren of the High Cross Lodge, for a grave responsibility rests upon them, as towards the Craft at large, what certificate did Mr. Bradlaugh bring with him when he was admitted a joining member of that lodge under our English Constitution? On what

grounds did the High Cross Lodge obtain for Mr. Bradlaugh a certificate from the Grand Secretary's Office? For if we understand Mr. Bradlaugh's account correctly, he never was a member of a lawful lodge at all! His original initiation is clearly irregular, bad, and invalid, having taken place in a spurious order, and an unrecognised secret society. If "La Perseverante Amitié" be even under the Rite Ecossaise, in which French Lodge Mr. Bradlaugh tells us that he was "received," it does not, we apprehend, do away with his ineligibility to be received into an English lodge, except entirely "de novo," according to the "Book of Constitutions." But if "La Perseverante Amitié" be not a regular French Lodge, the case is rendered doubly irregular, and is, under all aspects, most deplorable. We however await some little explanation from the members of the High Cross Lodge, before saying anything further, though we have thought it best, for the honour of our loyal Order, to call attention at once to the known facts of the case.

THE SPRING OF THE YEAR.

The month is opening with "balmy breath" and genial sunshine, and "March winds and April showers" are at "a discount" in the "weather market." Our English Spring, when pleasant, is ever most reviving, and the country seems putting on that "robe of verdure," which always is such a relief to us poor Londoners, whose eyesight is sorely tried with the glare and deadness of our metropolitan streets and smoke-stained walls. But the "Clerk of the Weather," like a good many other high potentates, is often a little capricious, not to say, slightly variable in his "programme" of performances. To-day we are sweltering under a warm sun, and sighing for cooling drinks of wondrous names and composition; to-morrow the chill of the east winds is searching us through and through, making our old bones ache, bringing out gouty rheumatic pains everywhere, or we sit stewing at home, in all the "demon blues" of a good genuine English indigenous "Catarrh." Still we will hope for the best, and just as now everywhere in this old fair land of ours, "inque novos audent se gramina campis," so we will fondly allow "spes credula" to whisper to us of sunny weather and a pleasant year. The great metropolis seems to be preparing to hail a prosperous season, and we wish equally well to festive youth, and to expectant shopkeepers. One great event in our Masonic world will long make the season of 1875 famous in the annals of the Craft. We allude to the installation of our Royal Grand Master, which an universally loyal Order is regarding to-day with every sentiment of joyous anticipation, nay, of heartfelt congratulation! For, in addition to the many popular qualities of the heir to the throne, his high rank, and our loyal sentiments of unchanged Masonic devotion, we all feel that we have arrived at a "crisis," so to say, in the history of Freemasonry in general, and of English Freemasonry in particular. Never, at any time, in our history, have the attacks on our peaceful and innocuous Order been so many and so unwarrantable. We are denounced by conflicting creeds, and in distant countries, by an "odium theologicum," utterly unaccountable and unreasonable. That all of a sudden the Church of Rome should revive her persecuting animosities against our tolerant brotherhood, that she should furbish anew her rusty weapons of interdict and anathema, may be a question of surprise perhaps, but is not entirely inexplicable. But that so-called Protestant bodies should meet on a common ground, rather an uncommon ground, of hopeless intolerance, is indeed a matter for astonishment and regret. And hence a question may fairly arise how are we to meet this new "Armada"? Two views may fairly be held on the subject, as two views undoubtedly exist amongst thoughtful and zealous Freemasons. There are those who wish and seek to meet all such attacks, especially the Roman Catholic attack, as the French say "coup pour coup." They would answer incrimination by incrimination, and expletive by expletive. There are those however, and we profess to be numbered amongst them, who

prefer to meet all such assaults, and all such assailants, be they what and who they may, with the calmness of dignified indifference. That we should state our views calmly and temperately, that we should from time to time, "more majorem," vindicate with the language of "truth and soberness" our benevolent and time-honoured fraternity, is alike to be expected and to be commended. Abroad, as a general rule, the attacks mostly proceed from one irreconcilable adversary, the Romish Church; at home, and in America we have a most heterogeneous alliance of Ritualists, Baptists and Presbyterians to contend with as well. Hence our line of defence cannot be always the same, and what may suit Germany or Italy may not suit us. In England the Roman Catholic authorities have not yet ventured, we believe, except in one obscure journal, to impute to us a shadow of political purpose, but they accuse us of being a secret society, irreligious, and opposed to the Roman Catholic Church, because condemned by successive Popes. Abroad the warfare between the "Freemasons" and the "Ultramontanes" has assumed very serious proportions, so much so, that "Emil Rittershaus," a writer of some note in Germany, has recently assailed the Pope in words of intense energy, and pointed acerbity. But we do not think, that we in England need fight our battle with such arms; we surely can afford to stand on our own dignity, and our tried character before our fellow countrymen. We are a loyal, a peaceable, a benevolent brotherhood, and here in 1875, when our quondam Grand Master has left us, the Prince of Wales comes forward, like his Royal ancestor, as our Grand Master, and his two brothers, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, are members of our inculcated fraternity. So let us take heart and go on our way contented and exultant. What matter to us the vapid allocutions of irascible prelates, or the childish outpourings of sectarian vials? what hurt do the criticisms of self-made critics or the bombast of ignorant assailants do us, when we have at our head our Royal Grand Master, and the approval and sympathy of all good citizens and honest men? Let the Pope excommunicate us, let Ritualists, and Baptists, and Presbyterians denounce us; we care nothing for them at all, but like "John Brown," we are marching "onwards" full of good will and sympathy to our universal brotherhood, and ever actuated by kindly consideration for all "children of the dust."

Original Correspondence.

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

INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Several suggestions have been made in the *Freemason* with respect to the Installation—possibly our V.W. Brother Hervey, or our W. Brother Fenn have not found time to read those articles—but I venture to make a suggestion myself, and hope it will "meet the eye." We are led to believe that there will be only one ticket for M.M.'s. for each lodge, if so, there must be nearly 10,000 entitled to attend by virtue of office—now amongst those 10,000 who propose to attend, at least 500 will be absent from illness or other pressing emergency, and their seats must be blank, unless otherwise arranged for, as the tickets are not transferable. My suggestion is that an additional ticket to each lodge, to the extent of say 300, should be issued to 300 of the home lodges, to be allotted by each lodge by ballot, amongst the M.M. members, the same as the first ticket will be; it being understood that the brother who is the lucky holder, is only to be admitted to the outer circle half-an-hour before the Grand Lodge opens, and to the inner circle, a quarter of an hour before Grand Lodge opens, and from there they will be passed into the hall to fill up the blanks as far as can be done. Of course, I can see the look of horror to this addition to the labours of all concerned in the successful issue of the grand event, but when they consider the immense regret of the poor M.M.'s, when they are told that, on the average, only one in say 25 can go, they may pity them, and perhaps help them to the extent suggested.

MAGNUS OHREN, P.M. 33 and 452.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Can you explain the following portion of the regulations as to dress: "Provincial Grand Officers must wear the collars and jewels of the lodges

and offices respectively, in right of which they attend as members of Grand Lodge," as no Prov. G. Offices give the right to sit in G.L., does this mean that Masters, P.M.'s, and Wardens who are Prov. G. Officers must wear in addition to, or instead of the purple collar, the collars of their offices in the Blue Lodge? In short, how must members of G.L. who are also Prov. G. Officers appear.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W.M. 36, and Prov. G. Reg.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent N.R., W.M. remarks "Could not some opportunity be given to ladies to view the hall after the ceremony, just a quiet march past the throne."

There are plenty of duly qualified M.M.'s who, like myself, earnestly desired to be present, but are shut out, (with the exception of one to each lodge), by the apparent wholesale and indiscriminate manner in which returns have been in many cases sent to Grand Lodge. Whether all those recipients of tickets whose names were so returned, will be present, or not, is open to much doubt, and I am afraid will cause, notwithstanding the admirable efforts of the Grand Stewards, many much coveted seats to be unoccupied by their proper occupants.

Might I suggest, that the M.M.'s left out in the cold, might have the mercy extended to them after the ceremony of even just a "quiet march past the throne," for it certainly seems an anomaly that notwithstanding the vast capacity of the Albert Hall, only one M.M. to each lodge under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, can be found room for.

I am dear Sir, yours fraternally,

ONE M.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is not well, I think, as a general rule, to interfere with those to whom any special duty has been entrusted, and, seeing what an arduous undertaking is before those who are to conduct the approaching ceremony of the 28th, it would ill become me to make any suggestions to those who know so well their business.

As, however, one good idea has already seen the light in your columns, I may, perhaps, be permitted to again call attention to it, and respectfully urge its adoption if it should be found practicable.

There has been, and wisely too, a growing disposition to admit ladies as much as possible to our fetes. I say, wisely, because as the wives and mothers of future Masons they must necessarily exert an immense, albeit hidden, influence upon the well-being of the Craft.

I certainly can answer for one, who has always advanced the cause by every means in her power, has presented her husband with a jewel when he has passed into a superior degree, and who is so thoroughly convinced of the good of the brotherhood, that she brings up her sons to look forward to the day of initiation as a means of making themselves wiser, better, happier, and more useful men.

Would that there were more like her! But this will not be, so long as there is so much uncalled for suspicion engendered by foolishly excluding the helpmates of the brethren from those pleasant gatherings in which they may partake, with equal pleasure to themselves and profit to the brethren whose festivals they adorn.

The ladies hear us talking of the spectacle of the 28th, as, probably one of the grandest in the whole annals of Masonry—could not a view of the Hall (as your Correspondent suggests) be given to them after the actual ceremony is over.

Should more assistance be required, I do not, for a moment doubt, but that plenty of brethren would most gladly act as extra Stewards for this particular purpose.

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

"P.M. & P.P.G.C."

MR. CHARLES BRADLAUGH.

A notre chere Frere Caubet, le Grand Secretaire du Grand Orient de la France.

T.C. Frere Caubet,

Mr. Charles Bradlaugh pretend qu'il a été reçu dans la loge "La Persévérante Amitié," en France. Pouvez vous nous informer s'il y a sous la Grand Orient de la France une loge ainsi nommée? Nous ne pouvons la trouver dans le "Cosmopolitain," ou la liste des loges sous le Grand Orient de la France, est fondée sur vos renseignements officiels, et nous craignons qu'il y a quelque erreur dans une telle description. Est ce qu'il y a par hasard une loge sous la Rite Ecossaise du même nom?

Pardonnez notre interrogation, et agréez mille amitiés fraternelles,

A.B., J.H.T., A.W.,

Frères et Franc-maçons Anglais.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the List of Candidates for the Boys' School, published in your paper of the 3rd inst., you state that there are two candidates from Dorset, No. 36, A. J. Green, from Lodge 1260; No. 41, G. W. Stanton from Lodge 417. This is an error; the only candidate from Dorset is A. J. Green. G. W. Stanton is a candidate from Lodge 855, Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire. His father, Bro. G. R. Stanton, resigned membership of Lodge 417, Dorchester, in December, 1865, and left the Province of Dorset; and although he has many friends there who will be glad when disengaged to support the case, it is not brought forward by Dorset; nor can Stanton be correctly described as a Dorset candidate.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. COOMBS, P.G.A.D.C.,
Prov. G. Sec. Dorset.

BRITISH UNION LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of Masonic meetings, of March 13th, I observed the particulars of the British Union Lodge meeting, and was particularly struck with the word "exclusive," as being applied to this lodge in particular. As there are three other very good lodges in the Town of Ipswich, whose working are quite equal to the British Union, I am at a loss to know why such a term, as I have before mentioned, should be used by that lodge. Perhaps some of your numerous readers, or yourself, can give me an answer? May I also ask some of the members of the British Union why the name of a certain brother was omitted, who, I understand, took a prominent part in the singing of that beautiful hymn to which you refer. I am one of those brothers who like to give honour to every brother to whom it is due, and not exclude any who assist at our Masonic meetings.

I enclose my card, and remain, yours fraternally,

FAIR PLAY.

THE MASONIC CHARITY FESTIVALS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As two of the Charity Festivals have yet to take place, allow me to caution brethren against a trick which was played off upon me last year at the Girls' Festival, and I hear I was not the only one served in that way. I had four tickets, two of them ladies', which I took out of the envelope, when a Steward took them out of my hand for the purpose of sorting them as I supposed, when heigh, presto! in the most perfectly "Lynnean" manner, a ladies ticket had vanished. I went to the top of the stairs to explain the matter, and regret to say I was subjected to some rude remarks from a brother. I had to purchase another ticket, which I consider somewhat hard, as I reported the circumstance there and then at the office, and the missing ticket must have come in; showing it had been used by some one.

I certainly don't mean in future to let my tickets go out of my hand,

I am, yours fraternally,

P. M.

DRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Bro.

Your correspondent, "A Rustic Bridge," might have saved himself some trouble, by referring the W.M. to the advertisement pages of the "Freemason," where he would perceive that the Charing Cross Toilet Club, (the principal of which is a well known and popular brother), can supply every article of dress needed at the forthcoming installation,

Yours faithfully,

M.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly tell me how the Principals and Officers in Royal Arch Chapters are appointed, and by whom?

Will you also kindly tell me if the country brethren are likely to have cheap railway trains to bring us to town at the installation, and oblige,

Yours, very fraternally,

A YOUNG R.A.

[We must refer our young companion to the Royal Arch Book of Constitutions. With regard to cheap trains, we have so far heard nothing about them.—Ed.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

A special meeting was convened for Tuesday, March 30th, at 2.30 p.m. to be held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, which was fairly attended, considering that it was not one of the regular convocations.

The chair was taken by Colonel A. W. Adair, Past Prov. G.M., supported by Bros. Shackleton, Prov. G. Chap; Vigne, as D.P.G.M.; Gen. Doherty, P.G.S.W.; Inskip, as P.G.J.W.; Else, P.G. Sec.; Payne, Past G.D.; Prov. G. Treas.; Carey, P.G.S.D.; Woodward, Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren having taken their places in the lodge room, received the above and the past Grand Officers, as they entered in procession. Among those present were Bros. Rev. Davy, Past Grand Chap.; Jelley, P.P.G.S.D.; Woodforde, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, and Past P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; Perkins, W.M. 446; Edwards, W.M. 1199; Col. Ford, P.P.G. Reg.; Gordon, P.P.G. Ch.; Milborne, W.M. 329; Bailey, P.P.G.J.D.; J. C. Pigot, P.P.G.C.; Marshall, P.P.G.J.W.; Guyor, P.P.G. Reg.; Cooper, P.P.G.S.D.; Cox, P.M. 329; Clark W.M. 41; Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; Smith, P.M. 53; Simmons, W.M. 53; Hill, P.P.G. P.M.; Capt. R. Peel Floyd, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Hunt, P.M. 379; Helps, P.M. 53; Barnett, W.M. 235; Stothert, P.P.G.S.W.; Shum, P.P.G.S.W.; Reeves, P.P.G. Org.; Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; Wilton, P.M. 41, and P.P.G.S.W.; Atwell, P.M. 437; Robinson, 41; Lord, 53; Westcott, 814; Gummer, 41; W. Hunt, 41; Capt. Phayre, 53; Edwards, J.W. 437.

The circular of convocation having been read, and the names of the lodges of the Province having been called and responded to, the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master, in appropriate terms, alluded to the object of the meeting, and read the draft of an address of condolence to the Rt. Hon. and R.W. Prov. Grand Master, on the deep affliction which has befallen his Lordship by the death of the Countess of Carnarvon, the adoption of which was proposed by the acting D.P.G.M., seconded by the Prov. G.S.W. and agreed to unanimously.

Another address to the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, on his appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W. Prov. Grand Master, after having been read by the

acting Prov. G.M., was proposed for adoption by the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Else, seconded by the Prov. G.S.W., and carried unanimously. After some discussion it was agreed that both should be inscribed on vellum, the former in a plain manner with a black border, and the latter in an elaborate illuminated style.

The following resolution, of which due notice had been given, was passed on the proposition of the Prov. Grand Treas., seconded by the acting Prov. Grand J.W.—"That in the event of the M.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W.P.G.M. of Somerset, taking the chair at the ensuing festival in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Prov. Grand Treas. be authorized to pay, out of the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the sum of one hundred guineas, in aid of the funds of the Institution, the same to be placed on the joint list of the Stewards serving in respect of the several lodges in this province." In support of it the P.G. Treas. stated that the funds in hand amounted to double that sum, besides £300 invested. An attempt was made to introduce the subject of the restoration of the West front of the Abbey, a portion of which has already been effected by the Masonic body, chiefly among those resident in Bath, but the acting P.G.M. decided that the question could not be considered at a special meeting convened for other purposes, to which the business must be entirely restricted.

The charity box was then handed round, and on examination the contents proved to amount to £2 7s. 10d, which it was determined to hand over to the Treas. of the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

The Prov. Grand Sec. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Col. Adair, for so kindly coming to preside on the occasion, which was carried by acclamation.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed at 4 o'clock, and a portion of those present adjourned to the Castle Hotel for a banquet.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire for the transaction of the annual business of the province was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 30th ult., when there was the largest and most influential gathering of the R.A. ever witnessed in this division of the county. This clearly shows that the Order makes steady progress, keeping hand-in-hand in the onward march with Craft Masonry. M.E. Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Supt., presided, and amongst the other Provincial Chiefs, Principals of chapters, &c., who were present during the afternoon, were the following:—Comps. T. Wylie, H.; E. Mongens, J.; H. S. Alpass, S.E.; Dr. J. K. Smith, S.N.; R. Landless, Second A.S.; W. E. Duley, P. Soj.; W. Mossop, S.B.; H. W. Johnston, P. Prov. G.J.; A. H. H. Whitehead, Z. 113; J. Sillitoe, Z. 605; W. Doyle, Z. 249; W. Shortis, Z. 1094; W. Archer, Z. 1086; J. Lunt, Z. 241, P.Z. 1086; W. S. Hawkins, P.Z. 148; J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; J. Banning, P.Z. 823; J. Crossley, H. 703; J. C. Gillman, H. 1345; E. B. Harding, E. 1345; W. G. Sharpe, 1086; W. G. Veale, 203; H. Burrows, P.E. 673; G. Morgan, S.E. 86; W. Richardson, P.H. 148; E. Kyle, H. 220; R. R. Martin, H. 1094; J. W. Burgess, 1094; D. W. Finney, P.Z., P.A.S. 148; R. Pearson, P.Z. 220; S. Johnson, P.Z. 220; F. Serjeant, Z. 220; T. Armstrong, P.Z. 216; J. Case, P. Prov. M.E.Z., J. 995; H. Nelson, P.Z. 673; G. Owen, P.Z. 786; J. Hocken, P.Z. 673, and 220; J. Thornton, 673; W. Morris, 673; L. Herman, 673; A. Stephens, P.Z. 32; A. Samuels, J. 241; F. Buxton, Z. 1345; E. Simpson, P.Z. 1051; J. P. Lambert, 673; J. P. Gamble, 1094; J. J. Skeaf, Z. 216, P.G.O.; J. Armstrong, 680; E. T. Jones, 249, and I. Raw, 249; W. Laidlaw, P.P. 1st A.S., 216; J. Beesley, 2nd P. 216; J. Wood, 249 and 1094, D. Jackson, P. 220; J. G. Jackson, P.S. 249; H. Firth, 249; Rueben Pearson, Z. 995; J. Chiswell, 249; A. C. Morrison, 249; T. Evans, J. 203; J. T. Calton, Z. 673; H. Johns, P.S. 703; J. Prescott, 2nd P. 580; J. Wells 580 and 1086; W. Jones, J. 1138; G. Broadbridge, 241 and 680; T. S. Jones, 605; J. Capell, 249; R. Martin, jun., 220; G. Hutchins, 241; J. Roberts 673; W. Brakenbury, 673; R. Douglas, 667; W. F. May, P. Z. 673; H. Pearson, H. 249; W. Horner, 32; A. Fletcher, 32; H. Jackson, 292; J. B. Blane, 673; W. Jones, P.Z. 249; W. B. Benson, 249; P. Ball, P. G. Janitor; J. Hughes, 249, &c.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened in due form by the Prov. G. Superintendent, after which the minutes of last convocation were read and approved.

In accordance with notice, Comp. T. Wylie, P.G. 2nd P., moved—"That one-tenth of the annual income of Provincial Grand Chapter shall be set apart for the Masonic Charities. It was moved as an amendment by Comp. R. Wylie that one-fourth of the annual income of Prov. Grand Chapter should be devoted to that purpose. This was seconded by Comp. Dr. Smith, P.G.S.N., and carried. Comp. Broadbridge then moved and Comp. T. Wylie seconded a motion, which was adopted, that the first year's apportionment should be appropriated to the Hamer Benevolent Fund.

The following were the appointments of P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—M.E. Comps. A. Stephens; W. Doyle, J.; H. S. Alpass, S.E.; G. Owen, S.N.; Jesse Banning, P.S.; A. H. Whitehead, 1st Assist. S.; T. Buxton, 2nd Assist. S.; T. Armstrong, Treasurer; Reuben Pearson, Registrar; J. Pemberton, S.B.; E. Simpson, S.B.; H. Nelson, D.C.; J. Skeaf, Org.; W. Archer, St.; and P. Ball, Janitor.

At the conclusion of the business, between 40 and 50 sat down to a banquet provided by Fick and Fairhurst, the P.G. Supt., presiding. The toasts included "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, G. Supt., and the rest of

the Royal Family," "The Earl of Carnarvon and Lord de Tabley, the two G. Principals," the last named toast being given by Comp. Allpass. Lord Skelmersdale replied in happy terms, again promising that it was his intention to visit all the lodges in his province. Speaking of the Prince of Wales, he said H.R.H. displayed wonderful interest in all that concerned his Masonic position, and went into even the smallest details.—"The Chiefs and Past Chiefs of P.G. Chapter," and "The Chiefs and Past Chiefs of Private Chapters," responded to by Comp. G.M. Man, of the Victoria Chapter, Eccles, No. 1345, were amongst the other toasts.

Music of an excellent kind was given by Comps. Veale, Haswell, Jones, Armstrong, &c.

MASONIC BANQUET TO BRO. CAPTAIN COLVILL AT BODMIN.

On the 30th ult. a complimentary banquet was given at Bro. Sandoe's, Royal Hotel, Bodmin, to Bro. Capt. Colvill, P.M. 330, P.G.S.W. of Cornwall, in recognition of the long and valuable services which he has rendered to Masonry, and as a proof of the high esteem in which he is held by the fraternity. The banquet was given by the members of "One and All" Lodge, of which Bro. Captain Colvill has twice filled the office of W.M., and invitations were extended to distinguished brethren in the provinces of Devon and Cornwall. The chair was occupied by Bro. Capt. F. J. Heat, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.W.; and the vice-chair by Bro. R. Rich, P.M. 330, P.P.G.J.W.

The company included the following brethren:—J. Hele, W.M. 330, P.P.G.O.; W. J. Hughan, P.M. 131, P.G.D. of England, and P.P.G.S. of Cornwall; T. Solomon, P.M. 331, P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. A. H. Ferris, S.W. 496, P.G. Chaplain; R. John, P.M. 131, P.P.G.D.C.; J. G. Couch, P.M. 330, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Geach, P.M. 856, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Guy, P.M. 496, P.P.G.D.C.; Captain R. Edyvean, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Collins, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.B.; P. J. Wallis, P.M. 330, P.P.G.R.; Hon. F. L. Gower, M.P.; H. S. Stokes, Clerk of the Peace for the County; T. Oliver, W.M. 331; J. Crang, Mayor of Bodmin; A. C. Sandoe, P.M. 330; T. Webber, S.W. 75; J. Bartlett, W.M. 856; C. Truscott, P.M. 496; R. S. Oliver, P.M. 330; W. Tonkin, P.M. 977; T. Hawken, S.W. 330; W. Rowe, J.W. 330; W. H. Beacock, J.D., 330; G. Garland, Organist 330; J. Fly, S.W. 1247 (Plymouth); C. Mutton, D.C. 1205 (Stonehouse); S. Trevel, D.C. 330; C. D. Stentiford, S.S. 159 (Stonehouse); G. Hawke, S. 330; W. Garland, J.S. 70 (Plymouth); H. Hander, 330; R. Adams, 330; J. G. Vincent, 330; E. T. Crabb, C. Crabb, jun., T. Hambly, J. Oliver, Roberts, Evelyn, Martyn, Stribley, O'Neill, I.G. 330; P. Carroll, Tyler, 330, &c. Unfortunately at the last moment it became known that Bro. Captain Colvill, in whose honour the banquet was given, was prevented, through illness, from being present. The worthy brother wrote a letter expressing his deep regret at the cause of his absence, and offering his fraternal greetings to the brethren.

The first toast was that of "the Queen and Craft," and it was received, as usual, with warm applause.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," the Chairman said the reception given to the Prince of Wales at Plymouth in August last was one in which a noble example was set to England. For its magnificence it was unknown in England before, and it also proved the real strength of Freemasonry in this part of the country. There was no doubt whatever that Freemasonry was prospering beyond measure. It had prospered greatly in Cornwall during the last five or ten years, and it had increased to an enormous extent all over the country. He thanked God for this, because in these days they wanted men who would reflect, and not men who would be led away by hasty and ill-formed opinions. Men of that kind were a danger to the country, because they did a great amount of mischief which very often could not be repaired. Such men, however, were not found among Freemasons (applause).

Bro. Hughan, who responded, and who was very warmly received, said all Masons had reason to be proud of the Grand Lodge of England. It was only founded in the early part of the last century, but already it had originated one hundred Grand Lodges, with ten thousand subordinate lodges, and about three millions of members—(applause). Of late years the Grand Lodge had been severely criticised, and it had been alleged against it that Freemasonry was opposed to religion, to the well-being of the State, and to society in general. But there was a complete answer to the first charge in the fact that there was scarcely a lodge in this or in any other country which had not either a clergyman or a minister of religion for its Chaplain. The voluntary contributions of the London Masonic Charities, by the brethren of this country, amounted to about £20,000 a year. The income of lodges in this country, and of lodges in other countries connected with the Grand Lodge of England, were close upon £150,000, and in all probability the incomes of all subordinate lodges was not less than a quarter of a million annually. (Applause.) This money was very carefully disbursed, and he was glad to say that a great deal more attention was now paid to the education of the children of deceased Masons than was formerly the case. One province alone educated fifty children, an adjoining province educated forty, in London, in the Royal Masonic School for Girls, there were 150 children fed, clothed, and educated, and in the Boys' School the same number, while in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution there were 230 aged Freemasons or widows who were carefully provided for, and who, if they did not get into the institution, received annuities of £36 and £28 respectively. Such an institution, then,

could not be inimical to religion. Nor could it be opposed to the State, because they were now about to instal the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master, and nobody in his senses would endeavour to pull down his own throne. (Hear, hear, and applause.) And an institution that dispensed so many thousands of pounds could not be opposed to society in general. (Loud applause.)

"The Health of Earl Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall," was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bros. Solomon and Couch responded.

"The Health of Bro. Capt. Colvill" was next proposed by the chairman, who deeply regretted Bro. Colvill's absence through illness, and spoke of him in the highest terms. As governor of the county gaol he had never been surpassed for his ability as a disciplinarian, and in his general kindness and forbearance towards the prisoners under his charge. As a Freemason he stood in the first rank of the fraternity, and no man more truly acted upon its principles than did Bro. Colvill. The toast was received with hearty cheering.

Bro. Stokes, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," which met with a cordial reception. Bro. Hext suitably responded.

Bro. E. Leveson-Gower, M.P., who proposed "The Visitors," thanked all those brethren who had come from a distance to do honour to Capt. Colvill, of whom they were all proud. Freemasons were not a limited fraternity, and the more they were brought together from different places, the more would those feelings of benevolence and goodwill be excited, which it was the very essence of Freemasonry to encourage and practice. The greatest curse to mankind was the jealousies that existed between towns, counties, and countries, and one of the pre-eminent merits of Freemasonry was that it knocked down those jealousies. (Applause.)

Bros. Solomon, Webber, Guy, John Truscott, and Stribley responded.

Bro. the Rev. A. H. Ferris proposed "The W.M. and Officers of Lodge One and All."

Bros. Hele, Hawker, and Rowe, returned thanks. In the toasts that followed, Bros. Rich, Geach, Collins, Edyvean, and the Mayor of Bodmin spoke, all highly eulogizing Captain Colvill.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Tuesday afternoon a large number of the stewards of the late festival of this Institution, accompanied by Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, paid a visit to the Asylum at Croydon, for the purpose of inspecting it and the grounds attached to it, and conversing with the aged inmates of the Asylum. Among the brethren who made the journey were Bros. Major Creaton, Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, members of the House Committee; and the Rev. C. J. Martin, P.G.C.; Thos. Cubitt, P.M.; C. R. Miles, P.M. 1365; H. H. Farthing, P.M. 55; Rev. D. J. Drakeford, J.W. 256, P.P.G.C. Somerset; Hayward Edwards, W.M. 1385; E. G. Legge, S.D. 1496; F. A. Manning, Frederick Lodge of Unity, 452; T. S. Carter, W.M. 430, Prov. G.D. Herts.; H. Smith, W.M. 1360; John Purrott, D.C. 1479; Charles Jardine, P.M. 140; Thos. Jones, P.M. 745; E. C. Woodward, W.M. 382; E. West, P.P.G.D., Herts, P.M. 1327; F. W. Koch, W.M. 1381, P.M. 820; W. Cutbush, P.M. 1385, Prov. G. Supt. Wks. Herts; W. Body Date, 34; J. Lidner, 25; F. Newton, I.G. 5; J. B. Lemaire, P.M. 12; Thos. Bull, P.M. 145; W. Kew, Stew. 143; J. W. Ring, W.M. 72; C. Burley, P.M. 184; Geo. Lambert, P.M. 198, P.P.G.W. Herts; J. J. Berry, S.W. 554; John Kennett, W.M. 141; Charles Atkins, I.P.M. 27; F. Fellows, J. D. 192; W. Hicks, P.M. 77; 483, P. Prov. G.S.B. Kent; and H. Massey (Freemason.)

On arriving at the institution, Bro. Terry conducted the party over the building and grounds, and explained all the arrangements that were made for the comfort and happiness of the old people. He pointed out all the improvements in the building, and that the gardens had all been recently rearranged. The improvements he showed in the gardens were owing to the liberality of Bro. William Cutbush, of Barnet, who had made the institution a present of 300 or 400 trees and shrubs, and that brother hoped still further to add to the beauty of the place, by an additional gift of rhododendrons. After closely inspecting the place, and listening to Bro. Terry's description, the visitors unanimously expressed their approval of the arrangements.

They spent some hours on the premises, and took great pains to examine the practical working of the charity. Before separating for the evening, the brethren thought they could not do better than, over a glass of wine, wish prosperity to the institution, and Bro. Raynham Stewart taking the chair, proposed a few of the Masonic toasts. Bro. Terry, in responding to the toast "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," stated that this visit of the Stewards was the first that had ever been paid to the institution by Stewards of the festivals. He referred, in terms of gratification, to the success of the festival last January, and informed the brethren that through their exertions, the largest amount ever collected in one year for this charity was then brought in. It would be gratifying to them to know, that on account of this circumstance, the committee had been able to add further candidates to the list for election in the ensuing May, viz.: twelve widows and ten men, and that this would make a total number of 246 annuitants on the funds of the institution. "The Health of the Warden of the Asylum," Bro. James Norris, was proposed, and it was mentioned that he was one of the oldest Masons living, having been initiated in the year 1812. The brethren shortly afterwards returned to town, having spent a very gratifying afternoon.

Mr. Alderman Walker, the donor of the new Art Gallery at Liverpool, has requested the Council to give up the scheme for erecting a statue in his honour.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the general committee of the above school was held, last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart presided. There were also present Bros. S. Rosenthal, W. Roebuck, Hyde Pullen, T. J. Sabine, Thomas W. White, W. Noak, A. H. Tattershall, Benjamin Mallam, H. Massey, (Freemason), Jesse Turner, F. H. Ebsworth, H. Moore, J. C. Dwarber, John Symonds, George Tree, F. Adlard, D. Bear, W. Collard Moutrie, W. H. Saunders, I. J. Hooper Wilkins, Robert B. Webster, J. G. Chancellor, Richard Spencer, H. Dubosc, and F. Binckes, Secretary. The meeting was very fully attended.

Bro. Dwarber enquired what number of boys passed the late local examinations out of the total body that went up for examination.

Bro. Binckes replied that the number sent up was eighteen, and out of these sixteen passed.

Bro. Dwarber thought this was strong testimony to the efficiency of the head Master, Mr. Perrott. (Hear, Hear.)

The committee then fixed an additional remuneration for Bro. E. Harris, the collector of the institution, and afterwards appointed Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co. their bankers, Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, being a member of that firm.

Bro. Binckes read the letter from the Marquis of Ripon resigning his trusteeship. Bro. Binckes added that a Trustee of the General Fund and a Trustee of the Sustentation Fund would have to be elected at the Quarterly General Court on Monday next.

After some discussion of the question of the head mastership of the school, the report of the committee appointed to deal with the matter was read and adopted.

Two petitions were read, and the two candidates named in them were placed on the list for election in October. An outfit was granted to an ex-pupil, and the committee having passed a vote of thanks to the chairman, adjourned.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PHILADELPHIA.

[We think it well to call attention, for the information of our Brethren, to the following circular.—Ed.]

Tourist and Excursion Offices, Ludgate Circus, London, April, 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir,

We beg to call your attention to the accompanying Extract of a Letter received from the British Executive of the International Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876, under which we are appointed General Passenger Agents to the British Section.

Yours truly,

THOS. COOK & SON,

[COPY OF EXTRACT]

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1876, AT PHILADELPHIA

Offices of the British Executive, 5, Craig's Court, Charing Cross, S.W.

March 4th, 1875.

Gentlemen,—His Grace the Duke of Richmond, K.G., Lord President of the Council, bearing in mind the able manner in which you conducted the transit arrangements to and from Vienna, both to the satisfaction of the Royal Commission, of which His Grace was a member, and the advantage of the British exhibitors and visitors to Vienna, has instructed me to offer you the appointment of General Passenger Agents to the British Section of the International Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876."

His Grace, aware how well the arrangements you effected at Vienna, worked for the interests of all concerned, desires that similar, and if possible greater, facilities may be afforded in Philadelphia, viz.: that your special representative on this, as on the occasion alluded to, should be under the immediate orders of the British Executive.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

P. CUNLIFFE OWEN, Executive Commissioner.

Thos. Cook & Son.

Under this appointment Thos. Cook & Son have to make on behalf of the British Executive the whole of the arrangements with the Atlantic steamers and railway companies for the conveyance of the Exhibitors, their assistants, and workpeople, and also for the conveyance of the goods to be exhibited; and the Exhibitors may rest assured that every effort will be made to obtain as liberal arrangements for crossing the Atlantic as were made for the English Exhibitors at the Vienna Exhibition of 1873.

A STERLING TESTIMONIAL.

On Monday the 5th instant one of those pleasing circumstances took place at Mouffet's Hotel, Newgate-street, which does not often occur in the city of London. The occasion was the presentation of a testimonial consisting of a very richly chased silver tankard, and a ladies' comforter, viz., a silver tea pot (Barnard and Sons), to Mr. George Headington, by his colleagues, on his having completed 50 years service, in the firm of Hutton & Co. Engraven upon the tankard was the following:—"Presented to Mr. G. Headington, upon his completion of 50 years service with Messrs. Hutton & Co., by his colleagues, as a token of their highest esteem." To Bro. Burdett Yeoman, was deputed the honour of the presentation, who stated that like the late Duke of Wellington, he believed that he had done his duty; of which the noble Duke was a true type, and said he, whilst a man does his duty, there are three powers he can defy. The Deity, man, and the devil. The Deity loves all men, and every man that does his duty, because in this essential there

is no fear, for where fear there can be no love, to do duty is love. After a fervid and terse speech, Bro. Yeoman concluded, in the name of all present, by wishing Mr. Headington continued health and prosperity, with God's blessing. The friends sat down to a good Englishman's supper, which did the host credit.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ARCHIVES OF THE MASONS' COMPANY.

It gave me great pleasure to read the note by Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, that we are likely to get some information about the contents of the books of the Masons' Company of London. I have long had a wish to know something about them, believing they might be able to throw some light upon the early history of our Order. I trust our Rev. Brother will shortly be able to publish exact copies of several of their old minutes, about and prior to 1717. In connection with this, I would call attention to an article upon "Freemasonry," in *The Graphic* for December 19th, 1874, in which we are told "it is an historical fact that Henry VI. was initiated into Masonry in 1453, and was in the constant habit of attending lodges." We are also told that our William III. was a Mason, initiated in 1690." Now I would beg to ask the author of this article in *The Graphic*, where the evidence exists that Henry VI. was a Mason, and attended the lodges? And as to William III. I would ask: Where is the proof that he was "initiated in 1699?" and—supposing such really took place—in what lodge? Perhaps Bro. Woodford will be able to find out whether or not William III. joined the Mason's Company. Another assertion made in the *Graphic* article of date December 29th, 1874, is that the Duke of Edinburgh is a Mason. May I ask when and where the Duke of Edinburgh was initiated?—W. P. Buchan.

ERRATA.—At page 125, third column, second line, read "146th anniversary," and in sixth line, for "Michael Canmore," read "Malcolm Canmore."

Reviews.

We have read, with singular pleasure, a little book, lately published by Tweddell and Co., Stokesley, Yorkshire, and compiled by the wife of our well known Bro. G. M. Tweddell, entitled "Rhymes and Sketches in the Cleveland Dialect." Being, from long residence, always ready to say, "I see Yorkshire," we have perused the tiny volume with the deepest interest and pleasure. Both the rhymes and the prose are equally effective and true, as we can assert from a long residence in Yorkshire. We feel sure, that were several of the extracts of Mrs. Tweddell's zealous labour of love, read out to a Yorkshire audience, and this is the best of all tests as to truthfulness and effect, great would be the applause, heartily expressed would be the admiration. One friend of ours, of many years, we hear even now, whose rendering of either the humorous or the pathetic pieces, whether of "Polly River's Visit to Stowlsay Castle, Stow," or "The Poor Mother's Lament for her Little Bairn," would draw alike smiles and tears from a warm-hearted Yorkshire gathering. Even his own inimitable story of the amiable "Beer," and the courageous Yorkshire "Young Wumman" would pall in comparison before Polly's vivid description of the "two loving doves" and their "coo, coo, cooing." We hope that a large circulation may encourage Mrs. Tweddell to persevere in similar efforts, as we feel sure, that like the ironstone of pleasant Cleveland, she has struck happily on a vein of sterling "metal," not yet by a great deal, exhausted, and capable of being further worked out with pleasure and with profit. We commend the "Rhymes and Sketches in the Cleveland Dialect," to the notice of all our Yorkshire readers, nay, and for the matter of that, of our "Southerners" too.

A FRIEND IN NEED.

A circumstance occurred in Enniskillen lately, which might be of interest to Masonic readers. A man named Arthur Petty was admitted a pauper into Enniskillen workhouse, the master of which, Mr. Alex. Prince, highly esteemed as a man, is a R.W.M., of St. John's Lodge, and he held the office of Prov. G. S. Bearer for many years. Petty had been a Mason, and in consequence been denied the rites of his (the Roman Catholic) church for over 20 years by the parish priest of Tempo, where he had resided. Although he had not sat in lodge for many years he still held to the Craft which taught him the mysteries of the compasses and the square. Shortly after his admission the paupers and the Master recognized each other as brethren.

Petty got seriously ill and lay on his death bed. The master was at a loss to befriend his poor brother, but determined to try. He sent for the workhouse chaplain and directed him to the bedside of the dying man. The Chaplain, Rev. Mr. McKenna, administered to the dying man the rites of his church; and was leaving the house, when the Master met him, with a cheerful smile on his countenance.

"Mr. McKenna, you have obliged me greatly."

"How?"

"You have given the consolations of religion to a brother of mine, to Arthur Petty. He was a Freemason, and has been refused the rites of his church the last 20 years. But you have been very kind."

The Rev. gentleman smiled good-naturedly, although he had been told, and went his way. As for Bro. Price he had done his duty as a man, a Christian, and a Mason. Query—Petty was virtually excommunicated by the Pope as he did not recant. Father McKenna "fortified" him with the rites of the church. Which will have most effect with the G.A.U., in the Grand Lodge above?

W. COPELAND TRIMBLE, W.M. 91.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, April 10, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 10.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12. See Advt.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adclaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
" 235, Nine Muses, Queen's Hotel, Cork-street, Bond-street, W.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

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

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood.

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

Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 55, Constitutional, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
" 1287, Great Northern Freemasons' Hall.

" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arm's Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.

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

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

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

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

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.
Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

Mark Lodge, 176, Era, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Rose Croix Chapter, "Invicta," 33, Golden-square.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE. For the Week ending Saturday, April 17, 1875.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.

" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

Lodge 247, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Chap. 537, Zion, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 4.
" 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.

" 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.

" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY. For the week ending Saturday, April 17, 1875. All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.

" 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch-winnoch.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
" 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
" 403, St. George, Oddfellows Hall, Helensburgh.

" 541, Marie Stuart, Prince of Wales Hall, Crosshill.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
" 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.

" 203, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.
" 405, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James, Kingston.
" 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st., Renfrew.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthus-street, Glasgow.

" 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalm.
Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 107, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 510, Maryhill, 176 Main-st. Maryhill.
Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15.

Lodge 22, St. Johns Kilwig, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 167, Free Operative, Masonic Hall, Biggar.
" 465, St. Andrew, Gargad-road.
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
" 31, St. Mary's, Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.

" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Well Gate-st., Larkhall.
" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 471, St. Johns, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 524, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.
" 544, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—An exceedingly strong meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Montpellier Tavern, Walworth. The proceedings commenced at a quarter-past four o'clock in the afternoon. The officers present were Bros. J. Wright, W.M.; Wise, S.W.; Macdonald, J.W.; Walton, S.D.; Allen, J.D.; Harris, I.G.; Wright, P.M., Treas.; Pulsford, P.M., Sec.; J. Potter, D.C.; H. Potter, P.M.; W. S. Stuart, A.D.C. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of the officers, raised Bros. Hobern, Colegrave, Wotton, Hadfield and Schrader to the sublime degree, passed Bros. Hooker, Creasy, Bunker, Russell and Gilbody, 1259, and initiated Mr. Mason. The ceremonies of each degree were ably and impressively performed by the W.M. By the unanimous vote of the lodge, the W.M. was elected to the position of Steward at the forthcoming installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It being the night of election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Wise, the S.W., was unanimously elected to fulfil the duties of that high and honorable position. Bro. Wright, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Beck, Stuart and Newsham appointed Auditors. The W.M. having, during his year of office, presented the lodge with a new set of collars, and in many other ways testified his zeal to discharge the duties of Master liberally, thoroughly, and efficiently, the brethren unanimously passed him a special vote of thanks, in addition to the customary Past Master's jewel, in testimony of their high appreciation of his conduct in the chair of K.S. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Wright, I.P.M., for his services as Treasurer. Several minor matters having been transacted, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, catered for by Bro. Allatt. Among the visitors present were Bros. Dann, P.M. 75; W. Braham, P.M. 715; Walls, I.G. 141; 138, 1503, 1512; Harris, Domestic; Holmes, 1259; Gilbody, 1259; Sirgood, 1381; Charlton, 1446; Meadows. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured and Bro. Fowler sang one verse of the "National Anthem." In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. expressed a hope that His Royal Highness would be many years spared to carry out the duties of that high position, and said he took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the honour they had bestowed upon him by electing him as Steward to represent the Southern Star at the great installation in the Albert Hall, which ceremonial would be an event unprecedented in the annals of Freemasonry. The Grand Officer's toast followed, and the W.M. alluded to the loss the Pro Grand Master had recently suffered by the untimely demise of Lady Carnarvon. The I.P.M. then briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that it would be superfluous on his part to make any remarks upon Bro. Wright's merits after what had that day transpired in the lodge. This toast was heartily received, and the W.M. returned thanks. The initiate, Bro. Mason, according to ancient custom, was toasted, and made an excellent reply. The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," and in his speech alluded to several by name. This toast was received with great heartiness. Bro. Walls, in reply, said he was particularly gratified at having his name mentioned so flatteringly by the W.M. He had had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Wright installed W.M. of the Southern Star in May last, and as he had personally known him some years, it was very gratifying to him to think that the arduous duties of W.M. had been carried out by his old friend and brother so well as to call forth so unusual an expression of appreciation from the brethren as he had witnessed that afternoon in open lodge. In conclusion he congratulated the lodge upon possessing so zealous a worker in the cause of Freemasonry as Bro. Wright; and he also said that their W.M. elect, Bro. Wise, would equal, if not surpass him in carrying out the duties of the chair of K.S. efficiently. Bros. Braham, Meadows and Sirgood also briefly responded. The toast of "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge" was then given, and severally responded to. In the intervals, the

brethren were entertained by the sentimental and humorous vocal efforts of Bros. Fowler, Walls, Meadows and Sirgood. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, and the lodge adjourned until May next.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge, which it may be remembered is formed from amongst the members of the First Surrey Rifles, was held at the head-quarters of the camp, Flodden-road, Camberwell, on Thursday evening, last week, and was well attended. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Messenger, the W.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot taken for C. H. Rugg, a candidate for initiation; and for Bro. Thomas Preston, F.C., Great City Lodge, as joining member. The ballot was unanimous in both cases. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Goldring and Hutchins were examined; and then opened in the third, and Bro. Goldring was raised in a most impressive manner. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master of Quebec, and Past Grand Master of Canada, was introduced by Bro. Major Irvine, P.M., and a deputation of Past Masters. Bro. Irvine explained that Bro. Graham was a member of the Legislative Assembly of the Dominion of Canada, a Doctor of Law, and an author of repute in North America. The W.M. greeted him cordially, and the brethren saluted him in accordance with his rank. Bros. Hutchins and Curnock were then separately raised to the sublime degree, and Mr. C. H. Rugg was duly initiated. Bro. J. H. Hastie, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Styant was re-elected Treasurer, and W. Grant, Tyler. It was then proposed and carried unanimously, that the Master Mason's ticket for the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, be placed at the disposal of the W.M.; and the W.M., after some highly complimentary remarks, said he knew he should be carrying out the wishes of the lodge by giving the much coveted ticket to the Secretary, Bro. Curtis. The brethren applauded the W.M.'s award, and a resolution to present a P.M. jewel to Bro. Messenger, on the completion of his year of office was proposed and carried unanimously. Bro. G. R. Steel, of No. 1 Lodge, and C. J. Henton, of No. 1441, were proposed as joining members, and will be balloted for at the next lodge meeting. It was then proposed by Bro. A. L. Irvine, P.M., and seconded by Bro. S. H. Wagstaff, P.M., "that a petition be sent to the Grand Lodge for permission to form a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Macdonald Lodge (No. 1216)." This was unanimously agreed to, and the lodge having been closed, adjourned to the corps mess-room, where the brethren and their distinguished visitor supped together and spent a very pleasant hour before parting. The brethren present included W. G. Messenger, W.M.; J. H. Hastie, (W.M. elect) S.W.; M. S. Larham, J.W.; A. Styant, Treasurer; J. J. Curtis, Secretary; H. Hammond, S.D.; T. W. Carwell, J.D.; F. H. Cozens, Organist; C. Fountain, I.G.; and Bros. G. N. Bridges, I.P.M.; S. H. Wagstaff, P.M.; A. S. Irvine, P.M.; G. Waterall, P.M.; and Bro. T. G. Gardiner, (Colonel commanding 1st Surrey Rifles). Also Bros. C. E. Goldring, J. W. Holland, D. A. Ross, C. H. Nevill, J. Clay, B. B. Joy, T. A. Harper, J. B. Staley, F. Hutchins, A. C. Bradley, H. P. Jarman, W. A. Curnock, A. Youngman, J. D. Challoner, E. Eldridge, W. Gray, T. A. Fitzner, and W. C. Hale. Amongst the visitors were Bros. The Hon. J. H. Graham, LL.D., P.G.M. Canada, and G.M. Grand Lodge of Quebec; J. N. Greene, Union Lodge, No. 95, State of New York; N. B. Headon, W.M. Great City Lodge 1426; G. R. Steel, No. 1; F. de Grey, 706; H. Durham, 177; T. Preston, D.C. Great City Lodge, 1426; R. S. Stedall, 129; T. Edmondston, T. W. Farmer, 25; T. Headon, 1426; E. H. Hunt (Mount Moriah); G. Phythian, J.D. 22; C. G. Henton, 1441; J. Wilkinson, 176.

HERVEY LODGE No. (1260).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. C. Darby, W.M., presiding, who raised Bro. Monney, and passed Bro. Hooper. He then resigned the Chair to Bro. George King, junr., P.M., who initiated Messrs. Joseph Cox, James Mansell, and Charles William Robins. Bro. George King, P.M., presented to the acting W.M., (Bro. George King, junr.), Bro. Jabez Hogg, M.D., P.G.D., P.M., for installation. The ceremony having been performed, the new W.M. invested Bro. C. Darby, I.P.M., Bro. George Harrison, S.W., Bro. Southwood, J.W., Bro. C. Darby, I.P.M., Treas., Bro. George King, junr., P.M., Sec., Bro. Hollingsworth, S.D., Bro. Ward, J.D., Bro. Kingcombe, I.G., Bro. George King, D.C., and Bro. C. T. Speight, T. The W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Darby, who thanked the brethren for the gift, and said he should always be most happy to think he had been Master of this lodge. The S.W., Bro. Geo. Harrison, presented to the lodge new collars and jewels for the Master, Past Master, and Wardens. The J.W., Bro. Southwood, presented some very handsome menu cards, and Bro. Kingcombe, I.G., presented an engraved copper plate for the lodge summonses. The S.W. asked whether it would not be agreeable to the brethren to have a banquet on the evening of the Prince of Wales's Installation, as many other lodges would do, but the W.M. reminded him, that although it would be an excellent way of finishing up that day, many of the brethren were already engaged elsewhere, and he himself had made his arrangements for that evening. But the matter might be further considered among the brethren. The S.W. again gave notice of motion to hold the summer banquet this year. The Revd. C. J. Martyn, sent a telegram, and Sir Albert Woods, and Bro. Fenn, letters regretting their inability to be present. The Audit Committee's report was received. The lodge, it should be stated, unanimously voted at the last meeting Bro. George King, junr., to represent it as Steward at the Prince of Wales's Installation, and also voted all expenses and the cost of the commemorative jewel. The lodge was closed at the conclusion of the business, and the brethren adjourned

to Bro. Cathie's, Simpson's Divan, Strand, and partook of a most elegant banquet, the serving of which was personally superintended by Bro. Cathie. When the banquet was disposed of the toasts were honoured in due course. The W.M., in giving the first toast, said that he need not offer any remarks upon the Queen, as her virtues and goodness commended her to all, what mortal could more the ladies adore, than Masons loved their Queen, the loved mother of Masons; the toast having been drunk, the W.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales." In doing so, he said, it needed no words to recommend this toast to the brethren, especially as at the present time Masons' thoughts were concentrated on the great event which was shortly to happen. It was a happy thing that H.R.H. had consented to take the head of the order, which was a very important body. Freemasonry was entering upon a new phase of existence; he should say now that H. R. H. had entered upon his duties as Grand Master, a great advancement of the Craft might be expected, and no doubt it would tend much to the advancement and advantage of the Craft. Every member of the Order, as well as every member of the Hervey Lodge, would wish that His Royal Highness might long be spared to reign over the Craft. He hoped that the members of the Hervey Lodge might also long be spared to wish His Royal Highness an enduring and prosperous reign. "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, &c.," was next proposed, and the W.M. in doing so, reminded the brethren of the many Grand Officers who had honoured them with their presence that evening. He had himself had the pleasure of meeting them on many occasions, and he gladly seized this opportunity of giving them a hearty welcome. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, in reply, said he esteemed it no common pleasure to return thanks for this toast. It was said that love was blind, and he was sure the brethren would form no exception to that rule, or if they did, the brother in the chair would not have indulged in the kind remarks he had made with regard to the Grand Officers. There were other brethren present, who, although perhaps younger than he, knew as well as he the merits of the officers who held grand rank in the Craft. They were greatly blessed in having such a great number of good and worthy men holding high office. They were specimens of the tenets of Freemasonry, and were looked upon as men who illustrated the principles of Masonry. He trusted that they would hand down to the future a noble and worthy heritage to Masons yet to come. As to Masonry itself, he believed it was rapidly progressing in this country, and he must say that, taking up the remark of an eloquent Dean of the Church, who pointed to true greatness as one of the great objects in life in all men; it was the object of all Masonry to attain to a position above the petty animosities that often divided men. Masonry was a great power, not only in England, but in the whole world, which no potentate could put down, as long as it was true to itself, which was the great point, and the little heaven that was to lighten the whole lump by making us what we ought to be, a true, straightforward, temperate and just people. He could not sit down without thanking the W.M. and the brethren for the very hospitable and kind way in which the Grand Officers had been received that evening, and not the less so because Bro. Cathie had seconded the lodge's noble and Masonic idea, by providing the best Masonic dinner he had ever sat down to. In wishing the Hervey Lodge prosperity, he hoped that though it was a young lodge, it would emulate its noble godfather in every way, and carry out the principles which that brother carried out both officially and non-officially. (Cheers.) Bro. Hervey proposed "The Health of the W.M." by desire of the I.P.M. He said that though he was not a visitor, he might, in one sense, be called one, for, through various engagements, he had been unable to come to the lodge once since it first saw the light. Formerly, the Hervey Lodge was held at a great distance, and was not easy to get at, and it was only lately that it had come into a civilised part of the world, the fashionable locality of the Strand, (laughter,) if he might say so, when he saw Bro. Simpson, the fashionable Rector of St. Clement Danes, beside him. Although he had not been able to come to the Hervey Lodge, he had always been anxious for its prosperity; and very naturally so, since it did him the honour to bear his name. Having made great progress since its launch upon the Masonic waters, and had sundry good Masters, it had followed up its principles, and chosen this year a Master that had never been found wanting. Whether to congratulate the lodge on having such a Master, or to congratulate him on having such a lodge to preside over, he scarcely knew. In either case, or in both cases, the brethren were to be congratulated, because, during the lodge's six years of existence, it had passed through many phases of difficulty. It had now, he hoped, achieved that position in the Craft, and that position of solidity, which would ensure its well being for many a year to come. Bro. Dr. Hogg was a Grand Officer of the Order, who had been Treasurer of the lodge for some time; and the brethren knew how much they owed to him in that position. They did not however know what they would owe to him in the year to come. He (Bro. Hervey) was not a prophet, and if he were, they knew that a prophet was not believed in his own locality. If he might prophesy what would be the result of Bro. Hogg's Master-ship he would say it would be a very successful period for the Hervey Lodge, and that the brethren would find that time twelvemonth when he gave up the gavel to one of the Wardens, he did not say which, he would give it up with the lodge in such a state of prosperity that his successor would have little to wish for as regarded the future, but to continue in the same course. For the successor of Bro. Hogg, he could only hope that he would have as successful a year as Bro. Hogg. Speaking for himself, it had given him great pleasure to be present that evening. The

good dinner was not the least of the enjoyments of the evening, though he confessed he was sorry to hear Bro. Simpson allude so pointedly to it. (Laughter). Certainly it had proved so, and long might the brethren find similar enjoyment. Long too, might Bro. Hogg have health to participate in it. Bro. Hogg had mentioned in proposing the health of the M.W.G.M. that they all wished H.R.H. might long reign over them. He, (Bro. Hervey) wished the same good wish for Bro. Hogg, and that all the brethren present might live to congratulate him upon the position which he had taken in the lodge. (great cheering.) The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said he could scarcely find words to express his feelings for the kind and generous way in which Bro. Hervey had proposed this toast; but on more than one occasion he had experienced the same kindness and generosity not only on the part of Bro. Hervey, but on the part of the brethren of the lodge for six years, from the birth of the lodge, at which he assisted. He had assisted at a great many births in his early days, (laughter) but he did not know that he had ever assisted at one which gave him a greater degree of pride and satisfaction than the birth of the Hervey Lodge. He was very much impressed with the impressive way that Bro. Hervey consecrated the lodge, and at that time he thought, but he did not then expect that he would have any more to do with assisting the bantling. However, it was so to be, and he was glad he had been disappointed, for he had now attained a position which he could not refrain from saying, was a very distinguished position. He owed it to the kindness of the brethren, and to their generous feeling. He felt that he should have to ask the brethren to act with indulgence towards him during his Mastership, for although Bro. Hervey had said so much in his favour, he still felt very rusty. He was an old Mason; but perhaps in the presence of Bro. Hervey he ought not to say so, because he learned Masonry in Bro. Hervey's Lodge of Emulation many years ago. The present was his one-and-twentieth year in Masonry, and soon after joining the Order he became acquainted with his distinguished brother Hervey. From that time he had always felt the utmost regard and affection for him, (hear hear.) If the brethren observed any shortcomings in him (Bro. Hogg), during his year of office, he hoped the brethren would excuse them, for his head would be in his work, and all his endeavours would be to promote the good of Freemasonry in general, and of the Hervey Lodge in particular. (Cheers.) Before sitting down he had much pleasure in proposing as a toast, the health of the God-father of the lodge, Bro. Hervey, and he wished it had fallen to better hands to do so. He asked the brethren to drink "Long Life, Health, and Happiness" to him. The lodge had passed, as Bro. Hervey had told them, through some phases of difficulty and danger, but they had been surmounted, and he trusted the brethren would all live to see what Bro. Hervey had that night predicted, great prosperity for the lodge, and the existence of peace and harmony for many years to come. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Hervey thought there was a conspiracy against the comfort of the brethren seated at the W.M.'s end of the table, otherwise the W.M. would not have asked him to inflict another speech on them. But it should be but a short one. If the Lodge had not had good men at its head it would not have been in its present position. There were two brethren who had followed its Masters, Bro. King, senr. and Bro. King, junr., who had done their best for the Lodge's welfare (Hear, hear), and the Lodge ought to be very grateful to them. (Hear, hear.) To go to another subject he would advert for a moment to what was now going on in the Craft at large, and from that they would find that this Lodge during its brief existence had lived in the reign of three Grand Masters. It was consecrated during Lord Zetland's Grand Mastership, who granted the warrant; it had passed through the Grand Mastership of the Marquess of Ripon, and it was now under the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales. On that day fortnight one of the most striking ceremonies which had ever taken place in Masonry either in this country or elsewhere would be performed, and it was to be hoped that considering the exertions which were being made by the brethren who had undertaken the management of the arrangements on that occasion, it would be carried out with success. Of course a great deal of detail had to be considered, much more than met the eye, or would ever meet the eye, of any brother Mason. There was a large mass of brethren to be introduced into a building for every one of whom there was a place under their respective banners. They would find that they had not to fight for a seat, and that they had not when they got into the building to wander far and wide of the point to which they wished to attain. It was to be hoped that the result of the endeavours which were being made at the present moment would obviate all difficulties when the brethren went to the building, that they would find that various blocks which were parcelled out for their accommodation would accommodate all who had tickets for those blocks, they also would find that they would have no difficulty in being piloted to their seats, because the Stewards of the day would take care that the brethren were directed in the proper course, and that they would consequently, according to the letter on their cards, have to go to a particular block. These arrangements had not been arrived at without much thought and labour; and when the brethren came to consider that there were 1068 lodges in England, whose convenience had to be considered, they would agree with him (Bro. Hervey) that the brethren who undertook the duty were entitled to the gratitude of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn were doing their utmost to render the day successful as a matter of ceremony, but also consulting the convenience and comfort of each and every brother who would congregate at the Albert Hall on the 23rd inst., to show their loyalty to the Prince of Wales and

their loyalty to the Craft. He did not know that he could give them any more detail, because the various circulars that had been sent out had given all the details which it was possible to give to enable the brethren to come to a conclusion as to what they had to do and to look forward to. Without going beyond "the secrets of the prison house" (laughter) he might inform the brethren that the various Stewards would all be accepted from the different lodges. It had been considered desirable to have them all, and that it would not be quite fair to ballot one out and another in. A redundancy of Stewards was deemed best, that they might all have the honour of acting on that great occasion, and doing their best for the success of such a gathering. (Hear, hear.) He was reminded by Bro. Simpson that the executive were very sorry indeed that the number of applications for the admission of Master Masons was so great that space could not be found for them, and that their admission was necessarily restricted to one Master Mason from each lodge. As there were 1068 lodges in England, this would give 1068 brethren beyond those whose rank entitled them to admission. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Hervey concluded by again thanking the brethren for drinking his health. The W.M., in proposing "The Initiates," hoped those brethren would feel that they had that day entered a body whose principles would do great service to them. If they kept their eyes open and studied the various emblematical and peculiar devices of Freemasonry, they would be very much pleased; perhaps it would prove to them that it was just what philosophers and men of all ages had been looking for, the best and shortest way of finding true human happiness. (Hear, hear.) He himself looked on the Masonic body as one of the best types of true brotherhood. He was going to say, but in presence of Bro. Simpson he must ask pardon for saying, it was an entrance upon life of as much importance as the Christian life; in that it was the binding of true happiness. Cicero mentioned a somewhat similar institution, in which he said he felt that those who entered it entered on a new phase of life. They were called initiates, and they were supposed to be initiated into a new union with men, a truer happiness with their fellow creatures, a universal brotherhood, a more perfect elysium. He hoped that might be the initiates' experience that evening; that they had joined a society which taught what the Christian religion taught, brotherly love, relief and truth; a society of men they might trust, to whom they might confide the secrets of their hearts, and look for support in any kind of adversity. (Hear, hear.) The initiates having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" followed, for which Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Bro. C. H. Hopwood, M.P., and D. Richardson responded. Bro. C. Derby replied as the P.M. to that toast. Bro. King, junr., for the "P.M.," Bro. Harrison, Southwood, and other brethren responded as "officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. Bros. Seymour Smith, Frank Elmore and Van Noorden entertained the brethren with some excellent music during the evening. Among the visitors present were the following brethren:—Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain; Professor Erasmus Wilson, No. 2, P.G. Steward and W.M. 1494; C. H. Hopwood, P.M. 263, Q.C. and M.P.; Wright, W.M. 1158; Holland, P.M. 172; Garner, P.M. 890; Richardson P.M. St. Andrews; Harvey, P.M. 902; Defriez, S.D. 45; Green, S.W. 27; Van Noorden, 118; Ballard, 511; Sears, 299; Davis, Burdett Coutts Lodge; Hennett, Universal Lodge; G. S. Marks, 205; Evans, 212; Massey, P.M. 619, (Freemason); F. Elmore, 12; Seymour Smith, 742.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The proceedings commenced at six o'clock in the evening. In addition to Bro. Gardner, the W.M., there were present the following brethren, who in the absence of the regularly appointed officers acted for them, viz., Bros. Drysdale, P.M., S.W.; Walls, J.W.; Higgins, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Pope, I.G.; Stuart, P.M., I.P.M. The Secretary, Bro. Stuart, read the minutes of the meeting in March last, and also the minutes of an emergency meeting, held on Friday the 19th ultimo, which was convened to consider the communication received from Grand Lodge, respecting the installation of H. R. H. the M.W. Grand Master, the proceedings of which meetings were confirmed. Letters were then read from Bros. Everett and Painter, the S. and J.W., explanatory of their absence from the lodge that day. The W.M., assisted by Bro. Stuart, P.M., and the rest of the officers, raised Bros. Fallows and Richardson to the third degree. Bro. Koch, I.P.M., having arrived, introduced, at length, a notice of motion given by him at the meeting in March, that a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge should be established. He stated that a very handsome amount could be accumulated by applying the sum of three shillings, which could be deducted annually from the subscriptions of the members—towards that worthy object, which would enable the lodge to assist a distressed brother or the family of a deceased one, in addition to what might be obtained for him or them from the Board of Benevolence. This matter was fully discussed by the W.M. and other brethren, and ultimately a resolution was passed that the further consideration of the subject should be adjourned until after the vacation. Bro. Koch then brought forward another notice of motion or agenda, that the services of the Secretary should be considered, with a view to their being remunerated. He spoke very highly of the efforts at all times made by Bro. Stuart to further the interests of Freemasonry, and the welfare of the lodges which he represented, and in conclusion he moved that the sum of not less than five guineas should be annually voted to Bro. Stuart as Secretary to the Kennington lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Robinson. Bro. Webb moved and Bro. Cruse seconded the following amendment, "that the sum of ten guineas should be awarded Bro. Stuart for his services." Bro. Walls moved

as a further amendment, that the sum of five guineas should be immediately paid the Secretary as a gratuity for his past services in addition to an amount of not less than five guineas to be voted annually; this motion was seconded by Bro. Sirgood, but upon discussion this was withdrawn in favour of Bro. Webb's amendment, which was passed and carried. The lodge was then duly closed. There being no banquet, at the refreshment which followed labour the toasts were necessarily few, and but briefly given by the W.M. Bro. Koch proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was heartily received. Bro. Gardner in reply thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said he would take that opportunity of also tendering his acknowledgment to the brethren who had so kindly elected him on the 19th ult., to represent the Kennington Lodge as Steward at the installation of the Prince of Wales, the duties of which position he would endeavour to discharge to the best of his ability. The remainder of the evening was agreeably and convivially spent by the brethren, assisted by the vocal and dramatic efforts of the W.M., Bros. Stokes, Walls, and Richardson. Bro. Creed (1445) was the only visitor.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst. at the Sisters Tavern, Pownall Road, Haggerston, when Bro. W. H. Lee, W.M., presided, assisted by the following officers: Bro. T. C. Chapman, S.W.; H. Lister, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treasurer; N. Green, Secretary; Shackleton, S.D.; Syree, J.D.; and Baker, I.G. The business of the evening consisted of the initiation of the Rev. Josephus Bailey and Messrs. Watson and Dallor, also the passing of Bro. Brand, H. Meyer and Johnson, the work being ably performed by the W.M., assisted by his efficient staff of officers. The bye-laws were approved, and it was agreed that the lodge should meet on the last Thursday in every alternate month. Bro. Lee, W.M., has been nominated to serve as Steward at the installation of the M.W. Grand Master. Refreshment followed labour, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The visitors were Bros. Reed, Stretton, (1326), and Kleimenhagen (1298).

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45).—This lodge held its regular weekly meeting on the 5th inst., at the Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green. Present—Bros. Halford, W.M.; Stock, S.W.; Cook, J.W.; Hill, S.D.; Read, J.D.; Crawley, I.G.; Beckett, Preceptor; Foxcraft, Hon. Sec.; and a numerous gathering of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the first and second ceremonies in a very able and impressive manner. The lodge was then resumed to the first degree. Bro. Defriez was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Killick, Secretary. It was unanimously ordered that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Foxcraft, for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Secretary during the past three years; and a pair of elegant vases were presented to him in recognition of his services, in acknowledging which he said, that although retiring from active duty, his heart would always be with the lodge. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Gardner, for his services in connection with the testimonial presented to the late Secretary. Bro. Stock was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed officers in rotation. The lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

PROVINCIAL.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—ADAMS LODGE (No. 158).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 25th, at the board room of the Sheerness Local Board of Health, for the purpose of installing Bro. Thomas Jno. Firminger, S.W., W.M. elect, who was about to be placed in the chair, as his father had previously been, with honour to himself and credit to the lodge, which event attracted an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, by the W.M., Bro. A. Oyston, assisted by his officers, when letters were read from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. F. Eastes, and the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. A. Spencer, of Kent, expressing their regret at being unable to attend, which deprived the brethren of the pleasure anticipated. The lodge being opened in the second degree, the W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, by Bro. Jas. Bagshaw, P.M. and Secretary. After the Ancient Charges and Regulations were given and assented to, the chair of K.S. was then assumed by Bro. A. Spears, P.M. and P.P.G.O. of Kent, whose ceremony was most impressively rendered, and appreciated by all, who congratulated him on his excellent working. After Bro. Firminger had been placed in the chair of K.S., by the Board of Installed Masters, he by the power invested in him, closed the lodge down to the first degree. He then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. J. Woodley, S.W.; J. R. Brett, J.W.; A. Spears, P.M. Treas.; J. Bagshaw, P.M. Sec.; J. P. Watts, S.D.; J. F. Nunn, J.D.; C. Perkins, I.G.; G. Wiggins, S.; and H. Foster, Tyler. Amongst the visitors we were glad to see such a number of the brethren of the De Shurland Lodge, No. 1089, namely—Bros. I. M. Rigg, W.M., and Prov. G. Reg. of Marks of Kent; A. Bourne, J.W.; T. Duttal, S.D.; C. Clarkson, I.G.; J. M. West, P.M.; and J. Saffery; also Bros. J. Wood, W.M. 1273; J. Lewis, S. Constitution; and J. Cox, St. Aubin, 954, and several other brethren. Before closing the lodge, Bro. A. Oyston, I.P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and members of the local Board of Health, for their kindness in granting them the use of the room, which was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in accordance with ancient custom and with solemn prayer. The brethren, about fifty in number, then adjourned to the Mason's Hall, where a most sumptuous banquet had been prepared under the direction of Mrs. Green, widow of late B. J. Green, P.M., which gave great satisfaction to all.

LEICESTER.—**St. John's Lodge (No. 279).**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at Freemason's Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 7th of April, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Smith, W.M., P.G.S.B. There were present, Bros. A. Palmer, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; J. M. McAllister, S.W., P.G.S.D.; G. W. Statham, J.W., P.G. Steward; W. Weaver, Treasurer, P.P.G.S.D.; Clement Edwin Stretton, Secretary, P.G.A.P.; William Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M.; Clement Stretton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; George Toller, Jun. 279, P.M. 523, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Waite, P.M. P.G.J.W.; S. S. Partridge, 279, W.M. 523, P.G. Sec.; W. B. Smith, P.M. 523, P.G. Treas.; W. Sculthorpe, P.M. 523, P.P.G.S.D.; F. J. Baines, I.P.M. 523, P.P.G.P.; The Rev. T. W. Gordon, W.E. Buck; J. Farndale, J. Jessop, J. F. L. Rolleston, E. Mason, Sec. 1391, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. J. G. F. Richardson as a joining member, proposed by Bro. Stretton, P.M., seconded by Bro. Waite, P.M., and he was unanimously elected. Bros. W. E. Buck and the Rev. T. Gordon were passed to the second degree, the ceremony being very impressively performed by the W.M. The usual routine business having been concluded, the brethren partook of refreshment, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CHIPPENHAM.—**LANSDOWN LODGE OF UNITY (No. 626).**—On Tuesday, April 13th, the regular monthly meeting was held at 4 p.m., at the Town Hall. The W.M. being absent, by request the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, who had been specially invited from Bath for the occasion. He was supported by Bros. Gale, acting as I.P.M.; Milsom, P.M.; Watts, S.W.; Hearne, acting as J.W.; Lane, Treas.; Eyres, Sec.; Scott, S.D.; Tomkins, acting as J.D.; Bailey, I.G.; Munday, Tyler. There were also present, Bros. Howell, Briscoe, Careless, Drewe, Collins, and Pildenden. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the circular of summons, and the minutes of the previous meeting, were read by the Secretary. The latter were confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. A. A. Heady was examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and the candidate being re-introduced, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the acting W.M., who also gave him the traditionary history of the degree, illustrated the working tools, delivered the charge, and also a lecture on the third degree, which was listened to with great attention by the members. The lodge was closed down to the first degree, and the Master's Chair was taken by Bro. Milsom, P.M. Several matters of business, of great interest to the members of the lodge, were postponed on account of the absence of the W.M. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Hopkins for his assistance, proposed and seconded by the Wardens, was carried by acclamation, and appropriately responded to. The proceedings concluded, and the lodge was closed soon after 6 p.m.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—**ROYAL ST. EDMUND'S LODGE (No. 1008).**—On Friday 2nd inst., the eleventh anniversary and installation of the W.M. of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1008, took place at the Angel Hotel. The brethren, to the number of about 50, assembled in the lodge room at half-past three, and a candidate was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the impressive ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C.J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England. The ceremony of Installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Capt. J.N. York, P.G.S.W., Cambs., acting as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Hedley Bevan, was conducted to the pedestal by two P.M.'s, and after taking the obligation, was duly proclaimed in the several degrees. The new W.M. elected and invested his officers as follows:—S.W., Bro. F. Fearnside; J.W., Bro. W. Patrick; S.D., Bro. H. Miller; J.D., Bro. T.F. Lucia; I.G., Bro. E.M. Fyson; D. of C., Bro. J.D. Perrott, P.M.; Chaplain Bro. the Rev. R. Evans; Steward, Bro. E.J. Griffiths; Organist, Bro. W.J. Nunn; Secretary, Bro. W.H. Lucia, P.M., P.G. Secretary. On the motion of Bro. W.E. Bailey, P.M., seconded by Bro. G. Thompson, P.M., Bro. Major T.J. Huddleston was elected Treasurer. Bro. Gooch was then re-elected Tyler. The admonitory address to the new W.M., the officers, and the brethren, was admirably given by Bro. W.H. Lucia. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. Martyn, a vote of thanks was carried unanimously to Bro. York for the excellent manner in which he had performed his duties as Installing Master. After lodge was closed the brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet, well worthy of the high reputation of Bro. W.G. Guy as a caterer. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. Hedley Bevan, and among those present were Bro. J.N. York, P.M.; Bro. Major, T.J. Huddleston, P.G.S.W.; Bro. G. Thompson, P.M.; Bro. J.D. Perrott, P.G.S.W., South Wales; Bro. the Rev.—Farnham, P.P.D.G.M. Bombay; Bro. the Rev. C.J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Bro. Wheeler, W.M., 1224; Bro. J.F. Hills, P.M. 1224; Bro. J.T. Smith, W.M. 514; Bro. W.H. Lucia, P.G. Sec., &c. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and the evening was greatly enlivened by a number of glees and songs given by the brethren, Bro. F. Fearnside presiding at the pianoforte. During the evening the Secretary stated that he had received a letter from P.G.M., Lord Waveney, expressing his regret that absence from England would prevent his being present. At midnight, one of the most successful anniversaries ever held in connection with this prosperous lodge, was brought to a close.

ECCLESHELL.—**ECCLESHELL LODGE (No. 1034).**—The brethren of this young, but enterprising lodge, assembled on Friday, the 19th March, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the tenth anniversary of consecration. A large number of members and visiting brethren were present, amongst whom were the R.W. Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.W., Deputy Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; Bros. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Hill, P. Prov.

G.W., Chairman of Charity Committee; C. H. Taylor P. Prov. G.D.; Wm. Beanland, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Christopher Pratt, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; John Clark; W.M. Hope, 302; Thos. Riley, W.M. Harmony, 600; S. W. Monckman, W.M. 1018. The lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. William Pratt) at 2.30 p.m., when Mr. Thos. Waterhouse and Mr. James Southworth, of Bradford, were ballotted for and unanimously elected, and afterwards initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Wm. Beanland, P.M. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. James Hargreaves and Abraham Elsworth were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Jno. Procter, I.P.M. The W.M. afterwards announced that the installation of the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year would be proceeded with, and called upon Bro. Christopher Pratt, P.M., to perform the ceremony. Bro. Wm. Beanland, P.M., then presented Bro. Geo. Pearson, W.M. elect, and he was duly and properly installed Worshipful Master in a very impressive and able manner by the Installing Master. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Wm. Pratt, I.P.M.; Rev. Jno. Cartman, Chaplain; B. W. Feasington, S.W.; Geo. Bail, J.W.; Jno. Procter, P.M., Treas.; James Arnold, Sec.; Josh. Hardwick, S.D.; F. W. Nicholson, J.D.; Wm. Thos. Croft, Org.; F. Smart, M.C.; E. G. Rhodes, I.G.; Josh. Lightfoot, Tyler; John Cuss and Josh. Wilson, Stewards. The business being concluded, the R.W. Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.W., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, rose to address the brethren, who received him with acclamation. He first congratulated the W.M. upon the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him, by placing him in the chair, and he hoped that the Great Architect would bless him with health to discharge the important and responsible duties of that honourable position. He congratulated the Installing Master on the impressive and solemn manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation; and then referred to the time, ten years ago, when amongst the first of his official duties as Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, he had the pleasure to consecrate the Eccleshill Lodge, and he had always retained a lively recollection of the kind and hearty reception he received from the first W.M. and the brethren on that occasion, and the pleasure he felt in meeting them in such a beautiful and appropriate lodge-room. Looking back upon those ten years of official life, he felt he had much reason to be grateful for the kindness he had invariably received from the brethren of the province, but at the same time he could not fail of being reminded that those ten years were ten years taken from the lives of himself and the brethren, and that many active Provincial Officers, some of whom assisted in the ceremony of the consecration of that lodge were now no more. In visiting the Eccleshill Lodge for the second time, and speaking to the brethren, who completely filled every part of that beautiful lodge room, it seemed to him that it would probably be the last occasion he should have the opportunity of joining them within those walls, or meeting them in his present official capacity, he concluded by wishing the lodge every prosperity, and with a full heart he bid his brethren an affectionate farewell. After the usual collection for poor and distressed Masons, the lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, before the conclusion of which the Dep. Prov. G.M. rose to take his leave, and, quoting from the old couplet:

"Inclination bids me stay,
"But duty calls me hence away."

he again thanked the brethren, and withdrew amidst the most enthusiastic cheering. After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bro. Chris. Pratt, P.M., proposed the toast of "The R.W. Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M., of West Yorks., and the rest of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," and Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary, responded. In the absence of the Chaplain, the toast of "The Immortal Memory of St. John the Evangelist," was proposed from the chair, and honoured by the brethren in the usual manner. Bro. John Procter, P.M., Treas., proposed, "The Health of the retiring W.M." in very eulogistic terms, he said it was unnecessary to enter into a detailed account of the many eminent qualities which characterized this worthy brother, as the brethren were already thoroughly acquainted with them, but he might be allowed to remark to the visitors who were present that Bro. Wm. Pratt, I.P.M., was a brother of whom the lodge might be justly proud. He had discharged the onerous duties of his exalted position with much credit and satisfaction, and had paid due regard to the correct working of the lodge, and by his uniform kindness and urbanity had secured the lasting esteem of his brethren. Bro. Wm. Pratt, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had honoured the toast, and for the kindness and courtesy he had always received at their hands. He expressed his obligation to the officers for the assiduity and punctual attendance they had given to their respective duties during the year. He said it would no doubt, on that occasion, be interesting to the brethren if he reverted to the history of their lodge since its commencement. The Eccleshill Lodge was founded by the nine members and four honorary Past Masters whose names were engraved on the marble tablet in the lodge room, and who at the time were all members, (principally past officers), of the Lodge of Hope, 302. It was consecrated on the 10th of March, 1865, by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, (who had again honoured them with his much esteemed presence on this their 10th anniversary.) Since its consecration, 69 members had been initiated within its precincts, and 6 brethren had become joining members, the number of members on its roll at the present time being 63, which included the three hon. P.M.'s who are left of the four associates with the founders. And the best proof that proper care had been exercised in the admission of candidates was the right noble manner in which "the sacred claims of charity" had always been received by them. It would be the province of their much esteemed charity representative (Bro. S. G.

Hutchison, P.M.) to tell them of the support which he and his predecessors in the office had received. During the year of Bro. P. M. Procter, who preceded him in the chair, and to whose untiring efforts the lodge was indebted, the large, convenient, and well-ventilated refreshment room in which they were now met was built, and the brethren had been able during the past year to enjoy its superior comfort and convenience. He concluded by calling upon the brethren to drink with him the health of the highly respected brother, (Bro. George Pearson), who, possessing in an eminent degree the able and generous qualities befitting the important office, the brethren had unanimously selected to rule over them for the year, and he confidently trusted that the same harmony, love and charity, which had hitherto characterized the members of the Eccleshill Lodge, and contributed so much to its success, would still be continued under his auspices as Worshipful Master. The toast was received with the warmest approval, and Bro. George Pearson, W.M., in responding, begged to tender his sincere thanks to the I.P.M., for the very kind sentiments he had expressed towards him in proposing the toast, and to the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, for the hearty and Masonic manner in which they had received it. Having conferred upon him their highest honour, and knowing he had their best wishes, it would be his earnest desire, along with his brother officers, to endeavour to discharge the duties appertaining to the lodge in as faithful and satisfactory a manner in the future, as it had been all their good fortune to enjoy in the past. He hoped those Masonic principles which had animated the brethren towards the charities in the past, would stimulate them in the future. Bro. Thos. Shackleton, P.M., proposed in suitable terms "The Masonic Charities," coupling with the toast their newly re-elected Charity Representative, Bro. J. G. Hutchinson, P.M., and their distinguished brother, Thos. Hill, the Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorks. Brother J.G. Hutchison, P.M., in reply to the toast, thanked the brethren for re-electing him to the honourable office of their Charity Representative, an office which he regarded as a very important one, and having duties requiring careful attention; he also thanked the brethren for their liberal support of the Charities. The amount subscribed by members of the lodge since its foundation in 1865 exceeded £570, and at the present time the lodge was possessed of twenty-three votes in perpetuity, and members of the lodge had fifty-three votes, making a total number of seventy-five votes for the Masonic charities. During the year nine officers of the lodge had been endowed for the Boys' School, representing a payment of £94 10s., and the brethren had also, during the same period, contributed £63, as a donation to the widow of a deceased member. These facts shewed the spirit which animated the brethren of this lodge, in exercising the true characteristic of Masonry, viz., charity, which he had confidence would be continued, and intimated that in the coming year he would make an appeal to the brethren for the endowment of the remaining offices for the Girls' School. Bro. Thos. Hill, P.M., also responded to the toast. He congratulated the brethren of the Eccleshill Lodge upon the distinction they had gained in the province for their liberality in support of the Masonic Charities, and he was proud of being identified with the lodge as an honorary member from its foundation. The "Visiting Brethren," was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Jno. Clark, W.M. 302; Thos. Riley, W.M. 600; J. W. Monckman, W.M. 1018, and A. Anty, 387. Other toasts, including the Past Masters, Past Officers and Present Officers of the lodge, were proposed and responded to, and the meeting enlivened by glees and solos sung by musical brethren present. This very happy celebration was brought to a successful conclusion by the customary last toast of the evening.

DERBY.—**HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).**—On Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall. There were present—Bros. Henry T. Bobart, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M.; F. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Pipes, as S.D.; T. Gadsby, J.D.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler, P. Mainprize, J. P. Eaton, J. H. Biggs, W. B. Hextall, C. D. Hart, F. Rippon, Edgar Taylor, J. E. Russell, J. O. Manton, Henry Mills, A. A. Newnham, Jon. Whales; visitors—F. Gadsby, 360; A. Fraser, 731. The lodge was opened in the first degree. The circular convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last lodge were confirmed. Mr. Richard Daniel, and Mr. Jas. Parkins, jun., being in attendance, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. The lodge unanimously voted funds for a Past Master's jewel, to be presented to Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas., as a small recognition of the appreciation of the lodge of his great services. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned till the first Wednesday in the ensuing month.

HAMPION COURT.—**THE ERA LODGE (No. 1423)** held its regular meeting on Saturday, April 10th, 1875, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. The lodge was opened by Bro. James William Baldwin, W.M. There were present Bros. E. H. Thielley, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; F. Walters, P.E.P., Middlesex; Sec. E. W. Devereux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; B. Wright, M.C.; W. A. Simmons, W.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M.; M. Underwood, J. H. Pearson, J. Mason, H. Haija, J. A. Moore, W. Chartres, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Hammond, P.G.S. Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, W.M. 1512; H. Keeble, P.M. 1275, S.D. 73; E. J. Drew, 1269; J. Brogden, 1326, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. William Eagle. The W.M. proved his proficiency as a good worker in the Craft by doing all the ceremonies in an admirable manner. He raised Bros. W. Chartres and J. Brogden, 1326; passed Bro. J. A. Moore, and initiated Mr. Arthur Rumbelow.

Bro. F. Walters took the Chair and in his usual faultless style, initiated his old friend Mr. William Eagle into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Baldwin, resumed the chair. It was unanimously resolved that a set of chairs for W.M., S.W. and J.W., as also platforms, be purchased for use of the lodge by the next meeting. A case of distress was relieved. The lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—HENSLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—On Tuesday, 6th inst., the above lodge held its monthly meeting, at Past Master West's hostelry, the 'Three Crowns, North Woolwich, this being the first meeting since the installation of the W.M. Bro. Brayshaw. The meeting was well attended. After the lodge had been duly opened, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Watson was then passed to the second degree, and Mr. Williams, a candidate for Masonry was, after an unanimous ballot, initiated, the work being done by the W.M. with rare and impressive force. Bro. P.M. Sisley, the first W.M. of the lodge, was then presented with a superbly illuminated address, splendidly mounted and framed in gold, as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge, as well as for the able manner in which he installed his successor at the recent ceremony. The address is signed by Bros. B. Brayshaw, W.M.; J. Ives, S.W.; W. Steel, J.W.; C. Ashdown, P.M. and Treas.; and E. West, Sec., pro tem. After Bro. P.M. Sisley had feelingly returned thanks for their very handsome testimonial, the lodge was closed, and the fourth degree entered into in a manner becoming its well known hospitality. After supper, the usual loyal Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some excellent harmony enlivened the proceedings, till at an early hour the "Tyler's toast" closed a most excellent evening's work.

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GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34 Bis.).—The most important meeting of this lodge since their festival at the close of the year, was that of the 6th inst., when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow made their annual visit. The R.W.M., Bro. William Bell, presided, and there were also present, in their respective places, the following office bearers, namely, Bros. Thomas Fletcher, I.P.M.; John D. Young, S.W.; D. Horne, J.W.; P. Brownlie, S.D.; John Reid, J.D.; R. B. Dalzell, Treasurer; and John Dick, Secretary. Amongst the numerous attendance of visiting brethren present were Bros. J. B. McNair, R.W.M. 332; Wm. Harper, 408; John Wallace, 413, &c.; and, in all, no fewer than 105 signed the Tyler's book. The lodge having been opened, Bros. Wm. Scott and Andrew Gray, both of the ancient lodge St. John, Lesmahagow (No. 20), were affiliated as members of St. John (34), by Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M. 413. Thereafter, the deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge was introduced and received with all the honours. It consisted of Bros. John Baird, acting P.G.M.; J. B. Walker, Treasurer; A. McTaggart, Secretary; James Gillies, S.D.; James Ritchie, A.; John Fraser, Assistant Marshal; A. Allison, Jeweller; A. Bain, B.B.; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; W. Phillips, S.B.; A. Arrick Smith, I.G.; and George Sinclair, Treasurer and convenor of the P.G. Benevolent Fund. The deputation having taken their seats, the R.W.M. (Brother Bell) said he had the greatest pleasure in welcoming them there; and, in recognition of their authority, of resigning his chair and presenting his mallet to Bro. Baird, acting P.G.M. To this the latter replied that, as an act of loyalty on the part of the Master of Lodge St. John to the Prov. Grand Lodge, he received the mallet, but knowing that it could not be in better hands than that of the R.W.M., he begged to return it, and asked him to retain his chair during the remainder of the proceedings. He (Bro. Baird) then called upon the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) to state the result of the visitation of the Prov. Grand Lodge in regard to the condition in which they had found the affairs of the lodge. Bro. McTaggart said that the task devolving upon him that night was an important one, from the fact that their visit was to the oldest lodge within the province. He might say that the deputation had examined the lodge books somewhat minutely, with the result that they found that these had been very well and carefully kept during the past year, affording a just and faithful record of the lodge transactions. The position of the lodge was, possibly, higher now than ever at any past period of its history. They had, perhaps, made more Masons than ever before; and, distinctly, they had given more to the Prov. G. Lodge Benevolent Fund than ever they had done before in any one year. The sederunt-book and the minute-book had been exceedingly well kept; the roll book had, on the whole, been well kept, as had also the cash-book. The balance on the right side on the latter, they observed, was the handsome sum of £114 3s. 2d. In one way and another, the lodge distributed £30 in honest charity, and that did not include the sum of £18 15s., which they had handed over to Bro. Sinclair, Treasurer of the P.G. Benevolent Fund. During last working year they had made into the lodge the large number of 75 candidates. Bro. Baird said that after the exhaustive very statement made by the Secretary, it behoved him to say very few words indeed. He was more than delighted at hearing what he had heard of the working and prosperity of the lodge during the past year. The report showed something to be proud of. He congratulated the R.W.M. on his position, and on the prosperity that had attended his predecessor; and hoped that the report to be submitted, next year would be if possible better. The R.W.M. having briefly replied, Bro. Sinclair gave a short statement of the working of the Benevolent Fund for the past twelve months, from which it appeared that

the sum of £97 13s had been distributed in grants to 49 applicants, and that the capital of the Fund at the present time was £570 2s 11d. It was very gratifying, he remarked, to see the latter had been increasing year by year, and he had reason for hoping that before long it would be more materially increased. On the motion of the Chairman a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the deputation, who then withdrew. After an approved candidate, Henry Winslow, had received the E.A. degree, the lodge adjourned to refreshment, at which they were by a 1d by joined by a portion of the Prov. Grand Lodge deputation. The toasts of "The P.G.L.," given by the Chairman, and replied to by Bro. Baird, and that of the "Visiting Brethren," given by the S.W., having been duly honoured, Bro. McTaggart asked permission to propose the health of the Chairman, the R.W.M. of the lodge. It was something, he said, for the visitors to meet with the lodge in such happy circumstances, with so many brethren congregated within their walls; but it was something more for the lodge to have at its head a man and a Mason who, in true heart and spirit, was worthy of the position in which they had placed him. The deputation wished him God speed in his future; and all success to the old lodge over which he presided. If he succeeded in advancing its prosperity even one step beyond what had been done by his predecessors, he would have gained a laurel—although, for the matter of that, the lodge had already given him the highest honour in their power in making him their Master. The toast was pledged with much enthusiasm, and replied to by R.W.M. He thanked them very kindly, he said, for the honour they had done him in proposing his health, and for the high eulogium passed upon him by the P.G. Secretary, which he felt, however, he did not deserve. In taking office in that lodge he had been at all times willing to do anything he could do; and whatever he did, he had done it at least with a good will. Therefore, when Bro. Fletcher was kind enough to ask him to take office, he said he would do so; and he was sure he was not an office-bearer of the lodge but could testify to the fact that never was a more harmonious year than that of Bro. Fletcher's reign. For his own part, as he now stood, he (the chairman) could say that never was a Master better supported than he was by his office-bearers; his Wardens, Bros. Young and Horn, having never been absent for one night. In conclusion, the chairman declared that it was his intention to do all that he could for the good of his mother lodge. The lodge was soon afterwards called to labour, and closed in due and ancient form.

DUMBARTON.—ST. JOHN'S KILWINNING (No. 18). The monthly communication of this Lodge was held in their Lodge Room on the evening of Friday, the 9th of April. After the usual formalities in opening the Lodge, five candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the Senior Warden, Bro. B. Thomson. A long time was occupied ament. Notices of motions in the Grand Lodge, and the unsatisfactory manner in which the Grand Secretary transacted the duties of his office was reviewed in connection with No. 18. Answers to important communications cannot be got from him, although the R.W.M. was asked if in the event of the Lodge being invited to attend the opening of the new pier at Dumbarton, if it could do so. To which he replied that no invitation had yet been received although it was to be done; but considering that as there was nothing praiseworthy to be done he could not as Masons advise them to attend to take a secondary part, nor to lend themselves to every public occasion, an expression which was loudly applauded. Several other minor matters were then transacted, and the Lodge closed in due form.

LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE (No. 73).—The ordinary bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, at 170 Buchanan-st., on the 6th inst. The Chair was occupied by Bro. George McDonald, R.W.M., and there were also present Bros. George Weston, P.M.; Jno. Bannerman, D.M.; W. McCreeger, S.W.; Jas. S. Ampleford, Sec.; Walton, Treas.; Wm. T. Kay, S.D.; Geo. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; and others. There was a numerous attendance, the business toward being the annual visitation by the P.G.L. of Glasgow. The lodge being then opened, the deputation of the body entered, and were received with due honour. It consisted of the same brethren whose names are given above in our report of Lodge St. John's meeting. Having taken their seats upon the dais, and the R.W.M. having in customary form acknowledged the superiority of P.G.L., and requested by Bro. Baird to retain his seat and mallet, the P.G. Sec., (Bro. McTaggart), said it afforded him considerable pleasure at being able to report that after due examination, the deputation had found the books of the lodge in very good condition, and that the lodge was working, as heretofore, in strict harmony with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He knew no Master in the province who had given so much and distinct attention to Grand Lodge law as Bro. McDonald, on whom, therefore, he thought the report they had been able to make reflected credit. In addition to the good condition of the books, he found also that their funds were flourishing. They had to their credit in the bank the sum of £44 15s. 2d. which, with £10 in the Treasurer's hands, made in all £54 15s. 2d. Their charity, independently of the levy to the Benevolent Fund, had been £19, which, with £4 15s. paid into the said fund that night, made their contributions to charity in all during the year £23 15s. They had made in all during the year 24 members, 3 of whom received the three degrees in one night; but, as he understood from the books, these were cases of real emergency. After a few further remarks, and some wholesome advice, Bro. McTaggart concluded by expressing his hope that the little defects he had pointed out would be taken in the true Masonic spirit in which they had been given. Their lodge stood very well in the province, as it always has done; and, for the sixth time in his ex-

perience as P.G. Secretary, he begged to congratulate them. Bro. Baird, in a few remarks also congratulated the lodge upon their prosperity. They would see that the visit of P. G. L. once a year to them was no mere formal matter, but a thorough investigation of their state; the object of which was to give confidence that everything was being done in proper order. He regretted the absence on that occasion of the R.W.P.G.M., but the deputation would take good care to inform him on the satisfactory condition of lodge 73. The R.W.M. having thanked the members of P.G.L. for their visit, and Bro. Sinclair having stated the present position of the P.G. Benevolent Fund, the deputation retired in order as they had come.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The annual festival of this lodge was held within their own hall, at 12, Trongate, on 31st ult. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. J. Morgan, and Bros. Jasper Martin, D.M., and James Horn, J.W., officiated as Croupiers. The chairman was supported on the dais by Bros. Joseph Wilson, I.P.M.; Wm. Anderson, P.M.; Wm. Bell, R.W.M. 34; Alex. Bain, P.M. 103; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason); and W. B. Paterson, 27; whilst the body of the hall was completely filled, by brethren and visitors, with their wives, sweethearts, &c. After an excellent supper, purveyed by Bro. Middleton, of Trongate Dining Rooms, the chairman delivered a short opening address. He thanked them, in the first place for coming forward in such goodly numbers to assist at the 76th anniversary of Lodge Star. It was seldom, he believed, that the lodge-room had been graced by such a galaxy of talent and beauty as he saw before him. With regard to the ladies, he assured them that he made them heartily welcome to that hall; and he hoped that from what they had seen, and what they would see, they would forgive the brethren for on other occasions being compelled to leave them out. As to the condition of Lodge Star, he could only say that it was flourishing; and, he expected, would still shine out as bright, if not brighter, than any other in the Province of Glasgow. The chairman then made a few humorous remarks as to the antiquity of the Craft, and referring to the principles it inculcated, said that "morality was the watchword and charity the pass-word of Freemasonry," and this being the case, it was bound to go on and flourish in the future as it had done in the past. In conclusion, the Chairman remarked that that was the first time he had occupied that position, but he hoped it would not be the last. The toast list was then entered upon, the Chairman giving first, in succession, "The Queen and the Craft," and the "Three Grand Lodges," which were duly honoured. Bro. Martin, croupier, then proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of Bro. Bain, P.G.B.B., who ably replied to the same. The chairman then gave "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," coupled with Bro. W. B. Paterson, by whom it was acknowledged. The toast of "Lodge Star, 219," was then given by Brother Bain, pledged with enthusiasm, and replied to by the R.W.M., Bro. Morgan. The remaining toasts were the "Health of Bro. J. Wilson, P.M.," "Sister Lodges," coupled with the name of Bro. William Bell, R.W.M. 34, who replied; and "The Ladies," by Bro. Horn, croupier. At various intervals, the proceedings were agreeably relieved by the vocal efforts of Bros. Jas. Houston, Perston, and others. The occasion concluded with an assembly, which was kept up with unflagging spirit, until an early hour.

LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-st., on 1st inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler presided, the other office-bearers present being Bros. A. McTaggart, D.M.; Dr. McInnes, S.W.; Wm. Neven, Sec.; and A. R. Wilson, Chaplain. There was an unusually large attendance of members and visiting brethren present, for the reasons that the P.G.L. of Glasgow were to pay this lodge their annual visitation, and that the brethren were thereafter to be favoured with a lecture by Bro. the Rev. Jamieson, of St. Matthew's Established Church. The lodge having been opened, three candidates, duly proposed and seconded, received the E.A. degree at the hands of Bro. McTaggart. Thereafter, the deputation from the P.G.L. was introduced, consisting of Bros. John Baird, acting P.G.M.; J. B. Walker, Treasurer; A. McTaggart, Sec.; Geo. Sinclair, Treas., and Conv. of P.G. Benevolent Fund; J. Gillies, S.D.; Jno. Fraser, Assistant Marshal; A. Allison, Jeweller; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; John Miller, Director of Music; W. Phillips, S.B.; and A. A. Smith, I.G. The deputation having taken their places on the dais, the R.W.M. (Bro. Butler) acknowledged the authority of the P.G.L. in the usual form, by handing his mallet to Bro. Baird, the latter immediately returning it, with the remark that it could not be in better hands. The P.G. Sec. then read the report of the deputation. He would not, he said, trespass much upon their time. As they were all aware, he held one of the highest offices in Lodge 27, and, therefore, he did not think it would become him to go into detail about his own lodge. Briefly he might state that they were making satisfactory progress, and he believed both Bros. Sinclair and Walker were well content with what they had received during the past year. On the whole the deputation were remarkably well satisfied with the conduct of the lodge, and of its office-bearers, and with the support they had invariably given to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow. Bro. Baird said he regretted exceedingly the absence of the R.W.P.G.M.; but he (the speaker) knew that he would be glad to hear the report the deputation had been able to make that night. The R.W.M. having briefly thanked the deputation for their visit, this portion of the proceedings terminated, and the chairman announced that Bro. Jamieson would give them his lecture, which the Rev. Bro. proceeded to do. It was entitled "The Clergy and Laity," and was mainly a powerful protest against the superstitious notions which prevail regarding the difference between the two classes, and by which a clergyman is prevented from joining with the people in regard to many innocent amusements and

recreations. In regard to this matter, he held that what was innocent and proper and right for the laity, could not be much wrong for the clergy. On the conclusion of the lecture, which evoked great applause, and on the motion of the chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was recorded to the Rev. Bro., who briefly acknowledged the compliment. The lodge was thereafter duly closed.

PAISLEY.—**LODGE RENFREW COUNTY KILWINNING** (No. 370) held their regular fortnightly meeting on Thursday, 1st inst., in their hall, High street, Paisley. Bro. James Anderson, R.W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among whom we noticed, Bro. J. M. Olliver, Lodge Commercial, 360, Bro. Geo. Fisher, St. Mirren Lodge, 129, and Bro. Nicholson. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Anderson, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no business before the lodge in particular, Bro. J. M. Olliver delivered an able and interesting address upon Freemasonry, which was very instructive and pleasing to all present. After a few remarks from Bro. Nicholson, Bro. Geo. Fisher addressed the brethren on the duty of becoming efficient members of the Order, with a few practical remarks and illustrations upon the principles and true spirit upon which Freemasonry is based. With Bro. Olliver's and Bro. Fisher's interesting lectures, and some excellent songs from the brethren, a very pleasant evening was spent, each one being highly pleased with the evening's entertainment. After a vote of thanks had been tendered to Bro. Olliver for his kindness in coming to address them, the lodge was closed in due form.

GOVAN.—**LODGE GOVANDALE** (No. 437).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge, was held in their hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on Tuesday, 6th inst., Bro. J. Mc. Farlane, R.W.M., presiding, supported by R. Muir, S.W.; Bro. W. Robb, acting J.W.; J. Miller, D.M.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. An application was read from Mr. Robert Blyth, for admission into the ancient customs and privileges of Freemasonry; there being no objection, the candidate received the E.A. degree, Bro. J. Miller, D.M., officiating. The lodge was then raised, and Bro. C. Petres and P. Guild received the F.C. degree, Bro. Wm. Ferguson officiating. The lodge being again raised Bro. John Robertson, C. Petres and P. Guild, received the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. J. Mc. Farlane, R.W.M., officiating. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 454).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on 7th inst. Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., presided; and office-bearers of the lodge were present, as follows:—Bros. D. Buchanan, P.M.; Wm. H. Caldwell, W.M.; Jno. W. Stafford, S.W.; H. B. Ferguson, J.W.; A. Carmichael, Treas.; Wm. R. Dunn, Sec.; Jno. Harley, S.D.; Jas. Doyle, J.D.; Collin More, Director of Ceremonies; Jno. Dorman, S.S. The lodge having been opened, the Treasurer gave notice that at the first general meeting in next month he would resign his books, owing to the fact that he was about to leave the country; and accordingly Bro. Colynham was appointed to assist in having the books audited against said meeting. Thereafter a deputation from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow, who had, in adjoining department, examined the books and accounts of the lodge for the past year admitted, and took their seats upon the dais. The members of deputation were Bros. J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas.; A. McTaggart, Sec.; J. Gillies, S.D.; John Fraser, Assistant Marshal; Wm. Bell, Convener of Committee; A. Bain, B.B.; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; A. A. Smith, I.G.; and Geo. Sinclair, Treas., and Convener of Prov. G. Lodge Benevolent Fund. The R.W.M. having in customary form acknowledged the supremacy of Prov. Grand Lodge, and resumed his function as president of the meeting, Bro. McTaggart said that the report he had to submit to them was not much different from what he had given elsewhere, nor would his remarks in any material point differ much. He hoped, however, that if not novel, they might prove satisfactory to the brethren. The deputation had to certify that they had examined the books of the Lodge, and found them in excellent condition, also that, as formerly, the Lodge was working in strict accordance with Grand Lodge of Scotland laws. He was pleased to find that their funds were in a more prosperous condition than they were last year. In the way of charity they had done very well, having distributed the handsome sum of £23, not including £7 contributed to the Benevolent Fund, being in all £30 for the past year. After some further remarks, Bro. McTaggart said that in view of the high character of that Lodge, he did not see why their fees should not be higher. In fact they might almost be doubled. He did not see why that Lodge should not have the highest fees exigible in the province of Glasgow. Their fees were too cheap. Some persons said that if you raise your fees you will lose candidates. He (Bro. McTaggart) had not found it so. The craft hedged round and guarded their lodges in every possible way; otherwise, they said that candidates must be this and must be that, that their names must be well spoken of outside and inside the Lodge, and why should they not have them pay in a respectable way! Why not hedge round their Lodges with a money test as well; nor have it said that men could come from other countries and get made here cheaper and then go away back again! Another most advisable test was an annual subscription; and if Scotch masons were to elevate themselves in the eyes of the masonic world, they must have it. In conclusion, Bro. McTaggart said he had to congratulate the R.W.M. on the position he held in the Lodge, and also on the position the Lodge held the province of Glasgow. The R.W.M. shortly replied, thanking the deputation for this kind visit, and assuring them that the remarks of the P. G.

Sec. would receive the best attention of the Lodge and of the office-bearers. The deputation then withdrew.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROYAL FREEMASONS.

I do not suppose that the writer in *The Graphic* had any authority for the statement that Henry VI. was a Freemason beyond the tradition, such as it is, mixed up with the so-called Locke MS. There is, as far as I am aware, no evidence beyond the statement in our Masonic writers that William III. was initiated at Hampton Court. No record of it exists, as far as I am aware, and I have searched for it everywhere. There is no mention of it, I believe, before Anderson, in 1723, who, in the 1723 edition of the "Constitutions," states that "by most men he is reckoned as a Freemason," and in the 1738 edition, that "the King was privately made a Freemason." Preston says in his "new edition, with additions" in 1781, that King William was "privately initiated in 1795," and in his 13th edition mentions a lodge at Hampton Court, at which King William used to attend. Beyond this, there is, as far as I know, nothing to corroborate the statement. The Duke of Edinburgh is not a Freemason. The Archives of the Masons' Company are very difficult of access, and I do not expect much more result from researches at present.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE LIBRARY.

Is there any brother at Winchester who could obtain permission to make a search for me in the library of Winchester College. If any brother would put himself in communication with me on the subject I should be greatly obliged.

A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

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INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The tickets for admission to this ceremony were issued on Wednesday evening with the accompanying circular Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., April, 1875.

Sir and Brother,

I send enclosed herewith — Tickets for qualified Members of Grand Lodge in accordance with your return, and one Ticket for a Master Mason, the number of applications being so unexpectedly large as to prevent the allotment of more than one Master Mason's admission to each Lodge.

You will be pleased to fill on this ticket the name of one of the Master Masons returned on your list and forward to me such name with as little delay as possible, as the ticket will not be available unless the name is previously returned.

It is of course no part of my duty to suggest the manner in which the Ticket for a Master Mason should be disposed of, but inasmuch as the question has already been in many instances asked, I am directed (for the purpose of saving needless correspondence) to say that in the opinion of the Committee having charge of the arrangements, an equitable plan for adoption, in cases where it is desired to avoid the process of balloting, would appear to be to allot the Ticket to the oldest subscribing Member on the list of Master Masons returned.

Any brother who may be unable to produce his Grand Lodge certificate is recommended to come with a known brother of the same Lodge or Province who can if necessary vouch for him.

I take this opportunity of drawing your especial attention to the regulations of the Craft which forbid unauthorised Masonic processions or display in the public streets, and of stating that the M.W.G.M. has expressly forbidden the appearance of any brother in Masonic clothing outside the Royal Albert Hall on the occasion of the Installation.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,

JOHN HERVEY.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

(From our occasional Correspondent.)

There is dearth of news of any Masonic events of any importance this month in the *Britain of the South*, nevertheless "Progress" is the watchword of the good old Craft here, as in other portions of the globe, and, notwithstanding the large amount of abuse, we in common with our brethren in the "old country" receive weekly from the Roman Catholic press, especially through the medium of the "Dunedin Tablet," denunciations loud and deep are poured upon us, but these have about the same effect as "water upon a duck's back," and I am inclined to think that the greatest annoyance is given the editor by being let alone; certainly he has one of the fraternity in the person of the editor of the *Guardian*, who does him the honour of arguing the point, and so the flame is kept sufficiently lively to suit his purpose, otherwise I am persuaded the subject would die of inanition, and I think I may venture to assert, even the "quietus" promised in the December number of the *Contemporary*, is not likely to disturb our mental equilibrium to any alarming extent.

There is one event, however, that I may note as somewhat of a curiosity, viz., the summoning of the Port Chalmers, Marine Lodge, E. C., to attend the funeral of the wife of their respected W.M. This is a case seems an outé proceeding. I think it is only justly due to the W.M. of a lodge, that his brethren should be near him in the hour of his affliction and show their love and respect by every means in their power, but I think they overstep the bounds of Masonic prudence by attending the funeral of even a Mason's wife, carrying sprigs of evergreen and

depositing the same in a manner similar to that observed at the burial of a brother. It seems to me a departure from the landmarks, and a flagrant breach of the Constitutions, and though delicacy forbids one to say more than can be helped on a matter of this kind, yet frequent anomalous proceedings of the Craft at funerals (especially in the province of Octago) make it necessary that the attention of the proper authorities should be drawn thereto by means of the Masonic press.

Masonic Tidings.

The Duke of Conaught has consented to attend a concert of the Norwich Musical Union on the 21st inst. His Royal Highness is also about to review the Norwich Rifle Volunteers.

A letter awaits John Hogg, Esq., at the office of this paper.—198 Fleet St.

THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN COMPANY.—At a recent meeting Bro. Bennah, the chairman, ably met the objections which had been brought against the management by some of the proprietors, and after a considerable discussion the result was a complete restoration of confidence in the directors.

DUBLIN MASONIC BALL.—The short paragraph in last week's issue, is incorrect, the admissions to the Ball being unlimited.

Subscribing brethren on payment of £2. 2s become entitled to two tickets, and may introduce any number of friends on payment of £1. 1s. for each.

Bro. J. W. Tew, P.P.S.G.W., of West Yorkshire, has been appointed D. Prov. G. Master by Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, who has lately filled the office of D. Prov. G.M., with the greatest efficiency and éclat, retires with the love and deep regard of all his brethren.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 60, on Thursday the 8th inst.

A quarterly convocation of the Metropolitan College, of the Rosicrucian Society, will take place at the Royal Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-street, W., on Friday, the 30th inst., at 5.30.

The Refreshment department of the Royal Albert Hall, is, we understand, under the management of Bro. Geo. Ewens.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction is now held at the Rose Tavern, Fulham-road near the Consumption Hospital.

The Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund have arranged their exploring operations for 1876. The chief interest centres in the sites of the Temple and Holy Sepulchre.

PORTRAIT OF BRO. LEMON.—A portrait of Bro. Lemon is about to be published, and we are sure that all Bro. Lemon's friends in the north—and they are "legion"—will be glad. While being so well and widely known and as well and widely respected, Bro. Lemon stands high in the province as the Provincial Grand Treasurer of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Freemasons, and is therefore to be represented in his provincial clothing (his permission having been obtained for that purpose.) The portrait is to be engraved in superior style by Messrs. MacIure, Macdonald & Co., and we believe nothing will be wanting to produce a portrait of Bro. Lemon which shall do himself, the subscribers, and the publishers credit.

BECTIVE LODGE, CARLISLE (No. 1535).—The new lodge at Carlisle, to be called the Bective Lodge, is to be consecrated on Friday, April 23rd, on the same day as the preliminary provincial meeting for Cumberland and Westmoreland is to be held at Carlisle. New rooms are being prepared for the lodge, and no expense is being spared to fit them up in a suitable Masonic manner. The lodge requirements are to be procured through Bro. McMechan, and are to be supplied by Bro. Kenning, of London, so that in this respect there will be nothing wanting. The first W.M. of the lodge is to be Bro. Cook, of Carlisle.—*Wigton Advertiser*.

At the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire, the Earl of Shrewsbury, P.G.M., referring to the approaching installation of the Prince of Wales as G.M. of England invited the Staffordshire brethren to meet his lordship at his town residence in Dover-street, and after lunching with him to accompany him to the Albert Hall. It was stated that about 300 Masons from this district would be present.

The Freemasons of Llandudno have presented Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., with a massive silver inkstand, "as a token of their deep sense of his services to the St. Tudno Lodge, and their high appreciation of his conduct as W.M. for four years, and of their fraternal regard and esteem."

On Saturday evening, at the close of his farewell performance in Liverpool, Bro. Barry Sullivan was presented with a magnificent service of gold plate by his friends and admirers in the "Good Old Town." The presentation took place on the stage of the Royal Amphitheatre, where Bro. Sullivan has had one of the most brilliant engagements ever known in Liverpool.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The long and trying winter in this variable climate sap the foundations of health in the strongest constitutions, and prepare the way for the inroads of disease and premature decay, and the results frequently show themselves when the advent of spring with its brighter and warmer days, calls into activity latent mischief. The peccant humours which infect the frame can be readily cast out by the use of these well-known and long esteemed pills. They address themselves directly to the stomach, promote and perfect the assimilation of the food, and thus effect permanent and life long good. They thoroughly cleanse the blood, regulate disordered digestion and circulation, and by so doing re-estate failing, weak or unsound health.—ADVT.

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The following stand over:—

Communications from Bro. Poynter and W.B. Reports of Lodge 379, Bath; Lodge of Sorrow, Omagh, Ireland.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

HARGREAVES—HOYLE.—On the 8th inst., at the Parish Church, Haslingden, by the Rev. Godfrey Ashurn, M.A., Manchester; assisted by the Rev. Weldon Champneys, M.A., Vicar of Haslingden, and the Rev. G.W. Reynolds, Rector of St. Marks, Manchester, Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, (Past Grand Deacon, "Mark," of Well Meadow House, Haslingden, to Mary, only child of the late John Hoyle Esq., of Haslingden.

DEATH.

BRIDGES.—On the 10th inst. at Long Thorns, Bridgwater, the V.W. Bro. Henry Bridges, P.G.S.B. England, and D.P.G.M. Somerset, aged 69.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1875.

NOTICE.

The *Freemason* of May 1st, containing a full report of the Installation, will be considerably enlarged. Orders should be given at once, to any news-agent.

NOTICE.

We beg to caution our readers once again against paying attention to any statements respecting the Installation, its arrangements, or its regulations, which do not emanate from Great Queen Street. We carefully keep the Craft acquainted with everything that is authoritatively decided and announced. Everything is proceeding in the most satisfactory way, reflecting the highest credit on those who have many arduous duties to perform.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

We are authorised with reference to the correspondence on this subject in our last impression, to say:

1. No suggestions are overlooked, all are carefully considered, and those likely to be useful and practicable acted upon.

2. The one ticket per lodge for M.M.'s will amount, not to one in twenty-five, but to one in ten of those who have applied to be present. To alter the system at the last moment would be simply impracticable, looking at the restrictions and precautions under which the ceremony must be necessarily conducted. It is not proposed to extend special favours to London over provincial lodges, in respect of Master Masons' admission.

3. Provincial Grand Officers, who attend as members of Grand Lodge, must wear, (over their Provincial Grand clothing, if that be worn) the light blue collars of the offices in virtue of which they are members of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.

4. After the conclusion of the ceremony and the departure of the brethren, there will be no sufficient attraction in the hall to warrant the admission of the public to view it.

PRINCE LEOPOLD.

Our Royal Bro. Prince Leopold has just given a fresh indication of his zeal for Freemasonry by joining a London Lodge. On Thursday, the 8th inst., the Prince was duly elected a joining member of that old and highly distinguished lodge, the Westminster and Key Stone, No. 10, which holds its meetings at Freemasons' Hall. On Thursday, the 4th of March, His Royal Highness was regularly proposed in open lodge by Bro. the Rev. T. Cochrane, Chaplain, and P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Oxon, and seconded by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and our Royal brother was then duly ballotted for at the following regular meeting of No. 10, on the 8th inst., the ballot box going round, the lodge in the usual manner. We need hardly add that the ballot proved unanimous in the Prince's favour. We feel sure that the whole Craft will appreciate the conduct of His Royal Highness in submitting to the ordeal of the ballot, and in fact going through the same forms that any ordinary joining member would have to go through. We understand that the Prince's health being almost completely re-established, it is now His Royal Highness's intention to be "raised" to the sublime degree of a M.M. at an emergency meeting of his mother lodge, the Apollo University, at Oxford, this day (Saturday, the 17th inst.)

THE PROGRESS OF MASONIC
ARCHÆOLOGY, NO. VII.

It is important to note what documents, the subject perhaps of much controversy, have been identified, as the study of Masonic Archæology has progressed. There is a document for instance, called the "Register of Wm. Molart," which for a long time puzzled Masonic students. It is quoted by most Masonic writers, principally on the faith of Wm. Preston, as a proof that in Henry VI. time Freemasonry was in existence in this country, and that Archbishop Chicheley was its patron, and that under his patronage a lodge was held at Canterbury during the early part of the fifteenth century. Mr. Halliwell first threw doubts on its existence, and no such register could be found. At last it occurred to a very learned antiquary, not a Freemason, Mr. W. Wallbran, of Ripon, the editor of the *Charters of Fountains Abbey*, that Wm. Molart was a misnomer for Wm. Molash, a quondam Prior of the same epoch, whose register was said to exist in Christ Church College library, Oxford. And there sure enough it was found by the sub-librarian of the Bodlian, the Rev. A. Hackman, also a non-mason. Thus the document was verified at last, showing that Wm. Preston's informant had probably seen the MS., but was too careless or too ignorant to transcribe its title correctly, much less its contents. On a page of the MS. is a record of the annual grant of "Murrey Cloth" by the priory to certain persons named, and at

the head of the page, stands Archbishop Chicheley Armiger. Lower down is "Le Loge Latorum." On the same page of the register are the "Magister," the two "Guardiani," and seven "apprenticii." All their names are given—which it is unnecessary to mention here. Thus, then the document is a true document, and though it does not prove what it was, for in Preston, it does show that there was a lodge of operative Freemasons in the early part of the fifteenth century, attached to Christ Church, Canterbury, in an organized form, much akin to our own to-day. In some of the historians we hear of a constitution of Edward the Third's reign; that is only a mistaken use of either a portion of the MS. poem, or of the MS. commonly called Matthew Cooke's—which have had various ages given to them, practically ad libitum, by Masonic writers, to illustrate views of their own. So too, as regards a MS. of the reign of Edward IV., sometimes mentioned; it is an extract from the Additional MS. just mentioned. The truth is, that the Masonic poem and the additional MS. were both well known to Anderson, at least, we believe so, for various reasons, and they have been made to do much service in the cause of Masonic enquiry. Of their reality and authenticity there is now no doubt. The Masonic Poem is certainly very early fifteenth century, if it be not late fourteenth century, and we do not despair of yet finding its original, as the name of its "Latin original" is found in a will, bequeathing the book to a college library in the sixteenth century. The additional MS. edited by Bro. M. Cooke, is probably, as Mr. Bond, of the British Museum, thinks, of the early part of the fifteenth century, and these MSS. prove to our mind clearly, the truth of the old Masonic tradition, that the operative guilds of Freemasons, were directed and controlled by the Monastic orders and were under ecclesiastical patronage! That they had a secret form of admission, and preserved certain modes of secret recognition is also, we think, now pretty clear, and hence the guild theory" as it is called, has received, day by day, as documents are sifted, and MSS. are collated, and compared, additional proofs of its inherent soundness, and historic truth.

THE ATTACK OF THE "SATURDAY
REVIEW."

The *Saturday Review* has been witty, "more suo," at the expense of our good old Order. Well, we are of opinion that, as Mr. Sam Weller would say, we shall "survive the operation." We have little fear, as we take but little concern of such attacks. Indeed, we think on the whole we "rather" like them. They do us a certain amount of good; they serve as a literary "stimulant" to Masonic zeal and ability, and they only tend to show us and to convince mankind how very ignorant a very witty "litterateur" can sometimes be. All that the *Saturday Review* has, by way of a joke against Freemasonry, and it falls, we confess, somewhat "stale, flat, and unprofitable" on us to-day, is that we "built the Tower of Babel," and that we "like a good dinner." These are two serious charges, and require an "exhaustive" treatment. If we did build the Tower of Babel we had a good deal to do probably with "bricks;" and that is why Freemasons are so often called "bricks," figuratively, for "good fellows." That they like a good dinner is undeniable, and we do not think the less of them on that account. Who does not? We will venture to say that the *Saturday Review* critic does as much as any one, and whether he eats it, surrounded by fellow literateurs, equally bland and sympathetic, or with dear, dear Lavinia at Laurel Cottage, "Oxon," we feel sure he enjoys it. Why should not Freemasons like a good dinner? We never could see, given the choice between a bad dinner and a good dinner, why Bro. Spriggins was to prefer the bad, and reject the good, even on any grounds whatever of philosophic asceticism. The truth is, that Freemasons, as men generally, do like good dinners, and when you have said that, you have said all, for they have a right to do so, and they are in the right in doing so. The *Saturday Review* takes an exception to Freemasonry, that

it teaches nothing, "but the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." Well, these are great truths in themselves, and in these days are most important, because, strange to say, a good deal put on one side, in our childish disputes and heated controversies. But Freemasonry does a good deal more than this. It proclaims unceasingly the sacred cause of "toleration," it denounces the "debasement practice of persecution," by whomsoever practised, it upholds the inalienable rights of the human conscience and free thought. Freemasonry favours ever full discussion, and an unrestricted "liberty of prophesying" for the divergent creeds and denominations of the human race. And surely this is a good deal. We get often into such narrow grooves of thinking and acting that we are inclined to denounce everybody and disagree with everybody else. Now Freemasonry possesses this great characteristic, that it is entirely tolerant. It may be in error in such a position, but it is its position, and it is one on which alike its safety and its greatness equally depend. It may be blamed by some because it seems to antagonize Christian dogma, thought it does not; it may be anathematized by others because it appears to exalt itself against ecclesiastical jurisdiction, though equally it does not, for in fact, it has to do with neither. It is simply a friendly and fraternal institution, offering a broad platform for men of opposing views outside the lodge, for members of various denominations, for those who differ, and differ widely in things political and religious in the world; a platform, we say, whereon they meet for works of active benevolence for the practice of the moral virtues and the recognition of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. To some earnest minds such a position will appear to fall short of Christian teaching; to others it will seem to be opposed to denominational interests. But such is the teaching of Freemasonry, and if the "proof of the pudding," be, as they say "in the eating," the universality of Freemasonry is the keystone of the great Masonic Arch of brotherly union and concord and has attracted to its organization countless good men and true, and not the less sincere believers and devout Christians. Despite the ridicule of our contemporary, Freemasonry is very flourishing, and Freemasons are very much in earnest. They "believe" alike in the old Craft and its tolerant principles, and they mean to adhere to it, "through evil report and through good report." Over a hundred years ago, an ingenious Frenchman thought he had devalued and ecrasé Freemasonry, and here it is, more powerful than ever. We have every reason to believe and to hope, that it will manage to survive the last "deliverance of the *Saturday Review*."

SPURIOUS CERTIFICATES.

We beg to call attention to a very serious matter. A very worthy and respected correspondent has sent us a spurious certificate, in blank, which, it appears, is given by some surreptitious French lodge in England, and seeks to deceive our English brethren, by leading them to believe it is a certificate from the Grand Orient of France. Probably it was some such certificate as this, which misled the brethren of the High Cross Lodge. We give a copy, verbatim et literatim, of all that is printed.

A. L. G. D. G. A. D. L'U,
Au nom de la Maçonnerie universelle,
A tous les Maçons réguliers répandus
sur la surface de la Terre,
S. F. U.

Nous Vénéral, Off, et M.M. de la Loge, St. Jean, sous le titre distinctif.

[In MS.] Jules Francois. Reynaud.
Who are Bros. Jules Francois and Reynaud? Are they brothers? We invite the attention of our excellent Bro. Caubet to this certificate, which we apprehend is entirely spurious.

The issue of certificates in blank is greatly to be deprecated, and we sincerely thank our worthy correspondent for calling attention to such an impropriety, and such an attempt to impose on our English brethren and others, as we cannot suppose that any regular body of Freemasons would sanction or commit such an irregular proceeding. The certificate is printed apparently at Marseilles, the name of the printer being illegible.

BROTHER CONSTABLE DRAWING.

We are requested by our worthy Bro. Constable to state, and we do so with much pleasure, that it has been decided to postpone the drawing until the 5th May, to take place, as previously arranged, at Bro. Chard's, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, Cannon St., E.C. Bro. Constable has already in hand sufficient money for 13 Life Governorships, and many of the supporters of the movement have intimated that their sales amount to a considerable sum. So far he sees his way clear to 18 Life Governorships, represented by upwards of 3,700 tickets. Bro. Constable states that his Stewardship at present amounts to £350, and this sum is lying on deposit at the Consolidated Bank. We congratulate our worthy brother on his praiseworthy efforts and the satisfactory response so far made to them by the Craft, and we trust that the result will be satisfactory alike to his own warm heart, will greatly benefit the charities, and will lead to the advancement of Masonic benevolence.

ENGLISH & FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

Our article on this subject lately, seems to have discomposed somewhat one or two friendly and fraternal critics. Our good Bro. J. G. Findel, for instance, in the *Bauhütte* of April 3, though only in a four line paragraph, expresses his disagreement with our article, and imputes to it "many errors," while praising Bro. Bergmann's letter in the "Freemason" with reference to German Freemasonry. We did not understand Bro. Bergmann as at all complaining of our statements, or imputing error to them—on the contrary—we understood his letter to be confirmatory of our views in the main. We do not profess to understand of what Bro. Findel complains. All we stated as regards German Freemasonry was, that Freemasonry in Germany was at present under different systems and G. lodges, but that the tendency of German Freemasonry latterly was to be content with Craft Masonry. We apprehend that in both our statements we are entirely borne out by the facts of the case. On looking back to Bro. C. Von Daden's "Kalendar für Freimaurer" for 1875, published by Bro. J. G. Findel, we find there are eight Grand Lodges in Germany, of which one has sixteen Scottish Rite lodges, one has 25 Andrew's lodges, one 7 inner Orients, belonging to them, besides Johannite lodges. This is the different system from ours to which we alluded, and which confessedly exists. Beyond this our remarks did not apply to German Freemasons or German Freemasonry. It was only a short time previously that we strongly protested against Cardinal Manning's attack on our Teutonic brethren, we therefore do not, as we said before, profess to understand what are the "many errors," which Bro. J. G. Findel finds in the article alluded to. Bro. C. Von Gager, in the Vienna "Freimaurer Zeitung" of April 2, makes a vehement attack on the same article of ours, which he heads "Masonic Pharisaism." As we did not allude to the Austrian Freemasons, Bro. Von Gager's fiery assault is altogether a "logomachy," rather a waste of words. We rejoice to hear from our worthy if angry brother, that in Austria the Freemasons are loyal subjects and good citizens, never meddle with politics or the problems of an advanced "socialism." Such a distinct fact, must reassure, one should think, any lingering scruples of the eminent minister Von Lasser. Our brother Von Gager gives us a new history of the formation of the English Grand Lodge, in that he says it was, as everybody knows, a "Deistical protest against confession." We don't know it. Indeed we are convinced that our good old Masonic forefathers, in 1717, cared very little about confession and the Pope, and that our historical revival had as little to do with such veils or feelings as possibly could be in this world of ours. The revival of 1717 was but a natural conclusion to the previous struggles of the operative guilds, a simple continuation of a previous purely operative Grand Assembly, though during the latter part of the 17th Century, speculative Masons like Ashmole were more freely admitted perhaps into the local lodges. We do not conceive that English Freemasonry

anywhere avows that it is "Deistical." All that it does say, is, that No Atheist can be admitted, but it is not a case of sequiter, that it therefore avows Deistical teaching, though it may for its own wise purposes of universal toleration, make its admission as wide as possibly could be, with safety to itself and its members. Bro. Von Gager goes a great deal further in his objections to our article and we see why he terms it Masonic Pharisaism, a somewhat unfaternal and unbecoming expression. He tells us, that the "highly praised proceedings of the English Lodges, as far as the religious portion is concerned, are unmasonic." That is to say, as he goes on to tell us, "the Bible is an unmasonic symbol." We should have been pleased had Bro. Von Gager stopped here, for even thus far there is sufficient difference between us in all conscience. But when he continues, "since the beginning of the last century, since the foundation of our Masonic Confederation, the sciences have made immense strides, especially the 'natural-sciences,' and the last have arrived at such a standpoint, that they by no means admit of an enquiry into the existence of a 'personal God'; we feel how hurtful would be the continuation of any controversy between us. For Bro. Von Gager goes on to say 'the fabric of the world exists, but of an Almighty Master Builder of all the Worlds, though faith knows well 'natural enquiry knows nothing of him.' Here then we stop, as we are pained ourselves, and our brethren in England will be pained we are sure, with such avowals. The progress of science in England has, we are warranted in saying, with some exceptions, no doubt, led to the conclusion that all we see around us here, so wonderful, so beautiful, so glorious, and so great, is the result of supreme contrivance, of infinite design, of eternal goodness, of Divine Creation; and that there is alike for natural enquiry, and for faithful trust, the one omnipotent and beneficent Architect of the Universe. We can quite understand Bro. Von Gager's dislike of 'Pharisaism,' and we might use angry expressions 'per contra,' but we refrain, remembering the good old adage, 'hard words butter no parsnips.' We confess that if Bro. Von Gager's views be the views of any large numbers of the Austrian Freemasons we hold the prospects of Austrian Freemasonry to be gloomy in the extreme, as such an absolute negation of all positive truth may well alarm the rulers of a country, and make Minister Von Lasser hesitate. We consider Bro. Von Gager's exposition of such opinions to be very unwise and very ill-timed and we are glad to think that we, in this old-fashioned England of ours, especially in our own true teaching of Freemasonry, are all as yet far removed, and long may we continue, from such destructive teaching, and such hurtful theories of philosophical unbelief.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

To the Editor of the Freemason

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As all of us Masons cannot attend the ceremony on the 28th inst. of the Installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, I suggest that every lodge should have a special meeting and banquet on the day of Installation.

Yours cordially,

A PAST MASTER AND P.P.G. OFFICER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Bro.

Much as I appreciate the suggestion of Bro. N.R. and others, in your paper of the 3rd inst., "that photographers should be engaged to take views of the installation," allow me to state to him that there are several reasons why his idea cannot be carried out; 1st, because the ceremony is to take place by gaslight; 2nd, photographers on that occasion must be Masons; 3rd, There is no lens yet constructed that would embrace the angle of the hall; 4th, that the experienced authorities having been consulted, very properly (I think) declined to give permission to take photographs. There is then only one method of rescuing so grand a sight from forgetfulness, and that is, the idea to which I have been giving my attention for the last three weeks, namely, to publish by means of photography a picture, which can be produced in different

sizes, of the ceremony at a given time, from photographs taken from life, containing portraits of all the Grand Officers, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren attending. This is now being completed by me, and I may state that I have already been favoured with sittings by between 2 and 300 brethren of distinction, and continue to receive many appointments from others desirous of furthering the object.

I am, Dear Sir and Bro., fraternally yours,

E. M. HAIGH, P.M., P.G. Steward.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Many suggestions having appeared in your columns for aiding our Masonic Charities at the forthcoming installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master of our Order, permit me, as a Provincial W.M., who hopes to have the honour of being present at the august procedure, to suggest to Bro. Binckes a scheme which would, I think, bring "grist to the mill," and at the same time accommodate many, who, like myself, will have to remain in London all night, and yet not be privileged to attend the grand banquet. Could not our brother arrange with some of our brethren who are lessees of London theatres to give a benefit night for the Royal Institution for Boys? If so, he then might send to each lodge a number of tickets to be disposed of; say at 5s., 7s. 6d., and 10s. each. I have no doubt a full house would thus be secured, and two most essential objects gained, viz.: amusement and philanthropy.

If you think the above hint worthy of consideration, you will greatly oblige by its insertion in your cosmopolitan journal.

Yours, most respectfully and fraternally,

R.H.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Hughan's letter, pointing out how small a proportion of the candidates for the two Masonic Schools are children of subscribers, is well worth the gravest consideration. I am afraid that in, but too many instances, candidates are admitted into Masonry, whose position and prospects are not such as admit the likelihood of their being able to afford subscriptions to the Masonic Charities, and I submit that when our Book of Constitutions was drawn up, the pecuniary limit then fixed, was intended to exclude such candidates. I do not know when the fee to Grand Lodge and the minimum below which no one was permitted to be initiated were fixed, but I think it dates back to the "Articles of Union;" anyhow no alteration has been made for many years, and looking to the change in the value of money, and how all classes have trodden closer on those above them, I am quite convinced that the time has come to raise the minimum fee, and I should be much pleased to see £5 5s. take the place of £3 3s. There is a growing feeling in the Craft, and especially in some provinces, that Freemasonry is too cheap, and that something must be done to keep up our prestige.

Yours fraternally,

P. G. D.

"THE SCOTTISH FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE" AND THE "DEFENCE OF FREEMASONRY."

To the Publisher of the Freemason.

Dear Brother Kenning,—

I have read a review of my little work in your recently established Scottish contemporary, which appears to call for a few remarks from me.

I am, as you know, the last person to deprecate honest criticism, and when the writer of the review states that "his style (that is, mine) is not so clear nor his method so logical as could be wished," I at once bow to such complimentary expressions, though I am somewhat amused to note, that the reviewer himself must fairly be admired for the bappy confusion of both thought and language, alike in his position and his arguments. The reviewer may be quite right in finding fault with the division of the objections into those of "theory" and those of "practice," but he is quite wrong in saying that the first objection under the first head, and the second objection under the second head may be regarded as anticipated in the third objection under the first head." There is great confusion of apprehension here, as no subjects can be more dissimilar or distinct. Indeed it is a criticism without force or meaning.

The reviewer is quite justified in pointing out that there does arise "a repetition of the treatment of the subject," but then that is the inevitable consequence of the objections I had to deal with. Had I lumped them altogether, I should have been told that I had not paid due attention to them, and therefore I preferred to take them "seriatim" and in detail, even at the risk of obvious "weakening of the force of the argument, taken as a whole." This repetition occurs in respect of the one objection that Freemasonry is an eclectic system (not an "elective" system as in the S.F.M.) in itself, "disregarding all other religious bodies," and Mr. Kerr's complaint that "it forms a Masonic bond of union among men, opposed to the true teaching of the Gospel." These objections had been made, and they had to be met and dealt with, and as one was theoretical and the other practical, I treated them accordingly. They might, perhaps, be more conveniently conjoined, and disposed of under the same head. Beyond this I note no remarks requiring much comment, except that for obvious causes, and to prevent any misapprehension of my views by the Scottish brethren, I feel bound to supplement this short answer with a few explanations.

I should have thought that the reviewer would see that the belief in God the Father necessarily led to an acceptance of the great truth of immortality. I did not deal with it, as it appeared to me a self-evident proposition, and I cannot understand any one accepting the Divine creation and moral government of the world, together with the inspired Revelation, who does not also accept the future life of

man. On natural grounds we can arrive at it, as I believe, much more in the teachings and declarations of positive truth. I did not consider it therefore needful or advisable to dilate on such a subject, so clearly developed in all our Masonic symbolism and rites. The point of the prayers is a very difficult one. To myself, personally, of course, outside the lodge, I fully accept the common teaching of Christianity, but inside the lodge, on our own principles, how am I to act? We profess to receive Hebrews and other non-Christians. How are we to treat them? Are we to ignore their principles, or to disregard their beliefs? In fact is the lodge-room to be the arena of a Masonic proselytism? We must boldly face the difficulty of the whole question, and there is no use blinking it.

In England our prayers are universal or theistic for the most part now; in Scotland and in Ireland they are also sometimes Christian, though not universally. Many good men and true, and most orthodox in their generation, have found no difficulty, as I find none, in the "universal prayer" in the lodge room, on our avowed principles; and though I admit many may object to such a position, I believe it to be the true teaching of universal Freemasonry. But I speak with a good deal of hesitation and deference on the subject, as it is confessedly a very difficult one, and to many a "crucial test," an irremovable objection against Freemasonry.

I confess that I do not understand the reviewer's position or views on the subject, but that may arise from my own great dullness and want of a combination of vigour and delicacy of argumentive (sic) nervousness and wise discrimination, as the reviewer so eloquently writes. What he means by his own words, I don't pretend to understand, much less to explain.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me through your columns, on behalf of numerous brethren, to return our thanks to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to Major-General Brownrigg, and to the brethren of Colchester, Aldershot, and the Brownrigg Lodge of Unity, Chatham, as well as to those of the provinces of Essex, Kent and Surrey, for securing by their votes the election into the Masonic Girls' School, to-day, of Fanny Craig, the orphan daughter of the late Serjt. Craig, of the 10th Regiment. While thanking them all very sincerely both for their votes and for their influence, I may perhaps call to the attention of the Craft generally, that the great interest which the Prince of Wales feels in our Order takes a practical form, and that the votes which he has in our charitable institutions by virtue of his liberal donations, are given to candidates at our half yearly elections.

I remain, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

SAMUEL COLE,

Quarter Master, Royal Engineers.

Aldershot, April 10th.

THE "FATHER OF FREEMASONRY"

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the *Illustrated London News* of Saturday last appeared a portrait of the oldest Freemason in England.

Having at the present moment living amongst us in "vigorous age," an older Freemason, although not an older man, I venture to trouble you with a very brief sketch of a worthy and esteemed brother, asking you to do me the favour to insert the same in your next paper.

Bro. Francis David Michael, of Russell-st., Swansea, is in his 91st year.

He was initiated into Freemasonry in April, 1814, at Haverfordwest, and is therefore 6 years the senior of the brother named in the *Illustrated London News*. Removing to Swansea, Bro. Michael took his second and third degrees in the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 333, became the W.M. in 1818, was one of the founders of the Virtue and Hope R. A. Chapter, filling in it almost every chair, including that of First Principal. He is at the present time an honorary member of almost every lodge in South Wales, is a Past Grand Warden of the Province, and for very many years held the post of Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Michael has in the course of his Masonic career initiated upwards of 300 persons into Masonry.

His impressive rendering of the various ceremonies for many years left him without a rival, and among his brother Masons he is highly esteemed and beloved, his name being a "household word," invariably spoken with kindness.

I am, dear sir and brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,
EDWARD J. MORRIS, D.P.G.M.
Swansea, April 12th, 1875.

NEW MASONIC LODGE DRAMATIC.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your valuable journal of March 27th contains a report of Lodge St. George, 333, in which some allusion is made to our petition for Lodge Dramatic. The same article having been published in the *North British Daily Mail*, (Glasgow), I answered it, stating facts, and shewing our brethren the actual position in which we stand. The copy of my answer I send you now, and beg that you will make it as public as possible, for the other tends to injure us where this will disabuse the mind of all the Craft and shew that it is our desire to work sure and constitutionally.

I am yours fraternally,

WILLIAM DOBSON.

Sir,—I observe in your columns of Saturday a report of a meeting of Lodge St. George, 333. I would beg to call the attention of brother Masons to the fact that in speaking of the petition for proposed new Lodge Dramatic he (Bro. Alex. Thomson R. W. M.) mentions us as being migratory. That some theatrical people are so I do not deny; but as it tends to disparage our cause in the eyes of our Masonic brethren, I would beg to call the attention of the Craft to the following facts:—

1. We made it an especial study to select brethren who were householders, and had been citizens for years—knowing that to be qualified as office-bearers it was essential they should be so.

2. I am myself a householder for 13 years, and have been 15 years engaged in the theatre Royal.

3. Brother Barbour has been in theatre 12 years past, and householder for 14 years past.

4. Brother Jackman has been in theatre for 9 years, and householder for seven years.

5. Brother Sievwright has been in theatre for years, and a householder for a long time.

6. Brother Vallance has been in Theatre Royal and Gaiety for 10 years, and a householder for 7 years.

7. Brother Smyth has been in theatre for 7 years, and in Glasgow all his life.

8. Brother T. Hayes has been engaged in theatre for 5 years, and a householder.

9. Brother M'Gregor here in theatre for a long number of years, and a householder.

10. Brother Campbell here in theatre for years, and always in Glasgow.

11. Brother Mills in theatre for 7 years, and always in Glasgow.

12. Brother Groves at present here, and is now a permanent member.

Now, I have given a just account of who form our office-bearers, and I think we can be hardly brought under the category of "here to day and away to morrow." It may sound very well for them to use these terms, but I am sure that a lodge such as we petition for would be a great boon to professionals, and a want that no one can feel so much as we, the petitioners, do. Trusting you will give this a little space in your valuable paper.—I am, &c.,
Theatre Royal, March 13. WILLIAM DOBSON.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. X.Y., a Scotch Mason, arrives in our town in October or November. Never visited the lodge, but is proposed as a joining member at a lodge of emergency in December. On St. John's Day, the business of the lodge, installation and investment of officers, is deferred (contrary to bye-law No. 11) by order of the W.M. (this being his second year in office) who directs the ballot for Bro. X.Y. to be taken, who is elected. Immediately after the W.M. proceeds with the business, and appoints and installs Bro. X.Y. as Senior Warden of the lodge, before his name could appear on any books as a member of the English Constitution, or the minutes of the lodge be confirmed.

Is this correct and legal?

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

[In our opinion, the brother alluded to was not eligible until he was registered in the English Grand Lodge, and had received his English Grand Lodge certificate. The confirmation of the minutes has nothing to do with the ballot. On appeal to the Board of General Purposes, the appointment would, we are inclined to think, be cancelled, as "ultra vires."—E.D.]

Reviews.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM AND FREEMASONRY.

By WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

A friend has sent me a copy of "The Irish Ecclesiastical Record" for April, published under the sanction of Cardinal Cullen, because it contains an article on "Freemasonry."

I hope that our learned Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., who has lately presented the Craft with a most readable and able "Defence of Freemasonry," will peruse it and favour us with a short answer in the pages of the *Freemason*, if indeed it merits any attention at all.

My object now is mainly to ask the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, if they, the actual members, know aught of the society to which they belong, for if they do (and if we do) then the writer of the article in question cannot be speaking of the same institution, wilfully misrepresents it, or is "perpetuating a joke." It is not my intention to attempt any answer in the present sketch to the statement found in the "Irish Ecclesiastical Record," because I should much prefer our Rev. Bro. Woodford to have that gratification, he having so recently written a "Defence" of the society, in every sense, worthy of the cause. We shall simply furnish a few extracts for the amusement and information of your readers.

The first sentence is as follows:—"It needs no very acute observation to recognise the fact that Freemasonry is struggling with a fierce and a more determined energy than ever against the liberty, nay, against the very existence of the Catholic Church."

One great object of the *Freemason* is to enlighten the fraternity, and afford information to the Craft, so the above extract will, I think, be information indeed for the majority, if not for all of its readers.

The first charge in our Book of Constitutions, after declaring that "a Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law," and to heed the claims of conscience, states that Freemasons "are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion." The latter clause was never much more wanted, I think, than at the present time, so we ask the forbearance and compassion of Masonic students

whilst reading this, the first declaration in the Irish Record on Freemasonry.

The writer also says that "its chiefs make now but little effort to conceal what was all along felt by the Church to be a certainty, that its deadly warfare is with catholicity; its doctrines and morality; its spiritual head on earth; and those members of it who practice its precepts."

What can any one say to such a falsehood? It is really so absurd that it seems childish to desire a confutation. I have visited lodges a few times, but never heard Roman Catholicism referred to, and I believe our experience agrees with many whose widespread knowledge of the Order dwarfs my limited acquaintance with the Society, and suggests our silence on such a subject.

Occasionally at a banquet a speaker indulges in a little innocent mirth by making known a few of the latest objections of the Roman Catholic Priesthood to the Society, but that is only when the more serious business of the Order has been attended to, and certainly if so doing means being open to the charge of engaging in deadly warfare with the Roman Church, the assertion is true!

Then, again, a wonderful discovery is made and ushered in with the following startling words:—

"Freemasonry, even amongst ourselves, where it does not dare to put itself forth in all its native deformity and a bomination, means nothing less than a battle against Catholicism, and a perpetuation, though under another name, of the ascendancy that for so many generations sat, like a dismal and torturing nightmare, on the energy, the industry, the intellectual vigour, and the freedom of the Catholic people of Ireland."

Then to complete the discovery, and prove the simplicity of the writer, there follows this declaration:—

"We should be a marvellously simple, or a marvellously stupid race, if in the presence of the recent history of Freemasonry, we had failed to reach to this appreciation of the objects of the organisation."

Were it not that I am again reminded in our "ancient charges" already alluded to, that "Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love," I should be inclined to agree with the writer that he must be either "simple, or marvellously stupid," or most likely both.

We are gravely told that Freemasonry "keeps the mastery wherever it can, and holds up the temptation of advancement in professional life, of success in trade, of social recognition here at home, and social greeting abroad, as lures to catch Catholics within its toils. But its efforts have been comparatively fruitless, for Catholics are staunch against the proffered bribe."

Such a disgraceful misrepresentation of the Masonic Society cannot mislead the Craft, because they know otherwise, but it may possibly lead some to have doubts of the Order, there being a popular notion of such worldly advantages in connection with the fraternity.

No one can join our lodges without pledging himself to exactly the reverse of the foregoing description, so we leave it to any sane man to form his own opinion on the subject. Should any such beings as the worthy alluded to obtain a footing in our Order, and their practices be discovered, all we can say is, they are sure to meet with the treatment they deserve. Any anxious to be Freemasons with any such appreciations as the Roman Catholic writer holds out, and will pass over our threshold by telling deliberate lies, may rest assured that ultimately their low-minded and selfish propensities will be exposed, and held up to the scorn and contempt of all right thinking, pure-minded Masons.

But we are not only told what we know not of Freemasonry, but are treated to statistics. "At the close of last year there were no less than eight millions of Freemasons in the world!" This will be news for the Editor of the *Freemason* and ourselves, who from trustworthy documents, had come to the conclusion that there were about one million of contributing members, and probably about as many more unaffiliated!

Of these "eight millions" it appears, but few know anything of the real objects of the society, the maximum of the fully informed, not exceeding "five hundred thousand!" Then follows the charitable remark, that if the Craftsmen were asked to do "what the oath of Masonry pledges every man who takes it," in reference to any conceivable business or engagement of life, "they would look upon the man as an idiot, or more likely as a rogue and a scoundrel, fit for the attention and primitive administration of the nearest policeman."

"Idiot" or "scoundrel" are the terms he uses, but they are mild compared with those which he deserves, who has put together such trash, unless indeed he is but the tool of his party, and has, alas, sold his conscience and his mind to an intolerant, persecuting, and unscrupulous sect!

We leave this part, fully agreeing with the writer, that he is a rogue, an idiot and a scoundrel, who accepts this statement of what Freemasonry is.

The author of "Freemasonry" says, "It is idle to speak of the possibility of genuine Catholicity co-existing with Masonry," and yet, soon after, he actually finds fault with the *Monde Maçonnique* for declaring: "One cannot be at the same time a Mason and a Catholic." We do not accept the teachings of the *Monde Maçonnique* as rightly illustrative of Freemasonry, in fact many of its statements are at variance with our principles, both in this country and the United States, and generally throughout Germany; but in this instance the magazine has the support of the *Irish Record*, and in condemning it, the latter condemns also itself.

Towards the end, the motive which prompted the article being written is seen. "The heir apparent of the English throne, the Grand Master," is grouped with other illustrious personages to prove that Protestantism has

yielded, and now the "Catholic Church is the only religious institution that dares to do battle with Masonry." Ride, si sapis!

LONG LIVE THE PRINCE.

This popular song, one among many in the "Freemason's Liber Musicus," will be sung by Bro. George Perren, at the installation Banquet on the 28th inst. The song having met with so great a success, the Composer Dr. Wm. Sparks has been induced to issue it in a separate form, with music, price 3s.

LONG LIVE THE PRINCE.

Oh! Masonry, our hearts inspire,
Warm us with thy true sacred fire,
Our Prince obedient to thy laws
With joy we hail him to the cause,
Oh! may our greatest pleasure be
To greet him Prince of Masonry,
For it, and virtue are the same
Loud then we'll hail his glorious name.

Chorus

Long live our Prince,
Just, true, and wise,
God bless the Prince
Masonry cries!

We are obedient to our laws,
Zealously to support our cause,
Like him we feel a brother's woe
And feeling comfort we bestow,
Letting no brother draw the sigh
His grief unnoticed pass him by
Oh may he, as a brother true
The paths of Masonry pursue.

Chorus

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The April Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this school, was held on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major John Creaton was called on to preside, and among the brethren who supported him, and who were very numerous, were Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, A. H. Tattershall, John Symonds, S. Rawson, Capt. Henry Smith, (West Yorkshire); Robert B. Webster, Walter Wellsman, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Edw. Harris, W. F. Smith, Fred. Tyerman, W. F. C. Moutrie, F. Adlard, F. Davison, Owen James Grace, Jesse Turner, Thomas W. White, Samuel May, George Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, Edw. Cox, Thomas Fenn, E. S. Snell, Charles Coote, Dr. Ramsay, Quarter Master Samuel Cole, R.E., Aldershot; H. Ebsworth, John Coultis, C. A. Cottebrune, George Snow, H. M. Levy, W. Stephens, Owen J. Carter, (Strood); John Read, W. Smead, and R. W. Little, (Secretary). After the minutes of former meetings had been read, and confirmed, Bro. John Symonds proposed, and Bro. S. Rawson seconded the election of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, (Grand Treasurer), as Treasurer of this institution, and Bro. Tomkins was therefore elected unanimously. Bro. H. M. Levy was elected a member of the general committee of the school, and the court after appointing scrutineers of votes, proceeded to the election of thirteen girls, out of a list of thirty-two candidates. At the declaration of the poll the following candidates were declared duly elected, by the number of votes placed opposite to their respective names:—

Bingham, Mabel Ellen	1284
Stransom, Laura Sophia	1270
Owens, Elizabeth	1080
Case, Emily	1039
Rogers, Mary Sarah	1018
Scott, Annie Eliza	997
Phillips, Minnie	940
Craig, Fanny	927
Trumble, Elizabeth	885
Tipper, Emma Elizabeth	811
Christie, Ellen Sophia	809
Barsby, Mary Emma	806
Kite, Ada Elizabeth	759

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and chairman, closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers to this institution was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and among the brethren present were Bros. Major Creaton, Charles Cobb, Capt. Henry Smith (West Yorkshire); S. Rawson, H. Massey, Dr. Ramsay, Charles Greenwood, Hugh D. Sandeman, Thomas Smith, L. Finch, Sidney R. Brooks, Thomas W. White, Robert B. Webster, J. L. Hine, James A. Birch, W. F. C. Moutrie, Jesse Turner, F. Adlard, W. Lane, Joseph F. Starkey, J. Terry, J. M. Chadwick, J. Macdonald, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rosenthal, John Huggins, Alfred A. Pendlebury, A. D. Loewenstark, Wm. Smead, E. Cox, Thomas Price, L. Stean, J. M. P. Montagu, John Marson, James Kidner, A. GreatRex, R. Harland Whiteman, E. Spooner, F. B. Davage, George M. E. Snow, E. Coste, W. B. Baylis, Alfred Avery, Wm. Stephens Page, of Maidstone; and F. Binckes, Secretary.

Bro. Major Creaton proposed, and Bro. Charles Greenwood seconded, the re-election of Bro. George Plucknett as Treasurer.

Bros. Henry Law and William Blackmur were elected to fill two vacancies which have occurred, one by death, and the other by qualification as life governor, on the General Committee. Lord Skelmersdale and Bro. Bentley Shaw were elected Trustees of the General Fund, and Lord Skelmersdale and Major Creaton, Trustees of the Sustentation Fund. Scrutineers of votes were then appointed,

and the election of eight boys, out of a list of forty-eight candidates for admission to the school was proceeded with. At half-past four o'clock, Bro. S. Rawson, Chairman of the Scrutineers, came into the board-room with the Scrutineers and announced the result of the election, and the following boys were declared successful:—

Davies, James Sanders	2139
Armitage, Charles Edgar	1841
Swallow, John Tom	1828
Pilling, Thomas Smith	1765
Buttrey, James Armitage	1749
Marks, James Thomas	1637
Jackson, William Henry	1599
Kerr, Arthur David	1554

Capt. Smith proposed, and Bro. Edw. Cox seconded a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers, which was carried unanimously, and Bro. S. Rawson responded.

A vote of thanks to the chair was passed, and Bro. Symonds, in acknowledging it, said that they had been able that day to admit but very few boys to the school, which must be a great disappointment. But he hoped it would be a further incentive to the supporters of this institution to give and get still greater subscriptions, that its benefits might be extended, and that there might be less and less distress, consequent on unsuccessful candidates being thrown out.

This closed the proceedings, and the brethren separated

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, Major John Creaton in the Chair. There were also present Bros. Joseph Smith, John Constable, C. A. Cottebrune, Thomas W. White, James Brett, W. Stephens, W. Hilton, John G. Stephens, H. M. Levy, Griffiths Smith, John Bellerby, Thomas Cubitt, J. Newton, K. Stean, C. Lacey, C. F. Hogard, and James Terry, Secretary.

There was but little business before the brethren. The minutes were read, and confirmed, and the announcement was made of the death of Bro. Osment, of Sherborne, Dorset, at the age of 100 years, and that he had received, while he had been a recipient of an annuity from this Institution, the amount of between £500 and £600 from its funds.

The Collector of the Institution, Bro. W. Lane, having volunteered, by letter read to the committee, to make a reduction in the amount of his commission on sums collected by him, the same was agreed to with the thanks of the Committee.

Bro. Griffith Smith asked whether the list of subscribers &c. could not be published every year instead of every two years. At present, the names of subscribers of last year were not to be found in the list, but only those of the year before.

The Chairman, having enquired of the Secretary how this matter stood,

Bro. Terry said that the 500 books that were printed lasted for two years, and no new book was published until the old stock was exhausted.

It was then arranged that a smaller number should be printed, and that a new list should be published every year.

The Committee then adjourned.

PRESENTATION TO A PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The brethren of West Lancashire have again done themselves honour by recognising the valuable and hearty services rendered to the Craft by a distinguished member of the fraternity. Every brother in West Lancashire must have, on more than one occasion, admired the singular enthusiasm, cordiality, and invariable geniality with which Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, M.A., performed the important duties of Prov. Grand Chaplain during his tenure of office; and now that he is numbered amongst the Past P.G. Chaplains, the recognition of his excellent services was a natural result. This took place on Saturday last, when an interesting presentation of a handsome gold hunting watch, accompanied by a suitable address, was made to Bro. Goggin at his residence, Rufford Rectory, near Ormskirk. The subscriptions were given by the brethren in the province, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master England, Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire, being the President of the committee. The watch bore the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. J. F. Goggin, J.P., Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, by his Masonic brethren of West Lancashire, with their fraternal regards in recognition of past services." The address was as follows:—

"To the Rev. J. F. Goggin, J.P., Past Prov. G. Chaplain, W.L., Rufford Rectory.

Reverend and Dear Sir and Brother,—The brethren of the province of West Lancashire present you with the accompanying gold watch on your retirement from office as Prov. Grand Chaplain, in testimony of the high esteem in which you are held by those brethren, the kind and considerate manner in which you have discharged your important duties, the many admirable sentiments conveyed to them in the various special prayers and orations prepared by you with so much care and ability, and delivered so impressively, and of their heartiest wishes not only for your happiness and welfare, but that you will continue to take an active part in their Masonic institutions.—We are, reverend and dear sir and brother, yours very faithfully and fraternally,

SKELMERSDALE, President, Dep. G.M., England, Prov. G.M., W.L.

GEORGE TURNER, Secretary and Treas., P.M. 86, 822, &c., PZ. 86, 216, 823.

Bro. Captain Turner (in the unavoidable absence of Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. G. M., president of the fund, on

parliamentary duties), after expressing the great pleasure it afforded him in being the privileged medium through which the presentation was made, begged Bro. Goggin's acceptance of the watch as a slight acknowledgement of the feelings of the brethren of the province towards him, and their high appreciation of his endeavours to promote the Masonic principles of brotherly love, good feeling, and religious truth during his term of office, trusting that he would long be spared to wear it. The address having been read, Bro. Goepel, Prov. G.D. of C., added a few eulogistic remarks on Bro. Goggin's earnestness in the performance of his important duties; when Bro. Goggin, in a feeling manner, thanked the brethren for their kind consideration, which he felt to be far beyond his deserts, his duties having been throughout of a most pleasing character, and, accepting the watch as an earnest proof of the goodwill of the brethren, promised to continue his exertions in the interests of Masonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, WEST YORKSHIRE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted at the meeting to be held at the Drill Hall, Prescott, Halifax, on Wednesday April 21st

The Roll of Lodges will be called.

The Roll of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers will be called.

The Minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Doncaster, on Wednesday, July 21st, 1874, will be read for confirmation.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P., D.L., P.M. 61, will be duly installed by Major Le Gendre N. Starkie, J.P., D.L., R.W., Prov. G.M., East Lancashire.

The R.W.P.G. Master will then invest W. Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.M., 910, as Deputy Prov. G. Master, and afterwards appoint and invest the Provincial G. Officers for the ensuing year.

Bro. Edward Sewell will move the resolution respecting the Masonic Charities which, by his request, was postponed on July 8th, 1874.

Bro. William Smith, P.M., 290, 1462, will move the omission of the following paragraph from Bro. Sewell's motion viz.: "Especially the Royal M. Institutions for Boys and Girls."

The Prov. G. Treasurer will be elected.

The R.W.P.G. Master will move that the cordial thanks of the brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge be accorded to the W. Brother Bentley Shaw, J.P., D.L., for his invaluable services to the Craft as D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, for the past eleven years.

Bro. John Ward, P.M. 600, will ask when and by what authority By-Law No. 35 was altered, and move that the By-Law as passed at the Prov. G. L. held at Leeds on the 6th October, 1864, be for the future put in force.

To transact the usual business of the Province.

Petitions for relief will be submitted for consideration.

The Provincial G. Stewards will then form the brethren in procession, and proceed to the Parish Church for Divine Service.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM GOODYER, P.M. 192.

We have this week the very painful duty to perform, of announcing the somewhat sudden death of our much esteemed Bro. William Goodyer, which sad event took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Our late brother, Wm. Goodyer, was Past Master of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and Past First Principal of the Robert Burns R.A. Chapter. His remains were interred in Brompton Cemetery, on Monday last, in the presence of many sorrowing relations and friends.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 23, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 17.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, APRIL 19.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 907, Royal Alfred, Freemason's Hall.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemason's Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.

Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

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

" 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 435, Salisbury, Freemason's Hall.

Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Rishopgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

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

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

Grand Stewards' Lodge.

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

" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.

" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 857, St. Mark's, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.

Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park. Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.

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

" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.

" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

Chap. 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arm's Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.

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

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

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

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

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

Honse Committee, Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.

" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

St. George's Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

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

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 24, 1875.

MONDAY, APRIL 19.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
" 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale at 6.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1350, Fernor-Hes'eth, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence, School, Kirkdaie.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on the 15th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road. Bro. James Willing, junr., W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Michael, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; George Tims, Sect.; Kingham, S.D.; Side, J.D.; Douglass, I.G.; Thomas Adams, P.G.M.; Scales, Fowler, Cadell, Smith, Cheek, Rapkin, Jones, Saintsbury, Hatton, Stiles, Cox, Shand, Read; and visitors Bros. G. Plummer, F. H. Plummer, Robinson, and Harris. Bros. Horton, Shand, Saintsbury, and Triton of this lodge, and Bros. Robinson and Plummer of No. 177 were raised. Bro. Read was passed, and Messrs. Simond and Taylor were initiated. Bro. Brede, No. 73, was elected a joining member. Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the parent lodge. The Master Mason's Ticket set apart for this lodge for the Installation of the Prince of Wales on Wednesday next was unanimously awarded to Bro. Kingham, J.D., on account of his progress in Freemasonry, his excellent working, his zeal for the lodge, and being one of its founders. The W.M. announced to the brethren his appointment as Steward for the same festival, and the brethren afterwards closed the lodge and adjourned to refreshment.

INSTRUCTION.

DEPTFORD.—WELLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 548).—On Monday, the 19th, the annual festival of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, 548, was held at the White Swan Inn, High Street, Deptford, when the chair was occupied by Bro. James Terry, P.G.D., Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, &c., supported by Bro. Griffin, P.M. 933, (the Treasurer of the lodge) as S.W., and by Bro. Green, as J.W. Several sections of the lecture in the first degree were worked by Bro. Terry, who was ably assisted by Bro. Dilley, P.M. 147 and 1155, the esteemed Preceptor of the lodge, and by Bro. Shaw, S.W. 79, the Assistant Preceptor. There were also present Bro. Dabac, S.W. 169; Bro. Waterman, J.D. 147; Bro. Hutchings, 147; Bro. R. A. Smith, 13; Bro. Massey, (Freemason); Bros. Bear, Bolton, Roper, Dingle, Mocketis, Johnson, Homan, and many others, members of lodges, in the neighbourhood of Deptford and Greenwich, making up a company of about fifty in all. We must not forget to mention Bro. Macdonald, J.W. 1151, the indefatigable Secretary, to whose exertions, and to the unremitting interest he takes in its affairs, the success of the lodge is, we believe, in a great measure due. After some time had been occupied in labour, the lodge was called off to refreshment, and proceeded to the banquet room, where an excellent repast had been provided by Mrs. Porter, the landlady, whose efforts to please her guests were crowned with complete success. On the cloth being withdrawn, the chairman proceeded to propose the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were warmly responded to by the brethren present. In proposing "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales," he said that his advent to the Masonic Throne on Wednesday next would be one of the greatest events that had ever happened in Freemasonry, as between 7000 and 8000 Masons entitled to be present at Grand Lodge would be gathered together by the interest excited by this great event through the length and breadth of the land; and that the event was sympathized in as a kind of protest against the secession which took place lately. Three Royal Princes were expected to be present; he believed that five Princes had been present on a former occasion of the kind, but three was the greatest number they could have at the present time. In proposing "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the P. Grand Master, and the Earl of Skelmersdale, as Deputy Grand Master," the chairman said that the brethren were aware that the former had been selected, because of his being so thoroughly acquainted with the duties of his office, and with the business routine of Grand Lodge; Lord Skelmersdale was the most intimate friend of His Royal Highness, and his appointment as Deputy Grand Master was likely to prove one of the most popular appointments that the Prince of Wales could have made. He had already presided at the festival of one of

the Institutions, and had adjourned the others, that whenever they needed a chairman he should be very happy to occupy the position. Bro. Terry concluded by expressing his belief that the remaining appointments of Grand Officers, to be made on the 28th by the Grand Master, would prove equally popular. Bro. Terry: I now have to submit to you what I may call the toast of the evening, that is, "Prosperity to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction." We all know that lodges of instruction cannot go on and prosper unless there are good officers attached to them. The first element of success is an excellent Secretary, and you must also look out for a brother to act as Preceptor. The Preceptor must be one who will not only occupy the position and discharge its duties, but he must be one whom the members can look up to with respect, and one endowed with a sense of responsibility and authority. Now, I believe that your great success as a lodge is due to the fact that you have a very excellent Secretary and a very excellent Preceptor. After referring to a very pleasant meeting held last year, at which he (the chairman) had worked the ceremony of Installation, he proceeded to wish continued prosperity to their efforts, and that as years went by they would witness the great benefits conferred by the lodge in the making its members qualified to undertake the duties of any office whose honours might be thrust upon them, reminding them that though as good Masons they were all prepared to serve and obey, no one was insensible to a little bit of decoration, and that the honours of office were a praiseworthy object to strive after. He concluded by drinking success to the lodge, with which he coupled the name of Bro. Bolton, who replied in a few words, leaving facts and figures to be stated by the Secretary. Bro. Dilley (Preceptor): In virtue of my office, as though we were in regular lodge, I ask you to look upon me as Immediate P.M., and it becomes my duty to propose "The Health of the Presiding Master." Well, we are not in a regular lodge, but we do know that we are being presided over by one who has carved a name in Freemasonry that I think I may honestly say is second to none that we know of. Every one who knows Bro. Terry, not only thinks of him as a good Mason, but as an excellent man. I have known Bro. Terry from my earliest moments in Masonry, and I have ever found him the kindest of men, always anxious to oblige and serve brethren individually, while he devotes his life to the good of the fraternity at large. I ask brethren to be upstanding, and drink to the health and happiness of our Presiding Master, Bro. Terry. Bro. Terry, in returning thanks, said that flattery had one good effect; by the praises expressed, the truth of which we doubted, we learned the speaker's ideal of a good man, and thus we might turn flattery to our advantage, if we learned from it to model our lives to deserve these praises. He thanked them for their cordial reception of this toast. He was under obligations to Freemasons throughout the whole country, but to those of this district he was specially indebted. The institution he represented had received great benefit from his friends in that neighbourhood. Whenever he was in want of a Steward, or required an effort made, his friends in the South were always ready to help him, and he felt proportionately grateful. Bro. Terry concluded with some genial remarks expressive of the warmth of his attachment to his friends in the district; and then proceeded to propose "The Health of the Secretary and Preceptor," whose speeches in reply we have not space to give in extenso, but must content ourselves with noting the very favourable results spoken of by Bro. Macdonald, viz., that they had had 52 meetings in the year, with a gross attendance of 805, giving an average attendance of 15½ at each meeting. Three years ago their average attendance was 9 and one ninth. Financially their position was also satisfactory. The balance brought forward was £3 2s., they had received £14 6s. 7s. They had paid £5 to the Aged Freemasons, and £5 5s. to the Boys' School. The expenses of the consecration were £5 5s., and there was a balance of 10s. in favour of the lodge. Bro. Macdonald concluded by saying that they all had cause to be proud of the manner in which the lodge had prospered, and trusted that he and those others who took so warm an interest in its success, might be spared to continue to promote its welfare.

LIVERPOOL.—MERCHANTS' LODGE (No. 241).—The monthly meeting of this prosperous and influential lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a very large assembly of members and distinguished visitors, testifying to the popularity of the W.M. of the lodge, whose year's reign will shortly terminate. The influence and position of the Merchants' Lodge have long been recognised in the province, and the results of its efforts have more than once given it a prominent place in Masonic records. The lodge business was opened by Bro. W. M. Chudley, W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. Robinson, P.M.; J. I. Knight, P.M.; R. Brown, S.W.; G. Hutchin, J.W.; S. J. McGeorge, P.M., Treas.; G. Peet, Hon. Sec.; J. Winsor, S.D.; — Smith, Organist; W. Savage, Johnston, J. Latta, Jacobs, and others; and amongst the visitors were Bros. H. Allpass, P.G. Sec.; P. Brabner, P.P.G. Reg.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; N. Turner, G. Fowler, S.W. 216; J. Vaughan, J.W. 86; W. Wood, P.M. 1182; and others. Mr. W. A. Cottle was initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and after the transaction of some other business the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle-street. During the evening several toasts were proposed, more than one speaker referring to the acknowledged high standing of the Merchants' Lodge, and the excellence of the manner in which the work had been done during the year by the W.M. It was agreed that Bro. G. Peet, the Hon. Sec., as a recognition of faithful and valuable services, should have the privilege of using the one ticket granted to Master Masons in connection with the approaching installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

After a very pleasant evening the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

BATH.—LODGE OF HONOUR (No. 379).—The last monthly meeting previous to the summer vacation was held at the Masonic Hall, at 8 p.m., on Monday, April 12th. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. S. Bartrum, W.M., supported by Bros. W. A. Hunt, P.M.; C. S. Barter, P.M. and Treasurer; Cooke, S.W.; George, J.W.; Dickenson, S.D.; Smythe, J.D.; Bush, acting as I.G. There were also present Bros. Simmons, W.M. 53; Collins, 53; Little, 379; Dr. Hopkins, 41, P.M. 43, and 958, and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, and several others. In the unavoidable absence of the Secretary, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the S.W. and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and at the request of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins gave the Lecture on the Second Tracing Board to the Fellow Craft who had passed at the last meeting. He was then examined as to his proficiency by Bro. Barter, acting as W.M., and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the third degree. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then took the chair, and raised Bro. Little to the sublime degree of M.M., giving the traditional history, explaining the working tools, &c. The lodge was resumed in the second and afterwards in the first degree. The W.M. mentioned the arrangements for the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as at present very indefinite, but Bro. Dr. Hopkins, having taken some trouble to ascertain them, was able to give information. A vote of thanks to him for his services in giving the lecture and working the ceremony was carried by acclamation. The lodge was finally closed at 10 p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—TEMPLE LODGE (No. 1094).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. R. Washington, W.M., supported by Bros. Richard R. Martin, P.M.; E. M. Sheldon, P.M.; D. W. Winstanley, P.M.; Wm. Crand, P.M. 1094, 249, and 1299; J. Kellett Smith, P.M.; R. E. C. Yelland, S.W.; Wm. Healing, J.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas.; Thos. Marsh, P.M.; P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; Alfred Jarvis, S.D.; Thos. Geo. Winstanley, J.D.; A. C. Doe, I.G.; Joseph Skeaf, P.M. 216, Org.; Thos. Williams, S.S.; H. Jones, J.S.; Peter Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Thos. E. Mason, Jno. H. Wright, H. B. Jones, Thos. Durrans, A. V. Anderson, E. J. Callow, N. Tyson, J. R. Cave, B. A. Drake, T. Birch, Dr. Costine, T. H. Williams, Wm. Callow, Wm. Dixon, J. Wallace, John Alexander, J. C. Parkinson, E. Chater, H. Horspool, Wm. Worthington, Wm. Harrington, M. G. Bateman, Thos. F. Young, David Critchley, J. W. Leech, J. Selke, G. B. McLachen, J. R. Callendar, and J. B. Gill. The visitors were Bros. T. Wright, 1182; J. E. Skillicorn, P.M. 667; W. G. Veal, B. Wolf, 241; James Goodacre, P.M. 1086; James Salmon, P.M. 425, W.M. 1477, P.S.G.D. Cheshire; R. C. Griffiths, 1477; James C. Lunt, P.M. 1086, P.G.S.; W. S. Brenchly, 1477; Moses Mawson, 1013; J. Clegg, P.M. 1299; Rev. Rees Jenkins, Chaplain 216; Pearson, P.M. 249; Thomas Clark, Boston; John Hayes, W.M. 249; Henry Nelson, W.M. 1505; Rev. Dr. Hyell, 1086; Wm. Mark, 823; William Forrester, 1035, &c. After the lodge had been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for the Rev. A. Lowe, D.D., D.C.L., St. Leonard's College, Ormskirk; (who was unanimously elected), and Bro. J. B. Gill, 1356, as a joining member (also elected unanimously). Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., then took the chair, and in a remarkable and efficient manner installed Bro. R. C. Yelland, as the W.M. of the lodge. The following were the officers invested:—Bros. R. Washington, I.P.M.; William Healing, S.W.; A. Jarvis, J.W.; J. Wood, (re-elected by acclamation for the tenth time), Treasurer; T. Marsh, (tenth time), Secretary; T. G. Winstanley, S.D.; A. C. Doe, J.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; H. B. Jones, S.S.; J. H. Williams, J.S.; and T. Birch, A.S. Before the lodge was closed, a very artistic Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. R. Washington, I.P.M. An excellent banquet followed the business, and during the evening a number of capital songs were given by Bros. Evans, Atkinson, Veale, and Forester, Bro. Skeaf presiding at the piano, and playing his own fantasia, "Sabbath Evening Chimes," during the evening as a solo.

RAMSGATE.—LEWIS' LODGE (No. 1209).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, April 14th, and was numerously attended by the members and a large body of distinguished visitors. The lodge was opened at 2.30, the following officers officiating, viz:—W. Call, Prov. G. Steward, W.M.; A. Wootton, Prov. G.D.C., P.M., 127, S.W.; Geo. Page, J.W.; Lewis Finch, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Treas.; B. N. Hiscock, P.M., Sec.; James W. Smith, S.D.; W. H. Howard, as J.D.; E. Buss, as I.G.; and R. T. Rolfe, P.M. 429, Tyler. Among the members present were Bros. H. Wootton, P.P.G.A.S., P.M.; H. G. Curtis, P.M. 429; W. Winch, P.P.J.G.D., P.M. 429; E. Harnett, W.M. 127; G. Hill, C. J. Ayton, R. H. Torrens, and J. O. Eve. The visiting brethren were W. C. Brasier, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. Union Lodge, Margate, 127; H. N. Dixon, P.M. Old Concord Lodge, 172; J. Emmerson, P.P.S.G.D., P.M. Royal Navy Lodge, Ramsgate, 426; I. Fenwick, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 429; J. Jarman, W.M. 429; J. Hughes Hallett, W.M. Invicta Lodge, Ashford, 709; W. W. Woodruff, W.M. 1206, Sandwich; E. O. Copland, D.C. 127; A. Aubrey, S.D. 127; J. Torry, 127; G. W. Phillpott, 127; W. H. Hennah, 127; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. E. J. Griffiths was examined and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Griffiths was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M. The lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. E. H. Mayner was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the second degree. It was then announced that the V.W. Bro. J. S. Eastes, Dep. P.G.M., for

Kent, claimed admission, and the W.M. deputed several P.M.'s to conduct Bro. Eastes into the lodge with due honour. The procession of P.M.'s with the Dep. P.G.M. then entered, the brethren standing to order, and a voluntary being played on the organ by Bro. Aubrey. The W.M. placed his gavel in the hands of the Dep. P.G.M., who graciously returned it. The Dep. P.G.M. was saluted with five. Bro. Mayner was then passed to the degree of F.C. The W.M. Elect., Bro. Alfred Wootton, was presented by Bro. Ellerm to the W.M., to receive the benefit of installation, and, having assented to the ancient charges and regulations, took the O.B. of a W.M. Elect. The lodge was resumed in the third degree, and all the brethren below the rank of I.M. having retired, and a Board of I.M.'s formed, Bro. Wootton was installed in the chair of K.S. with the customary ceremonial. He invested Bro. Call with the P.M.'s collar, and declared the board of I.M.'s closed. The M.M.'s, F.C.'s and E.A.'s were successively re-admitted, the lodge being closed in the third and second degrees, and the W.M. saluted in each of the three degrees. The following officers were appointed and invested, viz.: Bros. Geo. Page, S.W.; James W. Smith, J.W.; Lewis Finch, P.M. Treas.; B. N. Hiscocks, P.M. Sec.; The Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, Chaplain; Wm. Winch, P.M. 429, S.D.; W. H. Howard, J.D.; J. L. Ellerm, P.M., D.C.; E. Buss, I.G.; W. Larkin, Organist; G. Hill and J. O. Eve, Stewards; and R. T. Rolfe, P.M. 429, Tyler. Bro. Call delivered the usual charges, performing the whole ceremony of installation in such a manner as could not fail to command the admiration of the brethren, and their hearty applause at its completion. A candidate was proposed and seconded for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquet-hall, and enjoyed an excellent dinner, served by Bro. Hiscocks in the usual good style, which is rarely surpassed elsewhere. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly responded to. One of the most important toasts was, of course, that of "The Health of the Dep. Prov. G.M.," who, in returning thanks, most strongly advocated the cause of the Masonic Charities, and urged the brethren to increased efforts in their behalf. Bros. Aubrey, Copland, Curtis, James W. Smith, Terry, and Ayton contributed to the entertainment of the evening by some capital vocal and instrumental music. The success of the meeting was unmistakable; and that every one enjoyed it was evinced by the reluctance of the brethren to depart, even when the last strokes of the closing hour had died away.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER.—The April meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last at the City Terminus Hotel, present, Comp. E. Roberts, M.E.Z.; G. Newman, H.; F. D. R. Copestick, J.; Jones, P.S.; Fellowes, 1st A.S.; H. Birdseye, S.N.; S. Muggeridge, S.E.; G. Kenning, P.Z.; Treasurer; H. Muggeridge, P.G.S.B.; Phythian, Storr, Ridley, Marks, Cheese, Copestick, Chapman, Kent, Bartholomew, Cann, Yeoman, Barker, Dunn; visitors, Comps. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., and J. G. Marsh, Bro. F. Barker, of Lodge Lion and Lamb (192), and J. Dunn, were duly exalted. It was proposed by Comp. Roberts, M.E.Z., and duly seconded, that the July meeting of the chapter be discontinued. The consideration of this proposition was deferred. The chapter duly the companions retired to the banquet.

Mark Masonry.

ERA LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 176).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, April 16th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Bro. John Thomas Moss, W.M., opened the lodge. There were present—Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; T. H. Miller, Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; H. J. Green, M.O.; T. Horton, S.O.; W. Hammond, J.O.; J. Johnson, I.G.; W. Munday, J. Wallis, and many others. There were no visitors. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. Apologies were received from absent candidates. The ballot for advancements were unanimous in favour of all the candidates. The results of the ballots were unanimous in favour of Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W., being W.M.; and T. H. Miller, being re-elected Treasurer. The Tyler, Bro. W. Y. Laing, was re-elected Tyler. Several propositions for candidates for advancements were made. The lodge was closed. A good banquet followed.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE KILWINNING (No. 4).—The annual visitation of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow was made to this lodge on 7th inst. There was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren, the R.W.M., Bro. A. Thorburn, presiding, and the deputation of the P.G.L. were received with due honour. After the preliminary formalities, Bro. McTaggart, Prov. Grand Secretary, said that his report was a short one, and was to the effect that the lodge books were in excellent condition, and that the lodge was working, as heretofore, in strict harmony with Grand Lodge laws. As regarded funds, he found that they had at the end of the working year to their credit a sum of £27 19s. 1d. During the year they had only had one emergency meeting, a fact which he did not altogether regret. Numbers alone was not the only criterion of the good condition of a lodge; and they (Glasgow Kilwinning) were able at the end of the year to present a very healthy statement of their affairs. The R.W.M. having expressed the pleasure the lodge must have felt at the flat-

tering nature of the P.G. Secretary's report, and given explanation of a little matter touched upon therein, Bro. McTaggart said he had made a special note of said explanation, and added that the deputation had not within the province found any set of books better kept or more free from flaw. The deputation then retired, and the lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

LEITH.—LODGE CANONGATE (No. 5).—The regular monthly meeting of this most ancient lodge was held in their lodge-room, 86, Constitution-street, Leith, on Tuesday, 6th inst., Bro. E. Drummond, R.W.M., in the chair, and the office-bearers in their respective places. On the minutes of last meeting being read and confirmed, an application was read from Mr. A. Kennedy for admittance into the Order. There being no objection, the candidate received the E.A. degree, Bro. Drummond, R.W.M., officiating. Bro. Laird, S.W., read a communication from Bro. J. F. Lincoln, of Magnolia Lodge, No. 20, Columbia, with a present of two volumes neatly bound of proceedings of Grand Lodge of Ohio from 1808 to 1857, which was received with acclamation by the brethren. The R.W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Lincoln for his handsome gift, and that it be recorded in the minutes, which was agreed upon, the Secretary to communicate the same to Bro. Lincoln. The lodge was called to refreshment, and in the course of the evening some excellent songs, glees, and music were given by Bros. G. Davidson, Buchanan, Murdoch, Johnson, and Lawrie. Altogether, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27). The bi-monthly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow, on Thursday, 15th inst., the R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, presiding, supported by Bros. Dr. McInnes, S.W.G.; McComb, J.W.; and the other office-bearers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., and the minutes of previous meetings read and approved of. Applications were then read from Mr. A. McKay and Mr. Syme for admission into the Order which were approved of. The candidates entered and received the E.A. degree, Bro. A. Bain, S.M., Union and Crown, 103, officiating in his usual effective style. Bro. Butler then intimated to the lodge that Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson, P.G.M. of Glasgow, would lay the foundation stone of the New Public Halls, Kent-road, Glasgow, on Saturday, the 22nd May next, and he hoped that as many as possible of the members of Lodge St. Mungo (that could attend) would be present to celebrate that occasion. The lodge was raised to F.C. degree, when Bro. J. McCuaigh was duly passed to that degree, Bro. A. Bain again officiating. There being no further business the lodge was closed in ancient form.

LOCHMABEN.—LODGE ST. MAGDALENE (No. 100).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall, Lochmaben, on Saturday, 3rd inst., Bro. A. Smith, in the absence of the R.W.M., presiding; present, J. Smith, S.W.; M. Wells, J.W.; R. Emery, Treasurer; D. McCall, Sec., and a goodly number of brethren. An application having been read for admission, and there being no objection, the candidate entered and received the E.A. degree. The lodge was raised when Bro. Glendinning and Bro. J. Smith received the F.C. degree, Bro. Andrew Smith, D.M. officiating. The lodge was then closed in due form. An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., Bro. A. Smith, D.M., presiding. Bro. Smith read a letter from the R.W.M., tendering his resignation of his office, on account of his inability to attend the meetings as he would wish. The resignation was accepted by the lodge, and Bro. M. Wells, J.W., was elected as Proxy Master to the 30th November, and Bro. Walter Wells was elected J.W. Four brethren were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. M. Wells, assisted by Bro. John Smith, S.W. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

RUTHERGLEN.—ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 116).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Council Hall, on Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. W. Ferguson, R.W.M., presiding. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, among whom were Bros. Bailie Kinnon, P.M.; Councillor Lang, P.M.; W. Kirkwood, P.M.; W. G. Grayney, S.W.; D. Gilmour, J.W.; D. Colquhoun, I.G.; G. Love, S.D.; John Hamilton, Secretary; G. Don, Treasurer. The lodge being opened by the R.W.M., Bro. W. Ferguson, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of, also an application for admission into the Order from M. Edmund Bellenive, who was received and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. After some business connected with the lodge had been discussed, the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 12, Trongate, Glasgow, on Monday, the 12th inst.; Bro. Wilson, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, opened the lodge. There were present on this occasion Bros. Garth, S.W.; Horn, J.W.; Jasper Martin, D.M.; B. Smart, Treas.; J. Crawford, Sec.; J. Shaw, R.W.M. 354; Ferguson, R.W.M. 116; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason); and a goodly number of members and visiting brethren. The minutes of last meeting were read, and, with a few corrections, were approved of. Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., then entered, and Bro. Wilson, P.M., handed over to him the insignia of his office, and raised the lodge to the F.C. degree, when Bro. G. Finlay, A. Robertson, J. Charles, J. Taylor and J. Hutcheson were duly passed to the F.C. degree, Bro. W. B. Patterson officiating in a very able manner. A deserving case of charity, also a proposition for testimonial to Bro. Wilson, I.P.M., having been brought forward, both cases were received with acclamation. The R.W.M. intimated to the lodge that there would be an emergency meeting on Friday, 16th inst. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

RUTHERGLEN.—ST. JOHN'S OPERATIVE (No. 347).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wed-

nesday, 7th inst., Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., presiding. J. Murdoch, S.W.; T. Ashton, J.W.; there were also present Bro. Gardner, I.M.; Bro. Abbott, D.M.; Bro. Smart, S.M.; and a goodly number of brethren. The R.W.M. opened the lodge and read applications for admission from two gentlemen; there being no objection the candidates received the E.A. degree, Bro. D. Smart, S.M., officiating in a most impressive and careful manner. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—A special meeting of this lodge was held within the hall, 170, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on Thursday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Harper, in ancient form, and immediately after the brethren were called to refreshment, when about thirty sat down to an excellent supper, Bro. Wm. Harper, R.W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Downie and Buchanan, Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. Black officiated as Croupier, supported by Bro. McInnes, S.W.; and Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., Lodge St. John's Operative, Rutherglen, 347. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the chairman proposed the toast of the evening, which on this occasion was "Health and Prosperity to Bro. Duncan Downie, I.P.M." In doing so he presented him on the behalf of the lodge, and in acknowledgment of their appreciation of his services to the lodge, and the high estimation they held of him as their I.P.M., with a handsome gold watch and appendages. Bro. Downie, in a few well-chosen remarks, expressed his gratification of the high compliment that had been conferred upon him that evening, one that he should always value, esteem, and hold dear. With toasts and songs, the brethren enjoyed a most pleasant evening, and with the last toast the brethren were recalled and the lodge closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 13th inst., Bro. James Wallace, R.W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. Colin McKenzie, S.W.; D. Leeds, J.W.; Bro. James Loutitt, D.M.; Bro. A. Bain, P.M. 103; Bro. W. H. Bickerton (Freemason), and others. The R.W.M. opened the lodge, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of. Bro. Wallace then intimated that the lodge would be visited by the Provincial Grand Lodge, on Monday, 26th inst., when he hoped there would be a good attendance of members on that occasion. The lodge was raised to the degree of F.C., when Bro. W. Lockie, George Robertson, and James Crichton received that degree, Bro. James Loutitt, D.M., officiating. There being no other business, the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, Crosshill, on Monday, the 12th inst. Present: Bro. Julius Brode, R.W.M.; S. Findlater, acting S.W.; A. Buchanan, acting J.W.; and a good attendance of members and brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. Brode, R.W.M., and the minutes read and approved of. Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., Lodge Commercial, in consideration of his most valuable services rendered to this lodge, was then affiliated an honorary member, and Bro. Robert Walker was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A letter was then read from Bro. J. D. Porteous, I.P.M. of Lodge Marie Stuart, now residing at Bolton, Lancashire, conveying valuable suggestions upon lodge affairs, which were highly approved of. Progress of the sale of tickets for Mrs. Skinner's Aquarium was reported, which was most satisfactory, after which the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

DREGHORN.—ST. MATTHEW LODGE (No. 549), met in the lodge room, Crown Hotel, on Monday, the 5th inst., Bro. Nisbet, R.W.M., presiding, and the remaining officers in their respective places. On the lodge being opened by the R.W.M., the Secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were confirmed. The lodge was then raised, and Bro. Hastings received the degree of F.C. and afterwards the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed in a very able and impressive manner. The Treasurer then submitted his financial report, which was very satisfactory, after which the lodge was closed.

LEITH.—PERSEVERANCE CHAPTER (No. 152).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held at 86, Constitution Street, Leith, on Friday, 2nd inst.; present, Comps. J. Laurie, Z.; G. Hudson, H.; J. S. Matheson, P.Z.; D. Laird, S.E.; H. Jupp, S.N.; E. Drummond, Treasurer; E. Milner, Scribe, and a goodly number of companions. A lodge of Mark Masters having been opened, petitions were read from Bros. J. T. Saxby and William George, M. Masons of Lodge St. Margaret's, No. 548, also from Bro. C. M. Gardner, M. Mason of Lodge Canongate and Leith, No. 5. There being no objection, the candidates entered, and were advanced to the degrees of Mark Master and Excellent Master, and on a R.A. Chapter being opened, were exalted to that degree by Comp. J. Laurie, M.E.Z., in a most sublime manner. After a few discussions connected with the chapter, and there being no further business, the chapter was closed in due form.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Bad legs, wounds, and all description of sores are immediately cured by the power and diligent use of those inestimable preparations. To attempt to cure bad legs by plastering the edges of the wound together is a folly; for, should the skin unite, a baggy, diseased condition remains underneath, to break out with tentoid fury in a few days. The only rational and perfect treatment is to reduce the inflammation in and about the wound, to soothe the neighbouring nerves, to cool the heated blood as it courses along its vessels, and to render the thin, watery, ichorous discharge consistent and healthy. Happily for suffering humanity, Holloway's Ointment, assisted by judicious doses of his Pills, accomplishes these ends with unfailing certainty.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

On Wednesday evening the first meeting of the Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall, when the arrangements, as far as made, were communicated to the brethren by the chairman, Bro. Monckton, (President of the Board of General Purposes); Bro. Sir Albert Woods, (Garter), (Grand Director of Ceremonies); and Bro. Thomas Fenn, (Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies). The Temple, in which building the meeting was held, was nearly full, all the Stewards appearing to be most anxious to obtain the fullest information with respect to the duties they will be called upon to perform. Supporting the chairman, right and left, in addition to Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn, were Bros. McIntyre, Q.C. (Grand Registrar); John Savage (Past Grand Deacon); Hugh D. Sandeman (District Grand Master of Bengal); Peter de Lande Long (Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes), and John Hervey (Grand Secretary).

The chairman said, in opening the proceedings, that the brethren would understand that under the care of the Board of General Purposes, not the banquet, but the great meeting for the Installation, had been placed; and as president of that board he now took the chair. The arrangements that had been in progress for the great meeting—he supposed the greatest ever held in the Craft—that would be held next week, had been incessantly going on up to the present time, and had entailed constant labour on one or two brethren who had been good enough to devote themselves to the work. Those brethren would lay before the meeting those details which the meeting was specially called for communicating to the Stewards. It might not be out of place for him to say that all the arrangements for the Installation were not yet quite ripe, and it was not to be expected that they could be. So many queries had come in from various brethren (all over London and the provinces) nominated as Stewards, that it was thought by the committee desirable that those brethren should be called together thus early in order that they might put questions if they thought fit, or at any rate to learn what had been determined on up to the present time. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Albert Woods, was, of course, at the head of those making the arrangements, by virtue of his position, and he (the chairman) would call upon him to tell the meeting what had already been determined upon. When that had been done, and the brethren had seen what arrangements they had been able to make, he (the chairman) would inform the brethren if any one of them had a question to put to elicit any further information, by all means they might put it, and the committee would be glad to answer to the best of their ability. At the same time he must inform the brethren that this meeting was not one for discussion, for the arrangements must be kept within the compass they were now in. (Hear, hear.)

Sir Albert Woods then rose, and said his observations would be very few, inasmuch as, although having the larger portion, or he might say, the responsible portion, of the coming ceremonial on his shoulders, he had been assisted by the committee of the Board of General Purposes. He had also had very great and valuable assistance from a brother whose name he should mention presently in connection with this ceremonial. It would therefore only be necessary for him to say that they had hitherto done their best, and all they could do, to give every possible effect to the solemnity that was about to take place. It must be plain to the brethren that it was impossible for any one brother to take upon himself the whole of the work; and he (Sir A. Woods) had therefore, with the sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, requested Bro. Fenn to take upon himself the duties connected with the Albert Hall, that is to say, the seating arrangements there. He held in his hand the appointment of His Royal Highness for that purpose. Under those circumstances he would call upon Bro. Fenn to relate those matters of detail connected with the duties of the Stewards; any question those brethren might wish to ask in connection with those duties would be very gladly answered. Before sitting down he would say that the question of the jewel was now under consideration, and he hoped in the course of a very few days to submit a drawing for the approval of the Grand Master, and he trusted that the jewel would be one that would give the Stewards satisfaction to wear after this august ceremony. Bro. Fenn would now give the details in connection with the Albert Hall, to explain the duties the Stewards would have to perform, and it was to be hoped the brethren would aid the ceremony to the utmost of their power, and not from any position they might be placed in have a personal feeling, which would cause them to neglect their duties, which it was so incumbent should be fully and satisfactorily performed. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Thomas Fenn said, that having been deputed by Sir Albert Woods to give the details of the duties the Stewards would be called upon to perform, he should endeavour to do so in the fewest possible words. The building was capable of seating and giving a view of the ceremony to about 7000. In dealing with so large a number as 7000, the first object it appeared necessary to attempt was the dividing this large number into smaller and more manageable numbers, each with a separate entrance assigned to it, a block of seats, and a staff of Stewards. The peculiar construction of the building rendered this attainable without much difficulty. The building was so constructed that a line drawn through the centre from north to south divided it into two exactly corresponding parts, east and west. Indeed, those parts so exactly corresponded that a plan of the one—say for instance the east side—was, he might say, to a foot of space, the plan also of the west side, of course reversed. It followed, therefore, that the arrangements made for the east side applied also

to the west side, and it would be unnecessary to explain more than one of those divisions. The entrances to the building were ten in number, the east arena entrance, east gallery entrance, east box entrance, east balcony entrance, west balcony entrance, west box entrance, west gallery entrance, west arena entrance, orchestra entrance, and the Royal entrance. The two latter he need not allude to, because they did not enter into the arrangements in which the Stewards would be called upon to take part. Taking off these two, there remained eight, leading to all parts of the building. These eight, by the erection of barriers and closing of doors, were made into twelve, leading to only part of the building, viz.: six on the east and six on the west, and were numbered one to twelve consecutively. Each of the entrances on the east side was distinguished by a colour, No. 1 red, No. 2 yellow, No. 3 mauve, No. 4 blue, No. 5 green, and No. 6 pink, and the entrances on the west side bore corresponding colours. Selecting the east side for the description, the first, or red entrance, led to the upper and lower east orchestra (Bro. Fenn explained on a plan that was exhibited all these details). The yellow, or No. 2 entrance, led to the eastern part of the arena only; the mauve led only to the gallery, or the eastern portion of the gallery, which would be occupied by the Master Masons; No. 4, or the blue, led to the amphitheatre and the loggia boxes; No. 5, green, led only to the first and second tier of boxes, the grand tier and second tier; and No. 6, pink, led only to the eastern portion of the balcony. These entrances would be marked very distinctly with colours in large type, so as to be distinctly visible at a considerable distance, and the figures would be printed on the appropriate colour of the entrance. Each of the tickets was likewise coloured the colour of the entrance, and bore a number on the outside (which many of the brethren had perhaps seen) which was to assist the police in directing brethren who might require it to their entrance. In allotting the blocks and seats care had been taken that members of each province should be admitted at one entrance only. This was not only more convenient and agreeable to the brethren themselves, but it was obviously necessary to assist identification, and with respect to London lodges, the members of each lodge would be admitted at the same entrance with the same object. The London lodges in like manner would be disposed of; each member of the lodge would enter at the same entrance, with same object. There were some few exceptions to this, but very few, that need only be explained to the officer in chief command at the entrance. Coming now to the arrangements for the admission of the brethren, he had selected for that purpose the east box entrance, of which the rough drawing is a plan; it was very rough and he hoped the brethren would not be critical, as he was not a professional draughtsman. It was drawn to scale, half an inch to a foot, and in this entrance he was describing the principles which would be adopted at all the entrances. Each entrance would have a staff of Stewards, under the command of a Grand Officer, consisting of the Grand Officer in command, the keeper of the outer entrance, and an assistant to the keeper of the door, an aide-de-camp, two acting as Grand Pursuivants examiners of clothing, three scrutineers; and in the cases where the entrances were appropriated to the provincial brethren, the Provincial Stewards, who were appointed for identifying the brethren of their provinces—Each of these stewards would be distinguished by a rosette of the colour of the entrance and block of seats in which his duties lay. The principal officer's duty at the entrance would be of a very onerous and responsible character, and in fact it required considerable Masonic knowledge, and experience, and authority, and it had been felt by the committee that these responsible and onerous duties ought only to be entrusted to Grand Officers, and if possible to those who were or had been members of the Board of General Purposes. The Grand Officer in command having once adopted the regulations which had been approved of by the W.M.G.M., and conducted to his post, would be independent of all other authority. All the Stewards at the entrance must obey him in every particular. All cases of difficulty or doubt would have to be decided by him; and in fact his decision must necessarily be final and without appeal. With the Grand Officer in command would rest the exclusion of brethren, those, for instance, who could not prove their identity to his satisfaction, those who might not comply with the regulations printed on the card, and those whom it might, for other reasons, be thought necessary to exclude or reject. The Grand Officers would of course exercise these powers without any interference, and when the outer doors were closed and one of the Stewards had been deputed to report to the brother in chief superintendent of the arrangements, he, the Grand Officer, with other Grand Officers that might be of his staff, would proceed to the Grand Officers' room, and afterwards join in the procession as usual at Quarterly Communications. Should the Grand Officer in command wish to obtain any information either from Sir Albert Woods or himself (Bro. Fenn), or make any communication to them, they might do so by means of the aide-de-camp. The instructions to the Stewards would be delivered to them in print or writing at some early day previous to the meeting. At present they were only in rough notes. The work of issuing the tickets and the correspondence had been so enormous, that it had occupied the time of Sir A. Woods and himself from early morning till late at night (Hear, hear), and it had been quite impossible to put those instructions into proper form within reasonable time. They would be communicated to the Stewards in due course. The duties of the Stewards, however, would certainly be indicated in general terms if he described now the methods of admitting the brethren at these entrances and passing them to their respective seats. Each Steward would have his duties cursorily touched upon, and perhaps the explanation so far would be sufficient for that evening. Take the blue entrance, No. 4 (referring to the diagram). The brethren

with blue tickets, and numbered with a large figure 4 on them, would enter at that door (pointing). In this instance they were the brethren from Derby, West Lancashire, Cheshire, and West Yorkshire; and numbered in the aggregate 780. When the brethren had entered they would present their tickets to the keeper of the outer entrance, who would be attended by an assistant. Of course, any brother presenting any other ticket than that which entitled him to entrance at this door, must be absolutely rejected. He could not be allowed to enter without a regular ticket. When a brother had shewn his regular ticket he would be directed to a table (pointed out) to clothe. There was no accommodation for boxes in the lobbies, and those brethren the Stewards came in contact with they should recommend not to bring anything like boxes with them, or anything, in fact, that it would be necessary to leave behind them; because it would be attended with very considerable inconvenience to them, as there would be nobody to take charge of them. It would be impossible to give such accommodation for 7,000 people. Bro. Sir Albert Woods suggested that he should say that if any brethren thought it more convenient to clothe themselves before they came to the Hall they must take care that they were not seen in Masonic clothing outside the building; that was strictly forbidden; they might take a light coat to cover up all symbols of Masonry. After the brethren had clothed, the brother stationed at the table while the brethren clothed would call their attention to certain notices affixed. One would be to the effect that brethren having their Grand Lodge certificates would pass oneway and show them open with their tickets to the Scrutineer; and the other would be that those without Grand Lodge certificates must pass the table and show their tickets to the Scrutineer placed there. Those who were ready with their Grand Lodge certificates would pass without much difficulty into the Hall. There would be a Grand Pursuivant or examiner of clothing, whose duty would be—so far as had been possible these officers were selected from the Past Grand Pursuivants who were well acquainted with this duty—to see that the brethren were properly clothed and wore no jewels but those connected with Craft or Royal Arch Masonry. There would be the Scrutineer to examine the certificates and tickets. When he was satisfied he would tear the ticket in half, and that part which bore the number outside would be dropped into a box, many of which were provided at the Hall for that purpose. The other part bearing the name of the brother they would give back to him, and he would be directed to the part of the Hall where he was to take his seat. They would then pass into the corridor; here would be a Steward to direct them either to the part of the Amphitheatre marked on their cards, either to Q. R. or S, or to the Loggia Boxes on the same floor. If they carried tickets into the Amphitheatre they would go down a passage (pointed out), and pass into Q, R, or S, as the case might be. Arriving in the Amphitheatre there would be a Steward stationed at the top of the passage, and another at the bottom. The Steward at the top would direct all the brethren as they entered to proceed to the bottom to their seats, and the Stewards would fill the seats in one direction as the brethren entered, beginning at the lowest seat and filling the second and third, and so on until the top was also filled. Brethren with Loggia Box tickets would be directed in one course first, so as to fill up all the boxes towards the south. Of course, brethren who came early would prefer to take the best places, and perhaps if there was the slightest choice those might be considered the better places by the platform. There was very little, however, choice of seats in the Hall. Each seat had its own peculiar advantage over another, which he would refer to. He would now leave the brethren in the Hall and go back to the "green." Brethren with green tickets marked 5 would enter at one entrance (pointed out) and after showing their tickets to the keeper of the outer entrance, would be allowed to pass on in the former instance to the table to clothe. They would then be directed either to one part, or where the barrier was erected, to show their certificates and tickets, and if his proofs were satisfactory he would pass in a given direction. If he had not a certificate, he would be directed to go to the Scrutineers' table, where he would undergo a certain sort of questioning and examination. There were certain modes of identification which had been well thought of, but which it was not thought expedient to mention in that room; but they would be fully explained to the Scrutineers who would be at the table. After the brethren had given convincing proofs to the brethren at the table, they would pass up the winding staircase that led to the boxes. On arriving at the first floor, they would be directed by a Steward on the landing, either into the grand tier corridor or second tier corridor, according to their tickets of admission. When they had passed into the grand tier corridor the box-keepers would fill the boxes in like manner, beginning at one end, filling each box one after another until the whole were filled, and in like manner as in the other part. He ought perhaps to have mentioned before that the number of seats in each of the Loggia boxes would be sixteen; in each of the grand tier boxes twenty; and in each of the second tier boxes eight. That was about the extent the boxes would accommodate without considerable inconvenience. His brother president suggested that he (Bro. Fenn) should say they would hold more, and so they would if they crowded them; there would be space to move and to stand, but not to see with anything like comfort. At half past two punctually, the doors being closed, all communication between the inside and the outside of the building would be entirely cut off; consequently no brother could under any circumstances enter after half past two. The lobby once cleared, the Grand Officers, in command, after deputing a Steward to report that all was secure, would proceed to the east front or officers' clothing room to join in the procession. There would be an aide-de-camp in waiting at half past two to conduct the Stewards to the places prepared for

them. With the exception of those Stewards who had particular duties in the blocks of the building, such as the gallery or the boxes and upper boxes, all Stewards who had been engaged in the entrance would proceed to inside of the Hall. They would occupy that portion of the amphitheatre stall (pointed out), so that in fact no Steward who undertook any of these duties would be excluded from the Hall or a sight of the whole proceedings. (Hear hear.) The doors after being closed would be locked and barred, and other precautions would be taken which he was not at liberty to mention. Between half past two and three o'clock there would be of course some dressing of the Hall required. There would be some vacant seats, some brethren being absent from illness, some unable to come; some unfortunate brethren perhaps would arrive too late. A plan had been adopted for filling those seats and "dressing" the Hall which would be explained to those Stewards who would be called upon to assist in doing so. There would be no difficulty in doing it, and it would be contained in the instructions to those Stewards appointed to those particular blocks. It would be observed, he thought, that some of these duties which he had described required very peculiar qualifications. He had already alluded to the Grand Officer in command, and the onerous and responsible duties he would be called upon to undertake. There was also the keeper of the outer door. He ought to be a man of rather imposing appearance and possessed of considerable firmness, and yet withal courteous and conciliatory in manner. Of course, some of these qualities it was found rather difficult to obtain in one single man, but still they must do their best. The examiners of clothing would be selected, as he had before mentioned, so far as possible from Past Grand Lodge Pursuivants; but inasmuch as he believed there were not 12 Past Grand Pursuivants they would have to call upon some experienced brethren to assist in that duty. They must be well acquainted with Masonic dress and the requirements that were exacted at Quarterly Communications. The Scrutineers likewise, he thought, ought to be selected from those who were in the habit of performing those duties at Quarterly Communications, or other intelligent Masons who would be thought fit to undertake it. These and other duties it was obviously necessary should be left to the discretion of the Committee managing this affair; but the other duties it was thought advisable should be determined by ballot. Some brethren would not like to be placed in corridors and galleries, and it might be invidious to direct a brother to take a position he did not like. The best way to avoid dissatisfaction or jealousy would be to ballot; and this could be done in a few days' time when there arose a little leisure. In the meantime, he hoped the written instructions would be ready, and that they would be sent out to the Stewards in the course of the week or on Monday. Those brethren who were not disposed to undertake the duties assigned to them would be expected to return these instructions, in order that other brethren might be appointed in their place. It was understood by the circular that the appointment of Stewards was conditional on their agreeing to undertake their duty, and on their not doing so they must submit to have their appointment cancelled and others made. They must remember that every Steward was part of a great piece of machinery, and a part that was wanting must be replaced before the machinery could go on in effective working. All the Stewards, although there might be a little dissatisfaction at being placed in the galleries or elsewhere, would have a good view. For the satisfaction of brethren placed high, he might inform them that some of the best views in the whole building were to be obtained from the balcony or even the galleries. Each seat had its own advantage over others. The seats down below (pointed out) would be nearer the procession and the actors in the ceremony; but for a mass view of the whole proceedings there was no place like the gallery, in fact the finest view of the whole building was in the gallery next the organ. He would advise any brother visiting the Hall to take a view from that particular part. It was very grand indeed. The brethren taking duties in the gallery would also have the advantage of a very fine collection of paintings (laughter), exhibition pictures, which would all be placed in position before that day. The Stewards as indicated on their cards, which would be given as the brethren left the meeting, must meet at the hall at eleven o'clock in the day. It was very early, but it was impossible to place them all in position unless they were there two hours before the doors were opened. Light refreshment—very light refreshment—(laughter) would be provided for them in the West Crush-room. They would have their rosettes given them there, and be marshalled in order according to their colours, and then be conducted to their posts. Some of the brethren who had been selected for peculiar duties would have to meet the committee at the Hall on some occasion previous to the day—the aide-de-camps in particular, who would have to make themselves acquainted with the intricacies of the building, must necessarily be there some considerable time, to learn their duties. The other Stewards who would be balloted for could have their duties pretty well explained to them by written instructions. There would be some he should select who, of course, must put themselves to the inconvenience of spending half-a-day at the Albert Hall.

ro. Edwd. Cox having asked a question, The Chairman said there had been some little difficulty about the purple collars of the provinces, but a circular had been printed, which even a child could understand, which would be sent to the brethren, and he thought there would be no possible difficulty on that head. He also said brethren would have to take their hats and overcoats into the Hall, as there was no place to accommodate them outside. The Stewards, however, would be accommodated in the West Crush-room, and the Grand Officers likewise. The ceremony of installation would last, Sir Albert Woods said, from an hour to an hour and a half.

Thanks were unanimously passed to Sir Albert Woods, Bro. Fenn, and the Chairman, and the meeting was adjourned.

INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The following circulars have been received:—
Sir and Brother,—

On referring to the return of Lodge No. — I find that the brethren to whom you allude are improperly returned in the "unqualified" or Masters' Masons' list. It is impossible to fully correct this without disturbing the entire arrangements. The committee, however, desire to do all in their power to prevent disappointment, and should it be found practicable to comply with your request you will receive a communication to that effect.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,
JOHN HERVEY, G.S.
Freemasons' Hall, April, 1875.

Provincial Grand Officers who attend as Members of Grand Lodge (that is as W.M.'s, Wardens, or P.M.'s) must wear over their Provincial Grand Lodge Clothing (if that be worn) the light blue collars of the offices in virtue of which they are Members of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, page 123, line 13.

Provincial Grand Officers who are Master Masons only may wear their purple aprons.
Brethren are strongly recommended not to bring their clothing in boxes, as much inconvenience will be saved to them thereby.

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., April, 1875.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. April, 1875.
Sir and Brother,—

I regret to be obliged to say in reply to the numerous "late" applications that no more Tickets for the Installation Ceremony can be issued.

Fraternally Yours, JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER PRINCE LEOPOLD.

An Oxford correspondent writes:—The members of the Masonic body throughout the kingdom will be interested in learning that Prince Leopold, who returned to his studies at Christ Church on Friday week, is likely to become an active working member of that body. At an emergency meeting of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, held on Saturday evening, his Royal Highness and his secretary, Bro. R. H. Collins, M.A., of Lincoln College, were raised to the degree of Master Mason, the Worshipful Master (Bro. Rev. H. A. Pickard, M.A., Christ Church, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden presiding. Many Past Masters of the lodge, and a very large number of the members, were present. The ceremony was admirably and impressively performed by the Worshipful Master; and at its conclusion Prince Leopold took his place as Senior Warden of the lodge, to which office he was a short time since appointed. His Royal Highness appeared to have almost entirely recovered from his recent severe illness. He was initiated in the Apollo Lodge, of which his brother, the Prince of Wales, is a Past Master, last October term. It is confidently hoped that Prince Leopold will in due course occupy the high post now vacant of Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. R. J. Spiers) is about to retire from the office, and will be succeeded by Bro. Reginald Bird, a Past Master of the Apollo University Lodge and fellow and Vice-President of Magdalen College. It is intended to present a testimonial to Bro. Spiers on his retirement from the office, which he has held for the long period of thirty years, in recognition of the services he has rendered to the Craft. On his appointment there were but two lodges in the province, and there are now seven.

MASONIC BALL AT DUBLIN.

The number of persons who came from the country specially to attend the Masonic ball which took place at the Exhibition Palace at Dublin, in honour of the inauguration of the Duke of Abercorn as Grand Master, was so great that for some days it has been very difficult to obtain hotel accommodation. No more splendid fête has ever been given in this city, and the whole of the immense floor of the Palace was devoted to it, the Leinster Hall being appropriated to dancing, and the nave to promenading and refreshment. The splendid band of the Coldstream Guards, under Mr. Dan Godfrey, occupied the orchestra, and there were not less than 3,000 persons present. The decorations were very rich, and in excellent taste. At the junction of the nave and the Leinster Hall, in front of the organ, was erected a dais of three degrees, on which was placed the Grand Master's Throne, surmounted by a noble canopy in the form of a Turkish tent, composed of red, blue and black tapestries. On the screen at the back, covered with the same colours, behind which were elegant retiring rooms for the Viceregal suite, were displayed glittering breastplates and helmets, with many Masonic devices formed of bayonets, daggers, and swords, and as the radiance of the lights fell upon these it was reflected with a happy effect. The space beneath the galleries was covered with splendid carpets, and furnished with luxurious couches, chairs, cabinets, and mirrors, and the entire wall space was hung with lace curtains, depending under draperies of red, black, and blue silk, from a gilded cornice. Sheaves of lances, with red and white pennons, were arranged round the bases of the vine-

wreathed columns that supported the gallery, the front of which was decorated with the banners of all nations, and shields bearing the devices of the various Masonic orders.

When the company had assembled, the scene, with the rich dresses of the ladies, the uniforms of the numerous military officers present, and the brilliant insignia of the Masons, was one of the most dazzling and enchanting that can be conceived. His Grace the Grand Master, with a distinguished party and a brilliant suite, arrived about half-past ten, and was received by the stewards and committee at the great door. His Grace was then conducted through the company to the throne, and when he appeared on the dais full Masonic honours were paid to him. Dancing soon afterwards commenced, and continued till a late hour.

A LODGE OF SORROW.

OMAGH.—LODGE CONCORD (No. 332).—This lodge met as a "Lodge of Sorrow" on Thursday, 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Omagh, to prepare an address of condolence to the family of the late lamented Bro. Dr. H. Thompson, M.D., P.M., deceased. There were present Bros. Dr. F. J. Wert, P.M., acting W.M.; Dr. W. S. Love, P.M., acting S.W.; R. Coffey, P.M., acting J.W.; the Rev. G. Lovett, acting Chaplain; R. Adams, S.D.; the Rev. G. Henning, acting J.D.; K. Houston, I.G.; W. J. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Kent, Treasurer and Secretary; M. Anderson, P.M.; A. C. Buchanan, P.M.; F. C. Dickil, P.M.; W. Muller, P.M.; C. J. McMuller, P.M.; R. Sproull, and Major Mervyn Vesey. Visitors—Bro. Cecil Moore, and C. Huntley, S. Krine, No. 45. The lodge was opened in the E.A. degree, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and three candidates were initiated by the acting W.M.; Bro. P. M. Dickil acting as conductor to the candidates. A communication was read from the P.G. Secretary, announcing that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Tyrone and Fermanagh would meet in the Town Hall, Enniskillen, on Friday, 23rd inst., at two p.m. A letter was read from the W.M., Bro. W. Stawell Garnett, regretting his unavoidable absence in Dublin, and expressing his hearty concurrence in and approval of the proposed expression of sympathy from the lodge; also from Bro. Commander Charles Scott, R.N., P.M. 33°, acknowledging an invitation, regretting his inability to attend, and conveying his hearty good wishes to the brethren of Lodge No. 332. The lodge was then opened as a "Lodge of Sorrow," the solemn ritual being most impressively given by the acting W.M., ably assisted by the acting Chaplain and the Wardens. The following address of condolence was proposed by Bro. F. C. Dickil, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Dr. W. S. Love, P.M., and passed unanimously, viz.:—

"To Mrs. Thompson and the family of the late Dr. Henry Thompson, M.D.

"We, as members of Lodge Concord, No. 332, of Free and Accepted Masons, regularly, as a "Lodge of Sorrow," beg to tender to you our heartfelt sympathy and condolence on the occasion of the death of our highly-esteemed brother, Dr. Henry Thompson, one of the Senior Past Masters of our lodge. We desire to assure you that we shall ever cherish the memory of our late brother, and that in his death the lodge has sustained an irreparable loss. Eminent amongst the most eminent in his profession, a kind friend, a worthy brother, a courteous and Christian gentleman, he has been called to his eternal rest. His example will guide us, and his memory will long remain enshrined in our affections. We humbly pray that the Most High will, in His goodness and mercy, give you grace and support you all in this your hour of trial and deep affliction, and that we shall all be reunited in that Grand Home above, where there will be neither parting nor sorrow, but peace and fulness of joy shall reign for evermore.

(Sealed with the seal, and signed on behalf of the lodge)
"W. J. PALMER, P.M., Sec. 332."

The proposer, seconder, and the Secretary were appointed a deputation to present the address. The "Lodge of Sorrow" was then closed with solemn prayer. The address having been presented, the following reply was read to the deputation:—"Dear Friends,—On behalf of my mother, myself, and our family, I beg to return you, and through you to the members of your lodge, our heartfelt thanks for the kind and sympathetic address which you have just read. Some of my dear father's happiest moments were passed in the company of his brother Masons, and he often expressed his deep regret that failing health latterly prevented him from more frequently joining in their meetings. He lived a Christian, and as such he died, in perfect peace and happiness, trusting, as he expressed almost in the last words he ever uttered, 'in the finished work of Christ.' This knowledge naturally lessened in some measure the terrible blow with which a merciful God has thought fit to visit us. May we all be as well prepared when the day of reckoning comes to meet our Saviour. Allow me again to thank you most sincerely for your kindness and sympathy, which my mother and all of us will ever treasure as a mark of esteem and regard for one who was so universally respected and beloved by those who best knew and appreciated him.—Yours very faithfully,

"EDWARD C. THOMPSON."

MASONIC AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE.—We have pleasure in calling attention to the progress which this office has made and is making, notwithstanding the difficulties which all Life offices have had to encounter, and the work which has had to be done to secure new business. We specially call our friends' attention to this office, and recommend them to support the same by taking out policies or otherwise as may be convenient. Assuredly this office well deserves the support of the Craft generally.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The following is the circular for the meeting of the central committee of this useful institution:

Sir and Brother,—You are requested to attend a Meeting of the General Committee, to be held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope Street, on Friday, the 23rd instant, at five o'clock, to take into consideration the following applications, viz.:

From the widow of the late Bro. Henry Brown, of Lodge 203 (Ancient Union), on behalf of her sons, Henry George Brown, aged 12 years, Arthur Hope Brown, aged 8 years, and William Hay Brown, aged 14 years.

From the widow of the late Bro. Richard Brooks, of Lodge 216 (Harmonic), on behalf of her son, Albert Ernest Brooks, aged 10 years, and her daughter, Ada Fanny Brooks, aged 11 years.

From the widow of the late Bro. John Hughes, of Lodge 241 (Merchants'), on behalf of her son, Robert Joseph Hughes, aged 9 years.

From the widow of the late Bro. Josef Tomschitz, of Lodge 241 (Merchants'), on behalf of her daughter, Elise Marie Emilie Tomschitz, aged 8 years.

From the widow of the late Bro. Andrew C. Mott, of Lodge 241 (Merchants'), on behalf of her sons, Charles Arthur Mott, aged 12 years, and James Edward Mott, aged 8 years.

From the widow of the late Bro. Alexander Christie, of Lodge 667 (Alliance), on behalf of her daughter, Annie Tollitt Christie, aged 9 years.

From the widow of the late Bro. George Duncan Urquhart, of Lodge 673 (St. John's), on behalf of her daughter, Rose Ogilvie Urquhart, aged 10 years.

From the widow of the late Bro. John Tranter, of Lodge 673 (St. John's), on behalf of her son, Charles Tranter, aged 8 years.

From the widow of the late Bro. Richard Holden, of Lodge 786 (Croxteth), on behalf of her daughters, Mary Evelyn Holden, aged 11 years, and Minnie G. Holden, aged 9 years.

And for the transaction of any other business in connection with the institution.

I am, Sir and Brother, Yours fraternally,
RICHARD BROWN, Hon. Sec.,

87, Lord Street.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening in the board room, Freemason's Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President, in the chair, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President. Among the other brethren present were Herbert Dicketts, W. Smith, C. E., Hyde Pullen, Raynham W. Stewart, John White, James Willing, Jun., H. Garrod, C.] A. Cottebrune, Joseph Smith, John Boyd, John Savage, W. Dodd, J. G. Marsh, John Lewis Thomas, G. F. Swann, H. Bartlett, W. Carter, E. Wits, W.M. 144; W. C. Crick, Joseph Crawley, R. W. Little, Goddard, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury and H. Massey, *Freemason*.

After confirming the small grants, amounting to £270, resolved last Lodge of Benevolence, the brethren proceeded to consider the new cases, and during the evening voted £470; one of their grants was for £150. Several grants were made of £20 each, two £40, and one £30. The remainder were the smaller grants of £10 and £5. Lodge was then closed.

SONG.

ON THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS M.W. GRAND MASTER.

By Bro. Dr. J. E. CARPENTER, P.M. 284 AND 1196.

I.

Ye brethren of the mystic rite
To greet your Royal Prince prepare,
The word is passed, the sign is right,
Behold! he fills the ancient chair!
The chair the wisest king of old,
Great Solomon, once deigned to fill,
Our grand construction to unfold,
Called by the universal will.

II.

Again, as in the days of yore,
The widow's son our work designs,
His skill the Temple raised before,
We follow working on his lines;
True to our old Masonic fame,
Long may our lofty columns stand,
Graced by our Albert Edward's name,
Made firmer by his ruling hand.

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. A. HOLMES.

We deeply regret to announce that on Saturday last, the 17th inst., Bro. the Rev. Arthur Holmes, 18, a member of the University Rose Croix Chapter, Cambridge, committed suicide in a fit of temporary insanity. The deceased, besides being one of the most distinguished Masons in Cambridge, was also one of the most learned amongst the alumni of that ancient university. He gained the Bell (University) scholarship in 1856; the Craven University scholarship in the same year. He won the Porson prizes in 1856-7-8, the Bronze Medals for Greek Ode in 1857-8, and the Chancellor's Medal for English verse in 1858. In 1860 he was elected to a scholarship at St. John's. For many

years he was classical lecturer at St. John's, and also at Clare College. In 1868 he was appointed Lady Margaret preacher, and also a select preacher before the University. In 1869-71 he was Cambridge preacher at the Chapel Royal, and at the time of his death was a member of the senate of the University. He was the author of various classical works, including the *Midias of Demosthenes*, and the *Nemean Odes of Pindar*, besides being editor of the *Catena Classicorum*. We are indebted to our contemporary, the *Morning Post*, for the above particulars of the classical achievements of our lamented brother.

Masonic Tidings.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER AT SHEFFIELD.—It has been stated that the Prince of Wales will stay at Sheffield two days on his forthcoming visit to that town in August next. He will open Page-hall Park on the day of his arrival, and in the evening will attend a ball given by the Mayor. On the following day he will be entertained at a banquet by the Cutlers' Company. It has been suggested that the Duke of Cambridge should be invited to accompany the Prince to Sheffield, and it is probable that if he accepts the invitation he will be the guest of the Master Cutler. His acceptance of the invitation is somewhat doubtful, inasmuch as when, some 18 years ago, he unveiled a monument to the memory of Sheffield soldiers who fell in the Crimea he was treated in a very disrespectful manner by the working men.

GLASGOW PUBLIC HALLS, Kent-road, off North-st.—It has now been decided that the foundation stone of these Halls shall be laid with full Masonic honours by the Provincial Grand Master for Glasgow, Walter Montgomerie Neilson, Esq., of Queenshill, on Saturday, 22nd May ensuing. Should the weather prove favourable it is anticipated that this will be the most imposing Masonic demonstration that has been within the province for a long time. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and other civic dignitaries are expected to take part in the ceremonial. The day being Saturday, numerous deputations from lodges within a radius of a dozen or fifteen miles will doubtless join the procession. The post of honour to carry the tools will as a matter of course be filled by Lodge St. John, No. 3, it being the oldest lodge within the province, in connection with this. The Architect, Mr. Sellars, of Messrs. Campbell, Douglas and Sellars'; and the builder, Mr. James Watson, are both members of Lodge St. John.

The Priory Chapter No. 1000 will be consecrated (this day, Saturday), at the Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea, by Bro. R. Wenworth Little, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, at three o'clock. Comp. the Rev. R.S.R. Wyrant, P.Z., is the M.E.Z. Designate, Comp. E. E. Phillips, H. Designate; and Comp. A. Lucking, J. Designate. Trains leave London, as follows: Bishopgate St., 10.42. a.m.; Fenchurch St., 10.52. a.m.

The Prince of Wales's yacht, the *Osborne*, is ordered to be ready by the 1st of June for the use of his Royal Highness, who will proceed some distance to sea with the Arctic ships.

Bro. N. Knell has been elected Churchwarden of St. Giles, Cripplegate, and also one of the Assessment Committee.

On Monday last Bro. Emra Holmes gave his lecture on "Public Speaking" (which we understand will appear in the "Masonic Magazine" for May), at the Public Hall, Needham Market, Suffolk, the object being that thoroughly Masonic one, to assist the funds for the restoration of the chancel of the neighbouring church of Great Blakenham, of which his cousin, the Rev. W. Emra, is rector. There was a select, but very appreciative audience, the Rev. W. L. Elliott, Rural Dean, occupying the chair.

An excellent photograph portrait of our esteemed Bro. Hervey, the Grand Sec., has just been published by T. P. Avery, Ladbroke Grove.

The National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon St., on Friday, the 14th May, at 3.30. p.m. The banquet will take place at 6.30. p.m.

We understand that Bro. E. J. Harty has received permission to make sketches of the installation of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, from which it is his intention to produce a splendid historical steel plate engraving, containing portraits of the most eminent brethren present on the occasion, so that the delineation of so memorable an event will not be wanting.

Bro. Horace Jones, the City Architect, was married at Marylebone Church, on Thursday, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Patch, daughter of Mr. John Patch, barrister-at-law, Temple.—*City Press*.

Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, the proprietors of the Guildhall Tavern, have purchased the freehold of the north-east corner of King-street, adjoining the Irish chambers, and immediately facing the Guildhall.

THE RED CROSS BALL AT WILLIS'S ROOMS.—There were nearly 200 present at this most successful re-union, amongst whom were Col. Francis Burdett and Mrs. Burdett, Sir Knights R. Wentworth Little, Roebuck, Dr. Ramsey, Rosenthal, Levander, McCartney, M.P., Cubitt, Thellay, Col. Peters, Rev.—Holden, Rev.—Vaughan, Yeoman, Boyd, Pythian, Keily, Hand, H. A. Dubois, and F. C. Hogard. The refreshments were first rate, and the supper and wines superabundant. The music was good, and in fact the ball was pronounced the best that had been held at Willis's Rooms this season. After supper those members of the degree of K.T. donned their picturesque clothing, and a special quadrille was danced by them with great effect.

HONOURS TO CAMBERWELL MASONS.—Bro. G. S. Mansell, of the Sphinx Lodge, 1,349, has been elected a member of the Camberwell Board of Guardians. Bro. J. H. Vockins,

W.M. of the same lodge, was then referred to by Bro. E. R. Buxton, who, at the meeting of the London School Board last week, in bringing up the report of the Bye-Law Committee, and alluding to the compulsion of attendance, said: "Comparing the increase in the different divisions, there was an extraordinary difference, no doubt to be accounted for by the increased efficiency of the Superintendent, or the Divisional Committee, or the visitors. The difficulty in dealing with the children in some districts arose from the class of children; at the same time the discrepancies were so great that he desired to call the attention of the divisional members to the fact, so that they might see whether some increased result might not be obtained. Lambeth appeared to have been more successful than other divisions, not only in the past half year, but since the commencement of the system of compulsion. It was due to Bro. Vockins, the very hard working Superintendent of Lambeth, to say that." The brethren of the "Sphinx" should feel pleased to find two of their officers thus "honourably mentioned."

THE "SPECIALITE" SHERRY.—This wine, which possesses really a genuine light and wholesome flavour, has attained great popularity, and is largely patronized by the medical profession. We find it free from that mineral acidity so invariably found in sherry of the present day. The wine has been submitted by Messrs. Felter and Sons, the importers, for analytical purposes, to many of our most able medical men, who unanimously, we may say, recommend it for its valuable and dietetic qualities. We understand that the business of this firm has increased so considerably that they intend shortly to remove from their present address, 26, Conduit-st., to much more commodious and extensive premises, situated in Albemarle-st., Piccadilly.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—The preparations which have been in progress for the opening of the new Alexandra Palace during the past year are rapidly drawing to a close, and the final arrangements for the opening on the 1st May are completed. There is a very large demand for season tickets, no doubt occasioned by the attractive nature of the programme, which has been largely circulated, and also by the exceptional advantages afforded to season ticket holders by participation in the Art Union distribution of works of art. Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, and Bros. Ellis and Shaw (Sheriffs), with the Wardens of the principal City companies, will attend the opening ceremony in civic State, escorted by a Light Cavalry Troop of Honourable Artillery Company, and the Mayors of the chief provincial towns will also be present. The grand concert by members of Her Majesty's Italian Opera Company, conducted by Bro. Sir Michael Costa, will commence at 3 p.m. The picture galleries comprise a well-selected and attractive exhibition of modern works, amongst which the French and Belgian schools are fairly represented; whilst the works sent from Munich for exhibition, and to which one gallery is especially devoted, form the largest and most complete collection of high class Bavarian pictures ever exhibited in this country.

BRO. GLAISHER AND THE BALLOON ACCIDENT IN FRANCE.—Last week Dr. Sedgwick Saunders, the Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst for the City of London, was presented with a handsome testimonial, consisting of a pair of candelabra, a Warwick vase, and a silver claret jug, in recognition of his public services in connection with the new Guildhall library. The presentation was made at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor. In the evening, Bro. John Symonds, the chairman, and the members of the Library Committee, entertained about eighty guests at dinner at the London Tavern. Towards the close of the entertainment Bro. James Glaisher, F.R.S., responding to a toast with which his name had been connected, took occasion to say, referring to the fatal balloon experiment in Paris, that he had been exceedingly pained to read the results, and that he could not but feel that a great mistake had been made. M. Tissandier, he said, with whom he was well acquainted, had previously been with him, and they had talked together about the power of a man to ascend a certain altitude, even to the height of five, six, or even seven miles. Bro. Glaisher argued then, as now, that no man, however experienced, should attempt to exceed that extreme limit who had any heart disease or any pulmonary affection, for in either of those cases, after ascending to a height of four miles, death might occur at any moment.

It is incorrect to say that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will be made a Master Mason this week. He will be raised next week, but on a day previous to the installation of H.R.H. the Grand Master.

We understand that our worthy brother, the Lord Mayor, is the Junior Grand Warden for the year. We are very glad to hear it.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I am desirous of obtaining information about a Masonic Apron which belongs to my lodge, the "True Friendship," where it has been recently accidentally discovered. It is nearly as fresh and distinct as if it had just come from the printer's block. The beautiful engraving is printed on satin, and is mounted on a flag or a little stick covered with white silk. This apron was printed at Bristol, 1813, painted by Hobday, engraved by G. Johnson, and published by J. Hayes, all of Bristol. I am anxious to learn its history, and the meaning of the design. Is this specimen unique. It is a "Moira" apron.

H. J. HATCH, Chaplain and J.W. 160.

Rectory, Little Hambridge, Rochford.

[The flag may have been used at the great dinner given to Lord Moira in 1813.—Ed.]

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Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The following stand over:—

Reports of the Installation of Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., as Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire; Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin; Presentation to Bro. John Laurie, G. Sec., Scotland. Lodges 813, 201, 523, 1391, 816, 54, 114, 209, 360, 333, S.C. Royal Cumberland Mark Lodge, Bath. Victoria Rose Croix Chapter, Ipswich.

ERRATUM.—In correction of an error which inadvertently occurred in a report in our last issue, we are requested to state that M.W. Bro. Graham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, &c., and who is at present in London, is not a member of the Canadian Parliament.—[Ed. F.]

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1875.

NOTICE.

The *Freemason* of May 1st, containing 'a full report of the Installation, will be considerably enlarged. Orders should be given at once, to any news-agent.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Before we meet our readers again this great event in our Masonic history will be past and gone, and we, therefore, think it well to recur to the subject generally for the last time. All the tickets are now out, and though many will be disappointed, those who have had the arrangements have laboured to do their duty to the Craft, without "partiality, favour, or affection." It is a most awkward position for them, and not a pleasant duty by any means to refuse admission to so many worthy applicants, but "sunt certidene fines," and no goodwill in the world, or wish to please the brethren, could overpass them.

From what we know of our excellent Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, and Bros. Thomas Fenn, and the Grand Secretary, we are well aware, with the Craft at large, that none feel more the disappointment of so many good men and Masons more keenly than they do.

All the arrangements thus far have been

characterized by consummate tact and remarkable consideration for the Craft at large, and we feel sure that the Grand Stewards, with Bro. Erasmus Wilson at their head, are equal to every emergency, and acting Wardens to the Annual Offices, something might be said about the relaxation of the rule, as all Provincial Officers could then only be ipso facto members of Grand Lodge, but by the Book of Constitutions, as is well known, the only Provincial Officers who must be members of Grand Lodge are the Provincial Grand Wardens and the Provincial Grand Deacons, and if these are Past Wardens, they are not members of Grand Lodge, but though the rule must be adhered to, we feel bound to say that the authorities are all animated by a desire to eschew anything like the difficulties of the Circumlocution Office, and to suggest regulations and arrangements as helpful and as simple as may be, for the good of the Craft at large. We beg to call attention to Bro. Erasmus Wilson's seasonable letter, and to the interesting report of the meeting of the Stewards, which we specially commend to our readers' most careful consideration.

We are requested to call attention to the fact, that many brethren are still writing to the office, whose applications cannot be granted, and whose letters cannot even be answered, owing to the pressure of correspondence. Many brethren have not even taken the trouble to read the regulations, and have written about points which are already clearly laid down. It is impossible to answer them. Many of the lodges have made inaccurate returns, placing qualified brethren on the unqualified list, so that if any are excluded, it is alone the fault of the lodge officers. The rule about Clothing is distinct and precise in the Book of Constitutions, and all Provincial Officers, Past and Present, must wear their qualifying collar and jewel for Grand Lodge.

The agenda paper was not issued when we went to press.

THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

Since the resignation of Lord Ripon, this distinguished province has been without a Chief. Those who know West Yorkshire, and are acquainted with its work, are well aware, that for many years it has most faithfully striven to perform all its Masonic duties, most truly and fully, with "freedom and fervency and zeal." It gave that happy impetus to the provincial movement in favour of the metropolitan charities which has reached such gratifying proportions, and its own contributions to our great central Institutions have been worthy of itself and the sacred cause it had so much at heart. Some of us may recall the genial rule of Lord Mexborough and of his kindly deputies Charles Lee and Dr. Fearnley; but most of us will best remember Lord Ripon's active and pleasant regime, and the warm heart and considerate counsels of his zealous and respected deputy, Bro. Bentley Shaw. Until the lamentable hour of Lord Ripon's separation from the province, nothing could be more harmonious or happy, and no Provincial Grand Mastership ever more tended to exalt the "prestige" of the Order in the eyes of non-Masons, amongst our shrewd fellow-countrymen in West Yorkshire.

Under Lord Ripon and Bro. Bentley Shaw, the great charitable movement progressed and expanded, while at the same time the building of Masonic Halls assumed a remarkable and unmistakable character. Indeed, we venture to add, from intimate acquaintance with the district, and without wishing, as they say in Yorkshire, to "crack over much," that there is no province in England where the principles of Freemasonry are more valued or better displayed. A great deal of this is owing to the happy influence of the provincial authorities, for it is a well known truism in the history of nations and communities and societies that the principles and character, and that the Special Stewards will be very useful in the separate duties allotted to them. We are asked, even so late as this week, how the Provincial officers are to be clothed? It has been already pointed out by us, as well as laid down in the regulations, which we hope all our brethren will carefully read, that the Provincial officers are to wear their qualifying collar of W.M., P.M., Senior or Junior Warden, over

their Provincial Clothing. If all Provinces adhere to one rule, of appointing only W.M's., the ruled always bear a wonderful likeness to those of the ruler. We are not saying too much when we add that no province could be better administered, and no province was more truly sensible of the privileges and advantages it enjoyed. Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., well known to Yorkshiremen, succeeds as P.G.M. in the room of Lord Ripon, and as Bro. Bentley Shaw wishes to retire, Bro. J. W. Tew, of Pontefract, a zealous Yorkshire Mason, is to be appointed D.P.G.M. And while we wish all prosperity to the new administration, while we feel sure that under their auspices Freemasonry in West Yorkshire will neither retrograde nor decay, we yet feel bound to remember those who have so far borne the burden and heat of the day. Neither should we forget the zealous efforts of Bro. R. M. Nelson, formerly P.G.S., nor the continued zeal of Bro. H. Smith. Bro. Bentley Shaw will carry with him, on his retirement from active business, the goodwill and regard of all his brethren. They will remember his geniality, his earnestness, his forbearance, his kindly consideration for all of whatever rank or degree, and we trust that he may be long spared to enjoy the attachment of his friends and his family circle, and the affectionate goodwill and regard of his brother Freemasons.

A PORTRAIT OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

We have been greatly pleased with an engraving of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which Bro. Harty has submitted to our notice. As a work of art it is highly effective, and gives us a striking representation of our Grand Master in his full Masonic clothing as Grand Master. We beg to commend it to the notice of all our readers. We are of opinion that it does great credit to our good brother Harty, while it gives us a very striking portrait of our august Grand Master. The engraving would form a most appropriate ornament for every lodge room, under the English constitution, and we may add that as a specimen of lithography it is one of the finest and most highly finished of any we have ever seen.

MR. CHARLES BRADLAUGH.

We think it but fair to our readers to publish the following article on this subject, which appeared in our contemporary, *The Birmingham Morning News*, of April 13th, with some needful comments of our own at the conclusion:—

"A paragraph, which we copied yesterday from a Liverpool contemporary, calls attention to a question of considerable interest both to those who are, and those who may desire to become, Freemasons. That question is—Can a man join the Masonic body who refuses to express his belief in a God? Lately, in America, Mr. Bradlaugh was present as a Mason at some lodges, and the *Freemason* thereupon declared that he "was not a regularly made Freemason under the English constitution at all, nor, indeed, under any regular constitution at all;" adding that the *Loge des Philadelphes*, in which he was "made," is "a spurious political and unrecognised order." Mr. Bradlaugh having stated that he was received in the *Loge de la Persévérante Amitié*, Grand Orient of France, the *Freemason* says, "We can find no such lodge under the Grand Orient." To this Mr. Bradlaugh replies, "Your inability to find the *Loge de la Persévérante Amitié* of Paris is a matter on which I cannot help you. If you had applied at the proper source, you could not have avoided finding it; and if you do not know where to look, it will only be because your acquaintance with Freemasonry is of a very limited nature." After stating that his diploma, signed "Le Maréchal de France, Grand Maître de l'Ordre Maçonnique, Magnan," and duly countersigned, numbered, and sealed, is dated May 15, 1862, and was the certificate under which he visited the Adelpi and Columbian Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Mr. Bradlaugh says, in reply to the *Freemason*, "I say nothing of the good taste and Masonic feeling which permits you to suggest, through a correspondent, that these respectable and influential American lodges are also spurious assemblies; that is a matter for yourself; but if you had

stopped to inquire, you would have well known and easily ascertained that it would be simply physically impossible for an irregular Masonic Lodge to meet in the Boston Masonic Temple." Mr. Bradlaugh was some time ago admitted into the High Cross Lodge, Tottenham, and the *Freemason* remarks thereupon—"We must all of us greatly deplore the laxity manifested by that lodge. He is a person of known Atheistical opinions, made in a spurious political lodge, mixed up with revolutionary proclivities, admitted into a respectable English Lodge. . . . We hope that the members of the High Cross Lodge can give some satisfactory explanation of a most anomalous and unprecedented proceeding." Mr. Bradlaugh says—"With your questions to the Tottenham High Cross Lodge I have little or no concern; but tell me how it is that the very Grand Lodge of England itself could have issued its solemn certificate, duly signed and countersigned, vouching me to be a regular Freemason, if there is, or could be, any doubt on the matter? Is the system of issuing Masonic certificates by the Grand Lodge of England so loose that it may possibly solemnly vouch one who is not a Mason? For several years I held this certificate; I returned it of my own motion, but only when a Grand Master was elected to whom I can never pretend to pay Masonic allegiance." This is a very pretty quarrel as it stands, among Freemasons, who, we understood, never quarrelled—at least, openly. There are two points in it—one of fact, as to whether Mr. Bradlaugh was or was not made a Mason; and one of principle, as to whether theological or political belief has anything to do with the admission of a person to the ranks of Masonry. On the first point, the advantage seems to lie powerfully with Mr. Bradlaugh—who, by the way, was a member of the Loge des Philadelphes in the honourable company of Louis Blanc and Garibaldi. As to the second point, we are not competent to judge. Mr. Bradlaugh states that he was an avowed Atheist before he was made a Mason. If, however, it be true, as the *Freemason* seems to imply, that a religious declaration is required in England in order to become a Mason, and that Freemasonry takes cognisance of political opinion also, the Pope will be gratified as well as surprised to learn that the Freemasons, like himself, are fighting for religion and established order. As the point has been raised, it is worth while to have it settled. Some persons, though believers in religion, might object to become Masons through a religious test, and others, who would confer honour on Masonry, would be excluded by that test on the Continent; and we can hardly see the use of maintaining it in England, for foreign Masons, infidels in religion, coming to reside in England, would wish to become affiliated members of English lodges, and could not very graciously be refused. If, however, there is now any religious test required by foreign Masonic lodges, then Masonry can hardly be making great progress amongst the educated classes of France, Italy, and North Germany, where unbelief is so common. Perhaps some one well acquainted with English and foreign Masonry will clear up these points—always supposing the dread 'secret' would not thereby divulged." The case then thus stands. Mr. Charles Bradlaugh was originally received in the "Philadelphes," as far as we are concerned, an illegal and unmasonic Order, and was received, in 1862, into the "Persévérante Amitié," a lodge, Mr. Bradlaugh states, under the French Grand Orient, and through which he received a formal French certificate, signed by Marshal Magnan, then Grand Master. Thus, according to Mr. Bradlaugh, he had a legitimate French certificate, but we venture to repeat such acceptance by the French lodge, even though it be regular, by no means condoned the offence of having been professedly received as an initiate in an unwarranted body, openly disavowed alike by the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of France. Upon this certificate Mr. Bradlaugh presented himself to the High Cross Lodge, and, without entering into questions personal to Mr. Bradlaugh, we think the High Cross Lodge may plead, as a justification, that they received him on a lawful certificate. The High Cross Lodge then apparently obtained a certificate from the Grand

Secretary, on the payment of the usual fee, on the registration of Mr. Bradlaugh as a Master Mason under the English Constitution. It was no part clearly, of the Grand Secretary's duty to inquire into Mr. Bradlaugh's antecedents. The High Cross Lodge had received him, and were alone responsible for his admission into our English Order. We originally contended that Mr. Bradlaugh was not a legally made Freemason, and we assert so still. His reception in France by no means did away with his vicious admission, and as far as we are concerned in England, he is an irregularly made Mason. Mr. Bradlaugh quite misunderstands what we said about the American lodges. We nowhere implied in the slightest degree that we considered them in any way "illegitimate," but as Mr. Bradlaugh had no English certificate we did not understand how he was admitted. It appears that he was accepted on his French certificate. That is all very well, as regards the Grand Orient of France, though we do not profess to understand how they can accept as a French Freemason a person originally admitted into the Philadelphes. That is, however, a question for them to settle. For us the matter is plain. Mr. Bradlaugh is not a properly made Freemason. We will only add, that "La Persévérante Amitié" is not found on the official list of 1874, though it may have existed in 1862. With regard to our contemporary's remarks, we will say this: We have nothing to do with politics, and we require no political test whatever, but we have a right to say, and we do say, according to our well-known "standing order," that a man is "obliged by his tenets to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understand the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." We have nothing to do with foreign brethren or foreign notions, but according to our English system, no atheist can be received in our lodges. By this proper rule, if we know anything of English Freemasons, we feel sure that our brethren will sternly and unanimously abide.

VALE.

Hardly a week passes over our heads but we have to deplore the loss of some well-known brother of our Order. It may be, that the last time we saw him in lodge he seemed as strong and as genial as ever. No one could be more hearty in the cause of Freemasonry, no one could more contribute to the social happiness of the evening. And yet here is the inevitable obituary and he is not! He has passed away from home and friends, and kith and kin, from the office he filled so well, from the duties he discharged so faithfully, from the society he graced so much. And sometimes the pain of the intelligence is augmented by the suddenness of the event. Some unexpected illness, some dreadful accident, some unforeseen calamity, hurries away from us all, from time, from friends, from duty, from the lodge, some most worthy confrère, some faithful and zealous member of many years. At that time memory asserts its power, and it rushes with us on its pinions of magic swiftness, to other days and other scenes, to ancient meetings and good Masonic work. Then we, who are now old, and grey, and gouty, were full of zeal and energy. Pleasant were our meetings then, "O socii et so dales," and flourishing was that good old lodge of which we were the indigenous or the affiliated members. And he whom we mourn to-day, perhaps, was then in our very midst, most active with the active, earnest with his work, and foremost in all Masonic labours. Peace to him. He has passed away from earthly toil, and weakness, and suffering, and imperfection, to that "rest which remaineth," one day to be admitted, let us hope, by his Grand Master's goodness, into that everlasting lodge, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. We shall all feel how true is this simple description of the hebdomadal thoughts of many of us, who see recorded in the pages of the *Freemason* the names of old friends and fellow workers, as they pass away from us, from time, and home, and lodge; and though as Masons we fully believe that,

"We shall watch for the gleam of the flapping sail,

We shall hear the boat as it gains the strand,

We shall hail the approach of the boatman pale,

To bear us o'er to the better land," yet, still human like, and mortal like, we often deplore that we can no more have,

"The touch of a vanished hand,

And the sound of a voice that's still."

In Freemasonry it often happens that we meet most worthy men and good Masons, not of high social position, not of a great name or greater wealth, yet with them we consort on terms of Masonic equality in the lodge, and to us Freemasons it matters not whether they be high or humble, rich or poor; they are our brethren, and warmly do we regret their loss, and sincerely do we respect their memories.

IMPORTANT.—THE INSTALLATION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Every member of the Craft will, I am sure, give those on whom devolves the duty of planning the arrangements for the approaching grand ceremony credit for an earnest desire that the future, as well as the past, shall be an agreeable and a pleasant memory. As a small, but not unimportant element for securing this happy result, let me beg of you to remind the brethren who attend the festival, particularly those from the provinces, to distinguish between the hall and the tavern department of our magnificent building in Great Queen-street. In the hall they will find every convenience for clothing, and for the security of their property, and an active and zealous body of Tylers to provide for their comfort. After clothing in the hall they may pass leisurely to the banquetting-room of the tavern, and when the business of the evening is over, they may retire with equal composure and ease to the tyled apartment in which they have left their impedimenta, whereas the tavern must necessarily be bustling and occupied with its own affairs, and there is always the possibility of confusion.

I have known such an occurrence to arise, and I have heard reproaches directed against a presumed want of proper administration. But attention to the suggestion I have now made will prevent any repetition of a like inconvenience, and will protect the management from misunderstanding.

I need hardly say that it is the earnest wish of the Grand Stewards that the arrangements of the banquet shall be, in every sense, complete and harmonious.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF
GRAND STEWARDS.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE M.W.G.M.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I fear from what I can learn as to the uncertainty in the minds of many of the present and past officers of lodges in the provinces (especially the old Past Masters) that there will be (notwithstanding the plain instructions of Grand Lodge) great confusion and misapprehension as to the blue collar and pendent jewels necessary to be worn by all members of Grand Lodge. Some brethren too, with provincial or past provincial clothing, will, I fear, appear in that clothing minus the ordinary blue collar and silver jewel of the office in ordinary lodge, by virtue of which alone they are members of the Grand Lodge.

Some old Past Masters who have no blue collar or Past Master's pendent and silver jewel of their own, will, I expect appear in their old Past Master's apron only.

Again, several old lodges in the provinces have very old jewels, and not according to the present regulations of Grand Lodge.

Hence, if the stewards are strict, many of the brethren will not be admitted to the ceremony of the 28th, and would thus lose their journey to London.

To obviate so dire a disaster to any of our more obtuse brethren they should be enabled to purchase collars and jewels on the spot (i.e. at the Albert Hall). This could be done by your establishing for the morning, a sort of stalls in the vestibules, either for the sale of collars and pendent silver jewels, or the loan of them. If the latter, the borrower to deposit with you a sum of money sufficient to guarantee the safe return of the borrowed articles. The pendent silver jewels will be simply the four regulation ones, viz., W.M., P.M., S.W., and J.W.

Apologising for thus troubling you, I am, dear Sir and Brother,

RICHARD H. HOLMES,
P.G.S., Northumberland.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Some of us poor benighted "provincials" are still somewhat puzzled as to how we should "appear" on the 28th. I am a Past G. Reg. of a province, and W.M. of a lodge—what clothing must I wear? I enclose my card.

Yours fraternally,

BETA.

[Our good brother really should read the official directions and regulations—and not put them into the waste paper basket.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have seen in your paper several suggestions that the brethren of lodges, who have not access to the Grand Festival, should unite to hold festivals of their own upon the day of the Grand Festival, and I beg to point out that no lodge as such, and therefore no union of lodges, within the London district can have a Masonic feast on the day of the Grand Festival. (See Book of Constitutions, p. 23, sec. 13). If any banquet is held, it must therefore be strictly unmasonic in character and conduct.

Your obedient servant,

W.M.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am obliged for your opinion so kindly expressed in your paper of 19th December in reply to my letter of 3rd November. I think, however, you have overlooked a most particular point, in fact, the point on which the whole matter rests, viz., "at that meeting"—that is, at the first regular lodge when the minutes are read for confirmation. A contents that B should give notice of motion that at the next regular meeting he will propose that a certain clause in the minutes read be rescinded. The minutes would of course stand unconfirmed until after his proposal had been considered.

I have been requested to ask you to reply to a question as to the power of the W.M. to refuse to allow a member to ballot for a candidate on the ground that such member had stated to one or more members that he intended to black-bail every candidate who might be proposed during the year, or for a certain time.

Yours fraternally,

W. C. HOWARD.

Queenstown, Cape of Good Hope, March 19th.

[Our opinion is, that the W.M. has no right to prevent a brother voting, as he has no power, but we think that such a speech is unmasonic and might fairly be adjudged to be prejudicial to the best interests of the lodge. The W.M. could clearly summon the brother before the lodge on a charge of unmasonic conduct, tending to the injury of the lodge—Ed.]

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

In the *Freemason* for March 17th I pointed out the fact, that out of 31 candidates for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls only two of the fathers had contributed directly to its funds (one having been a "Steward six times and subscribed to all"). Also that out of 48 candidates for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, only six of the fathers had been contributors to our Masonic charities; in other words, only eight of the 79 brethren, whose children were candidates at the late elections, had contributed directly to either of the London Masonic charities, and only one out of the 79 had been a Steward. I mentioned also some other facts respecting the brethren whose children sought election, particularly that their average subscriptions to their lodges would about serve to clothe, educate, and board their 79 sons or daughters for six months in either of the institutions.

By some Freemasonry is looked upon as a most useful and expensive society, wherein one's pocket is drained of its contents, and nothing returned by way of compensation. It occurs to me, therefore, that the foregoing facts should tend to alter the views of all such objectors to our "Ancient and Honourable Fraternity."

I have since received a number of private letters on the subject, thanking me for drawing attention to the matter, and expressive of the hope that the publication of the communication will be the means of inducing many brethren, now in prosperous circumstances, to subscribe to our grand Masonic Charities, who have hitherto been content with ignoring the claims of indigent Masons, or their widows and orphan boys and girls. One correspondent, "Q," in a most friendly manner calls me to account for the remarks I have made, or rather the facts pointed out. I venture to think he has wholly mistaken the object I had in view by the publication of the communication, and consequently the inferences he deduced from the observations I made are his, not mine.

It is easy for a brother to fancy objections to a certain course, and then answer them to his own satisfaction. I am not at all concerned as to that, indeed, I have admired in two or three instances how neatly and completely "Q" has demolished various arguments brought to bear against certain methods of testing the qualifications of candidates; but then in each case the fallacies so exploded have not been my creation, but his own, so the advantages or disadvantages resulting therefrom are likewise his, not mine.

I do not say that "those candidates are the most eligible whose fathers contributed to our charities," and never have. Why should I? The result might be quite the contrary. But I do say that all who enter the Masonic Society should be able then to devote a portion of their income to relieve the distressed brethren, though subsequently their circumstances might change for the worse. This being so, I can only account for so many refusing to aid our charities, who are well able to do so, from sheer disregard of their obligations as Freemasons, or complete misconception of the meaning and intention of the aims of our society.

I have seen our indefatigable Bro. John Constable offer his shilling tickets, on behalf of the Masonic Charities, to brethren who refused their mites, and yet have spent a shilling or more the same evening in liquor, they would have been better without.

Certainly if two brethren in similar circumstances for years as Masons were to die—other conditions being equal—the children of the brother who had been a liberal subscriber or steward to our Masonic Charities should be preferred for election to those belonging to the other brother, who had never given one penny to either of our institutions. I fail to

see anything unfair in this, and the late elections prove that subscribers are not going to lose sight of this view of the case, for the two little girls belonging to the two deceased brethren who had subscribed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls were both elected, and one I know mainly because of the father's exertions on behalf of our noble institutions during his Masonic career, and whose income, be it remembered, was much less than many brethren who refuse to contribute to our Masonic Charities!

Three out of the six boys whose fathers had been subscribers to the charities were elected on the 12th inst., and only five more were successful out of the remaining forty-five!

I quite think with my friend & brother "Q" that "it would be most unfortunate if we gave or withheld our support in the case of a particular candidate on the sole ground that his or her father had or had not contributed to our charities during his lifetime, or presumed prosperity." It would be equally unfortunate if the children of Masons, equal as to claims in all other respects when candidates for our institutions, should be elected in preference to other children similarly worthy, only with the additional qualification that their fathers had been liberal supporters of the charities in question, whereas the others had not.

I do not wish to dogmatise in any respect on the subject, but I think Bro. "Q" will see with me that but a few of the many Masons in this country support our various charitable institutions, both in the country and in London, and making all due allowance for the different circumstances of the brethren, and the difference in incomes, it is still a melancholy fact, that many of our brethren who might have aided the charities when in good circumstances, (for their condition in life) never subscribed to any of the institutions, but spent their incomes in an extravagant and generally useless manner, and then have died, leaving us the legacies of their widows and children unprovided for.

I expect to see some more correspondence on the subject of our Masonic Charities in the *Freemason* when the excitement attending the Installation of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. is over, and I hope the readers of the paper will carefully ponder the letter in to-day's issue by Bro. —, P.G.D., which is "worthy of the gravest consideration."

I have long held that the minimum fee of "three guineas" (exclusive of the registration fee and certificate) is much too low, and should be doubled. Indeed, I have induced many lodges to do so, and until the authorities decide so to do let the members take the initiative, and agree to the increase themselves. I hope "P.G.D." will ventilate the matter by proposition in the Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

The annual communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of this province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Friday, the 2nd inst., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. William Kelly, F.R.H.S., presiding. There were also present, Bros. Rev. William Langley, S. S. Partridge, C. Stretton, G. Toller, F. J. Baines, W. Sculthorpe, A. M. Duff, F. Amatt, H. James, R. B. Smith, J. C. Duncombe, C. P. Newcome, J. T. Thorp, W. T. Rowlett, T. A. Wykes, J. Young, S. Knight, J. Garner, G. W. Statham, J. W. Smith, G. Clifton, O. Law, H. Meadows, R. Taylor, W. Wear, and J. M. McAllister.

The Fowke Lodge having been previously opened, the Prov. Grand Master and his officers were received and saluted under the direction of Bro. J. T. Thorp, M.C.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Rev. Wm. Langley, P.D.P.G.M.; A. M. Duff, P.M., acting S.G.W., and Bro. S. S. Partridge, J.G.W. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and also of a special meeting, were read and confirmed. A favourable report was received of the progress of Mark Masonry in this district, and, with the exception of the Knights of Malta, No. 50, the other lodges in the province were well represented. Bro. Clement Stretton, Past Grand Steward, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and received the hearty and cordial thanks of the Provincial Grand Master and brethren for the able and painstaking discharge of his important trust during the past year.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the usual term of office, and invested those present, Bros. Rev. William Langley, P.M., P.G.D.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.M., P.G.S.W.; J. C. Duncombe, W.M. No. 21, P.G.J.W.; Rev. H. E. von Stürmer, P.G. Chaplain; G. Toller, W.M. No. 19, P.G.M.O.; W. Sculthorpe, P.G.S.O.; R. A. Barber, P.G.J.O.; C. Stretton, P.G. Treasurer; Chester P. Newcome, P.G.R.M.; J. M. McAllister, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary; R. B. Smith, P.G.S.D.; Robert Waite, P.G.J.D.; Dr. George Clifton, P.G.D.C.; F. Amatt, P.G.A.D.C.; W. T. Rowlett, P.G.J.W.; J. T. Thorp, P.G.S.B.; T. A. Wykes, P.G. Organist; J. W. Smith, P.G.I.G.; R. Taylor, G. Odell, H. James, P.G. Stewards; and C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, P.G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the business of the Fowke Lodge was resumed under the presidency of Bro. McAllister, W.M., when Bros. W. C. Shout, J. W. Noble, and R. Clarke were advanced to the degree of Mark Master.

The Installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Toller, was conducted by Bro. S. S. Partridge, I.M., in a manner which received the highest encomiums of praise from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and the brethren who enjoyed the privilege of witnessing his perfect work.

The W.M., Bro. Toller, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. Stretton, and the rest of the brethren, expressed by a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. McAllister, I.P.M., their satisfac-

tion with the manner in which he had conducted the ceremonies and discharged the duties of the chair during his Mastership. The following brethren were appointed and invested with the collars of their respective offices:—Bro. C. Stretton, S.W.; W. Sculthorpe, J.W.; Rev. H. E. von Stürmer, Chaplain; R. A. Barber, M.O.; W. T. Rowlett, S.O.; F. J. Baines, J.O.; J. Garner, Treasurer; J. B. Hall, Sec.; G. W. Statham, Assis. Sec.; T. A. Wykes, R.M. and Organist; J. T. Thorp, S.D.; J. Young, J.D.; G. Odell, Director of Ceremonies; J. W. Smith, I.G.; W. Sculthorpe and R. Taylor, Stewards. The claims of the Masonic Charities received deserving attention, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet which followed was numerously attended, and was graced by the presence of the Prov. Grand Master and other distinguished Mark Masons.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, especially the Prov. Grand Master, who is now the Senior Officer of that rank in England, having been appointed in 1858, and to whose individual exertions Mark Masonry in Leicestershire owes its very existence, and under whose fostering care it has attained the prosperity it is now our pleasing duty to report.

Bro. McAllister, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the newly Installed Worshipful Master," spoke in high terms of the zeal shown by that distinguished Mason in the discharge of the business and ceremonies of various degrees of Masonry, of his ability as administrator of the interests of the lodge, of his character as a citizen and a gentleman; and congratulated the brethren on having secured the services of one who would prove an able, urbane, firm, and thoroughly conscientious Master, while his own modesty of character would be the chief ornament of the high position he now occupies.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. McAllister; "The Installing Master," Bro. S. S. Partridge; "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Newly Advanced Brethren," "The Ladies" and the Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable evening.

MASONIC PICNIC IN NEW ZEALAND.

The annual picnic given by the members of the Prince of Wales Lodge of Freemasons, was this year rendered less enjoyable than was anticipated, through the unfortunate change of the weather on the day. The party, consisting of about eighty ladies and gentlemen, assembled pretty punctually at the wharf, and embarked on board the p.s. "Takapuna," which had been specially chartered to convey them to the Lake, and about 11 o'clock started; the City band, under the direction of Mr. Impey, discoursing most delectable music. The spot selected for holding the picnic was a barn near the Lake Takapuna, where every preparation had been made by host Gorman, of the Alexander Hotel, Parnell, to whom had been entrusted the catering, and who had exerted himself to the utmost, besides providing most liberally for the commissariat department, having seen that the floor of the barn was in proper condition for the dancing, which forms so essential a part of a properly organised picnic. Scarcely had the party reached half way to the North Shore, where it was proposed to land some of the passengers who preferred going overland, when it began to be feared by the weather-wise that a thoroughly wet day was in store for the excursionists. Their fears were confirmed after they had rounded the North Head, and the sea running unpleasantly high, the ladies began to evince signs of becoming uncomfortable. It was represented to the committee that to land the party with such a sea, even in the splendid boats courteously placed at their disposal by Captain Le Vesconte, of the ship "Glenora," would be attended with great discomfort, if not with danger. Word was given, after some consultation, to "bout ship," and the party returned to the North Shore. Arrangements were at once made for the use of the large room at the Flagstaff Hotel, and messengers were dispatched to the Lake for the provisions which had been previously conveyed thither. By three o'clock everything was ready for dinner, and the ladies, with as many of the gentlemen as could find room at the tables, sat down to an ample and elegantly arranged feast. At the conclusion of this portion of the proceedings the "toasts" were proposed, but, in deference no doubt to the anxious looks of those gentlemen who had not been able to secure seats, the speeches were mercifully omitted. The Worshipful Master, G. N. Brassey, Esq., who occupied the chair, proposed "The Queen and Craft." Band: "National Anthem." The chairman then proposed "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," remarking that at the last picnic they knew his Royal Highness had just joined the Craft. Now he has taken his third degree. Band: "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Dr. Dawson gave the toast of "His Excellency the Governor, the Marquess of Normanby." Band: "Rule Britannia." The Rev. C. M. Nelson gave "The Press," stating that, however opinions might differ as to the "Three Estates," about which so much had been written, there was no disputing about the position of the "Fourth Estate." He was sorry to miss from among them their Bro. Snyder. Mr. Kinsella was called upon to acknowledge the toast. Band: "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. Dargaville, and responded to by Mr. E. Bennett, was the last toast on the programme. Band: "Here's a health to all Good Lasses." After the gentlemen had dined "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Jenkins, and in his reply to the toast Mr. Brassey proposed "The Health of Captain Le Vesconte." The party then separated, and the weather having cleared up, strolled about the pretty nooks so well known to frequenters of the North Shore, some even scaling Mount Victoria at the risk of being blown off their feet. About six o'clock tea was served, and after the table had been cleared away dancing commenced,

the indefatigable manager, Bro. A. H. Diethelm, acting as M.C. At nine o'clock the party returned to the "Takapuna," which soon landed them at the wharf, all expressing their thorough appreciation of the kindness and attention shown to them by the gentlemen of the committee, and their regret that the unpropitious weather should have frustrated plans so well prepared, and, as far as practicable, so well carried out.

FREEMASONRY IN BOMBAY.

LODGE CONCORD (No. 757) E.C.—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 16th January, 1875, when there were present upwards of one hundred brethren, amongst whom were conspicuous, R.W. Bros. the Hon. J. Gibbs, District Grand Master, who paid his official visit to the lodge, accompanied by his officers; Tyrrel Leith, Dr. J. Lumsdaine, W. F. Knapp, H. H. Riach, H. W. Barrow, R. G. Walton, Alfred King, C. E. Mitchell, A. McKenzie, B. Robinson, G. Henderson, &c. The lodge was opened with prayer. Bro. F. S. Llewellyn was elected a joining member. The District Grand Master having been announced, he was received with the customary honours. After making the usual inquiries if there were any complaints, and receiving no reply, he congratulated the W.M. and brethren on the prosperous state of the lodge. The business of the evening was to install Bro. W. C. Rowe, who was duly presented by Bros. King and Robinson, installed in the Eastern Chair, proclaimed, and saluted accordingly. The following officers were appointed: Bros. W. Whittaker, S.W.; A. Seabrooke, J.W.; F. Burdett, Treasurer; O. Tomlinson, Secretary; J. Luke, Director of Ceremonies; G. Tillot, S.D.; W. G. Davies, J. D.; J. Tyres, Organist; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Bro. Rowe then rose and said, "Right Worshipful Sir, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren,—As this is the first time I have had the pleasure to fill the Master's chair, I feel that I cannot make better use of my newly-won honour, than thank you all most warmly for having favoured the lodge with your presence here to-night in such large numbers. To me, such a meeting is especially gratifying, but as the proceedings of the lodge have necessarily been somewhat long, I shall reserve a few remarks for our meeting below. I now beg to propose that the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Henderson, for the admirable way in which he has conducted the ceremony of my installation, and that this lodge do recognize his past and valuable services by presenting him with a P.M. jewel and clothing of the lodge pattern, as they had done to their Worshipful Masters before." This was seconded by Bro. B. Robinson, P.M., and carried by an unanimous vote. Bro. Henderson then thanked the brethren of Lodge Concord in most suitable terms, and said that he had had a most prosperous year, and that he endeavoured to rule the lodge to the best of his ability, and he was thankful to say he had succeeded in doing his duty, which the brethren had most handsomely acknowledged in the vote they had just passed. He hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him many years to wear and prize it as a memento of Lodge Concord. One candidate was proposed for initiation. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. A band was in attendance and played some select music. After the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and the Craft," and the band played the "National Anthem." The W.M. then said: "Brethren, I now ask you to join me in drinking the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, also their Deputies." The band played "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Grand Master and his Deputy," said: "I am sure you will all agree with me that a better or more honoured ruler in the Craft is nowhere to be found. The toast, brethren, needs no commendation from me, and may the G.A.O.T.U. spare them long to rule over us." This was followed by the band playing the "Fine Old English Gentleman." The R.W. the District Grand Master said that it afforded him great pleasure to be able to pay his official visit to Lodge Concord on the night of their installation of a Worshipful Master, which was performed by the retiring Master in a very able manner. As it had been done that night, and from what he knew of their new W.M. in other degrees in Masonry, he had no doubt in his capacity as Master of Lodge Concord he would carry on the duties of that office with credit to himself and the lodge, and when he had the opportunity of paying his next official visit he hoped he should find the lodge in a good, if not in a more flourishing condition than he had found it that night. The band played the air of "A Jolly Good Fellow." He then thanked the brethren for the very cordial way in which his health had been received and responded to. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the R.W. the District Grand Master of Western India, R.W. Bro. Henry Morland, and his Deputy, R.W. Bro. Mackintosh Balfour," which was well received by the brethren. The R.W. the District Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the newly installed Master," which was received with great applause. He was very glad to say that the Craft was in a flourishing state throughout his district, and that he had not had a single complaint from any lodge for more than two years, which was a proof that everything was going on in the right way; and also alluded to the great good that he thought would arise from the new Hindoo lodge that had been started in his district, and trusted that the Craft would still go on flourishing. W. Bro. Rowe then rose and said: "R.W. Sir, W. Sirs, and Brethren,—Although we often hear men say of some particular matters that it is the proudest moment of their lives, I am sure you will allow that the event of this evening is indeed a proud moment for me, for ever since I became a Mason

I have steadily looked forward to attaining the Eastern Chair, and after a good many years of hard work in the rank and file I now find myself promoted to the full command of the Worshipful Company. If my poor services in the past have been in any way deserving of all the kind praise that has been lavished on me, I can only say that, with my increased responsibilities, I know it is due to you and myself that I should endeavour to fulfil them to the best of my ability and skill; and if I only do as well as the Masons of Concord who have gone before me I venture to hope that hereafter you will not think your confidence has been misplaced. In any case I will do my best, and if I succeed in ruling the lodge as effectively as Wor. Bro. Henderson has done, and in carrying out the ceremonial part of the work with anything like the same success, I trust I may look forward to gaining your applause. As to the officers I have appointed to-night, I can only assure you, brethren, that the Past Masters and officers, together with myself, have had but one object in view, the good of the lodge at heart; and if there are any of the brethren who consider that their claims to promotion have been overlooked, I beg they will put on one side any little annoyance when they recollect how limited the number of officers are compared with the large roll of members. For the very numerous and influential attendance here to-night, of the R.W. the District Grand Master, Masters, Past Masters, and brethren of the sister lodges who have favoured us with their presence, I beg on behalf of Lodge Concord and myself to return you our best thanks, accompanied by the assurance that during the ensuing year, as in years gone by, my brethren will be ever glad to offer their best welcome to visitors, be they few or be they many." The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Past Masters, and Past Officers of Lodge Concord," coupling the name of Bro. Henderson, the Immediate Past Master. He said that was a brother who, ever since he joined Masonry in India, has won for himself and maintained a high reputation as a worthy member of the Craft. The admirable way in which he managed the affairs of this lodge, and performed his duty as a ruler, was the best proof of his merits and of his claims to the affectionate esteem of his brethren. Wor. Bro. Henderson, in replying on behalf of Past Masters, Past Officers, and himself, thanked the Wor. Master for the very kind way he had put the toast before the brethren, and if they were satisfied with the way they had performed their duty during the past year it was very gratifying to them, and he hoped Wor. Bro. Rowe would have as prosperous a year as he had; that he had done his duty fearlessly and to the best of his ability, which he hoped the brethren were satisfied with, or they would never have acknowledged his services by voting to him the P.M. jewel and clothing, which he hoped to be spared to wear, and which he should do with pride; he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very enthusiastic way the toast of their health had been received and responded to. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," coupled the name of Bro. Riach, P.P.G.S. of Oxford, who had, he was pleased to say, been able to attend their meeting that night during his short stay in Bombay while passing through a tour in the East. He need not say anything to assure the visitors of the hearty welcome the brethren always desire to give them on behalf of Lodge Concord. Bro. Riach rose amid loud applause and replied to the toast in very suitable terms, and said that the very able way in which the ceremony of the installation of the W.M. had been performed, and the way in which the newly installed W.M. had given the different charges to his officers as he invested them, was a credit to any lodge, and that Concord was a very appropriate name for the lodge, for he could see there was concord among the members of the lodge, or the work could never have been carried on in such a masterly manner; he should be able to inform his brethren in England of the way Masonry was worked in Bombay, and in Lodge Concord particularly; he thanked the W.M. and brethren, on behalf of himself and visitors, for the very pleasant evening they had spent; he wished them every prosperity, and that they would go on and flourish. The W.M. in giving the toast of the "Sister Lodges," coupled the name of Bro. Knapp (W.M. of the oldest lodge in the district, Lodge St. George). As the Master of Lodge Concord, it would be his best endeavour to follow the good example of Bro. Henderson and his predecessors in the Eastern Chair, and to uphold the high name of Concord among the lodges in Bombay and the Craft in general. Bro. Knapp on behalf of the Sister Lodges, said he only hoped that the same kindly feeling would exist among the sister lodges as was now the case for many years to come, and thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the hearty way in which it was responded to by the brethren. The next toast was that of "The newly appointed Officers of Lodge Concord." The P. W.M. hoped that the selection that had been made would be for the benefit of the lodge, and that care had been exercised in appointing them; he hoped that the right men were in their right places, and trusted they would be punctual in their attendance; without the co-operation of the officers it was impossible for a Master to work or do credit to the lodge or himself. The band then played the air of "Cheer, Boys, Cheer." Bro. W. Whittaker, S.W., on behalf of himself and other officers, said that they would be punctual in their attendance, and use their best endeavours to assist their W.M. to keep the lodge up to that high standard in which it was now held, and that nothing would be wanting on their part to carry out the duties of the office to which they were appointed that evening, and thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind way in which the toast of their health had been received. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony by the brethren of both Constitutions singing many good songs, and at 11.45 the W.M. warned the brethren of the approaching

hour, and called upon them to drink with him the last toast of the evening, which is always given in a very solemn way. Thus ended the installation meeting night of Lodge Concord No. 757. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Tyres, the newly-appointed Organist. The banquet hall was very handsomely decorated with flags, banners, and evergreens.

Poetry.

MASONIC NATIONAL ANTHEM.

By Bro. J. FOWLER, late D. G. Secretary for Ireland.

GOD save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen
God save the Queen!

Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us—
God save the Queen!

Hail! mystic light divine,
May'st thou ne'er cease to shine
Over this land.

Wisdom in thee we find,
Beauty and strength combined;
Masons are ever joined,
In heart and hand.

Come then, ye sons of light!
In joyous strains unite,
God save the Queen.
Long may Victoria reign,
Queen of the azure main;
Masons! resound the strain,
God save the Queen.

THE FALL OF THE GAVEL.

A MASONIC SONG.

I.

In our myst'ry divine, when its first word and sign
To the trembling tyro's confided,
He is taught something more, on that square chequer'd floor,

Whither halting his steps have been guided.
At the fiat when light is conferred on his sight,
Ere his eyes round can timidly travel,
How he nervously starts at the quick rap imparts,
To his ears the sharp call of the gavel.

[CHORUS:]

The lesson is new: Here's a monitor true,
And through life conscience never can cavil
If we Mason's ne'er fail, when temptations assail,
To attend to the sound of the gavel.

II.

In this world we must learn that wherever we turn,
There is work for us always abounding,
Sin and suffering we see, and our task it must be
To encounter the evils surrounding.
And should our hearts quail:—should we fear to assail
The sad skeins we are charged to unravel,—
There's a sound will recall the most sluggish of all,
He must start at the stroke of the gavel.

[CHORUS:]

Tis a discipline stern, but how bracing to learn
There's a point whence no need far to travel,
How to find it is clear, you must just keep each ear,
Alert to the sound of the gavel.

III.

When a poor brother's need bids our hearts to give heed,
To one ever remembered monition,
And we pause and recall, how, in poverty, all
Once experienced his helpless condition,
Should cold prudence invite us the lesson to slight,
And tempt us from duty to travel,
There is conscience at hand, and her swift reprimand
Is as shrill as the sound of the gavel.

[CHORUS:]

At your peril neglect to pay ready respect
To the call, or with sophistry cavil
At your duty made plain, as your ears once again
Are assailed by the fall of the gavel.

IV.

And when, in the west, the sun sinking to rest
Sees your working tools gather'd and ready,
Prepar'd to depart, you will find that your heart
To the last gavel call can cry "Ready!"
Your labour complete, your reward you will meet:
Joy awaits at the end of his travail
The man who can say, "I am passing away,
But through life I have heeded the gavel."

[CHORUS:]

Thus in labour and stress, a sure guide we possess
And cheerily and straight we may travel,
Thoughts and actions well squared, if we're ever prepared
To respond to the sound of the gavel.

S. P., W.M. and P.M.

[*The literary brother will not need to be reminded of that exquisite masterpiece of the great master of pathos—Thackeray—"How the Colonel answered 'Adsum' when his name was called." The "Newcomer"—chapter the last. S. P.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 30, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 24.

Audit Committee Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, APRIL 26.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gatheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industrious, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 230, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st, Millbank.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grovenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master, Albert Hall, Knightsbridge.
United Banquet of the Lion and Lamb and William Preston Lodges, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1066, Victoria, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
Chap. 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's-terrace, St. John's Wood.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

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

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

Annual Festival of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, No. 217, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st. (See Advt.)
Quarterly Convocation of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society, 68, Regent-st., at 5.30.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggenidge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 1, 1875.

MONDAY, APRIL 26.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hotel, Widnes, at 6.

" 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.

" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.

" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.

" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 1, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 26.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 219, Star, 12, Trougate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
" 541, Marie Stuart, Prince of Wales-terrace, Crosshill.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-sq., Kingston.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmur.
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Calton.
" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Lodge 505, Burns, St. Mary's Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
" 510, Maryhill, 176, Main-st., Maryhill.
Red Cross Conclave, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29.

Provincial Grand Lodge, 213, Buchanan-st.
Lodge 334, Cumnock, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.

" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.
Lodge 125, St. James's Newton, Masons' Arms, Ayr.
" 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Follokshaws.
" 347, St. John's Operative, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

SATURDAY, MAY 1.

Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
" 458, St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Busby.
" 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 1, 1875.

MONDAY, APRIL 26.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Writers' Court, High-st.
" 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

Lodge 141, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hotel, Cockburn-st.
Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
Red Cross Conclave 4, Edinburgh, Writers'-court, High-st.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Lodge 2, Cannongate Kilwinning, St. John-st.
" 112, St. John Fisharrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

FRIDAY, MAY 30.

Lodge 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-st., Leith.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETING

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (228).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held at the Old Gate, St. John's of Jerusalem, Smithfield, on the 13th ult., the W.M., Bro. John While, in the chair. All the officers were present with the exception of a deacon, who had met with an accident, and thus caused a break in the constant and punctual attendance usual in the lodge. In the noble hall where Garrick essayed the part of the Mock Doctor, and where Dr. Johnson wrote the first reports of Parliament, the W.M. raised two brethren, passed two, and then initiated two gentlemen, one a well-known food analyst, the other a follower of Franklin's profession, and then, having resumed the third in order to finish the ceremony, the lodge was closed in the three degrees. All the work was done without calling off, and in an able manner on the part of all, the officers being Bro. Griggs, S.W., Bro. J. Hill, S.W., Bro. Halford, S.D., Bro. Killick, J.D., and Bro. Ingalls, I.G. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, and besides a full lodge gathering, with a good muster of P.M.'s, there were many visitors, among them being Bros. T. W. Haselgrove, of 475; Frederick Garbet and Stack, of 1178; F. Varley, of the Britannia; J. Ednooke, of the Royal Jubilee; J. G. Glover, of Sincerity; and W. Loxcroft, of the Domestic. The whole, work and refreshment, were passed in perfect harmony.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 858).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Beaufort House, Walham Green—the head quarters of the South Middlesex Volunteer Rifle Brigade—on Thursday, the 22nd ult. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Kirke, the outgoing W.M., and the formal business of reading and confirming the minutes of the last regular and an emergency meeting, taking the report of the Audit Committee, was at once gone through; besides which the ballot was taken for the admission as a joining member of the Hon. and Rev. Francis Edmund Cecil Byng (Apollo Lodge, Oxford), of St. Peter's Parsonage, Onslow Gardens (an hon. member of the South Middlesex Rifle Volunteers), who had been proposed by Bro. the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Egan, J.W. This having completed the business of the lodge in the first degree, it was opened in the second, and Bro. Wemyss, who was a candidate for raising, being in attendance, was examined as to his proficiency in the former degrees and entrusted, and having retired, the lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Wemyss was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in a most able manner by Bro. Jones, I.P.M. At the conclusion of this ceremony the lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the chair occupied by Bro. Major Ratcliffe, P.M. and Treas.; when Bro. P.M. Cooper, D.C., presented Bro. Pamphillon, S.W. and W.M. elect, to the presiding Master, to receive from him the benefit of installation; and Bro. Pamphillon having given his assent to the ancient charges prescribed by the Constitution, was obligated, and a board of installed Masters having been formed, was installed in due form into the chair of K.S., after which the Master Masons and Fellow Crafts were re-admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed with the customary ceremony. To those who know Bro. Ratcliffe it is unnecessary to add that the work was ably performed and the addresses delivered in a most impressive manner; to those who have not the pleasure of knowing him, it may be useful information to say that in him the South Middlesex Lodge possesses a member of whose talents they may well be very proud, as we do not remember to have heard any brother's working to surpass his. This lodge is the more fortunate from the fact that Bro. Ratcliffe is not the only good worker it possesses. Indeed, there are so many good workmen here that it would be

invidious to mention names unnecessarily, but we could easily count off half a dozen, at the least, of which any lodge might be proud; and that is more than can be said of some lodges. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers, which he did as follows—Bro. Eagan, S.W.; Bro. Singleton, J.W.; Treas., Bro. Ratcliffe, Sec.; Bro. Shuter; S.D. Bro. Todd; J.D. Bro. Bird, I.G.; Bro. Pollard; D.C.; Bro. P.M. Cooper; Tyler, Bro. Woodstock. The P.M.'s present were Bros. Cooper, Worthington, Weaver, Jones, Wellsman, Godwin, and Shuter; while amongst the visitors we observed Bro. E.S. Snell, P.G.D. Bro. W. L. Holt, W.M. 5; Bro. H. G. Heald, Enoch 11; Bro. Sales, I.G. 13; Bro. H. I. Reynolds, S.W. 91, P.M. 101; Bro. Wimperis, 91; Bro. H. Kirke, P.M. S. Luke's, 144; Bro. Gamble, 706; and Bro. Preston the able D.C. of the Great City Lodge 1106; and E.C. Massey (Freemason). The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren present reassembled at the banquet-table, and partook of a most elegant repast, which reflects the highest credit on the managers of the commissariat department of the S.M.R.V. Corps. On the cloth being drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The hour, however, being somewhat advanced, short speeches were the order of the evening. In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said: Brethren, the toast I have now to propose to you is one which I am sure you will all receive with English loyalty and Masonic enthusiasm. It is "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," who is to be installed on the 28th at the Albert Hall, the chief ruler of the Craft in this country, and in loyalty to whom thousands of Masons from all points will throng together, and have the honour of working with him in Grand Lodge. I wish that we could all meet there on Wednesday, but even the Albert Hall, large as it is, will not accommodate all who would like to be present, so that such a meeting is impossible. Brethren, I give you "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales." W.M.: The next toast I have to call your attention to is "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Skelmersdale." The appointment of these noblemen to fill the offices I have named promises to be highly popular and extremely beneficial to the Craft. They are both earnest and hearty Masons, who will afford their services whenever compatible with their political or social duties. W.M.: The next toast, brethren, is a most important one; it is "The Past Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." We know from our own experience what very useful helps Past Masters are, and we can therefore well believe that in managing the affairs of Grand Lodge, as well as in the conduct of our own lodge, the assistance, advice, and experience afforded by Past Officers are most valuable to those at present in office. We have one Past Grand Officer present—Bro. Snell, whose name I will couple with this toast. Bro. Snell, P.G.D., in returning thanks, referred to the great exertions that were being bestowed upon the preparations for the grand event of Wednesday, particularly those of Bro. Sir H. Woods and Bro. Fenn, and the twelve experienced Masons in the Council, not forgetting the arduous labours of our worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Harvey. I.P.M. Bro. Kirke proposed "The health of the W.M.," who, in returning thanks, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," remarking that the South Middlesex was always fortunate in this respect, as they always had the pleasure of seeing many visiting brethren at their lodge meetings. Bro. Holt (S.), whose name was coupled with this toast, returned thanks. The W.M. proceeded to propose "The Health of the I.P.M. Bro. Kirke," and in doing so presented him, on behalf of the lodge, with a P.M. Jewel. Bro. Kirke having replied, "The Health of the Past Masters and Officers" was drunk, followed by the Tyler's toast in the usual course, and the company separated at a somewhat late hour.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—This lodge, which is presided over by Bro. J. Hume, held its last meeting of the session on Friday, at Freemasons' Tavern. In the summons convening the brethren to meet, appear two significant words, "No banquet." Whether this announcement, or the more private or public business, influenced the members is mustering, we are scarcely in a position to say; but certainly on this occasion, in comparison with former ones, the assembly was not numerous. We offer, however, for their acceptance our congratulations to the W.M., Bro. J. Hume, in conjunction with the support of Bros. P. Robinson, I.P.M.; Watts, P.M., Treas.; and Arliss, P.M., Sec., on this expression of their determination to endeavour to place the funds of the lodge in such a state as will enable it to continue to contribute, as hitherto, largely to the different charities. The admirable harmony which prevailed in the lodge, and the excellent working of the lodge and rendering of the ceremony of passing Bro. F. W. Kent, of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, who passed his examination very creditably, will compare most favourably with the best metropolitan lodges. The M.M.'s ticket for admission to witness the Grand Installation on the 28th inst. was disposed of by ballot, and, apropos, fell to the senior subscribing member, who was present below the Warden's chair. The fortunate possessor is Bro. Reed, J.D. A letter was read from Bro. Stroud, who was initiated in this lodge some years ago, but whose engagements have been of such a pressing nature as to preclude his attendance, desiring to be re-admitted. After a few favourably expressed feelings of sympathy and pleasure from Bros. Arliss, Carvill and Hammond, it was unanimously resolved to comply with Bro. Stroud's wishes. The brethren present were J. Hume, W.M.; Wagner, S.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., acting J.W.; Reed, J.D.; Watts, P.M., Treas.; H. M. Arliss, P.M., Sec.; P. Robinson, I.P.M., acting S.D. with his accustomed skill; Davage, P.M.; Carvill, P.M.; Sumner, W.M.; and another brother whose name we could not hear. The business of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned until the third Friday in October.

INSTRUCTION.

NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).—The ceremony of consecration and installation was worked on Wednesday, April 21. About sixty members of the craft assembled. The work was most admirably performed. Among the brethren were Bros. Emmens, P.G.P., Bartlett, P.M., 813, Atkins, P.M., 813, H. J. Gabb, W.M., 813, Mather, P.M., 65, Main, P.M., Hill, Saul, Pearcey, Cusworth, Braine, Harper, Stead, Halford, &c., &c. After the closing of the lodge about forty brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where a cold collation was provided, at which Bro. Terry presided. After the usual loyal toasts, the toast of "The G. Officers, Past and Present," was eloquently replied to by Bro. Emmens, P.G.P. "Continued Prosperity to the New Concord Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of the energetic Secretary, Bro. Main, P.M., who acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. Bro. Bartlett, P.M., proposed "Bro. Terry's Health," thanking him for the grand treat he had afforded. Bro. Terry expressed the pleasure he had in attending, and begged to tender his thanks to the brethren for the very great attention they had paid to him, which made his work lighter; also for the excellent arrangements, and especially to the officers who had assisted him, more particularly to Bro. Walesby, Org., 813, for his musical talents. "The Health of the Host and Hostess" was facetiously responded to by Bro. Gabb, senior.

PROVINCIAL.

ROCHDALE.—HOPE LODGE (No. 54).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 14th April, at the Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, and there was a numerous attendance of the brethren. All officers were present—Bros. Richard Simpson, W.M.; Ab. Barker, S.W.; James Burnish, J.W.; P.M. Dan Mitchell, Secretary; R. Collingwood, S.D.; Char. O'Doherty, J.D.; Bintliffe, I.G.; James Midgley, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form at 5.30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous lodges were read and put for confirmation, and carried unanimously. Bro. John Thomas Worth was then called on and examined, and having satisfied the brethren was then entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. T. Worth was admitted and duly passed to the degree of F.C. by T. B. Ashworth, P.M. Bro. J. T. Worth was invested, and retired. The lodge was then closed in the second degree. The Secretary was now called upon to read the new Bye-laws, which had been drawn up in accordance with the Book of Constitutions and the Bye-laws of the Province, and they were highly approved of by the brethren. The lodge finally closed at 7.45, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was well provided by P.M. Wm. Ashworth and his wife. After the cloth was removed the usual toasts were gone through, commencing with the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family. The other toasts were given in succession. The closing toast was given and the brethren separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The monthly meeting of this old centenary lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; W. Boby, P.S.G.W.; acting J.W.; J. J. Burton, P.P.G.D.C., Cambridge, S.W.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sect.; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; J. Allen, I.G.; and others. Visiting Bro.: A. Gamman, I.P.M., Perfect Friendship Lodge. The lodge was duly opened; the minutes read and confirmed; the ballot was taken for two brethren as joining members, and one for initiation, and all were unanimously accepted. Bro. Henry Edwards was examined and entrusted, and the lodge being opened in the second degree he was duly passed as a Fellow Craft, the W.M. performing the ceremony with his customary ability. The Secretary informed the lodge of the Grand Secretary's suggestion as to the disposal of the one ticket appropriated to Master Masons, and on the proposition of Bro. Barton it was allotted to Bro. Miller, the senior officer, not otherwise entitled to attend the Installation on the 28th. Bro. Emra Holmes said that whilst on the subject of the Installation he would venture to suggest that a new pair of gauntlets for the W.M. would be desirable, so that he might present a decent appearance in Grand Lodge. The present pair would certainly vouch for the artistry of the lodge; otherwise they were not ornamental. The W.M. suggested that new gauntlets would be equally necessary for the Wardens. Bro. Holmes was willing if the funds admitted to propose that gauntlets for the Wardens also be procured from Bro. Kenning, the great Masonic Jeweller, who, he believed, supplied these things as cheap, if not cheaper, than other houses. Bro. Boby thought that the order the clothing the more honourable—he could not support the proposition. Ultimately the motion was lost for want of a seconder, the general feeling seeming to be that the funds of the lodge might be better applied in supporting the charities than in purchasing regalia. The routine business having been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren, under the chairmanship of the V.M., sat down to an excellent supper provided by the Masonic Hall Keeper and admirable chef, Bro. George Spalding. The usual toasts were proposed from the chair. Bro. Boby responded for that of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and in a humorous and sensible speech disposed of the brother who had written to the *Freemason* to complain because in one of the recent reports of the lodge meetings in that valuable organ of the Fraternity the lodge had been described as exclusive. Bro. Boby remarked that the writer of the letter had evidently quite misunderstood the meaning of the word exclusive, or, at any rate, the meaning we put upon it. We had a lodge no wish to exclude any one who had the true interests of Masonry at heart, no one who would be likely to act up to and carry out the true tenets of the Order, bearing in

mind that charity was the ruling characteristic of a Freemason's heart—no one who would act and behave like a Mason and a gentleman, and this latter word was used in its broadest sense. A glance round the lodge room would at once show that; for although we were honoured by having a peer of the realm, several distinguished clergymen, brothers learned in the law, and others in the noble art of healing, still we had brethren in a great variety of useful trades and callings, but every one a gentleman in the truest and broadest sense of the word. Bro. Bobby observed that there was no desire to restrict the members of the lodge to one particular class or profession—far from it—all the lodge insisted upon was that its members should act like gentlemen. Exclusive the lodge was in the best sense, but not exclusive in the sense supposed by the brother who wrote to the *Freemason*. He was reminded of an anecdote of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their Grand Master. It was well known that the Prince got his clothes from Poole, the great tailor, and that H.R.H., who was always very affable, would sometimes stroll in and have a chat with Poole. One day, it is said, the Prince said, "Well, Poole, you've been away, I find." "Yes, your Royal Highness, I have been down to Margate." "Enjoyed it?" asked the Prince, pleasantly. "Well, pretty well, your Royal Highness, but the company was very mixed." "D— it, man," said H.R.H., "you surely wouldn't have them all tailors!" (Laughter.) Bro. Bobby assured the brother who wrote the complaining letter to the *Freemason* that we didn't want all tailors in the lodge. Our pleasant, genial brother sat down amidst great applause. Two or three brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, and the meeting was brought to a close at a reasonable hour.

WINDSOR.—ETONIAN LODGE OF ST. JOHN (No. 209).—On Tuesday afternoon, 6th ult., the brethren of this lodge assembled at their usual place of meeting, the Masonic Hall, St. Alban's-street, Windsor, under the presidency of Bro. John O. Carter, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Denne, S.W.; Canvin, J.W.; Strange, P.M., Sec.; Pullin, P.M., Treas.; Garrett, acting S.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Dixon, I.P.M.; Reid, P.M.; Stacey, P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; Hiscock, Duffield, Spindler, Willoughby, Bladen, Lovegrove, Tully, and others. Visitors—Bros. Kent, 309; Bingham, P.M. 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; Harris, Fisk, and others. Unfortunately the five junior officers were unable to be present; but their duties were most ably performed in their absence by junior members of the lodge, who were thus afforded an opportunity of giving proof of their competency to take regular office should it at any future time be the pleasure of the W.M. to appoint them. Bro. Willoughby was passed to the second degree and Bro. H. T. Spindler raised to the third, the efficient working of the Master being a topic of conversation and commendation among the visitors present and the brethren. The usual work having been completed, the Master announced that twenty M.M.'s of the lodge had sent in their names as desirous of attending the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, at the Albert Hall, on the 28th April. All of those names had been duly forwarded to Grand Lodge. It was now, however, understood, though not officially, that only one M.M. could be present from each lodge, and he therefore proposed that a ballot be taken for the brother to whom the ticket should be given, supposing it to be at the discretion of the lodge. This proposal having been seconded, some conversation ensued; and an amendment was moved to the effect that the ticket be given to the senior member of the lodge on the list of those who had sent in their names to the W.M. This was put in the usual manner and lost by a large majority. The original motion was then put and carried nem. dis., and a ballot taken in open lodge, the choice falling on Bro. Garrett. Upon the motion of the Secretary (Bro. J. Strange) Bros. Cobbett and Grey, two members of the lodge who resigned some years ago, were proposed joining members, as were also Bros. Fisk and Harris, both of whom desired to join the lodge after having seen the admirable working of its members. After some conversation the lodge decided (upon the proposal of Bro. G. W. Dixon) to raise the initiation fee from £5 5s. to £6 6s., and the joining fee from £1 1s. to £2 2s. The lodge was then closed in due form. Bro. Tolley, of the Chapel Royal, Windsor, ably officiated as Organist. The brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel to an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly responded to, and the brethren separated after having spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

LEICESTER.—JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE (No. 523).—The members of this lodge assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday evening, the 15th ult., under the direction of their distinguished Master in the Craft, Bro. S. S. Partridge, to pursue their labours in speculative Masonry. Bro. Partridge, W.M., having at a previous meeting ably inducted the moral duties in the 1°. Bro. Gunn, who had made excellent improvement as an entered apprentice, was presented as a candidate for the 2°, and the zealous aspirant was permitted access by the winding staircase to that position which enables him to make the liberal arts and sciences his particular study. Bro. Partridge in the lecture of the degree so impressively traced the progress of the at nature and design of Freemasonry, as cannot fail to excite, in the Craftsman a spirit of enquiry, and induce him to emulate further acquisitions in Masonry. Among those present on the occasion were Bros. William Kelly, F.R.H.S., P.P.G.M.; J. T. Thorp, S.W.; W. T. Rowlett, J.W.; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; T. A. Wykes, Secretary; A. Ross, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; W. C. Shout, I.G.; F. Baines, A.M. Duff, G. Toller, J. W. Smith, J. M. M. Allister, G. W. Statham, A. Sargeant, J. Ewing, W. Rushin, and others. The M.M. ticket for admission to the approaching Installation of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was unanimously voted to the indefatigable and worthy Secretary of the lodge, Bro. T. A. Wykes.

COLCHESTER.—UNITED LODGE (No. 697).—The installation of Bro. A. R. Clench as W.M. of the United Lodge, No. 697, took place on Thursday, 22nd ult., in the presence of the R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Matthew Edward Clark, who made his appearance in an Essex lodge for the first time since his appointment), the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. John Wright Carr), the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. J. Burton), and a very large number of visitors and members of the lodge. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. the Rev. G. J. Martyn, W.M., of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1,224, P.M., P.Z., and Past Grand Chaplain of England; and at its conclusion the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Eustace, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Naylor, J.W.; Thos. Rix, P.M., Secretary; B. Brailey, Treasurer; W. H. Bateman, S.D.; E. Henneymeyer, J.D.; W. R. Willcocks, I.G.; G. Guiver, Organist; W. Middleton, D.C.; H. Everitt and R. Emson, Stewards; and C. Gunner, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the R.W., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the other grand officers for their kind attendance, and to Bro. the Rev. G. J. Martyn for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day. Forty-six brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet *à la Russe* at the George Hotel. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and the enjoyments of the evening were very much enhanced by the vocal renderings of several brethren, Bro. G. Guiver acting as accompanist. In connexion with the toast of the Masonic Charities some gratulatory remarks were made in reference to the great success of the Colchester case at the election for the Boys' school on the previous Monday. Among those present, either in lodge or at the banquet, were:—The Right Worshipful the Past Prov. Grand Master for Western India, Bro. R. Bolton-Barton, L.L.D.; Bros. Charles Cobb, W.M.; A. Welch, S.W.; G. Gard Pye, J.W.; P.P.S. of Works, Essex; T. R. Quilter, P.M.; G. Allen, T. A. Middleton, W. W. Daniell, and T. J. Ralling, Secretary, of Angel Lodge, No. 51; W. Shury, P.M., 167, 548, and 51; F. Wright, 213, and 1,500; J. E. Wiseman, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; and Secretary Henry York, P.M.; J. E. Richardson, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and A. Went, of Lodge of Hope, No. 433; Alfred Neck and J. Hope; and the following brethren of No. 697:—The Rev. E. H. Crate, I.P.M., P.P.G.C.; T. Rix, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Secretary; E. Williams, M.D., P.M.; T. Eustace, P.M.; W. Calthorpe, P.M., the Rev. T. C. Brettingham, E. Henneymeyer, B. Brailey, T. W. Naylor, W. Middleton, J. H. Boulton, T. Downing, G. Eustace, I. Harris, W. R. Willcocks, W. H. Bateman, T. Williams, H. Harlow, R. Nightingale, G. Harvey, Bandmaster Frayling, 5th Lancers, Sergt. G. Roberts, 5th Lancers, Sergt. Major McConnell, 88th, Colour-Sergt. Hendley, 88th, and Sergt.-Major Hunt, 10th Regiment.

WARDLE (NEAR ROCHEDALE).—ROYDS LODGE (No. 816).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th April, and there was a moderate attendance of the brethren. The officers present were Bros. John Ashworth, W.M.; the S.W. being prevented from attending, P.M. Stephen England filled his place; James Taylor, J.W.; P.M. James Kershaw, Treasurer; P.M. James Midgley, Secretary; John Thomas Stott, S.D.; John Helliwell, J.D.; Alf. Shore, I.G., pro tem; William Eastwood, Tyler, pro tem. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 7.30. The minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. called on P.M. William Davies to give an explanation of the First Tracing Board, and the brethren were very highly pleased to have had an opportunity of listening to such an interesting explanation. There being no other business, the W.M. closed the lodge at 8.45, after receiving hearty good wishes from Lodge of Hope (54) and Lodge of Benevolence (226), and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was beautifully provided by Bro. John Leach and his wife, in that homely and comfortable style which always gives satisfaction to the brethren. After the cloth was removed the W.M. proceeded with the toasts, commencing with the Queen and the members of the Royal Family, and the other toasts were given. To the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. Thomas Edward Heap, 226, responded. The last toast was given and the brethren separated after a very pleasant evening.

HAMPTON COURT.—BURDETT LODGE (No. 1293).—This lodge met for the transaction of business on Saturday the 24th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Bro. Frederick Kelly, W.M., occupying the chair. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed. There were five candidates for raising, three of whom were present, viz., Bro. T. R. Carrell, Bro. A. Wyatt, and Bro. W. J. Burdett; and these, when the lodge had been opened in the 2°, were examined and entrusted. On their retiring the lodge was opened in the 3°, when they were re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M., a very thorough and very earnest Mason, who, by his conduct in the chair, is proving himself to be a very good workman. The lodge having been resumed to the 1°, the W.M. inquired whether the candidates for initiation—there being two on the summons—were in attendance, was answered in the negative, one being absent from an unexplained cause, and the other having met with a serious accident. In the absence of the R.W., Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master, and of Bro. R. W. Little, Prov. G. Sect. (the proposer and seconder of a candidate for joining), both of whom were absent from an unavoidable cause, the ballot for the proposed joining member could not be proceeded with. The regular business of the lodge thus came to a conclusion somewhat earlier than was anticipated. Bro. Rosenthal proposed that the W.M., Bro. Kelly, be recommended to the Prov. Grand Master of

Middlesex as one of the Prov. Grand Officers, which proposition was seconded and put by the S.W., and carried unanimously. After having thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by this resolution, the W.M. said there was one matter to which he wished to call their attention before closing the lodge. He thought that the time had arrived for them to endeavour to obtain a suitable room in which to hold their lodge meetings. He had conceived the idea that they might erect a small Masonic Temple—he did not desire to interfere with the present arrangements as to banquet—but by the time of the next meeting he hoped to have some tangible proposal on the subject for their consideration. He added that he felt sure that if they did not do it some other lodge would, and he should be very sorry if any lodge but the Burdett were to take the initiative in this matter. The Secretary, he added, would please take these remarks as a notice that he, the W.M., intended to move a resolution on the subject at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. The members present were Bro. Kelly, W.M.; Bro. Pearce, S.W.; Bro. Berrie, J.W.; Bro. Buss, P.M. P.G. Treas.; Bro. Southwell, S.D.; Bro. Bindoff, J.D.; Bro. E. Shaboe, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Middlesex; Bro. Woollard, Steward; Bro. R. L. Sindall, I.G.; Bro. Still, P.M.; Bro. H. Phythian, P.M.; Bro. T. Massa, P.M.; Bro. Raynham Stuart, P.P.S.G.W., Middlesex; Bro. S. Rosenthal, P.P.S.G.W., Middlesex; and many other brethren, members of the lodge. Among the visitors we observed Bro. G. Phythian, Neptune 22; J. Thompson, Tranquility 185; Alfred Clark, Harmony 255; Dr. Ramsay, M.D., S.W., 259; W. Dennison, P.M. Alfred, 306; Charles Legg, East Surrey Concord 463; W. Reed, St. James 765; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*). When their Masonic labours were brought to an end the brethren spent a short interval in the grounds of the charming old palace, and then re-assembled at the banquet table, where a handsome dinner was set before them, to which they did ample justice. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and were all most heartily responded to by the brethren present. "The Queen and the Craft," "the W.M., the G.M., and the 'Prov. Grand Master' having been drunk, the W.M. proposed 'The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present,' coupling therewith the name of Bro. Raynham Stuart. Bro. R. Stuart said that many of these toasts were merely formal, but he felt that this was no mere formal toast, considering the happy event that was to take place next Wednesday, and all that is being done by the Grand Officers, Past and Present, to promote the success of the proceedings on that day. Brethren, he continued, we are about to have the Prince of Wales before the people of England and before the whole world as the Grand Master of Freemasons of England. He is doing us a very great honour, an honour that we are very proud of; but let me tell you it is a very great honour to him; when he acquires that position he will know that he has 40,000 men ready to shed their hearts' blood for him; and, therefore, I say it is not only an honour he does us, but we do him a great honour indeed. Brethren, I thank you. The W.M.—Brethren, I have now to give you a toast that is always well received in this lodge, and that is, 'The Health of the R.W. Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master, Middlesex.' It is very rarely indeed that he is absent, and though he is obliged to absent himself this evening, we know that his heart is with us, and that he wishes himself here. I have also to call your attention to the toast of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present; I believe we have four present this evening.—Bro. R. Stuart: Brethren, I feel that you must be getting very tired of me, but at the same time I am very proud of having been your first Dep. Prov. Grand Master, but I think I did you good suit and service by retiring from you, as there are so many fresh men coming on. I thank you very sincerely for your kindness, and for the very great respect that I have always received at your hands, and I hope that I shall always merit it.—Bro. Rosenthal said that there was never much to be said by any one coming after Bro. Raynham Stuart. He was very proud to stand in the position he occupied, and he thanked them for drinking his health.—Bro. Chaboe, Prov. G. Chaplain, also responded. We have not space for his speech, which was a warm plea for the charities. He took the opportunity, as he was going as Steward at the Girls' Festival, to ask the Lodge for £5, and instanced cases which had come under his personal observation of severe reverses of fortune, alleviated by means of the Masonic institutions. We have no space for a detailed report of the remaining speeches. Suffice it to say, that all the usual toasts were drunk, and all were responded to, and acknowledged, and the brethren separated at a comfortably early hour, so as to be able to reach home in reasonable time. We congratulate the W.M. on the able working of his officers, and the good feeling that pervades the whole Lodge; and we congratulate the lodge on being under the direction of so able and courteous a W.M. as Bro. Kelly.

LEICESTER.—COMMERCIAL LODGE (No. 1391).—The annual festival and installation meeting of the Commercial Lodge, 1391, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, the 12th ult. The [almost unprecedented number of brethren in attendance fully demonstrated the brotherly love and esteem for Bro. Barber, and the warm interest in the prosperity of this young lodge which pervades the heart and minds of the brethren of the local lodges. Among those present during the evening were—Bros. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S. (Hon. Mem.) P.P.G.M.; Clement Stretton, P.P.G.W.; G. Toller, P.P.G.W.; R. Waite, P.G.W.; S. S. Partridge, P.G.S.W.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.G. Treas.; J. M. McAllister, P.G. S.D.; W. Weare, P.P.G.D.; J. B. Hall, P.M., P.G.D.C. and first Master of the lodge; J. Halford, P.M., P.P.G.A. D.C.; G. Clifton, M.D.W.M.; J. W. Smith, W.M. 279;

A. Palmer, P.M.; F. J. Baines, P.M.; J. T. Thorp, S.W. 523; G. B. Atkins, Alderman Barfoot, L. L. Atwood, G. W. Statham, J.W. 279, and other officers after mentioned. The following representative brethren were also present—Bros. Scott, 27; Pank, Treas., and Dixie, Sec., 442; Dorington, 935, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. Dr. Clifton, W.M., and the preliminary business dispatched, our veteran brother, Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M., took the chair, and performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Barber with more than usual effect. The whole proceedings were conducted with dignity, graced by courtesy and hospitality, and it would only be invidious to particularize when the same system has been so generally practised by the sister lodges in Leicester, and we may fairly omit enumerations where the record of good feeling is so general. The admirable working of Bro. Kelly was anxiously watched by the spirited and intelligent members of the lodge, and though unqualified to take any leading part therein, they evinced a thorough determination not to be sleeping partners in the great concern of Masonry. Bro. Barber, W.M., appointed and invested the following brethren as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year—Bros. E. Mason, S.W.; B. Moore, J.W.; R. Waite, Treasurer; J. Ewing, Secretary; A. Chamberlin, S.D.; G. Matt, J.D.; E. Butler, I.G.; C. McBride, D.C.; H. Meadows and J. W. Hunter, Stewards; and C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. By the Treasurer's report the finance department is most prosperous, and this prosperity has enabled the lodge to contribute a liberal donation to the Boys' School. The lodge was closed in due form, and upwards of sixty brethren remained to the banquet, which was of the most recherché description. The arrangements generally reflected great credit upon Bro. C. McBride, E. Butler, J. W. Hunter, and Dr. Meadows, the officiating Stewards. The usual loyal and characteristic toasts were given, and Bro. Barber, in submitting them, enlivened and cheered the meeting with his usual urbanity of manner and social kindness. Bro. Clifton, I.P.M., in a humorous address, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was supported by Bro. Stretton, P.P.G.W., in justly merited terms of encomium, and enthusiastically received by the brethren. The W.M., in reply, shortly detailed the plan he intended to pursue as Master, and expressed his desire for the promotion of the interests of the lodge and the Craft generally. The Past Masters of the Lodge who were all present, were next complimented in felicitous terms by the W.M., to which Bros. J. B. Hall, J. Halford, and Dr. Clifton responded in a manner which truly delighted an attentive auditory. The toast of "The Sister Lodges" was responded to by Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M. 279; S. S. Partridge, W.M. 523; G. Toller, P.M.; R. Waite, P.M., and several brethren of rank, whose laudatory remarks and happy allusions to the principles of the Order did honour alike to their heads and hearts. In short, the meeting was strongly characterized by an intellectuality of enjoyment, and the greatest harmony and goodwill prevailed the whole of the evening.

HAMPTON HILL.—FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Hill, on Wednesday, April the 14th. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by the following officers:—Bros. Wigginton, P.M., &c.; W. M. Saunders, S.W.; Walls, acting J.W.; Horsley, P.M., P.Z., &c., acting I.P.M.; Knaggs, Treas.; Mitchell, Sec.; Court, acting I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Taylor having been examined and entrusted, was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Bennett, having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, was also entrusted and raised to the degree of a Master Mason. Both ceremonies were carried out in their beautiful entirety by the W.M. most ably and impressively, although he was suffering very severely from a painful and distressing indisposition. Bro. Horsley, P.M., then reported that, in compliance with the unanimous resolution passed at the last lodge meeting, he had seen Colonel Burdett, the P.G.M. of Middlesex, upon the subject of removing the lodge to Twickenham, and that he had agreed to the same with one condition, that it should not be removed until it had completed one year of its existence. The W.M. also reported that he had both written to and seen the Colonel upon the matter, and informed him that a deputation had been appointed by the lodge to wait upon him to explain the reasons that had actuated the members in their unanimous desire to leave the King's Arms; but that their P.G.M. had declined to receive the deputation, as he stated he was perfectly satisfied with the statements and explanation given by him (Colonel Wigginton), and that he consented to the removal subject to the one condition as expressed by him to P.M. Horsley. After some discussion, Bro. Knaggs was elected to receive the Master Mason's ticket, entitling him to be present at the Prince of Wales's Installation as M.W.G.M. In answer to the Senior Warden's question as to what was going to be done towards establishing a Lodge of Instruction in connection with the lodge, the W.M. stated that as it had been finally determined that the lodge should be removed from Hampton Hill to Twickenham, he should immediately make the necessary application in order that the brethren might have an opportunity of attending at the Albany Hotel for Masonic instruction during the summer recess, where he intended the Lodge of Instruction should be held, and that he should have much pleasure in acting as Preceptor until the requirements of the lodge should necessitate the engagement of a permanent one. The following brethren, who had been proposed by the J.W. and seconded by the W.M., were balloted for and unanimously elected joining members:—Bros. P. V. Hutton, P. Prov. S.D. Nottingham, P.M. 402; Sugg, P. Prov. G. Surrey, 452; John Hutton, P. Prov. G.S.W. of Suffolk, 555; Kennedy, P.M. 820, W.M. Crescent; Bayliss, 820; and Grant, 957. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the residence of the W.M., where they were hospitably received and kindly entertained.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—A meeting of this old established Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st., on Tuesday, the 13th of April last. There were present Companions Smith, M.E.Z.; Watts, P.Z., acting H.; J. Hammond; Davage, P.Z., acting S.E.; Wagner, S.N.; Elsam, P.S.; Robinson, A.S.; Honeywell, and A.S.; Bentley, Janitor. The minutes of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, the M.E., assisted by his officers exalted Bros. T. E. Walls, 141, W.S. 1381, I.G. 1503, 1512, and J. Sumner, I.G. 201. The impressive and beautiful ceremony was most excellently well performed. This being the night of installation, Companion Smith was inducted for the second time to the chair of First Principal, and Companions Hammond and Elsam to the second and third. The ceremony was ably carried out by the veteran Companion Watts, P.Z., assisted by the other Past Principals of the Chapter, viz., Companions Holbrook, Lowenstark and Davage. The other officers appointed were Companions Davage, S.E.; Wagner S.N.; Robinson, P.S.; Honeywell, First A.S.; Mander, Second A.S.; Bentley, Janitor. The report of the Auditors, Companions Smith, Watts, Holbrook, Davage, Hammond and Stevens, after considerable discussion, was received and adopted, and the chapter having been duly closed, the companions adjourned to an elegant banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given by the M.E. with commendable brevity, and duly honoured. Comp. Elsam proposed "The Health of the M.E." in an able speech, which was heartily received. Comp. Smith, in reply, stated that he was exceedingly proud at being again elected to the first chair. He was unfortunately suffering from illness when he left Cheshire to be present at the audit meeting of the chapter on the previous day, which indisposition had increased considerably, and he hoped that under the circumstances the companions would kindly overlook his shortcomings in the chair that evening, and on that account also excuse his brevity in proposing the various toasts. He was advised, on account of his state of health, not to leave the country, but knowing that his absence would have entailed considerable inconvenience to his officers, he had determined at all risks to be present at the last meeting of the season of his mother Chapter. The M.E. then proposed "The Healths of the Newly Exalted Companions, Walls and Sumner," and stated that from the recommendations that had been given to the chapter by their proposers and seconders—viz., Companions Hammond and Elsam, and Wayne and Savage—the "Jerusalem" had received a valuable addition to its ranks, and he felt sorry that the last named companion had been unable to stay to the banquet, in order that he might have had an opportunity of responding to the toast. Companion Walls, in reply, thanked the M.E. and the companions for the hearty manner in which his health, in conjunction with Companion Sumner's, had been drunk. The proceedings and technicalities of the R.A. were so different from the Craft that he felt quite out of his element, and hoped that any breach of etiquette he might commit upon that, the night of his *début*, would be kindly overlooked by the chapter. He then expatiated upon what he had seen of the working of the companions, and expressed how impressed he was with the solemn and beautiful ritual which had inspired them with ardour, and he hoped some day, by perseverance and attention, to arrive at the proud position of First Principal of the Jerusalem, the duties of which chair had been so ably carried out by their M.E., notwithstanding the difficulties under which he laboured through indisposition. The healths of the officers were next proposed and drank, and severally responded to by Comps. Hammond, Elsam, Robinson, Wagner, and Davage. The M.E. then proposed "The Health of their Visitor, Comp. E. Levy, P.Z." (Joppa), and expressed how gratified he felt at having had the company of so indefatigable and zealous a worker in the various degrees of Freemasonry, and he was sorry that that companion had not been present at the working of the chapter. This toast was well received, and Comp. Levy made an excellent reply. Between the intervals of the toasts Comps. Walls, Levy and Mander vocally and dramatically entertained the companions. The proceedings terminated at midnight, and the chapter separated until October.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND (Time Immemorial) LODGE.—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, April 19th, at 6 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the V.W., Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.J.W. of the Grand Lodge of England, P.M., 26 and 54, took the chair, supported by the following officers:—Bros. General Doherty, as S.W.; James Dutton, J.W.; Bagshawe, I.P.M.; Carey, as M.O.; Baldwin, as S.O.; John Dutton, as J.O.; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; S. Mitchell, as J.D.; Gazzard, as I.G. There were also present Bros. Smith, Rubie, Keene, Braham, Falkner, &c. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was reported that the Extended Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws as drawn up by the three brethren previously commissioned for the purpose had met and performed their duty. These were read by the acting W.M., and adopted *seriatim*, the exact wording of one or two being left open, contingent on points respecting which it was ordered that inquiry should be made. An order was made that they should be put in type and copies distributed to the members, previous to application for the sanction of the higher authorities, and final confirmation by the lodge. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then proceeded to the only remaining business—namely, the installation of the W.M. Bro. James Dutton was presented by Bro. Bagshawe, P.M.,

and the preliminary ceremony having been gone through, the brethren were requested to retire, and Bro. Dutton was legally installed in the chair of Adoniram. On the return of the brethren, after the Board of Installed Masters had been closed, the customary proclamation, procession, and salutation took place, the working tools and other things were presented to the W.M., and he was desired to appoint his officers, which he did as follows:—Thompson, I.P.M.; Dr. Rubie, S.O.; Caser, J.O.; John Dutton, Treasurer; Falkner, Registrar; Cater, Secretary; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; S. Mitchell, J.D.; Preston, I.G.; Gazzard, Steward. The Installing Master completed his work by giving the addresses respectively to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and the brethren. Some discussion took place as to the appointment of a Tyler, the brother who has hitherto filled that office having died suddenly, but nothing was definitely settled, as a similar vacancy will have to be filled up by the Cumberland Craft Lodge, to which this is considered an appendage. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. Thompson, P.M., and Parfitt, P.M., on account of illness, and Bros. Wilton and Jelley, owing to business engagements. A cordial vote of thanks to V.W. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, for the skilful manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation, was carried by acclamation. After the lodge had been closed by the new W.M. the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for a banquet, which was most liberally supplied by the host, Bro. Rubie, and a pleasant evening was spent. There appears every probability that this, which is reported to be the oldest lodge of Mark Master Masons in England, will be restored to a position of efficiency and prosperity, after having been nearly dormant for some years.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—ALPASS PRECEPTORY (No. 123).—The installation meeting of this very prosperous encampment was held on Wednesday, and the high estimation in which the E.P. Elect, Sir Knight W. Doyle, is held, brought together a strong muster of the members of the Conclave and the proceedings were graced by the presence of some of the principal Grand Officers of the Order, and visitors from the other conclaves in the district, including Sir Knt. Beswick Royds, Sub Prior; Sir Knt. Pierpoint, P.E.C., Prov. Grand Sec.; Capt. Jones, Sir Knt. Berry, P.E.C., Prov. Grand Standard Bearer; Sir Knt. Kennett Smith, E.P.; William de la More, Sir Knt. Alpess, P.E.C., 1st Grand Standard Bearer, and P. Prov. Grand Captain; and Sir Knts. Clarke, E.P.; W. Doyle, Jackson, Mawson, Brown, Kenyon, Shakespeare, Gallagher, Shortis, Sheath, Burrows, Evans, Matthews, Capell, Firth, Widdows, Chesworth, Bucknall, and others. The preceptory having been regularly opened by the E.P., Sir Knt. Clarke, Em. Sir Knt. Alpess proceeded to install Sir Knt. Wm. Doyle as E.P. for the ensuing year, and this having been done in solemn and impressive form, Sir Knt. Doyle invested his officers as follows:—Sir Knts. Thos. Clarke, P.E.P. and Treasurer; John E. Jackson, 1st Captain; Moses Mawson, 2nd Captain; Richard Brown, Registrar; W. H. Shakespeare, Expert; John Kenyon, Capt. of Lines; W. O. Bulman, Almoner; W. Shortis, 1st Standard Bearer; J. Gallagher, 2nd Standard Bearer; Thos. Evans, 1st Herald; J. Capell, 2nd Herald; Samuel Hinks, Chamberlain; Fabius N. Sheath, Organist. Sir Knight Beswick Royds alluded to the meeting of the National Great Priory on the 14th of May, and having entered into explanations as to the recent alterations made in the constitution regulating the Order, expressed a hope that the former arrangements might be restored, and the dissatisfaction which threatens the future progress of the Order avoided, a wish in which all the Sir Knights present heartily concurred. The balance of the Almoner's fund having been voted to that excellent charity the "Hamer Fund," and some other business having been transacted, the preceptory was closed, and the Sir Knights partook of the "bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness," which was so admirably provided by Sir Knight Ball as to call forth the unanimous approval of all present.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

IPSWICH.—VICTORIA SOVEREIGN ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.—On Monday, the 12th inst., the usual annual meeting of the members of this flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when there were present, 11. Bros. the Rev. T. E. Beaumont, 30°, M.W.S., and Emma Holmes, 31°; M.E. Bro. W. T. Westgate, P.M.W.S., and the following Sov. Princes, Dr. Mills, 1st General; E. Robinson, 2nd General; Geo. Creswell, Marshal; P. Iornell, Raphael; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, and others.

The chapter was opened with the usual solemnities, and the minutes of last chapter were read and confirmed. This being the usual meeting for the installation of the lost Wise Sovereign Elect, Ill. Bro. Emma Holmes, he was duly inducted into that high office by the M.W.S., I. Bro. Beaumont, 30°, who conducted the impressive ceremonial in a befitting and dignified manner.

Ill. Bro. Emma Holmes then appointed the following his officers for the ensuing year:—Excellent Bros. Rev. J. B. Weed, High Prelate; E. J. Robertson, 1st General; George Creswell, 2nd General; Philip Cornell, Recorder; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, Marshal; W. P. Mills, M.D., Raphael; M.E. Bro. W. T. Westgate, Master of the ceremonies; Ex. Bro. A. J. Barber, Captain of the Guard; Serving Bro. George Spalding, Janitor.

It appeared by the minutes of last meeting that Bro. Clark, of the British Union Lodge, was duly proposed or perfected, but through some mistake his name had not appeared on the summons. The question arose as to whether the name could proceed to the ballot. The M.W.S. explained that the bye-laws were silent on the subject, merely requiring that a brother should be either

proposed in open chapter or at nine days' notice, he would therefore leave it to the chapter to decide. Ex. Bro. Robertson, 1st General, proposed, and Ex. Bro. Dr. Mills, R., seconded the motion, that the ballot be proceeded with, which on being put to the meeting, was carried nem. con., and the ballot being taken, Bro. Clark was declared duly elected. It was decided afterwards, however, for the sake of regularity, to insert the candidate's name in the summons for next meeting if thought necessary.

The usual courteous letters expressing inability to attend from various causes, were received from Ill. Bros. C. J. Vigne, P.M., P.S.G.C. 33°; Cap. N. G. Phillips, P.M., P.S.G.C. 33°; and A. H. Royds; also from M.E. Bro. C. V. Childs, M.W.S., Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter, and others.

The routine business of the chapter having been disposed of, and the alms of the Princes having been collected, the Sovereign Chapter of Rose, Croix H.R.D.M., was declared duly closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment.

On the removal of the cloth, the M.W.S. asked the brethren as loyal subjects to honour the toast of "The Queen," which was of course heartily responded to, the National Anthem being sung. The Most Wise then proposed "The Supreme Grand Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite," and in doing so, remarked that the position of that rite was stronger than it had ever been before. As the brethren were aware, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had accepted the position of Grand Patron, he was also Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, and was about to be installed Grand Master of the Craft. He, Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes, believed that the three offices had never before been held by a Grand Master of the Freemasons before, and he thought it augured well for the high degrees, which would now occupy a very different position to that they held before. He regretted that they had not been honoured with the presence on this occasion of Ill. Bro. Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, 32°, the newly appointed Deputy Inspector General for this district, who had been duly invited, but from whom no reply had been received, probably in consequence of the summons having miscarried. The toast was duly given, with the honours peculiar to this ancient rite.

The M.W.S. then proposed "The Past M.W.S. of the Chapter, Ill. Bro. Rev. T. G. Beaumont, 30°," and in doing so bore testimony to the admirable way in which he had governed the Chapter for the last two years, and expressed his grateful thanks for Bro. Beaumont's kindness in installing him that evening.

Bro. Beaumont in responding, spoke deprecatingly of the praise bestowed on him by the M.W.S., who he hoped and felt sure would so fulfil the duties of his station that at the termination of his year of office the brethren would beg him to occupy the post of honour for another twelvemonth. He begged to propose "The Health of their Most W.S.," whom he had great pleasure in installing with the regular ceremonial into his high office that evening. Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes, in returning thanks, expressed his deep sense of the honour conferred upon him. He would do his utmost to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and he trusted that when next year he handed over to his successors his authority as M.W.S. he might do so with the feeling that it had lost nothing in his hands. He, of course, hoped they might have to install and perfect several candidates during the year, but yet he hoped to be able to find time to devote to a lecture on the Ineffable Degrees for the information of the members. These degrees were generally given by communication, and far too little was known about them. The brethren were no doubt aware that although the 18° could only be conferred on brethren who took the obligation to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, the subsidiary degrees to, he believed, the 17th, and certainly up to the 14th, might be conferred upon Jews and others unwilling or unable to take the Christian degrees. He remarked that brethren were eligible to take all these degrees up to the 17th, so soon as they were Master Masons, though the Rose Croix degree could not be conferred on Masons of less than twelve months' standing, except by special dispensation from the Supreme Council. He thought it would be a very good thing if some of the degrees were worked at length—of course with the sanction of the Supreme Council, and he hoped at the next meeting of the Chapter to give the brethren some account of the history and ritual of the Ineffable Degrees—some notion of their origin and object. He begged to thank them for the cordial way in which they had drank his health.

Bro. Spalding provided an excellent supper, to which ample justice was done—and a very pleasant evening was brought to an end before low twelve.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 33).—This lodge held their regular bi-monthly meeting in their Hall, 21, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 20th ult.; present—Bros. Wm. Bell, R.W.M.; J. D. Young, S.W.; D. Horne, J.W.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; R. B. Dalzel, Treas.; J. Dick, Sec.; P. Brownlie, S.D.; J. Reid, J.D.; Past Masters T. Fletcher, Park, McMillan, and Craig, and a large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved of. The business of the evening consisted of the passing of Bros. S. McHarg, H. Winslow, I. Ross and A. Berridge, the work being ably performed by Bro. Loutitt. Bro. Young, S.W., proposed that new clothing be provided for the office-bearers of the lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Horne, J.W., and agreed to unanimously. Bros. Bell, Fletcher, Samuels, Dalzel and Dick being appointed as committee to carry out the same. Bro. Fletcher, P.M., said it now involved upon him, in behalf of Bro.

R. More, to perform a very pleasant duty, that of presenting to Lodge St. John a plumb, twenty-four inch gauge, and level; they were well worthy of the lodge's acceptance, and he hoped the members would accept them in the same spirit as they were given. The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell, in behalf of the lodge, said he was sure that every brother of the lodge would appreciate Bro. More's very handsome present, and, through Bro. Fletcher, thank Bro. More for his kindness. Bro. McMillan, P.M., said he quite concurred with Bro. Bell, and that he was delighted to see such a special mark of Kindness shown to the lodge by Bro. More, and he hoped soon to see him amongst them, and that he might be spared many days to be amongst them; and he would now move that an inscription plate be put upon these emblems with the donor's name, etc., engraved upon them, which was agreed to unanimously. Bro. D. M. Nelson, D.M., also moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to Bro. More in behalf of the lodge, expressing their warmest thanks and high appreciation of his very handsome present, which was agreed to. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow paid their annual visit of inspection to this lodge on the 20th ult., within the hall occupied by the latter at No. 12, Trongate. The members of the deputation were Bros. J. B. Walker, Treas.; A. McTaggart, Sec.; J. Gillies, S.D.; Geo. Thallon, J.D.; J. Ritchie, A.; Jno. Fraser, Assistant Marshal; A. Bain, B.B.; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; A. Arrick Smith, I.G.; and Geo. Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of P.G.L. Benevolent Fund. The deputation having been received in the usual form by the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. W. Barns, the P.G. Sec. (Bro. McTaggart) submitted the report of the deputation. This bore that, with some exceptions, the books of the lodge had been found in very good condition, and that the lodge continued as usual to work in accordance with Grand Lodge law. The sederunt book had been as well kept as any other the deputation had as yet examined within the province. The minute book was very good; as was also the roll book, with the exception in the case of the latter that the signatures of candidates had not been in all cases written up at the proper time. It was of the utmost importance, the Secretary said, that the roll book of a lodge should be strictly kept, and the signatures entered at once, for the reason that the latter might quite possibly be required at a future time as a matter of reference. The receipt book, he was glad to say, had been very well kept. After pointing out one or two little irregularities, Bro. McTaggart stated that it appeared the number of entrants into the lodge last year had been 26; that he was glad to observe the increase in their funds, which showed £119 6s. 2d., as against £111 odd at previous balance. The amount of their private charity during the year was £11, and they had that night handed over to the P.G. Benevolent Fund the sum of £6. In conclusion the P.G. Sec. said that, with the few exceptions he had pointed out, the deputation might fairly congratulate the lodge upon their success. Whatever they had pointed out as amiss had been done in no spirit of fault finding, but in that of kindness, for the benefit of the office bearers and instruction of the brethren, to correct irregularities, and if possible to reform abuses. The R.W.M. (Bro. Burns), in thanking the deputation for their visit, said he was sorry to hear that the lodge had not been quite so correct as they might have been, but he was sure that they would lose nothing from the lesson that had been taught them. Bros. Sinclair, Ritchie, and Thallon having been affiliated as members of the lodge by Bro. John Fraser, P.M., the deputation retired to an adjoining apartment, where they were hospitably entertained by the Master and Wardens at a most excellent supper, excellently purveyed by Bro. S. McPhoe, of the St. Andrew Restaurant, Hutcheson-st., and P.G.L. Steward.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—The P.G.L. of Glasgow visited this lodge within the hall at 170, Buchanan-street, on the 14th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. Joseph Singleton, presided, and there was a very large attendance of brethren and visiting members. The deputation of the P.G.L. (headed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson) having entered and been received with the usual formalities, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. A. McTaggart) submitted the report of the deputation, remarking, in the first place, that he had to congratulate the lodge on that large meeting; he had not before visited it and found a larger gathering or a more pleasant one. The report was to the effect that the deputation had examined the books and found them in very good condition, with the exception of the cash book—for which, however, the present treasurer was in no way responsible. The deputation also found that Lodge 178 was working in harmony with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. With reference to the defective state of the cash book, the P.G. Secretary said that the deputation held the present treasurer entirely free from blame in the matter. But, in justice to the past treasurer, they must state that the lodge had more than doubled its funds since the year preceding. At the end of that year these amounted to £44; while at the end of last working year they amounted to £97 7s. 1d. So that if the book had been irregularly kept, the funds had been much improved; and, laying that and that together, the deputation need not be too severe upon the irregularity. Thereafter, the R.W.P.G.M. briefly addressed the meeting; and, the R.W.M. (Bro. Singleton) having thanked the deputation for their visit, and Bro. Ritchie, P.G.A., having been affiliated as a member of Lodge Scotia by Bro. McTaggart, the members of the deputation retired from the hall.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the hall, at 170, Buchanan-st., on 19th ult., when the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow paid it their annual visit of inspection. The deputation of Prov. Grand Lodge consisted of Bros. J. B.

Walker, Treas.; Archd. McTaggart, Sec.; J. Gillies, S.D.; W. Bell, Convener of Committee; Jno. Fraser, Assistant Marshal; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; J. Miller, Director of Music; W. Phillips, S.B.; and Geo. Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of P.G. Benevolent Fund. The deputation was received with due honours, and the R.W.M. (Bro. J. B. McNair), in acknowledging in customary form the supremacy of Prov. Grand Lodge, said he was sure they would find no more loyal lodge in the province than Lodge Union. The Prov. Grand Sec. (Bro. A. McTaggart) said it gave him very great pleasure to see so many brethren congregated there that night, and to hear from the R.W.M. the assurance of the loyalty of the lodge. There was nothing more gratifying to the Prov. Grand Master and his office bearers than to hear such expressions, because they showed the existence of a mutual and kindly sympathy between the lodges of the province and the Prov. Grand Lodge. The report he, on behalf of the deputation, had to make of the state of Lodge Union was a very short one, and worded in terms much similar to those of other lodges they had visited; the reason of this being that they had found Masonry in the province this year in a very healthy state, growing in numbers, wealth, and general prosperity. As regarded the books of the lodge, he had nothing almost to say, except in the way of praise. He had not seen a better kept sederunt book this year in the province; while the minute book was unusually well kept. He would give them a meed of praise for the marginal notes with which the latter was illustrated; the book altogether gave a full record of the lodge's transactions. The roll book had been a little irregularly kept, inasmuch as in some cases the names had not been filled in at the proper time. He would recommend that on all occasions of initiation the roll book should be kept on the dais, and in each case the candidate should have to put his signature to it then and there. He was happy to see that their funds had very materially increased during the past year; while the number of members added to the lodge was 27, being the same exactly as they had made the year before. In touching upon the subject of admission fees, the Prov. Grand Sec. strongly advocated their being fixed at a higher rate; holding, as he did, that just in proportion as these fees were raised would the prosperity of Masonry in the province increase. In conclusion Bro. McTaggart hoped that the members of the lodge would take the remarks he had given in a kindly spirit, and he was sure that the deputation wished them all prosperity in the year to come. The R.W.M. (Bro. McNair) said he was sure that the brethren of Lodge Union would be very much pleased with the report which the Prov. Grand Lodge had given them; and, with reference to the raising of the admission fee, stated that it had been raised by the amount of 15s. since he (Bro. McNair) joined the lodge, and he thought that before they were many months older it would be raised still further. Before leaving, Bros. Bell, Sinclair, Miller, Thallon, and Phillips, members of the Prov. Grand Lodge deputation, were affiliated as members of Lodge Union by the R.W.M., Bro. McNair.

LODGE ST. GEORGE (No. 333).—The annual visitation of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow was made on the 14th ult., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The deputation having been introduced, and the authority of the Prov. Grand Master recognized in customary form by the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Alex. Thomson, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) submitted the report of the deputation, and added to it a few remarks. From these it appeared that, after careful examination, the books had been found on the whole to be very well kept, and that the lodge was, as before, working in harmony with Grand Lodge law. Since last visitation the lodge had increased its funds from £93 to £101 odd; they had given during the year in charity the sum of £2 9s.; and that night they had given into the Benevolent Fund £2 13s., being exactly the same amount as they had done last year; and they had made 9 admissions into the lodge. Some years their lodge had not been remarkable for the great number of entrants, but they had always been noted for being very cautious as to whom they admitted. The lodge had its own duty to fulfil in the province of Glasgow, and he trusted it would go on to prosper. Touching the subject of lodge fees, Bro. McTaggart said the Prov. Grand Lodge had been thinking whether they could not manage to have these raised considerably above the present amount; and he thought they might call upon the lodge to raise them. He had never found a single lodge to lose members by so doing, as some said would be the inevitable result. Others again said that if you raise the fees you make the Order exclusive. That he entirely denied. He did not see why a working-man lodge should not have as good a guarantee for its members as the highest lodge in the land. The highest fees charged by the lodges occupying the highest places on the roll were miserable compared with what might be paid for the benefit of the Craft. Another thing was that they ought to have a respectable test fee; in England they had test fees of £1 and more. Well, the brethren got something for their money. They had their social gatherings, at which nothing was paid; and, on these occasions, much money was frequently collected for charity, to benefit the widow and the orphan. After some suggestions as to improvement in "refreshment" matters, and having urged the cause of the Benevolent Fund, Bro. McTaggart concluded by congratulating the lodge on being, upon the whole, in a very good condition. Bro. Winton, P.M., in reply to what the P.G. Secretary had said on the subject of fees, said that, so far as No. 333 was concerned, they were emphatically a working-men's lodge, and he did not think that by raising their admission fees much higher they would improve their position. He thought, however, that they might well raise their test fee; for his own part he would be happy to see it raised from two shillings, as at present, to ten shillings. Bro. McTaggart replied that in what he had said he did not at all

mean to dictate to Lodge St. George, but merely to throw out his remarks as a hint. The R.W.P.G.M. than made a few remarks. The great desire of the P.G.L. and himself, he said, was to see that all the lodges within the province were maintained in full strength and integrity, and were working up to the ancient laws of Masonry. With regard to Lodge St. George, he need hardly say many words, as he understood that all matters therein were conducted with strict regularity and propriety. With regard to the fewness of their numbers, that was a feature that he did not regret, because he liked to be sure that all who were admitted into the Order were select; and when he saw too many members made in one year he was inclined to think that there must have been some looseness—that the door had been opened a little too widely. As to the fees, no doubt it would be very desirable if they could be raised, but Bro. Winton had given a very good reason why they could not call upon entrants to the lodge to pay a very high entrance fee. In this connection, however, he might throw out a hint to them, which was that the Grand Lodge of Scotland were contemplating taking action in the matter of very low fees. In concluding, the Prov. Grand Master touched upon the fact of the low condition of Scotland at present, and not only hoped, but believed, that the time was not far distant when they would be able to do something much more (hear, hear). On the motion of the chairman, Bros. Bain, Phillips, and Ritchie, members of the P.G.L. deputation, were then affiliated as members of Lodge 333, the ceremony being performed by Bro. William Robertson, P.M. of the lodge. This having been concluded, the R.W.M. (Bro. Thomson) said it was with great pleasure that Lodge St. George met with the deputation of the P.G.L. there that night. They (the lodge) had only the pleasure once a year, but in view of the instruction they (P.G.L.) gave, he should be very glad if it were four or five times a year. They of the lodge had great pleasure in acknowledging how they had been gratified by the visit of the P.G.L. The deputation then retired.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL, (No. 360).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held within their Hall, at No. 30, Hope Street, on 16th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, presided, and there were present Bros. Dr. A. Martin, I.P.M.; Julius Brodè, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; I. M. Oliver, S.W.; James Gibson, S.D.; W. H. Bickerton, Secretary; &c. There was a numerous turn-out of visiting brethren, among whom were Bros. James W. Burns, R.W.M., 87; James Shaw, R.W.M., 354; Thomas J. Smillie, P.M. 34; James E. Wilson, P.M. 354; Dr. McInnes, S.W. 27; James Booth, S.W. 87; William Wilson, J.W. 87; John Johnson, 34; John Horn, Secretary, 275; W. B. Marr, Secretary, 441; John Peters, R.W.M. 153; James Anderson, R.W.M. 370; &c. The lodge having been opened, three duly approved candidates for initiation into the order received the E.A. degree at the hands of Bro. Lamb, D.M. Shortly thereafter, the lodge received, with all honours, a deputation from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow, on their annual visit of inspection. The Prov. Grand Lodge deputation consisted of Bros. W. Montgomery Neilson, P.G.M.; I. B. Walker, treasurer; A. McTaggart, Secretary; William Bell, Convener of Committee; I. Gillies, S.D.; I. Ritchie, A.; A. Bain, B.B.; I. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; William Phillips, S.B.; and George Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of I.P.G. Benevolent Fund. These brethren having been seated on the dais, the R.W.M. (Bro. Monro) tendered to the P. Grand Master the emblem of his authority, and had it returned to him, the Prov. G. Master well-knowing, he said, that the R.W.M. was well able and willing to rule the lodge. The P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) then read the report of the deputation, which stated that the latter had that evening examined the various books of the lodge, and found them upon the whole correctly kept; also that the lodge was working as heretofore in accordance with Grand Lodge law. In a few supplementary remarks, the P.G. Secretary added that the lodge had at their credit in the bank nearly £170, that their contribution to the Benevolent Fund for the past year was £4 5s., that on that evening they had distributed £10 in three cases of charity, that the number of initiates into the lodge during the past working year had been 13, and that he thought he might fairly congratulate Lodge 360 on its present position and future prospects. Bro. Sinclair having briefly explained the state of the Benevolent Fund, the R.W.P.G.M. addressed a few remarks to the brethren, in which he urged upon them a strict observance of the ancient laws and customs of the Order, taking care not to have any looseness in their forms, which were their safe-guards, and must be kept intact. Of course they knew that their grand work was benevolence. As yet, Scotland was far below other countries in this respect, and the Prov. Grand Lodge were exceedingly anxious to do something in that direction to elevate Scottish Masonry higher in the estimation of foreign brethren. He did not see why they should not put themselves in a much higher position; and they would achieve it in course of time. The Prov. G. Master concluded, as he had begun, by expressing the very great pleasure and very great satisfaction he had had in visiting Lodge Commercial that night. The R.W.M. (Bro. Monro), in the name of the lodge and for himself, thanked the Prov. Grand Master and deputation for their attendance there that evening. Their visit was an occasion which the lodge always looked forward to with much interest and looked back upon with much satisfaction. Thereafter, the following members of the Prov. Grand Lodge deputation were affiliated as members of Lodge 360, the ceremonial being performed by Bro. Julius Brodè, P.M., viz:—Bros. Bell, Sinclair, Bain, Ritchie, Balfour, and Phillips. The deputation then retired, and the lodge went for a short time on to refreshment. After the usual preliminary toasts, that of "The Visiting Brethren" was duly honoured, and responded to by Bros. Burns (87) and Wilson (354); the latter proposing in return "Prosperity to Lodge 360," coupled with the name of

the R.W.M. (Bro. Monro); who having suitably acknowledged the compliment, and the last toast, "Happy to meet," &c., having been pledged, the brethren were recalled to labour, and the lodge closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. CLAIR (No. 362).—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow made their annual visitation of this lodge at the ordinary meeting of the latter within their hall in Robertson-street, on 12th ult. The lodge having been opened by the R.W.M., Bro. W. J. Hogg, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were shortly after introduced and received with due honour. The deputation consisted of Bros. W. Montgomery Neilson, R.W.P.G.M.; J. B. Walker, treasurer; A. McTaggart, secretary; J. Gillies, S.D.; J. Ritchie, A.; John Fraser, Assist. Mar.; A. Bain, B.B.; and J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies. The deputation having taken their seats upon the dais, the R.W.M. (Bro. Hogg) resigned his seat and mallet to the Provincial Grand Master, but was in a minute or so reinstated by the latter, who knew, he said, from reports received by him from his office-bearers, that the mallet could not be in better hands than that of the master of the lodge. The chairman having intimated to the meeting that the members of the P.G.L. had decided to remain until a brother had received the F.C. degree, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) submitted the report of the deputation, signed by each member of it. It certified that they had that evening examined the various books of the lodge, and found them in excellent condition; and also that the lodge was working, as formerly, in accordance with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In a few remarks founded upon the report Bro. McTaggart said he thought he might fairly congratulate the lodge on the manner in which the books had been kept during the past year. The sederunt book had been very well kept, and that was an important point; the minute book contained a very faithful record of the lodge proceedings; the roll book was in excellent order, satisfying every test that was applied to it; the cash book was in very fair condition, and (the audit seemed to be very good. They had given in charity, to the widow and orphan, the sum of £6 6s., and had contributed to the P.G. Benevolent Fund the sum of £9. The R.W.P.G.M. then shortly addressed the meeting. After touching upon one or two points to which the P.G. Secretary had referred, he said that as to Masonry generally, he had not himself much to report since last he had been with them. Undoubtedly, however, it was advancing. The outer world were year by year coming to respect the Craft more than they used to do, and were not so prone to speak of it in terms of ridicule. He (the speaker) was exceedingly pleased that it should be so; because he thought it was a proof that the brethren were, and had been for some time past, conducting themselves in a manner to command the respect of the outer world. With regard, however, to their own peculiar sphere, he was exceedingly dissatisfied with the state of Freemasonry amongst them; and he supposed there was not a day but he was studying how it might be remedied. The position they occupied was very much below that occupied by Masons in other parts of the world. He did not know why this should be; and he should like it to be otherwise. They were doing more than they used to do, certainly; but by no means what they ought to do, or were capable of doing. In other countries, the speaker continued, Masons had great institutions and did great work; and he described the pleasure he had whilst in Paris last year in visiting the Grand Orient there, which was simply a magnificent place. He thought he counted within that building rooms for seven different lodges, with all appliances, and in connection with it there was another building something like a large hotel, where deserving brethren of all countries, if destitute, were provided for for an indefinite time. Perhaps in Scotland we did not require establishments on such a scale; still upon the whole he thought we ought to aim at something to put ourselves in a much better position than we were. They should have at least a place of creditable character where strangers coming to Glasgow could come and find them in some place with a good front door, and a respectable porter to attend to it—and that would show that they were not ashamed of themselves. In concluding, the P.G. Master said that as to Masonry itself he might say he had a great admiration for it, and thought a great deal more might be made of it as a grand scheme of benevolence; and not of that alone, but of honour, because he held that it was, and ought to be esteemed, a high honour to be a Freemason. After mentioning that he was in much better health this year than he had been last year, and more fit for duty, and hoping that in the future the brethren would give the P.G.L. all the support in their power and thereby strengthen their hands, the P.G.M. resumed his seat amid loud applause. In accordance with the intimation made by the chairman at the outset, a brother then received the F.C. degree at his hands; and at the close of the ceremony, the R.W.P.G.M. expressed himself as exceedingly pleased with the manner in which it had been worked by the R.W.M. The latter then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the deputation for their kindness in waiting to see the lodge work; which having been given with a will, the deputation retired.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. ANDREW (No. 465).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on 15th ult.; Bro. David Reid, R.W.M., presiding. On this occasion the lodge was honoured by receiving the annual visit of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow, the deputation being headed by the P.G.M., Bro. Montgomery Neilson. After introduction in usual form, the Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) read the report of the deputation, which stated that the latter had examined the lodge books and found them, upon the whole, in satisfactory condition, and that the lodge was continuing to work in accordance with Grand Lodge of Scotland law. All the minutes they had read

for reference with the roll book and the cash book they found to be strictly correct. The number of members the lodge had made during last working year was 62; there had been no applications made to the lodge for charity; and the amount of their contribution, through their initiatives, to the Prov. Grand Benevolent Fund, was £15 10s. Altogether, he thought the deputation might fairly congratulate Lodge St. Andrew on its working for the past year. Bro. Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of the Prov. Grand Benevolent Fund, then made a brief statement as to the condition of the latter. The salient points were that the income for the past year had been £215 12s. 11d.; that there had been 46 applicants for relief, among whom had been distributed £97 13s. 1d.; and that the capital of the fund at present was £570 2s. 11d. The Prov. Grand Master thereafter shortly addressed the brethren, remarking that he was very much satisfied with what he had seen. The Chairman (Bro. Reid), in reply, thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his presence at the head of the deputation; and Bros. Sinclair and Ritchie, P.G.A., having been affiliated members of Lodge St. Andrew by Bro. McTaggart, the deputation withdrew.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—A special meeting of this lodge was held within the hall, at 170, Buchanan-street, on 15th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. William Harper, presided, by whom the lodge was opened, being immediately thereafter called to refreshment. There then sat down to supper about thirty brethren, the R.W.M. occupying the chair, supported on the right by Bros. Duncan Downie and Buchanan, both Past Masters of the lodge; while Bro. Black officiated as Croupier, supported right and left by Bros. McInnes, S.W., and Cunningham, R.W.M. 347. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured the chairman proposed the toast of the evening, which on this occasion was "Health and Prosperity to Bro. Duncan Brownie, P.M." In so doing, he presented him on behalf of the lodge, and in acknowledgment of their sense of his services, with a testimonial, consisting of a handsome gold watch and appendages. Bro. Downie having suitably replied, a few more toasts and songs followed, after which the brethren were recalled to labour and closed in due form.

THE ALEXANDRA PALACE.

The Lord Mayor, as it has been already announced, will attend in state with the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, to open the new Alexandra Palace this day (Saturday.) The civic procession will leave the Mansion House at half-past twelve, preceded by a body of mounted police, under Superintendent Manson, and escorted by the Light Cavalry Troop of the Hon. Artillery Company, under Captain Garrard. The police will keep the streets along the line of route, which will be by way of Moorgate-street, City-road, Liverpool-road, Holloway-road, Seven Sisters-road, Hornsey-road, Crouch-hill, and Park-road to the Muswell-hill gates. His lordship will be received at the western entrance of the palace by Sir Edward Lee, the chairman, and the directors of the company, and conducted to the concert-hall, the band of the Coldstream Guards heading the procession. The civic party, accompanied by the provincial mayors, will promenade portions of the building until close upon three o'clock, when they will take their seats upon a raised dais in front of the orchestra, where, at the request of the directors, the Lord Mayor will declare the Palace to be reopened. The concert, by members of Her Majesty's Opera Company, conducted by Sir Michael Costa, will then take place. This musical festival will be followed by a dejeuner, given by the directors to the civic party. The ceremonial arrangements have been organized by Sir E. Lee, the chairman of the company, and Mr. J. R. S. Vine, private secretary to the Lord Mayor. Nearly the whole of the Mayors of the United Kingdom have accepted invitations, and also a large number of the peers, and about half of the members of the House of Commons. Altogether, something like 15,000 to 20,000 complimentary invitations have been issued by the company, and out of that number but few have declined.

MASONIC CLUB.

It is with much pleasure we draw the attention of our readers to an advertisement in our columns, announcing the formation of a Masonic club in London. As the prospectus says, it is a want which has long been felt, and to country visitors will prove a great boon.

From our knowledge of the brethren concerned in the undertaking, we feel sure it cannot fail of success.

A country Mason comes up to town comparatively a stranger, and what could be more agreeable to him than to find a home; for such we consider a properly conducted club to be.

We give it our hearty good wishes, and if the brethren will only support it, as they should do (and we have no doubt they will) and thus prove themselves alive to their own interests. It is an excellent and necessary undertaking.

Obituary.

BRO. D. W. SAVAGE.

The funeral of the late Bro. D. W. Savage, of St. David's Lodge (No. 384), took place on Friday afternoon, the 23rd ult., at the Glanadda Cemetery, Bangor. The local lodges were well represented, amongst those present being Bros. J. Jones, W.M. 384; W. Robinson, I.P.M.; R. Owen, P.M.; J. Hughes, S.W.; W. Jarvis, J.D.; E. W. Thomas, P.M.; Org.; R. Roberts, P.M.; Wynn Williams, S.S.; Cameron, J.S.; Wm. Thomas, P.M.; M. Roberts, I.G., &c. The service was read by the Rev. D. Evans, senior vicar of Bangor. The great majority of the places of business in Bangor were closed during the afternoon, out of respect to the memory of an excellent brother.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN LAURIE.

On Thursday evening, 15th April, 1875, Bro. John Laurie, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Past Master of Canongate and Leith Lodge of Freemasons, was entertained to a complimentary dinner in the Peacock Hotel, Newhaven, near Edinburgh. The occasion was also taken to present the honoured guest with a valuable token of the esteem of the members of the local lodge, as well as of other members of the Craft. The presentation which was very valuable, took the form of a handsome combined clock, barometer, &c., and a massive silver tea service for Mrs. Laurie. The former contained the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Laurie, along with a service of silver plate, by the office-bearers and brethren of Lodge Canongate and Leith, No. 5, in recognition of his valuable services and the able manner in which he discharged the duties of R. W. Master. Leith, 15th April 1875."

About fifty brethren sat down to dinner, including members of a number of sister lodges. Bro. W. presided, and Bro. E. Drummond, acted as Crouper. After dinner the chairman proposed "The Queen," "The Three Grand Masters," and "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," with which was coupled the name of Sergeant Bryce.

The chairman then rose and asked the company to join him in drinking to The Health of their honoured and respected friend, Bro. Laurie. He had great pleasure in giving this toast from the chair, although he wished it had been filled by a better man, in order to have done it full justice, but if wanting in ability he excelled in a desire to pay honour to their guest. He had long and intimately known Bro. Laurie. He had seen him discharge many responsible duties in connection with their Craft—as assistant-secretary to the late Grand Secretary, as Grand Clerk, and now as occupying the responsible and laborious office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Those who knew what the duties of that office were would understand somewhat the amount of labour, tact, and consideration required in their discharge. In Bro. Laurie he had found one of the most urbane, generous, and kind-hearted fellows he had ever met with. But further, he discharged his duties with a capability and with a vast knowledge of details—a knowledge probably not excelled by any living member of the Scottish Craft. Knowledge, they had been told long ago by that great philosopher, Benjamin Franklin, was power, and this was fully exemplified in the person of the Grand Secretary. Many people went about him, and many irksome questions were put to him, which their friend would often feel a difficulty in dealing with, but his ability overcame all. They in Leith had been more intimately connected with him of late in the discharge of the duties of Master of Lodge No. 5. During the period he held that office he had won their respect, and also the admiration of every one who had sat under his rule and who had the interest of Masonry at heart, and in particular the honour of that lodge. He was very much gratified they had met in such large numbers to mark the thorough respect and deep esteem they entertained for him, and more so as they were able to present to him a substantial mark of that respect and esteem. He had now to ask Bro. Laurie to accept of the testimonial as an indication of the high regard in which he was held by them, and of the deep gratitude which they all felt for the very efficient and admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Right Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 5, and in doing so he expressed a heartfelt wish that God would watch over him for good and all connected with him, and give him every abundantly grace and every blessing.

The toast was honoured enthusiastically, after which Bro. J. Laurie said he thought it was one of the most delightful features in connection with a meeting such as this that it made one feel perfectly at home. He was sure if there was anything calculated to give him confidence, placed in the trying circumstances in which he found himself that evening, it was the kind, genial faces which surrounded him. He earnestly wished he could rise to the level of the occasion, but he was sorry to say that while he did not wish to descend into anything like weakness, the rather enfeebled state of health in which he found himself exercised a depressive influence which took away all power of replying in adequate terms to the cordial toast as proposed by Bro. Officer, and so heartily and kindly responded to by them. In the very fact that they had selected Bro. Officer to preside over the meeting he recognised a kindness and consideration which he thoroughly appreciated. Bro. Officer was one of the oldest and best friends he had in connection with Freemasonry. He had given them some little account of his connection with the Grand Lodge, and had been kind enough to speak in eulogistic terms regarding him, but he assured them if he had had the happiness of gaining the approbation and earning the satisfaction of the brethren with whom he had come in contact, and in some measure discharging the duties that had fallen to his lot, it had been because such true-hearted Masons as the chairman had kindly lent him their encouragement, their countenance, and their support. And now what would he say in responding to their generous and hearty kindness, as manifested in the munificent present which they had been pleased to give as a testimonial of their regard? He felt that it was quite beyond his power to give expression to his feelings—indeed, words were too poor to say how deeply he thanked them. He thanked them not only for this expression of their esteem and respect, but for the kind expression of sympathy which had accompanied it. It was true that he had had some little experience in connection with their Craft. A good many years had passed away since he entered upon the duties in connection with their Order, and, as had been truly remarked by the chairman, he had necessarily gained a considerable knowledge of the details and matters affecting the interests of the Order, and no doubt, as he had

very aptly put it, "knowledge was power," and had greatly assisted him in being able to discharge the duties of his office. Having undertaken that office, he had endeavoured as far as it lay in his power to discharge them so as to merit the satisfaction and approbation of his brethren. He had not altogether achieved what he had hoped, and what, if spared in the good providence of God, he might yet achieve, but he was glad that, so far as time had run, he had not to look back with anything like regret upon the exercise of his offices or the contact it had led him into with the brethren. It was his ambition to be associated with the progress of their Craft in this country. As regarded his relationship to Lodge No. 5, although it was a great many years since he first had the honour of being connected with the lodge, the time in which he had the more intimate relationship of holding office in it was comparatively short. They were good enough to ask him to occupy the chair of Lodge No. 5, and even in that there was an act of kindness. At the time that that request was preferred it became a matter almost of necessity that he should in the discharge of the other office he held have the chair or Installed Master's degree. That of course he had not attained previously, and when the request was made to occupy the chair of No. 5, he recognised in it a kindly desire on the part of his brethren in Leith to set the question at rest. During the time he had the honour and happiness of occupying the chair of No. 5 he had enjoyed a most delightful twelve months. He could truly say that from the first hour he had the pleasure of coming in contact with the members of No. 5, up to that moment, he had not had occasion to have a single jarring word, or a single unpleasant reminiscence to look back upon. Their meetings were thoroughly harmonious and pleasant; and although he came a comparative stranger among them, he received such hearty support, and at all times met with such consideration, that it was impossible that a more pleasant and profitable year could have been spent. He regretted that just at its close an unfortunate ailment had overtaken him, and since then it had almost been out of his power to be present at the meetings. He regretted that very much, as he had looked forward this year to being as frequently in his place as he had been in the past, and doing whatever little lay in his power to support the present R.W.M. in the discharge of the duties of his office. It had been a source of great satisfaction to know—for he had been carefully informed of the proceedings of the lodge—that its labours had been carried on with unabated zeal. For him to say that he thanked them most sincerely and from his heart was but simply to convey to them all that words could. He had felt touched with the very kind manner in which the presentation had been made, and so far as they had remembered one who was much dearer to him than himself—one who had been a sort of guiding star to him through life, with whom he had now been associated for the last twenty years—a true-hearted woman, and a devoted and loving wife. He scarcely knew how to thank them on her behalf. He knew she would feel deeply, and thoroughly appreciate the kindness they had been pleased to show her, for there was nothing that brought greater pleasure to her heart than to have evidence such as this, that her husband was respected. On her behalf he most sincerely thanked them. He had to beg that they would excuse his few rambling remarks, and on another occasion, perhaps, he would have the opportunity of saying more, and expressing to them more fully and more perfectly how deeply and how truly he felt and appreciated the generous kindness they had been pleased to show him.

Various other toasts were proposed during the evening, and the assemblage broke up at an early hour, highly gratified with the proceedings.

In our number of 24th October last we called attention to the valuable improvements in mineral oil lamps which Messrs. Dietz and Co., of Carter-lane, St. Paul's, E.C., had brought before the public, under the name of the Paragon Burner. A further application of these burners has recently been made, which is of special importance to the proprietors of shops, refreshment bars, &c. This new variety is called the Tube Lamp, and its particular excellence rests in the fact that it abrogates the use of breakable reservoirs, the burner being screwed direct into the tube, so that the support of the lamp is in reality the receptacle or container for the oil. As the exact hourly consumption of each burner has been ascertained, it follows that by simply regulating the cubical contents of the tube a lamp can be supplied which can be trimmed at distant intervals. This brings the convenience of mineral oil lamps up to a level with gas, whilst, as is well known, its illuminating properties, when consumed in the Paragon Burner, are of far greater intensity than coal gas, backed by considerable advantages on the score of economy, adaptability, and safety, with no deleterious influences upon health or household fittings and decorations. Mr. Latz, the managing partner of this eminent firm, has just patented an ingenious invention, which is likely to supersede other existing methods for suspending chandeliers, as it is more reliable than the old telescopic slide, or balancing weights, and entirely removes the well-known inconveniences attached thereto. It is equally applicable to chandeliers for oil or gas.

BRO. HARTY'S PICTURE.

Bro. Harty is preparing a picture of the Installation and would be glad if brethren would send their cartes de visite to Bro. Kenning's, 123, Little Britain, for him. Bro. Harty's portrait of the Prince of Wales is much admired.

We shall publish an account of the new Grand Officer's in our next.

Masonic Tidings.

The death of Bro. Geo. Painter, who was proprietor or more than 40 years of the Ship and Turtle, took place almost suddenly at Aldborough Hall, Ilford, on Sunday, the 18th ult., in the 68th year of his age. Bro. Painter was on the court of the Vintners' Company, and was well known and respected from his long connexion with the City. The funeral took place on the Thursday following.

The Lord Mayor has received a special invitation from the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Dublin to attend a banquet to be given in that city on the 29th of June. The Lord Mayor will pay the visit with all due civic state.

The Ramblers' Club (numbering 700 members) has secured suitable and commodious premises at 66, Coleman-street. The entrance fee will, we are informed, be shortly considerably raised.

The Priory Chapter No. 1000 will be consecrated (this day, Saturday), at the Myddleton Hotel, Southend on Sea, by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, at three o'clock. Comp. the Rev. R.S.R. Wyrant, P.Z., is the M.E.Z. Designate, Comp. E. E. Phillips, H. Designate; and Comp. A. Lucking, J. Designate. Trains leave London, as follows:—Bishopsgate-st., 10.43 a.m.; Fenchurch St., 10.52 a.m.

An emergency meeting of the Great City Lodge will be held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Saturday, May 1st, in celebration of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., and in commemoration of the foundation of the lodge.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter and Lodge of London will be held on May 13th, to ballot, advance, and promote six brethren, and for the transaction of other business.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.—A meeting will be held on May 12th, to advance twenty-four brethren from the 18th to the 30th degree.

Bro. J. Unite of Edgware Road supplied the scarlet and white bunting, &c., used in the corridors and entrance at the Albert Hall, on the occasion of the Installation.

The *Illustrated London News* contains this day (May 1st) two very interesting page illustrations of the Prince of Wales attired as Grand Master, and His Royal Highness's Installation.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Strickland Muggerridge, son of Bro. Henry Muggerridge, the well known and highly respected Masonic Preceptor.

THE MASONIC CARPET.

The Masonic carpet, laid down at the installation, was manufactured and designed at Halifax expressly by Bro. John Lewis (Westminster and Keystone No. 10) of Halifax and London, and approved by the committee under the presidency of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C. The carpet, which has been presented by Bro. John Lewis, is of superior velvet pile, and runs the whole length from the Royal Entrance to the throne or dais. It is seven feet six inches in width, and 165 feet in length, having a border to suit. The ground is of rich Saxony blue, with the arms of the Grand Lodge of England, and in compliment to the Royal Grand Master the Prince of Wales. Feathers issuing from a crown, studded of jewellery, is also introduced alternately with the Coat of Arms. The border is composed of Grand Lodge emblems, viz.: ribbon with the wheat ear, vine and laurel inlaid in same.

The Albert Hall was visited by His Royal Highness the Grand Master, when Bro. Lewis personally received, from His Royal Highness, the very highest compliment, by expressing the great satisfaction that it gave him. Bro. Lewis had the furnishing of the Prince's Pavilion, at the Vienna Exhibition, and on that occasion the paintings even sent expressly from Savile Hall for that purpose, and Bro. Lewis received, from the Emperor of Austria, the decorations of Knight of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

It is the intention to remove this carpet to the Freemasons' Hall for the Grand Lodge Room.

The dais or throne was also covered by Bro. John Lewis with crimson cloth, on which was placed a magnificent mosque oriental carpet, fully one century old, which for beauty and softness of design can only be compared to a Raphaelite painting, and to complete the arrangements a sumptuous Indian rug of pure silk of beautiful design in Porcelain and gold, was placed at the foot of the chair on which rug the Royal Grand Master stood to be installed.

It may be remarked that it is only a few days since the design was approved of the Masonic carpet by the committee, and that the whole has been manufactured within a few days, thus shewing the rapidity of machinery and appliances of the present day.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S LODGE (No. 159.)

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught received his 3^d in this lodge on Tuesday evening, when the ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Robert Grey, Deputy Master of the lodge, the Prince of Wales being Master. The Duke of Connaught expressed himself in the highest terms of admiration of the way in which the ceremony was gone through, and afterwards remained to see the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Grey it will be seen from another portion of our impression of to-day, was on Wednesday appointed to Grand Office.

JOINT BANQUET OF THE LION AND LAMB AND THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGES.

In commemoration of the grand event of Wednesday, the Lion and Lamb Lodge (192), and the William Preston Lodge (766) gave a joint banquet in the evening, at the Cannon Street Hotel, to which 121 brethren sat down. Among those present we noticed the following: Of those whose who belonged to the Lion and Lamb there were—Bro. G. Newman, W.M.; Bro. Conyew, S.W.; Bro. Arkell, J.W.; and Bros. Kenning, King, Roberts, Marsh, and Abbott, P.M.'s: while of those belonging to the William Preston Lodge, were Bro. Braun, W.M.; Bro. Pringle, S.W.; Bro. Newton, J.W.; and Bros. Abbott, J.W.; Wm. Worrell, G. J. Klein, W. J. Miller, and B. Abbott, P.M.'s. There were of course a large number of visitors, among whom were the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Warwick, and some eight brethren from the Shakespeare Lodge, Warwick, besides whom there were Bro. J. M. Klenck, P.M., 1339; and Bro. Moore, 534; Bro. Yaxley, 463; Bro. Gray, 22; Bro. Jones, 1520; Bro. Woods, 87; Bro. C. Marsh, 460, and many others.

The chairman of the evening was Bro. Newman, the W.M. of the Lion and Lamb, that being the elder of the two lodges, but the toasts were so arranged that delivery of the various toasts was equitably divided between them.

The health of the Queen and the Craft was proposed by W.M. Bro. Newman, of the Lion and Lamb, after which "God Save the Queen" was sung, to the accompaniment of Bro. W. Wain, Grand Organist, on the pianoforte.

Brother Newman—The next toast that I have to propose is, I confess it, one that I feel thoroughly incompetent to do justice to; and I sincerely wish that it had been placed in the hands of my brother Braun (the W.M. of the William Preston) instead of mine. For it is the toast of the evening, "The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England." I can only say that the sight I have seen to-day, in company with many more here present—I wish I could say with all of them—was such as neither they or I can ever forget to the longest day we live. Whatever of grandeur or imposing ceremony there may be in other degrees in Freemasonry, the event of to-day marks a grand epoch in Craft Masonry. If you had seen the Prince go through the ceremonies, and had heard his speech afterwards, you could not fail to have been deeply impressed. The Prince said that he looked upon Freemasonry as being the very essence of loyalty and charity, and that he meant to stand to the Craft as far as his manifold engagements would permit, so as not to dim the lustre shed upon it by those of his family who had occupied the Chair before him. What has taken place to-day has added an immense importance to Freemasonry. Accounts of what has taken place to-day will go (are most likely going now) to every quarter of the known world, and hereafter this day will be remembered as the brightest that has occurred in the annals of Masonry. Brethren, I give you the health of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Prince of Wales.

The health of the Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers, was proposed by the W.M. of the William Preston Lodge, and was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Worrall (P.M. of the Preston Lodge) rose and said—The toast that has been entrusted to me is the health of the W.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge. Loyalty and charity were the watchwords of the order, and the unanimity that existed between these two lodges was evidence of the loyalty and good feeling with which each of these lodges regard the other. Those who have been present at the Albert Hall to-day, have witnessed a ceremony such as the youngest among us cannot expect to witness again. As a Past Master of the Lion and Lamb, and William Preston Lodges, I am sure, I may say that no two Lodges ever worked together more harmoniously and more energetically to carry out truly

Masonic objects; and I am sure that you must all be struck with the hearty good fellowship that has always existed between them. I feel too, that our visitors this evening, especially those from the province, will carry away with them very pleasing recollections of the joint banquet of the Lion and Lamb, and William Preston Lodges. The toast of health of the W.M. of the Lion and Lamb has been accorded to me as P.M. of the William Preston, but I claim it as a greater privilege to propose his health, because I feel that to him I owe my introduction to Freemasonry. I give you the health of the W.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge.

Bro. Newman (W.M. Lion and Lamb), in returning thanks, said that it was difficult for him to respond to the toast. He was very pleased to have this assurance that he was appreciated in the William Preston Lodge. In this, his mother lodge, he felt that he was also appreciated, for he bore upon his breast the evidence of the fact in the rosette appertaining to the stewardship of the lodge that day with which he had been intrusted. It had always been his ambition to fulfil his duties in both lodges, and if he had fallen short in anything that he had done it must be imputed to his inability, and not to his intention. He felt that they had done him a very, very great turn in sending him up as a steward on this great and grand festival to-day. He should always do what he considered his duty to both lodges.

Bro. C. Hosgood, P.M., said that if their W.M. was under a difficulty, he (Brother Hosgood) laboured under a greater. The health that they had just responded to was proposed by the immediate P.M., while his difficulty was that he was not a member of the William Preston Lodge. None the less heartily, however, did he ask them to drink this toast (if possible, in a bumper)—the W.M. of the William Preston Lodge.

Bro. Braun having returned thanks, the Chairman, Bro. Newman rose and said that the toast he had to propose was one that was always received in the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and also in the Preston Lodge. It was the health of the visitors. It was always a gratification to have visitors. The two lodges were specially fortunate to-night—(here the Secretary read a list of the visitors to both lodges). Brethren I am sure that list is a very pleasing one, and I may remind you that it contains the name of one (Captain Lathbury) who is secretary to a new Masonic Club Company now in course of formation. Visitors from the country will be able to realize the boon that such a club in London would be, as they would always feel when visiting the metropolis that they had a home to which they could go. Among so many visitors he did not feel himself justified in singling any one specially to respond to this toast, and he should therefore leave them to follow their inclinations in the matter of replying to the toast.

The Provincial Grand S.W. for Warwick, having responded, as also Captain Lathbury and most of the other visitors, the health of the Stewards who had served for their respective lodges at the installation of the Grand Master to-day was proposed and duly honoured and responded to, after which the health of the Past Masters of both lodges was given from the chair, and called forth replies from several of those present. Our space however, will not admit of giving these speeches in detail; and as they more or less turned on the great event of the day, but did not educe any additional point of interest, we must content ourselves with observing that the whole arrangements at this banquet were extremely good, and that the evening's enjoyment was a very worthy conclusion to the labours of the day.

In our report of the installation meeting of the Lewises' Lodge, Ramsgate, in last week's issue, the following was omitted:—"After the ceremony of installation, a very gratifying appreciation of the brethren was shown to Bro. W. Call, P.M. 1209, P.G.S., by presenting him with a handsome jewel. This pleasing duty was performed in very feeling terms by Bro. L. Finch, P.M. 429 and 1209, P.P.G.D.C., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. W. Call.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

COMENIUS AND FREEMASONRY.

Having originally called Bro. J. Findel's attention to his remarkable statement about Comenius, I confess that I thought, with all deference to him, that his reply to Bro. Hughan, reprinted in the "Voice of Masonry" was but little satisfactory. Bro. Findel had originally stated, in page 281 of his "Geist und Form," &c. in a footnote (2nd edition) that Anderson had transferred "fast wörtlich in das Constitution's Buch," almost word for word into the Book of Constitutions, "many passages" out of the "Opera Didactica" of John Amos Comenius, who came to England in 1648. This struck me, as it did Bro. Hughan, as a most important fact, if correct, and so I called attention to it in "Notes and Queries." Bro. Findel's reply is not, however, satisfactory, from its vagueness. The "many places," "almost word for word," dwindled down to a certain "ähnlichkeit," to use a German word or figure of speech. I have not seen the "Opera Didactica" or the "Panegesia" to which Bro. Findel alludes, but I have lately perused and still have the "Via Lucis," dedicated to the members of the Royal Society in London, and published at Amsterdam, 1668. In this work he has the words "Collegium" and "Ars Architectonica," undoubtedly, and "frater," but in no passage that I have found does he give any one a fair right to say that he knows anything of the Guild or body of Freemasons. His work no doubt, has a mystical meaning under its turgid expressions, and it may well be that he was a Freemason, and probably a Rosicrucian, and his language greatly resembles some of their mystical jargon. "Via Lucis" is addressed, apparently, to the "philosophers" of his own epoch, though as, when he has the opportunity, he does not allude to the Freemasons, I do not think any one can fairly strain his words, and declare that they are Masonic. Bro. Findel is quite aware how essential verification and absolute correctness of all such statements are, and so far I feel bound to say he has not made good his original statement about Anderson and Comenius.

A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

THE MASONS' COMPANY.

Subsequent researches through the kind aid of Mr. H. H. Burnell, to whom I tender my best thanks, have led to the following results:—

1. Ashmole is correct in saying, that Mr. Wise was Master of the Mason's Company in that year, 1861.
2. All the names he mentions are traceable in the minutes of the Mason's Company except Sir William. Sir William was admitted a member of the Mason's Company in January, 1678. Mr. Thomas Shorthose's name appears frequently in the minutes, as being Warden, and also on the Court; he was Warden in 1677.
3. There is no record of the meeting of the Company on March 10th, 1682, at least, "there is no minute to that effect."
4. Neither is there any record of the dinner at the Half-Moon, Cheapside, on that day, as stated by Ashmole.
5. There is no minute that the hall in Basinghall-street was lent to the Freemasons.
6. Ashmole was not a member of the Masons' Company.
7. Sir Christopher Wren was not a member of the Masons' Company.
8. Robert Padgett was not clerk to the Masons' Company in 1686; his name, after a careful examination, is not to be found in the minutes of the Masons' Company. Such is the result of a very careful search made kindly for me by the authorities of the Masons' Company. The case, then, assumes this striking aspect. In my opinion, the meeting Ashmole alludes to was purely a speculative Freemasons' meeting, at which the Master of the Masons' Company was present. Sir F. Palgrave seems to state, that there were two companies or brotherhoods, but that the Freemasons were not incorporated. This is confirmed to some extent, by Robert Padgett's statement on the Antiquity MS., that he was "clerke to the Worshipful Society of the Freemasons of the City of London," &c. The point to which we now, I think, must look, must be the fabric roll of St. Paul's, in order to see if any light can be thrown therefrom on the old City lodges.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE MORIA APRON.

If your correspondent Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch, Chaplain and J.W. 160, will refer to "The Freemason's Magazine" volume I. for 1859, at page 386; he will find a full description of the Moria Apron. They were printed on either as well as paper, and were sold at five shillings each.

HENRY T. BOBART, W.M. 1085.
9, Evington Lane, Leicester.
The reference is not quite correct. It is Vol. II, 1859, page 386. We will give next week a copy of the description. [Ed.]

ASHMOLE.

Can any brother give me a clue to the whereabouts of Ashmole's MSS.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The installation of the Prince of Wales as Royal Grand Master of English Freemasonry is an event in our Masonic history, the importance

of which should not be undervalued or overlooked. In the first place, it is an answer clear and convincing to contumacious calumnies and illogical adversaries, in that the Heir to the English Throne, following the example of his great ancestors, at a time of much opprobrium and no little excitement, throws in his lot with us disloyal and disreputable Freemasons, takes our name, and places himself at our head! Surely, with such an answer to the invectives of the Ultramontane Press we may well be content, and leaving calumny and calumniators, anathema and anathematizer tranquilly behind us, we can go on our way rejoicing, "spe surgentis Iuli," and leaving the vindication of our good fame, our loyal character, and our benevolent efforts, to the honest and just of our fellow-countrymen. One of the popular axioms in use just now is, "Throw a sufficient quantity of dirt, and some of it must stick!" Yet, strange to say, this is not a "sequitur"; on the contrary, falsehood is always punished by itself, and sooner or later the "nec conscire sibi nullâ pallescere culpâ" carries straightforwardness and sincerity through the aspersions of the malevolent and the vituperations of the unjust. In the Installation of our Royal Grand Master we have the one good and sufficient reply to the allocation of Pio Nino, the excommunication of Cardinal Deschamps, the animadversions of Cardinal Manning, the disapproval of worthy but mistaken Monsigneur Dupanloup, and above all, to the childish bombast of the *Church Herald*, or the rowdy vulgarity of the *Westminster Gazette*. And in the next place, the Prince of Wales, in following the example of his Royal ancestors, and thus publicly patronizing and identifying himself with Freemasonry, is, in our opinion, not only "wise in his generation," but is pursuing a course alike honourable to himself and beneficial to society. The Masonic body, despite every allowance for mortal weakness and imperfection, is a brotherhood of very worthy men and very loyal subjects. In the darkest hours it has never failed in its rightful allegiance to the Sovereign of its native land, and the language in which the Grand Lodge of England once addressed King George the Third through its Grand Master, the then Prince of Wales, is the same "tolidem verbis" in which it would address its gracious Queen Victoria, through its Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, to-day. "We are the free citizens, your Majesty, of a free State, and number many thousands in our body. The Heir Apparent of the Empire is our chief. We fraternize for the purpose of social intercourse, of mutual assistance, of charity to the distressed, and goodwill to all. Fidelity to a trust, reverence to the magistrate, and obedience to the laws, are sculptured in capitals upon the pediment of our Institution." We think then that on this auspicious occasion it may be well to remind ourselves of that intimate connexion especially of the "House of Brunswick" with our Order, which has been so worthy of its exalted members, and so pleasurable and honourable to us. It has been said by some writers that King James I., King Charles I., King Charles II., and King William III. were all Freemasons, but, so far, no actual evidence has been forthcoming of the statement; and, leaving these good old legends to prehistoric times, let go on to see what is undoubtedly true and provable of after epochs and later generations. In Lord Darnley's Grand Mastership, from 1737 to 1738, Frederick, Prince of Wales, was, as far as we know, the first member of our Royal Family who saw the light of Freemasonry. He was admitted in 1737, at the Royal Palace of Kew, a special lodge, over which presided the well known Dr. Desaguliers. The author of "Multa Paucis" mentions Nov. 5th as the actual date, and adds, that his brother, the Duke of Cumberland, who commanded the English army at Fontenoy and Culloden, was also admitted shortly after, namely in 1743, though we believe he is the only writer who mentions this fact. Frederick, Prince of Wales, never seems to have gone beyond the degree of Master Mason. Anderson, however, dedicated to him the Constitutions of 1738. He died in 1751, and his son, George, III. not a Freemason. During the Grand Mastership of Lord Blayney, which lasted from 1764 to 1766, their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Cumberland and Gloucester became Freemasons. The

Duke of York, the King's brother, was also initiated abroad, and in 1776 they were all proclaimed Past Grand Masters by our Grand Lodge. In 1782 the Duke of Cumberland became Grand Master, and presided over the Craft most admirably for many years. During his happy administration the Girls' School was founded, mainly by the benevolent initiative of the Chevalier Ruspini and others. In 1786 the Duke of Clarence was received into Freemasonry at Plymouth, and on Thursday, February 6th, 1787, His Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, was received into the Order, the Duke of Cumberland the Grand Master, presiding in person. On Friday, 21st November following, the Duke of York was also received by the Grand Master at a special lodge, being introduced by his brother, the Prince of Wales. In subsequent years the Duke of Kent, the grandfather of our Grand Master, was initiated at Geneva, the Duke of Sussex at Berlin, and the Dukes of Cumberland and Gloucester, were likewise admitted into our fraternity in England. We believe that the Duke of Cambridge was not a Freemason, though we are not quite certain on the subject, but if so, all the sons of good King George III. became Freemasons, with this single exception. In 1790 our excellent and zealous Grand Master the Duke of Cumberland died, and was succeeded on the Masonic throne by George, Prince of Wales. He appointed the well-known Lord Moira, afterwards Marquis of Hastings, his Pro Grand Master, and presided over the Craft until his accession to the Regency in 1813. Before he resigned the Grand Mastership one of the most remarkable Masonic banquets that ever was witnessed took place in honour of Lord Moira's appointment to the Governor-Generalship of India. Six Royal Dukes were present at the festival, and the Prince of Wales sent his "heartiest good wishes." On December 1st, 1813, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex was installed Grand Master of our Order, and remained so, a most devoted Freemason, until his death in 1843, when he was succeeded by our good old and lamented chief, Lord Zetland. The Prince of Wales, in 1813, became Patron of our Order, and remained so until his death. In 1813, the Duke of Kent was also elected Grand Master of the Athol Masons, for the purpose of promoting the union of the two divergent bodies, and healing a miserable and mournful schism. On St. John's Day, December 27th, 1813, the great Act of Union was consummated, which has tended so greatly to the progress and welfare of Freemasonry, under the auspices of the two Grand Masters, the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of Kent, the former remaining Grand Master of the now united organization, the latter becoming a Past Grand Master. We have then, surely, much cause, from this brief recapitulation of our past annals, to feel thankful to that Royal Family, whose presence has been so welcome, and whose countenance has been so beneficial, to our great brotherhood. At this moment, at a period of much anxiety, when we had lost a most effective and popular Grand Master, whose worth we all acknowledge though we deplore his proceedings, we have been cheered and strengthened by the fraternal readiness with which the Prince of Wales of to-day acknowledges our brotherhood, and assumes its headship. His two brothers, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, are also members of our Order, and we, as English Freemasons, are, and may be, justly proud of the fact that our Princes have chivalrously come forward to testify to our loyal character, and to uphold our good fame before men. Under such a chief and with such rulers, and supported by some of the noblest of the land, we shall fear no enemy and be appalled by no excommunication. In 1875, the days of "Bulls" and "Interdicts" and "Anathemas," are surely over; we need no longer dread the outbreaks of unbridled fanaticism, nor the foolish idiosyncrasies of ill-regulated pseudo-religious faith. We shall march on our way a great and a loyal host, the Royal Standard and the Union Jack and the Masonic Banner over our heads, and ours will be the exulting shout of Englishmen and Freemasons. We fear no assailants, and we mean, God helping us, to advance under our gallant commander, our parole Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, our countersign, "Dieu et mon Droit."

OUR DISAPPOINTED BRETHREN.

That many of our good brethren will have been sorely disappointed at not being able to find a place at the Installation of our Royal Grand Master is, we think, certain to be the case. Independently of the fact that English Freemasons have always constituted a loyal body, "pure et simple," there is a widespread feeling of personal appreciation of the truly fraternal manner in which our exalted brother has taken upon himself the responsibilities of the Grand Master's office. Hence there has been an universal desire to be present on so glad an occasion to the Craft, and to testify to those unanimous and deeply-seated feelings of fraternal attachment and loyal regard by which all English Freemasons are animated, in respect of the Heir to the Throne. No such large gathering has taken place in English Freemasonry before, and few so numerous attended are likely to occur again. It is quite clear now, that had even a much larger locale been selected it would have been filled, but, with one or two exceptions, London does not possess a place of assembly which would have been equal to the emergency. And other matters, as our good brethren know, have had to be taken into consideration by the authorities. The meeting is a meeting of Grand Lodge, and the greatest care has had to be taken in order to secure the needful condition of a Masonic meeting—due provision for the members, and a perfectly tyled lodge room. It is, we believe, very doubtful whether any other site could have been found so suitable in both these respects, and so easily adapted to the proceedings of Grand Lodge. We might probably have obtained a larger area, or we might, we do not dispute, have secured greater accommodation for the brethren, but, in our opinion, all this would have been accompanied by a very serious drawback, the impossibility of properly tying the Grand Lodge. We therefore think it well to remind our many readers to-day, some perhaps among the disappointed ones, that while the numbers seeking to be admitted is utterly without precedent, so those who have received tickets are beyond any previous calculation. Our Installation is the largest Masonic meeting ever held in England, and large as it is, it might no doubt have yet been tripled in numerical strength. Let those, then, who feel a natural disappointment consider carefully these simple facts, and they will be at once consoled by the remembrance and the knowledge that it is much more than doubtful if any other building could have been found, or safely made use of, at any rate, for the annual and festival Grand Assembly of English Craftsmen. We know with what unceasing zeal and devotion, and daily labour and anxiety, those to whom our Royal Grand Master has confided the arrangements for the Installation have striven to give effect to our august Brother's wishes, and to afford satisfaction to the Order. After the day's proceedings are over, after the installation of our Grand Master is, most happily for Freemasonry and our English fraternity, and we may add, for our universal brotherhood, a "fait accompli," we feel strongly that the best thanks of our brotherhood are due to Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Bro. Fenn, Bro. Monckton, and our excellent Grand Secretary, for their long and sedulous endeavours to render the Installation a complete success. Their duties have been most responsible, and they have performed them in a most impartial spirit, and with true Masonic zeal, for the convenience of all, and for the honour of English Freemasonry.

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS AND THE LITTLE VILLAGE.

This week will witness an unwonted influx of our good brethren from the Provinces into the great Metropolis. It is just possible that among the many excellent and worthy W.M.'s. and P.M.'s, and members of our Order, whom the Installation has called out from their district habitations, some may never actually have been in London before, and, therefore, it is that, in the purest spirit of philanthropy and the truest sentiments of brotherhood we deem it well to offer them a few friendly words of sympathy and counsel. Many will come prepared to "do"

the "little village," and some of more tender natures than others will have brought their wives or sisters with them. Among the great mass of comers Bros. "Brown, Jones, and Robinson" will be conspicuous, who have left their home and their "belongings" for a little "outing," and mean to have a "lark," as was once the word, though we believe the more fashionable expression just now is a "spree." They are at last in London, often heard of, never seen, by many before, and where, to say the truth, they feel, as they say themselves, like "fish out of water." They find that London is a somewhat difficult place to amuse themselves in properly, unless they seek to do so on a fixed plan. Having surmounted the difficulties of a room—curious that such a difficulty should be experienced in London—and having settled where to dine and what to have for dinner, most important duties and considerations, they mostly take a stroll and look about them. Oh! fortunate nimium if some specious bird of prey does not scent you from afar, and pounce upon you in your open and enquiring and believing mood! Lucky will it be for you if some interesting stranger does not accost you with a tale of monetary splendour, and entice you, all unwary, and confiding, and sympathetic, into the attractive restaurant or the exhilarating bar. There he will forthwith proceed to appeal to your warm heart, or your full pockets. Some wonderful tale of a large legacy just left him by a deceased and amiable first cousin, some shewing of money against money, the convenient stakeholder, and the affable referee, will all follow in due course, until early or late, hazy or clear, the "yokel" finds himself in Scotland Yard, where kindly men listen intently to his tale of depression and misery; and where he finds, much to his astonishment, that the fortunate legatee is an old familiar friend of Inspector Shore, and, in that meritorious officer's emphatic words, "one of the most dangerous parties out." Now, we do not say that such will be the fate of any of our esteemed brethren—we hope not; but London is full of dangers, and if you escape one you often fall into another, "Incidis in Scyllam cupiens evitare Charybdin." We might go through other forms of temptation and peril to the impulsive and the excitable, but we forbear. We would only caution all our readers against the interesting widows of sea captains on a long sea voyage, against seedy strangers who take a sudden interest in you, against "touts" of any description, against foreign "patriots," and soi-disant Barons. To all such may our good provincial brethren give a wide berth! We trust, indeed, to hear that of the goodly host of Freemasons whom the Installation of our Royal Grand Master has brought to London all have carefully evaded the prevailing drawbacks and difficulties of centralized civilization, and have found profitable amusement and pleasant memories to carry back home. Our brethren come from east and west, and north and south, and far away in quiet vale or in pleasant village, or in teeming town, are those who are fondly awaiting their return to their household gods, and to whom their journey to the great metropolis is actually an event in their lives. May all our brethren have a peaceful sojourn in town, and a prosperous journey home. London, however, affords many striking amusements to the rational and active. Woolwich will delight the volunteer and patriot Masons, while the Tower will supply food for wondrous legends and dreadful tales. There are the exhibitions of English and foreign artists, all redolent with intellectual improvement, with the cultivation of artistic taste, and which cannot be too highly commended. There is the National Gallery and the Portrait Gallery, both worthy of a great people. There are the Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's, all deeply interesting to the thoughtful and studious Mason. The Parks should not be forgotten, which are, as Mr. Disraeli has so well said, such a charm to London and Londoners. And if our brethren are musical they can have Mme. Titiens or Mme. Patti; if they are humorous, they can drop in at the Haymarket, or Adelphi, or Strand. They can see "Hamlet" at the Lyceum, or they can patronize the little Prince of Wales's Theatre, or they can, if Italian

scholars, pay their respects to the great actor, Signor Salvini, and look on the "sorrows of the Moor." Then having witnessed the Installation, having cheered their Grand Master, with many cheers and "one cheer more," feeling proud of their good old Order, and having enjoyed their stay in the "little village," they can go home, and delight those who have felt somewhat lonely without them, with a narrative of what they did and saw at the Great Installation Festival of the year of grace, 1875.

BRO. C. VON. GAGERN.

Our brother is very combative. Even before he receives an answer to a very childish, not to say unmasonic, attack on the *Freemason*, with more zeal than discretion, he repeats his incrimination under the pretence of commending Bro. Bergmann's letter. We find no fault with Bro. Bergmann's letter; "au contraire," we think it does him all credit. All Bro. Bergmann sought, in good taste and true Masonic feeling, to establish was, which he was quite justified in doing, that the situation of German Freemasonry was one of some duration, and that all things, as we ourselves had observed, tended to rightful amelioration and careful reforms. But Bro. Bergmann nowhere attacked either our "bona fides" or our Masonic sympathies. Our remarks, which have so angered Bro. C. Von Gagern, and to some extent, apparently, even our worthy Bro. J. G. Findel, were made in all honest intent, as a Masonic writer seeking to uphold, to improve, and to elevate the brotherhood. We are very sorry if in so doing we have trodden on any brother's tender foot, or upset his favourite theories. Our remarks did not, as Bro. Bergmann saw, apply to the German Freemasons, who do not, as a body, whatever an insignificant individual now and then may do, import political discussions into their Masonic assemblies. We regret to add that the tone and temper of Bro. C. Von Gagern is, in our opinion, so thoroughly unmasonic and partizan that we do not suppose that anything we can say, could tend in any way even to a reasonable discussion of "moot" points. If Bro. C. Von Gagern represents the opinion of any considerable number of Austrian Freemasons, either Masonically or theologically, we fear the "look out" for Freemasonry in Austria must be very bad indeed. The amusing fact of the whole is, that here we are old greyheaded Freemasons, who, for six "lustra" and more, have been working actively in Freemasonry, and we forsooth, are to be set right at once by a clearly but partially instructed Mason, who has a good deal to learn before he can profess to be the mouthpiece of others, much less to teach others. We have for many years advocated the universality of Freemasonry, we uphold it still, but we equally maintain and ever shall maintain the religious character of our Order, and the happy fact that the Holy Bible is found always open in every English Masonic lodge. If that is a fault, we plead guilty to it at once. If for that we are called "retrograde," "old fashioned," "bigoted" and "effete," we consider the epithets to be compliments, as we know that we are in full accord with the vast majority of our English brethren, and that we best express the unfaltering and goodly teaching of English Freemasonry.

THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Those of us who witnessed the sight of the Installation of our Royal Grand Master at the Albert Hall, on Wednesday, will not, probably, ever see such a sight again, at any rate in Freemasonry. We that are old and grey, and getting a little footsore in the race, may congratulate ourselves that we have been permitted to witness so grand an assembly of our brother Freemasons. For it was a noble gathering, and the sight of that goodly hall, with the dense rows of our beaming brethren, was one which must ever leave a deep impression on all who were privileged to take part in the Installation. Our Grand Master seemed himself to be quite struck with the sight of these assembled thousands of loyal Craftsmen, and the cheers which greeted him from his entrance to his departure seemed

to overcome him almost at times, and were indeed worthy of English Freemasons. The proceedings went off without a hitch, and the arrangements were most satisfactory, reflecting the deepest credit on those able brethren to whom the Grand Master had confided the orderings of the day's important proceedings. We understand that all the details for the reception of the brethren were worked out most minutely and perfectly, and that though one or two cases may have occurred in which individual hardship may have been felt, everything was conducted on purely Masonic principles, and the greatest goodwill and forbearance were manifested by all alike. We do not think that, considering the arrangements related to the admission of many thousands of our brethren, any could possibly be more clear, more comprehensive, or more thoroughly business-like. As we said before, the coup d'œil on entering was very striking, the rows of blue collars, which appeared interminable, the serried ranks upon ranks of the brethren, ranging tier upon tier, all with a perfect view of the proceedings, convinced us how admirably and scientifically constructed the Albert Hall is. It is, in fact, a Roman amphitheatre, applied to modern uses. Its acoustic properties are also of a most satisfactory character, and, we think, prove that the Hall is a great success. It would be impossible to describe the hearty enthusiasm with which the Grand Master was greeted. Cheer followed upon cheer, and plaudits followed upon plaudits, until the great Hall fairly rang again, and His Royal Highness evidently felt deeply the warmth and loyalty of his brother Masons. The Masonic honours were given as we have never seen or heard them given before, and we never shall see or hear them given again. The speech of our Grand Master was modest, manly, and most Masonic, and appealed to the hearts and feelings of all who heard him; and when he told that vast but listening audience he should "never forget that day," those who heard the outbursts of Masonic cheering will ever retain a vivid remembrance of the scene, and the jubilant echoes, to the end of their Masonic career. Lord Carnarvon's speech was most admirable in tone, in verbiage, and in effect. His tribute to the ever loyal character of the Craft was greeted with enthusiasm; and whatever they may say or do in foreign countries, we in England as Freemasons never do and never will forget that as an Order two of its highest and most sacred duties are loyalty and affection to the Throne. Lord Skelmersdale's appointment as Deputy Grand Master was hailed with acclamations, and with some good Lancashire cheering; while the Lord Mayor of London, as Junior Grand Warden, received a perfect ovation. His elevation to Grand Office was evidently most popular, and in our humble opinion is as well conceived and deserved as it is popular. The Marquis of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden, and the other new Grand Officers, were all well received, while the recognition of the services of Bro. Sir Michael Costa, of Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, of Bro. Thomas Fenn, were most heartily applauded. Our good brother, the Grand Secretary, received the unanimous plaudits of Grand Lodge, while the noble organ was most effectively played, amid much applause, we are told, by Bro. Willing. We cannot conclude without calling attention to the carpet, which, presented by Bro. John Lewis, of Halifax, and a member of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, attracted the ardent admiration of all. It is a masterpiece of artistic skill, and reflects the highest credit on Bro. Lewis's Masonic zeal and on our English workmen. And so the great Installation of 1875 passed over. None of us, humanly speaking, are likely to behold such another gathering of the Craft, and we sincerely trust that, as our Royal Brother so well said, this auspicious day may be an omen of much happiness, prosperity, and peaceful progress to our Order. We pray that our august head may long remain in chief rule over us, and that our grand old Craft may evidence more and more before all men its ever exalted principles of loyalty and toleration, of charity and brotherly love.

Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott has been elected on the Court of the Haberdashers' Company.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of English Freemasons, which has been looked forward to with so much eagerness by the whole Craft, was performed on Wednesday last, at the Royal Albert Hall. The event must ever be marked as the most noteworthy that has taken place in Freemasonry. Nothing in the whole annals of the Order, certainly nothing within the memory of living Masons, will bear comparison with the gorgeousness or the magnitude of the scene that presented itself; and we doubt whether any Freemason, in the wildest dreams of his imagination was prepared for what was witnessed on that occasion. From an early hour in the morning great activity was perceptible about the Albert Hall, and it was not to Masons alone that this was confined. The outer world took great interest also in the event, and assembled in great numbers to watch the arrival and departure of the brethren. But it was more especially the departure which drew great crowds together, for when the ceremony was over, and the brethren departed, the scene was much like that which was daily witnessed at the same spot just upon 24 years ago, when the Great Exhibition was held opposite the present Albert Hall, and on the site of the Albert Memorial. Thousands of people were massed together, and hundreds of vehicles were moving about.

The stewards, numbering several hundreds, arrived at eleven o'clock, but Sir Albert Woods, Mr. Fenn, Mr. Monckton, and Mr. Long, the committee for carrying out the arrangements, were there very much earlier, some as soon as six o'clock. The workmen in the building were banished from the scene at ten o'clock, and the edifice was left in sole possession of Freemasons. The stewards received the final instructions on their arrival, and their places were pointed out to them. Punctually at one the doors were opened to the brethren generally, and the arrangements were so complete that, with all the necessary precautions taken against the admission of the uninitiated, a concourse of between 7,000 and 8,000 Masons were passed to their places in perfect order by half-past two. When all were assembled the scene was most impressive. The usually sombre appearance of English gentlemen in evening dress may have led the uninitiated to fancy that the aspect of the hall would be very dull, but the fact was that all entitled to be present had a silk collar in right of their position in the Order. These, for the most part a light blue, gave their colour to the whole assemblage, and enlivened the scene in a very tasteful way. Here and there were gentlemen clothed in collars of different colours—some of deep crimson, others of a dark blue, while here and there was the blue and yellow of Sweden, or the scarlet coat of a military brother. The grand Old Throne and chairs presented by the late Duke of Sussex, and which form so conspicuous a feature in the Temple, were here, the Throne being again, after a lapse of many years, surmounted by the Prince's plume. Behind the throne, and in front of the organ, was the Royal Standard, in front of which was the Masonic Banner. The seats behind and to the right and left of the Throne were occupied by Past Grand Officers, clothed in their splendid collars and aprons, covered with jewels and gold embroidery, giving the lais a most magnificent appearance. The arrangement of the canvas screen above gave an additional peculiarity to the scene, those in the arena being all in shade, while those above caught the light, and appeared of quite a different complexion.

The route of the procession was covered with a splendid carpet bearing the Masonic arms and the Prince of Wales' plume. This carpet was manufactured specially for the occasion by Bro. Lewis, of Watling Street and Halifax, and presented by him to Grand Lodge.

At about ten minutes past three a blare of trumpets announced the Royal entrance, and the head of a procession appeared slowly pass-

ing down the stairs to the solemn music of the organ, and traversed the aisle before-mentioned to the dais. The order was as follows:—

The Grand Stewards of the Year.
Grand Pursuivant (T. Cubitt).
Past Grand Organists.
Grand Organist (W. Kuhe).
Past Grand Sword Bearers.
P. A. G. Director of Ceremonies.
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Director of Ceremonies (Sir A. Woods).
Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
Grand Sup. of Works (F. P. Cockerell).
Past Grand Deacons.
Grand Sec. for German Corresp. (E. E. Wendt).
Grand Secretary (J. Hervey).
Pres. of Board of Gen. Purp. (J. B. Monckton).
Past Grand Registrar.
E. J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar.
Grand Treasurer (S. Tomkins).
Past Grand Chaplains.
R. P. Bent and J. Simpson, Grand Chaplains.
Past Grand Wardens.
Past Provincial Grand Masters.
Provincial Grand Masters.
Illustrious Visitors.
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.
Junior Grand Warden.
Senior Grand Warden.
Junior Grand Deacons.
Representative from the G.L. of Denmark | Deputation from the G.L. of Sweden.
Dep. from G.L. of Ireland according to their respective ranks. | Dep. from G.L. of Scotland according to their respective ranks.
Acting Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Sword Bearer (J. J. Collins).
M.W. Pro-Grand Master—Senior G. Deacons.
Two Grand Stewards.

In this procession were found the following noblemen and gentlemen:—Bros. John Fawcett, Durham; Rev. Dr. Bowles, Herefordshire; Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., North Wales and Shropshire; Lord Leigh, Warwickshire; Lord Methuen, Wiltshire; R. J. Bagshaw, Essex; Lord Sherborne, Gloucestershire; Marquis of Hartington, Derbyshire; Mr. Gundry, Dorsetshire; Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Kent; Lord Waveney, Suffolk; Duke of Manchester, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire; Lord de Tabley, Cheshire; Duke of Newcastle, Nottinghamshire; Mr. T. M. Talbot, South Wales (eastern division); Mr. A. H. Roys, Worcestershire; Rev. J. Hayshe, M.A., Devon; Earl of Limerick, Bristol; Earl of Bective, M.P., Cumberland and Westmoreland; Lord Pelham, M.P., Sussex; Earl of Carnarvon, Somersetshire; Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Berkshire and Buckinghamshire; Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, Jersey; Mr. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Hampshire and Isle of Wight; Earl Percy, M.P., Northumberland; Lieut.-Colonel Charles Lyne, Monmouthshire; Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Staffordshire; Major-General J. S. Brownrigg, C.D., Surrey; Earl of Hardwicke, Cambridgeshire; Lord Skelmersdale, western division of Lancashire; Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, Cornwall; Earl Ferrers, Leicestershire and Rutland; Major J. A. Lloyds, western division of South Wales; Mr. F. T. Halsey, M.P., Herts; Earl of Zetland, North and East Ridings of Yorkshire; Sir H. Edwards, West Riding; Captain Charles Hunter, East Aberdeenshire, P.S.G.W. of Greece, &c. In addition to these Bros. H. Murray, Sandeman, S. Rawson, Dr. Hamilton, A. M. D. Ritchie, Adam, Dobie, Sir Pryse-Pryse, Bart., Lieut.-Colonel Ramsay, and Lieut.-Col. Vernon represented the Colonies and Past Provincial Grand Masters. The Past and Present Grand Wardens present were—Bros. Earl Jersey, Balston, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Colonel Cole Maxwell Close, Bonamy Dobree, J.R., H. W. Eaton, M.P., Lord R. Grosvenor, M.P., Gilbert Greenall, John Havers, Lord Londesborough, A. W. Novelli, H. C. Okeover, F. Pattison, W. S. Portal, Captain Platt, Colonel Stewart, Lord Tenterden, Lord H. Thynne, M.P., Hon. J. C. Vivian, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Victor Williamson, Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Colonel Whitwell, and Robert Cunliffe. Of Past and Present Grand Chaplains there were present—The Rev. W. K.

R. Bedford, J. S. Brownrigg, R. P. Bent, J. Edmund Cox, D.D., C. R. Davy, A. B. Frazer, Sir J. Warren Hayes, E. M. Moore, C. J. Martyn, T. F. Ravenshaw, Joseph Senior, J. J. Sedgwick, D.D., R. J. Simpson, W. Fisher, Canon Simpson, A. R. Ward, and A. F. A. Woodford, F. Roxburgh, Q.C., Past Grand Registrar and Deacon, S. J. Blake, C. Beaumont, H. Browne, Brackstone Baker, J. P. Bell, M.D., Lewis Crombie, Major Creaton, John A. Clabon, N. R. Callender, M.P., H. de Crespigny, J. Beighton, H. J. P. Dumas, J. Cooper Foster, G. Francis, E. J. Turner, R. H. Giraud, C. Hutton Gregory, W. E. Gumbleton, H. Grissell, James Glaisher, H. Hancock, Benjamin Head, Jabez Hogg, M.D., Richard Havers, ex-Sheriff Hutton, W. J. Hughan, G. W. Latham, J. P. Leith, H. Manser, J. Merryweather, L. P. Metham, J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk of London, C. A. Merton, E. Phillips, G. Plucknett, W. A. Powell, E. T. Rayne, J. L. Parkinson, F. A. Philbrick, G.C., J. A. Rucker, Francis Bennoch, Past Grand Steward; J. Savage, E. S. Snell, Bentley Shaw, E. B. Sutton, J. A. Saunders, Raynham W. Stewart, J. M. Tomkins, S. Leith Tomkins, T. B. White, Benjamin Webster, G. Locock Webb, and J. M. Wike were also present. The Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies:—N. Bradford, D. Coombs, C. C. Dumas, T. Fenn, Dr. Harcourt, W. Hickman, S. C. Hadley, J. Symonds, and J. Whichcord. Past Grand Swordbearers E. Bannister, Bushe, Bulley, Cope, Collins, Elkington, Filer, Holland, Mason, Dr. Hyde Pullen, E. Roberts, R. J. Spiers, Oxford, and Joshua Nunn, also took part in the ceremony. Music was represented by Past Grand Organists Sir Michael Costa, J. Coward, Wilhelm Ganz, Wilhelm Kuhe, E. Ransford, and J. Stimpson; and the list was wound up with the Past Grand Pursuivants, Messrs. Adams, Breitling, Brett, Coutts, Cottebrune, Collitt, Emmens, Ough, Smith, and Boyd. Besides these were present many distinguished visitors, who represented Scotland, Ireland, America, Sweden, Denmark, and the Grand Lodges of the Continent.

The procession was an extremely lengthy one, and when it had passed, and every one had taken his place on the dais, the following distinguished Masons were there:—

Past Grand Registrar.—Roxburgh, Fras., Q.C.

Past Grand Deacons.—Blake, J. J.; Beaumont, C.; Browne, H.; Baker, B.; Bell, J. P.; Crombie, L.; Creaton, Major; Clabon, J. M.; Callender, W. R., M.P.; De Crespigny, Herbert; Deighton, John; Dumas, H. P.; Forster, J. C.; Furner, E. J.; Giraud, R. H.; Gregory, C. H.; Grissell, H.; Glaisher, James; Hancock, Hy.; Head, B.; Hogg, John; Havers, Rd.; Hutton, C. W. C.; Hughan, W. J.; Leith, J. P.; Maudsley, H.; Melborn, L. P.; Monckton, J. B.; Maston, C. A.; Phillips, E.; Plucknett, G.; Powell, W. A. F.; Payne, E. F.; Parkinson, J. C.; Philbrick, F. A., Q.C.; Rucker, J. A.; Savage, John; Snell, E. S.; Stow, Bentley; Sutton, E. B.; Saunders, J. E.; Stewart, R. W.; Tomkins, S. L.; Webster, B.; Wheeler, R. W.; Webb, C. L.; Wike, J. M.

Past Assistant G.D.C.—Bradford, Nicholas; Coombs, T.; Dumas, C. C.; Fenn, T.; Harcourt, Dr.; Hickman, W.; Hadley, S. C.; Symonds, J.; Whichcord, John.

P.G. Sword Bearers.—Bannister, C. J.; Busbee, E.; Bulley, H.; Cope, R.; Collins, J. T.; Elkington, C. W.; Filer, A. J. D.; Hollon, R. W.; Mason, J.; Moore, Dr.; Nunn, Joshua; Pullen, H.; Roberts, E.; Spiers, R. J.

P.G. Organists.—Costa, Sir M.; Coward, Jas.; Ganz, Wilhelm; Kuhe, Wilhelm; Ransford, Edward; Stimpson, James.

P.G. Pursuivants.—Adams, T. A.; Boyd, John; Brett, J.; Coutts, J.; Cottebrune, C. P. A.; Cubitt, T.; Emmens, J.; Ough, W.; Smith, Joseph.

Provincial and District Grand Masters.—Beech, W. B., M.P.; Bective, Earl; Bowles, Rev. Joseph; Bagshaw, Robert John; Burdett, Lt. Col. Fras.; Cunliffe, R.; De Carteret, Col.; Davy, Richard; De Tabley, Lord; Edward, Sir Henry; Fawcett, John; Ferrers, Earl; Gooch, Sir D.; Gunery, Jos.; Hamilton, Dr. R.; Hartington, Marquis of; Holmesdale, Viscount;

Huyshe, Rev. John; Hunter, Captain Charles; Hardwick, Earl of; Halsey, Thos. F., M.P.; Leigh, Lord; Limerick, Earl of; Lyne, Colonel C.; Methuen, Lord; Manchester, Duke of; Murray, Henry; Mount Edgumbe, Earl of; Pelham, Lord; Phillips, Major; Read, W. H.; Royds, Albert; Ritchie, A.; Sandeman, W. D.; Starkie, Le Gendre Nicolas; Skelmersdale, Earl of; Scott, Robert; Walpole, Hon. Fred.; Wynn, Sir Watkin; Whitwell, Colonel J.; Waveney, Lord; Wike, J. M.; Zetland, Earl of.

Past Provincial Grand Masters.—Adair, Lieut. Colonel Alex.; Dobie, Alexander; Kelly, William; Mercer, Hon. W. T.; Pryse, Sir Pryse; Rowson, Samuel; Vernon, Lieutenant-Colonel.

Past Grand Wardens.—Alston, Fras. B.; Balfour of Burleigh, Lord; Campbell, A. G.; Cole, Colonel Arthur; Close, Maxwell C.; Dobree, John B.; Eaton, H. W., M.P.; Grosvenor, Lord R., M.P.; Greenall, Gilbert, M.P.; Havers, John; Jersey, Earl of; Loadborough, Lord; Londonderry, Marquis of; Novelli, S. H.; Okeover, H. C.; Pattison, F.; Portal, W. S.; Platt, Captain; Stuart, Colonel; Tenterden, Lord; Thynne, Lord H.; Vivian, Hon. J. C. W.; Williamson, S. H.

Past Grand Chaplains.—Bedford, W. K. R.; Brownrigg, J. S.; Bent, R. P.; Cox, Dr.; Frazer, A. B.; Hayes, Sir J. W.; Moore, E.; Martyn, E. J.; Ravenshaw, T. F. G.; Senior, Dr.; Sedgwick, Dr.; Simpson, R.; Short, W. F.; Simpson, Canon; Ward, A. R.; Woodford, A. F. A.

The procession entered the hall while the organ was played by Bro. Willing, and Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Earl of Carnarvon, who was received with immense cheering. When his Lordship took his seat, he was again heartily cheered, and was visibly much moved by the wonderful cordiality of his reception.

The Earl of Carnarvon, as Pro Grand Master, took the chair; that of the Senior Warden being filled by the Right Hon. Lord H. Thynne, M.P., and that of the Junior Warden by Bro. H. C. Okeover. The Grand Lodge was then opened; the minutes of the last Grand Lodge read, from which it appeared that, on the motion of Brother Standish Grove O'Grady, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been unanimously elected to the office of Grand Master. These minutes being now confirmed that election was completed.

The Pro Grand Master then directed Sir A. Woods to form a deputation to introduce his Royal Highness; and mentioned in doing so that a telegram had just been put in his hands from Grand Lodge of Genoa offering their hearty congratulations (great cheering).

The deputation then went to the Prince's room, and in a few minutes the silver trumpets (Brothers Howard Reynolds, W. Neutzelring, S. West, and F. Magrath, Heralds,) drew attention to the entrance of the Prince and his sponsors in the following order, the organ playing a processional march, composed especially for the occasion by Brother Sir Michael Costa:—

Four Grand Stewards of the Year.

The Gloves and Apron of the G.M. on a cushion borne by the Master of a Lodge.	The Collar and Jewel of the G.M. on a cushion borne by the Master of a Lodge.
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Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir A. Woods.

Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey.

Pres. of Board of Gen. Purp., Bro. Monckton.

Grand Registrar, Bro. McIntyre, Q.C.

Grand Treasurer, Bro. S. Tomkins.

Grand Chaplains, R. P. Bent and Dr. Simpson.

Six Past Grand Wardens.

Six Provincial Grand Masters—viz., the Earls of Shrewsbury and Limerick, the Marquis of Londonderry, Lords R. Grosvenor, Tenterden, and Lonsdale.

The PRINCE OF WALES, Grand Master.

Two Grand Stewards.

The Prince of Wales was received with deafening cheers from the assembled brethren, which were again and again renewed until some time after he had taken his seat on the left of the Earl of Carnarvon. His Royal Highness seemed

much gratified, and bowed his acknowledgments as often as the cheering was taken up. The Duke of Connaught stood all this time almost motionless, but apparently much struck with the impressive scene.

Everybody concerned having, under the direction of Sir A. Woods, taken his proper position, the brethren arose, and a prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. The Prince was then, with certain formalities, invested with the collar and jewel of his office, and placed in the chair; and the trumpets once more having challenged attention, Sir Albert Woods proclaimed to the brethren in the following form:

Be it known that the Most High, Most Puissant, and Most Illustrious Prince, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew, and Lord of the Isles, Great Steward of Scotland, K.G., K.P., K.T., G.C.B., Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India, Knight of the Elephant of Denmark, Knight of the Golden Fleece, has been elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasonry in England. Whom the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve!

The formal salutes having been given,

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Your Royal Highness and Most Worshipful Grand Master,—It has been from time immemorial the custom when any Master of the Craft was placed in this chair to remind him of the duties that he then undertook, and although it is unnecessary that I should remind your Royal Highness, who is so conversant with all the affairs of the Craft, of those duties, it is right that that old and time-honoured custom should not absolutely disappear, and therefore it is my duty to address to you a few words on this occasion. Sir, your Royal Highness knows well that Freemasonry possesses many titles to respect, even in the eyes of the outer world. It has first of all a great antiquity—an antiquity ascending into the sphere, I may say, of immemorial tradition. Secondly, it is known and practised in every country, in every clime, and in every race of civilised men, and lastly, in this country, above all, it has associated itself with human sympathies and charitable institutions. (Cheers.) Let me say further, that whilst in these modern times it has changed its character in some respects, it has lost nothing which can claim the respect of men. (Cheers.) Formerly, through the dim periods of the middle ages, it carved its records upon the public buildings of Europe, upon the tracery of the cathedral windows, and the ornamentation of palaces. Now, as I have said, it is content to devote itself to works of sympathy and charity, and in them it finds its highest praise and reward. Let me draw one further distinction—no one will say that it is an invidious one. In some other countries it has been unfortunately the lot of Freemasonry to find itself allied with faction and intrigue—with what I may call the darker side of politics. In England it has been signally the reverse. (Cheers.) The Craft here has allied itself with social order, with the great institutions of the country, and, above all, with Monarchy, the crowning institution of all. (Cheers.) Your Royal Highness is not the first, by many, of your illustrious family that have sat in that chair. By the lustre of your great name and position you will reflect honour upon the Craft to-day; but it is also something, Sir, to be at the head of such a body as this vast assembly now represents (cheers), for I may truly say that never before, in the whole history of Freemasonry, has such a Grand Lodge been convened as that on which my eyes rest at this moment. And there is this further and inner view to be taken—that far as my eye can carry me over these serried ranks of white and blue, of gold and purple, I recognise in them men who have solemnly undertaken obligations of worth and morality, men who have undertaken the duties of citizens and the loyalty of subjects. (Cheers.) Sir, I am but expressing, though very feebly, the feelings and the aspirations of this great assembly when I say that I trust that the connection of your Royal Highness with the Craft may be lasting, and that you may never, Sir, have occasion for one moment's regret or anxiety when you look back upon the events of to-day. (Loud cheers.)

His Royal Highness the Grand Master, who, on rising, was received with enthusiastic applause, said: Brethren, I am deeply grateful to the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master for the excessively kind words which he has just spoken, and to you, brethren, for the cordial reception which you have given to them. It has been your unanimous wish, brethren, that I should occupy the chair in which you have this day installed me as your Grand Master. It is difficult for me to find words adequately to express my deep thanks for the high honour that has been bestowed upon me—an honour which has already been bestowed on several members of my family, my predecessors—and, brethren, in whose footsteps it will always be my most ardent and sincere wish to walk; and by God's help to fulfil the duties of that high office to which I have been called to-day in the same way that my illustrious predecessors fulfilled them. (Cheers.) The Pro Grand Master has told you, brethren, and I feel convinced it is so, that such an assemblage of Grand Lodge has never been known, and when I look round this vast and spacious hall, and see those who have come from the north and the south, from the east and the west, to be present on this auspicious occasion, it is, I trust, an omen of good. (Cheers.) The various public duties which in my position I have to perform will not enable me so frequently as I could wish to attend to my many duties connected with the Craft. But you, brethren, may rest assured that I shall do my utmost to maintain the Craft now in its present prosperity, and to do my duty by it and my duty by you on every possible occasion. (Cheers.) It would, brethren, I feel sure, be useless for me, at a moment like this, to recapitulate anything which has been so ably told you by the Pro Grand Master relative to Freemasonry. Every Englishman knows that the two watchwords of the Craft are "loyalty" and "charity." (Cheers.) As long as those are our watchwords, and as long as Freemasonry keeps itself from being mixed up with politics, so long will, I am sure, this great and ancient Order flourish, and its benign influences will tend to maintain the integrity of this great empire. (Hear hear.) I thank you once more, brethren, for your cordial reception of me to-day, and especially those who have come such immense distances to welcome me on this occasion. I assure you I shall never forget to-day. (Great cheering.)

Deputations from Scotland, Ireland, and Grand Lodge of Sweden were then presented to his Royal Highness, consisting of the following brethren:—

Scotland.—Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn, Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, R.W. Past Grand Master of Scotland; the Earl of Mar and Kellie, R.W., Deputy Grand Master; J. T. Oswald, of Dunniker, R.W., Sub-Grand Master; Lord Rosehill, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; the Hon. W. H. Gray, D.D., R.W., Grand Chaplain.

Ireland.—Bros. Robert W. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master; Lord Dunboyne, Junior Grand Warden; Arthur Bushe, Grand Treasurer; Sir John M. Stewart, Pro Grand Master; the Hon. David Plunket.

Grand Lodge of Sweden.—Bros. Count Saltza, Admiral Lagercrantz, Baron Beck-Früs, Baron de Mecklenburg, Oscar Dickson.

The Grand Orient of France being most desirous of expressing their cordial participation in what they regard as an international event, sent, through Mr. Hyde Clarke, a letter of congratulation to be personally presented to his Royal Highness the Grand Master, as they had done to his predecessors, the Earl of Zetland and the Marquis of Ripon (Cheers).

An address of congratulation was presented from Rome as follows:—

"A. G. D. G. A. D. U. Massoneria Universal Commerione Italiana Liberta Fratellanza Ugualianza.—Grand Orient Della Massoneria in Italia en elle Colonie Italiane. To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.—May it please your Royal Highness to permit the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy to unite the heartfelt applause of all our Italian brethren to that of our

beloved brethren in England, who hail the elevation of their present Grand Master as 'one of the most auspicious and most memorable events of universal Masonry. By this event English Masonry, which has already deserved so well of universal humanity, will acquire even fresh titles to the gratitude and admiration of the whole civilised world. Italian Masonry, therefore, rejoices at the new lustre shed upon our world-wide institution, and sincerely prays that between the two Masonic communities may be drawn even more closely those fraternal ties which, through want of the official recognition which we venture to hope will soon be effected, have always bound us to English brethren, whose profound intelligence and unswerving activity we constantly appreciate and seek to follow. Accept then, Royal Highness, with all good wishes for your continued long life and prosperity, the expression of our profound homage and fraternal affection."

This address was presented by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. on behalf of the Grand Orient.

His Royal Highness then proceeded to appoint the officers of the Grand Lodge for the year ensuing as follows:—

The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master.
Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master.
The Marquis of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden.
The Lord Mayor, Junior Grand Warden.
The Rev. James Simpson, D.C.L., and the Rev. Spencer Robert Wigram, Grand Chaplains.

Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer.

Aeneas J. M'Intyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

John Hervey, Grand Secretary.

Ernest Emil Wendt, Grand Secretary, German Correspondence.

Montague J. Guest and William Speed, Senior Grand Deacons.

Robert Gray and Frederick P. Morrell, Junior Grand Deacons.

Frederick P. Cockerell, Grand Superintendent of Works.

Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. R. Woodman, Grand Swordbearer.

Wilhelm Kuhe, Grand Organist.

John Wright, Grand Pursuivant.

Eleazer P. Albert, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

Charles B. Payne, Grand Tyler.

His Royal Highness the Grand Master then announced that Bro. Sir A. Woods was authorised to take the rank and wear the clothing of P.J.G.W.; and Bro. Fenn, of P.S.G.D., in acknowledgment of their services in the proceedings of the day. (Cheers.) Bro. Sir M. Costa was likewise authorised to wear the clothing of P.J.G.W., and Bro. Thos. Cubitt of P.G. Pursuivant.

The names of the brethren returned by the lodges appointing Grand Stewards for the year ensuing were presented and approved, and the Grand Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

The Prince of Wales, attended by his officers, then left in procession, and the proceedings terminated at five minutes to five o'clock.

The whole of these protracted ceremonies, of which the above account discloses merely a tithe, were conducted with remarkable precision by Sir A. Woods, Garter, who was Director of Ceremonies. The admission and seating of the brethren, which, as we have already stated, was admirably managed, was under the direction of Bro. Thos. Fenn, Bro. Monckton, the President, and the other members of Committee of the Board of General Purposes, were indefatigable and most successful in the discharge of their duties, and it must be a matter of great satisfaction to the Craft in general that so large a gathering, exceeding 10,000 in number, could be congregated and dispersed without the slightest confusion or difficulty.

THE BANQUET.

The banquet took place, as usual on such occasions, in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, and in consequence of its comparatively limited proportions but a very small number of those who were at the Albert Hall had an opportunity of being present. There were, however, about 400 brethren fortunate enough to obtain that privilege, and amongst them a large proportion of Grand

Officers. The hall was very tastefully decorated with flowers, and everything appeared to have been done to give it a picturesque appearance. At half-past seven His Royal Highness entered the hall amidst the greatest applause.

Amongst those present at the banquet were: the Grand Secretary, President of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain (Rev. Canon Simpson), Grand Treasurer, A. Bushe (G.T. Ireland), Lord Dunboyne (J.G.W. Ireland), Sir John M. Stewart (Ireland), Baron Mecklenburg (Sweden), Hon. David Plunket (Ireland), Robert W. Shekleton (D.G.M. Ireland), R. Hamilton (G.M. of Jamaica), Earl of Rosslyn (Scotland), Count Saltza (Sweden), George Laurie, P.D.G.M. of Turkey, Lord Leigh (P.G.M. Warwickshire), the Grand Director of Ceremonies, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Marquis of Hamilton, Lord Methuen, the Deputy Grand Master; Admiral Lagercrantz (Sweden), the Duke of Manchester (P.G.M. Northamptonshire), Lord Holmesdale (P.G.M. Kent), Earl of Mar and Kellie (Scotland), Rev. John Huyshe (P.G.M. Devon), Baron Beckforius, Albert H. Roy (P.G.M. Worcestershire), Oscar Dickson (Sweden), Hugh D. Sandeman (District G.M. of Bengal), S. T. Oswald (Sub-Grand Master Scotland), Dr. Gray (G.C. Scotland), Grand Chaplain (Rev. Spencer R. Wigram), W. Mann (P.G.W. Scotland), Junior Warden, the Right Hon. Lord Mayor. The above were the brethren who occupied seats at the table presided over by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Amongst the other brethren present at the other tables were Colonel Burdett, the Earl of Hardwicke, Lord Balfour, Lord Limerick, Sir Daniel Gooch, Lord Shrewsbury, General Brownrigg, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Sir H. Williamson, Hon. F. Walpole, Lord Tenterden, Lord Suffield, Bros. Francis Knollys, Thomas Fenn, F.A. Philbrick, Romaine Callender, &c., &c.

It was nine o'clock before the dinner was finished, and, the tables having been cleared,

The Most Worshipful Grand Master rose, amid prolonged cheering, to propose the first toast. He said: Brethren, the first toast I shall have the honour of proposing to you this evening is one which, I know, will require as few words as possible, as it is that toast which is always drunk with enthusiasm (cheers) on all great gatherings of Englishmen, more especially at the meetings of the Craft (loud cheers). I propose "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of Our Order" (prolonged cheers).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The Duke of Manchester: Your Royal Highness, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons, my Lords, and Brethren, I now propose to ask you to drink "The Health of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales." (Loud applause.) It is not necessary for me to praise her. You all admire her and praise her in your ordinary conversation (Hear, hear.) Those who have the pleasure and honour of knowing her esteem her and praise her most of all. (Cheers.) In the words which you will soon hear sung, and with which you will sympathise,

"May heavenly flowers bestrew her path,

May wisdom guide her feet!

That blessings on her head may fall

We here our prayer repeat."

(Loud applause.) I have to propose to you "The Health of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) We have for the first time amongst us, as Most Worshipful Grand Master, the eldest son of Her Majesty, and his brother, the Duke of Connaught (cheers), whom we all most highly esteem and love as the sons of a father whose memory we all so fondly cherish, and whom we so much regret. (Loud cheers.) I propose to you "The Health of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family."

The toast was received with every demonstration of loyalty.

The Duke of Connaught (who was greeted with hearty and loud applause) said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—In the name of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family, I beg to thank you most sincerely for the very kind way in which you have received

this toast. I am sure that you are aware—in fact, the Pro Grand Master, who I am sorry to say is not here to-night, told you—how great an interest the Royal Family had always taken in Freemasonry. (Cheers.) I hope that those of the Royal Family who are following their ancestors, including the M.W. Grand Master and myself (prolonged cheering), I hope that we shall prove ourselves no less worthy members of the Craft than the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of Kent. (Cheers.) I am sure that, as the M.W. Grand Master said this afternoon, the fact that the great mottoes of the Craft are “loyalty” and “charity” is alone sufficient to make the Royal Family take the deepest interest in a Craft with such good mottoes as those. (Cheers.) Brethren, before sitting down, I may say that a great honour has been conferred upon me, and that is no less than that of proposing to you “The Health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master.” (Reiterated applause.) I only wish, brethren, that this task had fallen to one who is more worthy to propose it, as you all know I am the Junior Master Mason of England. And being in a very humble position, I am naturally careful, and what is more, nervous, in speaking before you all (cheers) on a toast of such great importance as this is. (Hear, hear.) Another reason that I am sure will suggest itself to you is that I am doubly related on this occasion to our Most Worshipful Grand Master. (Cheers and laughter.) It will not do for brothers to be flattering each other, but I am sure, from the way in which the mere mention of our Most Worshipful Grand Master’s health was received, that you all respect and admire him in his new and important office. (Applause.) I can assure you, brethren, that there is no one—I will challenge every member of the Craft on this point—who has taken a deeper interest in Freemasonry than His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. (Loud cheers.) I am sure you will find in him one who will uphold the honour and the integrity of this most noble and most ancient Craft. (Applause.) Brethren, I propose to you “The Health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.”

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, the cheering being again and again renewed.

The Prince of Wales: Brethren, I beg to return my most sincere and my most grateful thanks to the Junior Master Mason of England (laughter) for the kind way in which he has proposed my health, and to you, brethren, for the cordial manner in which you have received it. This is the first time, brethren, that I have had the honour of presiding at the grand festival. I can assure you I am very grateful for your kind reception of me this evening, and I sincerely hope that we may have the pleasure of meeting together on these festive occasions many many long years to come. I shall never forget, brethren, the ceremony of to-day (hear, hear), and the reception which you gave me. I only hope that you may never regret the choice you have made of your Grand Master. Brethren, I assure you on all occasions I shall do my utmost to do my duty in the position in which you have so kindly placed me. (Hear, hear.) Before sitting down, brethren, I have a toast to propose, which I feel sure you will all drink with cordiality, and which to me is a specially gratifying toast, that is, “The Health of our Illustrious Brother the King of Sweden and Norway.” (Applause.) It affords me especial pleasure to propose this toast, as seven years ago I became a member of this Craft, initiated by the late King, the brother of the present one. Thereby I consider I have a more special interest in Sweden, and I hope that the Grand Lodges of Sweden and of England may always be bound together in good will and in fraternal feeling. Our illustrious brother the King has been especially pleased to send over five distinguished brethren to take part in my Installation. (Applause.) Therefore it affords me special gratification to drink to the health of one who I know is such a keen Freemason at heart, and so keen an Englishman that he has frequently visited our shores. Most cordially and most heartily do I call upon you, brethren, to drink to “The Health of our Illustrious Brother the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Sweden, his Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.”

Count Salcza responded, speaking in French. He passed a high eulogium on Freemasonry, and expressed his great gratification at the magnificent ceremony that had been witnessed in the afternoon, laying especial stress upon the Masonic good feeling between Sweden and Great Britain.

The Grand Master then rose and said: Brethren, we are honoured here this evening by the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of Ireland, and of Sweden, and I feel convinced that you will all drink with me most cordially and most heartily to their health (cheers). The Grand Lodge of England is most desirous on being on the best possible terms with the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Although separate through having other Grand Masters, still those three Grand Lodges may consider one another more or less as one. I have great pleasure in proposing the health of my noble friend and brother, Lord Rosslyn, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and I cannot forget the kind reception I met with at Edinburgh some years ago when he was Deputy Grand Master, and I received the rank of Patron of Scotch Freemasons at the hands of the late Earl Dalhousie. It also gives me great pleasure to propose the health of the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, coupled with the name of Bro. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master. I have also the great privilege of being Patron of the Irish Grand Lodge. I also remember, a few years ago, my reception from the late Duke of Leinster, who was the popular Grand Master of Ireland at that time, and the reception I met with I shall not easily forget. As the representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden it affords me great pleasure to couple with this toast the name of the admiral on my left, who with the other gentlemen of this deputation from the King of Sweden are present here this evening. As my earliest associations in Freemasonry have been with the Grand Lodge of Sweden, I know when I address those gentlemen I see before me they will appreciate the pleasure it affords me in proposing this toast. (Cheers.) Brethren, I give you the toast of “The Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and Sweden,” coupled with the names Lord Rosslyn, Brother Shekleton, and Admiral Oscar Dickson. I also include in this toast all the other Grand Lodges.

The toast having been drunk,

Lord Rosslyn said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—The honour that your Royal Highness has done the deputation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is warmly felt and appreciated by them, and I regret exceedingly that our Right Worshipful Master is upon this most interesting occasion prevented from being present by severe domestic sorrow. One other also of our deputation, one to whom all members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland have a great regard, our Grand Secretary, is prevented from being present on this occasion by a very severe and dangerous illness. But I am glad, indeed, to have had the opportunity, after so many years connection with the Grand Lodge in Scotland—no less than 25 years—of congratulating the Craft of England, and your Royal Highness also, upon the most magnificent scene I have ever witnessed in my life. I am glad also to think that the splendour, and, I must add, admirable management of the display to-day, does not quite efface from your Royal Highness’s recollection the scene upon a similar scale which we endeavoured to offer you when we had the honour of having your name as patron of the Scottish Craft. Your Royal Highness has been good enough to say that you have not forgotten the occasion. I can assure Royal Highness no Scotchman will ever forget it, and I can speak on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with which I have been so long connected, having served every office in it, from Junior Deacon up to Grand Master, having been not quite a holiday Freemason, but worked my way from the ranks up to the position I have the honour to hold now. His Royal Highness has this day told us what the duties of Freemasonry are, and there is no doubt he has summed them up in two words—loyalty and charity; which includes mercy, a quality which has been described by the greatest poets as becoming “the throned monarch better than

his crown.” There can be no doubt that under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Grand Lodge of England will flourish, and will continue to be a standard for Masonry all over the world. (Hear, hear.) I beg to thank you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and I should have felt entirely happy in all the arrangements that you have given me the opportunity of addressing you this evening, if I had not found that the brother about to follow me is in a much better position than myself; for, while we are placed, according to the book of songs before me, “By the sad sea waves,” he has the pleasure of being “By Celia’s arbour.” (Laughter.)

Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, said: Your Royal Highness, my Lords, and Brethren,—I have been deputed by his Grace the Grand Master of Ireland to express to you his great personal regret that his official duties as a Viceroy of her Most Gracious Majesty debar him from being present here in person to do all honour to your Royal Highness, and in his behalf to bid you all hail in the name of the fraternity of the sister kingdom. Your Royal Highness and Brethren of England, on behalf of his Grace I desire to tender to you his most grateful acknowledgments for the way in which his name has been received, and the invitation which was extended to him to take part in the imposing and august ceremonial of to-day. But, your Royal Highness, there is another matter which, as far as I am aware, his Grace is not cognisant until to-day, and that is the honour you have conferred upon him by installing his son in the Grand Senior Warden’s chair (applause). As his Grace takes great interest in Freemasonry, the honour you have thus conferred upon his son is one of the greatest honours you could confer upon him personally (hear). On behalf of those who represented the Grand Lodge of Ireland I should be wanting in my duty if I did not take this opportunity of thanking you for this opportunity of taking part in the ceremony of to-day, which we have seen, and which probably will never be seen again—an event which will be an era in our Masonic lives. We thank you also for having been invited to take part in this festive ceremony, which, as most of the outside world will suppose, was most indispensable to us, whom they regard as a gormandising fraternity. (Laughter.) In an assemblage of English Masons it may seem absurd to talk about loyalty, but I can assure your Royal Highness that no Masons are more loyal than the Masons of the Emerald Isle (immense applause), which God grant may never cease to be an integral portion of Her Majesty’s dominions; and we pray that the Emerald Isle may never be woven in the crown of any stranger. In our lodges we have no treason, no plots, or conspiracies—we form no secret societies; but we are remarkable for our fear of God, our fealty to the Sovereign, love to the brotherhood, and a friendship to all classes and creeds. Those are the principles which are inculcated in Irish lodges, as well as English, and therefore it is absurd to speak of us in the way we have been spoken of. Your Royal Highness has been threatened with certain pains and penalties if you visit our shores. I can assure your Royal Highness, as far as that is concerned, we are only too happy to see your Royal Highness on any occasion, and I think there will be no necessity to put his prerogative of mercy into operation if you visit us. I have said that we are loyal, and I say it on behalf of my impulsive countrymen that they are loyal to the heart’s core; and that although we have not had the honour of seeing the members of the Royal Family as often as we would like, yet I know it is only necessary that they should be as familiar to us in Ireland as in England to be equally beloved in England and in Scotland; and somewhat to alter the words of one whose genius as a writer we may admire, though we may not agree in his political opinions, I would say—

“Come in the evening, come in the morning,

Come when you will, or come without warning,
Bright smiles of welcome you’ll find there before you,
And the oftener you come the more we’ll adore you.”

Brother Admiral Oscar Dickson (who spoke in a clear English accent).—Speaking in the capital of England, may it please your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to receive the humble thanks of the Swedish Grand Lodge for the honour which you have conferred upon them (applause).

The most Worshipful Grand Master.—It is now my duty to propose to you the last toast which I shall have the honour of giving you. It is one which is always at this, our annual meeting, received most cordially and enthusiastically. On this occasion the toast will be that of "The Pro-Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Masters, and the Grand Officers" (cheers). I regret very much the absence, from domestic affliction, of the Pro-Grand Master (hear, hear). He is not able to be in his accustomed place to respond to this toast, but the Deputy Grand Master is here this evening, and I shall have great pleasure in coupling his name with it (cheers). To the Provincial Grand Masters, who I see before me and around me this evening, I beg to tender my sincere thanks for their kindness in supporting me both this afternoon and now, and to assure them what gratification and pleasure it has given me to see them muster so strongly at our ceremony of to-day (cheers). I know that upon several of the Grand Officers devolved the duty of making the arrangements for carrying out that ceremony, and I can only tender them my sincere thanks for, and at the same congratulate them, upon the admirable manner in which the arrangements were carried out (applause). This evening, during the dinner, I received a communication, dated at 7.35, from Brother Wentworth Cole, who was present to day, in which he says "that after dismissing the police and shutting the doors, the police report was that no casualty or mishap of any kind had taken place" (loud cheers). There were between 7,000 and 8,000 brethren at that hall, and they all entered and left it without accident, which is a great thing to be able to say (cheers). I beg of you now to drink the health of those brethren whose names I have just mentioned (loud applause).

Lord Skelmersdale.—Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren.—In the name of the numerous assembly on behalf of whom I have to respond, I beg to return you our hearty thanks. No one can regret more than I do the absence of the Pro-Grand Master, but I think you will agree with me in saying that we owe him a deep debt of gratitude for having laid aside his sorrow and come forward to take part in the ceremony of this afternoon (hear, hear). I need not dilate on the admirable way in which he performed his duty (cheers). He always does everything he undertakes in the same way, and I repeat that we owe him a deep debt of gratitude for what he has done for us to-day (cheers). I only hope that he has happier days before him, and that he will long enjoy the honours which have been conferred upon him (applause). I am sure you will feel it is almost presumptuous in me to say anything on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, being such a junior officer myself; but perhaps I may do so having the honour of holding the rank of Grand Master in one of the largest provinces in the county (hear, hear). I am sure all the Provincial Grand Officers will, equally with myself, feel delighted, honoured, and gratified at seeing his Royal Highness placed in the position he now occupies (cheers), and only wish that he may occupy it for many years to come (applause). I assure him that we will do all we can to lighten his duties and to make his task an easy one (hear, hear). For my own part, I can assure you that I feel deeply sensible of the honour which has been conferred upon me this day. I only hope that I shall be able to do the duty of the high office confided to me, and I trust to be able to do it with all my heart (hear, hear). If anything would add to my anxiety to do so, it would be the invariable kindness I have personally received from his Royal Highness, and the invariable kindness and attention which he has given to Masonic matters (applause). I can assure you that that attention has not been lightly taxed lately (hear, hear). Brethren, in

the name of the grand officers and those enumerated in the toast which has been so kindly proposed, I beg to thank you most heartily for the kind way in which you have received this toast, and to assure you that we hope to do our duties to the best of our abilities (loud cheers).

The Marquis of Hamilton (Senior Grand Warden): Your Royal Highness, my lords, and brethren, the toast which I have now to propose to you is that of "The Stewards of this Festival," and in proposing this toast I must claim your indulgence, as this is the first time that I have had the honour of addressing you as an officer of Grand Lodge (hear, hear). Although this toast is put down in the book as the last, I do not think it should be considered the least, and for two reasons. One is that the brethren whose names are connected with this toast come from no less than 18 lodges in the United Kingdom, and amongst them are members of the highest and most important degrees connected with Freemasonry (hear, hear). Another reason is that the brethren with whose names I couple this toast have had their attention this evening closely and carefully connected with our material and, I might say also, our interior welfare and happiness (hear, and laughter). Brethren, you witnessed this morning a magnificent spectacle in the Albert Hall—a spectacle which can never be surpassed in the annals of Freemasonry in this country (hear, hear, and applause). Every particle, every minutiae of detail was most exactly and splendidly carried out (applause). Those brethren who had the duty of carrying out that magnificent ceremony have had their name duly proposed and honoured this evening. It is therefore, with great pleasure that I propose to you "The Health of the Stewards," and I am certain that you will all honour it upstanding with three cheers. In giving you this toast I beg to couple with it the name of Brother Erasmus Wilson (applause).

Bro. Erasmus Wilson, President of the Board of Stewards, in responding, said—M.W.G.M., your Royal Highness, and Brethren,—The Grand Stewards of the year are deeply grateful to you for your generous recognition of our very humble but most cordially rendered services. (Hear, hear.) The Grand Stewards constitute a useful and somewhat curious link in the venerable and patriarchal chain of our Masonic organisation; and prominent amongst their functions is the very important one of engaging the brethren in the happiest and most necessary of the ceremonies consequent on our sublimary existence. (Laughter.) It is for the Grand Stewards in an essential degree to endeavour to please the brethren, and, in the beautiful words of our ritual "to lead them to unite in the grand design of being happy, and communicating happiness." (Cheers.) It is likewise for the Grand Stewards to realise, in the interests of the brethren, that after labour should follow refreshment—(hear, hear)—and although the labour of this great day has been in a supreme degree a labour of love, yet our convictions must have proved to us that love is none the less an active promoter of appetite. (Cheers and laughter.) I therefore trust that the poor efforts of the Grand Stewards to relieve that necessity of our nature, aided by the practical help of our good brother Francatelli, may not have proved labour in vain. (Cheers.) But as within our bosom our heart is next door neighbour to the stomach, so may the comforts and refreshments of the stomach further warm our hearts to a fervent congratulation on the events of this most auspicious and never-to-be-forgotten day. (Applause.)

The Duke of St. Albans was unable to be present on account of domestic affliction.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Wilhelm Kuhe, who was assisted by Miss Edith Wynne, Miss Annie Sinclair, and Madame Patey, and Messrs. George Perren, Thomas Baxter, Carter, Theodore Distin, F. Penna, and Maybrick. Mr. Kuhe was also assisted by Mr. Wilhelm Ganz, Past Grand Organist, and Mr. Carrodus performed on the violin.

The banquet was admirably supplied by the

Freemasons' Tavern Company's manager, Bro. Francatelli, and, drew forth the special commendation of Dr. Erasmus Wilson.

Bro. Harker, the City toastmaster, officiated on the occasion.

The banquet concluded shortly after ten.

The whole of the floral decorations at the Albert Hall were supplied by Bro. J. Wills, of the Royal Exotic Nursery, Onslow-crescent. The Prince's room was very tastefully decorated with a choice collection of handsome foliage and flowering plants, which were very judiciously arranged in groups about the room, the great feature of the decoration being the table usually in the centre of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's room, the surface of which was entirely covered with undulating banks of lycopodium, on the raised portions of which were hillocks surrounded by graceful palms, interspersed with the beautiful orchid, *Odontoglossum Alexandriae*. The groundwork below was embellished with lilies of the valley, arranged naturally, as if growing on mossy banks. These were relieved by masses of Marshal Niel roses, *jardinias*, *stephanotis*, and various other sweet-smelling flowers. On the four corners of the table were placed Masonic emblems—in one the square and compass, arranged with lilies of the valley and light blue cinerarias, the opposite corner being occupied by the square, the centre of which was composed of blue cinerarias, with a margin of lilies of the valley; in the other two corners the plummet and compass were similarly depicted. On a raised terrace in the centre of this lovely plateau the following initials were placed—"H.R.H. A.E., M.W.G.M.," wrought in dark blue cinerarias. Right and left of the stairs leading to the dais were handsome groups of plants, consisting of palms, dracaenas, azalias, and many other growing and foliage plants, the whole being surrounded by an undulating bank of *isolepis* and lycopodium, the surface of the dais being covered with crimson cloth. Bro. Wills had arranged a margin of yellow *genistas* beneath a canopy of graceful palms, which imparted to the eye the appearance of a charming prism, the whole being in complete harmony with the other decorations of this noble hall. Bro. Wills was ably assisted in the above arrangements by Bro. A. F. Barron, superintendent of the Royal Horticultural Gardens at South Kensington and Chiswick.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE M.W.G.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A new epoch has occurred in the annals of English Freemasonry. The eldest son of our Sovereign, and heir to the Throne of England, has graciously accepted the office of Grand Master of the Order.

This event is in itself of great importance to the Craft, and cannot fail to make more popular an institution which adopts as its three grand principles Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and, to quote the words of our M.W.G.M., whose watchwords are "Loyalty and Charity."

The great increase in the numbers of the brethren within the last few years is satisfactory proof that Freemasonry is flourishing, and we trust will, by the favour of the Great Architect, continue to extend its beneficent influences in proportion to the fostering care of those who administer its affairs; while the condition of the three Masonic institutions (admitting all that remains to be done) bears ample testimony that the brethren are not unmindful that of all the virtues which adorn mankind, "the greatest of these is Charity."

Our Royal and Illustrious Grand Master may see fit to commemorate his accession to the throne of King Solomon by some act gratifying and advantageous to the Craft, and I venture most deferentially to suggest whether his Royal Highness could give his assent to any proposition more calculated to increase (if it were possible) his own popularity, or more likely to afford gratification to the general body of Masons, than by any enlargement of the present very limited number of Grand Stewards.

Since the Act of Union of 1813, the number of Grand Stewards has, in spite of the vast increase in the numbers of the Craft, remained at Eighteen. Has not, therefore, the time arrived when the honour of wearing a red apron might be consistently conferred upon a few more of the ancient and distinguished lodges, serving thereby to awaken a new interest, and rendering still more useful and popular the occasion of the Grand Festival, by admitting a larger representation of the various lodges.

I trust an abler pen than mine will take the subject up, and that some distinguished brother will bring the matter before Grand Lodge, feeling convinced that, with the concurrence of that assembly, His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. would confer a privilege and honour which would be most gratefully appreciated.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

P.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

Yesterday the ceremony of the installation of Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, as successor to the Marquis of Ripon, took place at Halifax. West Yorkshire, for a period of 14 years, had been well and ably governed by the Marquis of Ripon, whose installation took place in Leeds, in 1861, but on the secession of that nobleman from the English Church, the faith he embraced precluded him from longer remaining a member of an Order like that of Freemasonry. Many were the opinions as to who should succeed the Marquis, but ultimately the choice of the Prince of Wales fell upon Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., a gentleman of undoubted popularity in the entire county of Yorkshire, and immediately associated in many ways with the province of West Yorkshire, and, a gentleman whose openness of heart, magnanimous disposition, and firmness of character, will make him an able and respected ruler. The ceremony of installation took place in the Drill Hall, Halifax, and the preliminary lodge was opened up by Bro. James Menzies, W.M., and the officers of the Probity Lodge, 61, of which lodge Sir Henry Edwards is a P.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by W. Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M., and the brethren assembled numbered about 600, representing 58 out of 59 lodges in the Province. After the customary salutation of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw said he once more thanked the brethren for the kind expression of their feeling towards him. This, he said, was the last time he should preside over their meetings, and even on this occasion he would have to crave their indulgence for not making a lengthened speech. Owing to the very feeble state of his health, having just come from home after a month's severe illness, they must excuse him saying more than from his heart he thanked them for their present and many previous kindnesses.

Bro. Major Le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, in acknowledging the salutation of the brethren, said he was glad to be present on this occasion, knowing well the enthusiasm of West Yorkshire Masons. He paid a high compliment to Bro. Bentley Shaw, for the able manner he had always discharged the duties of his office.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with by Bro. Starkie, and he was conducted to the chair by Bro. B. Shaw, who stated that Bro. Starkie had kindly consented to perform the duty of installation most readily. They were all glad to see him in West Yorkshire again. The royal patent of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been granted to Sir Henry Edwards, and Bro. Shaw expressed his belief that as their late chief had been respected and loved by the brethren, so would their brother who had been selected for the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master, receive their loyal love, and that fraternal devotion which it was the duty of every loyal Freemason to render to their chief.

Bro. Starkie, in taking the chair, said they were met on an occasion of no ordinary Masonic interest. This was patent when they reflected on that nobleman who had till lately so ably, so loyally, and so kindly governed them. He was a man who stood high, not only in this province, but in the craft generally, and who, by his moral and honourable character upheld the tenets of Freemasonry and the interests of the Craft. The Marquis of Ripon was always honourable in action, upright in character, and bold in principle. West Yorkshire would miss him at its gatherings, but whilst they deeply regretted the cause of his resignation, they would esteem his actions, and respect his memory. In his successor, however, they had a worthy brother, and he hoped the members of that lodge, and the brethren of the province would render to him a truly Masonic honour, and had faith in that if they would entrust to him their confidence, be guided by his counsel, and conform to his ruling, the high position and character of the province would be maintained, and that West Yorkshire would retain that prestige in the Craft that had been left it by its late distinguished chief. (Applause.)

The patent of Sir H. Edwards having been examined and read, he was conducted into Provincial Grand Lodge, and was addressed by Bro. Starkie in reference to the high and dignified office to which he had been appointed, and was exhorted to maintain a firm but honourable rule in the province.

Having entered into the necessary requirements of Provincial Grand Lodge, Sir Henry Edwards was invested with the apron, chain, and jewel of his office, and was conducted to the throne amid the applause of the brethren, and saluted according to ancient custom.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then addressed the brethren, saying he felt deeply sensible of the condescension of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in appointing him to the important office of Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the

largest and, he believed, most compact province in England, numbering 59 lodges, and nearly 3,000 brethren. When the Prince of Wales first intimated his wish to appoint him to the office, he accepted the post, but it was loyalty that prompted him to accept it, yet he did so with trepidation and diffidence. He said he should have to rely on their forbearance for his shortcomings in the discharge of his duties. Already he was assured of the support of their respected, able, and, he might say, illustrious brother, Bentley Shaw. (Loud and prolonged applause.) He regretted that that gentleman could not longer fill the post he had so ably done for the period of eleven years, owing to failing health. During that eleven years he had only been absent from one meeting. Referring to his own office, he said, now that the time had arrived he felt more alarmed at the duties of the office, and would stand aghast did he not feel assured of the same support his predecessor had received. It would always be his aim to serve the interests of the Craft, and assist in promoting the three grand principles upon which the Order is founded. In concluding he urged the brethren to observe the necessity of acting the part of true Freemasonry, which he found fully portrayed in a passage of holy writ—"Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the king."

The following brethren were then appointed, and invested, to the various offices:—

Bros. Thomas Wm. Tew, D.P.G.M.; Major T. G. Parker, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Brittain, P.J.G.W.; Rev. A. W. Hamilton, Rev. G. S. Dunbar, P.G.C.; R. I. Critchley, P.G.T.; E. M. Wavell, P.G.R.; Henry Smith, P.G.S.; W. Tasker, P.S.G.D.; Thos. Heaton, P.J.G.D.; C. Mandall Hartley, P.G.S. of W.; W. Roddewig and W. J. Beck, P.G.D. of C.; F. Crossley, P.G.S.B.; F. W. Nicholson, P.G. Organist; A. E. Powolny, and J. Richardson, P.G.P.; J. R. Armitage, J. Ibberson, Allen Jackson, Geo. Haigh, J. Marshall, and Henry Ward, P.G.S.; Joshua Lee and Jonas Sheard, P.G.T.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proposed, and the D.P.G.M. seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Bentley Shaw for his invaluable services during his period as D.G.M. of this province, which was most enthusiastically carried.

In replying Bro. Shaw eulogised the character of Lord Ripon, at whose hands, he said, he had always received the greatest possible kindness; and he never knew a better friend or a more sincere brother.

The brethren were then marshalled into procession, and headed by the band of the 2nd West York Yeomanry Cavalry, proceeded to the Parish Church, where an able discourse was delivered by one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains.

After these proceedings a sumptuous banquet was served in the Assembly Rooms, where about 100 brethren sat down. After dinner the chair was occupied by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, P.G.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received.

Dewsbury was decided on as the next meeting place of Provincial Grand Lodge, under the banner of Three Grand Principles, 208.

TASMANIAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.—REPORT FOR 1875.

The committee of management, in addressing the subscribers and contributors to the Tasmanian Masonic Benevolent Fund, has again to congratulate them upon the continued success which has attended the operations of the institution during the past year, and desires to express its appreciation of the increased amount of subscriptions from individual brethren, and the enlarged sum contributed by the several Masonic bodies, thus fully meeting the increased amount of expenditure required, and augmenting the balance to the credit of the fund.

The statement of accounts and balance sheet fully explain the income and expenditure during the past year, as well as the present position of the fund; and the committee earnestly trusts that this association, which has been and still is of material benefit to aged brethren, and widows and orphans of departed ones, may receive the continued and increased support of the fraternity, so that more adequate means may be provided for enlarging its sphere of usefulness, and extending its benefits, which should keep pace with the present unexampled progress of the Craft.

Correspondence.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is with feelings of great reluctance I write to complain of what I consider the unnecessary interference of the Installation Committee, or

Grand Secretary, if he be the responsible person, in suggesting, or, as in this case it has proved, dictating the manner of disposing of the single M.M. tickets for the Albert Hall issued to each lodge. Who, Sir, are the men to whom the proceedings on next Wednesday are likely to be most interesting and useful? The Junior Officers of lodges; and I imagine, in consequence of the suggestion made in the circular addressed by the Grand Secretary to the Secretaries of lodges, few (if any) of these gentlemen are likely to be present on the occasion.

The Senior Subscribing M.M. is, generally speaking, a man who, from disinclination for work, or perhaps other more satisfactory private reasons, desires to rest on his laurels, and therefore refuses year after year to accept office, and only occasionally attends the working of his lodge, thereby allowing his juniors to step before him. I maintain that the fairest way would have been to have given the Junior Officers the first offer of refusal in rotation, which I believe would have been the plan adopted in my own lodge but for the circular above alluded to, and I should not then have had to sign myself as I do now,

A DISAPPOINTED J.D.

[Our Brother has, we think, overstated the force of the recommendation. It was a fraternal and Masonic recommendation, but nothing more. Each lodge had full power to act upon it or not, as it seemed advisable to the feelings and judgment of the Brethren. There was no binding or constraining power in what was intended only as a considerate suggestion.—ED.]

INSTALLATION JEWEL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am not aware whether or not it has been decided to have a Jewel struck in commemoration of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and every brother who attends permitted to wear one. If such should be the case, it will give a splendid opportunity of assisting the Masonic Schools or Charities, by requiring every brother who wears one to pay as a fee of honour, say, half a guinea. I venture to say there would be very few who would not be proud to do so. By ventilating the matter in the *Freemason*, I have but little doubt the above suggestion will meet with the approbation of the brethren generally.

I am, yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

[We have already suggested that a "Commemoration Jewel" should be authorized by the G.M., in addition to the Stewards' Jewel.—ED.]

THE GUILDHALL LIBRARY.

Last week Dr. Sedgwick Saunders, the Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst of the City of London, was presented with a handsome testimonial, consisting of a pair of candelabra, a Warwick vase, and a silver claret jug, in recognition of his public services in connection with the new Guildhall Library. The presentation was made at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor, in the presence of Alderman Sir William Rose; Alderman Sir Thos. Dakin; Alderman Sir Chas. Whetham; Mr. Alderman M'Arthur, M.P.; the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Mr. F. Le Gros Clark; the President of the Statistical Society, De Guy; Rev. Dr. Sparrow Simpson; Mr. Janson; Mr. John Symonds, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Corporation; Sir John Bennett; Mr. R. A. Gray, and many others. Dr. Saunders made a suitable acknowledgment of the compliment. In the evening Mr. John Symonds, the chairman, and the members of the Library Committee entertained about eighty guests at dinner at the London Tavern, including the Lord Mayor; Major-Gen. Brownrigg, C.B.; Major Bousfield, M.P.; Sir Thos. Chambers, M.P.; Mr. Alderman Figgins; Mr. Warren de la Rue, F.R.S., the President of the London Institution; Mr. R. B. Martin; Mr. James Glaisher; Sir Albert Woods; Mr. McIntyre, Q.C.; Dr. Saunders; Rev. W. Rogers; Dr. Zerffi; Mr. Geo. Grove; Mr. Deputy Shephard; Mr. John Staples, and others. Towards the close of the entertainment, Mr. Glaisher, responding to a toast with which his name had been connected, took occasion to say—referring to the fatal balloon experiment in Paris—that he had been exceedingly pained to read the results, and that he could not but feel that a great mistake had been made. M. Tissandier, with whom he was well acquainted, had previously been with him, and they had talked together about the power of man to ascend a certain altitude, even to the height of five, six, or seven miles. Mr. Glaisher argued then, as now, that no man, however experienced, should attempt to exceed that extreme limit who had any heart disease or any pulmonary affection, for in either of those cases, after ascending to a height of four miles, death might occur at any moment.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, May 7, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 1.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
Precept. 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton Court.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (810), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms St. James's
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelalde Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MAY 4.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

Grand Chapter, at 7.
Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road, Holway, at 5.
Mark Lodge, Old Kent, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, MAY 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh, New Wimbledon.
" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (861), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
bury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Halham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE. For the Week ending Saturday, May 8, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Lodge 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (813), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 4.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 6.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
FRIDAY, MAY 7.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY. For the week ending Saturday, May 8, 1875. All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 20, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Lesmahagow.
" 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
" 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.
Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY, MAY 4.

Lodge 31, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, Masonic Hall Hamilton.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
" 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.
" 198, Royal Arch, Maybole Town Hall, Maybole.
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 406, St. John, Dalziel Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.
" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.
" 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.
" 126, St. Andrews, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.
" 166, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 442, Neptune, Kilwinning Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

THURSDAY, MAY 6.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.
" 22, St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
" 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.
" 202, St. Clements, Trades Tavern, Kilmarnock.
" 320, St. John, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.
" 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.
" 405, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garngad-road.
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang.
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Stratnavon.
" 217, Cumberland, Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
" 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone.
" 244, Union St. John, Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse.
" 248, Lockhart, St. John, Masonic Hall, Carnwarth.
" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Millport.
" 512, Thorntræ, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
" 458, St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Busby.
" 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY. For the Week ending Saturday, May 8, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 429, St. Ketigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

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METROPOLITAN.

NEW CONCORD LODGE (813).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on Thursday, April 15th. All the work was performed by Bro. Gabb in an excellent manner. The ticket for the Installation of H.R.H. was given to Bro. Sinclair, Treas., he being the oldest subscribing and initiated member. Bro. Fowkes, Crystal Palace Lodge, was the only visitor. The votes of the lodge were solicited and given to Bro. Emmens, P.M., on behalf of the candidate, Bro. Cooper. At the supper, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Emmens, P.G.P., responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. Cusworth, J.W., replied on behalf of the charities, particularly for the Boys' School, at whose festival he is a Steward. Bro. Main, P.M. and S., responded for the Past Master, urging the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction, and drawing attention to the ceremonies to be worked on the 21st at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction. The S.W. being prevented by domestic affliction from staying to the supper, the Treas. replied for the Officers. Bro. Fowkes, as a visitor, acknowledged the hospitality, also the admirable way in which the W.M. carried out all his duties. Some good singing and recitations from Bros. Baylis, Swales, Salisbury, and Cusworth were much enjoyed, and the Tyler's toast finished an agreeable evening.

GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held last Saturday at the City Terminus Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, and the officers were all in their places. Lodge was opened at three o'clock, and the work was immediately commenced. Assisted by Bro. James Stevens, I.P.M., and the officers, the W.M. performed five initiations, two raisings and seven passings. Messrs. Wm. Henry Rowe, John Liscombe, Charles Lord, George Goodman, and Thomas Benskin took the First Degree; Bros. E. Crickmay and Gray, the Third; and Bros. White, Bristow, Measures, Hicks, Durrant, McNiver, and Fa-mer the Second. There were several propositions for new members; and the brethren, after calling off for refreshment at six o'clock, proceeded with the business of the lodge afterwards; and when this was entirely completed, adjourned. The whole of the work was, as usual, well performed.

INSTRUCTION.

STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 217).—The annual festival of Bro. Henry Muggeridge's celebrated Lodge of Instruction was held, according to ancient custom, on the Friday succeeding Grand Festival. As usual, it was very numerously attended, and the large lodge room at the City Terminus Hotel, as well as the Great Hall, where the banquet was subsequently spread, was crowded on the occasion. The character which the lodge has obtained for its correct working was fully maintained. Bro. Muggeridge presided in lodge, and after its formal opening proceeded with the lectures of the Second Degree. Bro. Bailey gave the answers in the 1st Section; Bro. Russell, 2nd; Bro. Jonas, 3rd, and Bro. Scriven 4th and 5th, Lodge Board. All these brethren were afterwards congratulated on their proficiency, and the readiness with which their replies were given. The following sums were voted to the Masonic Institutions:—Ten guineas to Girls' School; fifteen guineas to Boys' School; ten pounds to Benevolent Institution. Bro. Scriven proposed, and Bro. Jones seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Muggeridge, the Preceptor, which having been carried, Bro. Edward Spooner proposed, and Bro. Thomas James seconded, a vote of condolence and sympathy for the great calamity that has befallen Bro. Muggeridge, in the death of his son, Bro. Strickland Muggeridge, the Secretary. Bro. E. S. Snell, P.G.D., proposed, and Bro. R. Townsend seconded a vote of thanks to the Working Brethren. 25 new members were then elected, and the lodge was closed. There were present among others, Bros. Muggeridge, W.M.; Russell, S.W.; Jonas, S.W.; Scriven, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Storr, J.D. Colonel Burdett, G.M.M.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; E. M. Hubbard, P.G.S.; J. F. Jackson,

P.G.S.; John Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer, Staffordshire; Larkins, P.G.S.; Winkfield, D. Crombie, Mergan, P.G.S.; T. James, Paddle, Vickers, Birdseye, Gale, Myres, Henry Marsh, Henry Mellon, Copestick, Phythian, F. W. Bryant, Thomas Corgill, Bennie, Crossfield, Batten, Fellows, Kibble, G. Kenning, C. Arkell, and a large number of brethren. The visitors were—Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M.; Goepel, P.M.; and Scott, P.M., all of Liverpool. It was nearly nine o'clock before the brethren left the lodge for the banquet; at which, however, Bro. Muggeridge did not take part on account of his recent domestic affliction. This threw a gloom over the whole proceedings of the evening, and the mirth that prevailed was of a very qualified description. Colonel Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, took the chair, supported on his right by Bro. E. S. Snell, Past Grand Deacon. Many of the brethren present were visitors from the country, who had come up for the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and availed themselves of the opportunity afforded of witnessing the working of the Stability Lodge. The banquet was admirably provided for by Bro. Spencer, and on the removal of the cloth the musical brethren (Baxter, Donald King, and Theodore Distin) rendered grace ("Not unto us, O Lord") in excellent style. The toasts were then proposed. Colonel Burdett, in proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said that Masonry, as Lord Carnarvon mentioned on Wednesday in the Albert Hall, in very few words but an excellent speech, consisted of loyalty and charity. He (the Chairman) need not say much about loyalty, because every brother was as loyal as could be desired; and in following up the principles of loyalty for which they were famous, he would call upon them to honour the toast he now proposed. The toast having been heartily received, was followed by the "National Anthem." Colonel Burdett next proposed "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales." It was a toast which he felt confident would be drunk that evening with even more enthusiasm than the brethren had ever displayed before. Masons had now actually got His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master. He had taken them by the hand, and now ruled them in a kind and goodly spirit. He would do everything he could for them in his position as Grand Master. His appreciation of the Order was manifested by his introduction of two of his brothers into it. In a short time it was to be hoped these brothers would hold a high position in the Craft. They were sure to be good Masons, as they took up Freemasonry as enthusiastically as did the Prince of Wales. This was the first time His Royal Highness's health had been drunk in a body like that since the Installation, and it was therefore with additional pleasure he (Colonel Burdett) now proposed it. Colonel Burdett then proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers." The brethren all knew how well the Grand Officers performed their duties, and lately some of them had had very arduous and difficult duties to perform. They had, however, carried them out in a most exemplary way, and on Wednesday especially. Nothing could have been better than the arrangements on that occasion. It was for them to uphold the position of the Grand Master, and they would best do it by performing their duties in the same satisfactory way as heretofore. He would couple with this toast the name of an old Grand Officer, who had been a constant member of this Lodge of Instruction for many years, and who was then present, Bro. E. S. Snell, Past Grand Deacon. New song, Bro. Donald King: "Our Song." Bro. E. S. Snell said he thought it was 28 years ago when he joined this Lodge of Instruction, and he had never felt greater pleasure than when he was receiving instruction in it. He had the greatest possible regard for Bro. Muggeridge, its Preceptor, and looked with satisfaction on the wide diffusion of a knowledge of Freemasonry which he had been the means of effecting. The Grand Officers had been spoken of by Colonel Burdett in a very flattering way, and their performance of their duties had drawn forth great praise. Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Thomas Fenn had lately been working like slaves, and they had had the pleasure of seeing their exertions crowned by the most unexampled success. Never had such a scene been witnessed as that of Wednesday previously, and many persons would wonder how a body of men nearly 8,000 strong could have acted with such regularity. The truth was that Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn had managed things so well that this consequence was produced. At the dinner in the evening he received a message from Bro. Wentworth Cole to say he had dismissed the police, locked up the hall, and found there was not a single accident to report. (Cheers.) Colonel Burdett proposed "The Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Henry Muggeridge," and said he did so with a great deal of pleasure and a great deal of pain. They had all known Bro. Muggeridge for a very long time, and they all appreciated him. All appreciated his great loss, and regretted his unavoidable absence at the banquet table. Bro. Muggeridge gave a great deal of time to this Lodge of Instruction, and worked it in a most praiseworthy manner; but Bro. Muggeridge must be very proud of many apt pupils which he had, and of the way they performed their work. Under the melancholy circumstances of the occasion he (Col. Burdett) thought it best not to say any more. Bro. E. S. Snell, P.G.D., proposed "The Health of Col. Burdett," a representative of Grand Lodge of Ireland in Grand Lodge of England, a Past Grand Warden, and Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, who was always ready to take the chair and perform any services he could for Masonry. Col. Burdett responded in his usual happy and kindly way, and expressed the great gratification it afforded him at any time to be of service to Freemasonry. He then proposed "The Working Brethren, Bros. Wm. Bailey, J. E. Russell, John Jonas, and J. B. Scriven," and after a song by Bro. T. Distin, "Mine Host," Bro. Wm. Bailey and J. B. Scri-

ven replied. Bro. J. G. Marsh proposed "The Sister Lodge of Instruction," and Col. Burdett concluded the business of the evening by proposing "The Masonic Charities," after which the brethren separated.

GREAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1426).—The Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Great City Lodge met on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the lodge rooms, 111, Cheapside, when a very large muster of the Craft were present. Bro. James Stevens, I.P.M., took the chair, for the purpose of performing the ceremony of installation. Bro. N. B. Headon, the W.M. of the Great City Lodge, was the W.M. Elect for the occasion. Among other brethren present were the principal officers of the parent lodge, and among the visitors—Bros. J. H. Gresham, J.L.D., P.G.M., Quebec; Greene, New York; Isaac Watts, Lodge of Fortitude, Plymouth; Wm. Cole, Lodge of Loyalty, Southampton; Page, No. 39, Exeter; Venn, No. 49; Staley, No. 1216; Allen, Islington Lodge; R. N. Field, W.M. No. 902, Hounds, Birmingham, and many other distinguished brethren. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed, and after the business of the lodge was finished the brethren adjourned to Bro. Townsend's, Kennan's Hotel, Cheapside, and partook of a very sumptuous repast. Afterwards the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Headon," was most cordially received, the mere so as he had put aside an important engagement in order to forward the interests of the lodge. Bro. Wm. Cole, by permission of the W.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and referred to many services which had been rendered by that brother to Masonry in the province of Devonshire and elsewhere. "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., and in replying, Bro. Graham spoke in terms of unqualified satisfaction of the working of the ceremony he had witnessed that evening, and of the cordiality with which he had been received, not only in that Lodge of Instruction but in many other lodges with which he had had an opportunity of being connected during the time of his stay in London. He also referred to the grand ceremony which he had witnessed on the previous evening. He was followed by Bro. Greene, of New York, who in similar terms expressed his great appreciation of English Masonry, as he had found it carried out both in private lodges and at the Royal Albert Hall the day previously. Bros. Cole, Page, and other brethren also thanked the W.M. and officers of the Great City Lodge of Instruction for the great treat with which they had just been favoured. The evening was highly satisfactory, and the catering of Bro. Townsend was warmly praised.

PROVINCIAL.

ROCHESTER.—GUNDULPH LODGE (1050).—On Wednesday, April 28th, the installation of Bro. G. H. Curell took place in the presence of a number of distinguished brethren. The ceremony of installation was performed by P.M. Bro. John Nicholls, in his usual eloquent and impressive manner; after which the Worshipful Master presented to the out-going Master a very handsome Past Master's jewel. The W.M. then appointed his officers as under—Treasurer, P.M. Wyles; Secretary, P.M.G. Watson, I.P.M. Bro. T. Newton; S.W. Bro. T. Watson; J.W. Bro. J. P. Griffin; S.D. Bro. M. Barnes; J.D. Bro. A. Randall; I.G. Bro. W. Henderson. Stewards, Bros. Abott and Barnett; D.C. Bro. F. Newman; Tyler, Bro. Pearne. After which the brethren to the number of 60 partook of a banquet. The usual toasts were well received and responded to. Amongst those present were P.G.S.W. Bro. Page, and Bro. Blakey, Royal Navy.

Scotland.

WISIAW.—LODGE ST. MARY'S, COLTNESS (No. 31) had a meeting on the night of the 28th ult., which was largely attended by the members, in order to celebrate the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. The chair was occupied by Bro. Kelso, R.W.M., who gave the toast of the evening "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was responded to with great enthusiasm by the brethren. Bro. T. Young likewise gave an address in praise of H.R.H., in the course of which he said, that through the Pope winning a Marquis Freemasonry had gained a Prince, which was received with great cheering from the brethren. The night was spent in song and sentiment.

ALLOA.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 69).—A special meeting of the brethren of Alloa St. John's Lodge of Freemasons was held in the Prince of Wales Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th April, 28th April, 1875, in honour of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master Mason of England. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. G. B. Graham, W.M., assisted by Bros. John Philp, S.W., and James Brown, J.W., and other office-bearers, and members of the lodge in the apprentice degree, and was thereafter called from labour to refreshment, when the brethren partook of a service of cake and wine; the W.M., G. B. Graham, in the chair. The toasts of "The Queen, and Craft," and the "Three Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland," being given from the chair, and duly drunk in true Masonic style, thereafter the W.M. called for a special bumper for the toast of the evening, and the cause of our meeting here as congregated Masons. The W.M. said they had assembled for the purpose of doing honour to His Royal Highness, who had that day been installed into the high position of Craft Masonry, and trusted he would be long spared to wield the sceptre of Masonic power; and after a few other appropriate remarks, gave "Long Life and Happiness to our Noble Brother, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason of England," which was drunk amidst great enthusiasm, the brethren singing "Long Live the Prince of Wales." Bro. John Philp, S.W., gave "The Health of our Noble Brother, Lord Mar-

and Kellie, Deputy Grand Master of Scotland," and expressed a wish the day was not far distant when his Lordship would fill the seat in Scotland which his Royal Highness had been installed into this afternoon in England, and he (the S.W.) knew he was expressing the feelings of every member of the Alloa Lodge 69, along with his own, when he said that would be a proud day for the Masonic brethren of Alloa, and an honour to the Craft at large, to have the Throne occupied by such a keen Mason and warmhearted nobleman as our brother Lord Mar and Kellie. I now ask you, brethren, to join with me in drinking long life and happiness to our much respected noble brother, Lord Mar and Kellie, which was drank in true Masonic style, after which Bro. Todd sang "The Braes of Mar." At this stage of the proceedings it was arranged that a couple of telegrams of congratulation be sent to London, one to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the other to the Grand Lodge of England—the one to his Royal Highness on his ascension to the Masonic Throne of England; the other congratulating the members of the Grand Lodge of England on having H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to rule over them. Bro. William Knox then gave our noble selves in proposing No. 69 Alloa. I don't know whether other lodges in Scotland have met to-night or not, but this I have to say is, that they ought to have done so, as true Masonry and Loyalty are inseparably allied. This is a memorable day in the history of England, and who that has the heart of a Freemason within him does not glow with rapture when he thinks of the future King of Britain being this day installed as Grand Master Freemason of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in thus placing himself at the head of this beneficent Institution has proved himself a worthy son of Albert the Good, and of our noble Queen, whose reign has been distinguished by that golden quality mercy, which is mightiest in the mighty, and becomes the throned Monarch better than his crown. We regard it as a sign that he appreciates the spirit of the time in which he lives, and the genius of the constitution over which he is destined, we believe, one day to preside. If there is any thing that places Great Britain above the other nations of the earth it is the multitude and variety of her beneficent institutions. It is to be hoped that some day, not far distant, our noble brother, the Earl of Mar and Kellie, will occupy the position of Grand Master of Scotland, an honour which he justly deserves, and which we would regard as an honour to ourselves. The toast of our noble selves having been replied to by Bro. S. N. Morrison, one of the oldest members of 69, the company was favoured with a song from one of the brethren. Bro. Morrison then gave the next toast, "The Visiting Brethren," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Goudie, of Berwick, who replied in feeling terms, expressing his and the other stranger brethren's warmest thanks for the kindness No. 69 had shown them this evening. Bro. Goudie then favoured the brethren with the song "My mither ment my auld breks." Bro. Philp gave "The Health of our W.M." Bro. Graham replied in appropriate terms. Bro. Hill gave the toast "The Health of our S.W.," to which Bro. Philp made a suitable reply. Other toasts and songs having been given, and about 11 p.m. the brethren were called from refreshment to labour. After spending a most enjoyable evening, the W.M. closed the lodge in due and ancient form. On the following day, Thursday, 20th, the following telegram was duly received from Sir H. Knollys, Malborough House, London, to the W.M. of Alloa St. John's Lodge of Freemasons:—"The Prince of Wales desires me to thank you very sincerely for your congratulations and good wishes."

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413).—At the fortnightly meeting of this lodge, on 27th ult., the P.G.L. of Glasgow paid its annual visit of inspection, the deputation consisted of Bros. A. McTaggart, Sec.; James Gillies, S.D.; G. Thain, J.D.; J. Ritchie, A.; John Fraser, Assist. Marshall; and A. Arlick Smith, I.G. These brethren having been received with the usual formalities, and taken their seats upon the dais, the P.G. Sec. (Bro. McTaggart), after congratulating the R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, on having such a large and pleasant meeting that evening, reported that the deputation had examined the books of the lodge and found them in excellent condition, and also that the lodge continued to work in harmony with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In connection with the books, the P.G. Sec. referred specially to the admirably well kept state of the cash book, and paid a high compliment to the esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Peter Agnew. He had to congratulate the lodge on having in that office so able a brother, such an old, well-tried, and faithful servant, and he thought they were well entitled to award him a hearty vote of thanks for his past services. He (the P.G. Sec.) was glad to observe that their funds had increased during the year to the extent of about £10. At last visitation the amount to the good was £88 15s. 7½d., this year it was about £98. They had distributed in private charity the sum of £6 10s., and had made during the year fourteen new members. Bro. McTaggart having concluded, the R.W.M. (Bro. Wallace) said he was sure they must all be much gratified at the favourable character of the P.G.L. report, as he was sure they would all have been very much dissatisfied had it been otherwise. From the character of their officers, however, they might have believed it would be such as it had been. He had very great pleasure in asking the brethren to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the deputation for their visit, and for the inquiry they had made into the lodge books; and said he was sure that since these periodical visitations were commenced the lodges had been far more punctual in their payments and more correct in their working generally. The vote of thanks having been accorded with enthusiasm, Bro. McTaggart returned thanks for the same, in the name of the deputation and of the R.W.P.G. Master himself. It was some little consolation to the deputation for their labours to get a reception such as they had met with that

night. They had endeavoured to do their duty, and they hoped another year to find Lodge Athole in as good condition as they had that night found it. With reference to what the R.W.M. had said concerning the good result of these visitations, he (the speaker) had simply to state that this year the deputation had to note a visible, marked, and distinct improvement in all the lodges over the existing state of matters in former years. This, he thought, augured well for the future of Masonry within the province; and he believed there was not a member of the deputation but would do all that he had done in regard to these visitations over again, if he thought it would do the province good. The deputation shortly thereafter retired.

GLASGOW.—CATHEDRAL ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 67).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter, on 27th ult., was likewise the occasion of their annual supper. It was held in the Masonic Hall, at 22, Struthers-street, Calton, First Principal, James Duthie, presiding. After a substantial and excellently-served supper, purveyed by Comp. Malcolm, the chapter was opened on the Royal Arch Degree, and the Scribe E. read the minutes of the two former meetings, which were duly approved of and passed. The companions then went on to harmony, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured with enthusiasm, more particularly that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales." The toast of "Cathedral Royal Arch Chapter" was given by the chairman. He said—It is customary to drink healths, whether sick or doing well. Now, the Cathedral Royal Arch Chapter seems like being in good health at present, and so are some of the companions here to-night. Whether the chapter gets on well or ill she always looks healthy-like on one night as the year goes round, and that is on the night of the annual supper. You must be all aware, companions, that we are here to-night enjoying ourselves, when the Cathedral Royal Arch Chapter is in its last year of the first quarter of a century. Having been established in the year 1850, the chapter is now 25 years old, and it is to be hoped that before another 25 years pass by, she shall have many captives made free, so that when her year of jubilee does come round it will be a season of great joy and festivity amongst her companions, which I hope may grow and increase into a multitude, and disperse, carrying her name with them to every clime, through the length and breadth of the universe. The toast list having been concluded, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form; and the companions separated after having spent a most harmonious and happy evening.

GLASGOW.—COMMERCIAL CHAPTER (No. 79).—This chapter continues to make satisfactory progress, and is now in what might be called good working order, since its reposal last autumn. We visited it on the evening of Friday, the 30th ult., and were much pleased to see a good attendance. Companion Brode, First Principal of the chapter, was present and presided, the other offices being filled by their respective occupants, or in their absence, by well qualified substitutes. There were two candidates for the Royal Arch Degrees who were duly admitted into the Mark Lodge connected with the chapter, as a preliminary to their further preferment and exaltation at another time. The ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. David Lamb, whose accomplishments as a careful student of the ritual are such as to entitle him to the highest honour in the Order. We must say that his rendering, not only of this, but of the Craft degrees, is at once instructive and striking. Calling his elocutionary powers into requisition, he invests the lectures, which in other circumstances are but dry, with a pathos and beauty which to be fully appreciated needs to be seen and felt. On this occasion Bro. Lamb if possible surpassed himself, and we congratulate the candidates on their good fortune in having had the degree conferred upon them at his hands. After the Mark Lodge was closed, the Royal Arch Chapter was opened for the purpose of investing Bro. Lamb as Deputy Principal of the chapter. This office was recently created in the chapter by a bye-law having been adopted for this purpose, and consequently this is the first time it has been held by any one. Companion Brode obligated and invested Companion Lamb, and afterwards presided at the reception of Companion James Duthie, Z, No. 67, who had been proposed as an honorary affiliated member of Chapter 79, in recognition of the many acts of kindness which he has rendered to the chapter since its reposal, by giving his able services in the various ceremonies at all times when called on, and otherwise assisting and encouraging the Office Bearers in their duties. Companion Duthie was hailed by those present with much applause as a member of the chapter. No further business being before the meeting, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form. The regular meetings are held on the last Friday monthly, in the comfortable hall of the Lodge Commercial (360), at No. 3, Hope-street.

Obituary.

FUNERAL OF BRO. CAPTAIN BRIDGES.

The mortal remains of Capt. Henry Bridges, whose lamented decease, in his 70th year, was announced last week, were conveyed to their last resting-place, in the Bridgewater Cemetery, on Saturday. The distinguished position which the deceased held in Freemasonry gave rise to the natural expectation, as soon as the fatal termination of his protracted illness became known, that the funeral would be a Masonic as well as military one, and that an opportunity would thus be afforded all those with whom he was intimately associated of paying, in public, their last token of respect for one who was held in such general esteem.

From an early hour in the morning the flags usually displayed in the town, with several additions, were half-mast high; many of the shops were partially closed; and during the forenoon a large number of visitors entered the town from the surrounding neighbourhood, and also by the trains. Special facilities were afforded to Masonic brethren by the Great Western, Bristol and Exeter, and South Devon Companies, and it was evident that a large number had availed themselves of the privilege, their mourning costume being an indication of the purpose for which they had come. The members of the 26th S.R.C., who mustered in full strength, paraded in front of the Armoury at a quarter to two o'clock. The corps was soon afterwards marched to West-street, there to await the arrival of the hearse, mourning coaches, &c., from Long Thorns, the late residence of the deceased. In the meantime the Masonic brethren, according to arrangement, met at the Royal Clarence Hotel, where the Lodge of "Perpetual Friendship," Bridgwater No. 135, has its head-quarters. On this occasion the lodges of Perpetual Friendship and Rural Philanthropic, High-bridge, No. 291 (of which the deceased was P.M. and one of the most active members), united, and a dispensation having been obtained from the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, brethren from a distance were invited to an emergent meeting of these united lodges for the purpose of taking part in the funeral. The ordinary lodge-room not being sufficiently large to accommodate all the brethren, the assembly-room was specially fitted up as a lodge. The room proved to be of just about the required capacity, and answered the purpose remarkably well. Before entering the lodge-room each brother was supplied with a sprig of acacia, which was worn in the button-hole of his coat, and a memorial card, setting forth the positions which the deceased brother held in Freemasonry, of which the following is a copy:—

"In memoriam V.W. Brother Henry Bridges, of lodges 1,222, 1,223, 906, 818, 683, 471, 446, 135, 106, 53, and 41. P.M. of 797, 772, 710, 463, 291, 33. P.G.S.B. England; P. Prov. S.G.D. Surrey; D. Prov. G.M., Somerset; P.Z. 291; P.G.D.C., G.C. of England, &c., born 2nd September, 1805; died 10th April, 1875."

Bro. George Ricks, W.M. of No. 135, assisted by Bro. Rev. J. C. Pigot, P.P.G. chaplain and W.M. No. 291, performed the duties of W.M., and Bros. Hunt and Batten those of S.W. and J.W. respectively. Letters were acknowledged to have been received from several Freemasons of distinguished rank, expressing regret at their inability to attend, and Bro. Rev. J. C. Pigot delivered a short and very feeling address in reference to the loss the brethren had sustained. Subsequently, the brethren, all of whom wore black mourning costumes and white gloves, as well as their Masonic clothing and jewels, every apron having thereon crape rosettes, were formed into procession, which was marshalled by Bro. J. B. Soper, P.M. 135, and Bro. H. W. Batten, J.W. 291, who officiated throughout as directors of ceremonies. The various lodges represented ranked in the procession according to seniority, the junior preceding and the members of the united local lodges bringing up the rear. As the brethren, walking two and two, and numbering about two hundred, wended their way through High-street, the whole length of which was fully occupied, the sight was a very imposing one. It was nearly three o'clock before the hearse, mourning coaches, and private carriages, &c., arrived from Long Thorn into West-street.

The band played the "Dead March in Saul," and when the cortege arrived at the cemetery gates the coffin of massive oak, with brass handles, &c., and having within it a lead coffin and shell, was removed from the hearse and borne upon the shoulders of some of the Volunteers. The mourners, including three brothers of the deceased, and accompanied by Messrs. J. and F. Parsons (medical men), next alighted from their carriages, and the Masonic brethren having formed into line on either side of the pathway, Bro. Rev. M. Shackleton, M.A., of Wincanton, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Somerset (who walked in the procession in his white robes of office), commenced reading the burial service—"I am the Resurrection," &c. In the church, which could only accommodate comparatively a few of the brethren, the Rev. J. West, of Aisholt, impressively read the rest portion of the service. The family vault of the deceased, close to the edifice, was, by this time, surrounded by a large number of Freemasons, the firing party having also taken up a good position, and room having been made for the officiating clergymen and mourners, the concluding and most solemn portion of the service was read by the vicar of St. Mary's—Rev. W. G. Fitzgerald. The coffin, from which had been just previously removed some of the insignia of the order of Freemasonry and Volunteer uniform worn by the deceased, but which still had upon it a beautiful wreath of flowers, was then lowered into the vault.

The ceremony having concluded, the Rev. M. Shackleton, P.G. Chaplain, appropriately addressed those assembled.

Immediately after the delivery of the address the firing party discharged a volley.

Before leaving, the whole of the brethren dropped upon the coffin the sprigs of acacia they had worn, and the procession was then re-formed, the members of the senior lodges on this occasion waiting in front, and the visiting brethren bringing up the rear. Although diminished in number, a great many spectators still lined the various thoroughfares along the route. The Masonic brethren again entered the lodge, which was closed in the usual form.

On the following (Sunday) morning, at St. Mary's Church, the vicar (Rev. W. G. Fitzgerald) preached an appropriate sermon.

The Graphic of this day's issue contains illustration of the Installation and Banquet.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The assemblage of Royal Arch Masons gathered together on the occasion was larger than has been known hitherto in this Degree. Acting on a natural presumption that as soon as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England had been installed in that high office he would supplement his position in the Craft by taking the seat which goes as a matter of course with it in the Arch, Freemasons held the belief that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would present himself for Installation as First Grand Principal on Wednesday; but there was no authoritative announcement made or information given that this would be the case. The paragraph in the daily press the day before that this event would occur was entirely unauthorised; and though the result proved the accuracy of the intelligence given the information was supplied only on supposition. But on arriving at the Hall it was evident that His Royal Highness was expected, for in place of the Zetland Room being prepared for Grand Chapter, as is usually the case, the Temple was arranged for the meeting; and the many companions who assembled on the assumption that they would see another installation of the Heir to the British Throne were not likely to be disappointed. In the clothing and signing room the companions were very numerous, and on repairing to the Temple there was found to be a still larger gathering, and the seats, which were very comfortably and symmetrically disposed, were well filled. The appearance of the Temple at this time was very pleasing, the showy, yet uniform, clothing of the companions, giving an exceedingly picturesque character to the assembly. It is almost needless to say that as a spectacle it was not to be compared to the grand sight of the former Wednesday, because there the immense number of Masons collected together naturally had the advantage of giving a more imposing effect; but the convocation of last Wednesday, though consisting of about a fortieth part of the same number, was striking even to the eyes of Royal Arch Freemasons. The Royal Arch Chapter is always more remarkable as a spectacle than the Masonic Lodge, and its "furniture" partakes much of the character of "stage properties." The ceremony of exalting a brother into the degree of the Royal Arch is also somewhat dramatic; but the Royal Arch has, notwithstanding, less members by many thousands than the plain Craft, the Mason's "first love," and to which he looks with never-failing affection. The Installation of the Prince of Wales as First Grand Principal, therefore, was attended by fewer Masons than his Installation as Grand Master, not because it was of less interest, but because the Royal Arch Companions are so much smaller in number than the Craftsmen, and because the fact that His Royal Highness would actually come up for Installation was not known among the companions.

It is impossible to give the names of all the companions present, but among them we recognised Companions Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Hugh D. Sandeman, S. Rawson, John Havers, Thomas Fenn, Hyde Pullen, John B. Monckton, Peter de L. Long, Joshua Nunn, the Lord Mayor, Rev. H. C. Levander, Dr. W. R. Woodman, E. S. Snell, R. J. Spiers, Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D.; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C.; C. A. Merton, Francis Roxburgh, Q.C.; Joseph C. Parkinson, J. E. Saunders, H. Browne, Benjamin Head, W. Speed, John Hervey, F. Pattison, N. Bradford, J. A. Rucker, R. Wentworth Little, Major Creation, James Lewis Thomas, James Brett, John Boyd, Thomas W. White, Griffiths Smith, John Savage, W. Hilton, W. Ough, H. Mugeridge, James Terry, W. H. Noehmer, Robert Gray, Charles Lacey, George Neal, James Glaisher, Joseph Smith, W. Smith, C.E.; John Coutts, Jeffreys, Montague, H. Garrod, G. K. Lemann, C. F. Hogard, W. Paas, George King, Jun., D. R. Still, J. K. Stead, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, John Hart, T. R. Parker, James Stevens, W. Stephens, Collard Moutrie, J. W. Halsey, Dr. Goldsboro, George Bolton, Colls, Trego, G. A. Smith, W. H. Green, Peter Matthews, Charles Watson, W. Mann, A. D. Lowenstark, J. H. Bellerby, and F. Adlard.

At the opening of the Grand Chapter, Comp. Havers took the Z. chair; Comp. S. Rawson, H.; Comp. H. D. Sandeman, J.; Comp. John Hervey, S.E.; Comp. J. E. Saunders, S.N.; Comp. J. A. Rucker, P.S.; Comp. S. L. Tompkins, 1st A.; Comp. E. S. Snell, 2nd A.; and Comp. J. C. Parkinson was Sword Bearer.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last Convocation,

Comp. Havers said he had to inform Grand Chapter that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Free and Accepted Masons of England, was in attendance that evening to be installed and take the chair as Grand Z. of the Order. (Cheers.) He would therefore request the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a deputation of companions to retire and conduct His Royal Highness into Grand Chapter.

The deputation, composed of Comps. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C.; F. Roxburgh, Q.C.; Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D.; and F. Pattison, under the conduct of Sir Albert Woods, thereupon retired, and shortly afterwards returned, bringing with them the Prince of Wales and Lord Skelmersdale. As soon as the Prince of Wales entered Grand Chapter, the companions, who stood to receive the procession, cheered most heartily. His Royal Highness was conducted to the proper point in Grand Chapter, and addressed by

Comp. Havers, who said that His Royal Highness having been elected by the unanimous voice of the Craft to be their Grand Master, he succeeded by right of that office to the possession of the chair of Grand First Prin-

cipal. In accordance, however, with the laws and constitution of this Order, it was necessary that he should first go through a ceremony.

The Prince of Wales having bowed assent, he was formally constituted Grand Z., invested, and placed in the chair. The action was received with immense applause.

The Prince of Wales then proceeded with the official appointments for the year, and said that the Earl of Carnarvon, by virtue of his office as Pro Grand Master, would be Pro Grand First Principal.

Lord Skelmersdale would be Grand H.

Lord Skelmersdale was then constituted Grand Second Principal, according to ancient form.

Lord De Tabley was re-appointed J.

John Hervey	...	S.E.
The Marquis of Hamilton	...	S.N.
The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor	...	P.S.
W. Speed	...	1st A.
Robert Gray	...	2nd A.
Samuel Tomkins	...	Treasurer.
Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C.	...	Registrar.
Frederick Morrell	...	Sword Bearer.
S. G. Humphreys	...	Standard Bearer.
Dr. W. R. Woodman	...	D.C.
C. B. Payne	...	Janitor.

On the completion of these appointments,

The Prince of Wales said: Companions, it affords me great pleasure to bear this office; but I regret that my other engagements will not allow me to stay throughout the business of the evening. I can, however, assure you that it will be most agreeable to me to come among you on future occasions, and I may add that I have seized the first opportunity that occurred after my Installation as Grand Master to come up to Grand Chapter, and take the chair. (Cheers.) I return you my best thanks for your kindness to me on this occasion.

His Royal Highness then retired, accompanied by Lord Skelmersdale, the Lord Mayor, and the deputation, amidst renewed hearty cheering.

Comp. Havers resumed the Z. chair, and Comp. S. Rawson the H. chair, and the other business was proceeded with.

Comp. Havers said that by an oversight there had been omitted from the agenda paper the election of six members to serve on the committee for the year, but they would now proceed to supply the omission.

Comps. J. L. Thomas, P.Z. 13; James Brett, H. C. Levander, John Boyd, J. E. Saunders, and Joseph Smith were nominated, seconded, and elected as these six members of the Committee of General Purposes, and

Comp. Havers announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had nominated Comp. John Savage, President, and Comps. Benj. Head and J. L. Creation members of the same committee.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was then brought up by Comp. Sandeman, and ordered to be entered in the minutes.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th January, 1875, to the 20th April, 1875, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance 20th January	...	£526	4	0
„ Subsequent Receipts	...	475	13	0
		£1,001	17	0
By Disbursements during the				
Quarter	...	191	15	6
„ Balance	...	810	1	6
		£1,001	17	0

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Thomas Cooke, junior, as Z, John William Hancock as H, Robert Bindley as J, and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Marmion Lodge, No. 1060, Tamworth, to be called "The Marmion Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Tamworth, in the county of Stafford.

2nd. From His Grace the Duke of Manchester as Z, Edward Israel Orford as H, John Clark Duncomb as J, and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Merit, No. 446, Stamford, to be called "The Montagu Chapter," and to meet at the George Hotel, Stamford, in the County of Northampton.

3rd. From Comps. John Coutts as Z, William Bourne as H, James Summers as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, Millbank, to be called "The Ebury Chapter," and to meet at the Morpeth Arms Tavern, Ponsonby Street, Millbank, Westminster.

4th. From George William Harvey as Z, Murray Richard Gissing as H, Charles Broad as J, and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Pacific Lodge, 1453, Reefton, New Zealand, to be called "The Reefton Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Reefton, in the Province of Nelson, in Westland, New Zealand.

These petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted, although they have not lost sight of the fact that the Pacific Lodge, No. 1453, has not been three years in existence. As, however, it is situated in the Province of Nelson, where at present no Chapter exists, the Committee recommend that the accustomed limitation of three years be not in this case insisted on.

The Marquis of Ripon having addressed a letter to the Grand Scribe, E., resigning the Trusteeship of the Funds of Grand Chapter, the Committee recommend that the

resignation be accepted, and that necessary steps taken for carrying it into effect.

It is with very sincere regret that the Committee have to impart to Grand Chapter the melancholy intelligence of the decease, on the 9th of March last, of the E. Comp. W. Pulteney Scott, who had uninterruptedly presided over them since May, 1864. The Committee desire to record their deep feeling of sorrow at this sad event, and to express their sense of the great loss Royal Arch Masonry has sustained thereby, a sentiment which they feel assured will be unanimously participated in by the Members of Grand Chapter.

(Signed) HUGH D. SANDEMAN,

Capt. Sandeman moved and Comp. Saunders seconded the granting of all the above mentioned chapters, and the motions were carried unanimously. With reference to the Pacific Chapter, he reiterated what he had said on former occasions. The lodge not having been three years in existence, it had been the custom of Grand Chapter not to issue charters for chapters to be attached to them; but it had been brought to the notice of Grand Chapter, especially by himself as having a large experience of Freemasonry abroad, that it would be a dangerous thing not to give a certain degree of elasticity to this rule. As Royal Arch Freemasons Grand Chapter was in a great difficulty, inasmuch as brethren might join chapters working under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and he thought it would be imprudent on the part of Grand Chapter of England if they made a hard and fast rule and not allow these applicants to join together as a chapter. If they were not so allowed they would go over to another constitution. He therefore recommended the granting of this petition. With reference to the paragraph in the report referring to the letter from the Marquis of Ripon, resigning his trusteeship of the funds of Grand Chapter, he moved the acceptance of the resignation and that steps be taken to fill the vacancy.

This having been seconded by Comp. Saunders, and carried,

Comp. Sandeman proposed the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon and the death of the Earl of Zetland, subject to the acceptance of the office by Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale.

Comp. John Savage seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Comp. Sandeman, with reference to the last paragraph in the report as to the late Comp. W. Pulteney Scott, said he should like to add a word to it. Every member of Grand Chapter would gladly sympathise with the Committee in the expression they had put on record of their very great regret at hearing of the death of one who had so long been connected with Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Scott presided over the Committee of General Purposes for nearly eleven years, and the Committee wished to record their feelings of sorrow at losing him. Although they did not come before Grand Chapter with any proposition, the Committee felt that all in Grand Chapter would heartily sympathise with what they had done that night by putting on permanent record an expression of their sincere regret at the loss of a very loved and esteemed companion (Hear, hear.)

Comp. John Savage (President of the Committee of General Purposes) said that Comp. Scott filled the office so well, and behaved with so much courtesy to every one, that he was sure Grand Chapter felt that Royal Arch Masonry had sustained a very serious loss by his death.

Comp. Havers said he must add his testimony to what had been already said. He heartily and entirely concurred in what had fallen from Comps. Sandeman and Savage, and he grieved at the loss of such a right-minded and excellent companion.

The resolution was put and carried nem. con.

Comp. Sandeman thought that companions would be glad to learn that the Committee of General Purposes had carefully gone over the regulations, the alterations in which were confirmed at last quarterly Convocation, and he believed Grand Scribe E. would announce that they would very shortly be ready for distribution as altered.

Comp. John Hervey said they would; and he thought it but due to their excellent friend who had just addressed Grand Chapter to say that he had been good enough to take very great pains in revising the regulations for Grand Chapter, and he (Comp. Hervey) was personally deeply indebted to him for the assistance he had given him in the revision of those regulations. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Chapter was then closed.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING.

RESULT OF BALLOT, 5th MAY, 1875, (GIRLS' SCHOOL).
 133 J. L. Mather, Lime-st., City.
 226 J. Warner, Chancery Lane.
 430 Name of purchaser wanted, sold by Bro. Jabez Garrett.
 582 Lizzie Downing, Brixton.
 776 Name of purchaser wanted, sold by Bro. Robbins.
 1006 Wm. Evans, Grove Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.
 1276 N. Gluckstein, 127, Brixton Road.
 1326 Edgar Halestrap, 12, Little Moorfields.
 1512 Name of purchaser wanted, sold by Bro. T. Griffiths, P.M. 907.
 2156 N. E. Jauralde, 9, Coleridge Road, Holloway.
 2049 Brownrigg Lodge of Unity, 1424, Chatham.
 2395 W. J. Parish, St. Helena.
 2603 Chalmers Izett Paton, 115, Princes-street, Edinburgh.
 2820 John R. Stead, 39, Great Tower-street, E.C.
 3085 W. Brown, 99, High-street, Marylebone.
 3137 Name of purchaser wanted (sold by Bro. Rigg, Sheerness).
 3231 Edward J. Sears, 14, Jerrard road, Lewisham.
 3623 E. Wilson, 78, Lime-street, Liverpool.
 We shall call attention to the subject next week.

CONSECRATION OF THE "BECTIVE" LODGE, CARLISLE.

On Friday, 23rd ult., a new lodge was opened and consecrated in Carlisle, its name being the Bective, No. 1532. There are, therefore, now two lodges in Carlisle, the name of the other being the Union, No. 310. A number of years ago there were two lodges, but for a long time Carlisle has only had one lodge of Masons, so that the "merrie city" cannot be said to have been taking its position in the county as regards Freemasonry. Wigton, with perhaps 4,000 inhabitants, has a lodge of forty brethren, Cockermouth, with a little larger population, a lodge of nearly the same number, and Whitehaven has long had two lodges. Amongst Masons, therefore, it has been felt that the county town, with over thirty thousand inhabitants, was behind the towns in the county with Freemasons' Lodges, and it has long been a matter of surprise that another lodge has not ere this been applied for. A few months ago a few of the members of the old lodge resolved to try to establish a new one, and sent up a petition to the Grand Lodge, and the preliminary and necessary inquiries having been made and satisfactorily replied to, a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge, it being one of the first bearing the signature of the new Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and intending members of the new lodge pushed forward their preparations with energy. A capital suite of rooms was secured, and a lease taken of them. They are situated at the top of Mr. C. Ling's building in English-street, opposite the Steel monument. The rooms are five in number, and comprise a spacious lodge room, banquetting room, business room, &c., &c. They have all been entirely fitted up and decorated anew, in excellent taste. The lodge room, especially, has been artistically and Masonically decorated, and the whole of the arrangements are about as perfect as possible. The lodge furniture, too, is very complete and handsome.

At first it had been intended to have the consecration on the 16th of this month, but Lord Bective, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, having fixed for the preliminary provincial meeting for the province to take place at Carlisle on the 23rd, it was resolved to hold both affairs together. The result consequently was to make the meeting one of the largest and most important of the kind ever before held in the province, as there would not be many short of one hundred brethren present—an attendance unprecedented in the province, either at a provincial meeting or the consecration of a lodge.

The proceedings commenced with the opening of an emergency lodge, by Bro. Taylor, P.M., Union Lodge, Carlisle, and P.P.G.D.C. The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then announced, and were received with the honour appertaining to their distinguished position, the W.M.'s chair being taken (in the unavoidable absence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl Bective, M.P., by the Right Worshipful Bro. John Whitwell, M.P., Grand Warden of England, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The impressive and imposing and very ancient ceremony of the consecration of the new lodge was then gone through by Bro. Porter, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, of No. 327, Wigton, in a very perfect and able manner, assisted by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Wicks, of Whitehaven, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. P. T. Freeman, Provincial Grand Organist, presiding at the organ with consummate skill and taste. A most efficient choir of brethren took the musical part of the ceremony with great effect.

The installation of the first Master of the new lodge then took place, when Bro. James Cook was duly presented, and was declared duly elected by the brethren of the Bective Lodge. He was then duly installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W., and Bro. Gibson, P.M., Prov. G. Secretary, in their usual masterly manner. After being duly installed by the largest board of Installed Masters ever perhaps present at any installation in the province, no fewer than thirty-one being present, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers, which he did as follows:—Bros. George Potter, S.W.; James Caddy Mason, J.W.; the Rev. Joshua Tyson, Chaplain; William Jobling, Sec.; Thomas Hodgson, S.D.; George Nookes, J.D.; George Thorpe, Org. Bro. George Hetherington was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Martin Higgins, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master then closed the Craft lodge, and the Provincial Grand Officers took their chairs again, and the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with. The Charity Committee had met previously, and their reports were unanimously adopted, and the votes of money for charitable purposes duly confirmed. The motion of Bro. Dodgson, of Millom, on the question of establishing an educational organisation for the education of children in the province being sons and daughters of deceased or prior Masons, stands over until next meeting, as does also the motion made by Bro. Alsop, of Whitehaven, as to the desirability of the brethren attending church in procession on the occasion of the provincial meeting.

The business of the lodge being finished, it was duly closed, and at about half-past three o'clock the brethren sat down to the number of nearly fifty to a banquet at the County Hotel, of which little more need be said than that it did every credit to the establishment. As well as everything in season being placed before the guests in most admirable style, the waiting and serving were perfect, and called forth the laudation of the company.

The chair was taken by Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M., supported right and left by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Wicks, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. Gibson, P.G. Secretary; Bro. Talbot, P.G.S.W.; Bros. Captain Heron Maxwell, the Rev. J. Beeby, P.G.A. Chaplain; Lemon, P.G. Treas.; J. Wheatley, P.M.; W. Carrick, Carlisle; W. Alsop, P.P.G. Pursuivant; J. Tyson, J.W., Whitehaven, &c. The vice-chair was taken by Bro. James Porter, of Wigton, P.M., P.G.S.W., supported by Bros. Kenworthy, P.P.G.J.W.; Cook, W.M., Bective Lodge; Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Thorpe, Organist, &c. Amongst the brethren

present we noticed Bros. Gate, of Wigton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Mc. Mehan, W.M., St. John's 327, Wigton; Quarter-Master Sergeant Noakes, 55th Regiment; Bain, W.M., Harrington; the Rev. Joshua Tyson; Pratchit. Bro. Tnope presided at the pianoforte. The toast list comprised the usual loyal and patriotic toasts until the room was "tiled," after which the Masonic toasts were given by the chairman and others. One novelty we noticed which is worthy of notice. Whether it was the fact of its being the anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare, or whether it was owing to the Shakesperian proclivities of some brother who had a hand in the arrangements did not appear, but, in addition to the regular toast list, there was a Shakesperian list, each toast being followed by a most apt quotation from the great poet. For instance, after the toast of "The Queen" came the quotation from Richard III.—"Many years of happy days befall our gracious over-erign, our most loving liege. Until the heavens, envying earth's good hap, add an immortal title to a crown." After the toast of the Right Worshipful Grand Master was the line from Henry IV.—"A braver place in our heart's love hath no man." In the course of an excellent speech the chairman alluded to the formation of the new lodge in Carlisle, and expressed his opinion that in a town of the size of Carlisle there was quite room for both the lodges. He said they had now nearly 900 Freemasons in the province, and he hoped their excellent Secretary, Bro. Gibson, would before very long have a thousand members' names on his books. After spending an hour or so in a truly Masonic and agreeable manner, the meeting broke up at half-past six o'clock, and concluded what was altogether one of the most important and successful Masonic meetings held in the north for some time.

It ought to be mentioned that the furnishings of the lodge were supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, of London, and were very much admired by all the brethren present. The decoration of the hall was done by Bro. Hill, of Carlisle, and is of a very suitable and tasteful character.—*Carlisle Journal*.

FREEMASONRY IN TRINIDAD.

At a meeting of the Trinidad Kilwinning Royal Arch Chapter, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 126, on the Registry of the S.G.R.A.C. Scotland, held on the 23rd of September last, Comp. Paulin Jesse Delisle was re-elected First Principal of the chapter, and the following companions were duly elected to the following offices:—Hubert St. Hilaire, Second Principal; and Nathaniel Augustus St. Hilaire, Third Principal; William Hunter, S.E.; John Edward Lafargue, S.N.; Louis Ernest Desroses, Treasurer; Thomas Murrel, Principal Soj.; George Downes, Second Soj.; John Warren, Janitor; and they were all duly installed in their respective offices. Comp. Past First Principal James MacDonald Reid assisted.

At a meeting of the above chapter held on the 24th of November, 1874, the following brethren were duly exalted as Royal Ark Masons, namely, The Honourable Michael Maxwell Philip, Her Majesty's Solicitor-General of Trinidad; John Arthur Harragin, Warden of the Corwa Ward Union, Trinidad; Francis Brandon Jones and Arthur Simon Eckstein, Merchants; Hamilton Wainwright, Clerk in the Colonial Hospital; Andrew Hamilton, Writing Clerk; and Comp. John Locke, of the Chapter Union Demerara, 247, on the Registry of the S.G.R.A.C. of England, Accountant, Colonial Bank, Trinidad, was duly affiliated as a member of the chapter, he having been first duly instructed in the Mark and Excellent degrees.

At the last meeting of the Athole Royal Arch Chapter, No. 145, San Fernando, Trinidad, under the registry of the S.G.R.A.C. of Scotland, in February last, Robert Guppy, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law, and Past Deputy District Grand Master, Trinidad (E.R.), together with Bros. McPhail and Whitney, were duly exalted Royal Arch Masons.

At a meeting of a Royal Ark Mariners' lodge, held on February 20th, under the Trinidad Kilwinning Royal Arch Chapter, 126, at Mount Moriah, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Comp. Jesse Delisle, assisted by Comps. H. St. Hilaire and L. E. Desroses, proceeded to confer the degree of Royal Ark Mariner upon Comp. James Hubert Rat, a member of the Kilwinning Chapter and W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge (E.R.), and upon Comps. Lewis Alcazar and Louis Gonzales, both of the Kilwinning Chapter, 126.

At a meeting of the Trinidad Kilwinning Sovereign Prince Rose Croix Chapter, 5, Port of Spain, Trinidad, on the registry of the Supreme Council of the 33rd and Last Degree of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Scottish Rite of Scotland, held on December 27th, 1874, pursuant to the charter granted by the Supreme Council of Scotland, Ill. Bro. Joseph Rodriguez, 30th degree, by virtue of the authority granted to him for that purpose, proceeded to install the office-bearers of the chapter into their respective offices, namely: Comps. James MacDonald Reid, Most Wise Sovereign; Paulin Jesse Delisle, High Prelate; Hubert St. Hilaire, Senior Warden; Nathaniel Augustus St. Hilaire, Junior Warden; Louis Ernest Desroses, Treasurer; William Hunter, Secretary; George Downes, Master of Ceremonies; John Edward Lafargue, Chancellor; and Thomas Edward Murrel, Inner Guard.

At a meeting of the United Brothers Lodge, 251, Port of Spain, Trinidad, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Glasgow, held on December 27th, 1874, Bro. Robert Knaggs, who had been re-elected, was duly installed as W.M.; Bros. Hubert St. Hilaire, as S.W.; and Jarrel, as J.W. After the installation the brethren took dinner together at Mount Moriah. Bros. J. M. Reid, D.P.G.M. Trinidad (S.R.); P. J. Delisle, S.P.G.M. Trinidad (S.R.); L. E. Desroses, P.M. Eastern Star, 368; Joseph Rodriguez, P.M., Azilio de la Paz, Bolivia, and several other highly respectable Masons were present.

At a meeting of Lodge Eastern Star, 368, Port of Spain, Trinidad, held on January 9th, 1875, Bro. Paulin Jesse

Delisle, who had been re-elected, was duly installed as R.W.M.; Bros. John Knox, as S.W.; G. W. Sparrock, as J.W.; Andrew Hamilton, as Secretary; and all the other office-bearers were also duly installed in their respective offices. After the installation, the brethren retired to the banquetting-hall, where they partook of a substantial repast, prepared under the direction of Bro. Thomas E. Murrel for the occasion. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. S. Eckstein, W.M. of the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge; C. F. Besson, P.M. United Brothers Lodge, 251; James Hubert Rat, W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge; Joseph Rodriguez, P.M. of the Lodge Azilio de la Paz (Bolivia); Dr. Manuel Maria Ortiz, P.M. of the Royal Phoenix Lodge; and W. D. Beridge, of the Colonial Bank, Trinidad; John Roberts, of Port of Spain; and several other distinguished visitors from Venezuela. After dinner, and before the toasts were proposed, a beautiful display of fireworks took place. On resuming, the usual obligatory toasts were drunk, and the brethren separated highly gratified.

The following address has been presented to the esteemed and worthy Bro. P. J. Delisle, W.M. 366, Trinidad.

"Port of Spain, Nov. 1874.

"To the R.W. Bro. P. J. Delisle, W.M., L.E.S., No. 368.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

"We, the office-bearers, members, and honorary members of Lodge Eastern Star, No. 368, upon the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, having learnt, with much concern, that you are about to visit one of the Sister Colonies for the benefit of your health, respectfully take leave to present you this address, in token of our sympathy, and as a tribute of our esteem and affection.

"It will no doubt be a source of satisfaction to you to know that the good wishes we desire to convey to you are shared by our sister lodges,—members of which have hereto attached their names.

"The valuable services you have already rendered to the Craft are well known to us, and have always met with our hearty appreciation: your election as our chief for fourteen years bears witness to this.

"It is our earnest prayer that in your search after health the G.A.U. will guide and watch over you; and that it will please Him shortly to restore you with renewed strength and vigour to the bosom of your dear family and brethren.

"We remain, Worshipful Sir, yours fraternally,

"J. M. REID, D.P.G.M., &c., &c.

"ERNEST DESROSES, P.M., L.E.S., No. 368.

"CHARLES RENAUD, P.S.M., L.E.S., No. 368.

"JOS. RODRIGUEZ, P.M., L.E.S., No. 368, &c."

Besides these signatures, follow those of 84 brethren of the various Scottish and English lodges in the Island, among them those of Bros. Hon. M. M. Philip, P.M. of R.P.W., No. 867; J. Palmer, W.M., L.A., No. 438; W. Cuthbert, P.M., L.A., No. 438; Rev. R. C. Nelson, P.M., L.A., No. 438; Jas. H. Rat, W.M., R.P. Lodge, No. 911; and A. Eckstein, W.M., R.P.W. Lodge, No. 867.

Bro. Delisle made the following reply:—

"To Bros. J. M. Reid, D.P.G.M., S.R., &c., &c.; Ernest Desroses, P.M., L.E.S., No. 368; Charles Renaud, P.S.M., L.E.S., No. 368; Jos. Rodriguez, P.M., L.E.S., No. 368; and others.

"Dear Brethren,—

"I have listened with feelings of the deepest pleasure to the address you have just read to me, on account of the kindly sentiments for me therein expressed, and because their expression being spontaneous, I have every reason to believe them sincere. I thank you for reminding me of the number of years I have occupied the post I hold, it makes me push my thoughts further back, and embrace the whole period of my Masonic career; this career, chequered though the pavement of its path has been, has always been cheered by a love for Freemasonry, and I feel truly thankful for the assurance now given me that the esteem and affection of my brethren is the rich reward of that career. Accept my deep and sincere thanks for your sympathy with my infirm state of health, and good wishes for my voyage to regain strength, and believe me that nothing will afford me greater pleasure than to return speedily with renewed health to labour with you, and enjoy your society.

"I remain, dear brethren, very fraternally yours,

"P. J. DELISLE."

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE PUNJAB.

An emergent meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Friday, the 26th February, 1875, at 7.30 p.m. Present: Bros. G. Daly, P.D.D.G.M. of Bengal, as D.G.M.; M. A. Saunders, D.G.S. Warden; W. Mellor, D.G.J. Warden; Rev. J. B. Bruesson, B.A., D.G. Chaplain; Major W. Haddow, D.G. Registrar; Major W. H. Mackesy, D.G. Treasurer; George Davies, D.G. Secretary; Captain Fred Grundy, D.G.S. Deacon; James Wilkinson, as D.G.J. Deacon; Henry T. Tanner, C.E., D.G. Superintendent of Works; Captain Lewis W. Taylor, D.G. Organist; C. W. Calthrop, M.D., D.G.D. of Ceremonies; William Bull, D.G. Pursuivant; J. W. Lemarchand, J. J. Davies, J. B. Tapp, Stewards; George Read, Tyler; Leighton, Barrister-at-Law, and R. Keene, Visitors.

The following lodges were represented: Himalayan Brotherhood, 459; Charity, 563, Hope and Perseverance, 782; Wahab, 988; Ravee, 1215; Indus, 1279; Jumna, 1394; Mayo, 1413; Light in the Himalayahs, 1448; Sutlej, 1442; St. John the Evangelist, 1483; Industry, 1405.

District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 7.30, prayer being evoked by the D.G. Chaplain.

The acting District Grand Master informed the brethren that this District Grand Lodge had been assembled for the purpose of installing R. Wor. Bro. Marmaduke

Ramsay as District Grand Master of the Punjab. The District Grand Director of Ceremonies having informed the Offg. D.G.M. that the deputation appointed to conduct the R.W.D.G.M. into Grand Lodge was ready, it was duly announced, the whole Grand Lodge standing to order, the organ playing a Grand March. The R.W.D.G. Master was conducted to the front of the Altar, and duly presented by Bro. W. E. Ball, P.D.G.S.W. The Offg. D.G.M. called upon the D.G. Secretary to read the Patent of Office from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons of England.

The District Grand Secretary then read the Patent of Office.

The R. W. District Grand Master then addressed District Grand Lodge as follows:—

Wor. Sirs and Brethren,—

I do not intend to keep you long, but I feel on an occasion like this I am bound to say a few words. It is now nearly 4½ years since a D.G. Master addressed you from this chair, Right Wor. Bro. Mercer's last appearance having been at the communication held on the 27th October, 1870. During 1871 and up to October, 1872, Wor. Bro. Basevi presided over our meetings as D.D.G.M. with full powers. Since then I have had the honour of doing so in a similar capacity.

First let me return my best thanks to Wor. Bro. Daly for his kindness in coming up to instal me, and to congratulate him on the part of all here present on the admirable and impressive manner in which he has performed the ceremony.

Early last year, when Right Wor. Bro. Mercer intimated his intention of resigning, and desired to have the opinion of the leading brethren in the district as to a successor, a circular was issued addressed to all W. Masters, Past Masters and Wardens, and requesting that the replies might be sent to a committee of D.G. Lodge Officers, who were to open and record them.

I need hardly say, brethren, I saw none of the replies, so am quite ignorant of how any brother voted, or who voted or who did not; but I do know that the result of the voting was that a very large majority did me the high honour of naming me as the most acceptable successor in this Chair. The high office in which I have been installed this evening, I am happy to think I owe chiefly to the suffrages of the brethren over whom I am now to rule, and this makes the pleasure I feel at being appointed to so exalted a position in the Craft doubly pleasant to me. I return you all my most hearty thanks for the honour you have done me, and sincerely trust that I may prove myself deserving of the confidence that has been placed in me; and, the G.A.O.T.U. helping me, I will do all in my power to realise the wishes and hopes of the brethren.

The appointment of a new D.G. Master being a new starting point in Masonry, let us review very shortly the progress of the Craft during the past years. This District was founded, as you all know, in accordance with a petition sent to the M.W. the G.M. in 1868, and Right Wor. Bro. Mercer was installed in this Hall on the 12th March, 1869. There were at that time 7 lodges only in the province: Himalayan Brotherhood, Charity, Khybur, Hope and Perseverance, Wahab, Phoenix, and Ravee, and the first returns showed the total number of subscribing Masons as 217. At the end of 1869, Indus and Multan had been added to our roll. In 1870 Light of the North sprang into existence. In 1871 no new lodge was added to our number, but Lodge Phoenix having ceased to work for two years was placed in abeyance. In 1872, Jumna and Mayo got their warrants, but 1873 was the year in which Masonry took its stride in advance, the warrants of no less than six lodges having been either received or applied for during that year: Morning Star, Sutlej, Industry, Light in the Himalayas, Northern Star, and St. John the Evangelist. During 1874 the work of consolidating and strengthening went on, and no new lodge was opened, but the returns of the last quarter of 1874 show that we had on the 31st December on our rolls no less than 463 Masons. Thus since this province was raised to a separate District our lodges have increased from 7 to 17, and our subscribing Masons from 217 to 463. No one can deny that this is a real solid step in advancement; and not only has our number of lodges increased, but all are progressing in a most satisfactory manner. During the last two years every lodge I think has been officially visited by myself or one or other of the higher D.G.L. officers, and in every case the report has been a most cheering and satisfactory one.

The other point to which I wish to draw your attention is our Masonic Institution. It commenced first with Lodge Hope and Perseverance, and took its present shape in 1871. If you look back to the D.G.L. meeting of the 14th January of that year you will find the scheme all laid out in a proposition brought before the Board of General Purposes by W. Bro. Basevi, who was then D.G.S. Warden. We received from the funds of Lodge Hope and Perseverance about Rs. 4,000. At the end of 1874 we had so increased this sum that the account stood as follows: Invested money Rs. 12,800; in bank and Hon. Secretary's hands Rs. 6,366-4, or a grand total of Rs. 13,436-6-4. We are educating four boys, two at the Bishop's School at Simla, and two at the Lahore High School. So we may consider this Institution as financially in a most satisfactory state, and that the grand virtue of our Order, "Charity," is not neglected in the province.

In conclusion, brethren, a few words as regards myself. I cannot express to you that I feel to-night the highest honour to which a Mason can hope to rise, and which so few are able to attain, is now mine—thanks mainly to the brethren of this province. I don't care to make, and I am sure you don't care to hear, long protestations; but I ask you to believe that I speak from my heart when I say that all I can do to advance Masonry in this province, to

distribute the honours of the purple fairly and impartially, and to endeavour to retain the fraternal affection of one and all of the brethren over whom I am now to rule, shall be done by me with all the earnestness and sincerity which I can bring to bear on it.

Before sitting down, brethren, I have to inform you that I have appointed W. Bro. Major G. N. Money, Past D.G.S. Warden, as D.D.G.M. of the district. I have also appointed W. Bro. J. R. Campbell, W.M. of Lodge Mayo, and an old P.M., to be D.G. Director of Ceremonies in room of W. Bro. Colonel Minchin, who, being unable to take up the duties, has to my great regret placed his resignation of that office in my hands.

Vote of thanks to Bro. Major Beamish, 36th Regiment, for making over the Vice-Presidentship of P.M.I. to the District Grand Master for the time being.

Resolution.—That this District Grand Lodge desires to return its most cordial thanks to Bro. Major Beamish, 36th Regiment, for having made over the Vice-Presidentship of the P.M.I. to the District Grand Master of this district, and directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to that brother with their fraternal good wishes.

The District Grand Secretary read warm and hearty letters of congratulation from the R.W. Acting D.G. Master of Bengal, from "Lodges Hope and Perseverance," "Ravee," "St. John the Evangelist," and "Industry," and other lodges of the district, which were ordered to be recorded and suitable replies returned.

Apologies were then read from the brethren who owing to distance and other causes were prevented from being present, which were ordered to be duly recorded.

There being no more business before D.G. Lodge it was closed in due form with prayer, at 10 p.m.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRIORY CHAPTER

(No. 1000).

On Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, a fourth chapter was added to the roll of Royal Arch Masonry in Essex.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by E. Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Grand Scribe E. Middlesex, in his usual faultless and painstaking manner, very ably assisted by E. Comps. J. Percy Leith, P.Z., P.G. First Assist. Soj., as acting H.; J. Boyd, P.Z., Prov. G.P. Soj. Middlesex, as acting J. After the chapter had been opened in ancient form, the companions were admitted, and were marshalled by E. Comp. H. G. Buss, P.Z., Prov. G. Treasurer Middlesex, who acted most efficiently as Director of Ceremonies.

In addition to the above mentioned, there were present Comps. Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.Z. 214, Grand Chaplain of England; Col. Wilkinson, P.Z., P.Prov. G.P. Soj. Cheshire; H. A. Dubois, 1326, Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex; G. Cooper, M.E.Z. 214; J. H. Spencer, 73; Mason, 73; F. Dawson, 188; W. T. Christian, 544; C. Eltham, 544; W. Skilleter, 829; J. G. Marsh, 975; J. Green, 975; E. E. Phillips, 379; A. Lucking, 1293; Spencer R. Weston, 7; J. C. Johnstone, J. A. Wardell, 1293; Rev. H. J. Hatch, 1293; Jas. Willing, jun., 177; T. W. Gower, 1293; W. T. Allen.

Those present who had signed the petition, having signified their approval of the companions named in the warrant to be the Principals, viz., Comps. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Z.; E. E. Phillips, H.; and A. Lucking, J., the chapter was duly consecrated. That interesting ceremony being ended, the installation of the Principals was proceeded with and carried out in a most able manner. The following officers were then nominated and elected—Comps. S. R. Weston, Treasurer; J. C. Johnstone, Scribe E.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Scribe N.; J. A. Wardell, P. Soj.; Jas. Willing, jun., 1st Assistant Soj.; J. W. Gower, 2nd Assistant Soj., E.B., Mountain Janitor.

The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of Comp. F. Dawson, 188.

The rank of Honorary Member was unanimously conferred upon E. Comps. R. W. Little, J. Percy Leith, J. Boyd, and H. G. Buss.

Several brethren were proposed for exaltation.

The business of the day having terminated and the Chapter closed, the companions adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. F. Cantor, and presided over by the M.E.Z. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. E. Comp. J. Percy Leith, replied for the Grand Officers. In responding to the toast of the "The Masonic Charities" E. Comp. Little, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, made an excellent speech, and in the course of his remarks mentioned that the Chapter would be represented at the annual festival on the 11th of May, as Comp. A. Lucking, J., had expressed his intention of serving as Steward. During the evening Comp. Rev. H. J. Hatch sang a song composed by himself in commemoration of the installation of the M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was enthusiastically received. The Janitor's toast having been given, the companions separated, all well pleased with a happy, instructive, and delightful day.

It is superfluous to add that everything passed off admirably, and that the chapter bids fair in every respect to be a worthy adjunct to the lodge from which it derives its parentage and name.

The furniture and appointments were manufactured by Comp. Geo. Kenning, and were very much admired.

The sixth Triennial Festival of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society was held at the City Terminus Hotel, on Wednesday; total amount received £1,551; Bro. George Abbott's list amounted to £183.

In our report of the appointments of Grand Officers, we omitted to state that Bro. S. G. Homfray, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Monmouth, was appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

(Continued).

As society advances in the paths of civilization the development of moral and social virtues increases with every step. Each stride in general culture owes its impulse to a different source, but whether attributable to the development of morality itself or to any violent and coercive measures of a progressive legislation, its results are always beneficial to the cherished Palladium of Masonry. Probably no social events can measure the welfare of the general community so well as the extensive establishment and patronage of societies for promoting sociality and general kindness, and when this barometer records the development of the original project into an important movement extending all over the country, and points to the simultaneous establishment of numerous prominent clubs in great centres of Masonry, it argues well for the health and strength of our Craft and the universal acceptance of our fundamental precepts; for as Masonry teaches, clubs realise.

It is therefore with unfeigned pleasure that we welcome the announcement of another club, which shall not only promote the laudable ends of all its confrères, but will be particularly devoted to the interests of Masons, and the practice of their immortal principles. Masons will be the only persons eligible for membership, and in the social seclusion, so to speak, of their club-house, surrounded by their brother Masons, encompassed by the paraphernalia of the Craft, with a library teeming with historic records and works speaking but of "universal good will," all friends and brothers without introduction, practising their mysteries over their after-dinner wine, recognising congenial comrades through the aromatic fumes of the smoking room, they will have nothing to remind them of the outside world, its doubtful pleasures and lamentable vices. This picture, if realized (and we see no reason why it should not be realized) represents a club as it should be, but as it can only be where the moral code of Masonry reigns in undisputed sway, and where every member knows his co-member to be free from those social vices which are tolerated in society, but which are inconsistent with the teachings of their common Craft.

The impulse which Masonry has received by the recent Installation of the Prince of Wales, the prominence into which it has been called by this great ceremony, the additional force which has thus been infused into its world-wide ramifications, render the new project most plausible. The concourse of provincial and continental brethren which has assembled in this great metropolis, will not fail to be surprised at the absence of an institution which in their localities has long been established, and found to be necessary and successful; and the good sense of the projectors in bringing their scheme before the public at so propitious a moment cannot but be fraught with pleasing results.

The project originated in the restless philanthropic activity of some of our brethren, who have wisely formed themselves into a Limited Liability Company, for the better consummation of their scheme. It will be seen that to render this project the success it deserves to be the movers must throw themselves entirely upon the generosity of their brethren, and we are sure that now the prospectus is published it will hardly be able to fall through for lack of support. It must be recollected that although Masonry is one great club in itself, and the entire world the scene of its labours, the practice of its moral and social precepts is better realized in centres specially devoted to their development, and acquires greater force from such excellent demonstration of their utility.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE OF THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.—The M.W. Frater, H. C. Levander, M.A., Master of the Temple, held the Quarterly Convocation at the Royal Masonic Hall, 68, Regent Street, W., on Friday, the 30th April. Present—R. W. Little, Dr. Harrison, Dr. Woodman, Hubbard, Matier, Dr. J. K. Smith, Goepel, George Turner, H. C. Levander, Church, Cubitt, White, Stanton Jones, Mackenzie, Thomas, George Kenning, P. M. Holden, and others. The following were balloted for and admitted to the grade of Zelator—Bros. Charles Horsley, 2, Staple Inn, E.C.; Capt. George Cockle, 9, Bolton Gardens, South Kensington, W.; Edward Amphlett, 32, Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square, W.; John Wm. Ellison Macartney, M.P., House of Commons, S.W. Frater Frederick Hockley, 167, Liverpool Road, N. (of the Bristol College), was admitted as a joining member.

"THE BATTLE OF THE DIETS."—It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and recent discussions that have taken place as to the value or worthlessness of various kinds of prepared foods, however distasteful they may have been to the manufacturers, who, from ignorance of scientific principles, have been extracting all the nutriment from their farina, seem likely to teach the public at large how to distinguish with ease between good and bad. A good general rule was laid down by Dr. Stone in a letter to the *Times* on the first ultimo. He tells us that whenever the food is perfectly white and of extreme fineness, it should be rejected as being almost entirely composed of starch alone. When, however, the natural brownish colour has been preserved, and nutrition has not been sacrificed to appearance, these foods contain even more nourishment than meat. One of this latter description is Dr. Ridge's Patent (cooked) Food, which has been long recognized as a most valuable article of diet, and the only efficient substitute for milk for infants and invalids, as while the process to which it is subjected during preparation renders it exceptionally easy of digestion, none of the nutritious properties of the pure wheat of which it is composed have been driven off, and it is therefore rich in all the substances necessary for forming flesh, blood, and bone.

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Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The following stand over and will be inserted next week:—

Letters from T. C. G. L.; W. Kelly; Edwin Prior; "A New Order in Yorkshire." Poetry: "The Installation;" "Ode," W. S.; "The Berkshire Masons." Reports of Lodges: 21, 141, 332, 464, 1018, 1138, 1239, 1309, 1381, E. C., Grand Lodge of Scotland.

THE GRAPHIC

This Week, May 8, contains the following Fine Engravings: Portrait of Miss Elizabeth Thompson (Drawn from Life), Painter of the "Roll Call," &c. "Off Duty," from the Picture by G. Pope. Collision Between a Ship and an Iceberg off Cape Horn.

THE FREEMASONS

At the Albert Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon leading H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Throne. Signor Tommaso Salvini, the great Italian Tragedian. The Transit of Venus: An Observatory Station in the Australian Bush. Patent Reversible Lifeboat for Ships. The Civil War in Spain: Don Carlos attending Mass at the Cathedral of Tolosa. Old Country Seats: Seighford Hall, Staffordshire. School Revisited: One of the Heads from Mr. G. D. Leslie's Picture in the Royal Academy Exhibition (Extra Double-Page Engraving on Plate Paper). The Threatened War in Burmah: A Bore on the Sitang River. Our Obituary Record: Portraits of Baron Brunnov, Sir Arthur Helps, Canon Selwyn, H. W. Pickersgill, R.A., and Mr. T. Wright, the Prison Philanthropist. The Snake-eating Snake at the Zoological Gardens. The Arctic Expedition: Patent Gun for Shooting Walrus; Snow Boot. A Gondola Race at Venice. A New Story by Mr. George Macdonald, entitled St. George and St. Michael, is continued in this Week's Number.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1875.

MEMORIES OF THE GREAT INSTALLATION.

By this time most of our good brethren have gone home again, and find themselves amid the joys and comforts of their "own fireside." We trust that they will carry a tale back to those who will eagerly listen, of all that is precious and

pleasant connected with that red letter day henceforth in our Masonic calendar, April 28th, 1875. They will, we think, take away with them, at least we hope so, many pleasurable reminiscences. They saw and heard their Grand Master, in all the warmth of his amiable kindness, and in all the manly sincerity of his genial nature. They witnessed a sight, that they will never forget, in the enthusiastic fervour of commander and brethren, and the most famous, and best disciplined meeting that our Order has ever been privileged to hold. Why, even to-day we are still regarding with astonishment and pride those serried lines of exulting Craftsmen. We even still can behold their manipulations. All honour to them! They came from all directions, and they proved themselves to be what we knew them to be, despite the vaticinations of some and the fear of others, a most warm-hearted, gentlemanly, amiable and loyal body of men, obedient to lawful authority, and eager to please and be pleased. Even the profane press, the *Times* for example, is deeply struck by the order, the zeal, the perfect subordination of that mighty assembly, and there can be no doubt, that that noble gathering has given, and will give, much additional "eclat" and "prestige" to our Order generally. The banquet passed over as well as the meeting, and the speeches were equally marked by good taste, much happy facility, and above all with true Masonic teaching. Anything more thoroughly and truly in the spirit of our old Grand Masters than the heartfelt expressions of our august Grand Master, we have never read, and we augur well indeed for the Craft and for him. The Duke of Connaught was loudly cheered, as he well deserved to be, and the Duke of Manchester's opportune little address deserves to be specially commended. Bro. Erasmus Wilson and his Board of Stewards demand all praise and many thanks. The genial Doctor himself made a very effective speech, and under his skilful direction there could be no doubt that not only was the festival itself a great success, but the guests thoroughly enjoyed their dinner. Some one has said that "the things of to-day are the things of to-morrow," but we doubt the truth of the axiom as regards April 28th, 1875. We shall never behold such another assembly again. It was quite pleasant to see so many old Freemasons, and to shake hands with so many ancient friends, and we are not likely or willing to let go its agreeable souvenirs. But, like as when one bids adieu to an old mate who is setting off for a distant clime, or just as when we leave some old familiar spot with a sigh and a wrench of the heart, so as we wish good bye to our great Installation gathering, as we say "valè" to its brilliant pageant, and its glorious heartiness, we do so with mingled pleasure and regret. Pleasure to have been present, regret that it is now a thing of the past! But for us in England it will never remain an event of imperishable recollections, and nothing can ever lessen its value or dim its grandeur to our English and loyal Craft. As Moore sang of old, it is still ever true in this mundane existence of ours, in great things as well as in humble—

You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.

THE ADVANTAGES OF DISCIPLINE.

It is well known that it is not an easy matter to move a large body of men. In theory it may seem a facile operation, and the book of manoeuvres may be very precise, but yet in practice it requires, as all know who have anything to do with such things, no little carefulness, much self-possession, and a great deal of "savoir faire," to say nothing of a "memoria technica." And so to many the control over from 7 to 8,000 Freemasons seemed somewhat dubious, and not a little hazardous. And yet here "without a casualty," such is the police report, they all moved in and they all moved out, without the least difficulty or the smallest confusion. Too much praise cannot be accorded to their commanders, too much admiration cannot be expended upon them. We do not know to whom exactly belongs the praise of drawing out the scheme for the ar-

range of the brethren, but we believe it to belong to Bro. Albert W. Woods and Brother Thomas Fenn alone. Whoever it was, has a clear talent for organization, and we may be glad that we have one brother or more capable of successfully handling and controlling large masses of Freemasons. But still equal kudos, we think, ought to be given to our brethren. An old soldier once said that the "greatest merit of all was to know how to obey orders," and certainly no body of men could have been more docile or more tractable than those many thousands of Freemasons on April 28th. Indeed, Freemasonry teaches us all the good lesson of discipline, whether general or personal, from first to last. From the time we see the light until we pass away from all of earth, so long as we are affiliated—and all Masons ought to be affiliated Masons—ours is a continuous exhortation, alike to discipline of self and discipline in the lodge. We are, as Lord Winchelsea once said of the great Duke, "taught to command by learning to obey," and he, in our opinion, is the truest Freemason who has learnt the best of all lessons next to self discipline, namely, obedience. And though Freemasons, like all Englishmen, have a slight tendency to grumble, they are not as a general rule either "frondeurs" or insubordinate. They are, for the most part, a very cheerful, contented, easily gratified, orderly body of men, amenable to authority, and loyal to their chiefs. We have, happily, few disagreements, and no cabals amongst us; complaints are unfrequent, and controversy is at a discount. Hence we have every element of stable prosperity and peaceful progress. And long may it so continue. Long may we be free from idle questions and hurtful logomachies, long may we remain a loving, a forbearing, a tolerant, an united Order. When we are gone, and another generation has taken our places, and they talk of our great Installation of 1875, may they be as happily cemented as we are in all fraternal good will, may they equally manifest the advantages of discipline, and of obedience to authority.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

We have much pleasure in being enabled to publish the following short memoirs of some of the new Grand Officers:—

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

The Lord Mayor was initiated in the Tuscan Lodge, 14, in the year 1855; in 1857 joined the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1; served all the offices, including Master; appointed Grand Steward by the Grand Masters' Lodge; served the office and was appointed President of the Grand Stewards. Joined the Moira Chapter, R.A.; filled the three chairs and is M.E.Z., and will be promoted to Grand Chapter on Wednesday. Subsequently became a member of a Surrey lodge, the Frederick of Unity, also joined chapter connected with it. Is also a member of the Rose Croix and a K. Templar. Has served the office of Steward on several occasions.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. Spencer Robert Wigram, M.A., Balliol College, Oxon, vicar of Prittlewell, Essex, and rural dean, was initiated in Romford, Lodge Hope and Unity, No. 214; Past Grand Chaplain of the Province of Essex; J.W. Priory Lodge, 1000, and P.M. and P.Z. 214. Son of Bro. Octavius Wigram, of Bryanstone Square, for many years Governor of Royal Exchange Assurance, a very hard-working Mason; has devoted a great deal of time to the interests of the Craft in Essex, and is well known and extremely liked by all who have the pleasure of coming in contact with him.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Robert Grey was initiated into Freemasonry on the 13th February, 1860, in the St. Andrews-in-the-East Lodge, No. 222, and passed the chair of that lodge in 1865-6. He joined the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, on the 23rd February, 1864, and represented that lodge as Grand Steward in 1866. In 1869 he acted as one of the Stewards at the Inauguration Festival. In 1874, on the occasion of the Installation of the Prince of Wales as W.M. of the Prince of

Wales's Lodge, H.R.H. appointed Bro. Grey his Deputy Master, to which office he was re-appointed this year. Bro. Grey assisted H.R.H. in the ceremony of initiating his brother, the Duke of Connaught, in March, 1874, and raised His Royal Highness to the third degree on the evening preceding the great event at the Royal Albert Hall. Bro. Grey served on the Board of General Purposes in 1865 as W.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge; and is again a member this year as Deputy Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge. He is Vice-President of each of the charities, of which he has served the stewardships four times. He is also P.Z. of Chapter No. 7.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Dr. William R. Woodman, Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Lodge, Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Chapter, is the son of an Exeter surgeon. He was a pupil of the late John Haddy James, surgeon to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, and a distinguished Waterloo officer; he afterwards served the office of house surgeon. He was appointed assistant surgeon to the "North Star" in the Arctic Expedition under Captain Sir Edward Belcher, but the appointment was not finally confirmed. When he had completed his medical career in London he went to Paris, to benefit by further study, and was just in time to volunteer his services as surgeon to attend the wounded of the Coup d'Etat of December 2nd, 1851, and was under fire during the three days and nights of that exciting period. He was initiated in the St. George's Lodge, Exeter, in April 1852. He afterwards joined the Grenadiers' Lodge, No. 66, worked his way up from the lowest office to that of W.M. in 1863 (this lodge has always been distinguished for its perfect working and strict ritual). He entered the Royal Arch in 1864, in the Britannic Chapter, No. 33, and served all the offices with distinction, and his working in the chair was unusually excellent and thorough. He was one of the leading brethren who assisted Bro. Little in transferring the Bard of Avon Lodge from Stratford-on-Avon to Middlesex, and saving it from extinction. He assisted in founding the Campbell Lodge in Middlesex, and is also a member of the Royal Middlesex Chapter. He is a Prov. Grand Steward of Middlesex, and Prov. Grand Sojourner in the same Province. He served the office of Secretary to the Lodge of Union (No. 444), Starcross, Devon, and is now S.Warden and W.M. elect. He has ever been an ardent supporter of the charities, all of which he has served with zeal, and it was a great pleasure to him to be called on on Thursday, the day after the Installation, in company with the Secretary (Bro. Little), to assist the Earl of Shrewsbury in escorting the deputation from the King of Sweden to the Royal Masonic Girls' School. He has also done good service in the Christian Orders, and has long held the office of Grand Recorder in the Red Cross and Secretary General in the Rosicrucian Society. He is a Mark Mason (No. 1 Lodge), a Knight Templar, and a Rose Croix.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. E. P. Albert was initiated in the Lodge of Joppa (No. 188), 23 years ago, passed the chair and all the various offices, and has acted as Hon. Secretary for 12 years. Was one of the founders of the Montifore Lodge, No. 1017; acted as W.M. for two years under an emergency, on the death of the first Master, and has been Hon. Secretary of this lodge for 7 years as a Royal Arch Mason, and served the Chapter as M.E.Z., similarly to that of W.M., on a pressing occasion, receiving the thanks of the lodge and chapter (inscribed in the minutes), besides substantial marks of their favour in the shape of a service of plate and a number of jewels; is an Honorary Member of the Lodge of Friendship (S.C.) at the Mauritius, which was unanimously voted to him for his services in procuring for the brethren a warrant under the Constitution of Scotland, electing him also Proxy Master to represent their interests at Grand Lodge. He is also an Honorary Member of the oldest lodge of Scotland (the Canongate and Leith), unanimously awarded to him for supporting the dignity of the Scotch lodges on some special occasion.

[We shall continue these notices next week.]

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

We have perused the report of this useful subsidiary Educational Institution with much interest and attention. It seems, to use the words of the report, that "continued prosperity, progress and usefulness" are the happy lot of this benevolent offshoot of West Lancashire educational sympathies. The society has now vested funds to the amount of £11,515 1s. 4d., and the interest of the same amounts to £481 12s. 11d. To this has to be added the proceeds of the Masonic ball, £224, and donations and subscriptions to the amount of £588 19s., making a total of actual income of £12,999 in round numbers. If to this is added the balance of 1873, £695, and the repayment of a Mersey Dock Bond, £510, the audit side of the balance sheet reaches to £2516 1s. 10d. Per contra, paid for educating 46 children, and for the advancement of 3, £288 15s. 7d., some minor miscellaneous expenses, £61, in round numbers, and £1950 invested. The balance that is carried forward is £215 1s. 4d. Financially this is a very satisfactory report, and reflects great credit on the managers and the West Lancashire brethren. The committee propose now, "in certain cases," to grant also "clothing," and we think the suggestion a very good one, and likely to tend to the personal elevation of the children. The amount paid for education seems to range from £10 to £15s. annually, as the maximum and minimum amount respectively, and we feel strongly that the mere payment of a fixed sum is not in itself the only test of good education. We should like to ask one question, in all friendliness and good will, having had for years the education of the young very much at heart, how is the worth of such education tested? Is there any examination of the children? Any ascertaining of their actual proficiency? We are, from long experience, impressed with the advisability, in order to render education both valuable and lasting in its effects, of imbuing children with something of that "esprit du corps" which arises from a regular school residence, from kindly treatment, careful supervision, good food, healthy recreation and the continuous training under skilled direction. As an assistance to many struggling widows and widowers, as a great blessing to many a poor orphan, as a preservation, above all, from the workhouse, we think the West Lancashire Educational Institution, however, deserving of much commendation, and all "hearty good wishes." We wish indeed well to it and all our warm-hearted Lancashire brethren.

THE GRAND ORIENT AND THE CHAPITRES.

As some of our readers know, some time ago the Grand Orient of France decided by a large majority, to exclude in future all the representatives of the "Chapitres" from their body, that is, all who did not belong to symbolical Masonry. To this resolution no one had a right to object, as, even supposing, as some alleged, a "concordat" to exist between the High Grades and Symbolical Masonry, it was clearly in the power of either side to terminate such an arrangement. Indeed, we do not profess to understand how such an agreement ever could endure for any length of time, and we fully sympathized with the French Grand Orient in the difficulties of their position, and thought that on the whole their decision was the best solution of all the existing controversies, "qui juris nodos et legum enigmata solvit." But owing, it appears, to some intricate arrangements of which we do not quite realize the good or object, it is evident that, notwithstanding their removal of all the delegates of the "Chapitres" from the Grand Orient, the Grand Orient still claims to keep the control over and the regulation of the "Chapitres," through "Le Conseil de l'Ordre." Now, this it is which we cannot understand. They have dissolved the "liens" which bound the "Chapitres" to the Grand Orient, and yet it is asserted that "Le Conseil de l'Ordre," emanating from the Grand Orient, is still the supreme authority to which all the "Chapitres" are

amenable, and which Conseil de l'Ordre is still practically the mouthpiece of the Grand Orient. So that the Grand Orient still legislates, in some fashion, for the Chapitres, though the Chapitres have nothing to do with the Grand Orient any longer. One would have thought that the simple and more Masonic way would have been to have allowed the Chapitres, henceforth, "entiere liberté," so that, if they liked to form a "Grand Chapitre de la France," they might have the opportunity and full consent of the Grand Orient to do so: It is, in our humble opinion, the only possible arrangement by which peace and fraternal good will can be preserved. It is impossible to suppose that the "Chapitres" will be content with the government of the Conseil de l'Ordre, and it is in vain for the Grand Orient, in our opinion, to try to do what no one else has ever succeeded in doing in this world, namely, to "have their cake and eat it." They have severed the Chapitres from the Grand Orient, and the Chapitres are "dans leur droit" in now seeking to form a government and central authority of their own. The Grand Orient have condemned three chapters, the chapter of "Candour," the "Star of Progress," and the "Free Knights of St. Andrew of Scotland," all in the Valley of Bordeaux, which have declared that, in consequence of the resolution of the Grand Orient previously alluded to, they have separated from the Grand Orient, and ceased all direct and indirect relations. We regret the step of the Grand Orient in the interests of Masonic toleration, justice, and fair play, as we cannot understand why the Grand Orient should wish to keep any authority over the High Grade Chapters which they have resolved are not to be represented in the Grand Orient itself. We are complaining against the Roman Catholic authorities for foolish interdicts and unreasonable condemnations, and here we have before our very eyes, such is the inconsistency of us all, proving too truly, "que nous sommes tous mortels," the Grand Orient of France, "frappant" with "major and minor excommunication," these three "chapters" in France. We are sorry for it, we repeat, as we think it a mistake, and we venture frankly to say so, because we are of opinion, though not belonging to the High Grades ourselves, that they have a right to fair play and Masonic consideration! It is their undoubted privilege, we venture to conceive, to establish, under their altered circumstances, a grand governing "Chapitre" of their own, rendered necessary for their independence and preservation, by the act of the Grand Orient itself.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE "SCOTTISH FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE."

We most deeply deplore, in the best interests of Freemasonry in Scotland, and as an act of injustice to a most loyal body of men, the Scottish Freemasons, the utterly uncalled for and very unbecoming remarks on this subject in our contemporary of May 1st. We believe that such opinions in no way represent those of our good brethren across the border, and will be at once repudiated by them one and all. The Scottish Freemasons are every whit as loyal as the English Freemasons, and the distinguished deputation from Scotland was most warmly greeted in Grand Lodge, April 28th.

Original Correspondence.

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

AN INSTALLATION JEWEL. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Deeply delighted as I was with the Installation, being privileged to be present, I yet cannot but feel for many excellent and disappointed brethren. It has occurred to me that, as a consolation to many who, absent in body, were present in spirit, our Royal Grand Master might authorise the institution of an Installation Commemoration Jewel, to be worn by all affiliated Freemasons at the date of his installation. Such a jewel would be a happy commemoration of a great event. If the jewel had simply an enamel miniature of our Grand Master, surmounted by the Prince of Wales's feather, and on the reverse the five-pointed star, with these watch words, "Loyalty and

Charity," April 28th, 1875, it would commend itself to the devotion and sympathies of thousands of our Order. I trust too that, well managed, such an institution might greatly benefit our charities and Masonic benevolence. All applications should come through the Masters of Lodges to the Grand Secretary, on a form prepared for that purpose, and the jewel should be sent to the W.M., and given in open lodge.

If the Board of General Purposes would issue a notification to the Craft that they would receive a design for such a jewel, many, no doubt, would be sent in, and, selecting the most appropriate, they could contract with some one Masonic jeweller to supply the authorities with the number they required from time to time. The price for each, as delivered to the W.M., would be fixed by the Board of General Purposes, the W.M. and lodge would be responsible for the amount, and after the jeweller was paid as per contract, the overplus on each jewel, which on the whole would amount to a considerable sum, could be divided by the Board of General Purposes among such of our Masonic Charities as most needed it, or might be paid over to the Grand Treasurer for the Fund of Benevolence. Some may object to the mixing up of charity with such a matter as the institution of a Commemorative Jewel, but I, on the contrary, think it a very good and wholesome restraint on any tendency we have to fine ornamentation, as I have felt that those who want a "pine apple" must pay for it. Besides, as our Order is emphatically a charitable as well as a loyal Order, in this as in everything else, we are true to our watchword, and make loyalty and charity go hand in hand.

I am, dear Friend and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The great Masonic event which has just taken place, and which is so well portrayed in your columns—viz., the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master of the English Freemasons—is one which will long be remembered, and prove a landmark in the annals of the Craft. After the Prince had been duly robed and chaired, he was thereafter addressed or admonished by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, in a most admirable speech, which might have been faultless had the Right Honourable Speaker not marred it by unnecessarily introducing certain pseudo historical remarks, based, as it appears to me, not upon fact, but upon fiction. The words which I object to are in the latter portion of the remark—"Freemasonry possesses many titles to respect, even in the eyes of the outer world. It has first of all a great antiquity—an antiquity ascending into the sphere, I may say, of immemorial tradition." And further on, where the speaker says—"Formerly, through the dim periods of the middle ages, it carried its records upon the public buildings of Europe, upon the tracery of the cathedral windows, and the ornamentation of palaces." Now, as a student of the history of Freemasonry, I beg to say that, so far as I can judge from the records which I have perused, our Freemasonry is not of "great antiquity," for no evidence has been produced of its existence even so recently as two hundred years ago. (Even you, yourself, brother Editor, at page 178 of to-day's *Freemason*, relegate the "legends" of King James I., Charles I. and II., William III. being Freemasons to "pre-historic times.") Consequently to talk of it "carrying its records" upon cathedrals and palaces "in the middle ages" is simply absurd. If however our Right Honourable brother is possessed of private evidence supporting his statements, as yet unknown to other Masonic students, I shall be both ready and willing to withdraw, and apologise for the foregoing criticisms so soon as I have seen or heard and duly weighed this new evidence. In concluding this letter I would beg leave to add that it is written in no mere captious spirit, but from a pure desire to support or bring out the truth. I am very glad indeed that the void left by the retrogression or retirement of the Marquis of Ripon has been more than filled up by the accession of the Prince of Wales, who I trust will long be spared to fill with honour the high position he holds.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

Glasgow, May 1st, 1875.

THE FATHER OF FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"The Father of Freemasons," says the *Illustrated London News*, in their issue of April 10th, commenting upon the decease of a Bro. D. Osmett, who died at Sherborne, Dorset, on the 21st ult., at the advanced age of ninety-nine years, "was the oldest member of the Craft." This is incorrect, as the respected deceased brother was initiated in the Lodge of Benevolence No. 459, Sherborne, in January 1820, and, being partially blind, his deserving and honourable conduct caused his election as an annuitant on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund till the time of his death. During the last four years he was a constant worshipper at the Abbey Church, Sherborne, celebrating his last three birthdays by partaking of the sacred Eucharist, his health being good till within a few weeks of his death. Deceased was born on Midsummer-day 1775, and lived with his daughter (Mrs. Guppy), who devoted much loving affection towards him in his declining years. The *Illustrated* is in error regarding "The Father of Freemasons." Our correspondent acknowledges the respect due to the advanced age of 99 years, but he veritably assures us that Bro. Isaac Townsend, a younger man, born in Essex, July 26th, 1793, *Sic in copy*, is an older member of the Craft, he being initiated into the rites of Masonry in Lodge 79, Greenwich, in March, 1793, *Sic in copy*, subsequently affiliating himself to Lodge 158, of Sheerness (Adam's), on the 7th January,

1834. Bro. Townsend was W.M. in the year 1840; Z in the Royal Arch 1845; G. R. for the province of Kent 1853, and 28 years Secretary of Adam's Lodge. He has the pleasing recognition of his untired services to the Craft by the presentation of a valuable watch, as also a pair of gold spectacles, in case mounted with silver, with a suitable inscription, for his energy and zeal, in forwarding the cause of Masonry. We are also creditably informed that P. W. Thorpe, of Ashford, although younger, is an older Mason than the deceased brother.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

[We do not understand these dates.—Ed.]

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL.

We are glad to be able to publish this appeal in the interest of common humanity.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir,—

Permit me, on behalf of the committee of the Seamen's Hospital, to draw your kind attention to the accompanying appeal for funds in aid of an institution so worthy of your support—the applicants for admission are numerous—the need of help is urgent—donations will be thankfully received; but specially do the committee plead for additional Annual Subscriptions, to impart increased persistence and steadiness to their operations.

The committee rely upon the generous support of the Press to aid them in their present great necessities.

I am, dear Sir, yours sincerely,

H. BURDETT, Secretary.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly state in your next edition whether H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh is a member of our ancient Order or not, as I often read of his health being proposed as such. I think it quite necessary every Freemason should be in possession of this information, and I know of no better means than through your valuable columns.

Your early reply will oblige,

Yours fraternally, "MASTER MASON."

[The Duke of Edinburgh is not a Freemason.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over a periodical the other day I saw the assertion that a lady was a Freemason, and she was likewise the founder of the Dublin Benevolent Institution for Orphan Daughters of Masons, and it further states that she was the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth; will you kindly inform me, through the medium of your paper, if these facts are true. T. R. D.

[Mrs. Aldworth was a Freemason.—Ed.] A Portrait (1s.) and a Memoir (6d.) may be had at the office of this paper.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE MOIRA APRON.

The following is the description of the Moira Apron taken from "Freemasons' Magazine," November, 19, 1859, page 386, Vol. II., 1859, or rather Vol. I., new series:—

"The design of this apron is truly unique. I shall state the outline in reference to the figures represented in the margin.

"Fig 1. Enoch, the Priest, Excellent Grand Master, in posture of adoration. 2. Moses reading the Tables of the Law, and the measuring rod with Aholiab and Bezaleel. 3. St. John with his banner and the lamb. 4. His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, G.M.; the Earl of Moira, A.G.M.; and the Duke of Sussex, D.G.M. 5. A perfect Masonic Abraxis surrounded by rays, the iris in a peculiar manner. 6. The G.M. of Scotland, the G.M. of Ireland, and the Earl of Moira in the centre pleading for a union of all the lodges. 7. Solomon King of Israel, Hiram King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. 8. St. John with the Holy Bible. 9. Z, H and J. All the figures are most beautifully engraved in their respective and appropriate robes, and printed on leather for an apron, and on paper for a frame.

"L. HAYES.

"2, Lower College-street, Bristol, January 6th, 1873."

My quotation about the "Moira Apron" is quite correct, viz., "Freemasons' Magazine," Vol. 1, for 1859, "not Vol. II." Volume II. is for the first half of the year 1860.

HENRY T. BOBART.

[Our brother is correct in part and so are we. The quotation occurs in the 2nd part of the actual volume for 1859, though it is Vol. I. of the new series. Vol. I. is properly the volume from January to June.—Ed.]

THE MASONS' COMPANY.—No. 2.

The *Freemason* for May 1st, 1875, will not only be remarkable because of its being the Royal number, but I venture to state that the communication from Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., on the above subject will also make it one of the most valuable ever issued in an archaeological sense.

Bro. Woodford has condensed the result of his inquiries of the Clerk of the Masons' Company under eight divisions, as follows:—

1. Ashmole is correct in saying, that Mr. Wise was Master of the Masons' Company in that year, 1682. (Not 1862 as in *Freemason*.)

Ashmole makes the statement in his diary March 10th, 1682, and which is the second time he alludes to Freemasonry in that interesting journal. The first is dated October 16th, 1646, and is to the following effect:—"I was made a Freemason at Warrington, in Lancashire, with Colonel Mainwaring of Karticham, in Cheshire; the names of those

that were then at the lodge, Mr. Richard Penket, Warden; Mr. James Collier, Mr. Richard Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, and Hugh Brewer."

2. All the names he mentions are traceable in the minutes of the Masons' Company, except Sir William Wiseman and Captain Richard Borthwick. Mr. William Woodman was admitted a member of the Masons' Company in January, 1678. Mr. Thomas Shorthose's name appears frequently in the minutes, as being Warden, and also on the Court; he was Warden in 1677.

The extract alluded to by Bro. Woodford is as follows, by which it will appear that no mention is made of "Sir William Wiseman" referred to by our indefatigable brother, but of Mr. William Wise. May this not account for his name not being found in the register? If so it is worth another search, as in all probability Mr. William Wise was a relative of Mr. Thomas Wise, the Master of the Company in 1682.

Under date March 10th, 1682, occurs this important entry of Ashmole's:—"About 5 p.m. I received a summons to appear at a lodge to be held the next day at Masons' Hall in London. Accordingly I went, and about noon was admitted into the fellowship of Freemasons by Sir William Wilson, Knight; Captain Richard Borthwick, Mr. William Woodman, Mr. William Grey, Mr. Samuel Taylour, and Mr. William Wise. I was the senior fellow among them (it being thirty-five years since I was admitted); there was present, besides myself, the fellows after named. Mr. Thomas Wise, Master of the Masons' Company this present year; Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt, —Wardsford, Esq.; Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. William Stanton. We all dined at the Half Moon Tavern, in Cheapside, at a noble dinner, prepared at the charge of the new accepted Masons."

3. There is no record of the meeting of the Company on March 10th, 1682, at least, "there is no minute to that effect."

If there had been it would not follow that it meant the one described by Ashmole, and as there is internal evidence of the two Societies being distinct, we quite agree with Bro. Woodford that the assembly at which Ashmole was present was a purely speculative lodge of Freemasons.

4. Neither is there any record of the dinner at the Half Moon, Cheapside, on that day, as stated by Ashmole.

We should like to know, however, if the Masons' Company was in the habit of dining at the "Half Moon," for it is not unlikely that the two Societies were on most intimate terms.

5. There is no minute that the Hall in Basinghall-st. was lent to the Freemasons.

Was there another Masons' Hall in London at this date? If so, where? Was it usual for a minute to be made when the Hall was lent for other purposes than those required for the Company, and is it not likely that the Hall was not used exclusively at the period in question for the Company's business? We still think it likely that this Hall is the one referred to by Ashmole, but of course without further evidence it is impossible to decide the matter, and so we must wait patiently and gratefully for any subsequent information from Bro. Woodford's most important researches on a subject hitherto either neglected by Masonic students, or beyond their abilities to secure an authentic account of, as it has proved with us.

6. Ashmole was not a member of the Masons' Company.

This statement, brief as it is, is about the most suggestive of the whole, and to our mind establishes the fact, that the society which met in 1682, as already noted, was not the Masons' Company.

7. Sir Christopher Wren was not a member of the Masons' Company.

This is also a fact which should be carefully considered, for as our old documents are discovered, and neglected MSS. are studied, they one by one appear to confirm the fact of Sir Christopher Wren having had little to do with our Freemasonry.

8. Robert Padgett was not Clerk to the Masons' Company in 1686; his name, after a careful examination, is not to be found in the minutes of the Masons' Company.

Bro. Padgett's signature occurs to the "Antiquity MS.," of which an exact transcript is to be found in our "Old Charges of British Freemasons," and, as Bro. Woodford points out, he describes himself as "Clerke to the Worshipful Society of the Freemasons of the City of London," which would not be the title of the Masons' Company, and consequently proves the two Clerks, just as the two societies, were distinct.

I wish Bro. Woodford every success in his examination of the fabric rolls of St. Paul's, and congratulate him most sincerely on his success in his researches respecting the Masons' Company. I do so the more warmly, well knowing what such a pursuit involves, and also being aware that other Masonic pursuits (including myself) have not succeeded in achieving what he has done. His question also about the Ashmole MSS. will, I trust, be answered to the satisfaction of all concerned and interested in such enquiry.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Who is the author of the poem recently quoted in the *Freemason*, from which the stanza, beginning "We shall watch for the gleam of the flapping sail" is taken?

Bradford.

J. W.

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VISIT OF THE SWEDISH DEPUTATION TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., the day after the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bros. Count Saleza, Admiral Lagercrantz, Baron Beck-Früs, Baron de Mecklenburg, and Oscar Dickson, the deputation from the King of Sweden and Norway to the Installation, accompanied by the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot and Viscount Ingestre, Dr. W. R. Woodman, Grand Sword Bearer, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little, paid a visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise. On their arrival at the school they were met by some of the members of the House Committee, including Bros. Griffiths Smith, Joshua Nunn, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and Alderman Randall, of Oxford, Alderman Spiers, of Oxford, and Bro. Massa, Surveyor of the Institution. They were then introduced to Miss Davis, the head governess, and the other governesses, and conducted over the building and grounds. At the conclusion of the inspection Miss Davis put the children through their calisthenic exercises, and vocal and instrumental musical performances. The children afterwards gave several recitations in English, French, and German. The Earl of Shrewsbury addressed the children, and the Count de Saleza also spoke, expressing the great pleasure he and the other members of the deputation had experienced in visiting the school, and seeing all the inmates so well, so happy, and so admirably educated and cared for. He concluded by asking for a half-holiday for the pupils, and on this being granted he was saluted with ringing cheers from the whole school. The Earl of Shrewsbury also expressed his pleasure at what he had witnessed, not for the first time; and after many cordial greetings the company returned to town.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this School met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, and was numerously attended. Bro. John Wordsworth was in the chair, and the other brethren present included Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Raynham W. Stewart, Jesse Turner, John Symonds, Hyde Pullen, W. Mann, Benjamin Mallam, Leopold Ruf, S. Rosenthal, Benjamin Head, H. Browne, R. B. Webster, W. H. Saunders, J. G. Chancellor, J. Llewellyn Jones, W. F. C. Moutrie, F. Adlard, W. Clifton Crick, S. R. Wilson, H. Dubosc, E. M. Haigh, D. W. Pearse, and F. Binckes (Secretary). Two petitions were received, and two outfits granted to ex-pupils; after which the nominations for the House and Audit Committees took place, and the brethren proceeded to discuss other subjects, which kept them engaged for nearly two hours. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution assembled on the 29th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Major J. Creaton, M.P., who was supported by Bros. H. Browne, A. H. Tattershall, Raynham W. Stewart, Dr. Ramsay, Thomas W. White, H. M. Levy, the Rev. J. M. Vaughan, H. A. Dubois, H. Dubosc, Richard Spencer, Robert B. Webster, Capt. Wordsworth, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little, Secretary.

There was but little business before the meeting. The minutes of former meetings were read and passed, and the petitions of three candidates were received and admitted. One petition was deferred.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques in payment of bills, and after a vote of thanks had been accorded to the Chairman the meeting separated.

Poetry.

ODE TO THE CRAFT.

WRITTEN FOR APRIL 28TH, 1875.

Oh! from our ancient Order,
Widespread throughout the land,
Rings forth the heart-warm echo,
God bless our Master Grand,
Heaven bless him for our country,
Our Queen, and Princess dear,
And hear our prayer to spare him
Thro' many a future year.

Oh! from our, &c.

With loyal hearts applauding,
With joyous loud acclaim,
We hail our new Grand Master—
Our Royal Brother's name.
'Tis fit our Prince beloved
Chief of our Craft should be,
Whose bonds for Love united
And Heaven-born Charity.

Oh! from our, &c.

J. R.

A SERIOUS FIRE.—Many brethren will regret to hear that St. James's Hall, Liverpool, owned by Bro. Sam Hague, was almost entirely destroyed by fire last Saturday evening. The whole of the roof of the hall was destroyed. The scenic effects, properties, dresses, instruments, &c. were also burned, and the interior of the once beautiful hall is now a mass of charred ruins. A short time ago Bro. Hague bought the building for £30,000. The loss is to some extent covered by insurance, the building being insured for £5000, and the fittings for £4000, but Bro. Hague will suffer much by the occurrence, and the greatest sympathy is expressed for him on all hands. Among the articles destroyed was Herr Schalkenbach's marvellous electric organ, which cost him 15 years' labour and study, and which it will be impossible to replace.

Masonic Tidings.

NOTICE.—The brethren are requested to kindly return any articles they may have picked up in Albert Hall, to the Grand Secretary's Office.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., gave a dinner at Marlborough House, on the 30th ult., to Count de Saleza, Admiral Lagercrantz, and Mr. Oscar Dickson, the members of the deputation who were appointed by his Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway to represent the Grand Lodge of Sweden at the installation of his Royal Highness as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. The following were invited to meet them:—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Manchester, his Excellency the Swedish and Norwegian Minister (Baron Hörschöld), the Marquis of Hamilton, the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Earl of Rosslyn, the Earl of Limerick, Lord Suffolk, Lord Skelmersdale, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Albert Woods, Mr. Sheekleton, J. Hervey, Major Pickard (in attendance on the Duke of Connaught), General the Right Hon. Sir W. Knollys, and Lieutenant-Colonel A. Ellis.

It is rumoured that private information has been received by a resident in Douglas that Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., contemplates visiting the Isle of Man during the summer.

Previous to the installation of the Prince of Wales, on Wednesday last, Bro. Fredk. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., W.M. St. James's Lodge, 448, entertained to luncheon, at his hotel, (Bro. Hogg's Royal Opera Hotel, Bow Street, Covent Garden, London,) brethren to the number of 30, representing lodges St. James's, 448, and De Warren, 1302, Halifax; Three Graces, 408, Haworth; Savile, 1231, Elland; Prince Frederick, 307, Hebden Bridge; Trafalgar, 971, Batley; and Friendly, 1513, Barnsley. Bro. Thomas Ogden, W.M., Three Graces, 408, proposed the health of Bro. Whitaker in very appropriate terms; and in responding to the toast, the latter said that as the brethren had come so great a distance to be present at the most important ceremony that had ever taken place in the annals of Freemasonry, he hoped all of them would do their best to carry out the regulations of the Stewards, and that everything would be so conducted that each of them might feel perfectly satisfied with the day's proceedings.

Mr. Charles Watkins, of Parliament-street, has had the honour of attending at Marlborough House, and has been favoured with several sittings by the Prince of Wales in full Masonic dress, as the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. Prince Louis of Battenberg also honoured Mr. Watkins with sittings.

The Duke of Connaught has arrived at Aldershot for the purpose of doing duty as Brigade-Major of Cavalry at the Camp until the end of July.

THE CHARLES LAMB MEMORIAL.—The Rev. G. C. Bell, head master of Christ's Hospital, makes another appeal on behalf of the Charles Lamb memorial, which he suggested at the centenary of Lamb's birthday recently. He has received only about £25. He says there must be many "Blues" and others who might find it hard to give a large subscription, but could find a few shillings wherewith to express their sympathy for the proposal to honour Lamb's memory. Scarcely any writer of his generation won the affection of so large a circle of readers; and certainly no Blue has done more to make Christ's Hospital a household word among thousands of educated men than Charles Lamb did by his two characteristic essays. Mr. Bell adds that he has received suggestions to devote the fund that should be raised to one or more of the following objects:—An English essay prize, in the shape of books or medals (which might bear on one face the profile of Lamb); a Scholarship for the encouragement of the study of English literature and composition; a "mural of sculptural record." The first of these has received the most support. But not even the most unpretending of these suggestions can be carried into execution with the amount at present subscribed.

The *Pictorial World* contains portraits of the M.W.G.M., the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master, the Lord Mayor, J.G.W., the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold.

The anniversary festival of the Churchill Lodge of Freemasons was held on the 4th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Oxford, where there was an unusually large and distinguished gathering of the brethren, among those present being Brother H.R.H. Prince Leopold. A *récherché* banquet was served at half-past seven.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of Her Majesty, will hold a levée at St. James's Palace on Monday, the 31st instant.

ST. HELEN'S, BISHOPSGATE STREET.—On Saturday (this day) at 3.30 p.m., the members of the Architectural Association will, by the kind permission of the Vicar-in-Charge, Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., visit the venerable church of St. Helen, Bishopsgate-street, when a paper upon its history and antiquities will be read by the President, Mr. George H. Birch. During the recent restoration many important architectural features have been discovered, and the addition of several fine monuments from the destroyed church of St. Martin Outwich has added considerably to the picturesque beauty of this ancient edifice, the merits of which deserve a larger recognition from the public than it has hitherto received. As admission to the church will not be restricted to members of the association, it may be as well to direct special attention to a few of its most noted monuments, of which the Otswiche effigies in the Lady Chapel excel in beauty and refinement of workmanship, to those of Sir John and Lady Crosbie (circa 1475) in the Chapel of the Holy Ghost; and, belonging to a later period, the superb figure of Sir William Pickering, said to have been an aspirant to the hand of Queen Elizabeth; as also to the

costly but more debased effigies of Sir John and Lady Spencer, ancestors of the present Northampton family; and to the renaissance tombs of Sir Thomas Gresham, from whom the Leveson-Gower family claim direct descent.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, day 14, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (840), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Hotel, Kennington.
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

Annual Festival of Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (see advt.).
Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
Supreme Grand Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.
Yarlborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Rishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

Lodge 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1288, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (238), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
THURSDAY, MAY 13.
 Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern.
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.
 " 1288, Finsbury, Park-road, Seven Sisters-road.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 K. T. Precep. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.
 Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1436), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
FRIDAY, MAY 14.
 Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, W. K. T. Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, at 8; Bro. Dilley, P.M., Preceptor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 15, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
 " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.
 " 786, Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 5.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, near Birkenhead, at 7.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 15, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 102, St Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
 " 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
 " 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
 " 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
 " 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
 " 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Prince of Wales-terrace, Crosshill.

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
 " 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.
 " 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
 " 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Glasgow.
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.
 " 543, St. John, Masonic Hall, Dalmuir.
 Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
 Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
 " 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.
 " 203, St. John, Operative Olive Hall, Airdrie.
 " 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
 " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
 Chap. 150, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Kilwinning Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
 " 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Hotel, Leven.
 " 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbrnie.
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
SATURDAY, MAY 15.
 Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 15, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Writers' Court, High-st.

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-st.

THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st.

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—A strong meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at Anderton's Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bros. Kennet, W.M.; Waygood, S.W.; D. Davis, acting J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Darey, I.G.; Carter, P.M.; Treas; Stuart, P.M. Sec.; Themans, I.P.M.; Hopwood, Taylor, Green, Past Masters. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, raised Bro. Isaacs to the Third Degree, and passed Bro. Field to the Degree of a F.C. The ceremonies were ably performed. The W.M. informed the brethren that in consequence of the shortness of the notice he had received from G.L., respecting the last arrangements in connection with the Installation of the Prince of Wales, he found it would have been almost impossible to have summoned a special meeting to ballot for the one Master Mason's ticket for admission to the ceremony, and had accordingly given it to the S.D., Bro. Mallett, a choice which he felt sure would meet with their approbation. In answer to a question from Bro. Walls, respecting the centenary jewel, Bros. Stuart and Hopwood stated, in compliance with the resolution passed some time since, they had waited upon the authorities at Freemasons' Hall, but had been unable to obtain any certain information respecting it, owing to the great pressure of business at the Hall, in connection with the W.M.G.M.'s Installation, but that they would again see the Secretary, and report to the lodge the result of their enquiries at the next meeting. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast. Among the visitors present were Bros. Wright, W.M. Southern Star; Frodsham, 3; Turner, 902; 1266; Harris, 1339. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft" and "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." Both toasts were heartily received, and Bro. Walls sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The usual healths were then proposed and responded to. Bro. Themans proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who briefly replied. Bro. Wright responded for the Visitors in a neat speech, and Bro. Stuart for the Past Masters, and Bro. Waygood for the Officers. Between the toasts, Bros. Mallett, Walls, Bird, Themans and Burton, vocally, instrumentally, and dramatically amused the brethren. Bro. Longstaffe having giving the last toast, the lodge separated until September next.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A banquet in celebration of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., and was exceedingly well attended by the brethren. Bro. Allatt, of the Southern Star was present as a visitor. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. Gardner, W.M.; Everett, S.W.; W.M. of the Domestic; Reeves, S.D.; Higgins, J.D.; Koch, P.M.; Lily of Richmond, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Pope, P.M.; Webb, I.G.; Walls, W.S.; W. A. Ellis, Organist. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," which was received and responded to by the brethren with excellent fire. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M., the W.M. stated that he hoped the brethren would excuse his being somewhat longer in prefacing this toast than on former occasions. He had just come from assisting at one of the greatest gatherings ever witnessed in England, and an event that he should ever remember as a red letter day in his Masonic career. He could remember the great excitement occasioned at the acceptance of the Grand Master-ship by the late Duke of Sussex, whose portraits in Craft costume were in every shop window, and were for a long time sold in the public streets, and although very young, he even then thought there was something in Freemasonry more than an empty name, which idea had increased as he grew in years, by the great attention his father, who held provincial rank, always manifested in things Masonic. In conclusion, he hoped that the Craft would continue to prosper under the rule of Albert Edward, and that Englishmen would be for many years to come be able to sing—

Among our ancient mountains,
And through our lovely vales,
Oh! let the prayer re-echo,
God Bless the Prince of Wales!

This toast, it is needless to state, was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Walls contributed the Anthem "God Bless the Prince of Wales." At the request of Bro. Ellis, sen., the W.M. gave a resumé of the proceedings at the Albert Hall, which was supplemented by Bro. Wormald, the fortunate recipient of the one Master Mason's ticket. The I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., who made a brief reply. The W.M. then gave the health of the S.W., who had declined three other invitations that evening, in order to be present at the Kennington banquet. Bro. Everett suitably acknowledged this special compliment. The other toasts then followed in quick succession, Bros. Koch, Stuart and Pope replying for the Past Masters. The latter, who had been the lodge caterer since its formation, made an excellent speech in bidding the brethren farewell in that capacity, he being about for a time to retire into private life. Bros. Reeves, Higgins, Webb, Walls and Ellis jun., responded for the junior officers. Between the toasts, the W.M. and Bros. Sirgood, Cruse, Walls, Allatt, Wormald and Richardson, socially entertained the brethren, who separated at a late hour, after enjoying a most pleasant and convivial evening.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—Another emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond Road, Dalston. Bro. William Stephens, W.M., presided, and performed all the work of the lodge, assisted by Bros. E. Somers, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. J. Murlis, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treasurer; W. Jones, P.M., Secretary; and several other members of the lodge, and visitors, Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M. 1524; and Robert Wright, P.M. 504. The work consisted of passing Bros. C. Biggs, J. Hanney, D. Martin, and F. C. Nevill, and the initiation of Messrs. W. Langford, S. Smout, jun., H. Johns, and J. Pushman. After the work was finished, it was found necessary to hold another emergency, there being yet several gentlemen waiting for initiation in this lodge. When the business of the evening was concluded, the brethren partook of very slight refreshment and then honoured the usual toasts. Bros. Walford, P.M. and Treasurer, and Jones, P.M. and Secretary, replied for the P.M.'s, and Bros. Wright and W. H. Lee for the visitors; and the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M. elect," made special allusion to the fact of there being still several initiates to come up to this lodge. He referred to this as a mark of the prosperity of the lodge, which he was sure would lose none of its splendour under the new W.M. That brother would do all he could for the benefit of the institution, and would be most zealous in the cause. Indeed he was sure that that brother would do more for it than he (Bro. Stephens) had done ("No, no"), and although the brethren said "No," he spoke advisedly, and was sure the brethren would be better pleased with Bro. Jones at the end of his year of office than they were with him (Bro. Stephens) ("No, no.") Bro. Somers replied. Speaking of the W.M.'s connection with the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, they had, he said, been guided by the same principle, to improve and benefit Freemasonry by introducing gentlemen into it who would be an honour to it. During his year of office, the brethren had had the pleasure of being presided over by a brother who had delighted them by his happy and genial manners, and he (Bro. Somers) hoped to be as successful while he was in the chair. He assured them that he would endeavour not to allow the lustre of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge to fade. In proposing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. again drew the attention of the brethren to the success of the lodge, and asked, how could it be otherwise when the Master was supported by such able officers? Moreover, the officers had been successful in the cause of the charities, and Bro. Murlis would take up over 100 guineas to the festival of the Girls' School. Bro. Murlis responded. If he had a weakness in persevering, it was in a good cause, and more especially was he enthusiastic on behalf of little girls, who must be acknowledged to be in a most deplorable and forlorn condition if left without a father. For the Girls' School, as well as for the other charities, he believed in working with all the heart, strength and might. He would not boast, but he hoped he should not disgrace this lodge by taking up at least £120 to the Girls' School Festival. This had been done by dint of a little perseverance, and he was happy to say that his appeals had been most readily responded to. He had received £55, from a M.P., and one of the initiates that evening had given his half-guinea. Speaking of charities, however, he must remind the brethren that charity began at home, and he did not believe in any brother neglecting home and depriving his family of support for the sake of giving it to Masonry. He had supported the Girls' School this year on account of a favourable impression he derived when he visited that school twelve months ago with the W.M. "The Lay Members of the Lodge" was a toast which brought up Bro. John Hligh, the first joining member, who simply thanked the W.M. and brethren for proposing and drinking his health. Bro. Field announced that Bro. Fisher, who was initiated at last meeting and left for America, had not since been heard of. A vessel which left for the same port as the vessel he shipped in, ten days afterwards, had arrived in safety, but nothing had been heard of his vessel. The brethren having expressed their sorrow at the sad intelligence, shortly afterwards separated.

VICTORIA LODGE (No. 1056).—The installation meeting of this very flourishing lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel on Thursday, when, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Alfred Henry Kirton was raised by the Master, Bro. Joseph Morton; to the degree of Master Mason. The new Master, Bro. Joseph Slade Brown, was then duly installed as Master, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bros. Frederick York Latcille and

Alfred Robbins, the last named brother giving the addresses. The Master then appointed and invested the following as his officers:—Bros. William Perrin, S.W.; Thomas William Skelton, J.W.; William Wrenn, Treas.; A. A. Pendlebury, Sec.; George M. Felton, S.D.; William Gange Durrant, J.D.; E. H. Williams, I.G.; William Tomsett, Director of Ceremonies; Henry Allen, W.S.; and William Grant, Tyler. Other business of the lodge having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. A full report of the proceedings thereafter will be given in our next.

PROVINCIAL.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 41).—On Thursday, May 6th, the members of this ancient lodge met for the last time before the summer vacation, which will continue till October, and just cleared up all the work by giving the Third Degree to a candidate. The chair was taken at quarter to eight by the I.P.M., supported by Bros. Cooper, Dr. Hopkins, Moutrie, Rubie, Reeves, Wilton, P.M.s, and the following officers—Brown, S.W.; James Dutton, acting as J.W.; Falkner, Sec.; Wilton, D.C.; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; Baldwin, as J.D.; Murliss, as I.G.; Gummer and W. Hunt, Stewards; Broome, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the circular of summons was read, and also a communication from the W.M., apologizing for absence, and appointing Bro. Major Preston, I.P.M., as his substitute in ruling the lodge, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins in working the ceremony. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Dr. Hopkins took the chair, and examined the candidate, Bro. C. W. Radway, as to his proficiency; this proving satisfactory he was entrusted and dismissed for preparation. In his absence the necessary changes were made, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The Organist not being present, Bro. Reeves kindly took his place at the instrument. On the re-admission of the candidate, the ceremony was performed by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, including the Traditionary History, the explanation of the working tools, and the Charge, with a promise, as there will not be another meeting for five months, privately to give the candidate an interesting lecture on the Third Degree. Bro. Cooper kindly rendered efficient help by most impressively giving the appropriate quotations from Scripture. Bro. Major Preston again took the chair, and resumed the lodge in the First Degree, when several matters of only private interest were discussed, and some communications read. The last business was the reading of the bye-laws, a duty required at least once in each year, and which had been fixed for this evening. In compliance with an official intimation from Provincial headquarters, the brethren appeared with their aprons and collars in mourning, as a token of respect for the late D.P.G.M., Captain Bridges, whose death had occurred since the last meeting of the lodge. He was greatly beloved in the province of Somerset, as marked by the attendance of about 300 brethren when his body was consigned to its resting place at Bridgewater. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at 10 o'clock. Several visitors were present during the proceedings, namely, Bros. Sarre, 1402; Parkhouse, 1125; General Doherty, 53; Sumson, 855; Captain Gyles, 53; Reeves, 906.

HAVERFORDWEST.—CAMBRIAN LODGE (No. 464).—On Wednesday, the 28th ult., the brethren of Cambrian Lodge held a banquet at the Masonic Hall, in honour of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. G.M. Bro. Alderman J. D. Brown presided with his usual skill and affability, and on the removal of the cloth, gave the customary Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to. The conviviality of the evening was considerably enhanced by the excellent singing of several of the brethren. There was a goodly attendance of the Craft, and the entire proceedings passed of most harmoniously.

BRADFORD.—SHAKESPEARE LODGE (No. 1018).—The installation of office-bearers of this lodge for the current year took place within the Masonic Hall, Salem-street, on 14th ult., when there was a most numerous turn-out of members and visiting brethren. Bro. William Morgan having been installed as Worshipful Master by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Monckman, assisted by Bro. Wroe, P.M., afterwards invested his office-bearers, as follows—Bros. R. F. Harrison, S.W.; H. R. C. Latimer, J.W.; H. Fordoff, Treas.; W. Longley, Sec.; J. H. Switherbank, S.D.; S. Whaley, J.D.; H. Harrison, I.G.; J. G. E. Ferrand, O.G.; W. H. Halsey, J. Cooper, and S. Bulmer, Stewards; and H. Tordoff, S. of W. Amongst the visitors were the following distinguished brethren—Bros. J. Guant, W.M. 1522, P.S.G.D.; Dr. Spark, Mus. Doc., W.M. 289, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Beandler, P.M. 1034, P.G.S. of W.; S. O. Bailey, P.M. 600; J. Clark, W.M. 302; G. Pearson, W.M. 1034; Thos. Riley, W.M. 600; L. Eismann, W.M. 827; E. Poppleton, P.M. 827; J. Proctor, P.M. 1034; J. Foster, P.M. 974; J. W. Berry, W.M. 974; L. Goldstein, P.M. 600; C. H. Taylor, P.P.G.S.D. The musical brethren present were, Ed. de Jong, Celtic Lodge; Robt. Fraser, 413, Glasgow; F. C. Atkinson, 302; J. Rogers, 31, Glasgow; J. O. Leslie, 31, Glasgow; John Billington, Michael Mullen, 600. After the ceremony of installation the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a first-class entertainment was provided and partaken of. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and "The Health of the Retiring Master," Bro. P.M. Wroe proposed "The Health of the Newly Installed W.M.," which was most enthusiastically drunk by the brethren present, after which the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Morgan, replied. He said: Worthy Past Master, Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren—To say that the present moment is not to me a proud one would be very much to underrate my own feelings, or to say that the ambition to rise to the position which, by the kindness of the brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, I have now attained, has not been my ambition for years past, would be simply to mislead you and deceive

myself. When I was first initiated into Freemasonry I well remember with what a large amount of respect, almost bordering on veneration, I looked upon the W.M. who so ably occupied the chair at that time. I looked upon him as occupying a position that years of attention to the duties of the lodge and Masonry has amply compensated for; and I feel that all the time and attention I have devoted to the duties of the various offices to which I have been from time to time appointed, even if that time was doubled—I feel that it is more than compensated for by the high and honourable position I occupy at the present time. Brethren, the ambition to rise in the estimation of your fellow men by commendable and legitimate means is worthy ambition—in whatever state of society it may occur it is something to be proud of; but when that position is no less than to preside over a society of Freemasons, all brethren linked in the same bonds of brotherhood, how much more proud ought he to feel for having such a high and distinguished honour conferred upon him. I hope and trust I shall be able to carry out all your expectations, and prove myself competent to discharge all the responsible duties appertaining to the high office to which I have been elected and installed, and continue to the Shakespeare Lodge the success that has characterized the past, more particularly the last twelve months, which I may truly say, without offending any of its Past Masters, has been the most successful year since its consecration. In the first place, the past year has been almost unprecedentedly successful in its acquisition of new members, and when I say new members I don't merely allude to numbers, but also to the quality of our new brethren of the past year. Again, the past year gave us an opportunity of showing our great esteem, in a practical and substantial way, to one of our worthiest and most respected brothers and his good lady, on each of them attaining their 50th birthday, which, by a remarkable coincidence, happened on this particular occasion on the same day—I allude to the Dewhurst testimonial; and, though last, not least, the last year stands out prominent in the annals of the Shakespeare Lodge, from its very handsome donations to the Masonic Charities, so liberally subscribed by the Shakespeare brethren generally. Brethren, if at the termination of my year I am able to look back with the same assurance of success, I shall feel happy. I can assure you I will do my utmost, and with the co-operation of such an efficient staff of officers as I shall have the honour to work with, not forgetting the most important of all, my immediate P.M., Bro. Monckman, on whom I rely so much for assistance and support—I say with these advantages I don't know why the next year should not be as successful and prosperous as any of the past. I have a great many reasons for feeling extremely grateful to the Shakespeare Lodge, reasons which it would be very much out of place to explain here, but I will try my utmost to prove my gratitude by paying every attention, and using all the administrative skill my capabilities will permit in efficiently discharging all the duties required of me as Master of the lodge. Other toasts followed; and, with the amount of professional talent present, we need scarcely add that the musical contributions to the enjoyment of the occasion were ample and of rare excellence. Bro. Dr. Sparks played his own new composition, "Long Live the Prince," Bros. Rogers and Leslie gave some favourite duets in their own unrivalled style, while Bro. Billington appropriately favoured with a Yorkshire song. Perhaps, however, the climax of success was capped when Bro. Robert Fraser, of Glasgow, gave an extempore ditty, in which the surroundings of the moment were caught up and capitalised on the spot with a facility and ease a felicity that literally set the table in a roar. There was complete truth in the remark of one, that the reception of Bro. Fraser's song was precisely the reverse of its burden—the latter being, "In a quiet sort of way." Altogether the occasion was a complete success—a result towards which his full share was contributed by Bro. Dewhurst, who so kindly undertook and so successfully carried out the purveying of the banquet.

DEBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Bro. Henry T. Bojar, W.M., presided, and there were present, Bros. F. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; T. Gadsby, J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler; J. H. Biggs, W. B. Hextall, J. E. Russell, J. O. Manton, Henry Mills, Richard Daniel, Jas. Parkins, jun. Visitor: V. H. Marsden, P.G.S. and W.M. 253. The lodge was opened in the First Degree; the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Daniel and Parkins, who were candidates for passing, being in attendance, were examined as to their proficiency in the former degree and entrusted, and having retired, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Daniel and Parkins were passed to that degree by the W.M. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. Nothing further being offered the lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

TIVERTON.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 1125).—We extract the following from the *Tiverton Gazette* of the 4th inst.:—"In honour of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England on Wednesday last, the band of the 14th D.R.V. met at the Town Hall about 3 o'clock, the hour at which the ceremony was performed, and marched through the streets of the town playing "God bless the Prince of Wales," and other airs. A halt was made opposite the house of Bro. T. Parkhouse, the W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, and also before Bro. Reed's, in St. Peter Street, where a banner was displayed. Besides Bro. Parkhouse, the members of the local lodge who were present at the Albert Hall, Kensington, where the ceremony was performed, were Bro. T. B. Paterson, I.P.M.; J. Mills, P.M., P.G.O.; J. Sharland,

P.M., P.P.G.T.; H. Davey, P.M.; F. A. Payne, M.M.; and C. A. W. Troyte, S.W."

NEWTON ABBOT.—DEVON LODGE (No. 1138).—The regular meeting was held on the 20th ult., present: W. R. King, W.M.; F. D. Bewes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. S. Saunders, J.W.; R. L. Lloyd, Treas.; J. Oliver, Sec.; W. Harris, S.D.; E. Huxtable, J.D.; R. Crooke, I.G.; G. H. Hearder, Org.; F. J. Pratt and C. Stevens. Stewards: W. L. Pope, D.D., P.P.G.C.; Richard Hosking, J. Hazwood, R. E. Burges, L. E. Beame, P. Symons, Herbert Martin, Henry Voysey. Visitors: T. B. Purnell and J. Chapple, of Morning Star Lodge No. 1396. The lodge being opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, Bros. H. Martin and R. E. Burges proved their proficiency as E.A.'s. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. H. Martin and R. E. Burges passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in a most able manner by the W.M. The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and Mr. Fitz-Martin, who had been regularly proposed and seconded, at seven days' notice, was balloted for, and, being unanimously elected, was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. then informed the lodge that one ticket only had been received for a M.M. to attend the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the 28th April, and suggested that it be given to Bro. Banfill, he being an early applicant, and such was agreed to. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

PORTMADOC.—MADOC LODGE (No. 1509).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, the youngest in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, was held on the 13th ult., at the Queen's Hotel. The lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the I.P.M., in the absence through severe illness of the W.M., Bro. Edward Breese, P.G. Reg. of Herefordshire, initiated into Freemasonry Messrs. Jones, Campbell, and Wm. Jones, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason Bros. Ignatius Williams, David Williams, S. P. Owen, and W.M. Griffith. The lodge having been closed to the First Degree, Bro. Thos. Casson, S.W. and Organist, intimated that he was about to leave Portmadoc for Liverpool, and would therefore have to sever his connection as an officer with the lodge. The brethren expressed themselves sorry to hear of Bro. Casson's departure, and resolved that a banquet be held and a souvenir presented to him, and accordingly on Friday, the 30th ult., a large number of the members met at the Sportsman Hotel, to a banquet which reflected great credit on the host, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Wallace, I.P.M., the west and south being filled by Bros. Supt. Davies, J.W., and Dr. Jones Morris, Sec. The tables having been cleared, the toast of "The Queen" was given by the chairman, who, in the course of his remarks, said that as a Queen, as a mother, as a woman, our Queen was incomparable, and he was sure the toast would be received with applause by the brethren, who were as patriotic as any in her dominions. He therefore gave the Queen, the daughter of a Mason and mother of Masons. The next toast, that of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was given by the chairman, who gave a description of the magnificent spectacle at the Albert Hall on Wednesday and only wished he was eloquent enough to give them a correct description of the ceremony; but if he used all the words in the dictionary they would be inadequate to convey to them the reception of the Prince by that enthusiastic gathering of over 8000 Masons. He was proud the Prince had accepted the honoured position of M.W.G.M., more especially at the present time, when the anathemas of the Pope, the bulls of the Vatican, and the doctrines of cardinals were so freely used against Freemasonry; but in vain, our future King heeded them not, but manfully came forward and repelled their attacks with "Dieu et Mon Droit." He was assured it would greatly enhance his popularity if such was needed, as he believed there was not a more popular Prince. He was also glad to find the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold following in the footsteps of their illustrious brother. The next toast, that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers of the Grand Lodge" was given by the chairman, who remarked that the Earl of Carnarvon was a most practical statesman, and one who knew the secrets of almost every country with regard to diplomatic matters, and in connection with such had made his name one to be honoured by posterity; but still he found the time, and had the inclination to devote himself most assiduously to the affairs of Freemasonry. The next toast was that of "Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge." In proposing it, the chairman said they had toasted the Prince of Wales, now they were going to drink the health of the Prince in Wales. As a Provincial Grand Master Sir Watkin was equal to none; he took very great interest in the affairs of the province, always attended the consecration of every lodge in the province, and when money was wanted for the good of Freemasonry he put his hand in his pocket, and he assured them it did not come out empty. He was a Freemason in every sense of the word, and acted up to the principles of the Craft, and so reflected credit upon himself and the Craft, in which he had made such a signal mark. "The W.M." was then proposed by the chairman, who very much regretted that he was obliged to fill that chair that evening through the inability of the W.M. to be present, especially as it arose from illness, and he was sure his absence would cause a pang in many hearts. It had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to afflict him, but he hoped he would soon be able to be amongst them. They could not drink the health of a kinder, worthier, more gentle man than their W.M. Since he had known Bro. Breese he had found him always a man, something more than a empty name. He had done his duty nobly in connection with the lodge, by his advice, his example, and his benevolence. He wished him a speedy recovery. Bro. Dr. Roberts, S.D., in reply

thanked them on behalf of his brother-in-law, the W.M., and was glad to tell them he was slowly recovering. He had seen him that evening, and had wished him to announce how sorry he was not to be with them, but if not present in body his heart and soul were with them, and also to express his regret at the departure of Major Casson. The Chairman then called upon them to fill their glasses a bumper to the next toast on the list, which was, he might say, the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of Bro. Casson, S.W.;" and in proposing it said it gave him pleasure, though mingled with pain, to perform the duty, and was sorry it had not fallen into abler hands. They all had known him longer than he had, which was for about two years, and he had at first only known him as a gentleman of enlightened mind, doing his duty to all and by all, forward in every good cause, always ready to assist in any act of charity, for which his name was a household word in the district, and having formed a good opinion of him, and having esteemed him as such, it gave him greater pleasure to learn that he was a brother Mason, but before knowing that he was sure he was one in heart. He said they were met together that evening as Masons, and he called upon any brothers to supplement his remarks who from their longer acquaintance were better enabled to speak of his good qualities; but before sitting down he had great pleasure, on behalf of his brethren of the Madoc Lodge, to present him with a silver kettle as a mark of their fraternal regard and esteem. The silver kettle, by Elkington and Co. of Regent-street, London, was one of that celebrated firm's newest designs in solid silver, and had the inscription on one side, "Presented to Bro. Major Casson, first S.W. and O., by the brethren of Madoc Lodge 1509, as a souvenir of their fraternal regard and esteem, on his departure from Portmadoc, April 30th, 1875," and on the reverse the Major's crest. Bro. Dr. Roberts said he was sorry to part with Bro. Casson, not only as an officer of the lodge, but as a kind neighbour, always willing to do anything he could in a good cause. He had often in the course of his professional life occasion to see his charity displayed in ministering to the wants of the poor, and relieving their necessities in times of sickness. Bro. Davies, J.W., expressed his regret at the departure of Bro. Casson, and hoped he would be blessed in his new sphere of action. Bro. Cledwyn Owen, as a native of Parhelli, remarked that they there joined with them in Portmadoc in regretting the departure of Bro. Casson, and spoke of his usefulness, especially in the volunteer cause. Bro. Casson, in response, thanked them all for their beautiful testimonial, and said he felt proud to receive it, as he was sure it was a mark of their regard and esteem, but that he was wholly undeserving of it for anything he had done in connection with the lodge; he had merely done his duty as far as lay in him, and he thought every one who accepted any office should do that. It would always remind him of them, and if any of them came to Liverpool he would be happy to see them, to test its "brewing" powers. "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. Anwyll Owen, of Jersey, who hoped to have the pleasure of seeing their work in lodge at their next meeting. "The Recently Initiated" was proposed by the vice-chairman, who remarked he was glad to see so many present that evening, and assured them the more they saw the more would they appreciate the privileges of having been admitted members of the ancient and honourable Craft. It was responded to by Bros. Wheeler Campbell, Isaac Cledwyn Owen, and Wm. Jones. Bro. Davies, J.W., then proposed "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Wallace, their Chairman," and said it did not require any remarks from him, as they all knew how anxious Bro. Wallace was at all times to do his utmost for the good of the lodge, by assisting at its ceremonies and in every way he could. Bro. Wallace suitably responded. Bro. Dr. Shelton Jones proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," whom he said did their work very well, and, having had some experience as an officer in a lodge, to do that they must attend lodges of instruction often, as it was there the real work was done, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Dr. Jones Morris, the Secretary, who had been so instrumental in getting up the lodge, and had worked zealously in connection with it since. Bro. Dr. Jones Morris, in reply, said that six months ago Sir Watkin was present to consecrate their lodge, and he, assisted by others, were present at its birth on that occasion, and he was happy to say the infant was now able to walk alone, and was sure that Bro. Dr. Roberts would bear him out it was quite an infant prodigy, by which he meant that the lodge, numbering nearly eighty members, was now, after paying over £200, perfectly free from debt, and could snap its fingers at any one, and he hoped before long it would be able to hold its own with any of the crack lodges in the provinces with regard to their subscription to the charities, for they intended to devote their surplus funds to them. He was very sorry to part with Bro. Casson, and his departure called upon all the officers to redouble energy, and he was sure they would, and hoped the members of the lodge would do their utmost to assist them, so that when the present officers retired others and he hoped abler brethren would fill their places. "The Charities," "Bro. W. G. Casson, Treasurer," and "The Tyler's" toast followed, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening, the speeches being interspersed with songs by Bros. Campbell, Wallace, Williams, and Dr. Jones Morris; Bro. R. H. Williams ably acting as accompanist.

INSTRUCTION.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 84).—A strong gathering of the brethren took place at the White Hart Tavern, College-street, Lambeth on the 29th ult., to witness the working of the Fifteen Seals. Bro. Landfield, P.M., St. John's, Essex, most ably presided, assisted by that veteran of the Craft, Bro. Nott, P.M. 87, and Bros. Stuart, P.M. 141, &c., &c. W. Nott, J.D. 37, J.W.; Bond, P.M. 87, Sec.; Walls, I.C. 1503, &c., I.G. The First Lecture was worked by Bros. Nott, Rumbald, Ball, Stuart, Jolly, Wing-

ham and Noke, the Second by Bros. Scott, Walls, Bentley, Landfield and Noke; and the Third by Bros. Mattocks, De Solla and Wingham. The working terminated at 11 p.m., and the brethren separated, having spent a most intellectual and instructive evening.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).—The half-yearly "working" of the fifteen sections of this old established Lodge of Instruction was held at the "Lyceum" Tavern, Strand, on Friday the 30th ult., and was fairly attended. The Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. Pulsford, P.M., (749), presided with his accustomed ability, assisted by Bros. Tolmin, S.W. Wall, (141, 1512, &c.), J.W.; Gardner (749), I.G. Scott, P.M. (749), Secretary; The Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Limebeer, Gardner, Ryley, Watts, Walls, Tolmin and Harris; the Sections of the Second by Bros. Wise, (W.M. elect 1158), Tolmin, Saul, Pulsford and Walls; and the Third Sections by Bros. Saul, Scott and Bentley. The whole of the proceedings were most ably carried out.

LILY OF RICHMOND LODGE (No. 820).—The annual working of the Fifteen Sections of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Monday, the 3rd inst., and was numerous and influentially attended. The proceedings commenced at half-past five o'clock in the afternoon, and were held in the fine Masonic Hall. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Colonel Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex, &c.; Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M. 1512, &c.; Landfield, P.M. 1343; Austin, P.M. 933 and 1445; Yetton, P.M. 933; Howe, P.M. 1445, &c.; Rugg, P.M. 781; Berry, S.W. 554; and Cundick, J.W. 1421. Bro. Austin, P.M., presided, assisted by Bros. Yetton, P.M., as S.W.; Cundick, as J.W.; Myers, W.M. 820, acting I.P.M.; Philipps, Secretary; and Walters, 1445, as I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the work commenced, and was carried out in the following order—First Lecture, Bros. Horsley, 933; Walters, 1445; Burdett, 1293; Harris, 820; Cundick, 1421; Tetton, 931, and Howe, 1445. Second Lecture, Bros. Williams, 933; Berry, 554; Hubbard, I.G. 820, &c.; Tetton, 933; and Rugg, 781. Third Lecture, Bros. Cundick; Walls, W.S. 1381, &c.; and Howe. The manner in which the beautiful ritual of the lectures was carried out reflected great credit on all concerned. The visiting brethren who had assisted in the working were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and a special vote of thanks passed to Bro. Austin for presiding, who made an able response. Bro. Felton replied on behalf of the visiting brethren. Bro. Walls proposed and Bro. Myers seconded that Bro. Court (1503) should be elected a joining member, which was unanimously carried, and the brother returned thanks. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren partook of an excellent cold collation, catered for by Bro. Palmer, and presided over by Bro. Myers. At the conclusion of the repast the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, which was contributed by Bros. Perkins, Walls, Walters, and several other brethren, whose efforts to amuse appeared to give every satisfaction, and the proceedings, which were eminently successful throughout—thanks to the exertions of Bro. Myers, W.M. of the mother lodge, who had carried out the whole of the arrangements, and given many country brethren an opportunity of spending an agreeable and instructive evening—terminated.

Royal Arch.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—DE MOWBRAY CHAPTER (No. 1130).—A convocation of this chapter was holden at the George Hotel on the 15th April last. There were present Comps. Hy. Deane, Prov. G.R., M.E.Z.; J. H. Duncombe, H.; Wm. Adcock, J. elect; F. P. Newcome, P.Z., acting J.; Rev. Wm. Langley, P.G.P.S., P.Z.; J. J. Fast, Prov. G.S.B., P.Z.; E. J. Oxford, P.Z., Treas.; R. Boughton-Smith, S.E.; Turville, Janitor. The first business was to instal Comp. Wm. Adcock in the chair of J., he being unable to attend at the last installation meeting. The companions being admitted, the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, exalted Bro. A. J. Dale (Rutland Lodge), the ceremony being most excellently well performed. The election of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result:—Comps. J. C. Duncombe, M.E.Z.; Wm. Adcock, H.; J. E. Bright, J.; R. Boughton-Smith, S.E.; Bugg, S.N.; Norton, P.S.; E. J. Oxford, P.Z., Treas.; J. B. Leadbeater, M.C.; Hill and Dale, Stewards; Turville, Janitor. This being the whole of the business before the chapter it was closed, and the companions sat down to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Childs in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

Mark Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 173).—A meeting of the members of the above lodge was held on Monday, May 3rd, at Bro. Mortlock's, the Lord Tredegar, Tredegar-square, Mile End, E.; Bro. W. Lacey, W.M., in the chair. It was proposed to form a Lodge of Instruction under the sanction and warrant of the above lodge, which was accordingly done, Bro. T. Hadley Prestage consenting to act as Secretary, and Bro. Mortlock, P.M., as Treasurer. The amount of entrance fee and other preliminaries were discussed, and it was decided that the lodge meet as above on the first Monday in every month, at 8 p.m.

PROVINCIAL.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—HOWE LODGE (No. 21).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Melton Mowbray, on Thursday, April 25th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. E. Bright, assisted by his officers, among whom were V.W. Bro. Wm. Langley, P.G. Chaplain of England, I.P.M.; Bros. J. J. Fast, P.M.;

I. C. Duncombe, P. Prov. M.O., S.W.; R. Boughton-Smith, Prov. G.S.D., M.O.; J. B. Leadbeater, Treas.; A. Childs, J.D. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballots for advancement were unanimously in favour of all the candidates, and Bros. Wm. Vial and A. J. Dale being present, were duly advanced. V.W. Bro. Langley then took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. J. C. Duncombe in the Chair of Adoniram. The installation of the W.M. being finished, the Board of Installed Masters was closed and the brethren admitted. The W.M. then appointed the following officers, and invested those that were present:—Bros. R. Boughton-Smith, S.W.; J. B. Leadbeater, J.W.; Wm. Adcock, M.C.; C. P. Newcome, S.O.; J. Selby, J.O.; Rev. Wm. Langley, Chaplain; J. B. Leadbeater, Treas.; Wm. Vial, Sec.; R. B. Smith, A. Sec.; A. Childs, S.D.; H. J. James, J.D.; W. Vial, Org.; A. J. Dale, I.G.; Wm. Turville, jun., Tyler. This being the whole of the business, the lodge was closed by the new W.M., and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Childs, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of this body was held last week in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance of the brethren. In the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master (Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart.), the throne was occupied by Bro. J. White-Melville of Bennoch and Strathness, R.W.P.G.M., who was supported by Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., Colonel W. M. Neilson, Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garton; Bro. F. A. Barrow, acting Junior Grand Warden; Rev. Dr. Gray and Rev. A. T. Grant, Joint Grand Chaplains; W. Hay, J.D.; A. Hay, G.J.; D. Robertson, Bible Bearer. Besides the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Earl of Rosslyn, the Earl of Kellie, Bro. J. T. Oswald of Dunnikier, Captain Colt of Gartsherrie, and the Grand Secretary sent apologies for absence. The Grand Secretary's absence was caused by severe indisposition. The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, there was submitted a report by the deputation appointed to represent Grand Lodge at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, from which it appeared that the deputation had been received with every possible honour and attention, and that the ceremonial on the occasion was of the most imposing character. Charters for new lodges were ordered to be expedite for Manohau, Sydney, New South Wales; Southern Cross, Calicut, Madras; and Morland, Secunderabad. A petition from Glasgow, for the erection of a lodge in connection with the brethren associated together in the drama in that city, was remitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge of the district to report upon. Bro. Ch. Dalrymple, M.P., was appointed unanimously Prov. Grand Master for Argyle and the Isles. Bro. Dr. J. T. Loth presented his credentials as representative from the Grand Orient, France, and was duly confirmed in that appointment. A motion for the admission of immediate Past Masters as members of Provincial Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted. Thereafter Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly convocation of this body was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 29th ult. The Provincial Grand Depute Master, Bro. F. A. Barrow, presided, with Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., 34, as acting S.W., and Bro. George McDonald, R.W.M. 73, acting J.W. There was a numerous attendance of office-bearers and members of the P.G.L. The lodge having been opened by the P.G.D.M., Bro. Archd. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., read the minutes of last quarterly meeting, and also of the various meetings of the Benevolent Fund Committee from 11th January last, which were duly passed. The next business on the card was with reference to the laying of the memorial stone of the new Public Halls for Glasgow, on the 22nd inst., with reference to which the chairman said that it had been arranged that the Masons of Glasgow intending to be present would muster at 2 o'clock p.m., in the Queen's Rooms. Further arrangements had not yet been completed; but as soon as they were a programme would be issued, and each lodge in the province would be furnished with a copy of it; and might he ask them to have as large an attendance as possible on the occasion. It had been communicated to him only yesterday that the memorial stone of the new Merchants' Hall, at the corner of George-square and West George-street, was also to be laid with Masonic honours in a fortnight or three weeks after that of the Public Halls—that was to say, on the 5th or 12th June next. They would thus see that two very important buildings in Glasgow were to be laid under their auspices, which he thought the Craft in the province might regard as an honour. Further, he might mention that the memorial stone of the aquarium at Rothesay was to be similarly laid. As he understood, Mr. Dalrymple, M.P. for the county of Bute, was to be appointed Prov. Grand Master for Argyle and the Isles, and in laying the memorial stone at Rothesay he would have the honour of performing his maiden ceremonial. In reference to the billet of business for the quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge in Edinburgh on Monday next, the Chairman reminded them of the motion he was there and then to bring forward with reference to giving I.P. Masters of lodges a status in Provincial Grand Lodge; and asked those of them who approved of the same to go through and support it. Bro. G. McDonald, acting S.W., brought up the subject of the movement, originated some time ago, for the erection of a lodge dramatic within the province. The petition of the promoters, he said, was presented to him in due form; and in looking over it he could see no objection to signing it—on the conditions, however,

that the entrance fee should not be less than three guineas, that the lodge should not be open after midnight, and that no office-bearers should be appointed who were non-resident in Glasgow. With reference to this matter, the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. McTaggart, said he could not forbear saying that it was a very great hardship indeed that members of the dramatic and musical professions could not meet with their brethren occasionally. He thought it would be doing no injury to any lodge in the province to grant their petition, and he hoped the brethren going through to Edinburgh would give it their warm support. In answer to a question as to the opening of the new pier at Dumbarton, on the 8th inst., to which the Glasgow Masons have been invited, the Chairman said that, under the circumstances, it would be most unmasonic to go. Unless the head of the Masonic body in the province performed any such ceremony, Masons should not turn out in clothing—they had no right, as Masons, to be there. After a short conversational discussion as to the filling up of certain vacancies in the list of office-bearers of the Prov. G. Lodge, Bro. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. 102, moved to the effect that the Provincial Grand Depute Master (the chairman) by unanimous voice of the lodge, be asked to reconsider his announced resolution of retiring from office. The motion having been carried by acclamation, the Chairman said that he did not feel prepared to give a final reply that evening, but he might say that he would take the matter into consideration. It was then moved by Bro. John Munro, R.W.M. 360, and unanimously agreed to, that the P.G. Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the minute containing Bro. Mitchell's motion to the Provincial Grand Master. There being no further business toward, the Prov. G. Lodge was then duly closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34) held their bi-monthly meeting in their hall, No. 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., Bro. W. Bell, R.W.M., presiding. J. D. Young, S.W.; D. Horne, J.W.; T. Fletcher, I.P.M.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; R. B. Dalzell, Treas.; J. Dick, Sec.; P. Brownlie, S.D.; R. Craig, P.M.; J. Reid, J.D.; A. Cameron, I.G.; J. Wright, Tyler; and as usual a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. W. Bell, and the Secretary read the minutes, which were approved of. Mr. W. Baird and Mr. John Murray, who had been regularly proposed and seconded for initiation into Freemasonry, and there being no objection raised, entered and duly received the E.A. Degree, Bro. W. Bell, R.W.M., officiating in a most efficient manner. Bro. John Dick, Sec., intimated that any members of the lodge who were about or had changed their residence, would much oblige by intimating the same to him. Bro. Bell, R.W.M., then called upon the brethren to select a spot for the annual trip on the 24th June. After several suggestions had been thrown out, and several spots proposed, it was decided in favour of going to the Falls of Clyde; the following brethren being appointed as committee to carry out the same, viz., R. D. Samuels, D. M. Nelson, J. Dick, R. B. Dalzell, J. D. Young, D. Horne, J. Anderson, J. Fletcher, and J. McMillan. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and with toast and song spent a most enjoyable evening.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MURDO (No. 27).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, No. 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, 6th inst. Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., occupied the chair, Bro. A. Bain, I.P.M., Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103, acting S.W.; Bro. G. McComb, J.W.; Bro. Archibald McTaggart, D.M., Prov. G. Sec.; and the other office-bearers in their respective places. The Secretary read the minutes of last regular meeting, which were approved of. The business before the meeting being the initiation of Mr. R. L. Morrison, who was duly vouched for and approved of, and the raising of Bro. John McCuiagh to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being most ably performed in both cases, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday the 3rd inst. In the absence of Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., and the Senior and Junior Wardens, who were at Edinburgh, at the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Robert Mitchell, P.M., opened the lodge, Bro. Murray acting S.W.; Bro. J. McInnes, J.W. The minutes of last meeting, also those of an emergency meeting, having been read and approved of, the lodge was raised to the F.C. degree, and Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., and his S.W. then entered and occupied their respective places. One brother was then passed to the degree of F.C., and two raised to the sublime degree of M.M. In both cases the ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner; the F.C. degree by Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M., and the M.M. degree by the R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair. There being no other business before the meeting, the lodge was closed.

THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN YORKSHIRE.

A Charter of Constitution has been granted by the Grand Imperial Council of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and appendant Orders, to certain members in Sheffield, to hold a conclave there, to be called the "White Rose of York," No. 120; Em. Sir Knight, W. H. Brittain, 31st, M.P.S., designate; Em. Sir Knight, Wm. Roddewig, 30th, V.E., designate.

The consecration is to take place early in June next. This being the first conclave in Yorkshire, and the White Rose being adopted as a distinctive emblem upon all the insignia, it is anticipated the degree will go with great éclat.

Any brother wishing to take the degree of Knight of the

Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist, had better communicate at once with Bro. W. H. Brittain, Alma Works, Sheffield, or Bro. Joseph Binney, Queen-street Chambers, Sheffield.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The 87th anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden of England. About 500 brethren and ladies were present during the evening, and the arrangements made for their comfort and convenience were of the most gratifying description. Although the hall was very full no inconvenience was occasioned, and no brother lacked any attention that could be bestowed on him. The Stewards were unremitting in their exertions, and lost no opportunity of contributing to the general harmony of the evening.

Among the brethren on the dais supporting the chairman were the Earl of Jersey, Col. Lyne, Sir Albert Woods, Bros. Monckton, Peter de L. Long, John Hervey, S. Tomkins, James Mason, W. Paas, Joshua Nunn, Brette, Capt. Wordsworth, John Sutcliffe (Lincoln), H. Browse, Dr. Barringer, J. R. N. Vine, (Lord Mayor's Secretary), J. A. Rucker, J. C. Parkinson, D. Jabez Hogg, Thomas, Fenn, John Symonds, Raynham W. Stewart, Rev. E. Thompson, Vicar of Wandsworth, N. B. Headon, Peter Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, George Kenning, A. J. D. Filer, Thomas Cubitt, C. A. Cottebrune, Joseph Smith, James Brett; and a great many other present and past Grand Officers.

At the conclusion of dinner grace was sung, and the following speeches were delivered in proposing the toasts:—

The Chairman: Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, the first toast that I have the honour to propose to you this evening is "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." It is always a pleasure, and especially with Masons, to propose this toast, because we are always prepared to acknowledge in her the most powerful as well as the most constitutional of Sovereigns who has ever sat on the throne of this country; and at the same time we are proud to look on her as being a bright example in every condition of life, and as the exemplar of every private and domestic virtue. I propose to you "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen."

After the National Anthem had been sung,

The Chairman rose and said: Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, I have now the peculiar honour to propose to you the next toast. I believe this is the first time, at all events in this Institution, that the form of this toast has been altered. I have now to propose it in this significant form, "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," (cheers), "Patron and President of this Institution; the Princess of Wales, Patroness; and the other Members of the Royal Family." Brethren, I think you will acknowledge that this is a proud occasion on which I have the honour to propose this toast to you. We feel all of us, I am sure, most deeply grateful as well as greatly honoured by the position to which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has attained in Masonry. We have also the pleasure of knowing that he is the Patron and President of the Institution, which we have met here to-night to endeavour to do the utmost we can to promote the interests of. We are also glad to know that the Princess of Wales assumes her position of Patroness; and I cannot help thinking you will agree with me that this is an opportunity when we may, among ourselves, acknowledge the deep obligation we owe to the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales for the good they have done for Freemasonry. It is not for me to enlarge more upon that subject, but it is only right for me to say as much as I have said. You will, however, concur with me in not only drinking to the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, but will also remember that the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold are also Masons; and that the Duke of Connaught did us the honour to be present at the Installation in the Albert Hall. When I say that, I think we are coming back to the right position in which Freemasonry ought to stand. (Hear, hear.) Without saying more I will propose to you the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Patron of this Institution, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, the Patroness of the Institution, and the other Members of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, was followed by the song "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The Chairman again rose and said: Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, I have now the very great pleasure of proposing to you "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master." (Applause.) Brethren, I am sure I have only to allude to the fact that on the recent occasion of the Installation of our M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon should, for a short time, leave his sorrow to come among us to perform a most important duty. I am sure you will all agree with me that he performed it in a way which rendered Masonry illustrious. We feel deeply for him in his sorrow, and we trust that at some distant period he may appear among us in that pleasant, and genial, and free, and happy way in which he always has appeared among us heretofore. I need not say any more with respect to this toast, except that I am sure every Mason in this country appreciates and admires the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. (Hear, hear.)

After the toast had been duly honoured,

The Chairman said: Brethren, I have now the honour to propose to you the next toast, which is that of "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past." (Applause.) Brethren, I am sure that we are all proud to acknowledge

the services of the Deputy Grand Master. None of us who were present on a recent occasion but admired the great presence with which he performed his part in that ceremony. I should also feel inclined to pay him my earnest and warmest respects for that. We have also present to-day several of the Grand Officers in Freemasonry. I am proud to feel that so many of the Grand Officers are present to-night, not so much on my own account, because it makes me feel rather bashful and timid as to the mode in which I express myself before so august a body. I am very thankful indeed, and I am sure, brethren, that we all of us are grateful that we have so many brethren holding high offices in the Craft now present. It is due to them to say that on every public occasion, and on every occasion of charity, and whenever good can be done, we always find our brethren, the Grand Officers past and present, are always equal to the occasion. (Hear, hear.) I will now ask you to drink to that toast, and I will connect with it the name of my friend the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex (hear, hear), who is also the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in Grand Lodge of England. I may remind you that on the recent occasion I have before referred to, our Irish brethren shewed themselves very forward and very anxious to perform their part of the duty incumbent on Freemasons, and we only accord to our brother, Colonel Burdett, the honour due to him as Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, and representative of Grand Lodge of Ireland, when we drink his health with that of the Grand Officers. I propose to you the toast.

Col. Burdett, who, on rising, was received with great applause, said: Right Honourable my Lord Mayor, and Brethren here assembled, I assure you it is a great gratification to me to have this opportunity of thanking you for the very kind manner in which you have received the health of Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers. I had almost wished it had fallen in other hands to respond to this toast; but I can assure you that no other brother could do it with greater good wishes than I do it at the present moment. I may say that Lord Skelmersdale has been known to me a considerable time, longer than perhaps he has been known to any other brother now present; and I have great pleasure in stating the manner in which he has always performed his duties. It is only very lately that he has been brought before the brotherhood in London, but he has done his duties in the provinces in a manner which must be commended by every brother of the Order. I am quite certain he would never have been placed in the high and proud position he now holds unless his duties had been properly performed. They have been done properly, and they have been thoroughly appreciated by those around me. I have a great deal of pleasure also in returning thanks for the rest of the Grand Officers, because most of you are fully aware how they have discharged their duties. These duties are not for them merely to come before you at a festival of this sort; they are, as you well know, more onerous, perhaps, than they are at first anticipate, when they undertake the position they hold. The duties they perform are for the benefit of the Order, and they are carried out in such a way that they are appreciated by the brethren of the Order in general. I will not trespass upon your time, but I will return thanks for Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, as well as myself, for the kind manner in which you have received this toast. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Jersey: Brethren, I have the great privilege, with the consent of our Worshipful President, to propose a toast, and I hasten to do so, feeling sure every brother present is eager to respond to it. It is "The Health of our Worshipful Chairman, the Lord Mayor of London," (Great applause.) Only a few words of mine will be required to bring this toast to your notice. I need hardly say that we are under great obligation to our Worshipful Chairman for coming here to-night in the midst of the numerous and heavy duties which belong to the high position which he holds in this great city, to plead the cause of this charity, which we are all so anxious should succeed. (Hear, hear.) I know that every brother here feels under a great obligation to the Worshipful Chairman for being here to-night. But his lordship will have the consolation of knowing that not only do his brother Masons in this hall thank him for it, but also that many of these young girls whom we are anxious to bring up and send forth into the world prepared to perform their duty in it, will thank him with silent but equally heartfelt and as generous thanks as any man could possibly desire. Brethren, I shall not speak in any terms of panegyric of our worshipful brother in his presence, but I shall call upon you to respond to this toast, and to shew that you are thankful to him for having taken the chair to-night. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: My Lord, Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, I thank you, my Lord, for the very kind way in which you have introduced my name to this meeting of brethren, and I thank you, brethren, for the very enthusiastic way in which you have received the toast of so unworthy a Mason as myself. (No, no.) Brethren, I feel under the obligation to say that the honours which have been so recently conferred upon myself have been in recognition of the services of the Masons in the old City of London. (Hear, hear.) If I may say so, the leader and nurse of that illustrious and useful body, the Masons. It has been said on a recent occasion by our Bro. Parkinson that there was a time when the City of London did somewhat to assist in the promotion of Freemasonry, when circumstances and occasions were not so favourable as they are at present; and therefore I do feel myself somewhat in a proud position as representing the old corporation of London to-night. With respect to my duties as chairman this evening, I must say I entered upon them with a very large amount of diffidence, because I have not been—and I am free to confess it, and no man can do better than confess his fault—that I have not been of late years so constant an attendant on Freemasonry as I ought to have been. But now I shall endeavour

to amend my ways. I hope to become a better Mason, and you could not give me a better opportunity than offering me the first chance of advocating the cause of the ladies. (Hear, hear.) I can assure you, brethren and my lord, that I thank you very much indeed for the honour you have paid me. I think perhaps this toast is a little out of place, because it is usually given when the chairman of such festivals as this has said something for the purpose for which he takes the chair. Well, now it may be that I may disappoint you, and, therefore, possibly you may have been too kind to me; but at all events for the very great kindness and enthusiasm which you have shewn in receiving my name as the representative of the old City of London, I thank you very much indeed. (Cheers.)

After a brief interval, during which there was some more singing,

The Chairman said: Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren, I have now the pleasure to rise to propose what is termed very properly the toast of the evening (hear, hear), and that is, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Cheers.) Brethren, I have advocated many a cause for charity, but I do not know one which I have approached with more pleasure than I do this particular one. I do so, not because this institution needs any advocacy on the grounds of its juvenility; but it needs this, that every brother who holds the position which I have the honour to hold on this occasion, should be able to say that that which has been so munificently given has been as beneficially spent. (Hear, hear.) I am one of those who do not like to call anything by a wrong name, and I must therefore say that this institution for the daughters of distressed Masons is a successful institution. I am proud to say that I have had an opportunity of seeing, and that very recently, in what way this institution is conducted, and when you or I have seen that, I think we shall all be prepared to say that not only ourselves but those who have preceded us in Masonry did make no mistake whatever when they inaugurated and instituted a school like this. (Hear, hear.) We all have had the privilege of reading the history of this school. We know how it was founded; we know that at that time royal personages patronised Masonry, as they do now, and we find that the first fruits of royal patronage was the institution and formation of this school, for we know as a fact that this school in its first formation was called "The Cumberland School for Girls," and was so called after the late Duke of Cumberland, who, I believe we are all pleased to acknowledge, even at this late date, was one of the greatest promoters and friends of Masonry. (Hear, hear.) Carried on as this school has been from that time to the present, and gradually rising in numbers, in efficiency, and in good conduct, we find that during that period something like 1000 girls have been admitted into it, have been clothed, and fed, and taught, and have been rendered useful members of society, and we know, as a fact, that if I may use a commercial term, the girls of the Masonic Institution are at a premium. In saying that, I only speak from my own experience, for I had an opportunity on Saturday last, in distributing the prizes to those girls, of knowing actually what a good institution it is, and what girls can be made when they are admitted into and educated in an Institution like the Girls' School in Masonry. (Hear, hear.) Now, it may be said, and no doubt it is said, why does such an institution, which is so wealthy as this, require an annual festival to increase its funds? There is a very good answer to that. Rich as this institution may be, it is not rich enough. I, for myself, like to know this fact, that there may be times of adversity; there may be times when even the brethren may not be in a position to come forward in such an ample way as to find a sufficient income for the maintenance of this school; and when we know that providing for 149 or 150 girls is no trifling cost, but does amount to a large revenue, although possibly upon the face of it it would not appear to be so, but when we take everything into account, it does require a large revenue, it is most advisable and beneficial that an institution like this should have a good nest egg laid by in the shape of a large investment, so that it may have an opportunity of something to fall back upon. But in addition I see no reason why the school should be kept down to the number of 150. This school may be raised by the same principles on which it has educated a small number of children to educate double the number; and therefore, there is no reason at all why we should relax in our efforts to raise such a fund that we may be enabled at a future time not only to increase the number of the pupils, but to increase and enlarge the building. (Hear, hear.) Well, if that is so we may do it by following the course that is now being pursued in this very school, viz., that we may bring up children there for all sorts of good purposes in life. In this way we may have girls there who may be converted into ladies. I saw on Saturday last, one, two, or three girls who I say would be fit associates for any ladies in the land, (Hear, hear), who by their manners, education and appearance are fit for any society. Under the able tuition of the chief governess one young lady, I call her a young lady, and it is quite right that I should so call her, delivered a recitation in German equal in pronunciation and diction to any German scholar. I also heard other young ladies—I still keep to that term—deliver a dialogue in French; and I must say that I should be very proud if I could speak French as well. Then, we find that she has been enabled to impart a good musical knowledge, and experience, and practice among these girls. When you find twelve girls sit down to pianos, and all of them keep that exact time that you cannot detect a wrong note or a wrong time, I say there must be great proficiency in that. Then comes this question, is it not a good thing when you find girls of that calibre, and of that brain that they can receive this education, that they should receive it? Why should they not? There may be reasons on the other side no doubt,

but there are enough girls in this School to be educated to household work, to become as they no doubt would become, very good domestic servants, because I found that in that respect even those young people I call ladies are obliged to learn all domestic duties. They perform all duties which will render them useful members of society in whatever position they may be placed; and that is one of the benefits of this Institution—if a girl cannot do one thing she can always do another. And if that is so I am sure this Institution has attained its highest degree of success.

With respect to finance, that is a subject on which I must offer somewhat of congratulation. I feel this to be a great benefit indeed, that one of the objects in which we always consider Masons to be most successful, is that of charity and benevolence. I know of no other gathering of any class whatever who are so liberal in their gifts, charities and donations, as the Masonic body. When we look at the amount raised year by year, not only for this Institution, but the Boys' School and the Aged Freemasons, it is wonderful what a large amount is collected; and I must say it is not in any way too large. It is only that which shows us what we can do if we have the means. It shows us we can relieve, and take from parents children who might be demoralised, and instead of becoming benefits to society might be its pests; instead of benefitting a parish might go to the criminal courts, as in former times no doubt they did, and so society was deteriorated. Now, brethren, I do not know that I have much more to say in this cause, except one thing, and that I think is very material; as it shows that at all events girls can compete in these local examinations. Now, we find that an average of ten of these girls in our school are competitors in the Cambridge local examinations, and on every occasion every one of them have either received honours or certificates of merit. I consider that to be a great thing indeed, because it is right on one hand that no girls should be raised much above another, that no favoritism should be practised in respect of some girls who may be supposed to have superior merits, and that the rest should be left untutored or neglected. Now that is not so in this school. Ten girls every year are brought forward to show what the school can do; but in doing so they set an example to those who remain behind. (Hear hear.) Now I really do not know that I can say anything more in praise of this excellent Institution. It is one which gave me exceeding pleasure in visiting last Saturday, and I certainly was only sorry that the climate did not favour us to that extent it might have done. Still, it enabled us to see more of the interior of the building. Though we did not see how the cabbages were grown in the garden, we saw and are prepared to testify how human beings grow and improve. Therefore brethren, I am sure that although I am bound to say that this Institution is in a flourishing state, I think it is our duty to make it still more flourishing, and therefore ask you not to stop and to think you have done enough; but I hope on this occasion you will be found to be inclined to do more. I give you "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," and in doing so I have to ask a friend of mine, and a very great friend to the Institution, to respond to it—the Treasurer, Bro. Tomkins. (Hear hear.) I am sure of this, that our Bro. Tomkins knows how to receive money, how to invest it better, how to take care of the profits, or to see them well and properly applied. He has been the Treasurer of Grand Lodge and this Institution for so large a number of years, that I believe we may place implicit confidence in him. I know this, that the larger amount we place in his hands the better he will like it. (Cheers.)

Bro. S. Tomkins said: My Lords and Brethren, after the eloquent address which you have just heard on behalf of the noble charity, which we are met this evening to support, there is very little left for me to say. I am quite sure when you hear the amount of the sums collected you will be gratified at the exertions which the Craft has made on this occasion. When we see year by year our Masonic subscriptions rise to so noble an amount, I think we ought never to forget that the increase of the Masonic body is such that it must evidently and inevitably bring on our charities in future years greater demands than we have seen in past years. Therefore, when we congratulate ourselves on our success, and cannot but feel a certain amount of pride that our charities are so well supported, we must remember that the future will bring upon us very heavy and serious claims, and that it is very necessary that the admirable traditions of the past should be handed down to the future—that we shall find in the future as large and efficient a body of Stewards as we have upon the present occasion, that there is a laudable emulation that the subscriptions of future years should exceed those of the past. I think it used to be considered that it was always a most successful meeting when the subscriptions did not amount to more than a tenth of what they do to-night. It is peculiarly gratifying that we should bring out the strong and forcible point of view, that of the connection between the ancient Corporation of London and the great Masonic body. It is a very pleasant thing that the intimate union between the Corporation of London and that great body has this year received a decided impulse in the acceptance by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of the chair of this festival. (Hear hear.) When you hear the announcement of the lists you will see what great success has been obtained, and I am sure that you will each and all of you see that the success which has hitherto attended us has not fallen off on the present occasion.

Bro. Little (Secretary) here read the list of subscriptions. Colonel Lyne: My Lord, Right Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, the toast confided to my charge is that of "The Vice Patrons, the Vice Presidents, the Trustees, the various Committees, and the Medical Officers." Now, it is only those who have served in those various offices who are aware of the difficulties and the onerous and responsible duties which they have to perform; in fact I know of

no more responsible duties, unless it be on the part of him who has to propose their health. (Laughter.) I think we may safely congratulate those brethren on the great success which has resulted from their good and kind offices. I think the receipts which we have just heard fully justify me in making that observation; for when we hear that so large a sum as £7,269 3s. has been subscribed at one meeting for the purposes which the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor has stated, I think that whatever trouble those brethren may have taken they have been amply rewarded, for these brethren, if they have not been rewarded in this respect, though I think they have, yet there are other respects in which they have at all events been rewarded. The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor observed in the early part of the evening that we were coming back to the right place in Masonry when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was made the head of our Order. (Hear, hear.) Permit me to give another illustration of that, which is, when we see the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presiding at our banquet. (Hear, hear.) That is one source of congratulation that I have to mention. Another source of gratification is this, the manner in which we have seen the tables, surrounded as they have been this evening. Another thing, which I am sure will give them equal pleasure—and though I mention it last it is not least—I think in the early part of the evening the brethren must have been delighted to see the gathering of youth and beauty and fashion there assembled. I say all these results must be gratifying to those brethren whose names I have the honour to propose; and when I ask you to drink that toast, I will couple with it the name of one who will at all events make up for any deficiency I have shown in proposing the toast, and will fully compensate for me, I mean Bro. Parkinson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex.

Bro. Parkinson having left, Bro. John Symonds was called upon to respond.

Bro. Symonds: Brethren, I am taken considerably by surprise by the coupling of my name with the toast, for although it so happens that I am a very old Vice-president of this Institution, of late, owing to the fact that the meetings of its various committees are held on a day when it is impossible for me to attend, I have not taken that active part I could have wished in the affairs of the School. But, my Lord Mayor, when you are pleased to couple my name with the toast, it is my duty to respond to it; and I can assure you and the brethren that although, as I have said, I am taken by surprise, it is to me a very great gratification to respond for such a glorious institution. I have seen in former years sometimes, although not so often lately as formerly, how the various committees of this institution devote themselves to its welfare. I have seen them working day after day for the benefit of this institution, and if it had not been that under their care it had prospered so gloriously, you could not have had the magnificent result which you have achieved to-day, of receiving subscriptions to the amount of upwards of £7000. Brethren, I feel by this toast being coupled with the working men of the institution, that it is owing to their admirable exertions that the School has attained the proud position it now occupies. I remember the time when we met in this hall when we were gratified with subscriptions of £800. We thought it a magnificent result. Now, however, we get the sum of £7000 (cheers). On behalf of those who have worked for it I beg to thank you most cordially.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed, "The other Masonic Charities." If there was any force in numbers this was the toast of the evening, inasmuch as the Lord Mayor proposed success to one charity, and the present toast embraced two. Whatever had been said in praise of the Girls' School could be said of the Boys', and whatever could be said of the Boys' could be said of the Benevolent Institution. He wished the claims of both were advocated more than they were. He was sorry to say that in provinces not very far off, from where brethren came up to the late Installation, they were quite ignorant as to these Institutions. They seemed as if they would not understand these things. He hoped, however, their eyes would soon be opened. He would call on Bro. Binckes to respond. He did not think that if he were to search England through, he could find a man who had done more for the charities than Bro. Binckes.

Bro. Binckes replied, and congratulated the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School on the success of their festivals. There was a new word used at present, "trilogy," which occurred to him in connection with this subject—the three Masonic Institutions were a trilogy. If asked to explain, he would say the first institution's festival should be good, the second better, and the third best. He was looking forward to the superlative for the festival of his Institution, the Boys', which would happen on the 30th June, and he hoped that the brethren would come forward and support it liberally. (Cheers.)

The Chairman proposed "The Stewards," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Monckton.

Bro. Monckton, in responding, said: Right Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, the Stewards have but little to say that you have not already heard from our brother the Secretary of the Girls' School. It has been well said, and will be to the end of time, that the end crowns the work. If, brethren, you are satisfied with the end, depend upon it, we Stewards have no reason to regret, but on the contrary, to rejoice at what we have done, and very heartily we thank you. (Cheers.)

The Chairman proposed "The Ladies," who he believed were very anxious to know something more about Freemasons than they were willing to divulge. They were, however, willing to shew them that they were capable of performing great acts of charity. He had been much pleased with the number of ladies who had graced the gallery that evening, and was only sorry they could not sit down side by side with the brethren.

Bro. P. de L. Long responded, and thought it would be better to join them immediately in the concert room instead of expatiating on their merits.

This was done, and the company separated about eleven o'clock.

The dinner was well supplied by Bro. Francatelli, and gave great satisfaction. Bro. Harker was toast-master, and under the direction of Bro. Kerr Gedge a beautiful selection of music was performed by Miss Josephine Sherrington, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Florence Winn, Madame Varley Liebe, and Bros. Hodges, Wilford Morgan, Winn, De Lacey, and W. H. Thomas.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Benj. Head presided, and there were also present—Bros. Joseph Smith, W. Hilton, L. Stein, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, J. G. Stevens, Wm. Stephens, James Brett, J. Newton, Charles Lacey, F. Adlard, Griffiths Smith, J. A. Farnfield, Raynham W. Stewart, Capt. J. Wordsworth, C. F. Hogard, Capt. Cubitt, and James Terry, Secretary.

A letter from Bro. Dr. W. Strong was read by the Secretary, thanking the committee for making him a Vice-president of the institution.

The Secretary also reported that Messrs. Cutbush had presented another dozen of rhododendrons to the institution, and on the motion of Bro. Griffiths Smith, seconded by Bro. Joseph Smith, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Cutbush for the generous and timely gift.

The report of the Committee of Management was read, by which it appears that with the additional 22 aged persons resolved to be put on the funds of the institution, there would now be 230 (130 males and 100 females) annuitants to be provided for, at a cost annually of £7743.

Some other business was then transacted, and the committee adjourned.

The election will take place on Friday next.

Masonic Tidings.

The Prince of Wales has sent a donation of twenty guineas to the Cabmen's Shelter Fund.

An illustration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will appear in the *Freemason* of the 22nd inst.

We understand that the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Alexandra Palace.

The Surrey Masonic Hall will shortly be opened by the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson has given to the British Medical Benevolent Fund the sum of 100 guineas for the augmentation of annuities for aged or disabled qualified members of the medical profession. Bro. Wilson recently presented to the Royal College of Surgeons of England the sums of £5,000 to found a professorship in the college, £5,000 for the purpose of building a new wing to the Royal Medical Benevolent College at Epsom, and £2,000 for repairing Swanscombe Church.

Bro. Robert John Chappell, (Gutierrez, Chappell & Co., Old Broad-street), liveryman and stationer, has been elected a member of the Common Council, in the room of the late Mr. Deputy John Banister, deceased.

Bro. F. Kent, C.C., has been elected on the court of assistants of the Wheelwrights' Company.

Though the Grand Lodge of Freemasons at Berlin still refuses to accept Jews as members, several independent lodges which ignore these exclusions have been formed in that city.

The Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, has been elected by the Senate of the University of London examiner in the University. Dr. Brette held the same position from 1865 to 1870.

"EGYPTIAN HALL."—Dr. Lynn has, within the last few days, introduced to his patrons two wonderfully clever Mandoline players, who now alternate the honours of the musical portion of the programme with the Sisters Gerbaldi. As professors of this charming instrument they evince talent of the highest order, going through some most difficult pieces with the finest effect. Dr. Lynn is to be complimented on his latest musical addition to his already most extraordinary entertainment.

The "Spécialité" sherry sold by Messrs. Felton and Sons, of Conduit-street, Bond-street, is vouched for by various chemical and medical authorities as being pure. We will take that as the very best and most satisfactory basis to start from to criticise the wine. From thenceforward we claim to have as good a right to speak, and when we say that the taste of the "Spécialité" sherry is very refined—something that meets the modern notion of dry, and yet fulfils the desires of those who ask for the old-fashioned nutty flavour—we think the public may exclaim—"We have found it! This is the very wine!"—*Court Journal*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—At all seasons of the year mankind is subject to disease, but some seasons are particularly dangerous, and none more so than the Spring, with its sudden alterations of temperature and varying climate. That a remedy of some kind is requisite at this season to purify the blood has been a recognised fact for ages, and at different times strange remedies have been resorted to for the carrying this into effect. The discovery of the above named remedies has been most opportune, for, by their use as purifying and strengthening agents, the blood is quickly relieved of effete matters, and at the same time no risk is incurred by undue purging or weakening in any way.—*Advt.*

TO OUR READERS.

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ERRATUM.—In our report of the Royal Cumberland Mark Lodge the following line was omitted from amongst the appointments of officers:—"Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain; Jelley, S.W.; Carey, J.W.; Milsom, S.O."

Numerous reports of lodge meetings, English and Scotch, stand over till our next.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1875.

GRAND CHAPTER.

The meeting of Grand Chapter was rendered most interesting by the appearance of our Royal Brother, the Prince of Wales. He was duly installed in the First chair, the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master in the other two respectively, and the meeting began as it ended, amid the warm enthusiasm of the companions. We think that it is a matter of much rejoicing that our Royal Grand Master thus accepts and so warmly enters into his Masonic duties and position, and we feel more than ever how good an omen it is for the future welfare of our Order, when we see our august brother so calmly intent on losing no opportunity of proclaiming openly his attachment to our body, his approval of our principles, and his entire sympathy with our labours and our efforts! His appearance on Wednesday, 5th, at Grand Chapter was a befitting "corollary" of all his previous friendly words, and will convince the Craft from one end of England to the other how thoroughly he has inherited that goodwill for our peaceful, benevolent, and tolerant brotherhood, which distinguished in years gone by so many of his illustrious family.

LORD CARNARVON'S SPEECH.

We have read with great attention our able Bro. Buchan's criticism on the eloquent address of our distinguished Pro Grand Master, but we confess we cannot understand what he finds amiss in it. Our noble brother only adopted the guild theory, which is also upheld by Bro. Hughan, "Masonic Student," and others, and we cannot see that the address to the Grand Master,

opportune and admirable as it was, is in any way obnoxious to critical animadversion. We fully endorse his words, with all deference to Bro. Buchan. We believe, as he does, that our Speculative Order is but the continuation of the old operative guilds, and therefore we hold, and hold strongly, that Lord Carnarvon in all that he said, and said so well, is alike archæologically and historically correct. We certainly do not accept as proved facts, the assumed affiliation of King James I., King Charles I., King Charles II., and King William III., though we do not mean to say that the traditions in that respect are utterly untrue! But as we have no evidence of the statements, we relegate them to the period of legend and tradition alone, assuming that our actual trustworthy history begins with 1717. But we say all this with deference and with reserve, so neglected has been the study of Masonic antiquity amongst us, neglected that is, on scientific principles, and evidential accuracy, that, as we feel sure Bro. W. J. Hughan will agree, we must look upon ourselves as yet upon the threshold of enquiry and verification. If the logical result of the argument, for instance, arising out of the facts as proved by the Masons' Company books be accepted, as we think it will be, the consequence will be that in 1646 Speculative Freemasonry was known and practised in this country, and that in 1682 the Freemasons were a distinct organization, openly receiving speculative members. So that there is no limit, possibly, to the interesting evidences and illustrations of our Order yet forthcoming, which are like the "dissecta membra" of the poet, lying here and there in long unopened boxes, and dusty muniment rooms: Bearing all this in mind, and believing in the great and material identity of the Speculative and Operative Order or guilds, call them by what name you like, we entirely concur with our Pro Grand Master in his brief but eloquent sketch of Masonic history. We quite understand that Bro. Buchan, who still clings to the 1717 theory most manfully, may object to any statement antagonistic to his amiable little "vanity," but we cannot agree with him, and we know that he is too tolerant and too good a Freemason not to concede to others, the same absolute freedom of opinion he claims for himself.

THE "SATURDAY REVIEW" AGAIN.

Our old friend is as usual as cynical and as unsparing as ever. "Semper idem" is its motto in its weekly utterances of polished sarcasm and somewhat acidulated chaff. The *Saturday Review* has made a great discovery, which is, not merely that there is nothing in Freemasonry, but that the great object of the Masonic gathering is love of dress and show. With the memories of old days and of the Latin grammar, the reviewer would touchingly say "Veniunt spectatum veniunt spectentur ut ipsi." Most remarkable discovery, and still more remarkable fact. The *Saturday Review* retreats from the "love-of-a-good-dinner theory." Perhaps it did just occur to the writer that *Saturday Reviewers* liked and could eat a good dinner as well as the Freemasons, and that it was not a fact which proved much any way. A good many Englishmen, and good Englishmen too, have liked and do like a good dinner, and why are Freemasons wrong in doing the same; on what principles, either of high "salutin," or the lower grounds of a depressing asceticism, are Freemasons to be condemned for preferring a good dinner to a bad one? We pause for a reply. The *Saturday Reviewer* felt that this "prandial" theory was untenable, and so he now asserts that the great ends of Freemasonry are the apron and the jewel! We do not suppose that all men will see Freemasonry as we do. We do not expect that at once all objections are to be removed, and all hesitation ended, but what we do ask for is fair dealing and truthful statements. The argument "ad absurdum" is often very effective, and may be very witty, we will even concede logical, but it fails in its end utterly; it is nothing but the idle invention of a morbid jester when it assumes the character of an incriminating falsehood. Now, we say distinctly that love of dress is not any end of Freemasonry, or any object of the great mass of Freemasons.

That we may have those amongst us who like to disport themselves in Masonic red, blue, or purple may be true; that we have Masonic "jackdaws" is not, we apprehend, deniable by any of us, but the vast bulk of our fraternity are actuated and animated by no such unworthy motives. Freemasonry to them is a social, a tolerant, a charitable institution, where amid contentions both political and religious, the faithful Freemason can happily meet his brother Freemasons and his pleasant friends, forgetful of the one and ignorant of the other. Freemasonry would seek to throw a little of the sweetness of charity, a little of the softness of brotherly sympathy, over this often arid wilderness of life. Men often contend long and bitterly here about "trifles light as air," which nevertheless estrange them from each other, and keep them in antagonism, even amid the pressing claims of social life. But in the Masonic lodge the tumult of politics is unknown, in that peaceful region no polemical warfare intrudes, the "odium theologicum" and the "odium humanum" are alike unheard of, and many of us find our lodge room a pleasant reunion of warm hearts and kindly companions. We have read over carefully the article in the *Saturday Review*, and have, we believe, found the only one "point" of its lengthy tirade and heavy facetiousness. Indeed, all we read there we have often read before, and the objections, veiled partly by jest and sarcasm, are but those which we have had to encounter in the past, and shall have to encounter in the future, from all who object to Freemasonry "in limine," who disbelieve its claims to historic antiquity, who undervalue its efforts in the cause of benevolence. Most of our readers, like ourselves, have long since made up their minds as to the real value and the true mission of our good old Order, and as we are not deterred by threats, so we shall not be induced by ridicule to disavow its membership or desert its colours.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING.

We are requested by our worthy and zealous brother to announce that four other names have been sent in. 430, Bro. Jabez Garrett, 13, Broad Street; 776, Benjamin Hammond, Stepney; 1512, R. Jennings, J.D. Royal Albert, 907; and 3137, John Megg, Sheerness. We congratulate Bro. Constable on the result of his charitable labours, devoted and persevering as we know them to have been. It seems that for this year 4000 tickets were issued, of which 3780 were sold, representing 18 life-governorships of 10 guineas each, or £189. By the particulars of the numbers published, it would seem that there were five prizes for the first thousand, four in the second, five in the third, and four in the fourth, a distribution certainly not inequitable. As our brethren and readers may like to know the "modus operandi" of the ballot, we give it to them. The whole 4000 corresponding numbers were placed in a basket, thoroughly intermixed, and the first eighteen tickets drawn (singly) represented the eighteen life-governorships. We are happy to learn that marked success has crowned all our brother's efforts, a satisfactory reward to all his difficulties and even rebuffs, and that his steward's list will amount at least to £415. It is no doubt perfectly true, that the shillings have come in from sources where larger subscriptions, if asked for, would have been nil, and we think that such a fact says a great deal, not only for the original idea of Bro. Constable, but for his unwearied efforts. We should remember that this scheme of Bro. Constable's is not before us for the first time. We hear the result of his endeavours for 1875, namely, the creation of eighteen life-governorships for the Girls' School; but we must not forget that in 1874 the same disinterested energy produced £349 for the Benevolent Institution, £760 in round numbers in two years. We thank Bro. Constable for his praiseworthy devotion to and personal sympathy for the cause of Masonic charity generally, and we congratulate him on his favourable return for 1875. We presume that our worthy brother, though he may perhaps hesitate at wearying out his many friends, will yet also try and do a good turn for the Boys' School. We tender to him "our

heartly good wishes" and our warm appreciation of his benevolent labours.

THE NEEDLEMAKERS' COMPANY.

Pressure on our space, which is quite overwhelming just now, prevents us giving in extenso the interesting report of this practically resuscitated company, over which our worthy and able Bro. J. C. Parkinson so fitly presides. A very large number of our Order attended the livery banquet, and, as we read the list, we observe many well known both in Grand Lodge and in private lodge. It appears that the Needle-makers' Company dates from the time of Henry VIII., it was never chartered, however, until the time of the Commonwealth, but subsequently received a Royal charter from King Charles II. Being one of the minor companies it had gradually dwindled away, until it was revived by some zealous members, many of them Freemasons, a short time ago, including Bro. Sir George Elliott, M.P., and our excellent Grand Registrar, as we are informed. If we may judge of the future success of the Company, by the abundance of its good cheer, the number of its visitors, and the animation of their speeches, we should be disposed to augur long life and much prosperity for it. Our distinguished Bro. the Lord Mayor was also present, and made a very effective speech, indeed we cannot fail to be struck with the sterling quality of the addresses, the "speaking power" so remarkably displayed. We would especially call attention to the speech of Bro. Parkinson, and to the as usual happy response of the Lord Chief Justice. The old guilds used to have their "morning speech," we have so far improved on them as to have an "evening speech," equally useful and probably a little more effective. The account of this genial gathering in our contemporary, the *City Press*, for May 8th, will amply repay perusal. We trust that all success will attend the reanimated company, and that, like the other former guilds of the City of London, it may show from year to year equally pleasant tokens of its vitality and its hospitality.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS. (Continued.)

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton was initiated in the Apollo Lodge, 357, at Oxford, in 1857, and served his qualifying offices, we are informed, in the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Speed has been a member of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, since 1837, having been initiated two years before, and a member of Moriah Chapter, No. 9, from the same date, in both of which he has served all the offices.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. F. P. Morrell was initiated in the Apollo Lodge, 357, served offices therein, and followed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as W.M. in 1874. He is a subscriber to the Girls' School, and a Life Governor of the Boys'.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. P. G. Homfray was initiated in the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Mon., in 1859. He served in the offices up to J.W. in that lodge, and on the foundation of St. George's Lodge, 1098, at Tredegar, this being his native place, he became a joining member of that lodge. About seven years ago he was elected W.M.; became P.M. and served the lodge faithfully for three years. He was made D. Prov. G.M. of Monmouthshire about four years ago, by Lient. Col. Lyne; is now Prov. G.M., having previously held the offices of Prov. G.S.B. and P.G.J.W. He is P.Z. of Chapters 237, 471 and 818; P.M. W.S. Ivor Hael Chapter, Rose Croix; E.P. Gwent Preceptory, and is Prov. G.H. of Monmouthshire.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. John Wright was initiated in the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, London, March 26th, 1853, and subscribed about two years. Joined the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, in January, 1856, and contributed to 1869. Joined the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, Tottenham, in 1858, was W.M.

in 1864 and contributed to 1866. Joined the Merchant Navy Lodge, Poplar, No. 781, in September, 1861, was W.M. in 1862, and is still a member and Treasurer of the lodge. He is also a member of the Friar's Lodge, No. 1349 since its formation in 1871. He was exalted in the High Cross Chapter, No. 754, Tottenham, in 1863, and was among the promoters and is a present member of the Chapter of Sincerity, No. 174.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The anniversary festival of this excellent institution took place on Tuesday, May 11th, and we are glad to be able to report to the Craft that this second great charitable meeting of our Order has not been behind the first in attendance or in result. We are happy in being able to announce that the lists produced the generous contribution of £7269 3s., and while congratulating our Order and the committee we are compelled, by want of space, to stop now. Next week we shall call the attention of our readers to the subject more fully, and shall give the Lists of Subscriptions.

RUMOURS OF WAR.

As Freemasons we are not politicians, but we have, and ever should have, a deep interest in all that concerns humanity. Hence to our peaceful Order all war, unless a war of defence or absolutely necessary in the interests of justice, right, and honour, is a matter of sincere regret. Especially should we deplore a great European war. We will hope that the happy influences of civilization and progress may not be retarded by another outbreak of angry passions, by the fell tide of devastating and destructive hostilities sweeping over fair lands now in peace, and bringing ruin to the homestead and misery to family life. The Duke of Wellington once said, that no soldier who had seen much of war would ever wish needlessly to inflict its horrors on any country whatever; and we fondly trust that conciliatory counsels and the good sense of great and experienced statesmen will yet avert, in God's good Providence, so great a trial and so mournful a calamity from Europe, now like the mighty sea in its pleasant calm and glorious expanse of blue waters, tranquil and at rest, after fearful storms and destructive hurricanes. With the poet we too well may say to-day, "Nulla salus bello, pacem te poscimus omnes." We are happy to add that reassuring news has been received by Her Majesty's Government.

NOTICE.

The June number of the "Masonic Magazine" which is the closing number of the 2nd volume, will be increased in letter-press, and will be ornamented by a photograph of H.R.H. the Grand Master. In order to prevent disappointment, non-subscribers should send an order at once to the publisher, 198, Fleet-street, E.C., who is most anxious to accommodate all who apply in time. The price of the single number is 6d., seven shillings for the whole year, and postage paid. With the end of the second volume it is a good time for many of our brethren to subscribe for the next twelve months.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I am sure the Craft generally would be pleased to be informed on authority how many brethren were really present at the Albert Hall on the 28th ult., I shall be obliged if you will kindly give the required information. I should also be glad to know how it was that Prince Leopold was not present. Was he unfortunately unwell again?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

EDWIN PRIOR.

LODGE VOTES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask, through the columns of your journal, for information on the following point, which has arisen in the course of a most amicable discussion on the subject of the votes belonging to my lodge, but standing in the name of "the W.M."

Would it be the duty of the W.M. to place all such votes at the disposal of the lodge and use them only in such way as might be resolved upon, or has he a perfect right, if so disposed, to use them as he might privately think fit?

I have no doubt that if the W.M. voted for any candidate and returned the paper duly signed, such vote or votes would be perfectly legal so far as the election was concerned, even presuming that the W.M. had voted contrary to the unanimous wish of the lodge, and although there may be no doubt as to the course which any W.M. ought to take in the matter, I am desirous of knowing what would be his duty.

Yours fraternally,

G.A.J., P.M.

[We apprehend that the votes are at the disposal of the W.M. for the time being, absolutely.—Ed.]

RED APRON LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The suggestion of a P.M. in your last issue that it would be a wise and gracious act of Grand Lodge to commemorate the installation of our Royal Worshipful Grand Master by increasing the number of Grand Stewards is one that will meet with general approval from the largely increased, and ever increasing body, to the interests of whom your journal is devoted.

There are many ancient lodges well worthy of the honour, not only from their antiquity, but by their devotion to the Masonic cause, and the upholding of its various charities and purposes.

I am greatly mistaken if the present Grand Stewards would do other than rejoice at the admission of some of their ancient brethren, who would enter within their boundary without scruple, believing they had justly earned the position, and as it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour, let every brother work on in every good work, being sustained by the hope that ere long there may be yet another reason for congratulation in having a Royal Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours fraternally,

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THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the time for the meeting of the Great Priory is now at hand, I think it may be useful to call the attention of the members of various preceptories, who are interested in a revision of statutes of the Templar Order, to the necessity that exists for a large attendance of the supporters of that revision at the meeting of the Great Priory, not only of those who bear a vote by their offices, but of all other members of the preceptories who are in accord with us on these points. The object of a large attendance is to show that the dissatisfaction at the present state of things is not confined to a few preceptories, or even to those few who have sent in memorials, but is deep and widespread. This will be as effectually shown by a large attendance of the dissentients as by the votes of those who have a right to a voice in the Great Priory. Let, then, every one of us, who thinks that the prosperity of the Order demands an alteration in the statutes, be there and hold up our hands for a consideration of the memorials sent in to the Great Priory, and thereby show to those with whom the decision lies, that we are unanimous in our requirements, and are of such number, and therefore of importance to the Order, as may ensure attention and redress of our grievances. It is undeniably apparent that among some of the chiefs of the Order there exists a strong disinclination to any alteration of the present statutes, and of course, the high position of those officers can but render necessary a more strenuous effort (if success is to be hoped for) by those who, though greater in number, are in less exalted positions than the rulers over us. I confess it appears to us to be hopeless to expect a successful result in future if we should fail now, when we have, so far as possible, organised, to some extent, an united action, as in that case our present defeat will militate strongly against a future success. Now, if ever, is our opportunity, and it behoves us all not, by indifference, to let it pass by without a result, such as we seek and are convinced is necessary to the welfare of the Order, and if not essential to its existence, at least most influential in keeping up its prestige.

I am, Sir, yours right fraternally,

J.C.G.L.

Mulum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE MASONS' COMPANY.

Sir Wm. Wiseman is a misprint for Wilson. So far the two Wises, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, William Woodman, Mr. Samuel Taylour, are all verified as members of the Masons' Company. These are all the names mentioned in Preston's seventeenth edition, but "seven more old Freemasons" are spoken of. On looking back to Ashmole's life and diary, in the edition of 1774, it seems that the quotation, as given by Dr. Oliver in the note, is not correct, for the words "seven old Freemasons" do not occur, but the following names are given—Mr. Thomas Shadbolt Wadsworth, Esq., Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson and Mr. William Stanton. Of these the only so far verified is John Shorthose as well as Thomas Shorthose, Captain

Borthwick and Sir William Wilson are not traceable. I am endeavouring to have another search made, and will report progress. Unless Oliver took his extract from some other work, this quotation, as will be seen, must be incorrect. Ashmole nowhere talks of "seven other old Freemasons," though the names mentioned with Thomas Shorthose amount to eight. The point is most important, and too much trouble cannot be taken to clear it up fully. Bro. Hughan and myself quite feel this.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE ASTROLOGERS' FEAST.

I want to call my Bro. W. J. Hughan's attention to this feast, too often mentioned by Ashmole. Can any light be thrown upon it? Sir John Heydon, who is an early patron of Ashmole, was also not unknown to astrological fame. The first mention of it is under the name of the Mathematical Feast, February 24th, 1647, at the White Hart in the Old Bailey, "where I dined." The next meeting appears to be August 1st, 1649. The Astrologers' Feast at Painters' Hall, the same year, October 31st. There was another, August 8th, 1650, "I being at the Astrologers' Feast, 2. hor. post merid, I was chosen steward for the following year, August 14th, 1651. The next was again at Painters' Hall, March 18th, 1653. The Astrologers' Feast was held August 22nd, 1654. Another, August 29th, 1656. Another, November 2nd, 1659. The diary ends October 8th, 1687, but he nowhere mentions the Astrologers' Feast again. He mentions the Antiquaries' Feast, July 2nd, 1659, but that is clearly another meeting. It appears that on the 23rd of May, 1686, Dr. Plot presented him with "His Natural History of Staffordshire." Is there any minute in the book of the Painters' Company, if such still exists, as to the loan of this hall, and where was it. The Painters' Company was one of the minor companies, and its hall, like many others, probably perished in the great fire.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

ASHMOLE'S MSS.

In reply to the query of the Rev. Bro. Woodford, I have pleasure in informing him that the MSS. of Elias Ashmole are in the library at Oxford, and, as I hear from a friend in that city, there are two excellent catalogues of them; one a general catalogue, the other of names of persons and places.

WILLIAM KELLY, P.P.G.M.

The Ashmole MSS. in the Bodleian have all been searched over and over again. I allude to his private MSS. Many thanks to Bro. Kelly. A. F. A. W.

Obituary.

BRO. BENJAMIN TAYLOR.

Our readers generally, and the Masonic fraternity in particular, will regret to learn that Bro. Benjamin Taylor died on Thursday, 29th ult. Deceased was one of the oldest public officers in Huddersfield, having been assistant overseer for the long period of thirty-two years, and which post he ultimately resigned through age and infirmity. He was throughout life a man of sterling integrity, and discharged his public duties in a manner which elicited the warmest praise from the inhabitants generally. He was also a Free and Accepted Mason, of whom the Craft were justly proud, and his long and honourable connection with the Order is testified to by the oil painting of him, in Masonic costume, which adorns the walls of the Lodge of Harmony in South Parade. A paragraph appeared in the *Illustrated News*, of the 10th of last month, representing that a Masonic brother, who had been fifty-three years a member, was the oldest in England; but as Mr. Taylor was initiated on the 6th of June, 1816, he had a clear claim to seniority. He had held nearly every office in Masonry, and about three years ago he performed the unusual ceremony of initiating his grandson, Mr. James Taylor. When he completed his 50th year of membership the brethren of the Lodge of Harmony presented him with a silver cup, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Lodge of Harmony, 275, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, Huddersfield, to Bro. Benjamin Taylor, P.M., P.Z., P.P. S.G.D. of West Yorkshire, in commemoration of his attaining his 50th year of membership in the Order, and in token of the high esteem and fraternal regard entertained for him by the lodge; he having by his upright conduct and exemplary character as a citizen, by his rarely equalled attainments in knowledge of Masonic ritual, by his assiduous attention to all Masonic duties, and by his readiness to undertake any office or ceremony assigned to him, justly endeared himself to his brethren and companions. June, 1866." The ratepayers also evinced a lively desire to mark their appreciation of his private character and public worth, after his retirement from the office of assistant overseer. On the 31st of July, 1872, an illuminated address, a silver snuff box, and £250 in money were presented him. The address was as follows:—"To Mr. Benjamin Taylor, late assistant overseer of the poor of Huddersfield, this address, together with a purse of £250, and a silver snuff box, is presented by the principal ratepayers and inhabitants of Huddersfield, in testimony of their high appreciation of the valuable services which he has for over thirty-two years past rendered to the town, and of the unswerving integrity and assiduous industry with which he discharged the duties of his office throughout an unusually lengthened period, nearly a quarter of a million sterling of poor rates having passed through his hands to the satisfaction of the overseers in chief." The substance of this address was also engraved on the snuff box. Throughout life Bro. Taylor was identified with the Methodist New Connexion body, and for many years, and up to the time of his death, was a trustee of High-street Chapel. He has passed away at the ripe age of eighty years, leaving an example which public officers in every department would do well to imi-

tate. Two sons of Bro. Taylor were also members of the Craft, and of good standing and esteem in their respective lodges. The youngest son, Joe Taylor, was successively Deacon, Secretary of the Lodge of Harmony, 275, and was appointed Warden for the current year, but died suddenly soon after the appointment, and before the day of his installation arrived. He left a family of young children in a very unprovided state, one of whom, Louisa Jane Taylor, is a candidate for admission to the Freemasons' Girls' School at the next October election, and as it is, on account of her age, her first and only chance—it is the earnest hope of her friends that her descent from two generations of worthy Masons will ensure her the sympathy and support of a goodly number of the Craft.

BRO. WILLIAM DOBSON.

This worthy and esteemed member of the Craft, who resided at 145, Mile End-road, London, E., died on the 19th April, in the 66th year of his age. He was for many years a member of Lodge 812 (old No.), Mile End, and was greatly esteemed by all the brethren who had the happiness of being acquainted with him. By profession he was an architect, surveyor, and valuer, and in the latter capacity especially he was always regarded by his professional brethren as a competent authority. A thorough Christian, his conduct was always characterised by strict integrity, and he was an unostentatious disciple of those noble principles which are so intimately associated with the Craft. He was a kind husband and an affectionate parent, and his loss is deeply deplored by a large sorrowing family, as well as a wide circle of admiring friends, whose grief is considerably alleviated by a flattering hope that his soul has ascended to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Failing health had, during the last two years, incapacitated him from following the duties of his profession; but a lasting memorial of him remains in the magnificent pile known as the Mile End Old Town Workhouse, for which building he was the successful competing architect some years ago. It is a consolation to know that his end was peaceful in the extreme, he having, up to the last, expressed his strong faith in and based his chief hopes on the mercy of the Grand Architect.

Oh! may each reader here the lesson learn,

Which can alone the bleeding heart sustain,

Where friendship weeps at virtue's funeral urn,

That to the pure in heart to die is gain.

THE LATE BRO. DR. SHANNON, OF WIGTON.

There are few men who have so rapidly risen into public esteem, and whose loss will be so keenly felt in the district where he worked, as the subject of this notice. When the news of his sudden death, at Monaco, in the South of France, reached Wigton last week, there was such universal feeling of regret and such warm expressions of attachment to him as we have seldom witnessed. Although little more than thirty years of age, he was looked upon by both rich and poor as a warm and kind friend, and he had endeared himself to all by his courteous and genial manner, his warm sympathies, and the sound knowledge of his profession, in the practice of which he had gained much reputation. He was born at Magherafelt, in the North of Ireland, and was the son of a much esteemed practitioner in that district. His medical studies were pursued in the Belfast Medical School, in connection with the Queen's University of Ireland. His student's career was a successful and brilliant one, he having obtained more than the usual share of prizes in the different departments of study that fall to the lot of an average medical student. In 1861, he graduated as M.D. at Queen's University, and shortly afterwards became assistant to Dr. Tiffen, of Wigton, where he remained for some years, and was much respected. In 1864, he became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Subsequently he acted for some time as surgeon to ocean steamers, and then settled in practice in his native town of Magherafelt, and the esteem in which he was held here may be judged from the following extract of a letter:—"He was loved and valued here as well as in the North of England, and there is many a cheek bedewed with tears for him to day." He longed for a greater sphere of usefulness, and in 1869 he became a partner with his former master, Dr. Tiffen, where he soon won many friends, and extended an already large practice. He was enthusiastic in his profession, and happy when fully occupied; but hard work told upon a not over-vigorous constitution, and a neglected cold led to the development of insidious disease of the lungs, for which his medical friends, in the autumn of last year, urged him to give up work, and take a much-needed rest. Those most competent to judge advised him to take a long sea voyage, in the hope that it would lead to the full restoration to health.

As is known, his intention of sailing to Melbourne was not fulfilled, on account of the burning of the ship in which he intended to sail, so he went up the Mediterranean. As he moved about from place to place, his friends seldom knew of his whereabouts, but about three weeks ago he wrote from Naples, expressing himself as a great deal better, and on his way home, where he expected to be early this month. His death, therefore, came upon his many friends as a great shock, and one they were quite unprepared for. Full particulars have not yet arrived, but it is probable that his end was due to an attack of hæmoptysis, from which he had previously suffered.

Two of Dr. Shannon's friends, who are also his executors—Mr. Porter and Mr. W. Carrick, of Wigton—at once set out for Monaco, on receipt of the intelligence of his death, and arrived, we understand, just in time to see his remains interred.

The above Bro. Dr. Shannon was P.M., St. John's Lodge 327, Wigton, and P. Prov. J.D. Ceremonies of the province of Cumb. and West., Scribe, E. St. John's Chapter, and Prov. G. Jun. Deacon of Mark Masters in the province. Died at Monaco, April 29th, 1875.

VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Last Saturday afternoon the Lord Mayor, preparatory to his taking the chair at the eighty-seventh anniversary festival of this school on Tuesday, paid a visit in state, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Stone, and Mrs. Sheriff Ellis, to the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, according to annual custom. On their arrival at the school they were met by Col. Burdett, Prov. G. M. of Middlesex, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, and Chairman of the Board of Stewards, Bros. Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, the Rev. J. M. Vaughan, the Rev. H. C. Levander, Bros. Joshua Nunn, A. H. Tattershall, James Terry, Robt. B. Webster, W. Paas, Raynham W. Stewart, N. B. Headon, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Benjamin Head, H. G. Buss, R. W. Little (Secretary), Miss Davis (Head Governess), and Miss Jarwood, (Matron). They immediately proceeded to the exercise room, where the girls went through their famous calisthenic exercises, which have drawn at different times warm applause from the visitors to the school for their exactness and regularity. On this occasion they were in no way inferior to former examples, and the Lord Mayor when they were concluded congratulating Miss Davis on having brought the girls to such a state of perfection, remarking that their evolutions had been gone through with all the precision of a regiment of soldiers. The whole party of visitors next viewed the building, and were conducted through the dormitories by Miss Jarwood. The large amount of space in the airy and well-lighted rooms, and all the arrangements for the health and comfort of the pupils, were greatly admired by the party, who expressed the greatest satisfaction with everything they had seen. On descending, after partaking of slight refreshment, his lordship and the company proceeded to witness the children's proficiency in their studies, and by this time about 400 ladies and gentlemen had assembled. Among them were Dr. Thompson, Vicar of Wandsworth, Dr. Brette, Christ's Hospital and London University, Bros. F. Binckes, John Symonds, J. A. Rucker, Geo. Newman, Wm. Stephens, Edward Cox, H. Dicketts, Thomas Cubitt, W. Morgan, Louis Hirsch, Peter Matthews, John High, H. Muggeridge, and E. Harris. The recitations in English, French, German, and performances on the piano-forte were given, and the Lord Mayor, after stating how pleased he was to find the standard of education in the school so high, and how gratified he was at everything he had seen and heard that day, proceeded, with the assistance of the Lady Mayoress, to distribute to the following girls the prizes awarded to them.

Maria Louisa Flintoft, £5 for taking honours in the Cambridge examination, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Leila Lucy Caparn, the gold medal for general proficiency (Maria Louisa Flintoft having gained it last year), given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Mary Eliza Earl, the silver medal for good conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution:—

Elizabeth Hutchinson (Pupil Teacher) for passing senior Cambridge examination.

Maria Louisa Flintoft for taking honours in the Cambridge examination.

Leila Lucy Caparn for passing Cambridge examination.

Lillian Mary Nelson for passing Cambridge examination.

Florence Sarah Groves for Music.

Jessie Maria Blair for French.

Mary Alice Eastham for general usefulness.

Alice Maud M. Batley for general usefulness.

Amy E. Mills for needlework.

Mary Eliza Earle for needlework.

Ada Gertrude Chapman for Machine Work.

Lucy Kate Clemence for Writing.

Melora F. Goodridge for music.

Frances Harryman for general proficiency, and class.

Katharine Emery for general proficiency, 3rd class.

Catherine J. Scurr for general proficiency, 4th class.

Frances Gardner for good conduct (among the little girls).

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:—

Clari R. A. Bindon, Ada Sarah Rose, and Henrietta J. Featherstone.

By Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, for Dictation:—

Mabel H. Crampton, 1st class.

Melora F. Goodridge, 2nd class.

Harriet Cartwright, 3rd class.

Mary C. A. Sargent, 4th class.

By Bro. Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French:—

Leila Lucy Caparn.

By Mrs. Brette, for Music:—

Louisa Hole.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution:—

Florence S. Groves, Mary Young, and Bessie L. Morris.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for good conduct:—

Josephine L. Bignell and Ada Kate Kelly.

By Bro. Joseph Starkey, for drawing:—

Mary Theresa Claisen and Leila Lucy Caparn.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music:—

Mary Theresa Claisen.

By Bro. Louis Hirsch, for German:—

Maria Louisa Flintoft.

By Bro. H. W. Hemsworth, for amiability, as voted by her schoolfellows:—

Jessie Maria Blair.

After the distribution, his lordship and party retired, and the other visitors having partaken of tea, devoted themselves to the amusement of the inmates of the Institution for the remainder of the evening, and separated about ten o'clock, after spending a delightful day.

GRAND MASONIC FETE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES TO THE PUPILS OF THE MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

The annual *fete* on behalf of the Masonic Orphan Schools took place in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, on Monday evening, the 19th ultimo, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Viceroy of Ireland. It was marked by greater brilliancy than usual, chiefly because of the splendid decorations which remained since the Masonic Ball on the previous Friday night. There seemed also to be a larger concourse than at previous anniversaries, for albeit the colossal size of the building, promenading was a matter of tedious steering through the gaps made by those of the fashionable throng moving to and fro. Nearly 8,000 were present. Viewed from the galleries, the sight presented was one of singular beauty and magnificence. The many colours of the rich costumes set off with dazzling gems, together with the glory of the decorations illuminated by ten thousand lights, seemed almost dazzling. Of course the brethren were arrayed in the panoply of their insignia, except the Knights Templar, who were not so conspicuous as they were last year, with their tunics and mantles adorned with the Rose Croix. All had donned the jewels of their rank, from the third to the thirty-third degree. Many of the ladies, too, wore Masonic emblems, quite innocent of their mystic significance. But it was not unseemly for the ladies while secluded from the penetralia to adorn themselves with the gems of the order or countenance it by their presence, seeing that those of their own sex are chief objects of its solicitude, the school for orphan boys having only been established within the past few years. And here it will not be amiss to pay a respectful tribute to the memory of the late Grand Master, Augustus Frederick Duke of Leinster (who watched over the interests of the craft in this country with the care of a father for his children, during half a century), since the cause of the Masonic orphans has sustained in him a very serious loss. The great interest which his Grace manifested in the female orphan school mainly contributed to placing that institution in its present position. During the early period of its existence his subscriptions were nearly as large as those of the rest of the order put together. Of late years, happily, this was not the case, as the brethren became aware of the existence of the school and the duty devolving upon them to support it. His Grace the Duke of Leinster took special pleasure in presiding over the annual festival of charity, at which he distributed the prizes to the deserving pupils. At last year's *reunion*, which took place in the month of May, he looked hale and happy; but a few months afterwards his health gave away, and he was summoned hence amid the sincere mourning of all the brethren, who felt that they could scarcely expect to "look upon his like again." But the darkest hour is that before dawn; and thus, in common with their English brethren, who had also lost their chief, but under different circumstances, they found abundant cause to rejoice in the successor to the vacant throne of the order. In England, the Heir Apparent to the Crown of these realms became head of the Craft. In Ireland its governance was undertaken by the Viceroy, who had been a Mason since his college days in Oxford. With the steadily increasing influence of the Order, the prosperity of the orphan schools will, in like manner, become assured, so that the day may not be far distant when every deserving case will receive assistance. There are now 63 orphans maintained by the Order. Of those, 40 are girls. Unfortunately the governors were unable last year to admit any additional orphans to the girls' school for want of room. However, it is anticipated that the negotiations pending will enable them soon to begin the erection of a new school, which is to be sufficiently commodious to accommodate double the number that the present building does. In view of this, and the hope of greater aid from the order, four vacancies have been declared for the next election. During the past year, some of the pupils competed in the Royal Dublin Society's art examinations, and one of them obtained a certificate from the Council of Education of South Kensington, while two others received certificates from the Royal Dublin Society. There can be no doubt of the soundness of the education imparted, the institution being under the constant supervision of the committee, including the Right Hon. the Vice-Chancellor, the Hon Judge Townsend, Rev. Lord Plunket, Rev. J. J. MacSorley, Dr. Elrington, Q.C.; Messrs. L. H. Deering, G. Huband, and C. H. Woodroffe. The boys, 23 in number, are at the establishment of Brother the Rev. S. S. Skeen, Adelaide Hall, Merrion, and are making satisfactory progress, as was reported by some learned brethren, including the Rev. Dr. Haughton, F.T.C.D.; Mr. Hugh Holmes, and Mr. G. V. Hart, who examined them at the request of the Committee. Within the past

few days, one of the boys, James Brett, who will be shortly leaving, took first place at the Apothecaries' Hall arts examination direct from the school, though he was the youngest of the candidates. It is in contemplation, to establish an institute similar to that of the girls for the boys, but the Committee, very judiciously considering the advantages of class education, have thought it advisable not to do so until they can support a sufficient number of pupils. Altogether both schools show hopeful signs of prosperity. It was evident last night that the cause of the charity had come home to the hearts of many, judging by the vast numbers who displayed governors' badges, and those included the distinguished and wealthy in the land, the nobility, the learned, the princely merchants, and the great middle classes. Owing to the illness of a near relative, the Rev. Lord Plunket, Grand Chaplain, and the Hon. David Plunket, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General, were absent.

During the evening the fine band of the Coldstream Guards, under the direction of Bro. Fred Godfrey, performed a choice selection of operatic music and some new pieces specially arranged for the occasion by the talented conductor himself.

At a quarter before nine o'clock his Grace the Lord Lieutenant and Lady Georgiana Hamilton, together with a brilliant retinue arrived, and were received by the Deputy Grand Master and the grand officers. The ladies were conducted to the place reserved for them immediately in front of the dais, while his Grace withdrew to the anteroom, where he robed himself as Grand Master. The reception party included:—Lady Georgiana Hamilton, Hon. L. Gerald Dillon and Mrs. Dillon, Gustavus Lambart, Esq., Lady Fanny and Misses Lambart, Sir J. M. and Lady Stewart, Colonel B. W., Mrs. and Miss Bernard; Lord and Lady Walscourt, and others. At nine o'clock the Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, the representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges, the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of the several Dublin Lodges, and those distinguished brethren and governors of the schools, intended to occupy places on the platform, formed a procession and, led by a host of stewards, under the direction of Worshipful George Woods Maunsell, D.L., Grand Steward, conducted the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the Concert Hall through an avenue composed of the brethren, whilst organ and band pealed forth a grand Masonic march.

On the procession reaching the dais, the brethren filed off, and took the stations assigned to them by the stewards, and the M.W. Grand Master took his seat upon the throne amidst the heartiest plaudits. Then the pupils of the girls' schools all neatly attired in white and blue, followed by that of the boys' school wearing blue neck ties, entered two and two, and took their places along the lower tiers of the orchestra. At the bidding of the Deputy Grand Master, all the brethren and even the pupils saluted the Grand Master according to ancient custom. The 100th Psalm was then sung "with one consent."

His Grace the Most Worshipful Grand Master then rose and said—Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me the most sincere gratification that my first public appearance in the high position in which I have been placed, as Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, has been an occasion which so fully exemplifies the leading objects of our great ancient order (hear, hear). These great objects are unity, benevolence, and charity to all men (hear, hear), and in no way can these great principles be better or more usefully carried out than in contributing, as far as lies in our power, to the education and instruction of our rising generation in such a way as that by God's Providence may serve to render them both sincere and good Christians, and also useful members of the universal brotherhood of mankind (hear, hear).

Dr. Elrington, Q.C., hon. secretary, read the report, of which the following are the salient parts:

"The Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School beg leave to present the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1874. The revenue of the School for the year from all sources, including the balance from the previous annual account of £747 4s. 8d., amounted to £3,162 4s. 5d., shewing a decrease in the total revenue of £349 2s. 6d. This decrease, however, is, to a great extent, explained by the presence of some exceptional items in the account for the year 1873. Of this sum, £1,993 18s. 6d., was expended, while the capital was increased by an investment of £100 in Masonic Hall Company Shares, leaving a cash balance to the credit of the Institution of £1,158 5s. 11d. The total amount appearing in the stock account, invested for the benefit of the Institution, was £8,682 2s. 1d. The annual subscriptions shew an increase of £40 over the amount for 1873, which, as mentioned in the report for that year, was £183 10s. less than that of the previous year, so that there is no real improvement under this head. It is to be regretted that the explanation of this falling off in the subscriptions appears to arise from a loss of

subscribers, previously known as supporters of the School, and not from any want of new names in the subscription lists. From the number of pupils in the Institution, and the limited accommodation of the Schoolhouse, the Board of Governors came to the determination of suspending the election of candidates for admission during the whole of 1874. The Governors have reason to believe that the withdrawal of some well-known names from the subscription list, arises from the fact that admission has thus, of necessity, been refused to a number of candidates whose claims were undoubted, but for whom there was no accommodation in the Schoolhouse, within the limits prescribed by the medical officers of the Institution. The expenditure is slightly in excess of last year's total, but does not call for any particular remark. The Governors are pressed by the importance of providing increased accommodation for the School; but they regret that they have not succeeded in completing negotiations for a new site suitable for the Masonic Orphan School of the future. Much anxious discussion has taken place as to the quantity of ground required, the situation, and the amount which may be, with prudence, expended on a new Schoolhouse. The Governors think that it would be better in the present state of the question, not further to allude to it than to say, that at the last special meeting of the Board, called for that purpose, it was determined that the site of the present Schoolhouse was not desirable for a School of the extent which, it is hoped, the Masonic Orphan School will be, and that a new site should be secured, having space for the recreation of the pupils as well as a suitable situation for the house itself. It is probable that the arrangements for this purpose will be completed before the next Report; but in any event the whole amount of available investments now to the credit of the School will not be more than enough to erect a building of suitable size and structure, and the expenditure of this capital will largely decrease the annual income. It is hoped that the Masonic Order in Ireland will assist the brethren to make the Female Orphan School an institution capable of receiving all those candidates for its benefits who are now kept out of it by a cause which their liberality can at once remove. In other respects the School is without change; the education is still carried on as heretofore, and the late examination has developed results which are in the highest degree gratifying, as indicating the progress of the pupils. The Education Committee has every reason to be satisfied with the election of Miss Leech, as successor to Miss Cuthbert, whose removal upon her marriage, deprived the School of services which, for many years past, have been acknowledged to be of great value to the pupils under her care."

The report concluded with a feeling allusion to the late Duke of Leinster, G.M.; and acceptance of that office by the Duke of Abercorn, who thus becomes President of the School, under whose auspices the Governors confidently trust the Institution will still continue to prosper.

The Right Worshipful Sir John Marcus Stewart, P.G.M. of Tyrone and Fermanagh, moved the first resolution—"That the report now read be adopted, printed and circulated, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the ladies, education, finance and apprentice committee of the institution, and also to the medical officers of the school for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them, and for the lively interest they manifest in everything conducive to the prosperity of the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School."

The Right Worshipful Anderson Cooper, D.P.G.M. of Munster, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Colonel Ffolliott moved the second resolution, as follows:—"That, whilst acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance which the institution has hitherto experienced, the governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren in order still further to extend the usefulness of the institution."

Bro. Robert Warren, High Sheriff of the city of Dublin (in the absence of the Hon. Judge Townsend, LL.D.), seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

In the intervals between the speeches some of the pupils played a selection of music on the piano-forte, their ability meriting much hearty applause.

The "business" proceedings having terminated, the National Anthem was sung, after which a procession was formed to grand dais, at the northern end of the glass building; the Grand Master passed on to the throne, the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Masters in positions around him.

Lady Georgiana Hamilton gracefully distributed the prizes to both girls and boys. This was a novel and pleasing feature in the ceremonial.

After the prizes were distributed the M.W. Grand Master made some observations to the pupils.

Shortly after eleven o'clock his grace the Duke of Abercorn and the Viceregal suite left and were enthusiastically cheered.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 21, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 15.

Lodge 1185, Lewises, King's Arms, Wood Green.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Lion-sq., Hampton.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (810), Greyhound, Richmond.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemason's Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Half-Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Rishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road at 7.30.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

General Committee Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Lodge 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. Daid Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 55, Constitutional, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
 " 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.
 " 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
 Mark Lodge 7, Camarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

Annual Meeting and Election, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 12.
 House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.
 Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 Preceptory 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.
 Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, at 8; Bro. Dilley, P.M., Preceptor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Ross Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 22, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 " 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1275, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

" 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 22, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.
 Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 23, St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 167, Free Operative, Masonic Hall, Biggar.
 " 465, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garngad-road.
 " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
 " 31, St. Mary's, Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
 " 306, St. Thomas, 90, Well Gate-st., Larkhall.
 " 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
 " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, MAY 22.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
 " 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.
 " 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 22, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.
 " 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 62, Nicolson-st.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.
 " 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.
 Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street, Leith.
 Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—Few lodges of Masons occupy a more favourable position in a variety of respects than the Tottenham High Cross Lodge (No. 754) does at this moment. Of late years its progress has been most marked. The brethren have largely increased in number, and such anxiety is displayed to enter the lodge that a few months ago it was deemed advisable to add two or three guineas to the initiation fee. The meetings are held at the Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham; and in order to provide the necessary accommodation for the augmented brotherhood of the lodge, and visitors—who always receive a very hearty welcome—Mr. Oddy, the universally respected host, recently built a splendid hall, the advantage of which was fully demonstrated last Wednesday evening. The High Cross Lodge, noted as it is for its benevolence, loyalty, and enterprise in Masonic affairs, could not permit the occasion of the Installation of the Prince of Wales to pass without making a special effort to afford pleasure to its own members and to those of other lodges who were invited to attend. Bro. J. Maller, the present W.M., is very popular in the Order, and being generally surrounded by such good men and true as Bros. D. Roberts, P.M.; T. Cunningham, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Wells, P.M.; Linzell, P.M.; Townshend, S.W.; Barham, J.W.; Cocksedge, Farrin, Stephens, Burford, and others too numerous to mention, an opportunity to be present is rarely neglected. Last Wednesday there were many visitors, including several from the Hertford Lodge; Bros. Perry, Peace and Harmony; Girling, Priory, Southend; Harris, Albion; Strong, Leopold; Fisher, Perseverance; Ord, Horsey; Cackett, Macdonald; Schleifer, Montefiore; Trebeck and Driscoll, United Mariners. Altogether upwards of a hundred brethren were in attendance. Bro. Cunningham presided when the lodge was opened. The business was only of a formal character. Bro. Maller was in his proper place at the head of the table at the banquet. The bill of fare was unusually attractive, and the dinner reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Oddy, the host, and also Bro. Joseph Smith, of Lower Tottenham, who shared in the catering and general superintendence. With such able commanders, success was certain. It is unnecessary to state that on such a day the toasts relating to Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales were received with the utmost enthusiasm; and when reference was made by the W.M., Bro. Cunningham, and others who had attended the Installation, to the magnificent spectacle they had witnessed at the Albert Hall, the brothers who had not been fortunate enough to obtain tickets of admission sighed with regret. They were told that they could form no idea of the grandeur of the scene; and the privilege of being present at such a ceremony was held to be amply sufficient to inspire the younger members of the Craft to endeavour to attain a position which would entitle them to take part in a similar display, should it ever occur. When the health of the Worshipful Master was given, the speaker dwelt upon the deservedly exalted position which Bro. Maller held in the estimation of all the brethren of the lodge, and the advantage which the lodge derived from having such a head. Bro. Maller replied in suitable terms, expressing a hope that he should continue to deserve the confidence which had been reposed in him. During the evening a Tyler's sword and a square and compasses, in silver, were presented to the lodge by the brethren from Hertford, Bro. Metcalf being the principal spokesman on their behalf. He mentioned the invariable kindness evinced by the High Cross Lodge towards every brother who visited it, and referred particularly to the unstinted hospitality which had been frequently shown to the members of the Hertford Lodge. It afforded great pleasure to mix with the Tottenham brethren, and they might rest assured that they would be most warmly welcomed if they honoured the Hertford Lodge with a

visit. Bro. Maller said he accepted the presents on behalf of the lodge, with a full appreciation of the sincerity with which they had been offered; and he then buckled the sword on to the Tyler amidst loud cheers. Several additional toasts were proposed, and interesting remarks made by Bro. D. Roberts, and various other brethren, but want of space prevents our entering further into the matter on the present occasion. The Host was specially toasted for his uniform liberality and desire to conduce to the comfort of Masons generally.

VICTORIA LODGE (No. 1056).—The installation meeting of this very flourishing lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel on Thursday week, when, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Alfred Henry Kirtan was raised by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Morton, to the degree of Master Mason. The new Master, Bro. Joseph Slade Brown, was then duly installed as Master, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bros. Frederick York Latreille and Alfred Robbins, the last named brother giving the addresses. The Master then appointed and invested the following as his officers:—Bros. William Perrin, S.W.; Thomas William Skelton, J.W.; William Wrenn, Treas.; A. A. Pendlebury, Sec.; George M. Felton, S.D.; William Gange Durant, J.D.; E. H. Williams, I.G.; William Tonsett, Director of Ceremonies; Henry Allen, W.S.; and William Grant, Tyler. Other business of the lodge having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. On the cloth being removed, the first toast proposed was "The Queen and the Craft," which was responded to in the usual hearty manner amongst Freemasons and musical honours. That of "The M.W. Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales" was then received with great applause. The W. Master in proposing it, took occasion to speak of the Installation of H.R. Highness at the Albert Hall, and the reception he had, a spectacle which will be impressed on the minds of those brethren who were able to be present as long as they live. "God bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung. "The Health of the W. Master" was proposed by Bro. J. Morton, who, in the course of his remarks, congratulated the brethren on their choice of a brother, who would make such an excellent Master; one who would exert himself to the utmost of his power in furthering the interests of the lodge, and the happiness of its members. Bro. Morton regretted that indisposition had prevented his being in a position to instal his successor, a duty which would have afforded him so very much pleasure. The Master, in his reply, expressed his great desire and determination to emulate his predecessors in the discharge of the duties of the high office to which the brethren had unanimously elected him, an honour of which he was very proud, and he trusted they would never have cause to regret the confidence they had placed in him. After a song by one of the brethren, "The Health of the I.P.M." was proposed in very suitable terms, and, in doing so, the Master decorated Bro. Morton with a Past Master's jewel, which the brethren had been pleased to vote to him as a slight mark of their appreciation of his valuable services, and the great esteem in which he is held by one and all of the members of his lodge. The Master, in concluding his very able speech, hoped the brother might long live to wear it, and be amongst the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Morton replied in a neat and suitable speech, in which he expressed his grateful thanks to the brethren for the kindnesses he had ever received at their hands. On "The Health of the Visitors" being proposed, the Master coupled with it the name of one who replied for the whole—of whom there were about twenty-seven present, who on behalf of their respective lodges brought hearty good wishes—and expressed thanks for their cordial reception and the kind manner in which the Master had spoken of them. "The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed, and responded to with much favour. Whereupon one of them said,—W. Master and Brethren—
I now rise with a great deal of pleasure,
To say I feel, almost beyond measure,
The kindness which you, this day, have all shown,
And which proves you all good friends of our own.
In receiving the toast of the very good health,
Of the Past Masters, including myself,
For which I return our thanks most sincere,
And hope to do so again for many a year,
Whenever we meet thus happy and free,
As I trust will ever continue to be
The fate of a lodge we all so much prize,
Whose success we laud up to the skies.
Its glories increase to our great delight,
As evinced by our labours here to-night,
When we're now all assembled together,
Without any thought of the rain or the weather.
Our work being ended in lodge room above,
We now enjoy ourselves in brotherly love,
Sipping our wine in an affectionate way,
Chattering over the affairs of the day;
Making long speeches almost without end,
Extolling the virtues of brother or friend;
Singing old songs, or good tales reciting,
Which always render our party inviting.
Joyful are we when our meeting draws nigh,
Especially when Dear Billy Wrenn,
Does not think it wrong to give us a song,
And to remind us of days gone by,
When he at music was not quite so shy,
But was pleased, without much persuasion,
To give us a treat on many occasion.
And then, in a most generous manner,
Out with his notes and so stop our clamour;
Warble that story about "dear little Sally,"
That girl, we're told, who lived in our alley;
Or another that always pleased us the same,
Whom folks do name "My pretty Jane."
Why dear Billy Wrenn sings not as of yore

I cannot tell you, I am perfectly sure,
Unless it be that in days gone by
To practice his pipes he'd frequently try;
And when not inclined for a roam
Out of doors he sat quietly at home,
Making a noise, being almost alone;
And so practise the art
By singing his part,
Till he made his throat smart,
Or was quite perfect in "Home, sweet home."
At that time music was more in his line—
As some of you know, his singing was fine;
And gave us delight in the West and the South,
Whenever he pleased to open his mouth.
His chicks in those days were little and young,
And in the musical line had scarcely begun;
But now a fair daughter whose music so sweet,
Has put dear Billy quite out of conceit;
For as she improves in age, size and ability,
He finds he can't warble with that facility,
And practise at home as once was his pleasure,
Before she grew up to be such a treasure;
For when she was only a wee little mite,
To instruct her was his greatest delight.
But now father Time has changed all this,
And listening to her affords Wrenn more bliss,
Than singing to us here every lodge night,
And giving his brethren that great delight,
Which they used to hail with very much pleasure
When a few years ago they all met together.
Having referred to the lodge in times long gone by,
To say something about it I'll now endeavour to try:
Ten years are gone since our first Master was installed,
In which time he has grown very grey, if not at all bald.
Of founders of the lodge not many now remain,
But of those I am sure you will never complain;
For all are Past Masters, and when they began
Their labours, they all worked hard and well to a man;
And do now what they did then—whatever they can,
To promote the prosperity of the lodge and each member,
A circumstance I am certain you'll ever remember.
But as most of you have joined since those happy times,
Perhaps it will not be amiss to say a few lines;
And give you the history of Lodge Victoria's birth,
Though in my poor attempt I may cause you some mirth
By the queer way I shall do it,
Not yet being much of a poet;
For you'll find each little line
Won't appear exactly in rhyme;
But no matter for that
If you don't find it flat,
Or think it a bit of a bore,
To listen to anything more
Than I've already said on a subject of worth,
As a lodge is to a Mason who dwells on the earth,
I will do what I can to tell you the story
Of the first days of Lodge we now call Victory.
So not to create any further debate,
I will at once make a start before it grows late.
Of the founders but few now remain
Who can carry back their memories again
To the birth of this lodge, when
A few of us then, very young men,
With a knowledge of Masonry so exceedingly small
That it really might be considered nothing at all,
After a little palaver and plenty of fuss
Had the good luck to meet with the favourite, Buss,
Who, endowed with the wisdom of several men,
Put it into the head of our sweet Jenny Wrenn
To petition at once, without further remark,
For a lodge to be opened near Victoria Park.
It was very soon done, as some of you know,
At least Bro. George Roberts and Bro. George Snow,
Who with dear Billy Wrenn, myself, and a few
Friends on the spot, who were asked what they could do
To assist with their names to get the Petition in
What might be considered quite a very good trim;
And who kindly lent us their good wishes and aid,
That we might have success and be amply repaid
For our labours in forming a lodge of our own,
Not far from our dwellings, to keep us near home.
The Petition when ready was sent in a crack,
And a letter to strengthen it made fast to its back.
Some short time elapsed, when, to our great delight,
Bro. W. Gray Clarke told us the thing was all right.
We then set to work without further delay
To get everything ready for the opening day.
The fees they were paid and the warrant obtained,
So the principal thing in the matter was gained;
The furniture ready and in the room placed,
Only wanted ourselves to be thoroughly graced.
In opening the lodge the Grand Master lent us a bridge,
When he appointed to consecrate it Brother Muggeridge,
Who very kindly came down on the day,
And found us assembled in splendid array.
I should have much rejoiced to have seen him to-day,
A pleasure which seldom now falls in our way,
For we are all delighted to see his round, jovial face
Whenever he finds convenient our table to grace.
The lodge being consecrated in a masterly style,
Which in order to see brethren travelled many a mile,
The next thing to be done was to instal the First Master,
And thereby enable us to get on a bit faster,
Which Muggeridge did well when
He placed in the chair sweet Jenny Wrenn,
Who, with a twinkle in his eye exceedingly merry,
Invested as Senior Warden his friend Pendlebury;
Then the Junior Warden—a brother when living,
We admired for the instruction he gained and was giving,
Who was well known, beloved, and respected by all,
And it naves me feel sad when to memory I call

His virtues, his goodness and affectionate heart,
And willingness at all times to bear well his part
In aiding the orphan, the widow, or friend,
Who from sickness or age could no longer depend
On himself alone for his daily bread,
But forced to seek help that his children might be fed;
For such as these Turner's great heart nobly bled.
He became my Senior Warden the very next year,
When Muggeridge kindly installed me in the chair.
And Turner in his turn I also placed there,
Performing his duties in a most able way,
Till sickness and death at length took him away
From amongst us, just about Brother G. Snow's election,
When we mourned a brother we loved with affection.
By your leave, I'll go back to where I began,
And so say a word or two respecting each man;
We were sure from the first the lodge never could fail,
When Freemasons we made the Brothers Latreille,
Then came Chittum, George Adams, H. Wainwright, and
dark Brown,

For further proof that the lodge would gain great renown,
Of which we were certain when on looking before,
We saw men on the road like Alf Robbins and Moore,
With Tisen and Atter in a good steady march,
And, quite close at their heels, Shears, Joe Morton, and
Marsh;

Then noble Will Ashby, Maggs, and Joseph Slade Brown—
That brother who just now has gained such renown,
Having kept up the pace, and run in the great race,
Till at last he has reached the much coveted place,
Where we know he will work in a most masterly way,
And amply repay us for our labours to-day.
Our lodge soon commenced to grow big like a whale,
When we introduced O'Neill, Macgregor, and Gale,
With John Williams and White, and a great many more,
Including James C. Henry, and fair Arthur Willmore;
And Will Perrin, that boy we're all glad to have seen,
Who, with his "Old Grey Mare" and his "Thomas's
Machine,"

Has ever been galloping, trotting, and pegging away,
Till our Senior Warden he's appointed to-day;
Then have we H. Allen, George Harwood, and Skelton—
The new Junior Warden—and brave Georgie Felton
Who on being S.D. was thoroughly bent on,
And with George Gange Durrant for his good Junior D.,
Sure no blithe Irish boy could much happier be,
For his duties, I know, he will never find hard,
When he is backed up by that great Inner Guard,
Who will stand firm like a town that is walled,
Though he may have become a little bit bald.
There are others to mention if I only had time,
Or could manage to dish up a little more rhyme,
For our Brothers, Will. Medcalf, James Boulton, and
Long,

Whose good names I should wish to bring into my song,
With Will. Tomsett and Calkin, Samuel Cochrane and
Coutts,

For such names to find rhyme I should wear out my boots;
And it is just the same with Musson, Byford, and Port,
For in their cases also I appear to run rather short,
So with Morrison, George Collier, and more even now,
As Brothers James Pullen, Ralph Hayward, and Hough,
With other supports like strong beams that are feruled,
When we also include James Felton and Herold.

We now come to the last of our Freemasons born—
Bowles, Wilven, and Bassam, also Bro. Cleghorn;
So having mentioned all I will now draw the curtain
On him raised to-night, our new Bro. Alf. Kirton.
Yet stay, we have another most worthy of praises,
And that is our good friend and kind Brother Davies;
And here let me add, I have been much to blame,
As I long ago ought to have mentioned his name,
Because most of you know, if not indeed all,
How kindly he responded, last year, to my call,
When a Girls' Steward we wanted to go to the Hall,
And take our subscriptions to increase the amount,
Which we only hoped would be too much to count.

We have now a great duty, that's a very sure fact—
We must not go to sleep, but all be ready to act,
And lay well to our hearts that Masonic great rule,
Brotherly love, and get Quelch into the School;
So I call upon each, saying, Now don't be a nitny,
But open your purses and out with a guinea,
And buy for the small boy a great number of votes,
And so land him in school o'er a bridge of our boats;
I appeal to you all, whether Scotch, Irish, or Welsh,
Whatever you do, don't forget poor little Quelch;
At the last election he fell short by a few,
So at the next his case must depend upon you.

Bro. Wrenn, our Steward has consented to be,
Therefore I trust you will do your utmost with me,
And make up his good list to a fair sum to-night,
And so render him thanks, and thus give him delight;
For, good man that he is, his great joy now will be
On Lodge Victoria's list a good round sum to see;
Save prudence, let your benevolence not know any bounds,
Till you raise the amount to quite a full hundred pounds.
In order to do this we want a goodish bit more,
For the total at present is but about fifty-four,
So Wrenn will take the chance, as soon as he's able,
To send his boy's paper once more round the table.
We are all in good feather, in a prosperous state,
For we have in our ranks men of great weight—
A Bishop, a King, besides birds of song both early and
late;

There's a sweet Jenny Wrenn, a little Cock Robin,
A Martin and Eagles to keep them all bobbing,
Both a White, a Dunn, a Light, and dark Brown,
And a Moore, and a Marsh on which to fly down;
And we hope in their songs they never may fail,
Though it blow a strong Winder or even a Gale,
For the note of this Robin on road or rail,
Is a music to charm even Brother Latreille.

If you think in my rhyme any folly appears,
You can soon lop it off with our excellent Shears;
Or should any one say I have made use of a growl,
He need not wait long to wipe it out with a Towell,
Or if you imagine I've said anything rude,
Remember, it's done in a comical mood;
But if what I have said can make any one merry,
It will afford much pleasure to Alf Pendlebury.
I suppose I must return thanks for not only myself,
But for the rest of the lumber that's placed on the shelf,
As the chirping Cock Robin has thought proper to name
The Masters, when their year is over and they are crowned
by fame.

This day we have another P.M. to add to our number—
Brother Joe Morton, a noble specimen of very fine form;
To assist the new Master who will near him sit under.
We're all ready when wanted to be taken down and dusted,
And prove to the Brethren we are not at all rusted
By being laid up thus so quietly out of the way,
But ready to help should the Master go a little astray;
For we're ever at hand, with our knowledge and aid,
At all times when needful or application be made.
I will now conclude the few words I have to say
By wishing you all many happy returns of the day
Of these happy meetings, where we ever desire
To join you in the toasts and the Victoria fire,
For many years to come, and have pleasure to find
Your reception of us will be always as kind
As it has hitherto been for many years past,
And which I trust will continue so to the last.
The other Past Masters a few words have to say,
To thank you all for your good wishes to-day—
Robbins, Wrenn, Roberts, Morton, Latreille and George
Snow

Are first-rate Past Masters, as all of you know,
And whom you are always delighted to see
When at lodge they make it convenient to be.
For myself I will say no more than wish you good night,
Hope you'll get home early, and not put your wives in a
fright.

"The Principal Officers and other Officers" were then pro-
posed, and allusions made to the able manner in which
they had discharged the duties of their offices. The Master
observed that it afforded him much pleasure to have such
officers, well knowing what an advantage it is to a new
Master to have the assistance of officers so well acquainted
with their work, and who, when in their turn they arrived
at the exalted position he now held, would maintain the
prestige of the lodge by performing their duties in a most
able manner. The Senior Warden, on behalf of the Officers,
in a neat and able speech, returned thanks, and promised
that the Master would be aided by his officers to the utmost
of their ability. Bro. Calkin, and several other brethren,
enlivened the evening with their musical abilities, and the
Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close of one of
the largest meetings of the lodge since its foundation.

INSTRUCTION.

THE DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 860).—
The Fifteen Sections were worked in this flourishing Lodge
of Instruction, on Tuesday, May 11th, 1875, at Bro. Allen's
"Royal Edward," Triangle, Hackney, under the conduct
of the zealous and efficient Preceptor, Bro. Crawley; Bro.
Wallington, S.W.; Bro. Webb, J.W., in the following
order:—

1st Section	...	...	...	Bro. Lowe
2nd "	...	...	...	" Webb
3rd "	...	...	...	" Allen
4th "	...	...	...	" Wallington
5th "	...	...	...	" Crawley
6th "	...	...	...	" Horsley
7th "	...	...	...	" Horsley

1st "	...	...	...	" Hill
2nd "	...	...	...	" Crawley
3rd "	...	...	...	" Horsley
4th "	...	...	...	" Gross
5th "	...	...	...	" Christian

1st "	...	...	...	" Wallington
2nd "	...	...	...	" Brown
3rd "	...	...	...	" Webb

Bros. Cambridge, Worsley, Smith, Cull, Crattenden,
Brown, Polliott, &c. were also present.

PROVINCIAL.

HULL.—HUMBER LODGE (No. 57).—The brethren of
this lodge celebrated the forty-eighth anniversary of laying
the foundation-stone of the Freemasons' Hall, in Osborne
Street, on Friday week. At seven o'clock the lodge was
opened in the First Degree, the Worshipful Master, Bro. J.
West, presiding. At the close of the business a banquet
was provided by Bro. Preston, I.P.M. of the lodge, when
nearly seventy brethren sat down, the company including
the Worshipful Masters of the Kingston and Minerva
Lodges, Hull; the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley; the
Crystal Palace Lodge, Kew; and many Past Masters and
Officers. After the repast, the toast of "The Queen and
the Craft" was proposed, followed by that of "His
Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master,"
in giving which W.M. Bro. West made appropriate allusion
to the recent installation ceremony at the Albert Hall.
He then proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnar-
von, Pro. G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale,
R.W.D.G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland,
R.W.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; and Bro. John
Pearson Bell, M.D., P.S.G.D. of England, W.D.P.G.M. of
North and East Yorkshire, and P.M. and Trustee of the
Humber Lodge." The toast was received with the ut-
most enthusiasm. The W.D. Prov. G.M., in responding,
expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon him by
being called upon to return thanks for the toast just pre-
sented. With regard to the names which had been men-
tioned, he reminded them that the Earl of Carnarvon
stood in the same position as he would do if he were in

reality the Grand Master of England. The M.W. Grand
Master being, as they all rejoiced to know, a Prince of the
blood Royal, has the prerogative of appointing a Pro-
Grand Master, who, in the absence of His Royal High-
ness, possesses all the powers of the Grand Master himself.
They must, therefore, in reality, look upon the Earl of
Carnarvon for all practical purposes, and honour him as a
Grand Master, and upon Lord Skelmersdale as the Deputy
Grand Master of England. With regard to his own
excellent chief, the Earl of Zetland, he (the speaker) had
the pleasure of meeting him the other day in Grand
Lodge, when his Lordship expressed his gratification that
everything was going on so harmoniously and well in the
Province. He also trusted that, as there was to be a meet-
ing of the Board of Benevolence at Scarborough next
month, as many of the members of the Provincial
Grand Chapter as could make it convenient would
endeavour to be present. Now that they had Royalty
so nearly allied to the Craft, he trusted it would
go on and prosper still more in the future than
it had done in the past. With the greater im-
petus that had been given to Freemasonry it would
behave them to be more careful as to admission into the
Order, and he trusted that the various lodges would take
this matter into their serious consideration. They did not
require numbers as much as stability in membership. The
question also presented itself of increasing the fees to Grand
Lodge, and no doubt that was a matter which would soon
receive due attention from the private lodges throughout
the kingdom. With regard to the position of Masonry,
the Craft never appeared under more auspicious circum-
stances than it did at present. Never in its history was
it so popular as at this moment, and the speaker con-
trasted the present aspect of the Order with that which it
presented half a century ago. Fifty years ago society was
exclusive, but now it had become more diffused and general
in its lines of demarcation. Freemasonry was now a
society composed chiefly of the middle classes, and never
was it more deservedly popular. To maintain this popu-
larity ought to be the aim of every member of the fraternity,
who ought to feel that the character of the society depended
in a great measure upon himself individually. Therefore,
every one ought, as far as he could, to act in accordance
with the tenets and principles which had been taught him
in his lodge. With regard to the attacks that had been
made upon Freemasonry, he thought the demonstration
the other day in the Albert Hall set at nought whatever
might have been said by the detractors of the Craft. There
could be no doubt at all of the loyalty of the Order; they
should not have had the Prince of Wales at their head if
there had been the slightest feeling of disloyalty amongst
any of them. Therefore he felt quite happy that the asper-
sions recently cast upon Masonry had been completely
met by the demonstration to which he had alluded. In
a violent attack made upon them by the *Saturday Review*
the writer seemed to labour under the impression that Ma-
sons were a lot of men who merely boasted of having built
the Tower of Babel, and of being fond of good dinners.
The *Saturday Review* was, however, cleverly answered by
an article in the *Freemason*, of last week, which amongst
other things remarked that if Masons built the Tower of
Babel it showed they were "bricks;" and the term
"brick" in common parlance signified a good fellow.
As for a good dinner, a writer who replied to the
Saturday Review hinted that he who penned
the attack would himself not object to one. It
had been said, moreover, that Masonry taught nothing
but the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of
Man." Well, if that were all, there was a great deal in
such a belief. Many did not believe in the fatherhood of
God, and as to the brotherhood of man, if they could meet
in unity and harmony in their lodges, sinking all political
and religious differences in their aim to benefit and elevate
each other, they were content to do so. As long as the
universality of Freemasonry was maintained it must go
on and prosper, and he for one was content to allow the
outer world to think that the "Fatherhood of God and
the Brotherhood of Man" was one of the lessons which
Masonry taught. Bro. Holden, P.M., P.G.S.D., next gave
"The Founders of the Humber Lodge," the toast being
drunk in solemn silence; and it was replied to by P.M. Bro.
Martin Kemp, W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Bell next proposed "The
Worshipful Master and Officers of the Humber Lodge,"
to which Bro. Jonathan West, W.M., Bro. Francis Sum-
mers (Sheriff of Hull), S.W., and Bro. H. Tozer responded.
P.M. Bro. John Wilson then gave "The Worshipful Mas-
ters, Officers, and Brethren of the Sister Lodges;" Bro.
Emes, W.M. of the Minerva 250, and Bro. Garforth W.M.
of the Kingston 1101, responding in suitable terms. Bro.
Emes proposed "The Trustees, Treasurers, and Past Mas-
ters of the Humber Lodge," for whom replies were made
by the W.D.G.P.M. of North and East Yorkshire, and P.M.
Bro. Banks Hay. Bro. Dr. Bell next gave "The Masonic
Charities," and in doing so dilated upon the essential
principle of charity which was characteristic of Freemasonry.
S.W. Bro. F. Summerson proposed "The Visiting Brethren,"
the toast being acknowledged by P.M. Bro. Acton, of the
Crystal Palace Lodge 742, and by Bro. H. J. Amphlett, of
the Alexandra Lodge 1511, Hull. S.W. J. D. Bro. T. Tay-
lor gave "The Absent Members of the Humber Lodge,"
especially the Sea-going Brethren, and the list closed with
"Prosperity, Unity, and Perpetuity to the Humber
Lodge."

LEICESTER.—S. JONES'S LODGE (No. 279).—The
ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons'
Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 5th of May. There
were present Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M., A. Palmer, I.P.M.,
J. M. MacAllister, S.W., G. W. Statham, J.W., W. Wear,
P.M., Treasurer, S. Knight, 1391, as Secretary; S. Cleaver,
S.D., S. Tebbin, J.D., Orlando Law, I.G., William Kelly,
P.P.G.M., Cleaver Stretton, P.M., R. Waite, P.M., G.
Toller, 279, P.M. 523; S. S. Partridge 279, W.M. 523;

F. J. Baines, I.P.M. 523, J. T. Thorp, S.W. 523, E. Mason, S.W. 1391, J. Farndale, J. Jessop, the Rev. T. W. Gordon, W. E. Buck, 279, C. MacBride, 1391, G. Roberts, 673, J. F. Dixon, 1019, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. W. E. Buck and the Rev. T. W. Gordon were raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being very impressively performed by the W.M. The W.M. informed the brethren that, on Wednesday, the 28th of April, he attended the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, and that he was accompanied by the following brethren of this lodge, namely, Bros. A. Palmer, I.P.M., Clement Stretton, P.M., Robert Waite, P.M., W. Wear, P.M., G. W. Statham, J.W., Clement Edwin Stretton, Secretary. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren partook of refreshment, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

SHEFFIELD.—WENTWORTH LODGE (No. 1239).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, May 3rd. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock by the following officers:—Bro. F. M. Tindall, W.M.; Bro. A. Scargill, I.P.M.; Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Bros. Matthews, Pfirschnmidt, Bennett and Wostenholm, P.M.'s; Bro. W. White, S.W.; Bro. S. B. Ellis, J.W.; Bro. R. Renton, Sec.; Bro. Dr. Thomas, S.D.; Bro. C. Harvey, J.D.; Bro. J. Clarke, I.G., the whole of the Past Masters and officers of the lodge being present. Amongst the visitors were Bro. W. Roddewig, P.M. 296, Prov. G.D.C., W. Yorks, and Bro. W. Botham, 139. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, Mr. Richard Roberts and Mr. P. C. Watts were admitted (separately), and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremonies being conducted by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. One candidate for initiation was balloted for and elected, and another was proposed. Although the fees for the Craft have been raised (in Sheffield) to ten guineas there is still a steady and regular demand for admission to the Order. The W.M. read some correspondence that had taken place between the W.M.'s of the Wentworth, 1239, Royal Brunswick, 296, and Britannia, 139 Lodges, with the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., as to the desirability of presenting to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., a Masonic address on the occasion of His Royal Highness's visit to Sheffield in August next. Sir Henry Edwards offering his assistance, the W.M. stated the affair had been put in process. The ballot for Bro. J. M. While, of the Ashbury Lodge, 1459, as a joining member, was postponed on account of that lodge not having replied to the questions (as provided by the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire), this being an imperative rule in W. Yorks. The lodge having been closed, supper was served, after which the usual toasts were given, the W.M. paying a high tribute to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in his capacity of M.W.G.M., describing him as the "facile princeps" of Grand Masters. This lodge holding the first meeting in Sheffield since the grand ceremony of the 28th April, "a loving cup" was provided for this special toast. In proposing "The Health of the new R.W.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire," the W.M. spoke in high terms of Sir Henry Edwards, that he was undoubtedly "the right man in the right place," and that at the July Prov. Grand Lodge he (Bro. Tindall) should petition the Prov. Grand Master to hold the next Prov. Grand Lodge in Sheffield under the banner of the Wentworth Lodge; this was received with great enthusiasm, as also when the W.M. said that Bro. Wm. Tew, D.P.G.M., had stated it was his intention to visit all the important lodges in W. Yorks. The Wentworth Lodge was of necessity one of those, seeing it numbered 67 members, and he knew the P.M.'s, his officers and brethren, would rally round him to give Bro. Tew a thorough Masonic reception. The meeting throughout was most harmonious, happy and enjoyable.

WOOLWICH.—THE HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., the above lodge assembled at Host West's, the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, for its monthly business. Present: Bros. B. B. Brayshaw, P.M., W.M.; H. G. Sisley, P.M., and Sec.; J. Ives, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; I. Silver, S.D.; Manning, I.G. The Pattison, Union Waterloo, and Capper Lodges were represented by several visiting brethren, and there was a goodly attendance on the part of the members of the lodge. The lodge having been duly and reverently opened, Bro. Watson was raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bros. Berry and Williams were duly passed; Messrs. Fletcher, Davis, and Little, after regular ballot and approval, were then initiated, and Bro. W. T. Turner was received as a joining member. The whole of the three ceremonies were most impressively worked by the W.M. On the motion of Bro. Sisley, seconded by the W.M., a Lodge Benevolent Fund was formed, the members being unanimous as to the value of such an institution. The lodge being closed, the brethren partook of an excellent cold collation, provided in an adjoining room, and upon returning to the lodge the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bros. C. Jolly and Moore replying for the Visitors. Some excellent songs and recitations enlivened the proceedings, until at an early hour the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST.

A communication of the various lodges of this province was held on Saturday last. Amongst the lodges represented were the following:—Royal Arch, 126, Rutherglen; St. Mirren, 129, Paisley; Royal Arch, 153, Pollokshaws; St. Barchan, 156, Kibbarchan; Garthland St. Winnoch, 205, Lochwinnoch; St. John's Operative, 347,

Rutherglen; Prince of Wales, 426, Renfrew, &c. There were also present a large number of visiting brethren. The Provincial Grand Master, Colonel A. C. Campbell, of Blythswood, presided; and was supported by Bros. J. Fergusson, R.W.M. 116, Rutherglen, Acting Provincial Grand Senior Warden; and H. S. Edmonds, R.W.M. 129, Paisley, Acting Provincial Grand Junior Warden. The lodge being opened, the Secretary (Bro. R. L. Henderson) read minutes of last communication, which were confirmed. Colonel Campbell intimated that Bro. J. D. Porteous, Crosshill, having resigned the position he held as Junior Warden in the Provincial Lodge, he had appointed Bro. James Gilmour, P.M. 129, to fill the vacant chair. Thereafter, Bro. Andrew Wallace, jun., P.M. 129, was installed as Senior Deacon, the ceremony being performed by Col. Campbell in a most impressive manner. The P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. Robert Stephen, M.A., Renfrew, having intimated that he was prepared to deliver a Masonic sermon, Bros. H. S. Edmond, R.W.M., Paisley, and J. Glen, R.W.M., Renfrew, were requested by Colonel Campbell to wait on the Chaplain and get the necessary arrangements completed. It is expected that the sermon will be delivered in Paisley.

NEW PUBLIC HALLS FOR GLASGOW.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE.

As the public of Glasgow and district are aware, the memorial stone of the new public halls for Glasgow, in Granville-street, off New-street, is to be laid with full Masonic honours, this day. Should the weather prove propitious, the occasion will be an unusually important and memorable one, as may be judged of from the arrangements, which are as follows:—Captain Alexander McCall is to be Grand Marshal for the civic portion, and Robert Robb, Esq., Provincial Grand Marshal, for the Masonic portion of the procession. The committee of the Public Halls Company will meet in the large hall of the Queen's Rooms, Clifton-street, at 2 p.m. precisely, to receive the Magistrates and Councillors of the city, and others invited to join in the procession and take part in the ceremonial; and gentlemen in procession are expected to wear their official robes or uniforms. The Provincial Grand Lodge will open in the lower hall of the rooms at the same time, and thereafter the Marshals will arrange the procession according to this order:—Band of music, Chief Constable, Officers of Police, the Town Officers with halberets, the Lord Provost and Magistrates, followed by the Town Council; Judicial and Civil Officers of the Corporation, Lord Dean of Guild, Deacon-Convener, Officers of Police, Sheriff of Lanarkshire and Sheriffs-Substitute, Clergy, Officers of the Police, Chairman and Directors of the Chamber of Commerce; Chairman and Members of the Public Halls Committee, Inspector of Works and Contractors, Officers of Police, the Knights Templar, the Masonic Lodges, the Junior in front; band of music, the Provincial Grand Lodge, Officers of Police. Having been marshalled, the procession will proceed through the West-End Park, along Park Terrace, Woodlands Terrace, Scotland Street, Woodside Crescent, North Street, St. Vincent Street, and Cleveland Street, to site of the building in Granville Street. On its arrival there, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and others will take their places on the platform, to the north side of the memorial stone. When the Junior Masonic Lodge arrives at the entrance of the enclosure it will remain stationary, opening right and left, and so on with all the lodges to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The latter will then advance through all the lodges, ascending the platform to the memorial stone, followed by the other lodges according to seniority, but as only a limited number can be accommodated upon the platform, the majority will have to take their places within the enclosure, and in front of the stone. When silence has been proclaimed by the Provincial Grand Marshal, the band will play the "National Anthem," after which the chairman of the Halls Committee will ask the Provincial Grand Master to proceed with the ceremony. The Provincial Grand Chaplain having offered up a prayer, the Provincial Grand Treasurer will deposit in the cavity of the stone a hermetically sealed glass jar containing coins of the present reign, records, &c., and the Provincial Grand Secretary will read the inscription on the plate and deposit in the memorial stone. The 100th Psalm will then be sung by a vocal choir, and the stone lowered into its place. The operatives having completed their part of the work, the Provincial Grand Master will lay the memorial stone with the usual ceremonial, spreading corn on it, and pouring out wine and oil thereon, repeating the while a short form of prayer. At the conclusion of the prayer, the brethren will give three cheers, and the band will play the "Masons' Anthem." The Provincial Grand Master will then address the brethren and those present, and report to the chairman of the Public Halls Committee the satisfaction which he has had in taking part in an undertaking of such importance, and of such advantage to the city of Glasgow. The chairman of committee will then, on the part of the shareholders, address the Provincial Grand Master, and thank the civic and Masonic bodies who have assisted on the occasion. The ceremonial will be concluded with three cheers, the band playing "Rule Britannia." The Provincial Grand Lodge will then return to the Queen's Rooms, where it will be closed in due form, and the members thereafter entertained at cake and wine by the Building Committee.

PERTH.—SCOON AND PERTH LODGE (No. 3).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting, R.W. Bro. Chalmers presiding, on Tuesday, the 6th ult., when it was proposed to invite the co-operation of the Sister Perth Lodges to resuscitate the District Grand Lodge for the eastern district of the county, which has been in a dormant state for some years. The Secretary was directed to communicate with the other lodges in the city, and ascertain their views and wishes with reference to this, in order that joint action might be taken. Their being no further business of importance,

the lodge was closed in peace and harmony a little after nine p.m., having been in session over one hour. The usual hour of meeting is 8 p.m., and meetings are held in the Lodge-room, High-street.

PERTH.—ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 74).—This lodge met for instruction at the Royal George Hotel, at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, the 6th ult., R.W. Bro. Young, in absence of R.W. Bro. Col. Williamson, presiding. Instruction was given in the First and Second Degrees. R.W. Bro. Dr. William Cowan, R.W.P.M. of Great Western Lodge (No. 47) of Canada, and R.W.P.M. of Eastern Bengal Railway Lodge (No. 444) of Scotland, in Bengal, visited the lodge, and were received with the usual cordial welcome. A very pleasant evening was spent in social harmony, after which the lodge was closed at 11 p.m.

On the 20th an emergent meeting of this lodge was held, at which the Rev. Bro. Carmichael, of the East Church, and Bro. Richardson, of Pitfour, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by R.W. Bro. Young, P.M., in the absence of R.W. Bro. Williamson. The lodge having agreed to admit Bro. Dr. William Cowan as an affiliated member, the usual obligation was then administered to him by the R.W.M. officiating, after which the lodge was called from labour to refreshment. The brethren having passed a pleasant and agreeable time during the hours of refreshment, again resumed labour, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 11 p.m.

An emergent meeting of this lodge was again held at the Royal George Hotel, on Friday, the 30th, to give a farewell to Bros. Richardson, of Pitfour, and Smythe, of Methven. The brethren sat down at 6 p.m. to a magnificent banquet, provided for them by Bro. Kennedy, of the Royal George, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Col. Williamson, of Lawers, the R.W.M. of the lodge. The R.W.M., who was well supported by the officers and brethren of the lodge, and several visiting brethren numbering about thirty, performed the duties of the chair in a most agreeable and satisfactory manner. After the cloth was removed the brethren were called to order, and the lodge was opened in due and ancient form in the First Degree. The R.W.M. then gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts of obligation, after which he addressed the guests of the evening on their Masonic and other duties, and said that as each of them would in the course of time be called upon, as landed proprietors in the county, and as the representatives of the old families of Smythe of Methven, and Richardson of Pitfour, who had long been in possession of distinguished and honourable names in the county, they would so hold the everlasting principles of our ancient and honourable Order as to become useful to society, and an ornament to the Order—that as the one, Bro. Smythe, was an officer of a most distinguished and gallant regiment, the 79th Highlanders, and the other, Bro. Richardson, held also a commission from her Majesty, as her representative and consul in the distant country of Buenos Ayres, both would in their intercourse with the external world in these influential positions have ample opportunities for the display of their principles, and show to the neutral world that brotherly love, relief, and truth and faith, hope and charity, were no mere empty vaunts in the mouths of Freemasons. The healths of these two brethren were then proposed by the R.W.M., and responded to by the brethren, and all wished them God speed on their departure from the fair city. After several other toasts had been proposed and responded to, R.W. Bro. Young, P.M., proposed, in a neat and appropriate manner, "The Health of our R.W.M., Bro. Col. Williamson, of Lawers," a man beloved by all who knew him, and whose name, in connection with the lodge, had, in itself, been, as it were, a "host." It was hoped that he would be often presiding over the brethren of St. Andrew's. The toast was warmly and enthusiastically responded to by the brethren. With song and toast and sentiment, a most pleasant evening was spent. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 11 p.m.

PERTH.—ST. JOHNSTONE CHAPTER (No. 134) met at the Moncrieff Arms Inn, Princes-street, on the 24th April, at 5 p.m., M.E. Comp. Macrae, P.Z., presiding. Comp. Dr. William Cowan, P.F.Z. of Chapter Kilwinning in the East, was present as a visitor. Bro. Charles Wilson, of Errol, received the Degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Companion, and, there being no other business, the chapter was closed at 8 p.m.

DUNBAR.—DUNBAR CASTLE LODGE (No. 75).—At a monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., under the presidency of P.M. Brand, D.M. for present year, in the absence of the R.W.M., Capt. Denistoun, 64th regiment, a purse and sovereigns were presented, in a very full lodge, to P.M. David Vallance, the purse bearing, on a gold entablature, the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. D. Vallance, by the brethren of the Dunbar Castle Lodge, as a mark of respect for long service as R.W.M., 4th May, 1875." In making the presentation, the D.M., in very eloquent terms, reminded the assembled brethren of the long connection subsisting between Bro. Vallance and the lodge, extending over a period of nineteen years, and especially to his services as an office-bearer for seventeen years, the last six years of which as R.W.M., and referred to the very important number of brethren who had been brought to a knowledge of "Masonic light" through the instrumentality of the worthy P.M. The presentation was acknowledged in feeling terms by Bro. Vallance. It may be mentioned, in connection with this presentation, that nearly 100 brethren have received their initiation and subsequent degrees from Bro. Vallance. This is the third Masonic presentation received by him, including a medal from the Stranraer Kilwinning Lodge, for services rendered in the resuscitation of that lodge in 1872, under its old charter. The Dunbar Castle Lodge is at present in a most flourishing state, both in numbers and efficiency of working.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION AND CROWN (No. 103).—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow made their annual visit of inspection to this lodge at the usual monthly meeting of the latter, held on 26th ult., in the Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. The deputation of P.G.L., which was an unusually numerous one, having been received by the R.W.M. (Bro. A. M. Wright) with the usual formalities, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. A. McTaggart) submitted the report of the deputation, which he said was a very short one. They had very few faults indeed to find with the working of Lodge 103 during the past year—in fact, almost none worthy of mention. The examination of the books had discovered that they were in excellent condition; while their cash-book, he thought, was admirably kept. In fact, he did not think he exceeded the proper limits of praise when he said that there was no better kept cash-book within the province of Glasgow; nor would it be too much if he said that the Treasurer of that lodge was the most regular in his payments to the P.G.L. Ordinary Fund, and also to that of Benevolence. It must have been very gratifying to the lodge to find how much their funds had increased at last balance, being all but double what they amounted to the year before. On the 30th March last year the amount of their funds was £36; while that the deputation had found that they (the lodge) had cash in bank and on hand amounting to £70 6s. 3d. Now that was a very satisfactory state of matters. Further, they had distributed during the year in private charity the handsome sum of £20; had contributed £6 to the P.G. Benevolent Fund; and had made in all 39 members. In concluding, Bro. McTaggart begged to return the sincere thanks of the deputation for the cordial welcome they had received from the lodge, and to congratulate the latter on their prosperous state; and hoped that those who might visit them next year as representing the P.G.L. might find them equally prosperous. The R.W.M. having briefly thanked the deputation for their visit, said there was a little matter he would like to bring before them previous to their leaving. In the course of the lodge business that evening there had been read a communication from the Town Council of Dumbarton, with reference to the opening of the new pier there on the 8th of next month. Some of the brethren objected to go down there on that occasion, seeing that Masons were not to take a prominent part in the proceedings; and therefore the lodge would like to have the advice of the P.G.L. on the matter. Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., in reply, said that he would be guided by the opinion of his colleagues present, but it seemed to him that the occasion in question was one upon which Masons were not called to be present. It was the opening of a new pier; and they (Freemasons) were to be mixed up with Odd Fellows, Shepherds, Free Gardeners, Good Templars, &c. In the absence of any Masonic ceremony, he did not see that they could go there in Masonic clothing to take part in a matter with which they had nothing to do. If his advice were taken, he would say they should have nothing to do with it. Upon another occasion, a fortnight later—namely, the laying of the foundation stone of the new Public Halls for Glasgow—they would have a very good and legitimate opportunity of airing their regalia, and he thought that should compensate for any loss any one might feel at giving up Dumbarton. On the motion of Bro. James Gillies, Secretary, the following members of the P.G. deputation were affiliated as members of Lodge 103, viz.:—Bros. William Bell, Convener of Committee; G. Thallon, J.D.; J. Ritchie, A.; and A. Allison, Jeweller. The ceremonial of affiliation was performed by Bro. A. Bain, P.M.; and Bro. Bell having on behalf of his colleagues and himself returned thanks for the honour done them, the deputation thereafter retired.

PAISLEY.—ST. MIRREN'S LODGE (No. 129).—On Monday evening, 10th inst., a meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held in St. Mirren's Hall, Moss-street. The Right Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Edmonds, presided, supported on the dais by Bros. the Rev. W. S. Mills, Lodge Chaplain; J. Gilmour, P.G.J.W.; George Glen, R.W.M., Prince of Wales Lodge, 426, Renfrew; Alexander McLeod, P.M. 129; Alex. McIntosh, P.D.M.; William Gemmil, S.W.; and George Fisher, J.W. There was a large attendance. On the lodge being duly constituted and opened on the First Degree, Bro. Alex. McPherson, Secretary, read the minutes of previous meeting, which were adopted. Bro. Edmonds stated that before proceeding with the business of the evening he felt it to be his duty to take this opportunity, as Master of this lodge, to congratulate Bro. Gilmour on his appointment to the honourable and important position of Junior Warden for the Province of Renfrewshire East. The nomination had given the greatest satisfaction in the province, proving thereby that Colonel Campbell, their Provincial Grand Master, had on this occasion put the right man in the right place. The brethren of St. Mirren's also felt themselves highly honoured from the fact that Bro. Gilmour was an old office-bearer of St. Mirren's Lodge, and he could safely say that no master had ever discharged the duties of the chair in a more conscientious manner. He had much pleasure in wishing Bro. Gilmour health and prosperity to enjoy his new honour. The R.W.M. called the attention of the brethren to an article in the *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine*, published on 1st inst., headed, "Princes and Grand Masters," in which article, in his opinion, an indirect attack was made on the character of the Prince of Wales, and it also stigmatised their English brethren as going mad with toadyism, and prostituting their institution for the mere name of "Prince." The R.W.M. said that, had the article appeared in the columns of a neutral paper he would not have demeaned himself by taking the least notice of it; but appearing in a journal supposed to represent the opinions of the Craft in Scotland, and said to be recognised by the Grand Lodge, he considered he would be unworthy the name of a loyal subject if he did not denounce it as a contemptible article, an insult to Royalty, and entirely antagonistic to the feelings of the

Scottish brethren. He was very glad to know that in this opinion he was supported by the Masters of the Thornliebank and Renfrew Lodges, and he trusted by all Masons who prized honour and virtue above all the external advantages of rank and fortune; he therefore called upon the brethren to vindicate the Prince from the insult levelled at him. Several brethren spoke strongly and eloquently against the article, and ultimately a motion to the following effect was carried by acclamation,—namely, that the office-bearers of this lodge be appointed as a committee to draw up a report on this subject, and forward same to Colonel Campbell, requesting him to bring the matter under the consideration of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Rev. Bro. Mills intimated that, as Chaplain of this lodge, he would be glad to deliver a sermon under the auspices of the Order on Sunday, the 27th June. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Thereafter, the lodge was passed to the Second Degree; and after the workings on this degree were finished, the lodge was reduced, and closed in due form. We understand that a meeting of the office-bearers of the lodge was held, at which a mild but dignified protest against the article in the *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine* referred to above was drawn up and forwarded to Col. Campbell.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, No. 12, Trongate, Glasgow, on Monday, the 10th inst. Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., occupied the chair, Wardens and other Office-bearers in their respective places. There was as usual a large attendance; among the visitors were Bros. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. 556; J. Campbell, 128; A. Thomson, 333; Wilson, 27. On the lodge being opened, the Secretary, Bro. J. Crawford, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved of. Applications were then read (with names of proposer and seconder) from two gentlemen for admission into the Order. There being no objection offered, it was resolved that the two candidates be brought forward for initiation into the E.A. Degree, on Friday, the 21st inst. Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., then brought up the subject of having an annual test fee of membership paid into the lodge in accordance with Grand Lodge Laws, Art. 24, page 53, strongly recommending the same, explaining various reasons for the necessity of an annual test fee being paid. After a little discussion upon this matter, it was duly proposed and seconded, that an annual test fee be paid, and that this subject be brought up for discussion at next regular meeting, which was agreed to. Bro. Morgan reminded the brethren of the laying the foundation stone of the Public Halls, Glasgow, with Masonic honours, on Saturday, the 22nd inst.; he hoped to be present himself heading a large deputation of Lodge Star, which would be a red letter day in Glasgow for the cause of Freemasonry. There being no further business the lodge was called to refreshment. The R.W.M., Bro. Morgan, proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were responded to with great acclamation (quite apart from the article which appeared in the S.F.M. of the 1st inst.) The toast of the three Grand Lodges, coupled with their respective Grand Masters—Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, Lodge Star, Sister Lodges, and Visiting Brethren were then given, in the intervals several most excellent songs enlivened the brethren. The toasts of Lodge Star, Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and Sister Lodges, were most ably replied to by Bros. Phillips, Morgan, Thomson, and Campbell. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, and after the last toast had been given the brethren, who had kept within due hail, were called together and dismissed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY No. (354) met in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., being their regular meeting, present: Bros. James Shaw, R.W.M.; Stafford, S.W.; Ferguson, J.W.; A. A. Smith, I.P.M.; John Morgan, R.W.M. Lodge Star 219, and a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw, and the motion of raising the initiation fees, also that of having an annual test fee, brought before the lodge, which was carried unanimously; on the minutes of the last regular meeting, also that of a special meeting, having been read and approved of, Mr. James Smith and Mr. F. McMonagh, who had been regularly proposed and seconded for initiation into Freemasonry, and no objection offered, entered and received the E.A. Degree. Bro. James Shaw intimated that the Treasurer, Bro. A. Carmichael, had tendered his resignation on account of his being about to leave Scotland, which was accepted; the lodge then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and with the usual loyal toasts, enlivened with some excellent songs, the evening was brought most happily to a close. The next regular meeting of this lodge will take place in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 2nd June.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 14th inst., and Monday the 17th inst., for admittance into the Order of Freemasonry of Dr. Wm. Oswald Livingstone, son of the late illustrious African explorer, who had been regularly proposed, seconded, and balloted for at last regular meeting. The ballot having proved favourable, this gentleman came forward on Friday, the 14th inst., and received the E.A. and F.C. Degrees, the R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, and Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., officiating. On Monday, the 17th inst., Bro. Wm. Oswald Livingstone was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., officiating. On both occasions the ceremony of each degree was performed in a masterly and most impressive manner, great pains being taken in the degrees, though two were given in one night, and the Master Mason Degree so soon after. The manner, and great care with which they were given, will, we are sure, make a lasting impression upon Bro. Livingstone's mind. On both occasions there was a large attendance of members of Lodge Commercial, and deputations from most of the lodges of the district.

At the conclusion of the ceremony on Monday evening, Bro. Lamb addressed Bro. Livingstone upon the beauties of the Order of Freemasonry, which elicited great applause. Bro. Livingstone, we understand, leaves Glasgow on Tuesday, the 25th inst., for Trinidad, there to reside and practise his profession as a surgeon. We wish Bro. Livingstone a safe and pleasant journey, and may his life be happy and prosperous, a honour to the Craft and the memory of his illustrious father.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360) met in their hall, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, 7th inst.; present, Bros. John Monro, R.W.M.; J. Brodie, P.M., acting as J.W.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; J. Davidson, P.M.; A. Morton, I.P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; W. Finlay, Treas.; W. H. Bickerton, Sec.; J. Gibson, S.D.; Thomas Graham, J.D.; T. Keiller, I.G.; Jas. Minnoch, Tyler. Jas. Shaw, R.W.M. 354; J. W. Burns, R.W.M. 87; James Anderson, R.W.M. 370, and a very large attendance (69) having signed the sederunt book. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Scott, who had been regularly proposed and balloted for, and no objection offered, was admitted into the ancient Order of Freemasonry in the E.A. Degree, Bro. John Monro officiating in a most careful manner, and Bros. Jas. Kerr, Thos. Ross, and James Neish were advanced to the Degree of F.C., Bros. John Monro and J. Brodie, P.M., officiating. Bro. J. Brodie moved that new clothing for the office-bearers, also a Past Master's jewel for presentation to their I.P.M., Bro. A. Morton, be got, which was agreed to unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form.

CROSSHILL.—LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541) met in the Masonic Hall, Prince of Wales Terrace, Crosshill, on Monday, the 10th inst., being the regular meeting of the lodge. Bro. Julius Brodie, R.W.M., occupied the chair; Bro. A. Morton, S.W.; J. Fraser, J.W. There was a large attendance of brethren present, the business of the evening being a subscription sale for the benefit of Mrs. Stamm, widow of the late Bro. Stamm, Junior Warden of the lodge, the result of which proved very gratifying to all, the sum of £38 having been realized. Bro. J. Brodie in a few well chosen remarks, said that it gave him great pleasure to see that the brethren had come so nobly forward to assist him in carrying out that great principle of the Order, charity. Mrs. Stamm was one that was highly respectable and deserving; her late husband was a most zealous and a good Mason, and highly respected by all who knew him. Before sitting down, he begged to thank the brethren for their kindness and support in this case, for without their support his efforts would have been very small. After a few brief remarks from other brethren, the business was brought to a close.

PARTICK.—ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 113).—The Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. F. A. Barrow, accompanied by his office-bearers, visited the above chapter on Wednesday evening week. After a strict scrutiny of the books of the chapter, a minute was recorded by the deputation to the effect that everything during the past working year had been conducted in consonance with the practice and principles of Royal Arch Masonry. The deputation, it should be stated, was received with the usual formalities; but, on this occasion, they preferred to see the opening of the chapter, and to have personal evidence as to how the different office-bearers discharged their several offices. The chapter was then opened in regular form; and the authority of the Most Excellent Superintendent having been duly recognised by Companion Halket, Z., Comp. Barrow returned him his mallet with an expression of full confidence that it would be wielded on that occasion with the same judgment that it had always been done in the past. The report of the Prov. G. Scribe E., was then read, which showed that everything had met the highest approval of the deputation. Thereafter, the Most Excellent Superintendent entered into some particulars as to the working of Royal Arch Masonry in the province, and made some valuable suggestions in reference to the desirability of having a uniformity of ritual and of general working in the Order. He concluded by complimenting the First Principal and the Chapter on the position they occupied in the province, and hoping that they might always be in a position to claim and occupy as high a position. The First Principal made a suitable reply to the remarks of the Prov. G. Supt., and asked the Companions to award a hearty vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Chapter for their kindly visit and for the high eulogiums they had passed upon the working and upon the general success of Chapter No. 113. The chapter was then duly closed, and thereafter they entertained the members of the Prov. G. deputation for a short time at refreshment. During this the toast of "The Prov. Grand R.A. Chapter of Lanarkshire" was duly recognised; after which "Chapter Partick, No. 113," was proposed by the M.E. Supt., and replied to in felicitous terms by the First Principal. Several other toasts were given and responded to—notably that of "Companion Grange," P. First Principal, and a companion noted for all the social and moral virtues demanded by the constitution and underlying the principles of the Order. The proceedings further were agreeably interspersed with song and sentiment; and, after a short sojourn, the deputation required to leave by the latest conveyance homeward.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MASTER.

Copies of THE FREEMASON for May 1st and 8th, containing a full and accurate account of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Most Worshipful Grand Master and First Grand Principal, may still be obtained at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, or of any News-agent.



ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. M. Clabon, President, Joshua Nunn, S.V.P., and James Brett, J.V.P. Among the other brethren present there were Bros. John Savage, Thomas Cubitt, John Hervey, W. Mann, John While, James Willing, jun., H. Massey (*Freemason*), Joseph Smith, Bengemann, A. A. Pendlebury, Wright, C. A. Cottebrune, Steadwell, H. G. Buss, Wm. Smith, J. E. Saunders, Bartlett, H. Garrod, Griffiths Smith, W. Stephens, Kennett, and Payne.

At the Board of Masters, previously held, several notices of motion were given for the ensuing Grand Lodge, and the report of the Board of General Purposes was received. Grants made at last Lodge of Benevolence were confirmed, and Scrutineers were elected. The Lodge then proceeded to consider new petitions, and at its closing it was found that £301 had been granted. One grant was of £100, one £40, one £30, five £20, and two £10. The remainder were small sums.

Lodge was then closed.

Masonic Tidings.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held at Newnham-on-the-Severn, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when a considerable gathering of the Craft assembled. Lord Sherborne, Prov. Grand Master, presided. After an interesting discussion on the Masonic charities, a testimonial was presented to Bro. Newarch, the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the brethren subsequently dined at the Victoria Hotel, under the presidency of Lord Sherborne, supported by Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chief Secretary for Ireland.

An Ultramontane paper, the *Osservatore Romano*, has published an article in which it takes the Prince of Wales to task for accepting the post of Grand Master of the English Freemasons. It ascribes the downfall of Charles X., Louis Philippe, and Louis Napoleon to their connection with the Craft, and implores the Prince to take warning before it is too late.

THE VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO INDIA.—The *Central News* states that Admiral Rowley Lambert, C.B., will succeed Admiral Randolph, C.B., in command when the ships of the Flying Squadron arrive at Gibraltar, and the first-named gallant officer will convoy the Prince of Wales to India. The following are the ships of the squadron which will proceed with the Prince to Calcutta: —Narcissus (flagship), Commander Alfred Jephson; Doris, Captain Hon. Edmund Fremantle, C.B.; Immortalité, Captain Francis A. Hume; Newcastle, Captain Robert G. Douglas; Raleigh, Captain George Tryon,

C.B.; Topaze, Captain Arthur T. Thrupp. It is understood that the Flying Squadron will not come to England, and accordingly will not take part in the departure of the Prince of Wales. The ships will, however, meet the troopship conveying his Royal Highness off Gibraltar, and proceed thence, via the Suez Canal, to Calcutta. Here the vessels will remain until the return of the Prince. His Royal Highness, it is anticipated, will be back in England by next May.

The Lord Mayor (Grand Junior Warden of England) honoured with his presence May 14th the Bank of England Lodge of Freemasons, at their last meeting before the summer vacation, held at the Albion Tavern. His lordship, who was accompanied by several distinguished brethren, was received by numerous members of the lodge, amongst them being Bros. F. Micheli, W.M.; G. Chance, of the Treasury, and other Past Masters; Bro. Captain Elliott (of the Royal Naval Reserve), and Bro. Magee. Bro. Chance proposed the Lord Mayor's health in eulogistic terms, dwelling particularly on the distinguished position in the Craft to which he had attained. The toast was received with the greatest acclamation by the brethren present. The Lord Mayor replied in appropriate terms.

We learn by telegraph that Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, has arrived at Holyrood House, Edinburgh. He was formally presented to the Lord Provost and Magistrates with the keys of the city, which were returned to the keeping of the civic authorities. His Grace and the Countess of Rosslyn afterwards entertained a large party of noblemen and gentlemen at dinner.

The Camden Lodge of Instruction will, on and after Monday, the 31st inst., meet at the Stanhope Arms, James-street, Camden Town.

Bro. Boord, M.P., presided at the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Conservative Alliance held on Tuesday at the Westminster Palace Hotel.

At Madame Tussaud's several new figures have been added, including the Prince of Wales, in his garb of Grand Master of the Freemasons, and King Alfonso XII.

Bro. Defries and Son furnished the whole of the decorations for the Royal visit to Leeds, on Thursday.

BOSTON ELECTION COMMISSION.—A Royal Commission has just issued, appointing Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Mr. Wyndham Slade, and Bro. Douglas Straight, Commissioners to inquire into the existence of corrupt practices reported by Mr. Justice Grove to have extensively prevailed at the last election for Boston. The inquiry will be held in August. Mr. Ernest Baggallay has been appointed Secretary to the Commission.

At a meeting of the Council of the Miners' Defence Association, held at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, the following resolution was passed:—"That a committee be appointed to consider a future sliding scale of wages for fixed periods, to be based upon the selling price of coal,

and after the men on strike have returned to work on the terms named (of 15 per cent. reduction) to suggest such a scheme to the Council at an early meeting for arrangement with the men, and that such committee shall consist of the following gentlemen, viz.:—Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Messrs. Richard Fothergill, M.P., (Chairman); David Davis, W. Thomas Lewis, Archd. Hood, W. Menelaus, W. Perch, J. O. Riches, W. T. Crawshaw, John Nixon, W. S. Cartwright, Basil Jayne, Edward Jones, Robert Jordan, R. Laybourne, H. Hussey Vivian, M.P., and F. A. Yeo.

The 29th annual report of the Sovereign Life Assurance Company has just been issued. The revenue has exceeded that of the preceding year by £3,362. 349 new policies were issued last year. The dividend recommended on the capital and bonus additions is based on the rate of interest actually earned, and is equal this year to 5½ per cent. on the original amount paid up.

ANOTHER VISIT OF VOLUNTEERS TO FRANCE.—Bro. Charles Mercier has had the honour of receiving from Monsieur E. Langer, the president of the Société Havraise de Tir, a most cordial invitation to English volunteers, to take part in a rifle competition, which will be held at Havre about the end of July:—"As this invitation is another pledge of international friendship, I beg you will kindly make it known, mentioning at the same time that the Société Havraise de Tir, in addition to other improvements, have been endeavouring to provide shooting in the 'open,' and at long ranges. As, however, unexpected difficulties have arisen, firing in the 'open' may be unattainable, in which case, if the invitation is accepted, volunteers must not count upon this facility, and may have to be content with the Society's ordinary 'stand.' Nor must they expect a repetition of the grand demonstrations and hospitality of last year, which took all so completely by surprise. I venture to mention these points—this specially—as, in consequence of impaired health and pressing professional engagements, it will not be in my power to take any further part in general public work, or in promoting international rifle competitions, though, as a consultation may be necessary, I should be happy, if no more suitable place is available, for volunteers interested to meet at my residence; this intimation being accepted as a sufficient invitation."

Our Brother, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, has been proposed as a joining member of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—No one should treat the present changes in the weather with indifference, for they undoubtedly have a great effect upon the human body. It is necessary for every one to be cautious and watchful. Cautious as regards clothing and exposure, and watchfulness as regards the effect on the body. The skin, nervous system, and breathing organs often suffer severely, as is evidenced by Erysipelas, Rheumatism, Colds, Sore Throats, &c. When, therefore, symptoms of any of the above diseases show themselves, they should be at once attended to. The Ointment should be rubbed into the parts affected, and the Pills taken according to the printed directions; this treatment soon eradicates the disease and restores the general health.—ADVT.

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SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1875.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

We congratulate the Committee, and Bro. Little, and the Order generally, on the successful result of the anniversary for 1875. Everything seems to have prospered with it, from the Chairman down to the weather. We are glad to record the fact that our distinguished brother, the Lord Mayor, presided, and we still more rejoice to call attention to his sensible and Masonic address. That the result of so numerous and animated a meeting would be large and gratifying we did not doubt, and we feel some little honest pride, as Freemasons, for our benevolent Order, in adding that the Stewards' lists realised the large sum of £7,268 3s. All honour to that maligned Craft of ours, which is yet untiring and unrelaxing in its efforts to promote the great and sacred cause of benevolence and charity. The returns, as usual, are very striking. The metropolis is to the fore with £4,811, in round numbers. The provinces send up £2,257 10s. 6d., and miscellaneous and foreign £200, in round numbers, a little more or less. Bro. Constable heads the metropolitan list with the goodly sum of £420 12s., Bro. Headon of 1426, follows with £211 1s.; while Bro. Palmer, 1348, brings up £174; Bro. Hyde Pullen, 1382, £170 2s.; Bro. J. G. Stevens, 933, £142 16s.; Bro. J. L. Thomas, 1328, £133 7s.; Bro. S. Poynter, 1491, £118 0s. 6d.; Bro. F. Lough, 69, £115 10s.; and Bro. W. H. Stevens, 607, and Bro. W. J. Murlis, 1489, £102 18s. and £120 respectively. In the provinces, Middlesex and West Yorkshire have a close race for it, the former winning by a head

on the post with £581 19s. against £580 17s. The next is Monmouth with £464 10s., followed by Kent with £142 3s.; the remaining 19 provinces not exceeding the two figures. The return, however, is a very striking one, as we have said before, and reflects the highest credit on the zeal and energy of the Stewards, and tells also a good tale for the ready liberality of our Craft. We are happy to state that the financial affairs of the Girls' School to the close of 1874 are in a very prosperous condition. The Lord Mayor alluded to the Balance Sheet in warm terms of commendation, and certainly it is very gratifying. The credit side of the account for 1874 shews from all sources, including balance of preceding year, the sum of £11,557 9s. 4d. The debit amounts to £10,258 18s., leaving a balance, when all is paid, at the bankers at the close of 1874, of £1,298 11s. 4d., with £70 for petty cash. It is, however, fair to observe that of this amount of £10,258 18s., £2,296 2s. 6d. was invested in £2,500 Consols, leaving the vested property of the School at £23,000, Three-per-Cent. Consols. This surely is a most praiseworthy state of affairs, and says much for the effective management of the Committee and the Secretary. Our distinguished brother the Lord Mayor asked why with such great advantages, with the blessings of such an Institution, not double the number of inmates, making them 285 or 300? We believe, though Bro. Little can inform us officially, that there is no more room at the School for new buildings! But two questions arise. Cannot land be purchased? and cannot the School be extended in one direction or the other? We apprehend that with our rapidly increasing numbers, rapidly augmenting claims will come upon us, and we fear that is impossible to suppose that in the present state of our Order 145 girls can represent the permanent number of the inmates of the Girls' School. The question is so important, and the Girls' School is so well managed by those able and painstaking brethren who look after its interests and control its affairs, and Bro. Little is so alive to its educational value and the needs of our Order, that we only venture to suggest the consideration of the increase of numbers to the attention of those best qualified in all respects to deal with so grave a question.

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.

Telegrams dated Paris, Sunday night, state that Bishop Dupanloup has received the following letter from the Pope, congratulating him on his pamphlet against Freemasonry:—"Venerable Brother,—Salutation and apostolical benediction. In this war waged on all sides against the Catholic Church by the Masonic sect, your publication was most useful and opportune, especially because this sect, long secret, has now unmasked itself. It avows its designs, and in a certain country, not under the pretext of public rights, but in its own name, does guilty battle with the Church. It is useful because, the nefarious character of the sect being known, there is no honest man who must not turn from it with horror, and perhaps many members who do not know the secret mysteries will now withdraw. What is particularly useful is the perspicacity with which you demonstrate to all attentive minds the real tendency of the taking words, 'Fraternity and Equality,' which have deceived and seduced so many, and the true origin and object of the much boasted liberties of conscience, of public worship, and of the Press. After reading your work nobody can doubt that all this came from Freemasonry to overturn civil and religious order, and consequently the Church has wisely condemned those who practise and defend such liberties. It is manifest that all partisans of these liberties, albeit unknown to themselves, favour the Masonic sect, and the more honest they are the more disastrous is their support to such principles. We therefore wish you many intelligent readers, for it is no small advantage to perceive the snare, and as a pledge of Divine favour and our special goodwill we give you, venerable brother, from the bottom of our heart, to you and your diocese, our Apostolical benediction.

"In the twenty-ninth year of our Pontificate,—
"PIUS IX., POPE."

THE "SCOTTISH FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE."

Having said our say about the most unfortunate little "faux pas" of our Scottish contemporary, in the best interests, as we consider, both of Scottish and English Freemasonry, we do not deem it wise to continue a very inopportune, and, in our opinion, unwarrantable discussion. But we must protest, as before both the English and Scottish Craft, against the tone and temper of that most injudicious writer, who could pen such an article, alike disloyal in utterance, and impertinent to all English Freemasons. And what shall we say of his defence of it? All that his best friends can possibly urge in mitigation of his renewed unmasonic temperament is, that his words seem so strange, his opinions so incoherent, that, as Meg Merrilies observed, if we remember rightly, to Dominie Sampson, so we all must say, "Mon, ye maun be either fou or fast-ing." We are very, very sorry for the *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine*, and having said this—we say no more. We observe, however, that our contemporary likens himself, by implication, to John Knox, and apparently ventures to compare his most unmasonic and unfounded tirade against English Freemasons and their Royal Grand Master, to the old reformer's fervid utterances of what he believed was Truth. The writer in the *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine* puts us in mind of a young friend of ours who has just returned from a great public school, in which his report for the half is, that he is "addicted to idleness," and, what is worst of all, that he is "self-complacent in his idleness." We do not suppose that the egotism or self-complacency of our sensational confrere can be exceeded by any journalist at the present hour.

A PLEASANT SCENE.

If it is true that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin," we think that never did the application of the truism appeal more forcibly to our own sense of what is true, sympathetic, and natural, than in the little incident to which we have given the above name. The *Times* of Thursday records a meeting at Windsor Castle, where the Queen of many millions surrounds herself with all the highest charms of home life amid the splendour of a palace, and seems to forget the shadow of the great sorrow of her being in the bright hopes and gracious promise of her grandchildren! We are amongst those writers and thinkers—call us realistic if you will—who believe that the best history of the times in which we live, of the world in its progress from age to age, in the onward way of all of human kind, is to be found in the actual habits and wonted customs of public, and, above all, of private life! The eyes of men are sometimes dazzled by the tinsel and the trappings of outward sensationalism, but we should gain a sorry picture, either of the world as it has been really, or as it is truly now, if we ever forgot for one moment that it is in the inner lives of peoples and of persons that you are to look for the certain clue to the hopes and plans and longings and aspirations of successive generations. Beneath the gilded show of the great "Vanity Fair" of life lies the quiet, hidden existence in the home, by the fireside, and there we must go, after all, for those ennobling touches of our wondrous humanity, which give reality to fiction, certainty to history, and lighten up the continuous kalendar of time with unmistakable tokens of reliability and truth. It was one of the greatest characteristics of all the many excellent counsels and endeavours of the late Prince Consort, to which as a people we are, and shall ever be most deeply indebted, to throw the colouring of his cherished German "Heimlichkeit," over the often garish and dangerous splendors of the Court and of high social rank. When, like a wise master builder, he strove so earnestly to impart his conceptions to our English mind, he found a soil well prepared for the growth of such goodly plants as home life and domestic happiness. How well he prospered in his labours we need not recount to-day; the evidence of many "lustra" points to the unmistakable success of his goodly plans and his life-long

care. In England the love of home in its intense practicability has been at the foundation of all our real greatness and national prosperity. But the lesson the Prince Consort essayed to teach us was another one. High rank and great place, the ceaseless exactments of needful ceremonial, often left but little time for the enjoyment of domestic retirement and sympathies. But it was not enough to be intent on Court duties, on the brilliant gathering; on the splendid outer life; there was an inner life, of simple home tastes and pursuits, which had to be fostered, upheld, and vitalized, if all was to go well and to be well. Nothing, we venture to think, has so strengthened the Throne in the hearts of the English people as this fellow-feeling with their most cherished ideas and actual daily, hourly, often trying and laborious, existence. And so to-day we, as Freemasons, remembering that our Gracious Sovereign is not only the daughter of an old Grand Master, but our ever kindly Patroness—that three of her sons and one of her sons-in-law are members of our great fraternity, that we boast more than one little "Lewis" of the "House of Brunswick"—we shall rejoice, as all patriotic Englishmen will rejoice, over that little family gathering which took place on May 10th, in that great castle, so bound up with the imperishable memories of England, of the English Throne, and of the English people. May the hopes of many millions, and the trust of many loyal hearts, be fulfilled in those of the coming generation, who when we of this present epoch are passed away, and gone from the "Battle-field of Life," will yet have high duties to perform alike in the holy interests of civilization, and peace, and progress; in the conservation of society, in the living welfare of our own great country, as well as in the increased happiness, liberty, and union of the great brotherhood of mankind.

THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY.

May is amongst us in all its freshness and brightness, with the balmy breezes of the closing spring, and with the genial warmth of the opening summer. Though ours is proverbially changeable weather, and London is specially credited with fogs and rain, King Charles the Second used to say, and he was a very good judge of the matter, that the climate of England was on the whole the best he knew, as it enabled you to be out of doors, after all, more than in any other. And we citizens of our "Little Village" may well be glad when May therefore puts on her most smiling face for us. As we all know, an English May in the country is very pleasant, especially when fine, and we are inclined to think that from the last fortnight in May, and until the end of June, there is not much anywhere that can compare with the aspect of our good old Fatherland. The hedges are leafy, the daisies are visible, the grass is lifting up its head, the hawthorn is fragrant in pink and white, while the chestnuts are beginning to bloom, and the oaks to be green again amid an increasing freshness and verdure of lane and mead, of wood and covert. A fine May is therefore not only very pleasant to the "country mouse," but has its special attraction for the "town mouse." For all our Londoners, pent up between interminable rows of dull brick, or smoky stone, or pretentious stucco, often sigh for a glimpse of green fields, for the hum of bees, for the cawing of rooks, for the songs of birds, and the umbrageous shelter of lime or elm. And those of us are wise in their generation, especially those to whom belong the cares and responsibilities of family life, if they run down with their belongings, great and small, to have a look at the pastures and shady lanes within some easy distance of town. Nothing is so healthy for us all as to have from early years the love of natural sights and common things. Especially is this so in that wonderful creation, that treasure house of goodness and wisdom and compassion, wherein the Great Architect of the Universe has given us all so many clear tokens of His presence, of infinite contrivance and design, of omnipotent constructiveness and care. In that glorious handiwork of excelling majesty and mercy there is nothing, however humble, from which we may not learn something alike striking to the intellect, and refreshing to the mind. In-

deed, every consideration or survey of this world's frame and fabric and goodly sights and pleasant scenes must lead us all to the inevitable conclusion, as it has led so many of the wisest and best of earth, that the hand which made all these outer things and us is indeed Divine. Therefore, in this merry month of May let us not be chary of visiting, with our young and with our old, the fair extent of rural spots around our overgrown and toiling and sweltering metropolis. Happy privilege for our married brethren, goodly chance for some rash, if trembling aspirants for all the mysteries of Hymen, that they can enjoy, in the company of those they love the best, the sights and sounds of this merry month of May, amid the pleasant perfume of hawthorn hedges and budding trees and verdant fields, already studded with the daisy, the cowslip, and the primrose. But what a melancholy "outcome" and "lookout" for miserable bachelor Masons, still left to wander on "separatim" in this troublesome world, whose solitary excursion must be, for the most part, to the Welsh Harp or the Spotted Dog, to Greenwich or Blackwall, and who return as they go, little better for their outing, slightly heated and considerably bored. Even May, with all its refreshing hours and gladdening and revivifying influences, has its Nemesis for all those infatuated persons who, despite warnings very many, and chances not a few, resolutely continue "unblest and singularly single," with no dear, dear Jezebel to cheer, to worry, to govern, or to obey, still, "save at circuit unretained, and save at chess unmated."

NOTICE.

The June number of the "Masonic Magazine" which is the closing number of the 2nd volume, will be increased in letter-press. The photograph of H.R.H. the Grand Master is not yet ready, owing to the great demand on the Photographer, but we will publish it with the MASONIC MAGAZINE as soon as our arrangement is perfected. In order to prevent disappointment, non-subscribers should send an order at once to the publisher, 108, Fleet-street, E.C., who is most anxious to accommodate all who apply in time. The price of the single number is 6d., seven shillings for the whole year, and postage paid. With the end of the second volume it is a good time for many of our brethren to subscribe for the next twelve months.

We beg to call attention to the very interesting illustration of the Girls' School on another page, which originally appeared in the *Illustrated London News*.

We shall publish in the next *Freemason* some interesting letters from Bro. Buchan, W. J. Hughan, and "Masonic Student" on the Guild Theory. We shall also insert a communication from our esteemed Bro. Hughan, relative to a Mark Lodge of the last century, in America.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

STEWARDS' LIST, 1875.

LODGE	1	Bro. Paterson, Alderman	£	s.	d.
"	2	Thomas Greatham	52	10	0
"	4	J. S. H. McEwan	44	2	0
"	5	Francis Morgan	51	9	0
"	8	J. Lewis Geiger	60	18	0
"	10	Rev. T. Cochrane	19	19	3
"	11	E. J. Bradstreet	57	15	0
"	14	A. L. Bristow	32	0	6
"	15	H. G. Martin	21	0	0
"	18	J. F. Huggins	88	4	0
"	21	J. K. Stead	34	13	0
Chap.	21	Griffiths Smith	48	6	0
Lodge	22	G. Phythian	17	17	0
"	23	Henry Venn	52	10	0
"	27	J. B. Poole	10	10	0
"	33	W. Lugg	73	10	6
"	33	H. Dubosc	78	4	6
"	46	Dr. J. H. Paul	15	15	0
"	59	Fred Lough	24	3	0
"	65	E. C. Mather	115	10	0
"	66	J. A. Rucker	30	9	0
"	91	T. R. Marshall	52	10	0
"	95	Geo. S. Ayres	40	19	0
"	99	G. D. Stibbard	39	18	0
"	101	Thos. Beard	87	3	0
"	143	G. N. Strawbridge	16	16	0
"	145	Geo. Parkes	72	9	0
"	162	Geo. C. Capper	31	10	0
"	174	Charles Lacy	30	9	0
"	177	W. J. Ferguson	109	4	0
"	179	James Kew	31	10	0
"			40	0	0

Lodge	180	A. Cameron	23	12	0
"	180	W. H. Pannell	26	5	0
"	181	Wm. Sharratt	29	8	0
"	185	J. H. Ross	52	10	0
"	185	John Constable	420	12	0
"	192	Geo. Newman	47	5	0
"	194	Dr. R. Fowler	67	4	0
"	197	Geo. Findlay	37	16	0
"	198	H. C. Lambert	22	1	0
"	227	Percival Sanford	24	3	0
"	231	G. A. Ibbetson	28	9	0
"	235	H. Robinson	43	1	0
"	256	J. A. Farnfield	37	16	0
"	259	F. W. Ramsay	11	11	0
"	534	John Boyd	21	0	0
"	657	W. H. Stevens	102	18	0
"	715	J. J. Clemans	21	0	0
"	733	J. Cooper	40	0	0
"	781	John Wright	53	10	0
"	822	Percy Trower	52	10	0
"	860	Dr. J. C. White	47	15	0
"	862	W. Jones, J. Hayward	29	8	0
"	907	Thos. Griffiths	43	1	0
"	933	J. G. Stevens	142	16	0
Chap.	1056	Elias Gotthiel	31	10	0
Lodge	1118	W. E. Blakeway	21	0	0
"	1150	J. B. Rochester	26	5	0
"	1126	R. H. Pearson	24	13	6
"	1257	John Elliott	24	13	6
"	1260	George Harrison	33	12	0
"	1328	Jas. Lewis Thomas	133	7	0
"	1329	E. Clarke	48	17	0
"	1339	C. Hammerton	10	10	0
"	1348	J. Palmer	174	0	0
"	1361	R. H. Thrupp	44	5	0
"	1383	W. Hyde Pullen	170	2	0
"	1397	Dr. J. H. Galtoun	23	12	6
"	1425	A. H. Longhurst	33	1	6
"	1426	N. B. Headon	211	1	0
"	1471	J. L. Mather	49	7	0
"	1475	A. H. Watkins	57	15	0
"	1489	W. J. Murlis	120	0	0
"	1491	S. Poynter	118	0	6
"	1524	J. B. Shackleton	52	10	0

PROVINCES.

Bristol	J. F. Norris	66	13	6
Berks and Bucks	W. Knight, Powell, Laxton	75	2	0
Cheshire	J. Salmon, W. Goodacre	21	0	0
Derbyshire	W. E. Diamond, H. Whittham	10	10	0
Essex	A. Lucking, C. F. Hogard, A. W. Naylor	86	6	6
Herts	T. S. Carter	17	17	0
Kent	T. S. Carter, H. M. Baker, G. F. Carnell	142	3	0
Lancashire	E. D. T. Entwistle, G. P. Brockbank, Rev. P. Hains	42	0	0
Lancashire, West	F. C. Lunt, Col. Birchell, W. Leader, J. D. Moore, M.D.	63	11	0
Lincolnshire	John Sutcliffe, W. Marshall, J. Robinson, W. H. Roberts, J. R. Tong	63	0	0
Middlesex	Col. Burdett, J. C. Parkinson, R. W. Stewart, J. T. Moss, R. W. Little, H. A. Dubois, J. G. Marsh, J. Coulton, B. H. Swallow, F. Keily, R. P. Tebb, S. Wickens, J. S. Swasey, J. Johnson, J. Faulkner, F. S. Knyvett, E. Hopwood	581	19	0
Monmouthshire and South Wales	Col. Lyne, Capt. Homfray, L. A. Homfray, S. B. Power	464	10	0
Oxfordshire	F. P. Morrell (including £10 10s. from Prince Leopold, and £26 5s. from Earl of Jersey)	68	4	0
Long		10	10	0
Shropshire	J. H. Spaul, J. Corbett, J. Beresford, J. Bagnall, Briscoe	64	1	0
Somersetshire	C. L. F. Edwards	21	0	0
Suffolk	Rev. C. J. Martyn, Peter de L. Long	64	19	6
Surrey	George Wright, Thos. Long, Rev. C. W. Hall	75	13	0
Sussex	Dr. T. Trollope	76	2	0
Warwickshire	Walter Short	21	0	0
Yorkshire, North and East	B. Tesseman, Henri E. Voigt	34	13	0
Yorkshire, West	Sir H. Edwards, Bentley Shaw, T. Hill, Capt. Wordsworth, Rev. A. W. Hamilton, Henry Smith, T. Schofield, R. Arnison, R. E. Collinson, J. E. Wavell, G. E. Webster, H. W. Lofthouse, J. Nixon, J. Binney, H. Pawson, H. W. Malcham, W. Roddewig, B. Broughton, T. W. Andrews, R. Craig, P. C. Lowrie, C. Pegler, A. Britton, F. Crossley, T. N. Tindall, W. White, W. C. Smith, Capt. T. E. Clark, J. Simpson, W. Clayton	580	17	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. E. Saunders	10	10	0
W. R. Woodman	10	10	0
Thomas W. White	34	13	0
Palestine Rose Croix: Rev. P. M. Holden	31	10	0
Premier Red Cross: Capt. G. Cockle	10	10	0
Red Cross, 17: Wm. Richards	16	16	0
Mark Lodge, 104: T. W. Murley	34	1	0
A. Mansfield	10	10	0
D. Nicols	39	18	0
A. Twynan	10	10	0
E. C. Woodward	16	16	0
James Mason	15	15	0

FOREIGN.

Bombay, 549: E. Tyrrell Leith	21	0	0
Total	£7,268	3	0

The total is exclusive of 14 lists to come in.

Original Correspondence.

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

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir and Brother,—
In the *Illustrated London News* of May 1st there appears an engraving with the title of "Inmates of the Royal Masonic Institution for the Aged and Widows," which I assert without hesitation to be a caricature. To my certain knowledge there has never been such a party. Had an illustration been given in the style of those of the Schools, the inmates of this noble Institution would have considered it a compliment, but the one in question is an insult to the aged, and particularly to the widows, which the editor ought not to have allowed to appear. If you will give this a place in your Journal you will oblige, Sir and Brother, yours respectfully and fraternally,
L. B.

Royal Masonic Institution, Croydon, May 11th.
[We do not suppose that there was any intended disrespect, as both the letterpress and illustrations were marked alike by kindness to the inmates and the Craft, and a desire evidently to call friendly attention to the Institutions of our Order.—Ed.]

THE FATHER OF FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In your issue of Saturday last you inserted a letter signed "Honour to whom Honour is Due," relating to our esteemed Bro. Isaac Townsend, a member of Adam's Lodge, No. 158, Sheerness, as the father of Freemasons, in opposition to Bro. D. Osmet, of Sherborne, Dorset, who was initiated in January, 1820. But as your correspondent made an error in the date of Bro. Townsend's initiation, I beg to correct it, as it may be the means of bringing forth the name of the oldest member of the Craft, who, I am sure, the brethren will delight to honour.

Bro. Isaac Townsend was born in Essex on July 26th, 1793, and was initiated into the rites of Masonry in Lodge 79, Greenwich, in March, 1815, consequently he has been sixty years a Freemason. We have likewise, in the Province of Kent, Bro. P. W. Thorpe, Provincial Grand Treasurer, who, I believe, was initiated in the same year as Bro. Townsend. The brethren of the Province of Kent are proud of having among them the two oldest brethren of the Craft.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A. SPARRS, P.M. of 158.
Sheerness, 11th May, 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Seeing my father's name (Benj. Thorpe) mentioned in a letter headed "The Father of Freemasons," in your journal of the 8th inst. with a confusion of dates, as far as he is concerned I can give them correctly. He was born in June, 1793, and was initiated in the Wellington Lodge, Rye, Sussex, in October, 1814. He is now, and has been for some years past, the Provincial Grand Treasurer for Kent, and this year, I am thankful to say, he has performed the duties of his office, correspondence, &c., without any assistance. He had the pleasure of initiating his grandson in the Invicta Lodge, 709, in August, 1862, now nearly thirteen years since, and rarely fails to attend the monthly meetings of his lodge.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
B. K. THORPE, P.M. 709, P. Prov. G.R. Kent.

THE "SCOTTISH FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I am very much amused at the remarks I have recently read about myself in the "Scottish Freemasons' Magazine." I believe that I have met the writer of them before in controversy, and, therefore, I am not astonished at anything he says. I learn for the first time that it is not customary or competent for writers to protest against unfair critics and unjust criticism. I care nothing for honest criticism, come from what quarter it may, but I do object to personalities, and above all, to shallow utterances and pretentious pomposity. I do not believe that in treating of literary matters you are at liberty to import into what assumes to my mind, in one aspect, a judicial deliverance, any of the prejudices of personal encounters!

We ought as Freemasons to be above all such lower grounds of literary pettiness, and leave them to the profane world.

The Reviewer had a clear right to criticise any little work I published "more suo," on grounds which appeal to fact, to truth, and reason. But if in doing so a critic shows convincingly to any dispassionate bystander that he has not half read the work he is criticising, and that he does not for some one reason or other clearly understand what he has read, and if, too, the critic demonstrates that at best his views on the whole subject are hazy, and his knowledge but skin deep, any author, I contend, has a right to appeal to the supreme court of the public, in order to prove that the critic is "hardly up to the mark," and that his criticism is valueless, "per se."

I only write on public grounds; on personal, I care nothing for any animadversions; as I feel quite sure, from the opinions of some of the best informed Masons in England and America, that however I may have failed from want of power to illustrate and enforce my argument, my premises are sound, and my conclusions irrefragable.

With regard to the question of "nervousness" for "inciviness," which I confess not to have noticed, it is, like "argumentative," only a printer's mistake, which the writer might surely have seen.

But I do not wish to complain of remarks, or to defend my little essay; all I desire is to record my humble protest against the thoroughly unmasonic temper which colours the startling "dicta" of an old offender against the rules of courtesy and fairness in Masonic controversy.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE INSTALLATION JEWEL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Is anything settled about the Steward's jewel?
How is it to be arranged?
Are designs to be offered, and is the competition to be open?
Is there any chance of a general commemoration jewel?
Yours fraternally,
May Day, 1875.

EXPECTANS.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In justice to myself, I feel bound to call your attention to either a "misprint" on your part, or an "error" on the part of your informant, with respect to the kindly report of our festive gathering, in celebration of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. of England. Your report states that I said, in the course of my remarks—"I will remember the great excitement occasioned at the acceptance of the Grand Mastership by the late Duke of Sussex," &c., &c., &c. This is most incorrect. The words I used were—"I will remember, although young, the death of his late R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and the grief expressed by numerous members of the Craft at the loss of so distinguished a nobleman and so good a Mason." I trust you will do me the justice to insert this explanation, and oblige,

Yours fraternally,
S. W. GARDNER, W.M. 1381.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE.

We have received the following circular:—
"Dear Sir and Brother,—I beg to inform you that I have been nominated to fill the vacancy on the Board of the House Committee occasioned by the election of Col. Francis Burdett as one of the Trustees; and I shall feel obliged if you could make it convenient to attend the meeting of the Life Governors, to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 27th inst., and there record one of your votes in my favour. The interest I take in all Masonic matters, and more especially in this Institution, being so well known to you that I am led to hope the same may be sufficient to secure for me your support on that occasion. I have no desire to displace any of the brethren who at present constitute the House Committee, but solely to fill the vacancy before referred to.

"I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
"H. A. DUBOIS.
"2, Gresham Buildings, Basinghall-street, May, 14th."

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE MASONS' COMPANY.

On looking carefully over Ashmole's Diary, I find that he does mention the Astrologers' Feast after 1759, namely, July 13th, 1682—"The Astrologers' Feast was restored by Mr. Moxon;" and, again, January 29, 1683—"The Astrologers' Feast was held at the Three Cranes in Chancery-lane, Sir Edward Deering and the Town Clerk of London were Stewards." With regard to the "Old Freemasons," &c., though it is true that, in Preston's Edition of 1788, the words occur, as Bro. Hughan properly points out, yet, as Bro. Dr. Oliver made that footnote his own, in his Edition of 1861, the 17th, by greatly altering and abbreviating it, I venture to think that he ought to have verified his authorities. Preston, with all his merit, which is very great, was somewhat careless in collating quotations and MSS., but this want of correctness constitutes one of the greatest difficulties of the Masonic student. All our writers more or less accept too readily the unverified statements of others, and hand them on, without hesitation, from one to another.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

In answer to our most active and indefatigable Masonic student, Bro. Woodford, I desire to state that in the *Freemason* for May 8th, I gave the entries in Elias Ashmole's Diary respecting his initiation in a lodge at Warrington, A.D. 1646, and his visitation of a lodge in London, A.D. 1682, which I transcribed from the Edition of Lilly's and Ashmole's Lives of A.D. 1774, and which Bro. Woodford some time since informed me were the same as the first edition of the Diary, published in 1714.

I cannot find any authority for the reference to the "seven other Old Freemasons," in Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," which latter statement is not only to be found in the excellent edition of that well-known, by the revered Bro. Dr. Oliver (Spencer, London), but also in the earlier issues, even to 1788, which I have now before me. In the first and second editions but little historical information is to be found, but the successive issues were much enlarged from time to time.

Will Bro. Woodford kindly have the whole of the reference to Elias Ashmole transcribed from the History of Berkshire, so far as the author refers to Freemasonry? It would be a boon to many, and would, I feel, be

appreciated by the numerous readers of the *Freemason*. Also state date of the edition of the History of Berkshire in which the reference to Ashmole's Masonic career occurs. I presume Dr. Knipe's statement is the authority for the assertion in the "Biographia Britannica" that Ashmole's election as a member of Masonic lodge was by him "considered as a mark of great honour." The quotation is to be found in Dr. Mackay's Grand Encyclopædia of Freemasonry, but I should like an authorised transcript of the original, and also date of first publication of work. We know nothing as yet about the Astrologers' Feast, but for certain Bro. Ashmole was not only a Freemason, but also a believer in Astrology. In fact, he apparently fancied studies which were by the majority considered unfathomable.

Preston's transcripts from old documents are sometimes most inaccurate.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

Mr. Heckethorn has written a work professedly on secret societies, lately published by Bentley and Son. We opened it expecting to find a work of original research and careful verification, for a history of secret societies must always be a very difficult undertaking from the very nature of the case. We must confess to our entire disappointment. We say nothing of the childish attacks on Freemasonry, and Mr. Heckethorn's evident ignorance of what Freemasonry is or professes to be; but we cannot concede that Mr. Heckethorn's jottings and cuttings and extracts can fairly be called a history of secret societies at all. The history of secret societies is, as we said before, not only a very difficult one, but it is a very interesting one, and requires to be studied and elaborated with much of care and no little of power. It is a very curious chapter, look at it which way you will, in the history of the human race, and cannot be disposed of by some shallow sciolist who has not yet mastered the A B C of his subject, and utterly misapprehends the true records of this remarkable feature of the human love for the mysterious and the incommunicable. Mr. Heckethorn's dissertation on secret societies strikes us as eminently weak and unsatisfactory, and clearly based on a somewhat imperfect acquaintance with the subject on which he is dilating. There are two other great drawbacks to his work, its superficiality and its imperfection. It professes to be a history of all secret societies, and it only deals with those of which we have even already fuller and more minute information than Mr. Heckethorn imparts, while it ostentatiously ignores altogether many of which we should like to know something. All, therefore, that Mr. Heckethorn's work can fairly be called is, a "Contribution towards the History of Secret Societies," a little diffuse and somewhat heavy. We feel bound to say this, in the interest of Masonic students, as we could not allow it to be a work of any authority on "Secret Societies." With regard to his attack on Freemasonry, we can afford simply to laugh at it. His verbiage and line of attack seems, to say the truth, to savour of a Roman Catholic School of thought and feeling; and if Mr. Heckethorn be not a disciple of Stoneyhurst, the animus of his incriminations of our Order coincides in a somewhat remarkable measure with the effusions generally everywhere of the Ultramontane Press just now. Be that as it may, this new attack on our good old Craft will do it and us no harm. To use a young man's phrase just now, it is in "very bad form," and the "rubbing in" does not go down. And while we say this, we do not wish to assert that Mr. Heckethorn's book is without value. "Au contraire," subject to much reservation as to his authorities and views, we think his book, for what it does contain, may be scanned over by the Masonic student who is working up the history of secret societies. But for a publication which shall give us the "raison d'être" of such societies, on higher and more satisfactory grounds—for a more calm, and critical, and philosophical, and exhaustive treatment of a large subject—we must, we fear, wait yet for the coming writer, as such conditions are hardly to be found in the one-sided and sketchy history of Mr. Heckethorn.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on Saturday the 20th of March. Present: Bros. John B. Roberts, Past Dep. D.G.M., as District Grand Master; F. Jennings, Past Dep. D.G.M., as Dep. District Grand Master; W. B. Mactavish, D.S.G.W.; W. G. Amos, Past D.G.D., as D.J.G.W.; J. B. Knight, Past D.S.G.W.; W. H. Jones, D.G. Treas.; W. C. Bonnerjee, D.G. Reg.; D. J. Zemin, Past D.G. Reg.; Thomas Jones, Past D.G. Reg.; H. H. Locke, Past Dep. D.G.M., as D.G. Sec.; W. H. Fitze, Past D.S.G.D., as D.S.G.D.; A. LeFranc, D.J.G.D.; Jas. Watson, D.G.D. of C.; P. C. Dutt, D.G. Assist., of C.; W. M. Benwell, Past D.G.A.D. of C.; J. H. Turner, Past D.G.S.B., as D.G.S.B.; J. H. E. Beer, Past D.G. Org., as D.G. Org.; C. H. Compton, Past D.G. Org.; W. H. T. Ayres, D.G. Purst; T. Leach, of L. 232, B.B.; J. Mumford, C. F. Egerton Allen, H. M. Rustomjee, J. L. Anderson, Lieut. B. D. Hayes, Robt. Monk, D. G. Stewards; Bro. G. Alexander, D. G. Tyler. The following lodges were represented:—Star in the East, No. 67; True Friendship, No. 218; Humility with Fortitude, No. 229; Marine, No. 232; Anchor and Hope, No. 234; Courage with Humanity, No. 392; St. John, No. 486; Excelsior, No. 825; Star of Orissa, No. 1106; Temperance and Benevolence, No. 1160; Sandeman, No. 1374; Pioneer, No. 2490.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 28th December, 1875, were read and confirmed.

The District Grand Master in the Chair reminded the brethren that since the last Quarterly Communication of District Grand Lodge, that held on the 28th December, the minutes of which had just been confirmed,—there had been, on the 7th January, a Special Communication, for the purpose of dealing with certain propositions relative to the support of the Bengal Masonic Association. The minutes of this Special Communication would now be put before District Grand Lodge for confirmation, but he wished the brethren to understand clearly that the confirmation which would now be asked for was a confirmation of the minutes only, not of the resolutions of which they were the record. The confirmation of the resolutions by which (with the final sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England) they would acquire the force of law, in and for the Province of Bengal, could only be voted at a meeting held after the lapse of a period of not less than three months from the Special Communication of the 7th January. Summonses were about to be issued immediately for such a meeting, and with each summons it was required by Art. 8, page 59 of the Book of Constitutions, that a copy of the resolutions which had been agreed to at the first meeting should be sent to every lodge. All therefore that District Grand Lodge was now asked to do, by "confirming the minutes" of the Special Communication of the 7th January, was to certify that the business which these minutes declared had been transacted at the meeting in question, had taken place, and had been correctly recorded.

Bro. Prosonno Coomarr Dutt moved—That the minutes of the proceedings of District Grand Lodge, at a Special Communication held on the 7th January, 1875, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read. Seconded by Bro. W. H. Fitze, P.M. 218, and Past D.S.G.D., and carried.

Bro. D. J. Zemin, P.M. 229, and Past D.G. Registrar, then moved that the aforesaid minutes of the 7th January, 1875, be declared to be correctly recorded. Seconded by Bro. W. G. Amos, W.M. 229, and Past D.G. Deacon, and carried.

The District Grand Master in the Chair addressed the District Grand Lodge as follows:—

"It is customary for you to receive an address from this chair at our Quarterly Communications of District Grand Lodge, but my words to you this evening will be but few. I will not be guilty of the mock modesty of saying that I could not have prepared an address, but still, having only taken charge four days ago, you would scarcely expect me to speak very glibly of the affairs of the Province. The Acting District Grand Secretary has, however, furnished me with a few notes, from which I find that at the close of the year 1874 there were 27 lodges working, and 675 subscribing members, as against 25 lodges and 581 members at the close of 1873.

"Financially, our position is also extremely satisfactory, as you will see from the Reports from our two Committees (the Committee of General Purposes and the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence) which will be put before you this evening.

"The punctuality with which nearly all the lodges in the Province have submitted their returns is most marked, and it is also very gratifying to me that there is not one single subject of a disagreeable nature to bring before you. No exclusions have been reported from any lodge in the Province since we last met.

"It gives me much pleasure to announce to you that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint Captain Marmaduke Ramsay, of Meen Meer, to be District Grand Master for the Punjab. Our R. W. brother was installed at Lahore on the 26th of last month, and it will be gratifying to you all to know that the Installing Officer was a Past Deputy District Grand Master of Bengal. In the Masonic periodical which I have in my hand (the "Masonic Record of Western India," for March, 1875) there is a very interesting account of the ceremony, and an allusion to the great Masonic worth of our Bro. H. H. Locke, which greatly commends itself to me, written with a warmth of language exceedingly pleasant to read. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating both the District of the Punjab and our Bro. Ramsay on this appointment, and in sincere and most cordial good wishes for the prosperity of our sister Grand District under his rule.

"In conclusion I would say a word to you about our Bengal Freemasons' Almanac and Diary for 1875. It has been considerably enlarged this year, and now gives as much Masonic information concerning the sister Grand Districts of Madras, Bombay, British Burmah, and the Punjab as for Bengal itself. A very great amount of labour has been devoted to it by Bro. Locke and Bro. Dutt, and the expense which has been incurred in getting together the latest information from distant places and in producing the work in its present enlarged form, and in the best style in which it could be executed in Calcutta, has naturally been considerable; unless therefore a proportionately larger sale is obtained, the amount which our Fund of Benevolence (to which, as you know, all the profits upon our Diary are devoted) will derive from it will fail to be in any way commensurate with the pains which have been taken to please you. Our Bro. Locke says that he confidently expects a larger sale this year, and he has had, I know, a sufficient number of copies printed to enable every working Bengal Freemason (according to the statistics which I gave you a little while since) to possess himself of one. I hope, brethren, that you will all do your best to see that he is not disappointed in his expectation, which to me seems certainly a reasonable one, for I hardly know how any real working Mason could manage to get on without his Bengal Diary—I know, at any rate, that I could not."

The report of the Committee of General Purposes having been printed and circulated, was, on motion made by Bro.

Zemin, Past D.G. Reg., seconded by Bro. Fitze, Past D.G. Deacon, taken as read.

Bro. W. C. Bonnerjee, D. G. Reg., moved, and Bro. P. C. Dutt, D. G. Assist. D. of C., seconded, that the accounts of the District Grand Lodge and Fund of Benevolence for the quarter ending 28th February, 1875, as presented in the abstracts furnished in the report of the Committee of General Purposes, be accepted and passed as correct, which was carried.

Bro. Fitze, Past D. G. Deacon, moved, and Bro. Mactavish, D. S. G. W., seconded, that the remainder of the report of the Committee of General Purposes be also adopted and recorded, which was carried.

It was proposed by Bro. Mactavish, D. S. G. W., and seconded by Bro. J. H. Turner, Past D. G. S. B., that the report from the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence be adopted and recorded. Carried.

Pursuant to notice, Bro. J. H. E. Beer moved that Worshipful Bro. John Blessington Roberts be the nominee of this District Grand Lodge for the vacant office of District Grand Master of Bengal.

The District Grand Master in the Chair said he must ask Bro. Beer not to move this resolution, at any rate in its present form as to wording. However desirable it might be to approach the M. W. the Grand Master with some representation upon the subject (and he believed the wishes of the brethren in Bengal that some representation should be made were very strong), he did not think that the mode of doing so, which the motion in question appeared to contemplate, was the proper one.

Bro. H. H. Locke likewise took exception to the course proposed by Bro. Beer's motion. It was, he thought, entirely out of the question that this District Grand Lodge should take any such step as that of "nomination;" in fact, were such a resolution passed, it must prove wholly infructuous, even if it did not subject us to censure from the Grand Lodge of England for encroaching, or at any rate seeming to encroach, upon the prerogative of the M. W. the Grand Master. At the same time he thought that the lodges in the Province might, without impropriety, make known to the M. W. the G. M. their desires upon a subject of such near concern to their prosperity; and although the Grand Master was in no way bound to adopt any recommendation that might be made, it was not, he thought, unlikely that, in the event of their being anything like a general concurrence in the wishes of the brethren, it would receive full consideration, and would doubtless much assist the M.W. the G.M. in determining his choice. He thought that if Bro. Beer would amend his motion, so that it should simply invite the lodges in the Province to express any wishes they might have upon the subject, it would meet with full support from all present. He should himself be very happy to second the motion in such a shape, whereas in its present form, though in full sympathy with its object, he should feel compelled to vote against it.

Bro. Thomas Jones, Past D.G. Reg., expressed his concurrence in the view taken by Bro. Locke as to the form which the motion should take.

Bro. Beer declared his entire readiness to amend his motion as suggested.

Bro. C. H. Compton, Past D.G. Org., was of opinion that Bro. Beer could not alter the motion from the form in which he had placed it upon the Agenda paper.

Bro. Bonnerjee, D.G. Reg., and Bro. Thomas Jones, Past D.G. Reg., were of the same opinion.

Bro. Locke thought that Bro. Beer could do so with the consent of the meeting, but of course not without this; and, as objection had been made, he supposed Bro. Beer would be obliged to adhere to the motion as entered on the Agenda paper. He much regretted, however, that Bro. Beer was not permitted to move an amended motion instead.

Bro. Beer then said that, simply as a matter of form, and for the purpose of giving the opportunity of an amendment being proposed, of the kind suggested by the District Grand Master in the Chair and by Bro. Locke, he would move his original resolution, as given above.

The motion was seconded, pro forma, by Bro. F. Jennings, Past Dep. D.G.M., in order that the resolution of Bro. Beer might not fall for want of a seconder, and so preclude the adoption of an amendment which it was intended should be put.

Bro. H. H. Locke, Past Dep. D.G.M., then moved the following amendment:—"That the lodges in the Province be invited to send in, to the District Grand Secretary, the name of the brother whom they would wish to see appointed to the office of District Grand Master, with a view to the submission of the same to the M.W. the Grand Master for his gracious consideration."

This amendment was seconded by Bro. Thomas Jones, Past D.G. Reg., who spoke very forcibly in support of it. On being put to the vote, the amendment was declared to be carried.

After some other business had been transacted, the usual collection was made for the Fund of Benevolence. The amount was announced to be Rs. 122, and was made over to the District Grand Treasurer.

District Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

ARREST OF A MASONIC SWINDLER.

It affords us a great deal of pleasure and gratification to be able to announce that a most consummate Masonic swindler has been arrested and brought to justice in California, and at the present time he is serving a sentence of imprisonment in the county jail of Solano County, for obtaining money by false representations.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master called attention to the operations of this rascal,

who had been operating in the Western States, and cautioned the Craft to be on the look-out for him, as it was probable he would visit California. Shortly after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge the fellow made his appearance in San Francisco. He even had the audacity to visit the Temple, and interview the President of the Board of Relief. Brother Past Master Elias Rodecker examined the swindler and found him to be an unusually bright Mason. He gave the name of Alexander Craig, said he had been a deputy lecturer, and told a story of distress which so aroused the sympathies of Brothers McCormick and Rodecker that they gave him quite a large sum of money. When Brother Alexander G. Abell, the Grand Secretary, was informed of the case, he immediately recognized the description as that of the man who had been mentioned by the Grand Master, and for whom the brethren were notified to keep watch. Efforts were made to secure the arrest of the rascal in the city, but he succeeded in eluding those who were sent to look after him, and escaped into the country. Every few days the fellow would be heard from, but, like the Irishman's flea, he was always gone when you went to put your finger on him. After a time he turned up in Vallejo, where he "went for" some of the brethren, and succeeding in getting sums ranging from £10 to £50. Immediately after obtaining the money he started for San Francisco, but had hardly taken his departure before it was discovered that he was a confidence operator. A telegram was forwarded to Grand Secretary Abell, requesting him to cause the arrest of the fugitive on the arrival of the boat in San Francisco. Unfortunately the dispatch was forwarded to Oakland instead of San Francisco, and the opportunity to make the arrest was lost. On the boat, while coming from Vallejo, the plausible rascal succeeded in obtaining money from two of the passengers and the captain.

When informed of the miscarriage of the telegram, and the consequent failure to arrest the rascal, the Sheriff of Solano county visited San Francisco and began a search for the fugitive, whom he found in one of the theatres hob-nobbing with a police officer. He whispered to the officer to keep an eye on the fellow until the boat was ready to depart for Vallejo, when the arrest was made and the prisoner conveyed to Solano county.

A grand jury was immediately empanelled and the case submitted, and a true bill found against the prisoner, to which he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the county jail—the utmost penalty allowed by the law.

This precious rascal is twenty-eight or thirty years of age; about six feet high; large dark eyes, with an unusual amount of white in them, and with a restless expression—presenting a wild gaze, as though he momentarily expected to be seized by an officer of the law. His hair is a dark brown, with whiskers lighter in colour. His complexion is medium blonde, and his weight is, perhaps, 140 to 150 pounds. The fellow is a good billiard player, and was in the habit of loafing about billiard saloons, playing pool, etc.

Obituary.

BRO. J. HOLLAND.

The High Cross Lodge has lost a valuable member by the death of Bro. J. Holland, of Northumberland Park. The deceased was much respected wherever he was known. He was always ready to perform an act of kindness; and the very large attendance at Abney Park Cemetery when he was interred was an unmistakeable proof of the affection with which he was regarded.

BRO. C. T. WALMSLEY.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. Charles Thomas Walmsley, who was for nearly twenty years Deputy Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Ireland. He was in his 63rd year, and died on the 13th inst., after a short illness, at the house of his brother, in Belsize-road, Hampstead, near London.

BRO. WILLIAM ROBERTSON, P.M. 333.

The funeral of this lamented brother, whose death at the early age of forty-eight years was announced in our obituary on Monday, 10th inst., took place on Tuesday. It having been resolved that the funeral should be a public one, the brethren met at two o'clock in Edgin-street, U.P. Church Hall, where appropriate devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Mr. M'Bride. Thereafter the procession of brethren was formed four abreast, headed by the R.W.M. and Past Masters of Lodge 333, and followed by the hearse, and two carriages containing the immediate relatives of the deceased, marched from the house of the latter in Pollokshaws-road to the Necropolis, where the remains of the departed brother were interred in a site selected and acquired by him only some eight months ago. By the removal of Bro. Robertson the province has untimely lost one of its most zealous and accomplished brethren. He joined the Craft in the year 1864, being entered, passed, and raised in Lodge St. George, No. 333, which at that time held its meetings in Hutcheson-street. He speedily discovered himself to be one who had the good of Freemasonry at heart, and both willing and able to work for the furthering of its interests. Accordingly, he was soon promoted to office, holding the Senior Warden's chair in 1863 and 1864, and being installed in the year following. At the close of 1866 he resigned the R.W.M. chair, but up to the time of his fatal illness, about a month ago, he was a chief column at all meetings of the lodge where there was work to be done. Nor were his services confined to his mother lodge alone, but freely given throughout the Province of Glasgow and adjoining provinces; inasmuch so that, in acknowledgment of them, he had been affiliated as honorary member in no fewer than twenty-two lodges. Bro. Robertson leaves behind him a widow and eight children, four sons and four daughters.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 28, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 22.

Lodge 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Gr. Ilford.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55; Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

Lodge 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 46, Old Union, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Basinghall-street.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's-terrace, St. John's Wood.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
" 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Haggerston.
Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 861, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 862, Whittington, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Preceptory 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 29, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
" 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Risholme.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

SATURDAY, MAY 29.

Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 29, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
" 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.
TUESDAY, MAY 25.
Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

Lodge 505, Burns, St. Mary's Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
Red Cross Conclave, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

Lodge 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
" 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

Provincial Grand Chapter, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

Lodge 118, St. Bride's, Masonic Hall, Douglas.
" 125, St. James's, Masons' Arms, Newton, Ayr.
" 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
" 236, St. John, Forth Inn, Carnwarth.
" 347, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Rutherglen.
" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

SATURDAY, MAY 29.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 305, St. John's Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 29, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Writers' Court, High-st.
" 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hotel, Cockburn-st.
Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
Red Cross Conclave 4, Edinburgh, Writers' Court, High-st.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.

" 112, St. John, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st.

" 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

Lodge 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-st., Leith.

MASONIC FLAGS

FOR HIRE.

Freemasons' Arms.....	15ft. by 12ft.
Knights Templar Arms.....	15ft. by 12ft.
Red Cross of Rome and Constantine Arms	15ft. by 12ft.
Square and Compasses, with Prince of Wales's	
Feathers in Centre	12ft. by 9ft.
City of London Arms.....	10ft. by 7ft.
Union Jack	27ft. by 13½ft.
"	10ft. by 6ft.
Duke of Edinburgh.....	9ft. by 4½ft.
Russian	9ft. by 4½ft.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—This lodge met at the Bridge House Hotel on Saturday, May 15th, Bro. J. H. Vockins, W.M., presiding, and Bro. Nairne acting as S.W. Bros. C. A. Read, J. H. Walker, A. S. Stribling, and W. C. Gleadall were raised to the Sublime Degree; Bro. R. J. Voisey was passed, and Mr. Wm. Lawey Permewan was initiated. The removal of the lodge to the Surrey Masonic Hall, already resolved, was delayed until the arrangements were finally completed. Bro. Reynolds moved, and it was unanimously resolved, to present each of the charities in rotation with the sum of five guineas at each half-yearly collection. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Spencer, who was present, and enthusiastically toasted.

PROVINCIAL.

ROCHDALE.—HOPE LODGE (No. 54).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, May 12th, at the Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, and there was a good attendance of the brethren. The officers present were Bros. Richard Simpson, W.M.; Ab. Barker, S.W.; James Burnish, J.W.; Dan Mitchell, P.M. Secretary; R. Collingwood, S.D.; C. H. Bintliff, I.G.; James Midgley, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 6.15 p.m., and the minutes of the previous lodges were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bros. James Metcalf and John Thomasworth, candidates for the Third Degree, were then called upon to show their proficiency in the former degrees, and, having satisfied the brethren, they were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree. Bro. James Metcalf was then admitted and duly raised by P.M. Wm. Davies; Bro. J. T. Worth was also admitted and duly raised by T. B. Ashworth, P.M. The lodge was then closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was also closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Edward Clegg, the late Treasurer, having departed this life, Ben. Collinge, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer in his stead. The Secretary's salary was next determined on. There being no other business the lodge was finally closed at 7.45 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was provided by P.M. Wm. Ashworth and his wife in their usual elegant style. After the cloth was removed the W.M. gave the usual toasts, commencing with "The Queen and the Royal Family." He next proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England." "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," was next given. Among the toasts of the evening "The newly-raised Brethren" was given. Bros. Metcalf and Worth responded in a very pleasing manner. The usual closing toast was given, and the brethren separated after having spent a very pleasant evening.

SUNDERLAND.—WILLIAMSON LODGE (No. 949).—The meeting for the installation of the W.M., &c., was held in the lodge-room, at the Royal Hotel, Sunderland, on Monday, May 10th, when upwards of 70 votaries of our mystic science attended to pay their respects to the W.M. elect. Among those present we noticed Bros. H. J. Turnbull, W.M. 80; T. Sortees, W.M. 94; T. Younger, W.M. 97; J. B. Wells, W.M. 661 (Seaham); J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; T. Henderson, P.M. 94; J. Riseborough, P.M. 94; J. S. Pearson, P.M. 94; H. Fryer, S.W. 97; A. Currie, J.W. 97; D. P. Huntley, J.W. 80, &c. Bro. Jas. H. Coates officiated as Installing Master, and rendered the ceremony in an extremely efficient manner. Bro. Gray, having been duly placed in the chair of K.S., appointed and invested the officers, of which the following is a list:—Bros. Alfred Gray, W.M.; Robert Shadforth, I.P.M.; John Eggleston, S.W.; G. B. Hall, J.W.; R. W. Halfnight, Treas.; John Barlow, Sec.; N. Taylor, S.D.; J. Macbeth, J.D.; D. Macdonald, I.G.; Geo. Porteous, M.C.; S. Bell, Org.; J. Thompson, Tyler.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1021).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, 12th May, the proceedings deriving their highest interest from the presentation of a magnificent Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden's Jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, to Bro. Sir James Ramsden, I.P.M., P.P.S.G.W. for W. Lancashire, in recognition of the valuable support given to the lodge during the term of his Mastership for two consecutive years, 1873 and 1874. It was intended that this pleasing ceremony should have taken place at the previous lodge, when Bro. Henry Cook, P.M. 1021, 119, P.P.G.R., &c. for C. and W., was presented with a beautiful jewel (P.Prov.G.S. of Works for C and W), which had been heartily subscribed for by the brethren in token of their fraternal regard and esteem for the many services rendered to the Craft since his residence in the town. The jewels were manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, and were greatly admired by all.

ROCK FERRY.—ROCK LODGE (No. 1289).—The last meeting of this flourishing lodge, prior to the summer vacation, took place on Friday, 14th inst., and, in spite of the beautiful weather and numerous outdoor attractions, was very numerous attended. Bro. Ellis, W.M., was supported by Bros. Bolton, S.W.; Paton, M.D., J.W.; Wallace and Stanton, Deacons; Townsend, I.G.; Stevenson, Treas. and P.M.; S. Lewis, P.M.; E. Friend, P.M., &c. Visitors—Bros. Wilson, W.M. 537; Dutton, Grundy, Leighton, and others. The usual routine of business having taken place, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Moffat, and proving unanimous he was duly initiated by Bro. Friend. Bro. Ellis, W.M., then resumed the chair and passed a candidate to the Second Degree. Before the lodge was closed those brethren who had been present at the Installation of the M.W.G.M. having been requested to state their experience, took the opportunity of urging the younger brethren to constant attention to their Masonic duties, which would in time qualify them to visit Grand Lodge themselves as members of our Masonic Parliament. Candidates for initiation and joining having been proposed the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a most agreeable evening ensued.

HAMPTON.—LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion-square, Thames-street, Hampton, on Saturday, May 15th, 1875. Bro. William Hammond, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1512, W.M. and W.M. elect, presided. There were present Bros. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M. 1423, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 73, 871, and 1309, Secretary; E. Gilbert, S.D.; C. W. Fox, I.G.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; J. T. Moss, P.G. Reg., Middlesex, I.P.M.; and some forty other members. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. J. Barnett, 87; T. C. Walls, I.G. 141; H. Faija, 1423; W. A. Simmons, W.S. 1423; J. A. Moore, 1423; Trew, 359; F. W. Kent, 1512; Arnold, 1512; and others whose names we could not ascertain. As the W.M. elect was the W.M. he was not reinstalled. After the minutes had been unanimously confirmed, the W.M., Bro. W. Hammond, appointed and invested as his officers Bros. E. Gilbert, S.W.; C. W. Fox, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M. Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M. Sec. (re-elected 5th time); R. W. Williams, S.D.; John Hammond, P.M., J.D.; J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 1423, I.G.; W. Stanton, D.C.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; H. Gloster, C.S.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. He then initiated Mr. W. Crush; passed Bros. C. Lucop and F. H. Davis, 1423; and raised Bros. J. A. Moore, 1423; Arnold, 1512; and F. W. Kent, 1512. The work was well done. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Other important business being done, the lodge was closed. Over fifty brethren sat down to the banquet.

KINGSBRIDGE.—DUNCOMBE LODGE (No. 1486).—The annual meeting of the Duncombe Lodge took place on Monday, 10th inst., at Kingsbridge, when Bro. James Haynes was installed as W. Master. The ceremony was impressively carried out by V.W. Bros. S. Tew, P.M. 105, and 1486 P.P.G.T.; and J. B. Gover, P.M., 70, 1247, and 1486 P.P.G.A.D.C., in the presence of the R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. Devon, and a board of installed Masters. The music during the ceremony was efficiently performed by Bros. Cranch, Emery, and Hart. The W.M., Bro. Haynes, invested as officers for the year W. Bro. Chas. Fox, I.P.M.; Bros. John Tucker, S.W.; James T. Partridge, J.W.; Joseph Foale, Treasurer; Joseph Cranch, Secretary; Rev. E. A. Lester, M.A., Chaplain; Rev. W. S. Evans, P.P.G.C., Organist; Bros. H. Gribben, S.D.; H. Lambie, J.D.; G. White, D.C.; E. Hammett, I.G.; Charles Elliott, S.S.; John Rogers, J.S.; John Lee, Tyler. The banquet was provided at the King's Arms Hotel by Bro. Robert Foale, one of the founders of the lodge. It was of a very recherche character, reflecting great credit on the cuisine of the establishment, and the liberality of the host and hostess, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In replying for that of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, Bro. Metham spoke in glowing terms of the Installation in Albert Hall, and said, however much Masons regretted (at the time) the secession of the Marquis of Ripon from the Craft, that scene in London was an answer to the world that the solid basis of the Order could not be shaken. V. W. Bro. Col. Ridgeway, P.P.G.S.W., responded for the Prov. Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Rev. J. Hayshe, whose extended rule over the Province had been so conducive to its welfare. Whether as a clergyman, a magistrate, an old English gentleman, or a Freemason, his conduct had gained for him the admiration and esteem of all who had the honour and pleasure of being associated with him. W. Bro. Fox, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the D. Prov. G. Master," who replied, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the Master, Bro. Haynes," trusting that his long experience and zeal for the Order would conduce to the prosperity of lodge 1486, now under his guidance. Bro. Haynes warmly thanked the proposer and brethren for the honour, assuring them that nothing should be wanting on his part to preserve harmony and charity amongst the members. The banquet was much enlivened by the excellent instrumental and vocal music of Bros. Cranch; G. Emery, 105; Hart,

1205; and Evans, 1486, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Letters of regret for their absence were sent by several brethren, including V.W. Bro. Latimer, P.I.G.W., and W. Bros. Nicholls, Westacott, Ven. Archdeacon Earle, Bro. Gard, and amongst those present, in addition to those named, were V.W. Bros. Major Bewes, P.M., P.P.G., S.B.; Twose, P.M., 105; Heath, 710; Leal, 710; Beachey; H. W. Thomas, S.W., 70; R. Bird, J.W., 70; E. T. Tarratt, J.D., 70; Thorne, 70; Leal, 710; Toms, 1091; Holland; Sawyer, V.W.; R. Rodd, P.M., P.P.G.R.

HAMPTON.—FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—The last regular meeting for the season of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, in the rooms of the Lebanon and Hemming Lodges, by the kind permission of their W.M., Bro. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex. There were present, Bros. Col. Wigginton, W.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. of Worcestershire; Saunders, S.W.; Horsley, P. Prov. G.R. of Middlesex, &c., acting J.W.; Hammond, W.M. 1326 and 1512, &c., acting I.P.M.; Walls, acting J.D.; Palmer (Burdett), acting Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bro. Taylor to the Third Degree. The solemn and impressive ceremony was exceedingly well carried out. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Ramsay, Confidence, and A. Taylor, La Estabilidad Caracas, Venezuela, as joining members, and declared unanimous. Bro. Buchill, P.M., &c., &c., proposed, and Bro. Wigginton, W.M., seconded, that Mr. Emmett and the Rev. Mr. D'Orsey should be members for initiation at the next meeting. Several names were then submitted as members for joining and initiation, and some minor business having been transacted, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hammond for the kind use of the Lebanon Lodge room and furniture, and the lodge was duly closed. At the cold collation which followed labour, Bros. Saunders and Walls presided, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. The usual Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, and the "National Anthem" sung by the S.W. and I.G. "The Health of Bro. Col. Wigginton" was proposed by P.M. Bro. Horsley in fitting terms, and replied to by Bro. Saunders, in the absence of the W.M. Bros. Horsley and Hammond replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers of the Province." Bro. Saunders gave "The Health of the Visitors," among whom were Bros. Hammond, Jordan, Lebanon, and Hemming; Palmer, Burdett; Court, Unanimity; Taylor, La Estabilidad. This toast was heartily received and acknowledged by Bro. Hammond, who, in the course of his reply, reverted to the very flattering manner in which his name had been mentioned in connection with the Lebanon by the W.M. in the lodge that afternoon, and concluded by stating that his humble services were always at the disposal of the brethren of the Francis Burdett. Bro. Hammond then gave "The Health of the S.W.; Bro. Saunders," and complimented him upon the able manner in which he had presided at the convivial board. Bro. Saunders made a suitable reply, and said that should the brethren ever deem him worthy to fulfil the duties of W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge, it would be his great desire and aim to discharge the responsibilities of the position satisfactorily; and he had to thank them very kindly for the hearty manner in which his health had been received. The S.W. then proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. Walls. Between the toasts, Bros. Saunders, Walls and Court, jun., contributed several vocal effusions. The proceedings terminated at a comparatively early hour, and the brethren separated until September next.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 10th inst., and was largely attended by members and visitors. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. Henry Smith, assisted by E. Comps. C. Hammerton, H.; the Rev. W. B. Church, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. Scribe, E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., Treas.; John Read, P.Z.; Joseph Nunn, P.Z.; R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; William Watson, P.Z.; and William Worrell, P.Z. Amongst the companions present were George Waterall, Scribe, N.; M. S. Larham, P.S.; Thos. Poore, 1st A.S.; R. N. Field, 2nd A.S.; F. W. Levander, T. Jones, W. H. Van Baerle, G. H. Newington Bridges, A. C. Bradley, C. C. Gibbs, A. C. Burrell, A. Youngman, John Gilbert, &c.; and visitors M. E. Comp. Charles Horsley, Past Prov. Grand Registrar, Middlesex and Surrey; E. Comps. F. W. Laxton, H., Royal Middlesex Chapter; Herbert Dicketts, P.Z., 145; Percival A. Nairne, P.Z. 176; and H. A. Frances, P.Z. 857. The minutes of the previous regular convocation, as also those of an emergency meeting held in April, having been read and confirmed, and several apologies for non-attendance having been received, E. Comp. John Read, P.Z., as acting M.E.Z., proceeded to install successively Comps. Charles Hammerton, as Z.; the Rev. W. B. Church, as H.; and George H. Newington Bridges, as J.; and the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Henry Smith, was invested as I.P.Z. The respective ceremonies were performed with all that perfect and able working for which our Ex. Comp. John Read is celebrated in this Supreme Degree, and well merited the cordial and unanimous vote of thanks which the chapter subsequently accorded to him by acclamation. On the re-admission of companions below the chairs the following officers were invested with the collars of their respective offices, viz.:—E. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., as Scribe, E. (seventh re-appointment); Comp. G. Waterall, Scribe, N. Ex. Comp. H. C. Levander, P.Z., as Treasurer (sixth re-appointment); Comp. M. S. Larham, P.S., who appointed Comps. T. Poore and R. N. Field as his assistants; A. C. Burrell as D.C.; F. W. Levander and W. H. Van Baerle as Stewards. The newly installed M.E.Z. then presented

to the chapter a handsome Vol. of the Sacred Law in appropriate binding, and in substitution of one of less Masonic appearance, and the thanks of the chapter for the same were offered to the donor. The Past First Principal's Jewel of the chapter was presented to Ex. Comp. Henry Smith in terms of well deserved eulogy for his many valuable services, and his courteous but firm ruling of the chapter during his years of office. Propositions for exaltation and joining having been made the chapter was closed. The customary installation banquet succeeded labour, and the usual amount of harmony and good fellowship prevailed throughout the remainder of the evening.

SOUTHEND.—PRIORY CHAPTER (No. 1000).—The first regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on the 12th inst. There were present: Comps. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Grand Chaplain, M.E.Z.; E. F. Phillips, H.; A. Lucking, J.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; J. C. Johnstone, Scribe, E.; J. A. Wardell, P. Soj.; Jas. Willing, jun., 1st Asst. Soj.; T. W. Gower, 2nd Asst. Soj.; W. Frost. The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, the Bye-Laws were discussed and agreed on; and several brethren were proposed for exaltation. The chapter was then duly closed.

Red Cross of Constantine.

EDINBURGH CONCLAVE (No. 4).—The annual meeting of this convocation was held in the Conclave Rooms, St. James' Hall, Writers' Court, Edinburgh, on the 27th ult., for the installation of officers for the ensuing year. The convocation having been opened in regular form by Em. Sir Knt. D. Milne, M.P.S., and the minutes of election read and confirmed, Sir Knt. Milne unveiled the throne, which was then occupied by the P.S. (J. M. Sir Knight C. G. C. Christie, Int. Gen. Midlothian), who after having paid a high eulogium to Em. Sir Knt. Milne for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as Sovereign during the past year, and congratulated him on his re-election, proceeded to install him into the Chair of C. The M.P.S. having thanked the Sir Knights for the honour they had conferred on him in re-electing him as Sovereign, expressed his determination to do all in his power to still further promote the interests of the convocation and maintain it in its very prosperous position, assisted as he felt assured he would be by the officers appointed to support him. The other officers were then declared duly elected and installed. The ceremony of installation over, Em. Sir Knights G. W. Wheeler, M.P.S., and J. Johnston, V., of the Glasgow Conclave, No. 114, being present, were elected and duly installed as honorary members of No. 4. The convocation was thereafter closed in due form, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Prince of Wales Hotel to celebrate their annual festival, where they sat down to an excellent banquet provided in a most recherche style by Sir Knight Gaillard. Em. Sir Knt. Milne, M.P.S., occupied the chair, being supported on his right by J. A. Sir Knt. Christie, Int. Gen.; G. W. Wheeler, M.P.S., No. 114; J. McPherson, M.P.S., No. 103; J. Walker, S.G.; A. M. Bruce, Treas., &c. On the left were V. Em. Sir Knt. J. B. Mercer, K.G.C., P.S., H.P.; Lieut. M. Tracey, R.A.P.S. Concord Conclave, No. 8, Jersey; A. Henry, Hon. Sov., No. 4; H. E. Jones, P.S., No. 103; &c. Em. Sir Knt. J. Fleming, V., acted as Croupier, and was supported on his right by V. Em. Sir Knt. R. S. Brown, K.G.C., P.V.; Rev. F. L. Law, Hon. V.; J. Schopp, J. Webster, &c.; and on the left by Em. Sir Knt. J. Johnston, V., No. 114; E. B. Adam, S.B., No. 114; A. W. Rennie, Treas., No. 103, &c. Altogether there were thirty-three sat down to the banquet. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and chivalrous toasts were given from the chair and heartily responded to. The Chairman then gave "The Health of J. M. Sir Knt. Christie, Int. Gen., who, in reply, expressed his great satisfaction in seeing representatives from the Third Scottish Conclave present, as it was an evidence of that harmony which ought to exist among the Order. Among the other toasts were "The Intendant General," responded to by J. M. Sir Knt. Christie; "The Knights of Grand Cross," responded to by V. Em. Sir Knt. J. B. Mercer; "The Sovereigns of other Conclaves," responded to by Em. Sir Knt. Lieut. M. Tracey, P.S. No. 8; J. McPherson, No. 103; and G. W. Wheeler, No. 114. The Int. Gen. gave "Prosperity to the Edinburgh Conclave No. 4," with "The Health of the M.P.S." Em. Sir Knt. Wheeler gave "The Health of Viceroy, Em. Sir Knt. Fleming. Sir Knt. Brown gave "The Hon. Sovereigns," responded to by Sir Knt. A. Henry. Em. Sir Knt. H. E. Jones, P.S. 103, proposed "The Officers," responded to by Sir Knt. J. Walker, Sen. General. The "Sentinel's" toast concluded the list, and the Sir Knights separated, after spending a very pleasant and harmonious evening, all expressing their admiration at the excellent manner in which Sir Knt. Milne had discharged the duties of the chair.

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GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—A special meeting of this lodge was held within their hall at No. 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 18th inst. The chair was occupied by the P.W.M., Bro. William Bell, and there were present Bros. Thomson Fletcher, I.P.M.; Robert Craig, Gavin Park, J. B. Walker, John Baird, and James McMillan, Past Masters; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; John D. Young, S.W.; Peter Brownlie, S.D.; J. Reid, J.D.; R. B. Dalzell, Treas.; and John Dick, Sec. The general attendance, including visiting brethren, of whom there were comparatively few, numbered over 120. The lodge having been duly opened applications for admission into the Order were read by the Secretary from the following, viz., Messrs.

John Mossman, sculptor, Glasgow; Campbell Douglas, architect, Glasgow; James Robertson, builder, Pollokshields; John Scott, engineer, Glasgow; M. Wylie, wine merchant, Glasgow; D. Paterson, manufacturer, Lenzie; and J. Couper, tobacco manufacturer, Glasgow. Each candidate having been duly proposed and seconded, and there being no objections, they were properly prepared and admitted, and received the Entered Apprentice Degree at the hands of the R.W.M. Thereafter, the lodge having been raised to the Fellow-Craft Degree, they were passed to that Degree by Bro. Thomas B. Bell; and, finally received the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the hands of P.M. Bro. James McMillan. Subsequently, the lodge adjourned to refreshment, at which the R.W.M. gave in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," and "The last-laid Stones of Lodge St. John." In proposing the latter, the chairman stated that their lodge was the oldest in the province, and that during last working year they had done more for Masonry than any of the others. They had made 75 members, had distributed between £30 and £40 in private charity, and contributed between £18 and £19 to the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. John Mossman, who briefly replied. Speaking for himself, and for those who had been made with him that evening, he begged to express the pleasure and delight they felt in having got beyond the regions of darkness and into those of light. To be a member of the Craft of Freemasonry was what any man might be proud of, but to be a member of that particular lodge was something additional. The S.W. (Bro. J. D. Young) then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M., Lodge St. Vincent (553), by whom it was acknowledged in felicitous terms, and the lodge was shortly afterwards recalled to labour, and closed in due and ancient form.

DUMBERTON.—ST. JOHN'S KILWINNING LODGE (No. 18).—The regular monthly communication of this lodge was held on the evening of Friday, the 14th inst., in their lodge-room; R.W.M., Wm. Bave, occupied the chair. The lodge being opened with the usual formalities, was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, when three candidates were instructed in the mysteries therein by the Senior Warden, Bro. R. B. Thomson, after which the lodge was reduced, when a brother was affiliated into Lodge No. 18. The R.W.M. gave a short report of the recent communication of the Grand Lodge and his visit thereto. A committee was appointed to arrange about the annual excursion, and as the Master of 18, at a recent festival of a sister lodge, had suggested the idea of having an excursion of all the lodges in the Province of Dumbarton, or at least in the surrounding district, and which was highly approved of, the Secretary was appointed Convener, and empowered to communicate with the neighbouring lodges. A number of candidates were nominated for initiation, after which the lodge was duly closed, to meet on Tuesday night, the 18th inst., when the R.W.M. again presided over a very large assembly of the brethren, met together for a very interesting purpose. The lodge having been opened in the E.A. Degree, the R.W.M. took the opportunity of reading to the brethren the article which appeared in the *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine* of May 1st, entitled "Princes and Grand Master," and in a very long and able manner related the remarks and expressed his dissent to the sentiments therein given, and in the name of Dumbarton Kilwinning Lodge, one of the largest and oldest lodges in Scotland, repudiated such sentiments as anti-Masonic, remarks which were very loudly applauded. He also read to the brethren a letter from the Pope to the Bishop of Orleans, and commented thereon. He likewise read a history of the lodge, with numerous interesting extracts from the Minute Books, especially of the older records. This history was written by Bro. McKellar, for some time Secretary of No. 18, but now residing in the East Indies, from where he sent the documents. After a few arrangements were made in connection with attending the laying of the foundation stone of a new city hall in Glasgow and an aquarium in Rothesay with Masonic honours, the lodge passed from labour to refreshment. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the R.W.M., in rising, said he had now come to the business for which they had particularly assembled, viz.: that of doing honour to a worthy brother and officer of the lodge, Bro. R. B. Thomson, Senior Warden, who had taken a very active part in all matters since he joined the Order nine years ago. Since he (the R.W.M.) was called to the chair he had received very able assistance from several brethren, in the working of the various degrees, and considerable forbearance from the brethren. There was likewise a large number of brethren who were able to instruct the newly initiated candidates into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Thomson, along with the late Secretary, Bro. McKellar, and others, a number of years ago formed themselves into a circle to post themselves up in Masonic knowledge. The result of their labour then had now come down to their day, and the majority of brethren made have been indebted to none more than to Bro. Thomson, who was always ready, able, and willing to give instruction. Last year there was formed an instruction class, which met regularly during the winter, presided over by Bro. Thomson, the result of whose labour has been edifying to the attendants. And to endeavour to recompense you, Bro. Thomson, they have now taken this opportunity of presenting it; nor have they forgotten that you have a partner in life, who has often been deprived of your society. I have therefore to present you with this valuable gold Albert chain, and to Mrs. Thomson this gold brooch. To the chain was attached a beautiful Masonic emblem, on which was a suitable inscription. The R.W.M. then gave the toast, "Bro. R. B. Thomson, Senior Warden," which was most enthusiastically responded to, and likewise followed by "Dumbarton fire." Bro. Thomson expressed, in very feeling terms, his gratitude towards the brethren for their magnificent gifts to him-

self and wife. What he had performed was done for his mother lodge, and his duty to the Order. He next gave an interesting history of his efforts a number of years ago, in connection with an instruction class, but which was not appreciated by the then R.W.M., and in doing so passed a high eulogium to Bro. McKellar, late Secretary, who had been the means of exciting many, him among the rest, to delve deep into Masonic knowledge; and in concluding paid a passing tribute to the R.W.M., and others who had rendered him assistance in his researches, teachings, and advice. A number of other toasts were then given and responded to. During the course of the evening a number of the brethren sang a number of songs. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

PARTICK.—LODGE ST. MARY'S (No. 117).—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow paid their annual visit of inspection to this lodge on Wednesday, the 19th inst. The deputation consisted of Bros. F. A. Barrow, P.G.D.M.; John Baird, S.W.; J. B. Walker, Treas.; A. McTaggart, Sec.; James Gillies, S.D.; J. Ritchie, A.; and George Sinclair, Treasurer of P.G.L. Benevolent Fund. In the absence, through indisposition, of the R.W.M. of the lodge (Bro. William Wylie) the visitors were received by Bro. Andrew Brunton, P.M., who acknowledged the supremacy of the P.G.L. in the usual manner, and had the mallet returned to him by the Depute Master. Thereafter the P.G. Secretary submitted the report of the deputation as to the state of the lodge affairs, which was to the effect that, on the whole, it was in a very healthy state. They had added thirty-five to its membership during the past year, had given away in private charity £9, and had handed over to the P.G. Benevolent Fund the very handsome sum of £12 10s. Moreover, at last audit the funds of the lodge were found to be £85 15s. 10³/₄d., as against £65 6s. 7¹/₂d. at the one previous, being an increase of fully £20. In the course of his remarks in connection with the report, the P.G. Secretary, as he has done at most of the visitations this season, strongly deprecated the practice of giving any candidate more than one degree in one night, unless in bona-fide cases of extreme emergency. The Depute Master afterwards shortly addressed the meeting, expressing at the outset his sympathy with the lodge and its Master in regard to the absence of the latter, and the cause of it, but congratulating them on having such a worthy Past Master to act in his place. He (the speaker) had entirely to endorse what had been said by the Secretary in the matter of giving two or three degrees in one night. The P.G.L. was rigidly opposed to the practice, which, indeed, rendered a lodge guilty of 'it liable to suspension, and he trusted, therefore, that Masters would look to it. In concluding, the Depute Master congratulated the lodge upon its success during the past year, and bespoke a good turn out of their number at the ceremonial of Saturday. The chairman having in the name of the lodge thanked the deputation for their visit and for their kind remarks—which he would take care to convey to the R.W.M.—the visitors withdrew.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, on Friday, the 21st inst., Bro. Monro, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. J. M. Olliver, S.W.; John Fraser, J.W., and a goodly number of brethren present. On the lodge being opened the Secretary read the minutes of previous meetings, which were approved of. The R.W.M. read a letter of application, with name of proposer and second, from a gentleman for admittance into the Order of Freemasonry. There being no objection it was resolved that the candidate be balloted for at next general meeting, Friday, 4th June, and if favourable that he receive the E.A. Degree. The R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, said it now devolved upon him to perform a most pleasant duty on behalf of the lodge, that of presenting their I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Morton, with a Past Master's jewel in testimony of his attention and zeal for the lodge while in the chair. Bro. Dr. Morton had done a great deal for the lodge, and in appreciation of what he had done he would now present him with this little token of their esteem, trusting that he might long be spared to wear it and come amongst them. Bro. Morton in a few well-chosen remarks said that he had not the slightest idea of being amongst them that evening, or that such an honour was going to be bestowed upon him, in fact, if Bro. J. Brode, P.M., his most esteemed friend and brother, had not called upon him and pressed him to come, he should not have been at the lodge that night, for he had been a member of the lodge for many years and was getting old, and with that and his profession he could not come very often amongst them. When he was called upon to occupy the chair it was with reluctance that he did so, knowing that there were members of the lodge more able to occupy such an important position than he was; however, in accepting that office he had performed the various duties to the best of his ability, and with the valuable assistance of Bro. Monro, their present R.W.M., had managed to get on better than he expected. It gave him great pleasure to know that the lodge appreciated what he had done by presenting him with this token of esteem, which he should ever prize, not from its intrinsic value, but for the spirit in which it was given. He would now thank the brethren for their kindness, assuring them that this token of appreciation he should never forget. The lodge was raised thereafter to the degree of F.C., when Bro. John Brash was passed to this degree, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., officiating. The R.W.M., Bro. Monro, then proposed for honorary affiliation into this lodge Bro. G. R. Harriott, Provincial Grand Master of Wighton and Kircudbright, promoter of the scheme of the Benevolent Institution for Scotland, which was received with acclamation. Bro. Harriott was then affiliated by Bro. Monro, R.W.M., and on retaking his position on the right hand of the R.W.M. he thanked Bro. Monro for his kindness in proposing him for affiliation into Lodge Commercial, No. 360, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received it. From the high character he had heard of the

lodge he had reasons to be proud of the high honour they had conferred upon him. He should always be pleased to meet any of them, and anything he could do to promote the interest of the lodge it would be a great pleasure for him to do. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, 13th May, in St. John's Schools, Darwen. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, amongst whom were: Bros. Col. Le G. N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M.; J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.W., as Dep. Prov. G.M.; Thos. Glaister, Prov. S.G.W.; Jas. A. Birch, Prov. J.G.W.; R. H. Hutchinson, P. Prov. G.W.; G. Mellor, P. Prov. G.W.; Major T. G. Parker, P. Prov. G.W.; Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave and Rev. C. J. Bowen, Prov. G. Chaplains; Saml. Isherwood, Prov. G. Treasurer; Thos. Clough, P. Prov. G.R.; Chas. Heywood, P. Prov. G.R.; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; Wm. Slater, Prov. S.G.D.; J. L. Barrett, Prov. J.G.D.; W. H. Prince, P. Prov. G.D.; T. J. Lancashire, P. Prov. G.D.; Isaac W. Petty, P. Prov. G.D.; Robt. Harwood, Prov. G. Sup. of Works; Robt. Whittaker, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Geo. Lofthouse, Assist. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Wm. Whewell, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Thos. Law, P. Prov. G. Organist; Jas. Hall, Prov. G. Purs.; Robt. Butterworth, Assist. Prov. G. Purs.; Jas. Newton, John Morris, Robt. Horridge, Jas. Horrocks, Prov. G. Stewards; Chas. Walker, Prov. G. Tyler. Also Bro. Franklin Thomas, P. Prov. G. Reg., Oxon; Bro. Ralph Landless, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer, West Lancashire; and representatives from 75 of the 81 lodges in the province.

The minutes of the last preceding meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge were confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts for the past year were presented and unanimously adopted and approved, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the auditors, Bros. Jas. Pilkington, Dr. Royle, and J. B. Jackson.

On the proposition of Bro. Samuel Isherwood, Prov. G. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G. Warden, Bro. Samuel Statham, P.M. 325, Salford, was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and was thereupon invested with the emblem of his office.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master appointed the following Prov. G. Officers:—Bros. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., Dep. Prov. G.M.; J. Tertius Dugdale, Prov. S.G.W.; Chas. Hy. Coates, J.G.W.; Rev. F. A. Cave-Brown-Cave and Rev. Alfred Salts, G. Chaplains; Thos. Chorlton, G. Reg.; John Tunnah, G. Sec.; Peter Royle, M.D., S.G.D.; George Wood, J.G.D.; Wm. Almond, G. Supt. of Works; Wm. Hy. Hopkins, G. Dir. of Cers.; Thos. Grime, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Thos. Taylor, Grand Sword Bearer; Edwin Halliwell, G. Organist; John Taylor, G. Purs.; Albert Wolstenholm, Assist. G. Purs.; John Wardley, J. A. Tullis, Hy. Berry, Job Gregg, J. W. Shorrocks, J. H. Shorrocks, G. Stewards; Chas. Walker, G. Tyler.

The Report of the Charity Committee was read by Bro. J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.W., chairman of the committee, and unanimously approved.

At the close of business the brethren proceeded in procession to the Co-operative Hall, where the banquet took place.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., a Provincial Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno, on Friday, the 21st inst., at three o'clock, when and where all Worshipful Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and overseers of lodges within the province, as well as from neighbouring provinces, were invited to attend the duties of the annual meeting. The invitation was cordially responded to, and the consequence was a large, influential, and unanimous gathering of brethren of the Mark Degree. There were representatives from the most distant parts of the wide-spread province, but Birkenhead was the most numerous represented. Amongst those who attended we observed the following:—Bros. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.P.M.M.; W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Major Platt, P.G.J.D.; T. Platt, P.G.T.; Captain Hampton Lewis, P.G.I. of W.; G. L. Woodley, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Sillitoe, P.G.S.O.; R. Newhouse, P.G.S.; C. H. Coates, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Bentley, P.G.O.; G. H. Wilson, P.G.S.; G. Higgins, P.G.S.B.; J. Heap, P.G.S.; J. Worthington, P.G.T.; R. Gracie, M.O. No. 11; Mathews, J.O. No. 11; Geo. Morgan, J.W. No. 11; J. Burgess, I.G. No. 11; M. Radcliffe, No. 11; F. Bolton; E. G. Lowe, No. 38; W. L. Banks, No. 38; J. Beresford; Roose, No. 38; Moon, No. 38, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the auspices of St. David's Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 38, of which Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P. Prov. S.G.W., is the W.M.; and the Mark Lodge was opened shortly before two o'clock by Bro. Sillitoe, P.M. Several brethren were advanced to the degree of M.M. The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was then opened by Bro. the Hon. W. Egerton, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.M., the position of V.W.D.P.G.M. being occupied by Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope. The roll of lodges was called over, and letters of apology for non-attendance from P.G. Officers were submitted. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Birkenhead on the 11th April, 1874, were read and put for confirmation. After the trans-

action of some formal business, the following brethren were appointed officers for the year 1865—6:—Bros. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.M.; the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, V.W.D.P.G.M.M.; Captain Charles Hunter, P.G.S.W.; Captain James Watson, P.G.J.W.; Dr. Roden, P.G.M.O.; George H. Wilson, P.G.S.O.; George Higgins, P.G.J.O.; the Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.G. Chaplain; Charles Henry Coates, P.G. Treas.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; John Beresford, P.G.R.; Robert Gracie, P.G.S.D.; Francis Bolton, P.G.J.D.; Frederick Higgins, P.G.I. of W.; James Heap, P.G.D. of C.; Reginald S. Chamberlain, P.G.A.D.C.; George Morgan, P.G.S.W.B.; Morgan Radcliffe, P.G.St.B.; Thomas H. Kirk, P.G.O.; Robert Fergusson, P.G.P.; John Worthington, P.G. Tyler; Stewards—Bros. W. L. Banks, E. G. Lowe, Dr. Pritchard.

The next Prov. Grand Lodge was fixed to be held at Altrincham, Cheshire. At the conclusion of the business a large number of the brethren banqueted at the Adelphi Hotel, Llandudno, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton. An excellent banquet was provided, and during the evening the following toasts [were proposed and cordially responded to:—

"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." "H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master; H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." "The M.W., Bro. Earl Percy, M.P., G.M.M.M." "The V.W., Bro. The Earl of Limerick, Deputy G.M.M.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." "The R.W. Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.M.M., of Cheshire and North Wales." "The V.W., the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Deputy P.M.M., and the rest of the Provincial Officers." "The Worshipful Master of the St. David Lodge." "The Masonic Charities, particularly the Mark Benevolent Fund."

LAYING OF THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE NEW PUBLIC HALLS, GLASGOW.

On Saturday, 22nd inst., with full Masonic honours, under the most favourable circumstances as regards weather, and in presence of an immense concourse of spectators, the memorial stone of the Glasgow New Public Halls was laid by Col. W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master. The want of a building such as that now being erected has long been felt by the citizens of Glasgow. Impressed with the absolute necessity that existed for a building commensurate with the requirements of Glasgow, a number of gentlemen formed themselves into a company with the view of supplying this defect. The committee of the Public Halls Company having purchased at a cost of £12,258 that large square of ground extending from North-street to Granville-street, and bounded on the north by Berkeley-street, and on the south by Kent-road, and covering an area of 5492 yards, they proposed to erect a large building comprising a concert room, resembling the Philharmonic in Liverpool, although on a much larger scale, and a number of other halls in which assemblies, soirees, and meetings of societies could be held. The designs of the late Mr. Cunningham, of Liverpool, and Mr. Campbell Douglas, of Glasgow, were selected, although the plans of these gentlemen did not embrace the original intentions of the company. The contractors at once set to work, and the main walls are already approaching completion. The principal entrance to the hall will be by Granville-street. On the ground floor a large vestibule, 29 feet by 28, with inner octagonal hall 36 feet in diameter, gives access on either side to two halls 75 by 40 feet, besides various reception-rooms, retiring-rooms, and other conveniences. From these halls, as well as from the vestibule, there is communication with the great hall, which occupies the entire area of the eastmost portion of the building, and measures about 185 feet in length by 75 feet wide, the height of the ceiling being 56 feet. It will afford fully one half more accommodation than any other room in the city, and with the two smaller halls and the octagon chamber on the same floor, all of which are connected by spacious doorways, it will form one of the finest suites of rooms in the country for banquets or demonstrations of a public nature.

From the progress already made with the work, the committee are confidently of opinion that the halls will be finished in time to admit of the British Association holding their meeting within them in the autumn of 1876.

Shortly before two o'clock the committee of the Glasgow Public Halls Company assembled in the large hall of the Queen's Rooms, where they received the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and others invited to take part in the ceremony. Amongst those who took part in the procession were the Lord Provost, Sir James Watson, Lord Dean of Guild, Sheriff Clark, Sheriff Galbraith, Professor Douglas, Rev. Henry Batchelor, Dr. Logan Aikman, Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang, Rev. John Page Hopps, Dr. W. C. Smith; Baines Torrens, Burt, Young, and Millar; Councillors Grierson, Wilson, Brownlie, Moir, McDonald, Martin, Clark, Osborne, Fulton, Finlay, and John Taylor, jun.; Deacon Convener Smith, Preceptor McDonald, Messrs. J. Campbell of Tillichewan, R. T. Middleton, John Mathieson, jun.; James Hannan, E. Robinow, R. G. McGregor, A. W. Auld, Anthony Inglis, Daniel Macnee, Arch. Galbraith, A. B. McGregor, Hugh Brown, David Rowan, Frank Baird, Provost Wilson, Govan, &c., &c. Captain McCall, who acted as Grand Marshal for the civic portion, then arranged the procession according to the order in the programme; while Mr. Robert Robb, who officiated as Provincial Grand Master for the Masonic portion, arranged the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, who had assembled in the Lower Hall, the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, presiding. The other office-bearers present were F. A. Barrow, Deputy P.G. Master, and Senior Deacon Grand Lodge of Scotland; John Baird, S.P.G.M.;

J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas.; George Sinclair, Treas. of P.G.L. Benevolent Fund; A. M'Taggart, P.G. Sec.; Rev. Dr. Burns, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. Dr. Penney, P.G. Vice-Chaplain; James Gillies, P.G.S.D.; George Thallon, P.G.J.D.; Alex. Bain, P.G.B.B.; Andrew Allison, P.G. Jeweller; Robert Robb, Chief P.G. Marshal; John Fraser, P.G. Marshal; John Balfour, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; John Miller, Director of Music; Wm. Phillips, P.G. Sword Bearer; A. Arck Smith, P.G.I.G.; and J. B. Hardie, P.G. Tyler. There were also present H. F. M'Lean, Provincial Grand Master Upper Ward of Lanarkshire; Alex. Smollett, Provincial Grand Master Dumbartonshire; and Capt. G. R. Harriot, Provincial Grand Master Wigtown and Kirkcudbright. The Provincial Grand Master having, by virtue of the powers conferred upon him by Grand Lodge of Scotland, declared the lodge opened, the brethren proceeded to take their part in the procession, which, according to the programme and to Masonic etiquette, was at the end of all the lodges present. The Masonic portion of the procession included representatives or deputations from fully fifty lodges. Making allowance for one or two lodges, the numbers of which could not be made out by the Marshals, the Masonic procession would muster in all about 1700 strong. On being marshalled the procession proceeded through the West-End Park, Park Terrace, Woodlands Terrace, Scotland-street, Woodside Crescent, North-street, St. Vincent-street, and Cleveland-street, to the site of the new building in Granville-street, in the following order:—Band of Music; Chief Constable; Officers of Police; the Town Officers with Halberts; the Lord Provost and Magistrates; followed by the Town Council; Judicial and Civil Officers of the Corporation; Lord Dean of Guild; Deacon-Convener; Officers of Police; Sheriff of Lanarkshire and Sheriffs-Substitute; Clergy; Officers of Police; Chairman and Directors of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; Chairman and Members of the Public Halls Committee and Architect; Inspector of Works and Contractors; Officers of Police; the Knights Templar; the Masonic Lodges, the junior in front; Band of Music; the Provincial Grand Lodge; Officers of Police.

The procession as it wended its way through the streets was witnessed by immense crowds of people. The Knights Templar, dressed in a pure white garb, the Freemasons wearing the insignia of their office, and the numerous flags which were born aloft in the breeze, gave the procession quite an imposing appearance. On arriving at the hall in Granville-street, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and others, took up their places on the platform, to the south side, and the Freemasons in front of the memorial stone. When silence had been proclaimed by the Provincial Grand Marshal, the band played the National Anthem, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain having offered up an impressive prayer, the Provincial Grand Treasurer deposited in the cavity of the stone a hermetically sealed glass jar containing the current coins of the realm, copies of the various newspapers, &c. The Grand Secretary, previous to depositing the plate in the memorial stone, read the inscription thereon, which was as follows:—"This memorial stone of the Glasgow Public Halls was laid by Colonel W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, on 22nd May, 1875, assisted by his Provincial Grand Office-bearers, and a large number of Freemasons, in presence of the Hon. James Bain, Lord Provost, the Magistrates of the city, the Sheriffs of the county, James Campbell, Esq., of Tillichewan, Chairman and the Directors of the Public Halls' Company, and a great concourse of spectators." The 100th Psalm was then sung by a well-trained choir in connection with the Choral Union, and the stone lowered into its place. The operatives having completed their part of the work, the Provincial Grand Master laid the memorial stone with the usual ceremonial, spreading corn on it, and pouring out wine and oil thereon, repeating the while a short prayer, at the conclusion of which the band played the "Masons' Anthem," and three cheers were given by the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master said:—It is now expected that I should say a few words to the Chairman of the committee who have undertaken the erection of this edifice. I therefore address myself for a moment to Mr. Campbell and his excellent committee. I have to say that, according to your request, we have laid the foundation stone—or rather, in this case, the memorial stone—of this building according to our ancient rites and ceremonies. Allow me, in name of the brethren, to congratulate you so far upon the great success of this enterprise. It is unnecessary for me here at this time to say much, but allow me to state that we, the brethren and public of Glasgow at large, have long felt the great want of such a hall as we now see being erected around us. It is exceedingly gratifying to find we are at last to be provided with accommodation so much required. Many around me know that there is not a city in the whole of England, even of the second class, which cannot boast of a magnificent public hall. It is much to be regretted that we in Glasgow, who boast that our city is the second in the Empire, have not till this moment made any tangible effort to have such a hall. I have read in your reports that the subscribers to these halls number from 314 to 320. Now you all, and our friend the Lord Provost, may say, and perhaps with some truth, that we are a great city, a public-spirited city, and that we can boast of our 600,000 inhabitants. But it is surprising to the brethren, as it is to me somewhat a matter of surprise, that with such a large population we can find only 314 individuals who are public spirited enough to subscribe to such an institution as we have here. (Applause.) I cannot explain this phenomena. I leave you to do so; but I have no doubt many of the thousands in Glasgow who cannot afford to subscribe for such a purpose, and who, I hope, will enjoy many hours of recreation and instruction within these walls, are much indebted indeed, and have much reason to be thankful, to you and to these 314 gentlemen who have done so much for them in this way. Not long ago

we heard a great deal as to the character of some of our music saloons—much indeed which was not to our credit, but rather to our shame. We should, however, remember that there are thousands in Glasgow who are wealthy enough to have their own drawing rooms and their own music and dancing at home. I am afraid that many of them forget that the great majority of the teeming thousands of this city have no such opportunities. I fear they do not keep in mind that there are thousands of young men who have, as absolute strangers and without friends, come to our city to fight the battle of life. Is it to be expected that these young men are to be without recreation and amusement, and if we do not provide both of a suitable kind, I do not know we can blame them for accepting such amusement as they can find. I am afraid that much of the blame must lie at the door of the wealthy citizens of Glasgow. I therefore trust that there will be found within these walls such recreation, amusement, and instruction as shall be beneficial, not only to our young men, but to all classes of the community. Allow me, in conclusion, to express the hope that before six months are over there shall be, instead of 300 subscribers, 3000 to these public halls.

Mr. James Campbell said:—Sir, on behalf of the shareholders and directors of the New Halls Company, I beg to tender to you, Colonel Neilson, as Provincial Grand Master, and the other members of the Masonic body present, our very best thanks for the interest and trouble you have taken in laying the memorial stone of these buildings. One cannot doubt but that the interesting ceremony, which has now been completed, gives a happy augury to the future of the undertaking. I have now the gratification of presenting to you, as Provincial Grand Master, this Masonic emblem as a remembrance of the occasion, to be preserved by you and yours. (Applause.) I have also very great pleasure in publicly expressing our very warm thanks to the Honourable the Lord Provost, the Magistrates, and members of the Town Council, for their attendance here to-day. To the Lord Provost our thanks are particularly due, for the warm interest he has taken in and the practical aid he has given to this undertaking ever since it originated. We have also to acknowledge gratefully the attendance of various gentlemen representing other public bodies in the city, who give us their countenance and encouragement. And now that these halls are fairly under way I trust that they will externally, under the guidance of our talented and painstaking architect, prove an ornament to our city, and be internally in all respects adequate for the various purposes for which they have been erected. We hope to have the buildings completed in time for a grand musical festival in the autumn of next year. (Applause.) I have only one word to say in conclusion, and that is that it will be quite necessary for us to have our whole authorised capital subscribed, so as to have the buildings finished free of debt. This matter I leave in the hands of my fellow-townsmen, with a strong conviction that they will enable us to do this, and so maintain the name for liberality which I am glad to say Glasgow possesses. (Applause.)

The Lord Provost—Mr. Campbell, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, My Brethren, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—I feel highly honoured to be called upon on this occasion, and to be supported by my fellow magistrates and many members of the Town Council, in celebrating such an event as the laying of the memorial stone of a building which, I trust, so inaugurated, will last long and be a great advantage to the community. You, Right Worshipful Grand Master, have stated truly, that amusement and recreation are necessary for the human kind, and your words, I have no doubt, will bear weight in the city, and that we shall see quite a rush of people becoming subscribers to these halls. (Applause.) I am sure that nothing is more gratifying to the citizens than to have a place of rational amusement, and on no occasion can the city be better served than to have the memorial stone of this building laid by you, Right Worshipful Grand Master, in the midst of such a concourse of fellow-citizens, with such an amount of honour and respect. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master, turning to the Freemasons, said,—I beg to offer my thanks to you, my brethren, for having come here to lay this memorial stone. You have heard the Lord Provost and Mr. Campbell express their gratification at our presence. I trust when such an occasion occurs again you will, as you have done to-day, keep such order as has done credit to the Craft. I again thank you for your attendance to-day. (Applause.)

This concluded the proceedings at the memorial stone. The Masonic emblem, which was a trowel of solid silver, with a beautifully-carved ivory handle, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Col. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master, on the occasion of his laying the memorial stone of the New Public Halls.—Glasgow, 22nd May, 1875."

The proceedings at the building having been concluded, the Provincial Grand Lodge returned to the Queen's Rooms, and in the Pillar Hall there—with Bro. William Bell, R.W.M., Lodge St. John, acting Senior Warden, and Bro. Geo. McDonald, R.W.M., Lodge Thistle and Rose, acting Junior Warden—was closed in regular form.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Building Committee entertained the Lord Provost, magistrates, and the members of the Craft to luncheon in the Queen's Rooms—Mr. James Campbell, of Tillichewan, presiding. The company present was, with the addition of Mr. Alex. Smollett, of Bonhill, the same as that whose names are previously mentioned.

The Chairman gave the toast of "The Queen," which was warmly responded to.

The Lord Provost proposed "Success to the Glasgow Public Halls Company." In proposing the toast his lordship said that Friday was a day of storm and rain, but on Saturday we had had gleams of sun-

shine, and the Masonic brethren had been able to lay the memorial stone of the Glasgow Public Halls with the sun shining upon the occasion. He thought they might accept it as an omen that, although the commencement of the construction of the halls had been somewhat involved in difficulty, the end of them would be a great success. Glasgow was sadly in want of public halls, particularly in the west end of the city; for, with the exception of the Queen's Rooms, which was good enough of its kind, they had no other. The east and the south of the city were comparatively well provided for, and in the centre they had the City Hall, which, though large and commodious, was by no means accessible to the residents in the west end. The area of the new hall will be one-third larger than the City Hall, and it will have retiring rooms and accessories, such as are not to be found in the neighbourhood of Candleriggs. He felt that the gentlemen who had set agoing this scheme, and had carried it on so far amidst great difficulties, were entitled to the thanks of the citizens of Glasgow for providing such a building as that now being erected, which would supply a long felt want.

Mr. James Campbell replied. He assured those present that the undertaking was a very serious one, and he took that opportunity of stating candidly to them that if it had not been for the zeal and energy of his co-directors the scheme would have broken down altogether. But they had worked with zeal and determination, and endeavoured to give to the city a good hall, and to get money to pay for it. Although they were not in a position to say that they had sufficient of public support to enable them to open the halls free of debt, he was yet in sanguine hopes that before the building was finished every farthing would be paid. He had every confidence in the generosity of his fellow-citizens, and felt sure that the halls would be opened free of debt.

Several other toasts followed.

Masonic Tidings.

GRAND MARK LODGE.—The Half-Yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of this Degree will be held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. A lodge of improvement will be opened at three o'clock, and previous to the opening of Grand Lodge, to afford the brethren who may attend Grand Lodge the opportunity of witnessing the ceremony of advancement as performed in our London Mark Lodges. Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock, and the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick will be installed as Grand Master of this Degree. His Lordship, as was reported in the *Freemason* of the 27th of February, was unanimously elected Grand Master, in succession to Earl Percy, at a special Grand Lodge held on the 23rd of that month.

Captain Boyton was on Friday, 21st inst., initiated into the Craft of Freemasons. The initiation took place in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 206, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

The funeral of Bro. Allan, of 69 and 70, St. Paul's-churchyard, took place on Tuesday last.

We have received one guinea for the Masonic Life Boat Endowment Fund.

St. John's Lodge, Liverpool, No. 673, was represented at the Royal Installation by the following brethren:—Bros. M. Corless, W.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; R. Pearson, P.M. Treas.; S. Johnson, P.M. Sec.; Prov. G. Steward, W.L.; T. Clark, P.M.; E. Byle, I.P.M.; T. Roberts, J.W.; and H. Burrows, J.D.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green.—This lodge will meet at 7 o'clock on Monday the 31st inst., to work the Fifteen Sections; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

ISLE OF MAN MASONS AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.—In connection with the recent installation of our most illustrious Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of England, the leading brethren of the Lodge of Mona, 212, holding under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which meets at Castletown, Isle of Man, are about to send H.R.H. an illuminated address conveying their congratulations on the auspicious event. The address has been illuminated by Mr. J. Orr Marples, artist to H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, of the Liverpool and London Chambers, Liverpool, who has again displayed the finest taste in its execution. The border is composed of exquisite floral devices, the body of the address in early English text, and the initial letters contain the well known Manx arms. The following are the terms of the address, which will be enclosed in a handsome case, and forwarded to H.R.H. in due course.

"To his Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England.

"May it please your Royal Highness,—The members of the Lodge of Mona, 212, under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on your installation as Grand Master of England, beg to approach your Royal Highness with our most hearty good wishes. That your Royal Highness will tread in the footsteps of those of the royal family who have so ably preceded you in the annals of Freemasonry we most thoroughly believe. Our earnest prayers and wishes are that you be enabled to extend the efforts of the Order in the exercise of brotherly love and practical benevolence. And may the Most High, Almighty, and Eternal God, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, protect you on earth; and when this transitory life shall have passed away, may you finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever. So mote it be.

"Signed on behalf of the lodge by the W.M. and Officers. "Castletown, Isle of Man, May 12, 1875."

A marriage was solemnized on Saturday last, at St. John's Church, Forest Hill, of a particularly interesting nature. The affianced couple, together with their friends,

were evidently well known, for long before the carriages arrived to convey the parties to church, the villagers of Bell-green, Lower Sydenham, also the employees of the gas works, by whom they are highly esteemed, were out and lining the road, patiently waiting to obtain a glimpse of the bride and bridegroom, the latter being Bro. Charles Magnus Ohren, son of Bro. Magnus Ohren, of Lower Sydenham, and the former being Elizabeth, eldest daughter of James Watson, Esq., C.E., of Aberdalgie Lodge, Lower Sydenham. The bride was enthusiastically cheered as she entered her carriage, and the cheering renewed on the return from church. The ceremony was impressively conducted by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, in the presence of a large number of persons that had thronged the pews nearest the chancel. The bridesmaids were Miss Rose Ohren, Miss Kate Ohren, Miss Nellie Watson, and Miss Mary Macrostic, all of whom were richly clad, presenting a most charming spectacle. After the breakfast, which was prepared by Messrs. Sawyer, of the Crystal Palace, the happy couple left for their honeymoon, carrying with them heartfelt wishes for their happiness and enjoyment. The number of the wedding presents was very large, testifying to the prevailing regard and estimation towards the happy pair.

WELL DESERVED COMPLIMENT.—A benefit was recently given to Bro. Sam Hague, proprietor of St. James's Hall, Liverpool, who has been rendered houseless by the recent disastrous fire. The benefit, which was most successful, took place at the Royal Amphitheatre, under the patronage of His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Lieut. Col. Steble), Bros. John Pearson (High Sheriff of Lancashire), Capt. G. Turner, and others; and the attendance of brethren from various local lodges was very numerous, showing how deeply Bro. Hague's loss is sympathised with by the brethren. A second night was generously given up by Bro. Hague for the benefit of his company, who were also great sufferers by the fire.

THE LONDON TAVERN.—In announcing the approaching sale of this tavern (on June 2nd, unless an acceptable offer be previously made by private contract), Messrs. Gadsden, Ellis and Co. state that the building is of a very substantial character, and affords the following accommodation:—On the upper floor—which is approached by principal and secondary staircases, the former being lighted by means of a handsome glazed dome—the justly celebrated and admirably proportioned banqueting hall, extending along the entire front of the tavern, a very large reception room, communicating with the court room, serving lobby, and spacious landing. On the second floor—three front rooms, with set of lavatories, four back rooms, corridor, and landing. On the first floor—the pillar room—a lofty and beautifully decorated saloon, with ornamental coved and panelled ceiling and enriched cornice and entablature, supported by Corinthian columns and pilasters, and wall panelling; two other large and well-lighted rooms, used for public meetings and auction sales; a well lighted front office, spacious landing, and a large room at the rear, approached by an outer staircase.

SCOTSMEN IN LONDON.—Last evening a number of gentlemen met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Macrae Moir. The Marquis of Huntly presided, and among those present were several representative Scotsmen resident in the metropolis. In opening the proceedings the chairman said that the testimonial was started quite spontaneously in recognition of Mr. Moir's efforts on behalf of his distressed countrymen. In a brief space of time the subscriptions had amounted to about £700, and the movement was cordially supported by Scotsmen of every political creed, and in every part of the country. The chairman subsequently presented the purse to Bro. Moir, with whom he warmly shook hands. In the course of his reply the recipient said that he took the testimonial as an incitement to do more in the future than he had accomplished in the past. Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which, seconded by Mr. Lyell, was cordially endorsed by the company. The names appended to the list of subscribers were printed on an illuminated scroll. They included the chairman, the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, the Duke of Buccleuch, the Duke of Montrose, the Duke of Richmond, Sir Richard Wallace, Sir W. Fergusson, and Professor Blackie, together with personal friends of Bro. Moir. There were altogether something like 236 subscribers.

BRO. SIR JOHN BENNETT AND THE AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS.—A mass meeting of agricultural labourers was held on Ham-hill on Monday afternoon. Sir John Bennett occupied the chair, and there were several thousand persons present. Mr. G. Mitchell moved a petition to Parliament praying that an investigation may be made as to the condition of the public charities. Mr. G. Potter moved a resolution in favour of the extension of the franchise, and Mr. Bradlaugh supported it. Other resolutions, asking the compulsory formation of school boards and the restoration of public lands to the poor, were also passed.

ROYAL LONDON MILITIA.—This regiment will commence its annual training, under Colonel-Commandant Bro. Sir William Anderson Rose, on Monday, the 31st instant. The recruits have been at drill for some time past, so as to enable them to join the ranks when the main body assembles for 27 days' exercise, which takes place this year at the artillery ground abutting on the militia barracks in the City-road.

THE summer excursion of the Cripplegate Pension Society has been arranged to take place at Rosherville Gardens on June 23rd. Bro. Alderman Knight is to be the chairman on this occasion.

THE annual festival of the Silver Trade Pension Society will take place at the London Tavern, on Tuesday, June 15th, at which Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside, supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next:—

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd March for confirmation.

The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 28th April for confirmation.

The M.W. Grand Master will propose that the thanks of Grand Lodge be given to the Committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes to assist the Grand Director of Ceremonies in carrying out the arrangements for the Installation of the Grand Master on the 28th of April, including Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, specially appointed to assist him, and the Executive generally for their exertions on the occasion.

Election of Trustees of Grand Lodge Funds.

Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.

Election of members of Colonial Board.

Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last Quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, London ... £100 0 0

A Brother of the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, Montreal, Canada East ... 50 0 0

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse ... 150 0 0

The Widow of a Brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London ... 50 0 0

A Brother of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, London ... 100 0 0

Report of the Board of General Purposes, to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:—

"It appeared from the return of its members made to the Grand Secretary by a Provincial Lodge, that the names of initiates were withheld from such return. This being in contravention of the Constitutions (Art. 14, page 66), the attention of the lodge was called to the circumstance, and an explanation requested, and it was stated in reply (and upon investigation the board have every reason to be satisfied with the bona fides of the statement), that the belief had always prevailed in the lodge that members ought not to be returned until raised to the Third Degree. The Board have received the strongest expressions of regret that such a mistake should have occurred, and have admonished the lodge in respect of it.

"It is thought right to report the matter to Grand Lodge, as a warning to other lodges in case a similar misapprehension prevails elsewhere.

(Signed) "JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

"18th May, 1875."

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved, "That the thanks of the Board be given to the President, Bro. John B. Monckton, for the urbanity and unvarying courtesy which he has displayed, and the very able and satisfactory way in which he has conducted the business of the Board during the past eventful year."

(Signed) PETER D. L. LONG, Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3883 17s. 8d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

APPEAL.

Appeal of a brother of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 891, Constantinople, against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, relative to the resignation and subsequent election of Bro. Taylor as Master of the lodge, and also against his (the appellant's) suspension from his Masonic privileges.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

PROPOSED MOTIONS.

1.—By Brother J. H. Wynne, No. 101 and 554:—That this Grand Lodge recommend from the funds of Grand Lodge that five pounds be given to each unsuccessful candidate at the election for annuitants of old men and women, belonging to the Craft of Freemasons, held on the 21st May, 1875.

2.—By Brother Benjamin Head, P.G.D.:—That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes. That the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

3.—Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, on confirmation of minutes, will move—That the two hundred pounds awarded by the Board of Benevolence, and confirmed by Grand Lodge in March last, to a brother, be placed in the hands of three brethren, in trust, for the benefit of the said brother.

We notice that Messrs. Felton and Sons, the Proprietors of the Spécialité Sherry, have removed to more extensive premises, No. 27, Albemarle-street, facing the Royal Institution.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the subscribers of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Major John Creaton, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Browse, Benj. Head, John Symonds, Joshua Nunn, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, John A. Rucker, W. Paas, C. F. Hogard, Robert B. Webster, Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, Treasurer of the Institution, S. L. Tomkins, Past Grand Deacon, Geo. Kenning, E. H. Thielley, W. F. C. Moutrie, A. D. Loewenstark, E. Harris, H. Massey (Freemason); H. M. Levy, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, A. H. Tattershall, A. H. Draper, Col. Peters, H. Phythian, Thomas Cubitt, W. H. Hemsworth, W. H. Swallow, A. A. Pendlebury, H. G. Buss, F. Binckes, Raynham W. Stewart, J. T. Moss, R. Ramsay, H. A. Dubois, Charles Hammetton, E. Barron, Major Finney, Col. Burdett, and Robt. Wentworth Little, Sec. The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House Committee, which were read for information, conveyed the intelligence that on the election of a new head governess of the Girls' School, Miss Moss, the second governess, had been chosen in place of Miss Davis, who resigns at Midsummer. A gift of one hundred guineas was voted by the House Committee to Miss Davis for the faithful discharge of her duties during her long occupancy of the office of Head Governess, and the gift was recommended to the next Quarterly Court. (Cheers). The election of Miss Moss, as Head Governess, was confirmed. The Surgeon of the Institution, Bro. Howell, having declined to receive his fees, the thanks of the House Committee were voted to him with a recommendation that the rank of Vice-President of the Institution should be conferred upon him.

The brethren then proceeded with the election of members of the House Committee, the election being conducted under the new rule, scrutineers of votes being appointed, and the poll being kept open till five o'clock, Bros. Thielley, Webster, and Moutrie were chosen scrutineers.

While this was proceeding the petitions were read, and six children were placed on the list for next election in October.

Bro. F. Binckes said: That with respect to the recommendation to the Quarterly Court concerning Miss Davis, he did not wish for a single moment to interfere with the Committee of Management, though he wished to say something on the subject. When a change was made in the head mistressship of the Girls' School, now many years ago, he, with Bro. Symonds and Bro. Lyall, were appointed to enquire into the best course of conducting the school, and they gave elaborate reports, when they were fortunate enough to find the lady to preside over the institution, who had since conducted it so admirably. They were very sorry now to lose the services of that admirable lady, and he meant to ask whether, though the recommendation of a gift to her had been made by the committee, some testimonial should not be added to it in the shape of an emblazoned vote on a neat piece of vellum, framed and glazed, expressing, not in fulsome language, but in a simple concise statement of why the testimonial was presented and embodying the appreciation which the committee, and, indeed, all friends of the institution, entertained of Miss Davis's services. Remembering as vividly and so well as he did all the circumstances which occurred when that lady was elected, he could not allow this opportunity to pass without asking to be allowed to add what he had proposed to the notice of motion already given for the Quarterly Court.

The Chairman said he could see no objection at all to Bro. Binckes making the above mentioned addition to the notice of motion, and every one would concur in it. He then read from the minutes:—"Notice for the Quarterly General Court—Gratuity £105 to Miss Davis."

Bro. Binckes said he would then add the words, "accompanied by a presentation of a testimonial on vellum and framed, embodying the sense of the appreciation of the committee of the services rendered by Miss Davis." (Hear, hear).

At five o'clock the voting papers for members of the House Committee were read out by the Chairman, when the following were found to have been elected, with the number of votes set against their names:

Bro. Thomas W. White	48
" Joshua Nunn	47
" Griffiths Smith	46
" J. A. Rucker	45
" A. H. Tattershall	45
" W. Paas	39
" Rev. J. M. Vaughan	39
" Benjamin Head	38
" H. Browse	33
" Colonel Peters	32
" Raynham W. Stewart	31
" H. A. Dubois	29

The undermentioned brethren were nominated to be on the Audit Committee for the year 1875-76 at the General Committee, Thursday, 28th April, 1875, and no others being named:—Bros. John G. Chancellor, Henry C. Ley-ander, H. M. Levy, John G. Marsh, Joshua Nunn, William Paas, William Roebuck, John Symonds, and Robert B. Webster, remain the Audit Committee for the year.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Scrutineers closed the proceedings.

VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES TO SHEFFIELD.—We are pleased to learn that a commemorative medal in connection with the above event has been designed by our W. Bro. John Chapman, Prov. G.J.D. (Devon), and that the Mayor of Sheffield (Mark Firth Esq.), has accepted the design, and given a large order for the medal in bronze and white metal for distribution.

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The Committee of Management were:—Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M.; E. Roberts, P.M.; J. Reeves, P.M.

There were £69 worth sold.

AMERICAN NOTES.

The centennial of the battle of Bunker Hill will be celebrated in Boston, on June 17th next, with the greatest enthusiasm. The Masonic Fraternity has been invited to participate in the celebration, through a communication addressed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Mozart Lodge, No. 436, of Philadelphia, was full of "work" at its recent stated meeting, last when we looked in upon the brethren for a little while. All the degrees were conferred, and there were also several brethren who desired to sit for a brief space in the chair of King Solomon. "Mozart" was never more prosperous than just now.

THE CRAFT IN LOUISIANA.—Grand Master Girard reports that throughout the entire jurisdiction of Louisiana, notwithstanding the calamities that have befallen many brethren, and the general prostration of business, our beloved Fraternity is in a prosperous condition. Although there has not been as much work done as in other years, it is even in a much better condition than for years past. 'Tis true the numbers may have been lessened but that loss has been a real gain. A number of drones only have been stricken from the hives, a number of loiterers have been taught that they could no longer eat their bread in idleness and be welcome. A new vigor has been thereby instilled in the body of Masonry in Louisiana, and much less of its strength will be wasted on bad material that has now become useless rubbish. From the reports of the Committee of Work, through R. W. Bro. J. C. Gordy, who visited every part of the State, and of D.D.G.M.'s, tidings come corroborative of this statement, and commendatory of the experiment in District Lodge of Instruction.

In 1801 a golden urn containing a lock of Washington's hair, was presented to Grand Master Dunn, of Massachusetts, at his installation; and at every succeeding installation since it has been confided to the care and custody of the incoming Grand Master, with solemn and imperative injunctions to carefully preserve it, and at the expiration of his term of office, to transmit it to his successor, with the like charge. In December last, the urn was delivered to Grand Master Everett.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston, has contributed to its Grand Lodge a portrait of Past Grand Master Bro. Simon W. Robinson, who sat in the Grand East in 1846-7-8, and died in 1864. It was painted by Bro. J. Harvey Young, of Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston.

St. John's Day, December 27th, was celebrated in 1732 by the brethren of the first lodge in Boston, "with that beauty and harmony of parts so peculiar to the Ancient and Honourable Craft,"—so the ancient minutes express it.

The Right Rev. Bro. Edward Bass, D.D., the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts, officiated as Grand Chaplain in 1768, at the institution of Bro. John Rowe, as Provincial Grand Master of New England.

The New England Freemason, for March, contains a very fine steel-engraved portrait of its able editor, Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts; also a number of interesting and valuable Masonic articles.

PROPOSED SECOND ENGLISH VOLUNTEER VISIT TO FRANCE.—A meeting of Volunteers took place on Saturday at the studio of Captain Mercier, for the purpose of receiving and considering an invitation from the Société Havreuse de Tir to English marksmen in the volunteer service to participate in the shooting competition for prizes to be offered by the society at the latter end of July. Lieutenant-Colonel E. T. Gourley, M.P., presided. After some discussion it was resolved that, subject to a sufficient number of volunteers entering their names by the 6th June, the invitation shall be accepted; that a committee should be appointed to carry out all necessary arrangements; and that in the event of a sufficient number of names being entered by the time specified to take part in the visit, the committee shall be empowered to make application to the Secretary of State for War for a similar sanction to that given last year for the visit of the volunteers to France to be made. It was further resolved that the entrance fee should be the same as last year, 12s. 6d.; that the general arrangements of the previous visit having proved so successful, they be followed as nearly as possible, and that the number of entries to be accepted should be limited to 300. Lieutenant Chaffey, of the 3rd London Rifles, having consented to act as honorary secretary pro tem, it was resolved that all applications for entry should be addressed to him, care of Captain Mercier, 12, Albert-terrace, Hyde-park. The meeting adjourned till Saturday, the 6th proximo.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—No one should treat the present changes in the weather with indifference, for they undoubtedly have a great effect upon the human body. It is necessary for every one to be cautious and watchful. Cautious as regards clothing and exposure, and watchfulness as regards the effect on the body. The skin, nervous system, and breathing organs often suffer severely, as is evidenced by Erysipelas, Rheumatism, Colds, Sore Throats, &c. When, therefore, symptoms of any of the above diseases show themselves, they should be at once attended to. The Ointment should be rubbed into the parts affected, and the Pills taken according to the printed directions; this treatment soon eradicates the disease and restores the general health.—AUNT.

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BIRTH.

KNIGHT.—May 20, Elm-side, Hampton, the wife of Bro. Alderman Knight, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

OHREN.—WATSON.—At St. John's Church, Forest Hill, by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, Chas. Magnus Ohren (son of Bro. Magnus Ohren), and Elizabeth eldest daughter of James Watson Esq., Aberdalgie Lodge, Lower Sydenham.

DEATHS.

ALLAN.—May 20, at King's-road, Brownwood-park, A. Allan, son of the late Bro. J. B. Allan, of St. Paul's-churchyard, aged 32.

FOURDRINIER.—On the 23rd instant, at Holly Cottage, Forest Hill, S.E., aged 67, Anna Maria Fourdrinier, eldest surviving daughter of the late Charles Fourdrinier, Esq., and sister of Bro. John Coles Fourdrinier, P.M. Lodge of Antiquity, 2, &c., P.P.G.W. of North Wales and Shropshire.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

MASONIC TIDINGS.—A little too personal.

We have received a communication "hailing" from Scotland so wild and so virulent, written, moreover, in a scrawl that it is impossible to decipher, that we naturally decline to publish it. The writer, in our opinion, ought to be looked after by his friends. Such of his statements as we can read are either the opinions of a vulgar non-Mason, or a confirmed lunatic.

Letters from H. Newbolt, D. Dist. G.M. Turkey; R. Rich; H. H.; Beta; Funeral of Bro. G. Stuttard; Laying Foundation Stone of St. Luke's Church, Dudley; Bro. Hughan's review of Mr. Heckethorn; Reports of Lodges 177, 720, E.C.; 219, 541, S.C.; and many other English and Scotch Lodges unavoidably stand over.

The great pressure of matter week by week must be our plea for the forbearance of our brethren. We are reluctantly compelled this week to keep back several most interesting reports and communications, which will appear duly next week.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1875.

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.

Most of our brethren will have read with pain, not perhaps unmingled with some little amusement, the Papal letter to Bishop Dupanloup, which appeared in our last impression. And though it be true that much of the force and most of the incriminations of the venerable Pontiff fall short, as far as we are concerned in England, yet, as we do uphold liberty of conscience, free worship, and the public press, we must, to a certain extent, feel that the censure, such as it is, is also intended for us. It is probable, indeed, that other Freemasons than our English brotherhood are the persons primarily intended; but still, as we are not afraid to avow our principles before all men, we must be also prepared to-day, if we properly can, to cast in our lot with our inculcated brethren elsewhere. But

we think it right to observe that we English Freemasons have no such watchwords as "liberty, equality, and fraternity." We entirely disclaim them as our watchwords for many good reasons, though as Freemasons we believe in and practise all three. Our only watchwords are brotherly love, relief and truth, loyalty and charity. If then we are not clearly obnoxious to many of the angry remarks of the Venerable Pontiff, we yet feel bound to observe that if we are to be condemned in common with other Freemasons because we uphold a free conscience, full toleration, and the liberty of the Press, as English citizens, and under our wise, constitution we are pledged manifestly as patriots to avow and conserve one and all. Nothing, we make bold to add, will make Englishmen ever swerve from these great first principles, alike of English law and English belief. We deeply regret to see the Roman Catholic authorities, and the chief of them especially, running a-muck literally against everything like constitutional freedom and religious toleration. It is a most mournful sign of the times, and seems to point to much of trial and of discord in the future for nations and for religious communities. But the language of this letter to Bishop Dupanloup, angry and unwise as it is, is most mild when compared with the utterances of another "brief" of Pope Pius the IX., which we give in another page, and which we have translated from the *Monde Maçonnique* for May. It seems that there is a society in France called the Reparative Society towards the Holy Trinity, which is under the patronage of St. Michael, for the purpose of praying to God for the extinction of all social societies, and the conversion of their members. The editor of the *Monde Maçonnique* calls it "ce curieux document," we would rather term it a sad document. Our good Bro. Caubet, the editor of the *Monde Maçonnique*, feels it so much that he adds, "sans le faire suivre d'aucune réflexion." Indeed, what could he say? What can any one say? We think that when our readers have perused it they will agree with us that it is positively a parody on all that is true, loving, or religious. Is it not most melancholy to realize that here is the personally benevolent Pontiff in his "green old age," the spiritual head of the largest Christian denomination in the world, denouncing all Freemasons, without any exception, as children of Satan, and declaring that in their lodges they heap up insults and blasphemies against the Most High, that they "break the tie which constitutes society," and that "many are the evils which they cause alike to religion and to civil society." We say nothing here of the wild assertions and the exaggerated and excited declaration of this mournful pastoral, as perhaps Bro. Caubet is right, the "least said is soonest mended." But we feel bound to subjoin one remark. We wonder that the authorities of the Church of Rome do not see that all their stage tricks, all this claptrap of unreasoning tremor, all this "anomia" of an untenable spiritual power, are one and all a heavy blow and great discouragement to true religion. It is but fair to bear in mind that the Church of Rome is not single in this revived inquisitorial persecution, as some Protestant bodies use language equally untrue, and equally insulting in respect of our peaceful fraternity, and seem rather to indicate a wish to revive burning and auto da fes, pains and penalties, and spiritual persecutions. It is, we venture to think and to say, most humiliating to all who wish well to religion and recognise gladly the effects of denominational zeal in the unceasing struggles of good and evil, to have religion itself, and the denominational unit, so to say, thus rendered a laughing stock to many, and a stumbling block to more. The Church of Rome, true to her malign feelings, her want of liberality and toleration, oblivious of the great power it does wield and might wield for the moral regeneration and religious happiness of mankind, is now condescending to make use of a low sensationalism, and is now deluging the contemporary literature of this and other lands with all the vituperation of an utterly harmless and benevolent Order, which a fertile and unscrupulous vocabulary can suggest. It is indeed a most sorry sight for men and angels, and most antagonistic to every true theory, whether of benevolence, or sympathy, of toleration, or of charity.

OUR BRETHREN IN SCOTLAND.

It seems from some reports that we published last week from Scotland, that the views we ventured to express respecting the utterly unbefitting and uncalled for "deliverance" of the *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine* "anent" our English Order and our Royal Grand Master are fully shared in and approved of, as we felt sure they would be, by our worthy and warm-hearted brethren in Scotland. We felt persuaded from the first that such perverse and ill-regulated opinions in no sense whatever could be supposed to represent the real sentiments of Scottish Freemasons, and we rejoice to think and to know that all we ventured to say on so serious a subject has been fully endorsed by many able and excellent brethren "across the border." It would have been very strange indeed had it been otherwise. Why, because we English Freemasons had been so fortunate, in a time of great anxiety and depression, as to have obtained the kindly personal presence amongst us of our Royal Grand Master, and that we greatly rejoiced thereat—that, therefore, we were to be blamed, we could not and cannot understand. Why, again, because we were naturally exultant at such a solution of passing difficulties, at such an answer to the heated complaints of the Ultramontane Press, at such a prospect of future peaceful and wise administration, and because we said so, that we were to be "called over the coals" for our loyal exultation and gratification, we did not realise then, and we do not profess to realise now. No doubt the writer had some great compelling motive which induced him thus, "more" John Knox, in his own opinion, to hold forth and to "testify." We did not see it in England. We don't see it yet, and being alike independent in mind and free spoken in utterance, we thought it better at once to say what we sincerely felt, at so unreasonable, so unwise, so unmasonic a tirade! And we are therefore glad to find that our motives and our words are properly appreciated by our equally independent and outspoken brethren in Scotland. We hope that our contemporary will take warning, improve his style, and amend his vocabulary. Luckily, like all similar foolish and hasty attacks on Freemasonry just now, that utterly baseless charge against English Freemasons (which ought never to have been made), and those most uncalled-for remarks about an exalted personage, can have no effect on any one. Marked by bad taste, vulgar both in conception and expression, they are at once condemned by the good sense and simple loyalty, as well of Scottish as of English Craftsmen. We are accustomed, indeed, to Jesuit assailants and Ultramontane extravagances; we are not unprepared for an episcopal anathema or a Papal excommunication. We are resigned to the watery outpourings of deeply diving Baptists; to Habakkuk Mucklewrath's Presbyterian objurgations and censures; nay, to the æsthetic performances of a sucking Ritualist. But to receive such cruel aspersions from an old brother Mason, a regular old stager in the mystic circle, a fraternal confrere in the literary arena, is indeed too much. We say, as the great Roman once said, with a sigh of Masonic grief, "Et tu Brute."

MR. HECKETHORN'S OPINION OF FREEMASONS AND FREEMASONRY.

By a review of Mr. Heckethorn's History of Secret Societies of all ages and countries (a most ambitious title), which appeared in our last impression, our brethren will see that among other of his characteristics he has made another very violent attack on our Order. It seems as if there was a "mot d'ordre" just now to continue these futile incriminations of Freemasonry everywhere, and no one can fail to be struck with the peculiar tone running through Mr. Heckethorn's work, as if he was writing from a brief, and had to conduct his argument in one and one only direction, and to one and only one end! We pass over many of his allegations, which do not deserve notice at our hands, and give a specimen of his inflated style and veracious statements for the amusement, and information, and edification of our brethren.

Listen attentively, all ye sturdy and loyal Freemasons, to Mr. Heckethorn's happy representation of your feelings, your motives, your proceedings as attached members of the Craft. Page 389, vol. I. "Selfishness, an eye to business, vanity, frivolity, gluttony, and a love of mystery mongering, concealed under the pretence of brotherly love and a longing for instruction, these are the motives which lead men into the lodge." Is this statement true? We reply with the poet, and with a young lady, "emphatically no." As far as our experience of our Order goes, and it is somewhat extended now, ranging over many lustra, we do not hesitate to affirm, that no more unfounded assertion ever was made by even the most ignorant of cowans. Has Mr. Heckethorn ever heard of the Boys' and the Girls' School, or the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution? Does he know anything of the large sums of money we annually grant in charitable aid to the decayed, or aged, or suffering of our Order? We hope not, and surely in his case, we may all say with much unction, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise." Passing over this libel on our kindly and friendly brotherhood, let us take another equally startling passage: "The facility and frequency with which worthless characters are received into the Order, the manner in which all its statutes are disregarded, the dislike which any brother who insists on reform is looked on by the rest, the introduction of many spurious rites, the deceptiveness of the rites themselves . . . the puerility of the symbolism . . . all these too plainly shew that the lodge has banished Freemasonry." It may be true that Mr. Heckethorn has hit a blot with respect to the too easy admission of members; but that known worthless characters are freely admitted into Freemasonry in England we utterly deny. As for the rest of the complaints they are simply chimeras. In no Order are the statutes, &c., regarded as with us, and no wise or needful reform is ever long resisted. But many proposals are called reform, which are, in fact, only revolution, and therefore, we in England knowing full well "that the proof of the pudding is best known by its eating," and seeing how well the Masonic machine is working, as practical men we do not encourage excited proposals for unmeaning and unnecessary changes. It is very curious that Mr. Heckethorn will mix up English and Foreign Freemasonry, as if whatever was done abroad we do at home in our quiet land. Much that abroad is called Masonry we utterly repudiate in England, and we are quite one with Mr. Heckethorn in condemnation of many of the ridiculous proceedings which he mentions, such as the most absurd citation of Napoleon III., of the Emperor of Germany, of the Pope of Rome, and of Marshal Prim, before Masonic tribunals. All such proceedings are utterly opposed, in our opinion, to the peaceful and loyal character of true Freemasonry. Mr. Heckethorn adds, "like monasticism and chivalry, it (Freemasonry) is no longer wanted." We entirely disagree with Mr. Heckethorn, in such a doctrine. Whatever may be the case as regards chivalry and monasticism, Freemasonry has, as we believe, outlived them both, and has still a great future before it, as its mission seems to us to be especially marked out for it in these cantankerous days, by its gentle message of tolerating forbearance, and its kindly deeds of active benevolence.

THE FREIMAURER ZEITUNG.

Our contemporary, as we say, is "at it again." Not content with having attacked us, in the last number we have seen, it turns its attention to the *Masonic Magazine*, and declares that its utterances are equally pharasaical with our own, and that the views which have been expressed about the loyalty of English Freemasons, both in the *Freemason* and the *Magazine*, are most un-masonic. Luckily for us, such censure affects us very slightly indeed. We know that in what we say we express the feelings of an overwhelming majority of our English brotherhood, and beyond that point we do not seek to go, and we do not care to go. The *Freimaurer Zeitung* asserts that in such remarks as we have made, whether in the *Freemason* or in the *Masonic*

Magazine, against political discussions in lodges, that we oppose their best interests in Austria and elsewhere, and side with their opponents. We, "au contraire," claim that we are their best friends, and warn them in plain and straightforward language, of what we deem to be the cause of government objection and also interference in many countries, and advise them to become, like us, a purely unpolitical body, a benevolent brotherhood, a religious but tolerant sodality, and then they need not fear that any government will concern itself about either their meetings or their maxims. But the *Freimaurer Zeitung* does not like the advice. Perhaps not, but that does not prove that the advice is not good, and that the warning is not needful. Just the reverse. The child, nay, for that, the man, does not always like the doctor's prescription; the advice seeker does not always swallow down at once the somewhat unpalatable utterance of the advice giver, probably the true friend. Hence the *Freimaurer Zeitung* and Bro. C. Von Gagern must be good enough to believe that we say what we mean, and mean what we say. All that we have put forward has been in the truest spirit of fraternal goodwill and sincere good wishes for the Austrian Freemasons; but having some little experience of the matter, knowing something alike of the prosperity and the drawbacks of Freemasonry, especially in foreign lands, we have thought it well, as brother Freemasons, to tender our honest advice, which, whether liked or disliked, accepted or rejected, was based on a close and careful study of our own Masonic annals, and was animated by a firm persuasion of the intrinsic excellences of Masonry when worked on true principles, and in accordance with its own great and sacred lore.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE GUILD THEORY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read Bro. Buchan's letter with much interest, but do not agree with him, as he knows. We most fraternally disagree. And so to-day as the question has cropped up again, I want to ask my good brother one or two questions, as the discussion of the Guild Theory will, I think, do good, if conducted on truly Masonic principles.

Has it ever struck him, in his able efforts to maintain his favourite theory, he falls into the difficulty suggested by the old French proverb, "qui prouve trop, prouve rien."

That Freemasonry existed before 1717 we have the most undoubted proofs. We have the evidence of Ashmole in 1646, and again in 1682. We have about the same time the evidence of Dr. Plot, who was a non-mason, and not very friendly to the Order. We have Robert Padgett, Clerk to the Society of Freemasons 1685; we have a lodge at York in 1693; and we have the minute book of the Lodge of Alnwick in 1702. We also read of the Freemasons as an organized body, with signs, &c., mentioned in the "Tatler" in 1709, and which quotation is verified in the old *Freemasons' Magazine* for 1863, vol. IX, new series, page 3. I say nothing of the Scotch lodges, as I do not wish to poach on Bro. W. J. Hughan's manor, but certainly I know that in his mind, as in mine, the evidence is irrefragable that before 1717, speculative Masonry existed both in England and in Scotland, and that we, the revived Grand Lodge of 1797, are the continuation of the operative guilds.

I would ask Bro. Buchan another question. If he denies the connexion between the operative Grand assembly and the speculative Grand Lodge, where did the 1717 Freemasonry come from?

If it was entirely distinct from the ceremonies and ritual, and teaching of the operative guilds, who concocted it? When they met in 1716, or 1717, how did they meet? As operatives or speculative, or neither, or both?

Does Bro. Buchan mean to contend that our speculative system took its rise 1717?—that it was entirely distinct from the operative guilds and the quasi speculative lodges in Scotland?

Who then were the Freemasons at Warrington who received Ashmole? Who were the Freemasons who met in Basinghall-street in 1682? What was the Worshipful Society of Freemasons of which Robert Padgett was "Clerk" in 1685? Who were the Freemasons at York in 1693? Who were the Freemasons in Staffordshire? It is quite clear that the Masons' Company and the Society of Freemasons were two distinct bodies, and, therefore, we are brought back to this, that towards the end of the 17th century a society of Freemasons existed in this country, which we have every reason to believe is certainly identical with our present speculative Order. I might adduce many other "points" and "illustrations" but I forbear, as these are enough for my present purpose, the more so as I am quite sure that their important bearing and precise value will be at once seen by so able and a correct

brother as W. P. Buchan. He is it seems to me, on two horns of a dilemma—if he says before 1717, I find no traces of speculative Freemasonry, who then invented it all in 1717? If he says he does, and admits the slightest identity between our Freemasonry and the Freemasonry in vogue before 1717, he practically adopts the guild theory.

As I have often said before, I am only writing in the cause of masonic truth, but at present I see no other possible ground by which you can historically account for the preservation and continuation of the Masonic lodge, and of the Masonic system, except in the guild theory.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC STUDENT.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Sir and Brother,—

I am more convinced than ever of the reasonableness of what is termed the "Guild Theory," in explanation of the origin of Freemasonry, and so I am working with Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in unearthing all documents bearing in any way on Freemasonry, which are to be found in old lodge chests and in muniment rooms, which have been considered heretofore of no account in our researches.

The last few years speak of the success which has crowned our efforts, and I purpose shortly to enumerate the MSS. known by, or familiar to the Craft, a dozen years ago, and those accessible to the fraternity of to-day.

I am quite convinced that Freemasonry, as a secret institution, operative and speculative, sometimes both, and at other times one only of these two departments, existed centuries before the Grand Lodge of England was constituted in 1717, which was the first Grand Lodge ever formed, and at which meeting the first Grand Master ever elected was installed; but I am not prepared to admit that our three degrees, including the Royal Arch, are so ancient. I am fully prepared to defend my position, but at present I prefer letting my friend Bro. Buchan rest, as he is engaged in preparing a scientific work of considerable usefulness to those in his line of business, and which we believe has already taken exceedingly well in the United States, where genuine information and authentic facts are appreciated. When he is ready I am willing to say a few words if needs be.

W. J. HUGHAN.

LORD CARNARVON'S SPEECH.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have carefully perused your leader at page 202, under the above heading, and I beg to thank you for the truly Masonic spirit in which it is written, at the same time you must excuse me for still standing by my little "vanity." No good but harm would ensue by me throwing it up before being properly satisfied that it was wrong. A good many brethren now consider that there is something in the 1717 theory, and although it may require a little touching up here and there, yet upon the whole it is not far off the mark.

I see you claim Lord Carnarvon as a supporter of the "guild theory," but I am not sure that that is exactly correct, for, quite possibly, for all we as yet know, his lordship may hold by or believe in the Solomonic theory! I see you also claim Bro. Hughan as an upholder of the guild theory, but I can scarcely admit that either, without a little explanation, for in our views upon the history of Freemasonry, Bro. Hughan and I sail side by side for at least nineteen-twentieths of the way. There is a good deal of difference between Bro. Woodford and myself upon the history of Freemasonry, but between the published statements of Bros. W. J. Hughan and D. Murray Lyon and myself I find very little; and to remove that little what is wanted is the publication of such records as those of the Masons' Company of London, not forgetting also the publication of the records of a number of the companies, crafts, and guilds. Were these all published I believe they would support the 1717 theory; you think otherwise, very good, but time and the records decide betwixt us. I think that is but fair seeing that at page 202 you, yourself, state that we are as yet only "upon the threshold of enquiry and verification."

Before closing this letter I would beg leave of you to allow me to state what my 1717 theory is. I ask this because I believe that the *Freemason* has of late had many additions to its readers, and as many of these will be young Masons, they will scarcely understand what is meant without a little explanation.

The 1717 theory draws a broad line of demarcation between speculative and operative Masonry, and asserts that the mediæval and earlier guilds were not the ancestors of the Grand Lodge of A.D. 1717. It also affirms that the Masons of the middle ages neither knew aught of nor practised our system of Freemasonry. It further asserts that our system of three degrees was altogether unknown to the Craftsmen of the middle ages, said degrees being the product of the brains of Desaguliers, Anderson, and their confreres, in or about A.D. 1717. It also asserts the old Masonic guilds had no private mystical teaching, or none which was not at any rate common to other trades and "mysteries," and that the guilds were merely trading and operative bodies and friendly societies. And, in conclusion, it affirms that instead of the transactions of A.D. 1717 being the "revival" of speculative Freemasonry, they were its foundation; and instead of the four old London lodges either knowing or practising our system of Freemasonry before A.D. 1717 they were simply made use of in starting it.

Supposing the 1717 theory to be wrong in whole or in part, we have the Ashmole theory (as enunciated e.g. in Chambers, Encyclopedia, ed. 1875) to fall back upon before we come to the guild theory.

Let, however, the 1717 theory receive its quietus first.

I am, Yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN

Glasgow, May 15th.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the representative Steward this year to the Girls' School festival from the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, I desire to record my protest against the plan adopted by the Secretary, Bro. Little, of "lumping together," in one amount, the contributions from distinctly separate provinces.

I ask the favour of your kind permission to do this through the medium of your valuable paper.

My Steward's list of contributions from members and lodges of my province amounted to £160, and not unnaturally I looked to find the amount duly chronicled in your columns as usual, instead of which I find South Wales bracketed with Monmouthshire, a province with which we have no more to do than with Gloucestershire, Bristol, Hereford, or Somerset, indeed, far less.

The contributions to the Masonic Charities from this province since the establishment in it of the system of Steward representation by our Dep. Prov. G.M., have exceeded £2500, but if we had only subscribed £10 we should have equally been entitled to ask to have this sum recorded.

Having no wish to lessen the credit fairly due to any other province by being associated with it, the record is calculated in the present case to give a wrong impression.

You have yourself been misled, as in your leading article you give the whole credit to Monmouthshire, and none to South Wales.

Separate records are given of amounts received from the London lodges; no two lodges are linked together, each getting credit for its own exertions and liberality. A fortiori separate records should be given of the subscriptions from separate provinces.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

SAMUEL BROWNING POWER,

P. Prov. G. Registrar, South Wales, Eastern Division.

BALLOT FOR GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to announce in the *Freemason* that I am about to endeavour to follow the example set by Bro. Constable, and carry out a ballot in aid of the Girls' School Festival, 1876. The only difference between the two being that the present one will be confined to the Province of East Lancashire.

Yours fraternally,

C. M. STUART, S.W. 934.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly answer the following question:—I am a member of the Scotch and Irish Constitutions, but not of the E.C. I am also a life member of the Boys' Benevolent Institution, E.C. What I want to know is whether in the event of either of my offspring requiring at some future time the benefit of this institution, are they entitled? W.D. 489, S.C.

[We think not, as W.D. is not an English Mason, but have called Bro. Binckes attention to the question, who will no doubt efficiently answer it.—Ed.]

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MARK MASTER MASONS' LODGES IN UNITED STATES LAST CENTURY.

I enclose an interesting account of a Mark Master Masons' lodge of last century, which was contained in the *New York Dispatch* for 31st January, 1875. The following first appeared in that paper, and on seeing it I at once communicated with my dear friend and brother, Charles Eugene Meyer, of Philadelphia (P.G.H.P. of Pennsylvania), for the promised notice. Doubtless, M.W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., and R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., will be pleased to read the particulars, and so will many others.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

The minutes of Holland Mark Lodge, formerly held in this city, supposed for many years to have been lost or destroyed, have recently come to light, and we are indebted to Bro. Edward Bill for an examination of them.

"But few of the brethren of the present day have a very distinct idea of the earlier methods of Masonry in this country. Doubtless, if asked, a majority would answer, without hesitation, that its organisation had always been the same as at present. This, however, is not the case, as will be seen by the following: April 8th, 1788, a number of brethren, members of Holland Lodge, No. 8, in this city, were convened for the purpose of, as the record phrases it, founding a Mark Degree in connection with that lodge, and a Mark Lodge was accordingly opened under the symbolic warrant, and a number of brethren received the degree of Mark Master. In 1789, six members of Steuben Lodge applied for, and received the degree. In 1791, the lodge issued a dispensation to a number of brethren from Connecticut to empower them to form and hold a Mark Lodge in that State. In this year, also, the lodge began conferring the Chair Degree on Masters elect and other officers. The warrant above referred to bore the name of Hiram Mark Lodge, located at Newtown, Fairfield county, Connecticut. September 22, 1791, a dispensation was issued to form a Mark Lodge in the Dutch West Indies.

The lodge, in 1815, ceased to act under the authority of its Grand Lodge Warrant, and took out a charter from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State, which charter was numbered 79.

"Among the distinguished members of this Mark Lodge was John Pintard, fourth Master of Holland Lodge,

and a well-known citizen, John Jacob Astor, De Witt Clinton, Peter R. Maverick, Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of the State, and associated with Robert Fulton in his steamboat enterprises, Wm. Malcolm, Cadwallader D. Colden, Samuel Jones, jun., a lawyer and judge, John Wells, Nathaniel Sandford, David Longworth, of Directory fame, Ebenezer Irving, Gen. H. G. Stevens, of the Revolutionary Army, Stephen Price, of the Park Theatre, his brother, William and John Blake, Fitz Greene Halleck, and others, the mere mention of whose names stirs the blood of every Knickerbocker.

"It will be noticed that this Mark Lodge began its labours and did much of its work under authority of a Blue Lodge warrant, and more than this, assumed authority to create similar bodies in other States, from which may be deduced at least one fact, namely: that Masonry was much less governed then than now.

"The warrant of Holland Mark Lodge, in common with several others existing in the State, was ultimately surrendered to the Grand Chapter, and the degree conferred by them reserved exclusively to the subordinate chapters, but at what date we are unable at present to state. We take great pleasure, however, in behalf of Holland Lodge, and in the interest of the Craft generally, in acknowledging the kindness of Bro. Asa Worthington, a veteran of 87, by whom the records here referred to have been placed in custody of Holland Lodge, of which he is a member."

A PONTIFICAL BRIEF.

TRANSLATED FROM THE "MONDE MAÇONNIQUE" OF MAY.

Pius IX. Dear Son, Salutation and Apostolical Benediction.

For a long time already, and almost since the origin of the Masonic sect, the Holy See, which very clearly discovered its malice, had condemned and smitten it (frappe) with reiterated excommunications.

The Holy See had well predicted all the evils which it was about to cause to religion and to civil society. In truth, this worthy daughter of Satan making man as God, and establishing each as the supreme judge of his own conduct, rejects by this very fact all authority divine and human, and shatters, in consequence, the tie which constitutes all society. The warnings of the Church have been useless, and many men among those who ought to have suppressed this monster have not feared to favour it so well that at the present moment no human power is capable of struggling against it. It is necessary then, in order to tear out this venomous root of evils which affects the nations and forces into the eternal abyss the souls which it severs from life and salvation, to have recourse to the Omnipotent. Alone He was able to drive from Heaven the true father of this sect; alone He can make it at present disappear from the earth. We deem it right then to recommend the project which you have formed of appeasing the Divine Being, offended by this impious sect, which in its lodges ("antres") especially heaps insults and blasphemies upon Him, to ask at the same time of the Lord the destruction of this sect, and the conversion of those who belong to it, and for this to form, with the permission of the ecclesiastical authority, a society of which the members, if they are priests, should unite in threes every day to offer up the holy sacrifice of the mass to the Holy Trinity; and if they are laymen to make to the same end and every day three communions. We are rejoiced to learn that the society scarcely formed has already received a great augmentation. We wish it still more considerable increase, that so in multiplying those who pray, it may appease more rapidly the anger of God, and obtain the grace which we desire. It is for this, my dear son, that we give you, with love to you and all your associates in this work, the Apostolic Benediction, mark of the heavenly favour and pledge of our paternal good will.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, the 7th January, of the year 1875, of our Pontificate the twenty-ninth.

PIUS IX., POPE.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The regular meeting of Lodge Concord, (No. 757) was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 17th April, 1875. Present:—Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; W. W. Whitaker, S.W.; F. S. Llewellyn, as J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D.; J. Luke, D.C.; J. E. Tyers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members:—Bros. W. W. Wilson, C. J. Hall, J. Holt, J. May, W. E. Craddock, J. Weddle, J. H. Barrett, H. Watson, F. Lean, J. Macdonald, J. Middleton, C. Peters, &c. Visitors:—Bros. H. W. Barrow; J. Connell, W.M. Lodge Emulation; C. Parker, R. Brunton, W. W. Farmer, Pestonjee Hormusjee; F. C. Laford, &c. The lodge was opened with prayer at 6.30 p.m. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last meeting of the permanent committee were read and adopted. Bro. Charles Peters was then examined as to his qualifications to be passed to the Second Degree, and was entrusted and passed out. All below the rank of Fellow Crafts were then requested to retire. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Charles Peters was then duly admitted and passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Issac Holt was then examined as to his qualifications to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M.; all below the rank of a M.M. were then requested to retire. Bro. Issac Holt was then entrusted and passed out. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Issac Holt was then duly admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. then gave the charge and lecture on the Third Tracing Board in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed in the Third Degree, and resumed in the Second Degree, then

closed in the Second Degree, and resumed in the First Degree.

The following addenda, viz.: "That any member of the lodge whose dues are 12 (twelve) months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned," was then put to the meeting and carried. Bro. G. R. Henderson then proposed, and the W.M., Bro. W. C. Rowe, seconded, that the addenda be sent on at once for the confirmation of the Right Worshipful the D.G.M., and that it be then printed and each member be presented with a copy. A letter was read from Bro. H. Boyen, requesting that he may be placed on the absent list, owing to his being called away on duty to Kandahar.

Bro. G. R. Henderson then proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. W. C. Rowe, for the very handsome present of a wardrobe to the lodge to protect the banner and kit.

Bro. J. F. Grew then proposed, and Bro. F. Burdett seconded, Bro. James Calderwood, of Lodge St. Andrew, (No. 465), S.C., as a joining member.

Bro. W. C. Rowe then proposed, and Bro. W. W. Whitaker seconded, that Rs. 50 be granted from the General Charity Fund, for the assistance of the widow and family of the late Bro. O'Brien.

There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer at 9.15 p.m.

FREEMASONRY IN SMYRNA.

The Smyrna lodges under the English Constitution held a special meeting on Wednesday, the 28th of April, in commemoration to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Installation, and was attended by a large number of members and visiting brethren from far and near. The chair was occupied by Bro. Canale, P.M. 896, Z. 132; and among those present at the meeting and at the banquet afterwards may be mentioned Bros. Dr. Cricca, Delegate of the Grand Orient of Italy; Carver, P.Z. 132, and others. An address of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, proposed by Bro. Canale and seconded by Bro. Carrer, was unanimously passed. After labour the lodge was called off to refreshment, and proceeded to the banquet room, where, in number about sixty, they sat down to partake of the good things provided for them. At ten o'clock the speaking was commenced by the Chairman. He said:—"To-night we are gathered together to commemorate the great event in the Masonic world, viz. the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master of England. On this I will but lightly touch, for there are present among you eloquent brethren—athletes in the use of language—who will do justice to the subject, and to them I leave it. I therefore esteem it a great privilege to submit to you the toast of the evening, 'The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons.' The toast was warmly responded to by the brethren present. Speeches were also delivered in Italian by Bro. Cricca, in French by Bro. Carrer, in Turkish by Bro. Gabriel Effendi, in Armenian by Bro. Alparian, and in Greek by Bro. Gregoriades. After a very pleasant evening the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

The Annual Installation of the Master and Officers of Westmoreland Lodge, 1377, took place at the lodge-room, Larar.nalamar, on Thursday, 8th April, at 7 p.m., when a goodly number of members and brethren were gathered to do honour to the occasion, the inclemency of the weather preventing a much larger attendance.

The retiring Master, Bro. C. P. Bovell, delivered an appropriate address, at the close of which he summoned Bro. John Williamson Menell, Master elect, to the East, where the several charges were delivered and his answers returned. The brethren, at the request of the presiding Master, retired from the floor of the lodge while the ceremony of installation was being performed. The sound of the Gavel re-assembled the brethren, to find seated in the "Oriental Chair" their late Senior Warden, from which opposite direction he now addressed them as their elected and duly installed Master for the ensuing year. He then proceeded to install his officers, which are as follows:—Bro. Geo. A. Dalby, S.W.; James C. Young, J.W.; A. M. Forrest, Treas.; C. H. Distin, Sec.; Philip Stern, S.D.; John Jamieson, J.D.; F. J. Preston, I.G.; Bros. J. Robert Hopwood, George Fenton, Stewards; Robert Johnstone, Tyler.

The Treasurer and Tyler, with the W.M., were elected on a previous occasion, in accordance with the Bye-laws of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren, after exchanging compliments and expressing their satisfaction in the wise and commendable selection of officers, bespeak for him a "pleasurable" and "profitable" administration.

The banqueting board was replete with such of the good things of this life as were within the grasp of the indefatigable caterer, while the brethren manifested their high appreciation in something more reliable than mere words.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts went the rounds, and the brethren dispersed before the approach of the small hours. A more agreeable evening is rarely spent out of ladies' company.

We are glad to be able to call attention, with words of sincere commendation, to Bro. Harty's Chromo Lithograph of the Installation of our Royal Grand Master. It will furnish a handsome pendant, to the Lithograph of our Royal Brother, and we have no doubt that many of our lodges will be glad to adorn their walls with these appropriate mementoes of a very joyful event for English Freemasons.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the subscribers and governors of this Institution was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. John Savage, who was supported by Bros. Major J. Creaton, John Hervey, S. Rawson, Thomas Fenn, Edward Cox, F. Binckes, Major Philipps, W. Hale, H. M. Levy, James Terry (Secretary), H. Muggeridge, E. Harris, James Stevens, Samuel May, Thomas W. White, James Brett, Capt. Wordsworth, Henry Thompson, C. F. Hogard, H. Dubosc, A. H. Tattershall, W. Hilton, John Symonds, W. H. Green, Walter Hopekirk, J. G. Stevens, Thomas Cochrane, James Kindred, Richard Graves, Richard Spencer, G. Bolton, S. Oldroyd, John Chadwick, Henry Smith, George Wyatt, F. West, Samuel May, H. Browne, J. J. Berry, J. L. Hine, F. Adlard, L. Steane.

The following report of the committee was read by Bro. James Terry (Secretary).

In presenting to the governors and subscribers a record of the proceedings of the Institution for the past year the committee of management desire to express their grateful appreciation of the very generous and increasing support accorded to it.

To the Rt. Hon the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. G.M. for Staffordshire, in the first place, their best thanks are due for presiding at the annual festival on the 27th January last, and also to the 175 stewards who so handsomely seconded his lordship's efforts upon the occasion. By their exertions the largest sum yet realized was brought in, viz., £7020 16s. 6d., an amount a few years since even its most sanguine supporters could not have anticipated would have been raised for this Institution.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter the committee also return their thanks for the vote of £500 stock, as well as to the United Grand Lodge for again placing at their disposal by a grant of £70, the means of providing coals during the winter months to the inmates of the Institution at Croydon.

The committee have also much pleasure in stating that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., M.W.G.M., has accepted the position of President of the Institution; the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, K.G., M.W.P.G.M., has been filled up by the election of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., as Trustee of the Male and Widows' Funds, and of Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., of the Sustentation Fund. Another vacancy has also occurred in the Trusteeship by the death of the R.W. Benjamin Bond Cabbell, Prov. G.M. for Norfolk. This will have to be filled up to day.

Since the institution has been in existence 392 men and widows have been elected annuitants, who have received up to the present time £73,659 10s., viz., £48,642 5s. to the former and £25,017 5s. to the latter.

After the last election there were 120 men and 88 widows upon the Fund; the former now receive £36, and the latter £28 per annum each. There were also 14 widows in receipt of half the annuity allowed to their husbands, and this is continued to them (provided they are eligible) for a period of three years, or until their election to the full annuity at an earlier period.

There are on the list for election to-day 33 male and 34 female candidates. The deaths which have occurred during the past year have been 18 men and 6 widows; and the committee determined that all these vacancies should be filled up, and not only these, but in view of the large number of candidates, they have also determined to take on 22 additional annuitants, viz., 10 men and 12 widows, so that there will be 130 males and 100 females upon the funds, and 11 widows receiving the half annuity. The committee believe that this will meet with the approval of the governors and subscribers, and be especially gratifying to the Rt. Hon. Chairman and Board of Stewards of the late Festival, chiefly through whose exertions they have been enabled to increase the number.

The sum annually required to be raised to pay the annuitants will amount after this election to £7743, and the committee, relying upon the liberality of the Craft, venture to hope that not only may this be received, but that a much larger sum may be placed at their disposal to enable them to cope with the pressing claims of the numerous candidates constantly coming before them.

The committee have also to report that they have spent a considerable sum upon the Asylum at Croydon, in consequence of the nuisance caused to the inmates by the smoky chimneys; the measures taken they believe have proved a success, and added much to the comfort and enjoyment of the residents. They especially tender their thanks to H. J. Strong, Esq., M.D., the Hon. Surgeon, for the unremitting care and attention he at all times bestows upon the annuitants.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and disbursements during the past year, ending the 31st March, 1875, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 31st March, 1874	...	...	...	2347	5	5
Donations from Grand Lodge	500	0	0			
" Grand Chapter	100	0	0			
" Lodges, Chapters, and individuals	3591	1	1			
Annual Subscriptions	1042	7	0			
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	732	11	7			
Interest on cash at deposit	38	11	9			
Cash withdrawn from call	1700	0	0			
				7704	11	5

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Disbursements.

Payment to annuitants	4095	0	0
Annuity to W. Farnfield, late Secretary	100	0	0
Secretary's Salary	175	0	0
Clerk's Salary	43	15	0
Collector's Commission	183	1	0
Messenger	5	0	0
Secretary's Provincial Expenses	32	15	1
Medicine for inmates at Asylum	25	0	0
Warden, Gatekeeper, and Gardener at Asylum	51	0	0
Taxes, &c.	20	13	2
Furniture, Office, &c.	19	10	0
Stationery, Printing, &c.	69	11	4
Postage, &c., including expenses of Election	74	7	0
Power of Attorney to transfer Stock	0	11	6
Entertainment to Inmates	4	8	0
Petty Expenses	11	7	10
Rent for Office	18	0	0

Cash placed at deposit	4928	19	11
Purchase of £1500 3 per cent. Reduced Annuities	1500	0	0
	1393	2	6

Balance on this account	7822	2	5
	£2229	14	5

FEMALE FUND.

Receipts.

Balance 31st March, 1874	930	18	8
Donation from Grand Lodge	300	0	0
" Grand Chapter	50	0	0
" Lodges, Chapters, and individuals	2591	8	0
Annual Subscriptions	624	3	6
Dividend on Stock in the Government Funds	450	5	8
Interest on cash at deposit	38	11	6
Cash withdrawn from call	1800	0	0
	5854	8	8

	£6785	7	4
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Disbursements.

Payments to Annuitants	2633	15	0
Annuity to W. Farnfield, late Secretary	100	0	0
Secretary's Salary	175	0	0
Clerk's Salary	43	15	0
Collector's Commission	123	0	0
Messenger	5	0	0
Secretary's Provincial Expenses	32	15	2
Taxes, &c., Asylum	20	13	1
Furniture, Office and Asylum	19	9	10
Stationery, Printing, &c.	69	11	4
Postage, &c., including expenses of Election	68	6	4
Power of Attorney to transfer Stock	9	9	0
Entertainment to Inmates	4	8	0
Petty expenses	11	7	10
Rent for Office	18	0	0
Cash placed at deposit	500	0	0
Purchase of £1500 3 per cent. Reduced Annuities	1393	2	6

Balance on this account	5227	13	1
	1557	14	3

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance repaid Treasurer, due last account	7	6	11
Repairs	18	4	0
	25	10	11

Balance on this account	£4	9	1
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Total balance as per Auditors' Report to 31st March, 1875	£3791	17	9
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The permanent income of the Institution is as follows:—			
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MALE FUND.

Annual grant from Grand Lodge	500	0	0
" Chapter	100	0	0
Dividend on £23,450 Stock in Government Funds	732	11	7
	1332	11	7

FEMALE FUND.

Annual grant from Grand Lodge	300	0	0
" Chapter	50	0	0
Dividend on £15,950 Stock in Government Funds	450	5	8
	800	5	8

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds	30	0	0
	£2162	17	3

Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, F. Adlard and J. Bellerby were re-elected on the committee, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little was elected on the committee in place of Bro. D. H. Jacobs, resigned.			
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Bros. J. Symonds, H. G. Warren, and A. H. Tattershall were elected auditors.

The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot was elected to fill the vacant Trusteeship of the Male and Female Annuity Funds, caused by the death of Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell and Major Creaton, was elected to fill the vacancy in the Trusteeship of the Sustentation Fund caused by the same event.

Major Creaton thanked the brethren for electing him, and promised faithful performance of his duties in that capacity whenever he was called upon to act.

The election was then proceeded with; and successful candidates were announced, a list of which will be found to the advertisement on our front page.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and scrutineers were then carried, and having been responded to, the meeting was dissolved.

GRAND LODGE BALANCE SHEET FOR 1874.

FUND FOR BENEVOLENCE.

Analysis of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1874.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance in hand of Grand Treasurer, 1st January, 1874				1067	16	10
Dividends on Consols	920	19	10			
Contributions of Lodges	5594	9	1			
Fees of Honour	106	1	0			
Donations	5	0	0			
Sale of Calendar and Pocket Books, 1873—4	7	1	3			
				6633	11	2
Instalment on Account of Loan to Fund of General Purposes				5091	17	6
Interest on Loan to Fund of General Purposes				120	0	0
				£12913	5	6

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sundry Amounts voted to Petitioners	4020	0	0			
Donations to Royal Benevolent Institution	800	0	0			
Printing Summaries of Lodge of Benevolence	16	3	0			
				4836	3	0
Purchase of £7,500 3 per cent. Consols				6953	2	6
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, at 31st Dec., 1874				1124	0	0
				£12913	5	6

FUND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

Analysis of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1874.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at 1st Jan., 1874				992	14	9
Rents for House Property, Lodges, &c.	2748	5	2			
Contributions of Lodges	7675	14	0			
Fees of Honour	62	2	6			
				10486	1	8
Sale of Books of Contributions	206	9	3			
Sale of Charity Medals	25	4	0			
Subscriptions for Grand Lodge Reports	6	5	0			
				237	18	3
Grand Chapter for one-fifth of the Salaries for the year				324	0	0
				£12040	14	8

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Rates and Taxes	804	8	7			
Repairs and Decorations	480	15	1			
Purchase of Charity Medals	26	5	0			
Printing and Stationery	233	8	0			
Certificates and Warrants	367	11	4			
Salaries	1734	12	0			
Wages	376	0	0			
Miscellaneous Expenses	257	4	6			
Postages	95	0	0			
Petty Disbursement	99	4	1			
Donations and Pensions	1158	17	0			
				5633	5	7

Instalment on account of Loan from Fund of Benevolence				5091	17	6
Interest on Loan from Fund for Benevolence				120	0	0
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, 31st Dec., 1874				1023	16	7
Ditto—Secretary, for Petty Cash... Do. Servants' Wages	75	0	0	96	15	0
				1195	11	7
				£12040	14	8

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on the 7th July, at the Alexandra Palace, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, presiding. For this festival there are already some 230 stewards, a number which will probably be considerably increased during the next six weeks. The dinner will be served at five o'clock, which is an hour earlier than usual, and this novelty will be added to by the innovation on customary Masonic rules of ladies joining the brethren at the banquet table. Four novelties at one festival—change of date and change in location, earlier hours, and lady participants—are surely enough to satisfy any brethren who may wish to see a departure from Masonic line and rule. For the success of the new plan the Institution has our best wishes, though we should have been pleased to see the old ways adhered to, and the old home of Freemasonry, Freemasons' Hall and the Tavern, preserved at

the scene where the great triumphs of all the Charitable Institutions of the Craft have been achieved. Still the change should not cause any brethren who may entertain the ancient opinions to relax in the measure of their support to this great educational establishment; for, after all, it is in the object to be attained, and not in the details of the manner of attaining it, that assistance is sought from the Craft. In this object we feel confident all will concur, and we hope to have the gratification of announcing in due course that the 77th Anniversary Festival has been the most successful yet held by the subscribers of the Boys' School. Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, Chaplin Henry, Kerr Gedde, and E. Van Noorden will provide the musical entertainment on the occasion.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 4, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 29.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec. Lily Lodge of Instruction (829), Greyhound, Richmond. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, MAY 31.

Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st. Red Cross Conclave, Premier, Regent Mas. H., Regent-st. Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor. Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor. Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7. Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor. British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8. St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor. Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors. West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8. Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

Colonial Board, at 3. Half-yearly Communication Grand Mark Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st., at 5. See Advt.] Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square. " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor. Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor. Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor. Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor. Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor. Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Rishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor. St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor. Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W. Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30. Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor. Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7, p.m. Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor. New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8. Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec. Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar. Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall. " 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road. " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey. Chap. 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor. Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec. Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor. United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor. Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor. Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor. Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank. Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor. The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30. High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls-Pond-road, N. Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors. St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich. Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor. Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Halham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8. Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor. Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor. Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor. Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor. Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8. Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor. United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor. St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor. Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor. Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor. Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor. St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W. Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8. Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor. Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggieridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 5, 1875.

MONDAY, MAY 31.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone. " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool. Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. Mark Lodge 161, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale. Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley. " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan. " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh. Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8. De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6. Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury. " 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy. " 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 5, 1875. All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 31.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street. Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-st., Kingston.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

Lodge 31, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street. " 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Hamilton. " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow. " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street. " 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street. " 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs. " 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton. " 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galton. " 406, St. John, Dalziel Masonic Hall, Motherwell. " 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington. " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan. " 497, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 6, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning. " 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street. " 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark. " 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon. " 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock. " 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston. " 166, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie. " 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Maybole. " 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-street. " 442, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

Royal Order for West of Scotland, 213, Buchanan-street. Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole. " 22, St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock. " 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine. " 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith. " 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr. " 202, St. Clement's, Trades Tavern, Kilmarnock. " 320, St. John, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan. " 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley. " 465, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garngad-road.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang. " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen. " 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton. " 156, St. Barchan, Mason's Arms, Kilbarchan. " 175, Greenock, St. John's Hall, Greenock. " 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathavon. " 217, Cumberland, Town Hall, Port Glasgow. " 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone. " 244, Union St. John, Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse. " 248, Lockhart St. John, Masonic Hall, Carnwarth. " 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st, Calton. " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street. " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st. " 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Millport. " 512, Thormtree, Masonic Hall, Thormliebank. " 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5.

Lodge 458, St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Busby. " 544, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 5, 1875.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street. " 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, Register-street. " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-st.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall. " 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, Register-street.

Installation of H.B.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master.

Copies of THE FREEMASON for May 1st and 8th, containing a full and accurate account of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Most Worshipful Grand Master and First Grand Principal, may still be obtained at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, or of any News-agent.

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LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, DUDLEY.

On Monday morning, the corner stone of St. Luke's New Church, Wellington Road, was laid with full Masonic ceremonial, by the Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, in the presence of a large number of the Craft, and also of Visitors. For some time past there has been a great want of Church accommodation in the neighbourhood of the dock and the Wellington Road, the services having to be held in a Mission Room in the dock. The funds being limited, the Church is to be built in a plain and inexpensive manner, the architects, Bros. Davies and Middleton, intending to rely more on solidity of construction and general proportion than upon ornamentation. The material is to be red bricks inside and out, the bricks being much thinner than those usually employed. The edifice will be relieved by brick mouldings, as will also the lancet-headed windows. The Church is to consist of a nave 96 feet by 35 feet, with aisles used for passages only 6 feet wide. There will be a clear storey carried by an arcade of six bays, light being given to the Church by the large windows in the clear storey. All the seats are to be placed within the columns, so that the worshippers may have an unobstructed view of the chancel and the preacher. This was a novelty four years ago when the plans were made. Its advantages are obvious. The chancel is to be 35 feet by 21 feet, with an organ chapel on the north side, and a priests' vestry on the south side. A vestry suitable for church business will be made beneath the chancel. The Church when finished will accommodate 500 persons, but with chairs in the aisles, about 150 more. The Church is to be entirely free and unappropriated for ever.

The brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at the Dudley Arms Hotel about eleven o'clock, when the following were in attendance:—The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. Hudson Royds; Worshipful Brothers, W. Masfield, D.P.G.M.; J. Rutland, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Westwood, P.J.G.W.; S. Smith, P.P.G.S.W.; and the following Worshipful Brethren:—W. H. Jones, P.P.G.W.; W. Hollier, P.P.G.W.; B. Brookes, P.P.G.W.; W. R. Cosens, D.D., P.G. Chaplain; Canon R. H. Baynes, P.P.G. Chaplain; C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.G. Treasurer; H. G. Goldingham, P.G. Registrar; H. Cross, W.M., 1204, P.P.G. Registrar; G. Baldwin, P.P.G. Registrar; W. Bristow, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Secretary; G. Smith, P.P.G.D.; E. J. Wright, P.J.G.D.; C. F. G. Clark, P.M., 252, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Broomhall, P.G. Superintendent of Works; E. Poole, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; A. A. Sylvester, Assist. P.G. Director of Ceremonies; A. F. Godson, P.P.G.D.C.; G. T. Bloomer, P.G.S.B.; T. Brettell, P.P.G.S.B.; G. J. Westbury, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Troman, P.G. Organist; S. Foley, C. Williams, C. Blunsom, J. Thompson, and J. H. Fisher, P.G. Stewards; J. Stokes, W.M., 252; D. Bradley, P.M., 498; J. S. Hoppett, W.M., 498; G. M. J. Bourne, W.M., 529; R. H. Keswick, P.S.G.W.C.L.; W. H. Tarleton, P.G. Chaplain, Warwickshire; G. Phillips, P.M., 254; J. Stanley, P.G. Tyler. The following Brethren were also present:—G. T. Owen, 252; J. Dawes, 498; T. F. Higgs, 252; W. Smith, S.W., 252; J. H. Morgan, 498; J. Clements, 498; G. M. Waring, 347; G. F. Thompson, 252; E. C. Middleton, 794; J. B. Davies, 252; F. B. Whitford, 573; H. Burton,

P.M., and P.G.D.C.; R. Lansmere, 1087; A. F. Godson, P.G.M., 1097; J. Jordan, 498; P. P. Baker, 347; G. Bagott, J.W., 252; M. S. Allen, 252; J. Davis, S.W., 498; W. C. Walker, 252; S. Bagott, 252; A. Green, 252; W. Bagott, 252; J. S. Fisher, 1163; W. Gittos, 496; H. Cope, 526; H. Bagott, Treasurer, 252; J. V. Stallard, 280; W. Underwood, 1204; R. L. Campbell, 564; C. Williams, 564; J. Nayler, 252; C. L. Lister, 252; B. Priddy, 564; J. Phillips, J. D., 529; G. Taylor, J.W., 377; W. Waring, S.G., 252; J. Russell, 252; J. H. Harris, S.D., 1163; E. Nayler, 252; G. B. Pendovey, 564; R. Lawrence, 1097; J. Blundell, Organist, 560; E. C. Bloomer, J. D. 573; J. Dixon, J. D., 377; B. Woodward, W.M., 377; J. Smith, Tyler, 280; and J. Garner, Tyler, 252. After the Brethren had partaken of an excellent luncheon, which was generously provided by the Mayor of Dudley (Bro. J. Stokes), the Craft Lodge was opened in the third degree by the W.M. (Bro. J. Stokes) of the Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).

The lodge having been closed in due form the P.G.M. and his officers entered it, when the P.G.M. opened the P.G.L. in the third degree. It was afterwards resumed to the first degree, when three entered apprentices were admitted to take part in the closing ceremony, after which the brethren went in procession to the Parish Church, headed by the united choirs of the Churches in Dudley, and the following clergy:—E. H. L. Noot; G. Bradley; J. J. Slade; H. J. Phillips; Dr. Dixon; A. O. Cherrington; J. Jordan; J. T. Grosvenor, and the Rev. Dr. Cosens, who wore his robes of Doctor of Divinity.

The united choirs led the way singing the processional hymn "Brightly Gleams our Banner." After them followed the Mayor (Bro. J. Stokes) in his robes of office, and his clothing as W.M. of the Harmonic Lodge, accompanied by the Town Clerk (Mr. J. H. Brooke), and some members of the Corporation. The P.G.M. and his officers followed lastly, and just before reaching the Church the leading files of the Freemasons opened to allow the P.G.M. and his officers to pass through their ranks, a ceremony which was subsequently repeated at the site of the New Church, and also at the Public Hall.

At the Parish Church, a short service was held, and an eloquent and impressive address delivered, by the Rev. Bro. Canon Baynes, M.A., Vicar of St. Michael's Coventry, after which, the brethren reformed, and walked in procession to the site of the New Church, where the stone was laid according to the ancient customs of the Craft.

The P.G.M. said, they had met that day for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a Church to be dedicated to the Great Architect of the Universe. It was to be laid in accordance with Masonic ritual, and he would ask the P.G.T. if he held the dispensation for such a service. Bro. W. Bristow stepped forward, and read the dispensation, after which the P.G.M. addressed the W.M. of the Harmonic Lodge (Bro. J. Stokes), and said: "You have my commands that that dispensation be kept on the minute of your lodge, there to appear for ages to come." Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.G. Treasurer then placed in a cavity in the under stone, a sealed bottle, containing copies of the local papers, and the current coins of the realm.

Bro. W. Bristow, P.G.T., then read the inscription engraved on the plate as follows:—[Maltese Cross] "The foundation stone of the Church of St. Luke was laid this 24th day of May, A.L. 5875, A.D. 1875, by Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, R.W. P.G.M., in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of the Craft."—[Maltese Cross]. (Signed) Davies and Middleton, architects; Wm. Nelson, builder.

The stone having been lowered into its place, the P.G.M. then asked Bro. J. B. Davies if he was an entered apprentice, and being answered by him in the affirmative, presented to him the "levers," and with it a command that the "levers" be placed among the archives of his lodge.

The stone was then duly proven by plumb, rule, level, and square, after which the P.G.M. was presented with a silver trowel, when he laid the stone saying, "Christ our Priest, Christ our Prophet, Christ our King, I declare this stone well and truly laid." He then presented to Bro. J. Stokes, the "gavel," to be placed among the archives of his lodge. He was likewise presented with the plumb, rule, level and square, the P.G.M. saying, "enter these upon the archives of your lodge, and remember that upright behaviour, level step and square conduct, will help you or any other man to bear the hard knocks of the world."

He then took corn from a M.M., and sprinkling a portion of it upon the stone, said, "I dedicate this stone by sprinkling upon it corn, the emblem of plenteousness." Pouring upon it wine he said, "I dedicate this stone by pouring upon it wine, the emblem of gladness." Likewise pouring upon it oil, he said, "I dedicate this stone by pouring upon it oil, the emblem of consolation, and may the Great

God whom we worship grant a blessing to it." A number of ladies then placed purses upon the stone, after which three hearty cheers were given for the Queen, three for the P.G.M., and three for the Mayor, when the procession was reformed and proceeded to the Public Hall, where a luncheon was given.

After the removal of the cloth the Mayor presided, and the usual loyal toasts having been given and duly honoured, the Mayor gave the toast, "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese."

The Rev. Bro. Canon Baynes in responding said, he regretted that the toast had fallen to him, because upon his right sat his dear brother the Vicar of Dudley, whose office it was. They all regretted that the Vicar of Dudley had lost his voice through cold, therefore he was at a very great disadvantage. He knew how full Dr. Cosens' heart was, and he very much regretted that Dr. Cosens' throat was so much inferior to the state of his heart. In conclusion he was glad to congratulate his dear brother the Vicar of Dudley, for it was a grand thing to lay a foundation stone of a church in any parish, and they could not help feeling that the grand work they were now beginning was a work in which all must feel the deepest interest. (Applause.)

The Mayor then proposed "Success to St. Luke's Church," and, in doing so, said that every person who worshipped God ought to rejoice to see another temple raised to the worship of that God. (Cheers.)

The Rev. Bro. Dr. Cosens, in responding to the toast, said that he could not forget that on the previous day he entered upon the thirty-third year of his ministry. He regretted that he was debarred from speaking much, but still he was not speaking in words of affectation when he said that he regarded that day as a golden one in his life. He returned his sincere thanks to his dear brother in his own Craft, who had come that day to lay the stone, as well as to his other brethren, who had so nobly assisted in the ceremony. (Applause.) He was quite sure that neither churchmen nor the members of any other religious body, nay, he might say even of that body who had been most bitter against the Craft in recent times, could do otherwise than say that the ceremony of that day had been dignified or Christian. (Cheers.) There had entered their minds the one thought of the supreme God whom they served. The praises sung in the sanctuary first, and then the solemn way with all the peculiarities (if they liked) and old traditions of their Craft, in which the stone was laid, was a way that would never be forgotten in the minds of those who were present that day. (Loud cheers.)

The Mayor, in proposing the health of the P.G.M., said the ladies were always so anxious to learn the secrets of the Craft, that for this occasion he would reveal them; they were to reverence God, to love their brother, to relieve their necessities, and to subdue their own feelings. (Applause.) That was what they had to illustrate when they met as Masons, and after that he hoped no lady would keep her husband back. (Laughter.)

The P.G.M. having responded, the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

EDINBURGH—A FUNERAL LODGE.

A Funeral Lodge was held in the Lodge, St. Andrew, No. 48, in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, on Friday, the 21st ult., in memory of Bro. Dr. William Hammond, R.W.M. The lodge was opened and raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Dr. W. S. Carmichael, P.M., assisted by Bro. Lindsay Mackersy, P.M., acting S.W.; Bro. C. G. Christie, P.M., No. 36, acting J.W.; David Knight, Sec.; Dr. Jas. Carmichael, D.M.; W. Hay, P.M.; D. Kinnear, P.M.; D. J. T. Loth, P.M., and a large attendance of the brethren, Bro. W. M. Bryce acting as Director of Ceremonies. There were also present Bros. William Officer, P.M., No. 1, P.G.D., G.L. of Scotland; W. W. Kennedy, R.W.M., No. 36; Dr. Geo. Dickson, S.M., No. 1, Rev. Wm. Graham, No. 48; R. Wadler, R.W.M., No. 145; R. S. Brown, P.M., No. 145; Dr. Stevenson, D.M., No. 160, &c., &c. The following is the programme of the proceedings:—

Solemn music (while brethren are taking their seats)—"Dead March in Saul."

Office-bearers of lodge, accompanied by office-bearers of sister lodges, enter in procession, and take their appointed seats.

"Marche Funebre"—Beethoven—Organ.

The Past Master then opened the lodge.

Prayer by the Chaplain:—

"Most Glorious God, Author of all good, and giver of all mercy, pour down Thy blessings upon us, and strengthen all our solemn engagements with the ties of fraternal affection. Let these striking instances of mortality remind us of our approaching fate, and so fit and prepare us for that awful period, whenever it may arrive, that after our departure hence, in peace and in Thy favour, we may be received into Thy everlasting kingdom. Amen."

Grand honours.

Selection from Requiem—Mozart—Organ.
Anthem.—Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Who shall not glorify Thy name, for Thou alone art holy, thou only art the Lord!

Service and responses by the brethren.

Master. What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of death?

Brethren. Man walketh in a vain shadow, he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

Master. When he dieth, he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him.

Brethren. Naked we come into the world, and naked we must return. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Grand honours.

ORATION, BY BRO. WILLIAM HAY, PM.,
Senior Deacon, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Brethren, we are called upon by a most solemn admonition to regard the uncertainty of human life—the immutable certainty of death, and the vanity of all human pursuits. Decrepitude and decay are written on every living thing. Weakness and imperfection are the incidents of our fallen condition; the damp dark grave is our destiny and our doom. The cradle and the coffin stand in juxtaposition, and as soon as we begin to live, that moment we also begin to die. What an eloquent commentary is here exhibited on the instability of every human pursuit, and how strikingly does it echo the sad sentiment of that great preacher who wrote for our perpetual warning the immortal text: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." There is a moment in the performance of one of the most sublime of all the degrees of Masonry (the third degree) that is calculated strongly to impress the mind with the most solemn reflections on the subject of death: there is a moment also in the experience of every one who has followed the remains of a friend or relation to their long home when those impressions must be deepened by the solemnities accompanying the last sad offices paid to the dead—dust to dust—ashes to ashes—when the sound of the falling earth strikes upon the ear with its dull hollow thud, what heart does not beat with bated force? What soul does not feel a momentary sympathy with the spirit of the departed? How eagerly do we desire to think and speak of its worth? how tenderly do we treat of its foibles and imperfections? Notwithstanding the lessons which are inculcated by our most solemn ceremonies—the constant preaching of religion and science, regarding the mutability of nature—the proofs of all this, which are constantly passing in review, including the scenes of sorrow we daily witness, we are too apt to forget that we are born to die. The brother, whose death we are met this evening to deplore, was, only a few weeks ago, in the enjoyment of vigorous health. By the sudden attack of a virulent disease, caught, it is believed, in the exercise of his professional duty, his life is ended at the early age of 43 years.

Although not long a member of our fraternity, having been initiated in this lodge only three years ago, his amiable and genial nature soon attracted the notice and secured the affections of his brethren, as they did also all who came into contact with him. He occupied the chair of this lodge since last St. John's Day; he entered upon its duties with a true desire to fulfil his obligations to the best of his ability, and we all know how well he performed his task. Had he been spared he would have been an ornament to the Craft, but he has been called upon, at the summons of the Great Master, to take his place in the Grand Lodge above, where the wages are jointly and equally paid, whether we have wrought here out one short hour or have borne the burden and heat of the day. The life of our late brother was so uniform that it was more like the gentle gliding stream than the rapid and turbulent river. When he completed his medical education, and had taken his degree in the University of St. Andrews, he practised for twelve years in his native town of Brechin, where he was most useful and greatly respected. He held the office of Medical Director in the Royal Infirmary of this town, as well as secretary to the Literary and Scientific Institute. He removed to Edinburgh about five years ago, where he continued to practice with considerable success. He was recently appointed Medical Officer to one of the Parochial Boards of this city, and one of his first duties was to attend the family of a poor widow, where six children were ill of scarlet fever. The children had scarcely got well when the poor mother took ill of typhus. Our late brother's attendance on this poor family was constant and untiring, and his kindness will ever be gratefully remembered. I have no doubt by the poor widow and her children, for it may be said to have cost him his life. But he died, we may say, nobly at his post, and there is no greater hero than the physician who hazards his

life for the well being of his kind, and not only his own, but the lives of his family and friends, by the constant danger of contact with virulent disease. Brethren let us cherish the memory of a brother so brave and good. Let the broad mantle of a Mason's charity cover his imperfections, whatever they may have been. Here is a brother dead in the middle of his days—and so have we seen many others die. Let us take heed that our work be done. The finger on our dial may be approaching the concluding twelve; our glass may have in it but a little sand; our sun may be going down. The shadows of the evening with some of us are already stretched out upon the mountains, and in a few moments it may be night with us, when we cannot work. Let us take heed that when the grave opens to receive us, that our sins do not lie down with us in the dust.

Brethren. So mote it be.

Service, with responses.

Master. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

Brethren. God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our God even unto death.

Grand honours.

Anthem—Kent.

O Lord, our Governor, O how excellent is Thy name in all the world.

Service with responses.

Master. May we be true and faithful; and may we live and die in love.

Brethren. So mote it be.

Master. May we always profess what is good; and may we always act agreeably to our profession.

Brethren. So mote it be.

Anthem—"Vital Spark."

Master. May the Lord bless us, and prosper us; and may our good intentions be crowned with success.

Brethren. So mote it be.

Master. Glory be to God on high,—on earth peace, and goodwill towards men.

Brethren. So mote it be; now, from henceforth, and for evermore. Amen.

Grand honours.

Bro. the Rev. William Graham, then gave the following address: Brethren, this solemn service throughout has reminded me of the feelings expressed on Tabor—"It is good for us to be here." The funeral dirge, at all times solemn, but never more so than in a Masonic assembly. We have the emblems of the grave—the coffin—the darkened room—the black drapery—the deep-toned choruses—and the sacred hallelujah—raising the soul from the sorrows below to the joys above, whither we believe our departed brother has ascended, by the stary pathway into the presence of the Great Master, and of the assembled throng. While cherishing his memory of self-sacrificing deeds among the sick and the dying, we forget not in our prayers the widow and the orphan boy. May the Great Architect of the Universe put it into the hearts of survivors to be kind to them for the father's sake. There is no night of sorrow, however dark, but has some star visible. It is so here to night, above us the stars seem shining; around us are the Word of God and the square and compasses pointing to the great and the only true Centre yonder, and the columns of the Great Temple, and the light streaming beyond, the first step into which leads the brother on step by step, through corridors and hall, up to Heaven's Temple, in whose Holy of holies, the Great Master sits, Himself the "LOGOS," emphatically THE WORD. With such emblems above, around, and yonder, we are thus able in our mourning to trace upwards, through the skies, the progress of our departed brother, who has found the celestial centre. He is in light. "The vital spark of heavenly flames" is before the great centre sun. May we so walk in the light here, that when our labours are finished in building the temple, our dying song may be, "O grave, where is thy victory, O death, where is thy sting?" and our eternal progress through the stars may be in the midst of light—endlessly—our sun never again going down, and our moon never again withdrawing her shining, but when THE WORD Himself will be the everlasting light, and the days of our mourning shall be ended.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

"Almighty Architect of the Universe, unto the grave has been resigned the body of our loving brother, to remain until the day of general resurrection. We earnestly pray thee, at that great and dreadful day to extend thy infinite mercy towards all of us, and to crown our felicity with everlasting bliss in Thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Grand honours.

The Past Master then closed the funeral lodge.

The choral services were under the management of Bro. A. Edmunds, supported by Bro. G. M. Davidson, and a choir of eight voices. Bro. F. W. Bridgman presiding at the organ. The choruses were most effectively and correctly rendered—the whole ceremony having a most solemn and impressive effect upon all present.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND 33°.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council for Scotland of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 18th inst., there being present—J. Whyte-Melville, Esq., Bennoch and Strathkinness, M.P.; S.G.C. the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, V.P., L.G.C.; Lindsay Mackersy, Esq., W.S., Ill. G.G.S., H.E.; William Mann, Esq., W.S., Ill. G.G.T., H.E., and Henry Inglis, Esq., of Torsonce, Ill. G.S.B. The following Ill. Bros. were admitted to the 32° (S.P.R.S.), viz.: Hector F. McLean, Esq., of Carnwath, P.G.M. Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, and Col. Alex. Wilson, D.P.G.M., Stirlingshire; and to the 31° (G.I.I.C.), Ill. Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Arran, and J. G. S. Coghill, Esq., M.D. After the meeting the members of the Supreme Council dined together in the Banquet Hall, and there were also present at the dinner the following members of the other degrees holding of the Supreme Council, viz.: of the 32°, Sir Molyneux H. Nepean; Lauderdale Maitland, Esq., of Eccles; W. N. Fraser, Esq., of Tornaveen; William Hay, Esq., and Adolph Robinow, Esq., German Consul. Of the 31°, Alex. Hay, Esq.; Geo. Murray, Esq., C.A., and Alex. Mitchell, Esq.; and of the 30°, Major W. H. Ramsay, of Garion; H. Y. D. Copland, Esq.; Bailie J. J. Muirhead; Dr. J. T. Loth, and H. J. Coventry, Esq., W.S.

Correspondence.

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

INITIATION FEES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you grant space to discuss a subject of a very practical character, viz., Initiation Fees?

The lodge of which I have the honour to be W.M. has lately revised its by-laws, and on completion of the revision sent a copy to the proper authorities for approval and endorsement. The said authority took exception to the initiation fee of £4 4s., as being insufficient and less than is required by the Book of Constitutions—article, "Of Proposing Members," clause 9. This clause runs as follows:

"No person shall be made a Mason for less than three guineas, exclusive of the registering fee, nor shall a lodge on any pretence remit or defer payment of any part of this sum."

The aforesaid authority ruled that the term "registering fee" includes—

1.	The Grand Lodge Fee	-	£0	10	6
2.	Certificate Fee	-	0	6	6
3.	Prov. G.L. Dues	-	0	5	0
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			£1	2	0

The phrase "registering fee" is, however, in the singular, and wherever it occurs in the Book of Constitutions in connection with initiated members, seems always to mean the 10s. 6d. for registering in Books of Grand Lodge, and nothing more.

Indeed, under the article "Certificates," clause 1, a distinction is expressly made between the registering fee and the fee for certificates, which latter, it says, "may be taken out of the initiation fee." This appears conclusive.

As to Prov. G.L. dues, under the article "Prov. Grand Lodges," clause 4, permission is given to Prov. Grand Lodges to form a Provincial Fund of Benevolence, and to levy dues for its maintenance on the lodges within its province. But I submit these dues are levied on the lodges and not on individuals, although, for the purposes there stated and for the sake of equity, the dues assume a caputal form. Further, the Prov. G.L. "may," or may not, fix these dues at the maximum there laid down, and has power to charge 5s., 4s., 3s., 2s., 1s., or 0s. I have had some trouble as regards the foregoing, and hope some Brother with leisure and experience will state his views of the matter.

I cannot think the "ipse dixit" of any authority, however high, should impose conditions on a lodge against the wish of its members, unless based on the clear statements of the Book of Constitutions.

I am, yours fraternally,

BETA, W.M., P.M., P.G.S.D.

NOTE.—1. The fee in the old by-laws has been £4 4s. for many years. 2. In London district 21s. is the registering fee.

PAST RANK.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your paper of the 1st inst. I observe amongst the names of the brethren occupying the seats of the table presided over by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, that of George Laurie, P.D.G.M. of Turkey.

For my own information, as well as that of the Masonic body under the English constitution in Constantinople, you will oblige me by stating how this error found a place in your valuable paper.

Bro. George Laurie never was District Grand Master of Turkey, and consequently could not be Past District Grand Master. In consequence of the death of our D.G.M. John P. Brown, and that of the D.D.G.M. Alex. Thompson, which followed very closely, Bro. Geo. Laurie exercised the functions of D.G.M. for some months. But article 7, page 58 of the Book of Constitutions, states that the "brother exercising such functions shall not assume that title; nor shall he, after having so acted, be entitled to rank as a Past District Grand Master, or to wear the Masonic clothing appropriate to that office."

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

HENRY NEWBOLT, D.D.G.M. for Turkey.

Constantinople, 18th May, 1875.

THE FATHER OF FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the several letters under the above heading which have appeared in the recent issues of the *Freemason*, it is pleasing to observe the great deference paid to our aged brethren. In a letter from Bro. Spears, P.M. 158, in the *Freemason* of the 22nd instant, he states, "The brethren of the Province of Kent are proud of having among them the two oldest brethren of the Craft," who, it appears, were initiated in 1814 and 1815 respectively.

I have great pleasure in stating, for Bro. Spears' information, that there is now residing at Hayle, Cornwall, an older member of the craft than either of the above, in the person of Bro. Nicholas Donithorne, who was initiated in the One and All Lodge 330, Bodmin, April 6th, 1812. It is therefore, to the brethren of the Province of Cornwall that belong the honour of having among them the oldest brother of the Craft, and he a Cornishman.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

RICH. RICH, P.M. 330,

P. Prov. J.G.W. of Cornwall.

Bodmin, May 25, 1875.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

There appears to be often a difficulty, on the advancement of a brother to the rank of Mark Master Mason, in the selection of an appropriate mark, no intimation having previously been given as to the necessity for it. Thus the time of the members of the lodge is wasted, and the candidate is probably afterwards dissatisfied with his hurried selection, made under excitement, and when he hardly comprehends what is required. Some twelve years ago, on the formation of a Mark Lodge in another province, I established a book with hundreds of suitable Masonic Marks, as suggestive to candidates, and from which they might make a choice. Having now undertaken to prepare a similar book for another Mark Lodge which I have lately joined, I have looked through the *Freemason's Magazine*, from 1858 till the publication of it ceased in 1871, under an impression that from this source I obtained most of the marks, copied from ancient buildings. I find only a few, however; but have met with a reference to the publication of some sheets containing a large collection. Can any Bro. give information where they may be obtained?

H. H., P.G.J.W. of England.

A DOUBTFUL MASONIC ACT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The lodge with which I have the honour to be connected has recently received, for sale to the brethren, a number of tickets for a lottery in connection with the St. John's Lodge, Hawick, No. 111. I should like to ask if such a method of raising the wind is permitted by Grand Lodge? It is evident that the promoters of the "spec" are not the most highly educated of mortals, for one prize is described as "Aneroid's Barometer." It may be they are as ignorant of the law of the country with

respect to lotteries, as I am of the whereabouts of "Mr. Aneroid," who he was, and why he so called himself. If so, it is very easy to be charitable, and give them credit for only being mistaken and not wilful sinners. Will you kindly give the members of No. 111 a hint to, anyhow, keep their gambling to themselves, and not to offend by thrusting their illegal and unmasonic raffle tickets into respectable lodges.

I am, fraternally yours,

JOSIAH ROSE.

Leigh (1354), May 26, 1875.

STEWARDS' JEWEL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have just seen a circular letter addressed by the Grand Secretary to the brethren who officiated as Stewards on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, asking them whether they would desire to receive a Commemoration Jewel. The cost of each jewel is to be £5, the intrinsic value of the metal contained in it being a little over £2. As there were some 400 Stewards at the installation, the aggregate difference between the cost and value of the jewels will (supposing each Steward to provide himself with one) amount to some £1,100 or £1,200, which seems a long price to pay for design and labour.

I venture to think that, unless it is announced that a large share of this handsome surplus is to be devoted to charity, 400 jewels will not be asked for, and that it would have been well to have fixed a lower price for a decoration which each Steward would like to possess, but which he may not be in a position to purchase.

I am, yours fraternally,

BUSY BEE.

Reviews.

SECOND NOTICE.

BY WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Secret Societies. By Charles William Heckethorn.

"Secret Societies" is the title of a new work issued from the Chiswick Press, and published by Richard Bentley & Son, in two vols., small 8vo. The book is most compactly arranged, and being in numbered paragraphs, nothing could be better for convenience of reference. From the preface I gather that Mr. Heckethorn has for many years been fascinated with the subject of secret societies, the study of which has long engaged his attention, and it was his intention to collect, in a comprehensive work, all the information that could be obtained concerning one of the most curious phases of the history of mankind—those secret organizations, religious, political and social, which have existed from the most remote ages down to the present time.

It would be strange if all this could be found in the two volumes now before us of some 700 pages; but certainly an immense quantity of interesting particulars of many societies but little known, and of others now forgotten, have been condensed, and presented in a most readable form by Mr. Heckethorn, and though we cannot sympathize with many of his views, I am none the less ready to acknowledge the industry and skill which have been manifested in the production of the volumes in question. Much of the labours of Signor De Castro have been utilized in the present work, especially his "Il Mondo Segreto," which Mr. Heckethorn first intended to translate, but which translation, commenced at first for publication, was abandoned for independent researches, and simply using De Castro as required.

The author's rule has been to include in the work "all societies as secret which had or have secret rites and ceremonies kept from the outer world, though the society itself be no secret at all." He considers that, thanks to secret societies themselves, they are no longer needed, at least not in the realms of thought; but whilst uttering this opinion, I learn in the next paragraph that, "in politics, however, circumstances will arise in every age to call them into existence, and though they seldom attain their direct object, yet they are not without influence on the relations between ruler and ruled, advantageously for the latter in the long run, though not immediately."

In a brief notice such as this it would be impossible to follow the author in his researches, and especially in the region where he is as much at a loss as ourselves; but, if space permitted, I should certainly like to correct a few of the errors he has fallen into in attempting to describe and put a value on the Society of Freemasons, of whose aims and

objects he is evidently in ignorance, though he attempts to teach us *what is Freemasonry!* Mr. Heckethorn declares that "few statements are made which could not be supported by numerous and weighty authorities," but on applying that test to his remarks on Freemasonry, I find that such is not the case, for he could not furnish us with one "weighty authority" for several of his assertions. In the list of authorities are Barruel, Robinson, Carlile, and others such. To learn what Freemasonry is from a man like Carlile, who spent a portion of his life in Bedford jail, for blasphemy, and never was a Mason, would be as reasonable as to be taught the contents of the Holy Bible from Tom Paine's "Age of Reason."

Mr. Heckethorn is not a Mason, but I venture to think that had he carefully studied a few of the other authorities he mentions, such as Dr. Mackay, and the Rev. George Oliver, D.D., he could not have so misrepresented our ancient and honourable Society. The answer to "What Mote it be" would not result in such as the following, if the works of those who knew what they wrote about had been consulted:—"There is nothing in the history of modern Masonry, in this country at least, that deserves to be recorded," (p. 311). Again, after speaking of the three principles of the Society (*brotherly love, relief, and truth*), the writer asks, "To what does this action amount? To eating, drinking, and mummery." Now, although I find many excellent suggestions and views of Freemasonry scattered over the two volumes, I cannot shut my eyes to the foregoing, and I can scarcely help thinking that some other motive than what appears on the surface must have prompted Mr. Heckethorn to so describe a Society to which he devotes about half of one volume in a consideration of its history and character. Further on in the work I read—"After this necessarily brief account of Freemasonry, past and present, the question naturally suggests itself, What is its present use? Is it not an institution that has outlived the object of its foundation? Are its pretensions not groundless, and its existence a delusion and anachronism? The answers to all these questions must be unfavourable to Freemasonry. . . . It must eventually die from sheer inanition." Then again I read—"It is almost absurd to talk of Masonic literature; it scarcely exists. Except the works written by Oliver, Mackay, Findel, and Ragon, there is scarcely anything worth reading about Freemasonry of which a Freemason is the author." What estimate is this of some 12,000 works on Freemasonry, many of which would grace any library, and be a credit to any society, however learned or distinguished. Mr. Heckethorn does good service, however, in exposing some of the forgeries which have been sought at times to be foisted on the fraternity.

Of the Templars he says—"In 1705 Philip, Duke of Orleans, collected the remaining members of the Society that had renounced its first scope to cultivate politics. A Jesuit Father, Bonani, a learned rogue, fabricated the famous list of supposititious Grand Masters of the Temple since Molay, beginning with his immediate successor, Larmenius. No imposture was ever sustained with greater sagacity. The document offered all the requisite characteristics of authenticity, and was calculated to deceive the most experienced palæologist. Its object was to connect the new institution with the ancient Templars. To render the deception more perfect, the volume containing the false list was filled with minutes of deliberations at fictitious meetings, under false dates. Two members were even sent to Lisbon to obtain, if possible, a document of legitimacy from the 'Knights of Christ,' an Order supposed to have been founded on the ruins of the Order of the Temple. But the deputies were unmasked, and very badly received. One had to take refuge in England, the other was transported to Africa, where he died."

He, however, accepts as authentic the story of Ramsay's visit to the Grand Lodge of England in 1728 respecting his new degrees, of which there has not been one iota of evidence produced. So I perceive that Mr. Heckethorn is not incapable of being hoodwinked himself, even though he is anxious to enlighten Freemasons about their Society, of which he is not a member.

His remarks about Freemasons occupying only a portion of the work, it would be unfair to judge of the whole from the failures to which I have thought it right to draw attention.

Much valuable and interesting information is afforded respecting the "Ancient Mysteries," and certainly I know not where so much varied intelligence about secret societies of all kinds—good and bad—religious and political—social and philosophical—is to be obtained, save in these two volumes, which, with all their faults, and notwithstanding their elementary character, are well worth a perusal by the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and all interested in the origin and character of such Societies.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

BRITANNIC LODGE (No. 33).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 14th of May. Present: Bros. Eachus, W.M.; J. Chynoweth, S.W.; F. Pendered, J.W.; Lewis Cromlie, Treas.; Thos. A. Chubb, Sec.; John S. Peirce, D.C.; H. E. Wallis, J.D.; Edward Palmer, I.G.; and the following Past Masters:—A. G. Church, John Strapp, F. W. Shields, Wm. Smith, Jas. Glegg, Magnus Ohren, and Jas. Glaisher, Bros. Charles Horsley, Chas. W. Turner, Wm. Clouston, Chas. Pawley, Thos. Spencer, David Hodge, Wm. Sugg, Henry Finlay, W. P. Boddy, Fredk. H. Varley, J. S. Tamburini, Jas. Chas. Campbell, R. R. Kelley, A. W. Millar, C. James, D. F. Hald, Jas. Davidson, and Daniel Campbell. Visitors: Bros. J. Hervey, G. Sec.; Burke, Prov. G.M. for Jamaica, Scotch Con.; Rosenthal, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Middlesex; Masterman, P.M. 11; Robins, P.M. 452; Gudson, P.M. 1077; R. Macaulay, Excelsior 900; F. Macaulay, St. Thomas, 142; Francis, P.M. 452; Kingham, Metropolitan, 1507; Dalgairus, Ancient Dundee, Scotland; Newton, Gooch Lodge; Levick, W.M. 1227; Navone, 180; Morris, 704; Dr. Wilkinson, P.M. 181; Francis, Talbot, Swansea; and Sir John Bennett. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Messrs. Ditlef Fürst Hald, C.E.; James Davidson, Daniel Campbell, and Walter Faithful Garland. Bro. Richard Roper Kelly and Bro. A. W. Millar were both passed. Messrs. Ditlef F. Hald, Jas. Davidson, and Dan. Campbell were initiated. The installation was very excellently performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. George E. Eachus, and the W.M. having been placed in the chair at once invested his I.P.M. and the Treasurer, and appointed and invested his officers as follows:—F. Pendered, S.W.; John Davis, J.W.; Thos. A. Chubb, Sec.; John S. Peirce, D.C.; Henry E. Wallis, S.D.; Edward Palmer, J.D.; John Dixon, I.G.; Jas. J. Wallis and Edward Strouts, Stewards. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of £5 5s. be given to each of the Stewards to put upon their lists for the Girls' and the Boys' Schools. The I.P.M. was then invested with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, and the lodge adjourned. A banquet followed—the musical arrangements being in the hands of Bro. Lawler.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).—This flourishing lodge held a special emergency meeting on Friday, the 21st day of May last, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., expressly to initiate Captain Boyton into the Craft. The Craft at large, and the lodges ranging under the Grand Lodge of England particularly, will be pleased to learn of this interesting event, and every English Freemason will, in a measure, no doubt take it as a compliment paid to the fraternity by the gallant Captain in thus becoming a member of the Order in a lodge in this country. Captain Boyton's notoriety in connection with his life-saving dress is now world-wide, but there is one feature which is not so generally known, and that is his private worth. It would be in a measure excusable were he occasionally to display a little ostentation, but his demeanour at his initiation indicated he was entirely free from that species of vanity, and amongst the many agreeable traits of character he displayed none was more conspicuous than his simple and unaffected bearing in everything he did and said. The earnest manner in which he entered on the solemn business in hand, and the easy way in which he seemed to have lost his own individuality and to have become one of the brethren in feeling and action, were very observable indeed. Every one present approached him with ease, and he gained the hearts of all present by his frank and open nature. The officers and brethren of the lodge present were the following:—Brothers John Waters, W.M.; Allen R. Rumsey, S.W.; Thos. Taylor, J.W.; J. Javitt Stephens, S.D.; Elijah Squirrel, J.D.; Wm. H. Godolphin, I.G.; William Rumsey, P.M.; and Treasurer, John Rumsey, P.M. and Secretary, Samuel Gamman, I.P.M.; F. G. Harrison, P.M.; Fredk. Wiggins, P.M.; E. B. Barnard, P.M.; Robert Bowman, T. J. Steel, W. Medcalf, John Hurrell, and C. H. Barrett. The visitors were the following:—C. G. Smithers, P.M. 901; J. Rug, P.M. 781; Samuel Vasey, P.M. 183; F. Rath, S.W. 534; John Aspinall, J.D. 534; R. G. Seaborn, I.G. 217; W. Aspinwall, 23; and W. R. Bagshot, 354. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form and with solemn prayer at 6 o'clock p.m., and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed unanimously. The ceremony of initiation was at once proceeded with, Captain Boyton having been duly balloted for at the last lodge meeting. It is almost needless to say that the ballot proved unanimous in his favour. The candidate would have been initiated at that lodge meeting, but a pressing public engagement prevented this, and the present emergency meeting was summoned and held for that purpose. The ceremony of initiation was performed by the Immediate Past Master, Brother Samuel Gamman, in an impressive and a perfect manner. Brother Gamman's style is similar to that of a fluent extempore speaker giving utterance to his thoughts as they arise in his mind, and few candidates would think he was actually delivering a set ritual. Brother Gamman's working evoked deserved praise from every one present. The deaconing of Bro. J. Jewitt Stephens, S.D., was everything that could be desired. The working of the other officers was well performed, and met with due commendation. The impressive ceremony did not fail to have its due effect upon the candidate, as it invariably does upon those who, like him, are ever susceptible to receive impressions from that which is associated with solemnity and awe. It is no derogation to the gallant Captain (now a brother), who

has proved beyond all doubt he is possessed of true manly courage, to say that he is endowed with a sensitive nature. On the contrary, his known and tried personal qualities are rather enhanced than otherwise, when coupled with that characteristic essential to all that is truly great and noble. There being no other business to transact, the lodge was then duly closed. There was no banquet, but a pleasant re-union of the members of the lodge, the newly-made initiate, and the visitors present took place. The re-union was most enjoyable, and proved that Freemasons can happily intermingling with each other without the incentive of a banquet, relying for their gratification and amusement on an interchange of brotherly feeling, coupled with the satisfaction that they are members of a society which not only professes but practices tolerance and charity. The gathering of 206 on this memorable evening was a substantive answer to our detractors, who aver that the chief object of a Mason's heart is a banquet. The usual Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, Bro. Samuel Gamman, the Immediate Past Master, rose, and in feeling and appropriate terms proposed the toast of "The Brother Initiate." He adverted to the pleasure he experienced in having performed the ceremony of initiation that evening, and, however perceptible his drawbacks were in the conduct of the duties of the chair—and he felt they were many—he trusted the brethren present would pass over them on the score that he had endeavoured to do his best, and they must accept the attempt for what should have been the result. He referred in complimentary terms to the exploits of Bro. Boyton, and said he felt sure that he (Bro. Boyton) would perform the unprecedented feat of swimming across the Channel. Bro. Boyton had no doubt been so absorbed in his work that hitherto he had been prevented from entering the Order. Still throughout his (Bro. Boyton's) career he had acted virtually as a Mason; for was there not a close connection between what Bro. Boyton had been doing, and would still continue to do, and the fundamental teaching inculcated by Freemasonry—namely, the practice of doing good, for Bro. Boyton's invention would, he felt sure, ere long be of the greatest benefit to mankind? He trusted the brethren present would drink with heartiness and goodwill to the brother initiate, which was accordingly done with the greatest enthusiasm. In rising to respond, Bro. Boyton said: Worshipful Master and Brethren, I feel particularly gratified this evening in having been made a Freemason in this lodge, and on this occasion, when so goodly a number of the fraternity are around me, I must ask you to excuse me for not having, as arranged, presented myself for the ceremony on your last lodge meeting; but, as you are aware, a public engagement prevented this. I must further ask you to excuse the seemingly negligent manner, so far as my personal appearance is concerned, in coming before you this evening, but this slight informality will be excused when you know I have only just returned from Oxford. I was desirous of appearing here at all hazards, to-night, knowing you had considerably convened this lodge meeting for my convenience, and I thank you for this kindness. I am fully alive to the Masonic obligations I have entered into this evening, and brethren, I cannot deny that I was deeply affected by the impressive ceremony. I have heard a great deal about Masonry, and I am now proud of being one. I will try to be a good Mason. No endeavour shall be wanting on my part. I feel pleasure that my humble attempts to further the chances of saving life at sea have been referred to by our Immediate Past Master as Masonic acts. I will still continue in my endeavours to bring those attempts to a perfectly successful issue. Brethren, whether you credit it or not, my one sole object in constructing my apparatus and performing the different experiments I have, is to benefit humanity. I feel satisfied I can have no higher or purer aim, and I wish for none other. I was staying at Wolverhampton the other day at a place where a lodge was being held. Hearing I was in the hotel some of the brethren, thinking no doubt that I must be a Mason, courteously asked me to join them. I felt sorry to confess I was no Mason, and from that moment I determined to become one as soon as I conveniently could, and brethren, I thank you that you have on this present occasion afforded me an opportunity of carrying that determination into effect. In conclusion allow me, Brother Gamman, to thank you for the kind way in which you proposed the toast of the Brother Initiate, and you, brethren all, for the genial manner in which you accepted it. Without giving Bro. Boyton an opportunity of resuming his seat, all present earnestly begged him to give an account of the different experiments he had made with his life-saving dress, and the reasons he had applied himself to the task of bringing the apparatus to that perfection he had. Bro. Boyton then at considerable length stated he was connected with a body in America whose duty was to save the lives of shipwrecked mariners and others when in danger, and that subsequently he filled the post of commander of this body. In the performance of his duties he was too frequently brought into contact with heartrending scenes. The poor results attending his and the men's exertions to save life were out of all proportion to their efforts, and his idea then struck him. It stood to reason that in a heavy sea, or even on ordinary occasions, the swimmer, however good his intentions, had enough to do to sustain himself in the water, and very little of his efforts could be expended upon others. From the first, therefore, his object was to construct such an apparatus, and of such buoyant capabilities, that the swimmer should not be required to expend one iota of his strength towards keeping afloat, thus reserving all his powers for the object in hand—saving life. At last he produced his dress. The greatest difficulty he experienced in its construction was so to shape the head piece as to prevent water from entering, and in this, after repeated trials, he happily succeeded. At the commencement his dress did not meet with that approval he humbly thought it deserved, but time and patience on

his part procured the favourable opinion of the public. He essayed many attempts to perform experiments with his invention on dangerous occasions, and he was often prevented from doing this. At last prejudice toned down, and he convinced the public in America that his dress fully answered the purposes for which it was intended; that it was of special use when shipwrecks occurred on a dangerous coast, with a heavy sea raging and no means save the unaided efforts of a good swimmer at hand to convey a line to connect the ship with the coast, and when the efforts of the most powerful swimmer to do this were entirely unavailing. Then it was when a plucky man safely ensconced in his dress could perform all requirements with comparative ease. He feelingly alluded to the recent disastrous wreck of the Schiller on the Scilly Isles, and felt confident that had there been a few of his dresses on board the ill-fated ship, at the time she struck, the majority of the unhappy passengers and crew who met with so cruel a fate could easily have been saved. Amongst other experiments he alluded to the one he had made off the coast of Ireland, when coming from America to this country. He entered the sea many miles from the coast, with a packet of letters; on that occasion he experienced great difficulty in reaching land, and when he did he found nothing but high rocky cliffs to the east of Cape Clear, and no place offering a safe landing. The sea was running so high that sometimes he appeared to be on a level with the summits of the stupendous rocks, and at others he would appear to sink down into an awful abyss, those same rocks and cliffs looming up before him like great mountains. He had an awful time of it, he was obliged to confess, and he thought his end was come. It was the only time, he believed, he ever experienced sea sickness. Finding no opportunity of effecting a landing, he went out to sea again, and presently espied an inlet into the land, into which he succeeded in getting, and then landed, to the surprise of the simple inhabitants, who were not expecting such a strange visitor, and when he told them in reply to their anxious enquiries he had come from America (which he had) they were more scared than ever, and at once put him down to be a certain unmentionable gentleman. However, Bro. Boyton quieted their nerves somewhat by stripping off his dress. He engaged a man, after much difficulty, to drive him to Skibbereen. The poor fellow was so perplexed throughout the journey as left no doubt but that he thought that Bro. Boyton was veritably the aforesaid gentleman. The alacrity with which the man dispossessed himself of his burden at his journey's end highly amused our brother (no doubt Bro. Boyton fully compensated him for the fright he had undergone). With respect to his recent attempt to cross the English Channel he thought he should have, in common fairness, performed the feat. The doctor who examined him occasionally, from the commencement of the experiment to its conclusion, and who, he would give him credit, acted from the purest motives and intentions, delayed him considerably; and then on the voyage there was an altercation between the English and French Pilots, and it turned out much to his (Bro. Boyton's) chagrin that the people on board did not know where they were. He would say, when he was compelled to leave the water, he was, so to speak, as fresh as when he entered it, and to prove that, he, without extra exertion, performed some evolutions round the boat just as he would have done on ordinary occasions. He concluded by saying that on the following evening he should proceed to France, preparatory to trying the same experiment, only from the opposite shore, and he trusted that before he met the brethren again he should have performed the feat successfully. His object was to produce something of benefit to his kind, and he said, with an emphasis, the meaning of which could not be mistaken, that if a dress could be produced to-morrow in any way superior to his he would instantly drop the latter and take up the former. Throughout Bro. Boyton's speech he was listened to with marked attention, and proved he was not only endowed with the inventive faculty, but with capacity of delivering a neat off-handed speech, and a witty one too, for now and then he throws off some humorous remark or other which cannot fail to be provocative of considerable merriment to those whom he addresses. Bro. W. Rumsey, the father of the lodge, then sang the Entered Apprentice Song in his usually vigorous style, and some good songs were given afterwards by Bro. Boyton, John Rumsey, J. Jewitt Stephens, J. Hurrell, R. Bowman, and R. G. Seaborn, and the Immediate Past Master gave a capital recitation. The I.G. was then requested by the father of the lodge to say a few words in connection with the interesting event, and in compliance therewith Bro. Godolphin stated that ordinarily the I.G.'s position was an unenviable one, as he was called upon to address the brethren after every one else had had his say, and much to his regret found that the materials for a neat little speech were all used up previously, but on this present occasion he was not left in quite so forlorn a condition. It was not for an humble individual like him to eulogise Bro. Boyton or expatiate upon his merits, the Public Press, acting as the reflex of public opinion, having performed both so efficiently and satisfactorily. He would merely say, referring to Bro. Boyton's exploits, that all present loved noble daring, especially when that daring was performed for the furtherance of the interests of humanity, and was at the same time unassociated with the least taint of vulgar bravado. He could only give expression to the predominant feeling in his mind, and that was the complete satisfaction he felt that the introduction of Brother Boyton into their ancient and honourable order was effected through Lodge No. 206, under the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England. He could confidently assert that this feeling was shared in by every member of the lodge present, and next to his own lodge, by every visitor, at least, he could say this for his friends Bros. Aspinall and Rath. He could fully endorse the happy ex-

pression of the I.P.M. that their newly-made brother had virtually been a Mason from the commencement of his career. One happy circumstance he could not help alluding to was that Bro. Boyton as it were belonged to one section of the two great English-speaking peoples, and the rest of the brethren present to the other, and however far-fetched the idea might be to some, he felt that that evening they had formed a tiny link, and he, for himself, thought not an unimportant one either, in the chain which had been for a long time and now was in course of formation, and would inevitably bind these two great peoples in the bonds of peace and good will. He would remind the brethren that great general results were the products of seemingly unimportant individual acts. He did not know much of Bro. Boyton's movements. Perhaps the time was not far distant when he must leave this country and proceed to his native land; if so, Bro. Boyton could rest assured that the good wishes of all the brethren present would always accompany him. He felt certain that Bro. Boyton would, amongst the different assemblies to which his notoriety alone (apart from all his other deserts) would give him access, never lose the recollection of the time when he first became a Mason; and, finally, he would say that should Brother Boyton in his various wanderings come to England now and again, he would ever be received as an honoured and welcome guest by the members of his mother lodge. The reunion then terminated. It was throughout of a most joyous and fraternal character, and the remembrance of it will not quickly pass out of the minds of one and all privileged to be present on the interesting occasion.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, May 17th, and was attended by the W.M., Bro. Payne, with Bros. Pulman, S.W.; Withall, J.W.; Trussler, S.D.; Lane, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; Broadbridge, S.; and Biddlecombe, Org.; and Bros. Wolfe, Leonard, Lilley, Moore, McMurray, McKay, Sanders, and several other brethren, to whom may be added the following visitors:—Bros. Barron Turner, W.M. 183; Geider, P.M. 507; Hiscox, P.M. 1420; Southam, S.W. 1420; Norris, Bye, and Lawson, Thos. Poese, I.P.M. and Treas.; and Jas. Stevens, P.M. of 720, 1216, and 1426. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and Bro. Sanders and McMurray having qualified themselves for the next Degree retired and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and they were raised to the sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony of installation was then performed in a perfect manner, and Bro. Charles Pulman was installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Poese, P.M., as Installing Master, with Bro. James Stevens, P.M., as Director of Ceremonies, and it was remarked by several of the visitors that the ceremony was well carried out by both those officers. The W.M. having appointed as officers Bros. Withall, S.W.; Trussler, J.W.; Payne, I.P.M.; Poese, P.M. and Treas.; B. Richardson, Sec.; Lane, S.D.; Burgess, J.D.; Broadbridge, I.G.; Biddlecombe, Org.; Wolfe, S.; Stedman, Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously agreed to be recorded on the minutes as an expression of the thanks of the lodge to Bros. Poese and Stevens for their kind and efficient services during the ceremony. The lodge then adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Lilley in his usual liberal and excellent manner, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to good fellowship, during which a P.M. jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, with the wish that he would long have health to wear it.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—A very strong meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 25th inst. at the "Montpellier" Tavern, Walworth. The lodge was opened early in the afternoon by Bros. J. Wright, W.M.; Wise, S.W.; Macdonald, J.W.; A. Wright, I.P.M.; Clarke and Thomas, Past Masters; Pulsford, P.M., Sec.; Walters, S.D.; Allan, J.D.; Harris, I.G.; H. Potter, W.S.; Potter, D.C.; Stuart, A.D.C. Among the numerous visitors present we noticed Bros. Ough, G.P.G. of England; F. Binckes, P.G.S. of England, Secretary of the Masonic Institution for Boys; Wright, P.M. (504), P.G.S.D. of Herts; Neall, P.M. (1360), P.G.A.D.C. of Kent; Dann, P.M. (72); Koch, P.M. (820, 1381); Basilio, P.M. (917); Whitley, P.M. (944); Bethell, W.M. (30); Hocking, W.M. (1329); Burrell, W.M. (1446); Walls, I.G. (1503); Meadows, (898), &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Wise, the S.W., was conducted to the Chair of K.S. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. J. Wright. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Macdonald, S.W.; Walters, J.W.; Allan, S.D.; Harris, J.D.; Potter, I.G.; Stuart, D.C.; Smith, W.S. Messrs. Wells, Brady, Pritchard, and Hall were then initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. most excellently. A notice of motion by Bro. Nomico, that a benevolent fund should be established in connection with the lodge, was then fully considered, and after some considerable discussion it was seconded, but, upon being formally put to the lodge, it was lost by a large majority. A vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. J. Wright, I.P.M., for the very handsome manner in which he had entertained the brethren of the Audit Committee at his house on the previous Wednesday. It was moved by Bro. A. Wright, P.M., and seconded by the S.D., that the cost of the Steward's Installation Jewel should be defrayed by the lodge and presented to Bro. Wright, I.P.M., who had officiated at the recent Albert Hall ceremonial. This was unanimously carried, and Bro. Wright made a very feeling reply in acknowledgment of the kindness of his brethren. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren, to the number of nearly ninety, adjourned to the banquet, which was well served in the large hall attached to the tavern. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically received, and Bros. Fowler and Walls contributed one verse each of the "National Anthem" and the "Globe and the Prince of Wales."

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the W.M. alluded to the satisfaction he had derived from the presence of two of that distinguished body in the lodge that day, namely, Bros. Ough and Binckes. The first named briefly acknowledged the compliment, but the latter brother made a most eloquent reply. In the course of his speech he alluded to the great national event of the 28th of April last, and directed the attention of the brethren to those remarkable words which had fallen so forcibly from the lips of the Prince of Wales on that ever memorable occasion—"Loyalty and Charity." He was of opinion that the Heir Apparent had done more to cement the loyalty of the English people to the throne of this great country by assuming the responsibilities and position of M.W.G.M. of Freemasons than any other act ever performed by his immediate Royal predecessors. It was highly necessary for a personage of the Prince's rank to steer clear of any partiality, and to avoid creating dissatisfaction in any community of Her Majesty's subjects; but in the recent instance he had, notwithstanding the attacks made upon Freemasonry by a powerful religious body, bravely disregarded their puerile displeasure, and had become the chief head and ruler of the Craft. This act, and the peculiar circumstances attending it, coupled with the genial speech he had made on the day of his Installation, must ever endear the Prince to the brethren as well as to the nation at large. The speaker then went on to state that many men joined the Craft for the sake of conviviality and the pleasures of the banquet table, others for the love of ostentation, which the tinsel and glitter of the regalia afforded, and some for charity. He then enlarged upon the charitable advantages of the three great Masonic Institutions, which were mainly supported by voluntary contributions, and expressed how sorry he felt that, although there were so many brethren on the Grand Register of England, but few comparatively, in proportion to the number enrolled, individually contributed to those excellent charities for the relief of the orphan, the widow, and the aged. In conclusion, the worthy brother made a warm appeal to the charity of the members of the Southern Star, on behalf of the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, and hoped that they would send their Steward, Bro. J. Wright, I.P.M., with an ample list worthy of the occasion and of their powerful lodge; and finally he entreated them to bear in mind those watchwords "Loyalty and Charity," and always to act as true men and good Masons. It is needless to state that in the course of his speech the indefatigable Secretary of the Boys' School was warmly applauded by the brethren, and, upon resuming his seat, received a very enthusiastic mark of Masonic approval. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the I.P.M., who congratulated the lodge upon the choice it had made in unanimously electing Bro. Wise to that position. This toast was received with excellent "fire," and the W.M. made a brief reply. "The Health of the Initiates" followed, and Bro. Brady responded. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. again alluded to the honour the lodge had received by the presence that day of several members of Grand Lodge and of Provincial Grand Lodges, and also for the attendance of a great number of Past Masters and Worshipful Masters and members of many distinguished Metropolitan Lodges. The hour being late, some of the visitors had left, but Bros. Wright, Neall, Koch, Walls, and Meadows on their behalf and for themselves briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, coupled with the names of Bros. J. Wright, Pulsford, Clarke, Thomas, and A. Wright. In the progress of this toast, Bro. Wright, I.P.M., was invested by the W.M. with the very handsome jewel of P.M. of the Southern Star Lodge. The P.M.'s whose names were mentioned individually responded. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was duly honoured and severally responded to. Between the intervals of the toasts and the replies, Bros. Bird, Meadows, Walls, and Fowler instrumentally and vocally amused the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought one of the most successful and numerous gatherings that had ever taken place of the Southern Star Lodge to a formal conclusion, and the members adjourned until September next.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell, on Thursday, 13th May, and was well attended. The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed, after which a ballot, which was unanimous, was taken for Bros. C. R. Steel, Grand Stewards' Lodge, and C. J. Henton, 144, as joining members. Bro. C. H. Rugg was examined and entrusted, and afterwards passed. Mr. Geo. Baxter having been ballotted for, was duly initiated. The ceremony of installation was then effectively conducted by Bro. W. J. Messenger, I.P.M., as Installing Master. The Senior Warden, Bro. J. H. Hastie, being the W.M. elect, was duly introduced and installed, and appointed his officers as follows:—M. S. Larham, S.W.; H. Hammond, J.W.; C. C. Dunville, Chaplain; A. Styan, Treas.; J. J. Curtis, Sec.; T. W. Carnell, S.D.; C. Fountain, J.D.; J. Stevens, D.C.; D. A. Ross, I.G.; F. H. Cozens, Org.; W. Gray, W.S.; W. C. Hale, C.S. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. W. J. Messenger, and the new W.M. most impressively initiated Mr. G. Baxter. The report of the Audit Committee was then considered, and being highly satisfactory, its adoption was carried with applause. Messrs. C. W. Davies and H. A. Price were proposed for initiation at the next lodge meeting, and the brethren then unanimously agreed that the G.M. Installation Steward's jewel should be presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Messenger. The lodge was then closed, and the banquet was served in the lodge mess room of the corps. The brethren there enjoyed themselves for three hours, the new W.M. acquitting himself admirably, and setting an example of brevity of speech which was highly appreciated, and followed by all present in others, that he was brought to abrupt silence by

the roar of laughter which greeted the notes of a piping bullfinch, which a brother had accidentally set going and could not stop.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult. There were present: Bros. Gardner, W.M.; Koch, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M.; Secretary; Drysdale, P.M., Acting S.W.; Stokes, Acting J.W.; Walls, Acting S.D.; Webb, Acting J.D.; Kohler, Acting I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, but the confirmation thereof stood over until the next regular meeting. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Pomeroy and Stranger into Craft mysteries, and passed Bro. Rogers to the F.C. Degree. The lodge having been duly closed the brethren adjourned to supper, which was presided over by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Walls and Stokes. Among the visitors were Bros. P. Parsons, (749); Westwood, Urban; Haddon, Metropolitan. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave, in well expressed terms, "The Queen and Craft," and "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." These toasts were loyally drunk, and Bro. Walls contributed one verse of the popular ode to H.R.H.'s honour. "The Health of the Grand Officers" followed, and the W.M. alluded to the admirable manner in which the duties of Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were performed by Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., and Bro. Gardner acknowledged the compliment at length. In giving "The Health of the Initiates" the W.M. stated that from the recommendations he had received from their proposers, and from his own personal knowledge of their antecedents, he felt assured that the Kennington Lodge would have reason to congratulate itself upon having enlisted into its ranks two such worthy members as Bros. Pomeroy and Shanger. Bro. Parsons having sang the "Entered Apprentice," all the initiates responded, and the former made an excellent reply, in which he stated that having been a great deal abroad, he had witnessed the universal bond of fraternity which appeared to unite Freemasons of every country and creed of religion, and from what he had seen in his perambulations and heard from his personal friends, who were members of the Craft, he firmly believed that the artificial and un-Christian-like barricades, which for centuries past have kept men of different nationalities asunder, were rapidly being levelled by the moral and intellectual influences of Freemasonry; and in conclusion he expressed how impressed he had been that evening by the almost Divine language of the ritual. The toast of the visitors followed, and was responded to by Bros. Parsons and Haddon. The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "Junior Officers of the Lodge" were then given. Bros. Koch and Stuart replied for the former, and Bros. Reeves, Webb, and Walls, for the latter. Between the toasts Bros. Cruse, Pomeroy, Walls and Webb vocally amused the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought an agreeable meeting to a conclusion, and the members of the lodge separated for the summer recess.

EARL SPENCER LODGE (No. 1420).—This young and prosperous lodge held its third installation meeting at the Northcote Hotel, Battersea Rise, on Friday, May 14th, and was attended by Bros. Chas. Jackson, W.M.; Edwd. Spooner, I.P.M. and Treas.; Dr. Kempster, J.W.; Josh. W. Hiscox, Sec.; Wm. Hudson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; A. Southam, S.D.; C. Pullman, J.D.; Chas. Estlin, I.G.; W. B. Miller, Jno. Gibson, A. Brown, H. R. Baker, J. S. Sinclair, J. D. Pildisch, J. J. Joseph, M.D.; W. Salter, Fredk. Reed, Benj. Miller. The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and the minutes having been read, and the election of Bro. Dr. Kempster as W.M. having been confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with by Bro. Spooner, P.M., as Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Jackson, the retiring W.M., and the efficient manner in which those services were performed gave the brethren great satisfaction. The officers appointed by the W.M. to assist him during his year of office were Bro. A. Southam, S.W.; C. Pullman, J.W.; C. Jackson, I.P.M.; E. Spooner, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Hiscox, P.M., Sec.; C. Esther, S.D.; J. Gibson, J.D.; W. B. Miller, I.G.; J. J. Joseph, M.D., S.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks was then tendered to Bro. E. Spooner, P.M., for the kind way and efficient manner that he had installed the W.M.; and the W.M. having presented to Bro. Jackson the beautiful P.M. jewel, voted to him by the lodge with the brethren's best wishes, the lodge was closed and adjourned to an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit upon the proprietor of the hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and peace, harmony, and brotherly love were enjoyed during the remainder of the evening. We may add that there is a Lodge of Instruction attached to this lodge, which meets every alternate Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, and the members of the Earl Spencer Lodge will be glad to receive any brother in search of instruction.

PROVINCIAL.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—LODGE OF INDUSTRY (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, West-street, on Monday evening, May 25th, at seven o'clock. The lodge was opened by Bro. Rd. Gregory, W.M., and the following officers, viz.:—Bros. Dr. K. F. Cook, P.M., M. of C., D.P.G.S.D.; John Ed. Robson, I.P.M. and Treasurer; J. D. Stephen, S.W.; Thos. Allison, J.W.; J. G. Waddington, S.D.; M. Corbett, J.D.; R. Terry, Org.; J. H. Rowell, I.G.; J. T. Smith, S.S.; R. Whitfield, J.S. (who also acted as Secretary in the absence of Bro. D. Sinclair); C. O. Gay, A.S.; J. Curry, Tyler. There was a goodly attendance on the part of the members and visiting brethren, amongst whom were—Bros. A. Harkness, P.M. 48, Prov. G.S.D.; W. E. Franklin, P.M. 424, Prov. G.S.D.; Benj. Frazer, M. T. Plotnicki, T. Hopkins, T. Sinclair, B. Smith, W. Whitfield, John Wood, Robt. Brason, Wm. Douglas, John G. Robertson, F. P. Jones, P.M. 48; Jos.

Cook, W.M. 481; Thos. Blenkinsop, P.M., R. Smaile, P.M., T. Best, B. Dewar, 541. The minutes of last regular lodge and lodge of emergency held May 19th having been read and confirmed and ballots taken, Mr. Edward Liddell was admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. John Ed. Robson, I.P.M., in a most impressive manner. Bros. Sadanski, Harrison, and J. W. Robertson were passed to the F.C. Degree in an able manner by Bro. A. Harkness, P.M. Bros. Jackson, Hewitt, Grieves, and Mendelssohn were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. John Ed. Robson, I.P.M. The W.M. then closed the lodge down to the First Degree. Five candidates were proposed for initiation, and two brethren as subscribing members. The W.M., on behalf of the subscribers, members of the lodge, then presented Bro. John Ed. Robson, the I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel of exquisite workmanship, as a mark of their appreciation of his services, not only when Master of the lodge, but in other various offices, and concluded an able speech by wishing the I.P.M. long life to wear the jewel, health, wealth, and prosperity; also that the time may be far distant when his (the I.P.M.'s) connection with Lodge 48 would cease. Bro. Robson acknowledged the presentation in very feeling terms, and said he would ever be grateful to the brethren and wear that beautiful jewel with becoming pride. That he did not attach so much elation to it on account of its intrinsic value as the good feeling he found manifested towards himself, and the desire of the brethren to regard any services which he may have rendered the lodge, and it should be an incentive to him to continue working for "old 48," to the best of his abilities. It is said that brevity is the soul of wit. With him that evening he was brief, not owing to wit, but because no language could find words to express his appreciation of their kindness. The jewel bears the following inscription at back:—"Presented by the brethren to Bro. John Ed. Robson, P.M., as a mark of esteem, May, 1875;" also in front: "Industry Lodge, 48." The lodge was closed at 10 o'clock, when the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where they partook of refreshment and passed the remainder of the evening in social harmony, the glees and part songs being performed by the choir in a masterly style. The usual toasts were given, "The Queen," "Prince of Wales," "Rest of Royal Family," "The Newly Initiated," "Visitors." The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which it had been proposed and received, and hoped he would hand over to his successor the affairs of the lodge in the same satisfactory state as it had been by previous Masters. He had a very important duty to perform yet, which was to propose "The Health of the Officers," and in doing so it was a matter of great importance to state that all the officers were present except one, and that was the worthy Secretary, through illness. He would couple with it the name of Bro. Dr. R. F. Cook, P.M., Master of Ceremonies. The M.C. in returning thanks thought that the fact of all the officers being present to fill their respective positions should be very gratifying to the W.M., as indeed every Master who had passed through that chair knew what a great assistance it was while giving the degrees to have every officer in his post, and able to do his duty. He was glad to find the W.M. so well supported at the Installation of the Prince of Wales—that magnificent ceremonial which took place in the Albert Hall, on 28th April. Behold 10,000 richly jewelled breasts beneath which lay the brightest genius and talent which this or any other country or nation could collect—a scene which no one who had been present would ever forget, and it was also gratifying to find the Province of Durham enjoying so good a position, especially "48," being close to the Throne, and he trusted the officers would show themselves worthy of the name of "48" by their industry. He had now to refer to the name of one who had worked willingly and well in the cause of Freemasonry and the interests of this lodge, Bro. John Ed. Robson their I.P.M. and Treasurer. In attaching to his breast that evening the presentation jewel, while they were doing him an honour, they were also performing a duty, and he had now great pleasure in proposing the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Jas. Robson, I.P.M., said he now found himself in one of the most unpleasant situations in which a man could get, viz., that of replying to a toast on the occasion of a presentation—because in proposing that toast it was customary, in fact he might say it was the rule, to speak of all the good qualities, and say nothing about the bad—our good Bro. Dr. Cook, P.M., had done so on this occasion. What little he (I.P.M.) had done was without doubt appreciated by the brethren; but he had done no more than was his duty, and in keeping with the first obligation and charge in Masonry. The jewel with which he had been presented he should always look upon with pleasure, and as an heir-loom. The W.M. proposed "Our Next Merry Meeting," which terminated another of the many happy and harmonious meetings of this ancient lodge. This lodge was well and worthily represented at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales by Bros. Rd. Gregory, W.M.; John Ed. Robson, I.P.M.; A. Harkness, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Robt. F. Cook, P.P.G.S.D.; J. H. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B.; W. E. Franklin, P.M. 424 P.P.G.S.D.; J. D. Stephen, S.W.; Thos. Allison, J.W.; R. Whitfield, M.M. The Provincial Grand Master of Durham, John Fawcett, Esq., acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Wm. Hy. Crookes, P.G. Sec., and Bro. John Bailey, P.P.J.G.W., as Stewards for the Province of Durham.

COLCHESTER.—ANGEL LODGE (No. 51).—At the monthly meeting of the Angel Lodge of Freemasons, No. 51, held at the lodge room, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester, on Tuesday evening, May 18th, 1875, a valuable gold keyless lever watch was presented to Bro. T. J. Ralling, who has occupied the post of Honorary Secretary for upwards of four years. The business of the lodge having been con-

cluded, the Worshipful Master (Bro. Charles Cobb) invited Bro. Ralling to advance to the pedestal, and addressed him as follows: Bro. Ralling, I have been instructed by the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of this lodge, to present you this evening with a mark of their appreciation of the way in which you have carried out the duties of Honorary Secretary of this lodge during the last few years. I can assure you that the brethren generally feel that the duties have been so onerous, and that you have carried them out with such skill and ability, that these circumstances call for a mark of their approval. With respect to the Past Masters, I am sure they appreciate the way in which you have aided them, and personally I may say I have received the greatest attention and assistance at your hands: in fact, I could not have carried out the duties of my office had I not been aided as I have been. We have been favoured, by the kindness of our Bro. Atkins, with valuable assistance in this presentation. He has, with the ability and skill which has always characterised him, and also with great kindness, engrossed the sentiments of this lodge on the vellum which you see before you. I will now read it, so that you may hear what is upon it. The W.M. then read the following inscription, which was engrossed on vellum by Bro. C. Wilson Atkins, and handsomely framed: "Angel Lodge, No. 51, of Ancient Free, and Accepted Masons of England. To Thomas J. Ralling, Secretary. Dear Sir and Brother,—We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Angel Lodge, in presenting you with the accompanying testimonial, embrace this opportunity to convey to you the very high sense of our appreciation of your valued and zealous services in promoting the interest of our lodge, and of Freemasonry in general, during the years that you have so ably performed the arduous duties of Secretary; and we also express our sincere wish that the Great Architect of the Universe will bestow on you the blessing of health in this world to perform the duties he may call upon you to do, and the greater blessing of happiness in the Grand Lodge above. Signed on behalf of the brethren. Chas. Cobb, W.M.; Alfred Welsh, S.W.; G. Gard Pye, J.W.; Fred A. Cole, I.P.M." The Worshipful Master continued—The form of testimonial we have decided upon, Bro. Ralling, is a watch, and I trust you may long live to wear it. I cannot add anything to the sentiments engrossed on that tablet; they express the sentiments of the whole lodge, and they are ratified and confirmed by the presence of the worthy brethren you see around you. May you long live to carry out the duties of Secretary, and to wear the watch I now present to you. Allow me to congratulate you, Brother Secretary, on this occasion. The watch, which was supplied by Bro. Samuel, of East Hill, bears Bro. Ralling's initials in monogram, and also the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. T. J. Ralling, by the brethren of the Angel Lodge of Freemasons, No. 51, in grateful recognition of his valued and efficient services as Secretary.—Colchester, May 18th, 1875." Bro. Ralling on receiving the present, replied as follows:—Right Worshipful Sir, Worshipful Master, and Brethren,—You will readily believe me when I say that I do not think I ever was placed in a more difficult position than that in which I find myself at the present moment. If I were an orator, like some of our brethren, I might not feel any diffidence, but I can assure you that I am perfectly at a loss adequately to express my feelings on the present occasion. A distinguished public man, in addressing a large gathering in this very room but a few evenings since, stated that whilst listening to the speech in which his health had been proposed he had had some little misgivings as to his own identity. I fear I must plead guilty to a feeling somewhat akin to his, for after listening to the excessively kind and flattering remarks in which our W.M. has conveyed to me this handsome testimonial of your esteem, I have felt that my poor services have been, to say the least, very much over-rated. It is true I have, by your continued confidence, occupied this post for more than four years, and during that time my earnest endeavour has been to carry out the duties to the very best of my ability; but the only reward which I have desired has been your approval where it could be justly bestowed, and your forbearance in any cases in which I may have been found wanting. I have always felt my position to be one of great trust and responsibility, not only in being the medium through which all the funds of the lodge are conveyed to the Treasurer, but as being answerable for many little matters which do not come before the lodge at our monthly meetings. On every occasion it has been my endeavour to uphold the dignity of the Craft generally, and of this ancient lodge particularly, and to promote by every means in my power the comfort and convenience of individual brethren. In this, however, I cannot claim to be an exception to the generality of our members. Do we not meet here for a common object? Art we not all zealous for our Craft, and jealous for the honour and credit of our lodge? and I feel sure that there are many brethren who would have fulfilled the Secretary's duties with far greater ability than I have done, though, I hope I may be allowed to say, not with a more earnest desire to do their duty. We are reminded in the course of our ceremonies that nature has implanted in our breasts a deep and indissoluble attachment to the land of our birth; and this, I think, may be extended to the lodge which saw our birth in Masonry. At all events, that feeling of attachment has always influenced me in the fulfilment of my duties. I have felt that, as a dutiful child, I was bound to do all in my power to further the interests of my mother lodge, even if at times it may have required a slight stretch of my cable-tow; and I hope I may take this handsome gift of yours as an index that I have been to some extent successful. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart, for the great kindness you have exhibited towards me, not only in the heyday of pleasure, but in the time of affliction; and in accepting this beautiful testimonial, allow me to say that I shall never look upon it without feelings of the greatest pleasure,

not only on account of its intrinsic value, but as an evidence of what I esteem far more highly—the good will and good opinion of my Masonic brethren. Once more I thank you. The Worshipful Master: Brethren, I feel that our thanks are due to Bro. Atkins for the great skill and ability he has shown in executing the tablet. It is really a work of art, and I am sure I cannot be wrong in moving that a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Atkins be entered on the minutes. Bro. Welch (Senior Warden): I have much pleasure in seconding the motion. Bro. Ralling: Perhaps I may be allowed to add my own special thanks to Bro. Atkins for so kindly devoting his time and talents in my behalf. I ought to have done so just now, but under the peculiar circumstances of my position, I am sure Bro. Atkins will not feel that I intended any slight to his beautiful workmanship. It entitles him to my warmest thanks. The motion was put and carried unanimously. The brethren present upon the occasion were:—Bros. the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province (Matthew E. Clark); Chas. Cobb, W.M.; Fred A. Cole, I.P.M.; A. Welch, S.W.; G. Gard Pye, J.W.; T. J. Ralling, Sec.; W. P. Lewis, P.M.; T. R. Quilker, P.M.; A. Cobb, P.M.; H. Samuel, P.M.; C. O. G. Becker, P.M.; Col. Stallard, R.A.; Capt. Owen, 88th Regt.; Capt. Bowen, 88th; T. A. Middleton, W. Club, A. R. Clench, W. S. Sprent, J. L. Browne, W. W. Daniell, J. Hanley, C. E. Denton, C. Nicholl, junr., J. J. C. Turner, W. Bray, W. R. Wilcocks, G. Mercer, and Wm. G. Oliver, P.M. United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 507.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting of the above old and flourishing lodge came off at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; W. Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C.; C. Schulen, P.P.G.D.C.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G.; Reg., M. C.; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; J. J. Burton, P.P.G.D.C. Cambridge, S.W.; S. Wright, Acting J.W.; W. Spalding, P.M. Sec.; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; H. Clarke, acting I.G., &c. &c. The lodge having been opened in ancient form and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Shortridge, gentleman; Mr. Wm. Fraser, junr. merchant; Mr. John Ireland Bowes, surgeon; and Mr. Harry Ribbans, gentleman, all of whom were unanimously elected for initiation. The last named candidate was not present. The W.M. having resigned the gavel into the hands of the D.P.G.M., the venerable brother with much impressiveness and simple dignity initiated Mr. Shortridge into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft universal. Bro. A. J. Barber initiated Mr. Fraser, and the W.M. assuming the gavel introduced Mr. Bowes to the Masonic world. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Edwards was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the W.M. ably performing the ceremony; Bro. Barber, P.G.O., who presided at the organ, played the Dead March in Saul, and the brethren, led by Bro. Clarke, chanting that noble hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying," added much to the solemnity of the proceedings. The Secretary read a communication from the P.G. Sec., relative to the charity scheme which had been propounded by Bro. Boby, P.S.G.W.; and it was proposed by Bro. Emra Holmes, and carried unanimously, that the W.M. represent the lodge on the committee formed to consider the scheme. A communication was received from the Masonic Hall Company asking for an increase of rent, which was cheerfully accorded, the prosperous state of the lodge fairly warranting the same. Dr. Wm. Elliston, P.M. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, was proposed as a joining member. The other business of the lodge having been disposed of, the W.M. announced that at next meeting he should hold the Feast of Roses as customary, when he hoped there would be a large attendance. The usual supper, toasts, and harmony followed, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

WARRINGTON.—LODGE OF LIGHTS (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening last. The W.M., Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prot. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland, was supported by Bros. John Harding, I.P.M.; W. H. Robinson, S.W.; Thomas Tunstall, J.W.; W. Richardson, P.M.; W. Monop, P.M. 1250; J. R. Young, J.D.; D. Wilkins, Hon. Sec.; C. E. Hindley, I.G.; W. H. Spring, George A. Clark, John Armstrong, R. Hooper, Thomas Jones, James Hannah, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Tomlinson, W.M. 368; P. J. Edelsten, W.M. 1134; K. Brierley, W.M. 1250; Edward Aston, S.W. 758; John Lightburn, Org. 758. The lodge was opened with prayer and the minutes declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was taken for Mr. James Paterson, and it being unanimously in his favour, and the candidate being present, he was introduced in due form and initiated by the W.M. The working tools were presented and explained by the J.W., and the charges impressively delivered by the S.W., Bro. W. H. Robinson. The W.M. reported that Bro. Robert Gibbons had been successful in his application to the Royal Benevolent Institution. Votes of thanks were entered on the minutes to Bro. Robert Wylie and the W.M. for the trouble they had taken in the matter. Bro. Armstrong drew attention to the improved appearance of the lodge by the introduction of the columns purchased from the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, Whitehaven. The W.M. remarked that they were wrongly placed, and promised to give the brethren a lecture on "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty,"—of which the columns were symbolic—the first evening that was "open." After fraternal greetings from the visitors and some routine business, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren separated in harmony.

DARTFORD.—LODGE OF EMULATION (No. 299).—A meeting of this old lodge was held at the Bull Hotel, on the 18th ult. Present—Bros. R. Russell, W.M.; H. C. Thompson, S.W.; G. Kingstone, J.W.; N. Martin, P.M., Treas.; P. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Davison, S.D.; J. Mills, J.D.; W. G. Wingrove, I.G.; W. A. Thomson, P.M.,

Steward; J. Miles, P.M.; E. Mackney, P.M.; P. McCallum, W.M. 765; G. Churchley, Ricketts, Chilcott, Sears, Spurrell, Patmore, Egerton, Tyler, Bryant, Heeley, Jardine, W.M. 140; Wells, Parker, Charlton, Tebay, Wilkins, Smith, Butt, Bray, P.M. 483; visitors—Bros. W. Russell, W.M. 1464; Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Reuter, W.M. 1109; Knight, P. Prov. G.D.C., W.M. 615; Neville, P.M. 765; Henderson, P.M. 13; Cuil, W.M. 1050; Nicholls, P.M. 1050; Villy, 23, California, Doughty, W.M. 483; Corky, 913; Crook, 1464; Chunev, 700; E. Lush, 140; Poole, W.M. 1320; Downie, 140; Cheshire, 860; C. E. Jardine, W.M. 56; Hughes, 231; Skilliter, 77; W. H. Poole, 625; Butt, 700; Harryman, 23; Baynes, 77. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M., Bro. Russell, presented Bro. Thompson, the W.M. elect, to Bro. Mackney, the Installing Master, for installation. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, all but Installed Masters retired, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Thompson duly installed with all ancient rites. Board of Installed Masters closed, when the Master Masons were admitted, the W.M. proclaimed, and saluted according to custom. Lodge closed in the Third Degree, when the Fellow Crafts were admitted, the W.M. proclaimed and saluted. Lodge closed in the Second Degree, the E.A. admitted, the W.M. proclaimed and saluted. The following brethren were then appointed as officers for the ensuing year, and invested:—Bros. Kingstone, S.W.; J. J. Davison, J.W.; N. Martin, P.M.; Treas. Harvey, P.M.; Sec. Wills, S.D.; Wingrove, J.D.; Churchley, I.G.; Sears, D.C.; Wells, Steward; Egerton, Steward. After the usual addresses, and a vote of thanks unanimously accorded to Bro. Mackney, Installing Master, the lodge was closed in due form with prayer, and the brethren repaired to banquet, served in Bro. Bray's usual good style, 56 sitting down. The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was received with musical honours, Bro. Miles singing the solo of the National Anthem. "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" being the next toast, was most enthusiastically received by the brethren. The toasts of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," "The Prov. G.M. of Kent, Lord Holmsdale," and "The Prov. Grand Officers" followed, all of which were received with due honour. The I.P.M. Bro. Russell, then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Thompson," in highly eulogistic terms, and the W.M. in responding, thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast. The I.P.M. in performing it had, he thought, very much flattered him; but he hoped always to retain the esteem which the brethren had evinced by electing him to the high position he held at the present time, by occupying the chair of K.S. He would fulfil the proud position to the very best of his abilities, and he doubted not the officers of the lodge would give him that assistance which was necessary in all ceremonies; that they might lose none of their beauty or solemnity during the time he had the honour of presiding over the lodge. "The Health of the I.P.M." was then proposed by the W.M., who spoke of the services rendered to the lodge during the past twelve months, and as a token of the manner in which his (Bro. Russell's) services were appreciated, he had great pleasure in attaching to his left breast a P.M. jewel, unanimously voted by the lodge, and he hoped T.G.A.O.T.U. would long spare Bro. Russell to wear it. The Last Rose of Summer was then sung in Bro. Tibby's best style, and Bro. Russell, in replying, thanked the W.M. for the many kind things said in his (Bro. Russell's) favour; but he was not aware he merited such a testimonial. He was exceedingly obliged to the brethren for the handsome jewel, but he thought when he was elected to the chair of K.S. it was the greatest honour they could have bestowed on him, and he could not find words to express how grateful he was for the kind manner in which they had shewn their approval of his past services, which had not been arduous, but labours of love, and he could only most heartily express his gratitude for the present. "The Installing Master and P.M.'s of the Lodge" was then proposed by the W.M., and he said this might be considered a home toast, for he was sure much depended upon the P.M.'s, and those who aspired to the high office he now filled, would do well to emulate the worthy manner in which those P.M.'s had performed their duties. Bro. Mackney responded for the toast, and said it was a pleasurable duty to him to assist his lodge at any time, and whether as Installing Master or otherwise, he was always only too glad to be with the lodge. The W.M. then claimed the attention of the brethren for a few moments in proposing "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Aged Freemasons' Institution, replied in what was really the speech of the evening. Bro. Terry said it was a great pleasure for him to be with the Lodge of Emulation that evening, for he always visited a lodge in Kent feeling proud of the noble support the province gave to the charities. It was part of their duties as Masons never forgotten, and he could thank most heartily the Kentish brethren for the generous and persistent support they gave to the three institutions in years gone by. Whatever the outside world might say about Masonry being only a cloak for eating and drinking, the meeting a week since, when £7,300 was brought into the funds of the Girls' School by the Lord Mayor, which provided for 150 young girls, from 8 to 16 years of age, to be clothed and educated, and to be made good and useful women; and on 7th July, when the Boys' School festival would be held, when, if report speaks truly, the sum would reach five figures (not less than £10,000), when the Pro G.M. of England would preside, and that would mean the providing for 176 young lads with the same advantages we were trying to give our own sons. In January last the list of subscriptions to the Institution for Aged Freemasons amounted to from £6,000 to £7,000, which supported 246 old men and women. Some people might sneer at Freemasonry

and call it hard names, but something practical remained, and he would defy any remarks to contradict or refute the great truth that brotherly love, relief and truth were the grand watchwords of the Order. Two others had been brought immediately to the notice of the Craft by the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, loyalty and charity; the loyalty of the brethren was never questioned, for it was deeply rooted in our hearts, and the charity to each other only received a fresh impetus by the words of our Royal brother the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and he could only thank the brethren of Kent for their undeviating support to the three institutions, and wish God speed to the whole charities of the Order. "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Russell, of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, and Bro. C. H. Jardine, of the U.S.A. Craft. Bro. Russell could only feel proud of the honour of coupling his name with the toast, for he looked forward to many years of mutual prosperity for the Lodge of Emulation 299, and he hoped it would not be considered an undesired compliment when he said he had never been so pleased in visiting any lodge as that evening, for it had been a great treat to witness the thorough manner in which Bro. Mackney had performed the installation ceremony. He had witnessed Masonry in Egypt and India, and he had been much edified by what had taken place that evening. He returned his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the health of the visitors had been proposed and received, and he would give way for his Bro. Jardine. Bro. Jardine felt a peculiar pleasure in replying to the toast, for though he was made, passed and raised, in the wide world he was a Dartfordian, it was his native place. He could speak from experience of the firm ties of Masonry, and give much information with respect to the Craft in the new world, and in referring to the expedition about to start for the Arctic Regions, asked whether it was beyond the bounds of possibility that Masonry might extend even farther than it had yet, and that perhaps a lodge of Freemasons might be established even under the very Pole itself. He gave many instances of the fellowship of the Craft, and the bonds that tied each member of the Craft true to each other, and hoped many of the fraternity would avail themselves of visiting America upon the occasion of celebrating their centenary, where they would receive such a welcome as only Masons could give. "The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most successful meetings of this old Kentish Lodge. Bro. Knight presided at the harmonium, and Bros. De Jersey, Butt, Lush, Fletcher and Chilcott rendered capital songs after the toasts, which contributed much to the enjoyment of the brethren.

LEICESTER.—JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE (No. 523).—The ordinary monthly meeting of the John O'Gaunt Lodge No. 523, was held on Thursday, the 20th ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall, on which occasion there was a numerous assemblage of the brethren, including Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. Grand Sec., W.M.; F. J. Baines, I.P.M.; G. Toller, P.M.; W. B. Smith, P.M.; A. M. Duff, P.M.; Clement Stretton, P.P.G.W.; C. E. Stretton, P.G.A.D.C.; J. W. Smith, W.M. 279; E. Mason, S.W. 1391; J. T. Thorp, S.W.; T. A. Wykes, Sec.; A. Ross, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; W. Le Shout, I.G.; G. B. Atkins, J. Farmer, Perseverance Lodge, 349, Ohio, U.S.A., and others. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Mr. M. P. McCormack-McCormack, L.R.C.P., was unanimously approved by ballot as a candidate for initiation. The attentive ear of the neophyte received from the instructive tongue of the W.M. those sacred mysteries of the First Degree which are safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts. Bro. J. T. Thorp, S.W., a young Mason of considerable ability, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; as also Bro. W. B. Smith, P.M., to the important office of Treasurer of the Lodge.

JERSEY.—LODGE LA CESAREE (No. 590).—The twenty-fourth anniversary meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Thursday, the 27th of May, and was, as usual, well attended, for the purpose of initiating a profane and installing the newly elected W.M. Soon after three o'clock p.m. the lodge was opened by Bro. Ph. W. Binet, I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Jos. Pallot, W.M., visited by a very serious illness, who was assisted by Bros. H. E. Durell, S.W.; A. Grant, J.W.; A. Schmitt, P.M.; P. Prov. G.S.W.; Sec. Dr. Durell, P.M.; P. Prov. G.S.W., Treas.; Geo. J. Renouf, P.M., P.G.S.W.; A. Viel, P.M.; P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; J. Oatley, P.M., P.G.J.W., &c., &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Captain A. Briard and declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission, who, being in attendance, was, according to ancient custom, initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Schmitt took the chair as Installing Master, when Bros. Ph. W. Binet and Geo. J. Renouf presented Bro. Grant as W.M. elect. The customary enumeration of duties was made and acknowledged; the ancient charges read and sincerely assented to, and the Obl. of M.W. elect administered. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all who had not passed the chair were then called to withdraw. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, among whom were W. Bros. Ph. W. Binet, J. Durell, G. J. Renouf, J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.G. Sec.; Ed. Martel, W.M. 958, P.G.D.C.; J. Oatley, W. Z. Pugsley, P.M., W.M. 245, P. Prov. G.J.W.; M. Gallican, P.M. and W.M. 877, P. Prov. G.S.W.; G. Rogers, P.M. 1003, &c. The Installing Master then duly placed Bro. A. Grant in the chair of K.S., according to immemorial custom. After the board had been closed, the several classes of Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices were in turn admitted. The processions, greetings, and proclamations were gone through, and the impressive address to the W.M. and Officers delivered, after which the W.M. appointed the following to be his officers for the ensuing year, Bro. A. Schmitt in each case officiating and offering

appropriate observations, viz:—Bros. Advocate Durell, S.W.; Capt. Ph. Messervy, J.W.; J. Durell, re-elected Treas.; H. Jordan, S.D.; Jno. Le Gros, J.D.; A. Gallican, I.G.; H. Du Jardin, Tyler; and the W.M. invested Bro. A. Schmitt as Sec. The proceedings connected with the ceremony of installation having been brought to a close, the Secretary read the minutes of the Audit Committee, which contained a number of suggestions and recommendations. It was proposed by the Secretary, seconded by the Treasurer, and unanimously resolved, that this report be received, approved, and entered on the minutes; and that the recommendations of the Board to the lodge be adopted. The Secretary, faithful to the custom he has been acting upon for some time past, read, for the information of the members, a summary sketch of the proceedings during the tenure of office by the retiring W.M. In concluding he paid a well-deserved eulogium on Bro. Pallot, and proposed a resolution, "That some token be presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Pallot, as a visible testimony of our feelings of gratitude, of esteem, and of fraternal affection for his zeal, his enthusiastic attachment to the Craft, and the admirable and intelligent manner in which he has discharged all his onerous obligations." The proposition, being seconded by Bro. A. Viel, passed unanimously. The Secretary proposed, seconded by the Treasurer, and carried unanimously, "That the sum of £3 be gracefully voted by the lodge towards the relief of a worthy and highly deserving Bro., P.M. 245, who has been unmercifully victimised by the collapse of the Joint Stock Bank, and lately seriously paralyzed." No other business offering, the lodge was closed at six o'clock in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room. The W.M., who of course presided, was supported on his right by Bros. Schmitt, Benham, Martel, J. O. Le Sueur; and on his left by P.M. Durell, Binch, Viel, Renouf, Oatley, &c. The usual loyal toasts and others were proposed and duly responded to. A special toast, "Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins and W. J. Hughan, the first Hon. G.S.D. of England, Hon. Members of the Lodge," was not forgotten. The proceedings were enlivened by songs from Bros. Jordan, Binch, Oulton, Carre, &c., and the brethren separated before ten o'clock.

BRECON.—BRECKNOCK LODGE (No. 651).—A few evenings since the Freemasons at Brecon entertained Bro. Frederick Broughton, P.M. 651, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 40, Ireland, &c., to a banquet at the Castle Hotel, prior to his departure for Canada. Brother Broughton has attained a high degree of personal popularity, both among his brother Masons and every other section of the local community, and his departure is very greatly regretted on all hands. The banquet was presided over by Bro. E. C. Phillips, the Worshipful Master 651, and there were also present Bros. Edward J. Morris, D. Prov. G.M.; James G. Hall, P. Prov. S.G.W.; M. Tennant, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Richard Eve, P. Prov. S.G.W., Hants, and P. Prov. G. Purst, South Wales; John Jones, Prov. G. Treasurer; W. Whittington, Prov. G. Secretary; Henry Green, P. Prov. S.G.D.; H. St. G. Caulfield, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Herbert Rich, P. Prov. G. Steward; James Goodall, W.M., No. 237; W. P. Garrett, S.W., No. 364; Rd. Webb, Treasurer, 651; Dd. Evans, John Gwynne-Vaughan, &c., &c. After an excellent dinner, the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was given from the chair, and heartily received. The Worshipful Master afterwards said—Brethren, the next toast I have the honour of introducing to your notice is a toast which will be drunk with emotion by some and with enthusiasm by all. It is "The Health of our Grand Master." Any one who was present the other day at his installation, and who saw those serried lines—as Earl Carnarvon called them—of blue and silver, and purple and gold, would not doubt for one moment that Masonry was stronger than ever; and no one who heard the stately and heartfelt thanks of our Grand Master, as they welled from his very inmost heart up our ranks, and observed the marked tremor that characterised the latter part of his speech, could doubt for one moment that our Grand Master was not only a Mason in heart, but also in deed. Brethren, you, no doubt, saw a very good account of that installation—a ceremony which has not had its equal before in the annals of Freemasonry—in the *Times*; but I hope I may be pardoned for saying that I trust a great many of you did not see the article which the *Times* thought proper to write upon it. It was an article meaning, no doubt, to give scant praise, but at the same time ridiculing Freemasonry. I do not know whether you saw it yourselves, but it was an article that accused Freemasonry of lavishness in its charities and childishness in its organisation. With regard to the first charge, I would say that you cannot do a good thing too well. And with regard to the second, if those ten thousand brethren who assembled in London to do honour to their Master were children, all I can say is that proud must be the mother who can produce such children. Brethren, I assert that that article was not worthy of a paper of the magnitude of the *Times*, far less was it worthy of a body of men who are received with acclamation and honour in every quarter of the globe, and whose enemies number but a few despots, who, fearing right-minded men, throw cold water on our works and our charities. Brethren, I can only tell you that if Freemasonry is childish it must cease to exist, but if Freemasonry is carried out in its purity it must remain to the end. I give you "The Health of our most Worshipful Grand Master." The toast was received with great cordiality. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toasts of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master," and "The W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master," which were heartily received. The Dep. Prov. G.M., in responding, said that on the part of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and himself, he could say that the departure of Bro. Broughton from the province of the eastern division of South Wales was a departure they greatly deplored. This statement would be felt more especially by the Brecon Lodge, for there they had been especially and directly aided by the

great capacity and the administrative ability of Bro Broughton. In losing him, the speaker and the Provincial Grand Master felt that they were losing a sound, adviser, and a thoroughly efficient and capable Freemason, one who had done the Province of South Wales great credit, and had represented it in a way which reflected honour upon the province to which he belonged. His future he trusted might be successful, and he begged to assure him that he went to his new abode freighted with the kindest and most fraternal good wishes for his health and happiness. They warmly hoped that whatever prosperity he had enjoyed in the past would be doubled and trebled in the future; that he might find, if possible, even kinder friends in a distant land than in his own; and that he might not quite forget them—that they might occasionally see him and frequently hear of his happiness, his progress, and his prosperity. The Worshipful Master, who in proposing the next toast betrayed great emotion, said they had met to drink the health of a very old and valued brother who was shortly going from amongst them—the health of Bro. Broughton. He would ask them first to drink it as the health of a Mason, and, secondly, as a man. In the first capacity they would remember how, when the lodge was under a cloud, Bro. Broughton had come forward and rescued it from the oblivion and the very heavy difficulties which surrounded it. They would not forget how well he had represented them both in London and elsewhere, how he had brought honour to the lodge and to himself. He was now going to a foreign land, far away from them, but when he looked upon the jewel, which the lodge had previously presented to him, and which represented the love of 24 or 25 Masons, his thoughts would find their way back over the intervening thousands of miles, and he would remember with pleasure those many evenings they had spent and enjoyed together. They all wished him God speed. Referring to Bro. Broughton in his other capacity, the speaker said that, looking back upon the many happy hours he had spent in the society of Bro. Broughton and his wife, and thinking that they would recur no more, the future seemed to him blank indeed. Every heart present would beat with his (the speaker's), and every feeling would go with his when he asserted that they would sorely miss their brother, that they wished him a prosperous journey, and remembering that they might never meet him there again, he would express the hope that they might all assemble in that Grand Lodge above where partings never take place. The toast was received with every mark of fraternal affection. Bro. Broughton, in responding, said there was a passage in Shakespeare which ran thus:—"It has been taught us from the primal state that the ebb'd-man, ne'er loved till ne'er worth love, comes 'deared by being lacked.'" With all due respect to the immortal poet, he ventured to think that he was wrong. The kindness which the members of the Brecon Lodge had shown towards him on a former occasion, their presence that night, and the words which had fallen from the Worshipful Master, would prove that they, at all events, did not wait till a man had gone from the world before they acknowledged what they believed to be his merits. He thanked them most sincerely, and he also thanked Masonry, which put into every man's heart those kindly, brotherly, affectionate feelings. Their watch-words of brotherly love and truth did well compare with the words of that old Book which they all so much respected, and which bid them "do unto others as they would be done by," and told them that charity covered a multitude of sins. These were the sentiments which should and did fill the hearts of Masons; and when they looked upon the Order in that light they found that it disposed them to kinder and more generous feelings—that it enabled them to put a more charitable construction upon each other's actions—and that it caused them to relieve men when they would not otherwise do so. It smoothed the way of life, and provided them with a platform on which politics, and religion, and sectarian differences found no part. Whether a man was a Unitarian, a Trinitarian, or even an Atheist, if he was a Mason, he should believe him to be an honest man. He (the speaker) could hardly see how an Atheist could be a Freemason. Freemasonry might include all men who believed in a God, without reference to sect or religion, but no man could enter a lodge and remain there who did not believe in an All-seeing Providence. Of course there were many Masons who were not what they ought to be; but he contended that Freemasonry was a thing which helped to make them good—a thing which no man need be ashamed of, and of which every man might be proud. Referring to the immediate subject of the toast, Brother Broughton thanked them with great fervour for their kindness, and remarked, in conclusion, that it might yet please the All-Wise Being to let him lay his bones and those of his wife and children in the country of his birth. However that might be, he left England with the full determination to do his best in the country of his adoption, and, please God, he would also do his best to keep up the cause of Freemasonry there. A succession of other toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was passed.

GIBRALTAR.—MERIDIAN LODGE (No. 743).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Governor's Parade, Gibraltar, on Wednesday, 12th May, 1875. Present: Bros. Lieut. W. T. Deverell, P.M.; W. Woodward, P.M.; W. Vines, Acting S.W.; M. A. McInerney, J.W.; W. A. Barron, Sec.; H. Rowe, S.D.; Major-Surgeon T. J. Tucker, I.G.; A. Burton, Tyler and Steward; W. Franklin, F. Compton, Lieut. R. W. F. Phillips, T. Woodward. Visitors: Bros. D. Dallas, P.M. 325; T. Beale, P.M. 325; J. J. R. Morgan, P.M. 115; J. Holliday, P.M. 325; and 19 Master Masons, &c., as visitors. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. In the absence of the outgoing W.M., Bro. Major T. E. Swettenham, through a family bereavement, the chair was ably filled by our distinguished

and excellent P.M. Lieut. W. T. Deverell, who has always taken the very highest interest in the Craft and our lodge in particular. He was supported by the P.M.'s above mentioned. The lodge being opened in the First Degree, the presiding Master stated the business of the evening, viz., the installation of Bro. W. Vines, M.M.M. and R.A., as W.M., in accordance with the minutes of the previous meeting, besides which Bro. Lieut. R. W. Fergusson Phillips was proposed a joining member by Bro. Deverell, and seconded by Bro. Vines, which proposition was unanimously carried. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Deverell requested the Installing Master to be so kind as to preside, which request was at once complied with. All brethren not P.M.'s were then requested to retire, and on being re-admitted went through the usual Masonic acknowledgments, the proclamation being most ably and enthusiastically made and declared by the Installing Master, Bro. Morgan, who declared that Bro. W. Vines had been duly installed W.M. of the Meridian Lodge, No. 743, for the present year. The W.M. then invested his officers with their badges of office as follows:—Bros. Phillips, S.W.; J. Franklin (M.M.M., R.A.), and Knt. Comp. of the B.E. of Prussia, J.W.; W. Arthur Barron (for the third year), Sec.; J. Herbert, Treas.; T. Woodward, I.G.; H. Rowe, S.D.; R. Randall, J.D.; A. Burton, Tyler. A vote of thanks was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by P.M. Deverell, to P.M. Morgan for his kindness in conducting the installation, and also for the very admirable way in which he carried out his difficult but always heartfelt duty. Nothing further having been proposed for the good of Freemasonry, or this lodge in particular, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren retired to their banqueting room, where a splendid repast was provided under the direction of the newly installed W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," were given and responded to, and short speeches were the order of the evening. "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next proposed by the W.M., and responded to as Masons only can respond to their Royal Master. "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was then proposed, and the W.M. in doing so remarked that the Meridian Lodge was always fortunate in this respect, as they, the Meridian Lodge, invariably had the pleasure of seeing many visiting members at their lodge meetings, and trusted that such a good feeling might continue during their stay at Gibraltar. The usual Tyler's toast followed, and after it had been responded to the brethren separated, after having spent a very pleasant and happy evening.

JERSEY.—ST. AUBIN'S LODGE (No. 958).—This prosperous lodge held its 12th anniversary meeting at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on Tuesday, the 18th May, for the purpose of installing Wor. Bro. Edward Martel, S.W., P.M. 491, P.G.D.C., and Prov. Grand Steward at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In consequence of the absence of the W.M., Wor. Bro. J. O'Flaherty, the ceremony of installation was performed in a most admirable style by Wor. Bro. Dr. R. J. F. Smith, P.P.G.J.W. The officers were invested with their respective badges by the newly-installed W.M. in a manner deserving of the highest praise, to which, be it said, every appointment met with the approbation of all present. After the lodge business was terminated the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where a sumptuous dinner was provided by W. Bro. W. H. Long, P.M. of the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in a most enthusiastic manner. In the course of the evening the W.M. drew the attention of the brethren to the ceremony of presenting a silver snuff-box and Masonic jewel (proceeds from a general subscription) to Bro. G. Rogers, in token of his faithful services as Tyler to the different lodges in the Province. At the request of the W.M. the Prov. Grand Secretary presented the tokens in a manner which fully interpreted the feelings of all present. Bro. Rogers thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said the beautiful present that was made to him would be a talisman for further diligence and assiduity to the cause of Masonry. Past Master J. O. Le Sueur proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke of his capital working, and likewise of his sterling qualities as a working Mason. The W.M. responded in very appropriate terms, and proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bros. present—J. Durell, P.M. 590, and P.P.G.S.W.; M. Gallechan, P.M. 491, W.M. 877, and P.P.G.S.W.; Ed. Gilley, W.M. 491, P.G.A.D.C., and Prov. G. Steward at H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Installation; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, and Prov. G. Sec., and several distinguished brethren. The toast was responded to by Wor. Bro. T. W. Benham, P.M. 1003, W.M. 244, and Prov. G. Treas. After several good songs, the Tyler's toast concluded an evening which will be long remembered in the annals of St. Aubin's Lodge.

SOUTHEND.—PRIORY LODGE (No. 1000).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Tuesday, the 25th May. The W.M., Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, and P.A.G.D.C., opened the lodge, assisted by his officers, viz.: Bros. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 379, S.W.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.M. and P.Z. 214, M.E.Z. 1000, Grand Chaplain, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M. and P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. A. Wardell, P.M., W.M. 160, and P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; W. Frost, S.D.; W. P. Belliss, J.D.; W. Chignell, I.G.; S. J. Weston and F. Cantor, Stewards. The following members were also present:—Bros. J. R. Hemmann, I.P.M.; H. Rowley, P.M. and P.P.S.G.D.; S. Cox, P.M.; W. Chaplin, J. S. Hanson, A. M. Masterson, H. Hicks, G. F. Jones, L. Warren, G. Berry, F. V. Sillings, J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), E. Plenty, J. South, jun., W. W. Whistling. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Fairtlough, P.D.G.D., Malta; W. M. Greta, Lodge 1073, and De L'Andanson. The business of the lodge consisted of raising Bro. G. F. Jones to the sublime degree of M.M., and initiating into the mysteries of the Craft Mr. Henry

Joseph Hancock, the whole of the ceremonies, including the traditional history of the Third Degree, being very ably performed by the W.M., the charge to the candidate being given by the S.W. with his usual ability. The W.M. then rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to beg Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram's acceptance of an address, signed by the members of the lodge, congratulating him upon being appointed to the dignity of Grand Chaplain of England by the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The W.M., on presenting the address to him, in the course of his remarks said that it would hand down to his family the memory of how he was honoured and respected by the members of the Priory Lodge. Bro. Wigram thanked the brethren for their kind feelings toward him in an appropriate speech. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren separated until September next. The address is a beautiful of the highest style of illumination, and framed in a handsome gilt frame.

TIVERTON.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 1125).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 20th ult.; present—Bros. T. Parkhouse, W.M.; Patterson, I.P.M.; Dickinson, Chaplain; Davey, P.M., as S.W.; Reed, jun., J.W.; Mills, P.M., P.G.O., Sec.; Cockram, S.D.; Bartlett, J.D.; Williams, as I.G.; John Melhuish and B. Taylor, Stewards; Crabb, M. C.; Andrews, Org.; Reed, P.M., P.Prov.G.D.; H. Melhuish, O. P. Martin, and Vaughan. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. E. Pike and Mr. A. Arbery, two candidates for Freemasonry, and in both cases was found in the affirmative. The former gentleman being in attendance, was duly initiated, the ceremony being performed in an admirable manner by the W.M., ably assisted as to the musical arrangements by Bro. Andrews, Org. The W.M. then, on behalf of himself and the other members of the lodge who had attended the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, presented, as a slight memorial of that grand event, a proof copy of the excellent portrait of our M.W.G.M., engraved by Bro. Hart, observing that, striking and grand as was the spectacle in itself, the thought that most impressed itself on his mind was the proof it gave of the reality and vitality of Freemasonry, that large and yet selected assemblage being brought together, not to discuss any great question, but simply to evince their loyalty to the Craft, and to pay their homage to the Prince who had consented to become their head. A vote of thanks to the donors for their acceptable present, proposed by Bro. Partridge, and seconded by Bro. Reed, P.M., terminated the proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1182).

—This lodge, which has recently been transplanted from the coffee house, Wavertree, to town quarters at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, met there on Thursday, the 13th ult., when the First and Second Degrees were capitally given by Bro. J. A. Edginton, W.M. The officers and brethren present were Bros. J. W. Williams, I.P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; T. B. Myers, S.W.; R. Martin, jun., J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; T. Davies, S.D.; G. Musker, J.D.; A. Vaughan, I.G.; T. Smelson, S.; P. M. Larsen, P.M.; Tyler, A. D. Hesketh, J. O. Rea, T. Lincoln, A. Barclay, J. Parry, G. L. Brunton, R. Leader, J. Weston, J. T. Wood, W. Guylar, T. Hunt, J. Cleworth, H. Sawyer, C. Llewellyn, H. Sale, J. Bundell, J. Curlander, C. Jones, R. Pennock, B. Wilson, S. Newbold, R. Hargreaves, A. Thoms, and T. Curtis. The visitors were Bros. G. Graham, 823; A. Robertson, 22 (S.C.), and W. D. Rowse, I.P.M. 594. During the evening the revised by-laws with additions, were taken into consideration, and the whole of the suggestions made by the revising committee were agreed to, the most important alteration being the raising of the initiation fee. It was agreed, on the motion of Bro. Martin, J.W., that the thanks of the lodge should be conveyed to Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., and W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S.B., who had acted as arbitrators in connection with a recent reference in connection with the lodge. Five or six propositions for initiation having been made, the lodge was duly and solemnly closed.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, May 1st, at the Royal Archer, Dale-street. The lodge was opened at 4 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. H. Smith. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the candidate for initiation not being present, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Davies and Dickenson then answered the necessary questions in a very satisfactory manner, and having been entrusted, retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Davies and Dickenson were duly raised, the former by the W.M., the latter by Bro. R. Caldwell, P.M. and D. of C., whose working is too well known in East Lancashire to need comment, the general good working of the lodge being due to his zeal and ability as Instruction Master. The Historical Lecture was most ably given by Bro. C. Pearson, S.W., who also presented the working tools. After the lodge had been lowered to the First Degree, hearty good wishes were given from visitors, and two propositions for initiation. In consequence of the much regretted absence of the I.P.M., Bro. J. W. Turner, the motion to alter fees stands adjourned. At the banquet twenty-nine brethren sat down, the same being served by Bro. Potts, in his usual satisfactory style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed at the festive board, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. Cope, P.M., of Townley Parker; C. Raynor, S.W. of 149; and Bro. Holbrook, of Integrity, 163, who eulogised the working of the lodge, making special mention of the part taken by Bro. Pearson, S.W., whose position as W.M. of the Wilton, 1077, well qualifies him to discharge such important duties.

LIVERPOOL.—LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 1505).—The usual monthly meeting of this young but most prosperous

lodge was held on Monday evening, 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The duties of the lodge were under the direction of Bro. Ralph Robinson, W.M., who was supported in their discharge by Bros. Maurice de Frece, S.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, J.W.; Professor J. Prag, Chaplain; Isaac de Frece, Treas.; M. Hart, Sec.; S. Schonstadt, J.D.; B. Woolf, I.G.; P. H. Crozier, S.; A. Hart, S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The "Privates" were represented by Bros. R. Brown, J. Moss, D. M. Joseph, D. L. Marcus, I. Seline, S. Levy, W. Levy, A. Rabow, J. Frank, J. Goldberg, A. Saqui, S. Jacobs, J. H. Locke, I. Woolfe, M. Aaronsberg, J. Lazarus, S. Waring, M. A. Prenchan, A. Vandyke, A. A. Lyons, A. Lamb, G. J. Somers, N. Tieski, H. M. Silver, and L. Simmons. The visitors were Bros. J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C., W.L.; Mendoza, 673; J. R. Grant, 1356; T. G. Bark, W.M. 1380; J. Capell, S.D. 1299; W. C. Webb, 1264; E. Lebschütz, 1264; H. Hart, 1094; and R. M. Freeman, 27. During the evening the Rev. Dr. W. Stern, minister of one of the Jewish congregations in Liverpool, and Mr. Joseph Sabar, a South African merchant, were initiated into the Order by the W.M. in a manner which has rarely been equalled for effect and efficiency, the whole of the officers doing their work in an admirable manner. At the banquet which followed business, the W.M. presided, and in giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts he spoke of the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. (at which he had been present as the representative of his lodge), as one of the most magnificent sights he (Bro. Robinson) had seen, far surpassing his highest expectations. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, referred to the flourishing state of the lodge, which was clearly shown by a very substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. Professor Prag responded to the toast of "The Chaplain" in a most eloquent and appropriate speech. "The Newly Initiated Brethren" was very forcibly acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Stern and Bro. Sabar. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Bark, W.M. 1380. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed. Harmony, which prevailed to a great degree, was much promoted by the vocal efforts of Bros. R. Brown, M. Hart, Sec.; Jacobs, &c., and the excellent recitation of the S.W. (Bro. A. J. Henochsberg.)

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 177).—The brethren of this flourishing lodge of instruction met on Tuesday evening last, at the Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park-Camberwell Gate. Present—Bros. Mark S. Larham, Preceptor; T. Harvey, W.M.; E. Towell, S.W.; W. Snow, den, J.W.; G. Palmer, S.D.; I. Dann, J.D.; T. Sleep, I.G.; T. Young, Sec., pro tem; also Bros. Cackett, Wallis, Hampton, Acocis, Chalk and Guider. The lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Chalk, having offered himself as candidate, was initiated. The Second Degree was then ably worked, with Bro. Guider as candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Towell was proposed as W.M. for the ensuing week.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—This flourishing lodge held its last meeting of the session at the Castle Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, the 28th ult., when the 15 Sections were worked by the brethren in the following order, Bro. Friday Rogers, P.M., of Confidence Lodge putting the questions. There were also Bros. Pincler, S.W.; Dickinson, J.W.; Gilchrist, P.M.; Ballantyne, P.M. Royal Standard, and numerous brethren from the mother and other lodges. 1st Section, Bro. Dunn; 2nd Section, Lee; 3rd Section, Dickinson; 4th Section, Shackell; 5th Section, Turner; 6th Section, Gilchrist; 7th Section, Pincler. Second Degree, 1st Section, Burr; 2nd Section, Wright; 3rd Section, Shackell; 4th Section, Pincler; 5th Section, Gilchrist. Third Degree, 1st Section, Ballantyne; 2nd Section, Yeomans; 3rd Section, Rogers. The lodge then resumed to the First Degree, when a vote of thanks was carried unanimously for the able manner in which Bro. Rogers, the Preceptor, had filled the chair on the occasion. Bro. Rogers thanked the brethren who had so kindly assisted, and assured them that it had afforded him great pleasure to see the manner in which the brethren had worked the various Sections. The lodge closed and adjourned until the first Friday in October.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—This lodge held the regular weekly meeting at the Crown, Clerkenwell-green, at seven, p.m., on Monday last, Bro. Beckett, Prec., presiding. The Fifteen Sections were admirably worked by Bros. Pearcey, Killick, Defriez, Pross, Sadler, Tolmie, Saul, and Beckett. Bros. Killick, P.M., 781, Stedman, P.M., 754, and Pross, 1278, were unanimously elected joining members. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the brethren, members of other lodges, who had assisted in working the Sections, and also to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had presided.

LIVERPOOL.—MARINERS' LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 249).—What was termed the "closing night of the season" of this very successful instruction lodge was fixed for Thursday evening, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. There was a large attendance of members. The lodge enjoys the privilege of the preceptorial talents of Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., who, at much sacrifice of valuable time, has long given the Masonic students of the lodge his valuable tuition at almost every meeting. The business before the meeting on this occasion was the Second Degree, which was given with considerable efficiency. The W.M. was H. P. Price; Bros. W. Hamilton, the S.W.; W. P. Jennings, the J.W.; R. R. Martin, the Treas.; J. Hayes (W.M. of the regular lodge) the Sec.; W. Corbett, the S.D.; E. A. Wright, the J.D.; T. Bodin, the I.G.; and R. W. Jones, the candidate for the evening. The other members present were Bros. N. Whalley, R. Washington, F. Cooper, J. Lawrie, W. Garlick, E. J. Callow, J. R. Cave, J. C. Robinson, R. Jones, F. Mollett, W. Healing, W. G. Veale, C. Leighton, J. B. Mackenzie, and others. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Smith, Preceptor, it was unanimously resolved to have an extra meeting, so as to give Bro. J.

Hayes, W.M. of 249, the opportunity of performing the installation ceremony in view of his installing his successor in the regular chair of the lodge. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet under the chairmanship of Bro. Dr. Smith, Preceptor, and the vice-chairmanship of Bro. Price, the W.M. for the evening. After the usual toasts, "The Health of the Preceptor" was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Price. Bro. Dr. Smith, in thanking the brethren for this compliment, said that although he had hitherto attended the Lodge of Instruction at considerable inconvenience and loss, still he was willing to be as useful as he could in the future if it was their pleasure to have him again as their Preceptor; the only favour he would ask being a change in the night of meeting. During his two years' preceptorship everything had gone on very smoothly—there had not been a single wrangling word, and he hoped this true Masonic spirit would continue. "The Secretary and Treasurer," given by the Preceptor, was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Hayes and Martin. The Preceptor also proposed "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. Hamilton in a humorous speech. "The W.M. and Vice-Chairman," acknowledged by Bro. Price. "The Honorary Members," responded to by Bros. Veale and Mackenzie. "The Private Members of the Lodge of Instruction," acknowledged by Bro. Washington; and "Health and Prosperity to the Mariners' Lodge No. 249," responded to by Bro. Hayes, W.M., were the other toasts. A most enjoyable evening was greatly enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Washington, Veale, Martin, Smith, Price, Robinson, Cave, and others.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 12, Trongate, on Monday, the 24th ult., Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., in the chair. Bro. Horne, J.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Garth, acting S.W.; Bro. Ross Rennie, S.D., acting J.W. There was a goodly number of members and visiting brethren present, amongst whom were Bros. J. Wilson, I.P.M.; Wilson, 27; A. Bain, P.M., Union and Crown; and W. H. Bickerton (Freemason). Bro. Morgan, in opening the lodge, said he regretted that the Secretary, Bro. Crawford, was not present to read the minutes of last meeting, but that Bro. Crawford, he expected, would be present in about one hour's time. At this stage of the proceedings, Bro. Garth, S.W., entered and took his office, and Bro. Horne that of J.W. Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., informed the lodge that Bro. Angus McEwen, of Lodge No. 926, Madras, had applied to him for affiliation into Lodge Star. He now held Bro. McEwen's diploma, also an acknowledgment from Lodge No. 926, Madras, stating that all dues had been paid, and that Bro. McEwen was a very worthy brother, and from what he knew of him, which was a great deal, he had much pleasure in proposing that the affiliation should be granted, which was received with acclamation. Bro. A. Bain, P.M., Union and Crown, No. 103, administered the obligation of affiliation. The motion of the lodge for having a test fee, tabled at last meeting, was then brought forward. Bro. Smart, Treas., spoke at length in support of the motion. In the course of his remarks, he pointed out to the brethren the great advantages and necessity for the same, and that even in the recommendation of Bro. McEwen, who had been affiliated into the lodge that evening, it was supported by a certificate, showing that he had paid his fees and was eligible. At the conclusion of Bro. Smart's excellent remarks the motion was proposed and carried unanimously. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft when Bros. John Morgan, sen., John Macfarlane, and James Patterson entered, and were passed to that degree by Bro. A. Bain, P.M., Union and Crown, No. 103, in his usual masterly style. The Secretary, Bro. Crawford, then entered and took the seat of his office. Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., informed the brethren that their I.P.M., Bro. Wilson, he was sorry to say, was about to leave Glasgow for Rothesay. They all knew Bro. Wilson's value as a member of the lodge, and he knew that he could safely say for himself and the members of the lodge that they very much regretted his having to go from amongst them, but hoped that he would be long spared, and that they might occasionally have a visit from him. Bro. Wilson said that he was sorry to leave Glasgow, but that his health compelled him to leave, and that should any of the brethren have an occasion to come to Rothesay, he hoped they would give him a call. He should always be pleased to meet any of them and stretch out the right hand of fellowship. The presentation of a beautiful lithograph from Bro. Ira Chase, Lodge Cain, New York, to Lodge Star, 219, Glasgow, was then brought up, and decided that a committee be appointed to draw up a letter in behalf of the lodge, thanking Bro. Chase for his most handsome present. Bro. Morgan said he was about to close the lodge, but before doing so he thought there would be something wanting on his part if he did not propose Bros. Bain and Bickerton a hearty vote of thanks for their services to Lodge Star. He therefore would call upon the brethren to join with him in so doing, which was received with acclamation. Bro. Bickerton, on behalf of himself and Bro. Bain, thanked Bro. Morgan and the members of Lodge Star for their kindness, and assured them that anything they could do for the benefit of Lodge Star, or Masonry in general, they should always be happy to do so. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 24th ult., within Queen's Park Rooms. Present: Bros. Julius Brodie, R.W.M.; W. M. G. Mason, S.W.; S. Findlater, J.W.; and a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. On the recommendation of the Standing

Committee, Mr. William Blair, bookseller and stationer, Queen's Park, was admitted a member of the lodge—the E.A. Degree being given by the R.W.M. in a style which commended itself to all the brethren present. A circular from St. John's Lodge, Rothesay, inviting a deputation to be present at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Rothesay Aquarium, on Saturday, June 5th, was read, and it was agreed that as many of the members as could find it convenient to go should signify their intention to the Secretary before 29th ult. After the transaction of some other business the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

Masonic Tidings.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN MASONIC COSTUME.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was photographed in full Masonic dress as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, at Marlborough House, on Friday week. The photographer selected for this auspicious sitting was Mr. Charles Watkins, of 34, Parliament-street. Several sittings took place, and the Craft will, therefore, have the opportunity of selecting the distinguished M.W.G.M. in the pose which best pleases them. H.R.H. Prince Louis of Battenberg, now on a visit to this country, was also taken by Mr. Watkins at the same time.

The consecration of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, will take place on Friday next, the 11th inst., at the Bull Inn, Chislehurst. The ceremonies will be worked by Bro. Jas. Eastes, D.G.M., Kent, assisted by Bros. Jas. Terry, the Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G.C.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.G.S.W.; W. Page, P.G.J.W.; and Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec., the officers designate being Bros. John Coutts, W.M.; Geo. F. Guest, S.W.; and William Kipps, J.W.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB.—Amongst other distinguished Masons who have already joined the club are the following: Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., and Rt. W. Dep. G. Master of England; the Rt. Hon. David Henry Stone, Lord Mayor of London, Rt. Worshipful Grand Junior Warden of England; his Grace the Duke of Manchester; Prov. G. Master, Northampton and Huntingdonshire; the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. G. Master, Cambridgeshire; the Rt. Hon. Lord Sherborne, Prov. G. Master, Gloucestershire; the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., Prov. G. Master, Norfolk; the Rt. Hon. Lord Pelham, M.P., Prov. G. Master, Sussex; Lt. Col. Fras. Burdett, Prov. G. Master, Middlesex; Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Master, Surrey, P.G.S., P.G.S.W., 30th; Lt. Col. Edward Chas. Mallet de Carteret, Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Supt., Jersey; the Rev. James Simpson, L.L.D., P.P.G.S., P.P.G.C., P.P.S.W., Cumberland and Westmoreland, and G. Chap. of England; Sir Cordy Burrows, Kt., J.P., P.P.G.J.W., Sussex; J. B. Monckton, Pres. of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Lodge of England; Samuel H. Wright, P.P.G.S.D., Suffolk; Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Kt., P.M. 1, P.G.S.; Dr. Woodman, Grand Sword Bearer of England; Captain Love Jones Parry, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies, N. Wales and Shropshire; Samuel Waddy, Q.C., M.P.; James Arthur Birch, P.P.G.S.D., Cheshire, P.P.G.J.W., East Lancashire; Frederick Binckes, P.G. Steward and Sec. Royal Masonic Inst. for Boys.

A telegram from Berlin, dated May 30, says: "This morning King Oscar received a deputation of the Grand Lodge of Freemasonry, composed of the Grand Master, General Ziegler, Herr Alexis Schmidt, and Privy Court Councillor Borck. His Majesty afterwards paid visits to the foreign Ambassadors, and called in his carriage at the residence of Field-Marshal Count von Moltke, who is away on his estate in Silesia. At eleven a.m. he drove with the Emperor and Imperial Crown Prince to Potsdam. The Queen of Sweden and the Crown Princess of Germany will proceed thither this afternoon, being engaged this morning in visiting the charitable institutions of Berlin. The news that King Oscar would later on pay a visit to the Emperor of Russia appears to be confirmed."

Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, has consented to act as Steward for the Acacia Lodge No. 1309, at the forthcoming anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The August, September, and October parts (Vol. I., 1873) of the *Masonic Magazine* are now reprinting, and will shortly be ready.

Twenty-five thousand Masons marched through the streets of New York on the 2nd inst., to participate in the ceremony of dedicating a Masonic temple in Twenty-third Street.

At the last meeting of the Acacia Lodge No. 1309, Bro. C. Horsley, P.P.G.C. Middlesex, P.M., was unanimously elected W.M., and the installation of this popular and highly esteemed brother will take place on Tuesday, June 29th, at 3.30 p.m., at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.

Bros. Thomas Joseph Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 73, is the W.M. Designate of the Chaucer Lodge No. 1540, to be held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

Bro. Henry James Green, J.W. 1275, S.D. 19, and other lodges, a popular and well esteemed brother in Her Majesty's Civil Service, is W.M. Designate St. Martin's le Grand Lodge, to be opened at Masons' Arms, Masons' Avenue, City (Bro. E. Gosden's).

The Bedford Lodge No. 157 will hold its usual summer banquet at Bro. W. Holland's (P.M. 157), North Woolwich Gardens, on Friday, June 11th, Bro. L. Drew, W.M., presiding.

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Careful attention will be paid to all MSS. entrusted to the Editor, but he cannot undertake to return them unless accompanied by stamp directed covers.

WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND BEAUTY.—Which columns correspond with these respectively, and where are they respectively placed in the lodge?—BETA.

[We have always understood that they represent "nomination," as they stand the Master's light, the S. Warden's light, and the J. Warden's light, respectively.—ED.]

Will you or some of your numerous readers kindly answer me the following questions.—SUNDIROS.

CRAFT MASONRY.—Should a P.M. visiting a strange lodge take his seat with the P.M.'s of the lodge, or take a lower seat and wait till he is asked to take it?

[A visiting P.M. will be invited by the W.M. to take his seat on the dais; unless he does so the P.M. cannot claim it out of his own lodge.]

ROYAL ARCH.—Should the companions wear their sash on the right or left shoulders?

[The sash is worn from right to left.]

BRO. BURDETT F. YEOMAN.—Poetry received—thanks. Part next week.

Several other Communications and Reports stand over.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1875.

MASONIC FINANCE.

The two balance-sheets we published last week are both most satisfactory. First with regard to Grand Lodge. By that balance-sheet it appears the whole receipts of the Fund of Benevolence, including balance for 1873, and repayment of loan, dividends, &c., amounted to £12,913 5s. 6d. Per contra, £4020 were voted to petitioners, £800 were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; small expenses amounted to £16; £6,953 3s. were invested in the purchase of £7500 3 Per Cent. stock; while a balance remains of £1124. This balance is less again than last year, and demonstrates the absolute necessity of not in any way forestalling further our funds for benevolent purposes. The whole amount of the Fund for General Purposes reached to £12,040 14s. 8d. The outgoings included the repayment of £5091 17s. 6d. to Fund of Benevolence, and the balance at the end of the year amounted to £1195 11s. 7d. Thus the two accounts put together amounted in receipts to £24,954 0s. 2d., and the payments to £22,632 7s. 7d., leaving a balance on both

accounts of £2321 14s. 8d. This is, we think, a very satisfactory state of affairs. As regards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the accounts are equally flourishing. To the 31st of March, 1875, the receipts for the Male Fund amounted to £10,051 16s. 10d., and the payments to £7822 2s. 5d. These payments included a purchase of £1500 3 Per Cent. Bank Annuities, and £1500 placed at deposit. The balance on this amount is £2219 14s. 5d. For the Female Fund the receipts are £6785 7s. 4d., and the disbursements £5227 13s. 1d. This amount includes a purchase of £1500 3 Per Cents. The balance to the good is on this account £1557 14s. 3d. We observe that the actual income for the two Funds is £2162 17s. 3d., while the present payment to annuitants amounts for the two Funds to £6728. Hence, though the balance-sheet is very good, there remains a large margin to be supplied annually by the zeal and energy of our Order. Financial statistics are generally dry, and it is said you can prove anything by them; these, however, we think do prove at any rate that, even taken by themselves, our English Freemasonry is materially most prosperous.

THE MASONIC PRESS.

On looking over some bygone Masonic journals we have been struck with the greatly improved tone of the Masonic Press at the present hour. To the Freemason of a well-regulated mind it is almost depressing to-day to note the personalities of happily forgotten pages. There are some unfortunate Masons in the world who never can write without attacking others; be the subject what it may, they will lug in their hateful pettiness of thought and feeling, their bad taste, their perverted sympathies, and their rancorous animosities. Hence to them even the peaceful arena of a Masonic journal becomes a battle field; the tone they give to all Masonic discussion is as bad as bad can be, because, based on low personal grounds, it is ever marked by vulgarity, and tainted by unbrotherly uncharitableness. The polished and educated Freemason shrinks from these tirades of inflated egotism, or these childish vapourings of a hopeless self-sufficiency, these maunderings of an ill-regulated intellect, or this wordy warfare of a Masonic Ishmaelite. Nothing has done Freemasonry so much harm in the past as the personalities of its journalism, because these weekly evidences of irrepressible and unbrotherly utterance gave a simple if practical lie to every Masonic profession of fraternal love or fraternal consideration. We rejoice in an altered condition of affairs, and, as far as the *Freemason* is concerned, we do not intend to allow the older character to be revived amongst us. If now and then tokens of the ancient leaven peep out, if now and then "sputterings," so to say, of the old animus crop up, if the fire is only smothered not put out, we yet now are happily on our guard, and for whatever else the pages of the *Freemason* may be blamed, they will not be blamed for personality. But we must say one word more. Everything is not personality which some angry correspondents may consider personality. There are times when the honest writer has to speak plainly. If you have to deal with a professed begging letter writer you hand him over, "pro bono publico," to that useful personage, Mr. Horsford. If you have to encounter a nocturnal visitor, or some agreeable swindler, you invoke the aid of one of the experienced gentlemen from Scotland Yard. And so in literary work you may often have to speak plainly and act decidedly. Some impostor comes forward, for instance, and tries to impose on the credulity of your contemporaries; are you not justified in telling him that he is an impostor? Some charlatan seeks by his pretentious ignorance to claim an honour for himself which is due to others, or endeavours to palm himself off on the public as the great discoverer, or the greater light of the hour! Are you not to tell him that he is a charlatan, and that those who heed him are dupes? If some vulgar overbearing individual seeks with a plethora of ill-digested sentences to make you credit his utterances of infallibility, and to accept his many assertions, are you not at liberty to tell him that he is both overbearing and

ignorant, vulgar and incompetent, and that you deny his assertions and reject his conclusion? Surely, in all these cases, and many more might be adduced if needed, there is, and can be, no personality, even in the plainest speaking! What we consider personality proper we will now venture to put before our readers. When some feeble writer of the press finds he cannot meet argument, he always has recourse to "cheek" and to abuse. He will tell you, though you may have devoted a lifetime to the study of the question, that you know nothing whatever about it. He will assert that you are animated, in your dissent from his views only by personal feelings; that you are no wiser or better than you should be; that, in short, you yourself are "no great shakes;" and that your ignorance is only equalled by your audacity. Whenever you see, in the writing of these hopeless personalists, any imputation of bad motives to their opponents, which almost always immediately is alleged, you know at once with whom you have to do, and you shun that writer, or you had better do so, as you would the plague. None of his contributions can do any good, either to Freemasonry or to truth; they are not written honestly; they are simply intended to promote personality, and to praise Number One. When Dr. Johnson said that he who wanted to write the English language well must give his "days and nights to the study of Addison," he meant to encourage a style of writing equally clear and correct. But some there are who take part of his advice and devote themselves on all occasions to personalities. No occasion is too great, no matter too trivial, for that angry, that intemperate, that low-minded spirit. We know nothing more melancholy, or more unmasonic. For Freemasonry would teach us at a holier and a better lore. It would bid us give up our own personal selfishness and littlenesses, our love of display, our egotism, our overbearing tendencies, our quarrelsome disposition, and would invite us to be kind and considerate, temperate of speech, and thoughtful of others, never even imputing bad motives, never condescending to low personalities, never forgetting that every Freemason is a gentleman in tone and manners alike, in outward decorum, and in inward feelings. Let us hope that the age of personality is over for Freemasonry, and that we may show to the world that our professions are true which declare our great characteristic to be Brotherly Love.

THE DERBY DAY.

The great meeting on Epsom Downs for 1875 has past and gone, amid the exultation of the winners and the depression of the losers. "Galopin" has galloped to the fore, and Prince Batthyany's colours have received a well deserved ovation. Seldom, probably, did a Derby Day witness finer weather, or a more enthusiastic and orderly assembly. The presence of that goodly muster of our Royal Family added alike prestige and grace to the wonderful spectacle, and augmented in a remarkable measure the gratification of sightseers and the pleasurable reminiscences of a popular holiday. How childish and perverse it is for cynics and puritans to rail at the annual Derby Day. For though moralists may moralize, and preachers may preach, and the jester may jest, the fact remains indisputable, that this annual gathering is a great annual "outing" for a large section of our English people. And we are inclined to think that not only long will it continue so to be, humanly speaking, but that it is very well that it should be so. For despite the opposition and even denunciations of well meaning enthusiasts, if somewhat weak and very wordy, we confess to have no little liking for that annual celebration of the English "Hippodrome" which is so cherished by our people, and is so attractive to foreigners. Look at it which way you will, it is a very great sight in itself, unequalled actually in the world, and affords a great deal of enjoyment and healthy recreation for an almost overwhelming mass of holiday seekers. If Mawworm comes in with a very sour look and says "people might better amuse themselves," if true in theory probably, yet practically the same thing may be actually said

of any worldly amusement. We know of no purely amusement of earth, whether attracting large numbers or small coteries, of which the same might not be predicated. And if it is added that the "accessories are bad, and the associations are hurtful," not only is a race-course not the only locale in this sublunary scene where the associations are hurtful, and the accessories are bad, but we may and do meet the same bad and hurtful things wherever we are and wherever we go. Indeed, if "Stiggins" is right in his view of the evil attaching to such places, the monks in the Thebaid were perfectly right who left the world of old for deserts and for caves, and practically helpless idleness. The great old moralist condemned all this illogical perversity years ago, when he said even with his reverential spirit to the head of a Nunnery in Paris, "Madam, you are not here from love of virtue, but from fear of vice." The old canon, in our opinion, may then fairly be pleaded, "defendit numerus," and that other equally true axiom, "it is not the thing that is wrong but the person." We apprehend that seeing a race, and admiring the horses, and meeting pleasant friends, and eating a good luncheon, and enjoying a rural drive do not constitute in whole or in part, a very grave moral offence. It may be true that you may witness lamentable outbreaks of painful inebriety, and listen to the coarse jests of the vulgar or the "rough," but we fancy a good many of these descriptions are "sensational," something like the "Dwarf and the Dog" of the "Casual Warder," creditable to the imagination but hardly consonant with fact. But even if so, "Abusus non tollit usum," and we have yet to learn that well-conducted people are to give up their legitimate amusements because some foolish persons possibly may and actually do misconduct themselves. This is "post hoc propter hoc" with a vengeance! We are therefore prepared to contend, pace Sir Wilfred Lawson, not only that Lord Palmerston was quite right in the thoroughly English and practical view he took of the matter, but that our legislators are wise in their generation in giving themselves this annual holiday. Nothing is so easy, as we well know, for persons to take the "high moral line" on very childish, perverse, fanatical grounds, and often on no grounds at all. Nothing is so simple as to make merry at old customs, or even, if you like, cherished idiosyncrasies. But he is the wiser and sounder person, and especially is this the case with the statesman, who seeks to recognize the national instinct and the national tastes, especially when by a wise concession he can afford a day's amusement of social pleasantries and agreeable companionship to many a toiling and many a smoke-dried fellow-citizen. Notwithstanding then the complaints of those, to whom life with all its sunshine and brightness, and gay day-dreams, and softening imaginations, seems to be ever dark with clouds, and whose sky is ever lurid with the threatenings of a coming storm, we prefer that more genial philosophy which finds a proper season and time for everything, which declines to make us miserable when we should be joyous, or serious when we are full of cheerful associations, and which does not disdain above all to think of the people, and with the people, and for the people, and is even willing to condescend for the nonce to share in "Suburban Saturnalia," and to take part in a "Cockney Carnival."

MONSEIGNEUR DUPANLOUP.

We have read with much attention, and we may add, with much interest, the "Etude sur la Francmaçonnerie," recently put forth by the well known Monseigneur Dupanloup, R.C. Bishop of Orleans, and which "Etude" has already reached a third edition. Many of our readers well know that that eminent French prelate is a writer of very great ability, and that his literary productions always command, as in truth they justly merit, not only respect, but perusal. We may not, and probably shall not, agree with all he says, but we shall gladly recognize the honesty of his convictions and the outspokenness of his statements. It is given, moreover, to few writers to possess a clearer style or a more forcible utterance of his views, and he has this

singular recommendation, in these days of wordy obscurity or mystic jargon, that he always makes you understand what it is he is "driving at," while he is gifted with a power, shared by few writers of the hour, of putting into the fewest possible, but equally the clearest possible words what it is he has got to say. As Freemasons, we are specially bound to be ever tolerant and generous even in the hottest controversy, and we should be always willing to admire, as we believe, to our credit we are, those evidences of "geist" and talent, which always appeal so forcibly to the mind and the approval of men. Monseigneur Dupanloup, it seems, has recently made an "Etude" of Freemasonry, and that "Etude" has been so unsatisfactory, his original bad opinion of Freemasonry has been made so much worse by the result of his investigations, that he feels bound, he tells us, to make known at the earliest possible opportunity, these, his conclusions, discoveries, fears, and griefs to others, that they may avoid the dreadful delusions and the fearful pitfalls of Freemasonry. Indeed, so alarming, in his view, are the real end and teaching of Freemasonry, that, agreeing with the opinion of Bishop Ketteler of Mayence, he declares that no true Roman Catholic, no religiously-minded person, nay, no man of sense, can be or ought to be a Freemason. Well, these are very hard words, and this is a very serious conclusion, especially when spoken and deliberately avowed by the Bishop of Orleans, and we therefore have thought it well to call the attention of our readers to the subject and the controversy. It is well to observe, that this pamphlet of ninety pages, written in the Bishop's usual vigorous verbiage, is mainly directed against French and Belgian Freemasonry. He does not actually deal with Freemasonry in general, except by implication, and therefore his remarks have more of a particular than a general bearing. English Freemasonry is not by name actually assailed, though no doubt he would strongly disapprove equally of our basis of organization and of our universal platform. But, as it is, we are not named either in his criticisms or his censures, severe as they are, and we think we may fairly say, that had Monseigneur Dupanloup only to deal with our Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, he would not have thought it necessary to have published the "Etude." For we fear that it must be fairly confessed, that the Bishop of Orleans has some grounds for complaining of many of the indiscreet utterances of our brethren in Masonry in Belgium and France. As he introduces these to our notice, we see at once how alien they are from the truer teaching of our good and peaceable English craft. We know nothing in England of political discussions or of religious controversies. Ours is purely a benevolent and philanthropic order, most kindly to all men, most attached to the brotherhood, and most friendly, on our sound English principles, to toleration and civilization, to progress and improvement, to liberty of conscience and liberty of worship! We quarrel with no man's dogmas, we cavil at no brother's creed, and we are tolerant of all, yet holding firmly the sanctity of the individual belief, and the importance and need and blessing of religious truth. We equally uphold as a great feature of our Order the governing, controlling, Divine moral law, and we keep from us the avowed atheist and the open libertine. But if the extracts adduced by the Bishop of Orleans be correct, (we hope that some of them are coloured,) though he apparently confirms them by published authorities, some of the French and Belgian Freemasons have certainly openly identified themselves with one political party in each country, namely, the extreme revolutionary party. But we would fain believe, that such violent words are rather those of individual than of general concurrence, and that whatever some Freemasons may hold in both countries they are still a minority in the Order. We in England should utterly repudiate their expressed views alike on political questions, as on religious topics, as we strongly hold that Freemasons have nothing whatever to do with either, and we deeply deplore many of those very acts to which the Bishop alludes, just as we deprecate many of the addresses to which he refers. We have always contended, and we always shall contend,

that there is but one safe onward path for Freemasonry, namely, that happy via media which passes through the host of angry politicians on the one side, and of angrier controversialists on the other. We have always lamented that coquetry, for instance, with the Commune, which so many of the French Freemasons seemed so rashly to approve of, for such proceedings are, we believe, most opposed to the teachings of true Freemasonry, and most detrimental to the peaceful and loyal character of Freemasons. Equally repulsive to us are those negations of the Supreme Being, of the immortality of the soul, of the Divine Law of morality, of religious rites, and of religious instructions, all sad echoes from dark and dangerous days, which we, alas! find are so often and so loudly expressed by some Freemasons both in France and Belgium. Few English Freemasons we believe there are, who from our good old-fashioned way of looking at all these questions, would not practically agree with Monseigneur Dupanloup even, in his energetic reprobation of such declarations and such teaching. But beyond this we cannot go with him. Though he has not attacked Freemasonry in general, he does so, as we said before, by implication, and especially when, as a faithful child of the Roman Church, he adduces the Papal Briefs, entirely condemnatory as they are of Freemasonry generally everywhere, as decisive of the whole question. Here it is then where he and we must respectfully part company. With him we warmly regret and openly disavow all those mistaken views which would represent Freemasonry as an atheistical, or a communistic, or a revolutionary association, which would assert it to be in perpetual war with the very idea of a church, with revelation, with religious instruction, with government, with society, and, in fact, with liberty of conscience and toleration of opinions. For curiously enough, just as there is nothing like the "credulité des incrédules," so there is nothing to equal the intolerance of Freethinkers. But we cannot agree with the Bishop that because "Roma locuta est causa finita est." Here in England, as in Scotland and Ireland, and the United States, Freemasonry is flourishing in spite of "ban" and "anathema," and flourish it will everywhere, we believe, so long as its members remain true to its great landmarks and its leading principles. We can quite understand that conscientious religionists may object to the constitution of Freemasonry, per se, but yet Freemasonry is, we believe, too strong, both in its inherent worth and its practical utility, to be impeded or put down either by menace or by censure. And then, even in France and Belgium, the words and acts which the Bishop holds up to reprobation are no doubt the result of honest conviction, and he must also permit us to say, the intolerance of his Church against any thing like untrammelled thought, freedom of conscience, and individual liberty of action, has rendered the antagonism of many whose sympathies are warm and whose opinions are decided, almost an internecine war. We do not say this to excuse many of these unwise and unfitting avowals to which the Bishop calls attention, but simply to explain what is the actual condition of affairs, greatly to be regretted in our opinion, the more so as it is not, and ought not to be, the normal position of Freemasonry. We do not in conclusion think that the Bishop of Orleans's "Etude" will have much effect on the Freemasons in France or Belgium. The struggle has become so very severe and is becoming hourly more embittered. We should ourselves rejoice if the French and Belgian Freemasons could be induced to retrace their steps and become once again a purely non-political body; if they could be persuaded to disassociate themselves openly from any avowed sympathies, either with the "Commune" or with revolution. If too they can see their way to remove from their official regulations any negation of religion, of the Supreme Being, of the immortality of the soul, to become once again if a tolerant yet a theistic body, we feel sure the greatest good would ensue to Freemasonry and to themselves. We then should have but little fear for their future progress, and no apprehension whatever either for the hostile criticism of the outer world, or the vehement denunciations of the ablest of their adversaries.

A COMMEMORATION INSTALLATION MEDAL.

We have to announce that in answer to many applications, Bro. George Kenning is about to issue a medal commemorative of the Installation of our Royal Grand Master, of which further particulars will be announced in the columns of the *Freemason*. The medals will be of gold, silver, and bronze, and will bear on one side the bust of our Grand Master, in Masonic costume, and on the reverse, the date of the Installation, and his and our watchwords, Loyalty and Charity. Though simple, the design appears to us to be most effective, and Bro. Kenning may be relied on to issue a medal which shall do credit to the occasion and the Craft.

PORTRAIT OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

We have seen, with great pleasure, a photographic portrait of H.R.H. the Grand Master, taken by Bro. Charles Watkins, of Parliament-street. The likeness is most true, and the expression most happy.

THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.

We have been requested to inform the Craft that the July number of this very useful and interesting periodical will be adorned with a portrait of our Royal Brother the Grand Master, and that subsequent numbers will also be illustrated by portraits of brethren distinguished in Masonry. With the July number the *Masonic Magazine* will be permanently increased with eight pages of letter-press. We recommend our readers, if not subscribers, now to begin with the volume commencing July. We have also been requested to state that the bound volumes for 1873 and 1874 will shortly be ready.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly communication of Grand Lodge of England, was held on Wednesday evening in the Temple. The building was very full of the brethren, and as every meeting appears to increase the numbers of those who attend, in an extraordinary degree, it is not unlikely that before another two years are past the Temple will not be nearly large enough to hold the brethren, leaving out of the question its capability to accommodate them with comfort. On Wednesday evening, comfort formed no part of the proceedings, for although the brethren were seated to a larger number than on any previous occasion, the room was almost insufferably hot. The general appearance of the lodge was somewhat altered, and certainly not for the better. The magnificent throne was placed at the back of the dais behind the chair in which the acting Grand Master sat; thus causing considerable inconvenience to the Past Grand Officers; while the Senior Warden's chair was placed to the left of the entrance to Grand Lodge, destroying the square appearance of the assembly, and giving the notion of something or other being out of place. On the whole, Grand Lodge looked much like the reception room of a London house, out of the season, which, on a sudden emergency arising, had been hastily and imperfectly arrayed for a party. The splendid carpet presented to Grand Lodge for the Installation (for which, however, there was no vote of thanks proposed) was laid down the centre of the room.

For some days previously it had been expected that the M.W.G. Master himself would be present to propose the vote of thanks which stood on the agenda paper in his name to the Committee of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Sir Albert Woods, and Bro. Thomas Fenn, for the successful arrangements made by them for the Installation of H.R.H. on the 28th of April. A great number of the brethren, no doubt, attended in that belief, but a great many more were probably influenced by a desire to

vote for the members of the Board of General Purposes. Long before seven o'clock, the body of Grand Lodge was full, and at that hour, to the music of Bro. Kuhe, on the organ, the procession entered. The Prince of Wales, however, formed no part of it; neither did Lord Carnarvon; but Lord Skelmersdale, for the first time in his Masonic career, appeared in the place of the Grand Master. His lordship was vociferously cheered as he entered and took his seat, surrounded by a large body of present and past Grand Officers, amongst whom were the Marquis of Hamilton, G.S.W.; Colonel Whitwell, M.P., as G.J.W.; Dr. Hamilton, as Dep. G.M.; Bros. Sir Michael Costa; W. Beach, M.P.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; H. D. Sandeman; S. Rawson; Thomas Fenn; J. C. Parkinson; Dr. Hogg; W. E. Gumbleton; R. W. Stewart; H. Browse; Joshua Nunn; James Mason; John Havers; R. J. Spiers; Dr. Erasmus Wilson; E. S. Snell; W. Winn; Revs. A. B. Frazer, Sir J. Warren Hayes, James Simpson, D.C.L., S. R. Wigram, and C. J. Martyn; Capt. Platt; J. B. Monckton; — McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; Dr. Woodman, G.S.B.; John M. Clabon; Samuel Tomkins; S. L. Tomkins; Hyde Pullen; — Savage; Brackstone Baker; John Symonds; John Hervey, G.S.; Ough; Brett; Cubitt; Jos. Smith; Thomas Wright; and E. P. Albert.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed,

The Acting Grand Master rose and said—Brethren, it is now my pleasing duty to propose to you three resolutions; but before doing so, I must express to you the regret H.R.H. the Grand Master wished me to convey to you, at not being able to be present on this occasion. He hopes to be able to attend more regularly in the future. I have also to regret that the Pro-Grand Master is not here to-night; but we all know how great a task it was for him to perform that he undertook on the 28th of April, and how little we ought to expect from him at present. The Grand Master wished me also to express to you his cordial assent to the resolutions which I am about to propose to you. I need hardly dilate on them, for I think all who were present on the 28th of April must have expressed astonishment at the admirable way in which all the arrangements were carried out. (Hear, hear.) I will not detain you by saying any more on the subject, for I am sure you will endorse everything that has been said in public and in private. I will read the resolutions to you. His lordship then read the following resolutions, which were put seriatim, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, and carried amidst great applause:

"That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and are hereby given to Bro. John B. Monckton, the President, and to the members of the committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes to assist the Grand Director of Ceremonies, for their successful exertions in carrying out the arrangements for the installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 28th April last, and to the Grand Secretary and the executive generally for their willing and able assistance on the occasion."

"That the best and most cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby given to Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, for the most able manner in which he conceived and carried out the details of the ceremony of installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 28th day of April, 1875."

"That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby given to Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., for the very able manner in which he carried out the duties of superintending the arrangements relating to the admission and seating of the brethren on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 28th of April, 1875, and for his indefatigable exertions in the discharge of that duty."

His Lordship observed, on putting the motions, that he was shure he need hardly put them, as he knew the brethren were of the

same opinion as himself with regard to the whole arrangements on the 28th of April.

On the election of Trustees of Grand Lodge Funds coming on,

Dr. Hamilton said, he begged to propose the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro-Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden, as such trustees.

Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman seconded the proposition, which was put and carried.

The election of members of the Board of General Purposes was then taken, and scrutineers appointed.

There was no contest for the membership of the Colonial Board, or the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution, the requisite number only having been nominated. They therefore stand as follows:

Colonial Board.—Bros. Brackstone Baker (21), James Brett (177), J. M. Case (1), H. Gröning (197), J. G. Marsh (28), W. F. Nettleship (14), and S. Poynter (1491).

Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution.—Bros. James Brett (177), C. A. Cottebrune, (733), T. Cubitt (157), J. A. Farnfield (256), H. M. Levy (188), J. G. Stevens (554), A. H. Tattershall (140), H. G. Warren (173), and Thomas White (21).

Bro. Hervey afterwards read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—A brother of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, 12, London, £100; a brother of the St. Paul's Lodge, 374, Montreal, Canada East, £50; the widow of a brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, 189, East Stonehouse, £150; the widow of a brother of the Belgrave Lodge, 749, London, £50; a brother of the St. Thomas's Lodge, 142, London, £100.

All these grants were then proposed by Bro. John M. Clabon, president of the lodge, and four of them were seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President. Bro. H. Garrod seconded the fourth on the list. All the grants were confirmed.

Bro. John B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, moved that the following report of the Board of General Purposes, printed on the agenda paper, be taken as read, which was agreed to:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:—It appeared from the return of its members made to the Grand Secretary by a Provincial Lodge, that the names of initiates were withheld from such return. This being in contravention of the Constitutions (Art. 14, page 66), the attention of the Lodge was called to the circumstance and an explanation requested, and it was stated in reply (and upon investigation the Board have every reason to be satisfied with the bona fides of the statement,) that the belief had always prevailed in the Lodge that members ought not to be returned until raised to the third degree. The Board have received the strongest expressions of regret that such a mistake should have occurred, and have admonished the Lodge in respect to it.

It is thought right to report the matter to Grand Lodge, as a warning to other lodges in case a similar misapprehension prevails elsewhere. (Signed) John B. Monckton, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. President.

18th May, 1875.

In moving that it be received and entered on the minutes, Bro. Monckton said, that though it had been taken as read, he trusted that no member of Grand Lodge would be satisfied without reading that report in its entirety, because it contained that which without being intended to be at all severe on the lodge in question, was brought before Grand Lodge as a warning to lodges that might not be so well-informed as others of their responsibilities and liabilities. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was put by the Acting Grand Master, and carried.

Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., said that as

he did not see the Vice-President of the Board (Bro. Peter De L. Long) in his place, he would move that the rest of the report be received and entered in the minutes. He was sure it would be immediately adopted by Grand Lodge, because all the brethren were aware how well and ably the President of the Board of General Purposes had discharged his duties. (Hear, hear.) The report was as follows:—

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved:—"That the thanks of the Board be given to the President, Brother John B. Monckton, for the urbanity and unvarying courtesy which he has displayed, and the very able and satisfactory way in which he has conducted the business of the Board during the past eventful year." (Signed) Peter D. L. Long, Vice-President.

Amidst much laughter Bro. Long (whom Bro. McIntyre "did not see in his place,") rose and seconded the motion.

The motion was put and adopted *nem. dis.*, accompanied by loud cheers.

The next business was the—

Appeal of Brother William F. H. Temple, W. Master of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 891, Constantinople, against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, relative to the resignation and subsequent election of Bro. Taylor as Master of the lodge, and also against his (Bro. Temple's) suspension from his Masonic privileges.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., stated the circumstances of the case, from which it appeared that a dispute had arisen between the two brethren, between the date of the election of Bro. Taylor and that when he should have been installed. Charges had been made by Bro. Taylor against Bro. Temple on matters of business, and entirely outside Masonry; and, moreover, the charges were not made in a Masonic Lodge, and had nothing to do with Masonic conduct. Bro. Temple preferred a complaint to the District Grand Lodge. The District Grand Master was away, and a deputy was acting. The matter was brought before the Dist. Board of Gen. Purposes, who met, and after having heard the statements of both parties, decided that Bro. Temple was not guilty of the charges brought against him by Bro. Taylor, and that the latter should apologise. There was some little difference between the Dep. Dist. Grand Master and Bro. Temple as to the words used, but the result was, Bro. Taylor having been urged to make an apology, said, "I regret I have made a charge, and have not been able to substantiate it." (Laughter.) Bro. Temple, however, accepted this as an apology, according to the Dep. Dist. Grand Master, though Bro. Temple said he never did. Bro. Taylor then resigned his membership of the Bulwer Lodge by letter, which was read in lodge, and a resolution was passed accepting the resignation. (Bro. McIntyre then repeated what he has frequently said before, and which is perfectly well known to Masons in general, that if a member of a lodge resigns, even though his dues are unpaid, he ceases to be a member of the lodge; that no motion of the lodge is necessary upon that resignation; and that no lodge can compel a resigning member to remain a member, incurring fresh liability for dues, until his dues in arrear are paid. Freemasonry is a voluntary society, and whenever a member wishes to resign he may resign. If dues are unpaid, he remains liable to the lodge for those dues.) The lodge accepted, which was not necessary, the resignation, and it was complete and entered on the minutes. The Secretary of the lodge, who was clerk of the W.M. elect (Bro. Taylor), sent in his resignation as well, which was also accepted. Shortly afterwards the Deputy District Grand Master, who was a P.M. of the same lodge, and several other members, thought it would be good for Freemasonry that the resignations should be allowed to be withdrawn, and at the next meeting, when Bro. Taylor was in the chair, a motion was made that a resolution be come to, asking Bro. Taylor and the Secretary to withdraw their resignations. The W.M. said that the resolution could not be put. Bro. Taylor had ceased to be a member, and he could only come

in again in the ordinary way by proposition as a rejoining member, and ballot. The Deputy District Grand Master, whose decision was now appealed against, was in lodge but not clothed in the paraphernalia of his office. He seemed to have advised the W.M. that the resolution could be put; but the W. M. was firm, and refused to put it. Lodge was closed, and afterwards communications took place between members of the lodge and the W. M., and a great many were in favour of Bro. Taylor withdrawing his resignation. Still the W. M. declined to accede to anything of the sort. At the next meeting of the lodge the Deputy District Grand Master again attended, and being then clothed in his official clothing, the gavel was presented to him, and he took the chair, and proceeded to rule the lodge. Among the first things that were done, a resolution was moved that Brother Taylor and Brother Secretary be requested to withdraw their resignations. The W.M. stated that as their resignations had been accepted, they could not withdraw them; it was too late, and they had ceased to be members of the lodge. The Deputy District Grand Master seeing that there were not eight members, under the English Constitution, present when the resignation was accepted, ruled that every proceeding at that lodge was annulled, and that there was no resignation sent in or accepted. (Laughter.) Therefore, he ruled that this resolution would be put, the W.M. protesting against it in very energetic language, which the Dep. Dist. Grand Master said was of much stronger expression. Bro. Temple, W.M., said he was responsible to the Dist. Grand Master and to Grand Lodge of England for the observance of the rules and laws of Masonry within the lodge, and could not be superseded by the Deputy District Grand Master coming and taking the chair. In spite of all his opposition, the resolution to ask the W.M. elect, and the Secretary to withdraw their resignations was put by the Deputy District Grand Master, and carried. That took place in February. The W.M. protested and wrote to the District Grand Master; but the day after the meeting of the lodge, when the W.M. energetically, and perhaps rudely, protested against the proceedings, the Deputy District Grand Master, without calling upon him or summoning him before him, acted on his own knowledge, and suspended Brother Temple from all his Masonic functions, not only from this lodge, but two other lodges in the province. So that he was thenceforth entirely suspended. A District Grand Lodge had since been held, and this brother, in consequence of his suspension, had not been able to attend it, and could not be elected to grand office until the decision of Grand Lodge of England on the appeal was known. He was not a Mason to all intents and purposes in the district. The Deputy District Grand Master did not stop there, but called a Lodge of Emergency, the summons for which was of a peculiar character; it was, "to meet to receive the answer of Bro. Taylor, W.M., elect, and the brother who was the secretary of the lodge," to the letter requesting them to withdraw their resignations, and if withdrawn, to instal Bro. Taylor in the to the chair." Bro. Temple was more furious than before. The Lodge of Emergency was held; the brethren withdrew their resignations, and Bro. Taylor was installed; he appointed the officers and reappointed the Secretary. Bro. Temple complained that the Deputy District Grand Master chose to suspend him from all his Masonic functions without ever having summoned him before him to be heard; the Deputy District Grand Master did not deny that, according to the accounts of both sides. It was a principle both of Freemasonry and of the law of every civilised country that a man should be heard before he was condemned. The Deputy District Grand Master said, "I had heard enough of him before I suspended him." (Laughter.) Under these circumstances he (Grand Registrar) would move "That Bro. Temple's appeal be allowed, and that he be restored to his Masonic rights and privileges." Great powers and privileges were given to Provincial and District Grand Masters, and they ought to take very great care that those powers, rights, and privileges

were exercised with due caution. If they found in any case that there was an arbitrary use of power Grand Lodge should mark its sense of it and admonish the District Grand Master. He would therefore add, "and that the Deputy District Grand Master be admonished not to act in a similar way on another occasion." Then there was another important point to be considered. Bro. Taylor had ceased to be a member of the lodge, and having so ceased two irregularities were committed by the Deputy District Grand Master; first of all, he incited the lodge to pass a vote asking a brother to withdraw his resignation after it had been formally sent in and accepted by the lodge; secondly, he put it that the resignation when accepted by the lodge was not sufficient until the acceptance had been communicated to the resigning brother. He (Grand Registrar) held that the Deputy District Grand Master was wrong. If a member of a lodge in the heat of the moment said, "I resign my membership of this lodge," and other members said, "Don't do that; pray don't resign," he might withdraw what he said; for until the resignation was recorded it was no resignation at all. But if he wrote a letter resigning his position, and so showed his intention of resigning, and, moreover, when that resignation was accepted, he could not withdraw it. A man might have sufficient friends in a lodge to out-vote the Master. It was not for the Master of a lodge to be called upon to say that the resignation should be withdrawn. It was a thing accomplished. As to the other point, there not being eight Master Masons under the English Constitution present when the resignation was sent in, it was absurd. The requisite number of Masons were present to form a lodge, and the thing was perfect. He would also move, "That the installation of Bro. Taylor as W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge was, and is hereby declared to be, illegal." (Cheers)

Bro. James Mason seconded the proposition, which, after a few words from Dr. Hogg, were carried unanimously in the following form:—"That the appeal of Bro. Temple be allowed, and that brother restored to his Masonic rights and privileges, and that the Deputy District Grand Master, not having summoned Bro. Temple and heard him in his defence, be seriously admonished not to act in the same manner on a similar occasion," and "That the installation of Bro. Taylor as W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge, was, and is hereby declared to be, null and void."

The motion by Bro. J. H. Wynne, No. 101 and 554—"That this Grand Lodge recommend from the funds of Grand Lodge that five pounds be given to each unsuccessful candidate at the election for annuitants of old men and women, belonging to the Craft of Freemasons, held on the 21st May, 1875"—not finding a seconder, fell to the ground.

Brother Benjamin Head, P.G.D., moved "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes. That the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

Bro. Monckton seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. Binckes, according to notice, moved "That the £200 awarded by the Board of Benevolence, and confirmed by Grand Lodge in March last, voted to a brother, be placed in the hands of certain brethren in trust for the said brother."

Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, seconded the motion; but after opposition on the part of the Grand Registrar, and especially of Bro. John Havers, it was lost.

Grand Lodge was then closed and adjourned, the Acting G.M. saying that as the scrutineers of votes had not completed their task, he would take the result of the election in his private room.

Late at night the following return was made:—

MASTERS.

Bro. Betts, Daniel	No. 1351
" Forrester, James	222
" Headon, Nathan Bryant	1426
" Poynter, Samuel	1491
" Smith, Griffiths	569
" Stephens, William	1489
" Tomkins, Alfred Savill	822
" Wood, Henry Trueman	1159

PAST MASTERS.

Bro. Grady, Standish Grove	No. 14
" Levander, Henry C.	507
" Long, Peter de Lande.....	114
" March, Edwin	99
" White, Thomas William	21
" Wilson, Erasmus	1464

The following brethren were nominated by the M.W.G.M. to the Board of General Purposes:—J. B. Monckton, P.G.D.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C.; John Havers, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), John A. Rucker, Joseph C. Parkinson, John Savage, James E. Saunders, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; Thomas Fenn, Joseph Smith.

The following brethren were nominated to the Colonial Board by the M.W.G.M.:—John A. Luckson, President; Hugh D. Sandeman, Joseph Smith.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge in this Degree was held on Tuesday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern. The Grand Master, Earl Percy, M.P., was not present, having to return immediately to Northumberland, but his lordship sent a note explaining the circumstance and regretting his inability to attend. The Master's chair was, in his absence, occupied by the Most Worshipful brother, the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., Past Grand Master.

Lodge was very numerously attended, and among the brethren present were Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.P.G.M.; Col. Fras. Burdett, Pr. G.M., Middlesex and Surrey; Sir Jno. Cordy Burrows, Pr. G.M., Sussex; Magnus Ohren, P.G.M.O.; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, J. Hordern Jukes, and D. J. Drakeford, P.G. Chaplains; Morton Edwards, P.G.D.; J. F. Lilley, P.G.D.; H. R. Trigg, P.G.D.; Geo. Lambert, P.G.D.; E. T. Inskip, P.G.D.; Geo. Neall, P.G. Supt. of Works; Thos. Cubitt and S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C.'s; T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C.; T. W. Coffin, P.G. Swd. B.; S. W. Lazarus, P.G. Org.; Wm. Worrell, P.G. Org.; J. H. Wynne, P.G.I.G.; S. Funkensztein, P.G.I.G.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler; D. M. Dewar, James W. Smith, Geo. Page, Clement Stretton, Rev. C. R. Davy, G. Stewards; H. Massey, P.G. Steward; Major Geo. Barlow, P.J.W., R. W. Edes, P.P.G.T.W., and Thos. H. Parker, Pr. G.S.D., Midx. & Surrey; James Holroyd, P.Pr.G.S.D., and W. Roberts, P.Pr.G.M.O., West Yorkshire; Wm. Robert Wood, Pr.G.O., and Thomas Trollope, Pr.G.S.W., Sussex; and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and Brethren of many private lodges.

Grand Lodge when opened was formed as follows:—Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., as G.M.; Bros. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick, Dep. G.M.; Tyrrell Leith, G.S.W.; Col. Burdett, G.J.W.; R. W. Little, G.M.O.; Meggy, G.S.O.; Wilkins, G.J.O.; T. F. Ravenshaw and D. J. Drakeford, G. Chaplains; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C. as G.D.C.; Henry Dubosc, Sen., G. Swd. B.; S. R. Ade, G. Std.B.; Henry Parker, G. Org.; Henry W. Binckes, Asst. G. Sec.; G. I.G.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler. The minutes of last Grand Lodge—December—having been read by G. Sec. and confirmed, Bro. Thomas Meggy asked a question with regard to the festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund last year. The sum of £168 had been said to have been subscribed on that occasion, whereas only £100 had been received. Had application been made to the brethren whose names had been given in as donors for the £68 not received?

Grand Secretary replied that numerous applications had been made for the amount, but hitherto without success.

Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the Special Grand Lodge at which the Earl of Limerick was elected Grand Master, which were then put and confirmed. He then read the following report of the General Board:—

In the six months ending the 31st March last the number of certificates issued was 444.

During the same period warrants for the following new lodges have been granted:—

- No. 180, Ramsay, Bengal.
- " 181, Burdett.
- " 182, Humber, Hull.
- " 183, Baldwyn, Bristol.

Though the important question of recognition of this Grand Lodge by other supreme bodies has not made all the progress anticipated, it is believed to be in a fair way of satisfactory settlement. It was discussed at the triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of America held in 1874, and its consideration deferred to the next triennial meeting.

The Grand Chapter of Ireland gives evidence of its continued friendly feeling and of its fraternal desire for a close and more intimate relationship between the two bodies.

The Board thus publicly reminds the brethren that the Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held, as already announced, at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, the 21st of July. R.W. Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire, Deputy Grand Mark Master, has kindly consented to preside, and it is hoped that the success of the gathering will exceed that of former years.

A committee has been appointed to consider the question of the expenses of the Annual Installation Banquet, in connection with the stewardship and responsibilities connected with the Mark Benevolent Festival. They hope to be prepared at the next meeting of Grand Lodge to submit recommendations, the object of which will be to reduce the personal expenses of the brethren who from year to year undertake these duties.

Notice has been received from the acting authority of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple of the expulsion from the Order of a member who is also a member of this degree.

Representations having been addressed to the Board as to the desirability of reprinting the early half-yearly reports of proceedings in style and form similar to the present half-yearly issue, the Board has resolved to invite estimates of cost for this, and for printing the papers connected with the proceedings which resulted in the formation of this Grand Lodge.

The Board recommends that, in order to facilitate business and the settlement of questions which sometimes arise, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Registrar be ex officio members of the General Board, and other committees of Grand Lodge, and that the necessary alterations to that effect be made in the Book of Constitutions.

Subjoined are the Treasurer's accounts for the half-year ending 31st March, 1875, shewing a balance in favour of Grand Lodge of £359 on General account, and £146 9s. 6d. on Benevolence account.

H. C. LEVANDER, G.R.,
President pro tem.

RECEIPTS.

Six months ending 31st March, 1875.

FEES OF HONOUR.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bro. G. J. Smallpiece						
as G.J.W.	5	5	0			
" H. C. Levander as						
G.R.	1	1	0			
" C. Harrison as Dep.						
Prov. G.M.M. for						
Lincolnshire	2	2	0			
" J. W. Cunningham						
as Dep. Prov. G.M.M.						
for Sussex	2	2	0			
Dispersations, 6 at 10/6	3	3	0			
Sale of Books of Consti-						
tutions, &c.	2	19	8			
Rituals, &c.	15	11	6			
Tracing Boards	12	7	7			
				34	1	9

LODGES TO DATE.

Certificates	218	6	6
Annual Dues	148	4	6

UNAPPROPRIATED.

Friendship, No. 16	0	3	3
Adams, " 6	0	12	0
Southwark, " 22	0	13	0
Albert Victor, " 70	0	2	6
Love and Honour, " 94	0	2	6
Carnarvon, " 119	0	12	0
Hiram, " 153	5	19	0
Royal Sussex, " 177	0	3	0
" " " " 0	11	6	
	8	18	9

£420 1 6

DISBURSEMENTS.

Six months ending 31st March, 1875.

ORDINARY.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Office Rent and Atten-						
dance, 2 quarters ...	41	0	0			
Binckes, F., Gd. Sec.,						
Salary ...	50	0	0			
Binckes, H. W. Asst.						
Gd. Sec., Salary ...	50	0	0			
Binckes, F., Gd. Sec.,						
Postage, &c.	20	0	0			
Binckes, H.W., Fees on						
Certificate, R.A.M. ...	1	0	0			
Messrs. Warrington and						
Co., Printing, Station-						
ery, &c.	29	7	8			
" Pewtreas and						
Co., Printing ...	33	3	5			
" Hardman and Co.,						
Ben. Fund Jewels ...	2	2	0			
Mr. J. Hatton, G. L.						
Signature Books ...	2	15	0			
" I. T. Keene, Coals	1	11	0			
" E. Ledger, adver-						
tising in Era ...	1	3	0			
" H. Parker, Music						
for G.L., Dec., 1874	5	5	0			
London Gaslight Co.,						
Gas ...	1	5	0			
Freemasons' Tavern Co.						
(Limited) ...	5	0	0			
Bankers' charges, Cheque						
Book, Stamps, &c. ...	0	5	0			
				253	17	1

EXTRAORDINARY.

Messrs. Howitt and Co.,						
Furniture ...	37	9	0			
" Cooper and Holt,						
Seats ...	35	10	0			
" Henry Greene &						
Son, Gas Fittings ...	18	3	0			
Mr. E. Cox, Fenders, &c.	2	12	6			
" C.W. Sears, Platforms	11	6	0			

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The Grand Treasurer's accounts are presented herewith, showing:

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last account ...	298	3	2
Receipts, 6 months to 31st March,			
1875 ...	420	1	6
	718	4	8
Expenditure, 6 months to same date	358	17	7

Balance in favour of Grand Lodge ...	359	7	1
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FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Balance from last account ...	158	2	8
Dividends on £400 Bonds ...	9	18	4
Donations ...	6	8	6

174 9 6

Deduct two petitioners ...	28	0	0
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£146 9 6

Examined and found correct

(Signed) THOS. MEGGY, Auditor.

28 May, 1875.

Grand Secretary said that, before going further, perhaps he had better read the following letter he had received from Earl Percy:—

25, Grosvenor-square,
31st May, 1875.

Dear Sir,—I have just returned to town from Northumberland on business, but I am sorry to say I must go north again to-morrow morning. Under these circumstances I fear it will be impossible for me to be present at Grand Lodge to-morrow, and to have the satisfaction of installing Lord Limerick in the chair of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters. Will you convey to Lord Limerick my sincere regret for my enforced absence, and my best wishes for the success of his tenure of office, and to the brethren my best thanks for the support I have always received during my Grand Mastership, which I shall always look back upon with satisfaction.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

(Signed) PERCY.

F. Binckes, Esq.

The recommendation of the report that Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar should, ex officio, be members of the Board of Committees was then adopted, and after an amendment had been moved, seconded, and lost on another clause of the report, Grand Treasurer read his accounts, which were also adopted, and the report of the Board was confirmed.

The Earl of Limerick here retired, and a deputation was formed to escort him into Grand Lodge to be installed. On his entry, Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie presented his lordship to the Grand Master, and informed him that Lord Limerick had been duly elected to fill the Grand Master's chair. His lordship's zeal for Freemasonry was well known. It was well that a man's actions should be known, as on this occasion it gave the brethren an opportunity of testifying to their appreciation of the services of a brother who deserved well at their hands. The highest reward they could give for his eminent usefulness to the Order was to elect him as their Grand Master, and this they had done unanimously. It was therefore his pleasing duty to present the Earl of Limerick for installation. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. said he was happy to carry out the request made by Bro. Starkie. He perfectly coincided in what Bro. Starkie had said, and he was happy to find that Lord Limerick had been unanimously elected. He was sure it was the wisest choice the brethren could have made.

After the ceremony of installation had been performed,

The Earl of Limerick, M.W.G.M., M.M., speaking from the throne, said—Brethren, as the time is late I will not detain you long in expressing to you my sense of the high honour you have done me to-night. It is a high honour indeed to be placed in the chair of this Grand Lodge, and to succeed such a number of distinguished brethren as have previously occupied the chair. Through their labours, brethren, this degree of Mark Masonry has gone on flourishing in a most remarkable manner. It has spread wide its branches and extended deep its roots; and I trust that what has been going on during the past time will be continued during the time that I occupy the chair in which you have so kindly placed me. I can only say that my efforts shall always be at the service of this Grand Lodge, and I trust that every member of this Grand Lodge will place the most favourable construction upon all my acts, and that I may receive that support in this degree that you have extended to those who have preceded me in this chair. I thank you, brethren, for the honour you have done me (applause).

The following brethren were then appointed Grand Officers for the year, and invested by his Lordship with the insignia of their rank:—

W. Romaine Callender	Dep. G. Master.
Sir Fredk. Perkins	G.S.W.
Capt. N. G. Philips	G.J.W.
Rev. C. R. Davy	G. Chaplain.
Rev. A. B. Frazer	"
Frederic Davison	G. Treas.
H. C. Levander	G. Reg.
F. Binckes	G. Sec.
Major Geo. Barlow	G.M.O.
John Chadwick	G.S.O.
John Trotter	G.J.O.
Samuel Jones	G.S.D.
J. C. Gregg	G.J.D.
Robt. W. Edis	G. Supt. of Wks.
Thos. Trollope, M.D.	G.D.C.
Fredk. Holroyd	G.A.D.C.
Thos. Watson	G. S.W.D. B.
Thos. J. Mortlock	G. Std. B.
Henry Parker	G. Org.
Joseph H. Spencer	G.I.G.
H. W. Binckes	Assist. G. Sec.
Frank Richardson, Hiram, 13; Geo. Yaxley, Macdonald, 104; William Tasker, Fearnley, 58; Joseph D. Sugden, Old York; William Noll, Wiltshire Keystone, 178; Thos. Dolling Bolton, Carnarvon, 7; Wm. Munroe, Carnarvon, 119; Wm. Thompson.	

The jewels for Stewards of the Benevolent Fund Festival were afterwards presented by Lord Limerick to Bros. Page, Charles Lacey, F. Richardson, Stretton (Leicester), and Cerexhe. The other Stewards not being present, the pre-

sentation of their jewels was deferred till December communication.

Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, W. E. Gumbleton, Thomas Meggy, James Stevens, S. Rosenthal and Magnus Ohren were nominated by the Grand Master as six members to serve on the General Board; and Bros. T. J. Sabine, D. M. Dewar, Stidolph, Neall, and Cubitt were elected by the brethren as members of the same body.

[The Report of Grand Mark Lodge will be continued next week.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A further meeting of the Stewards for the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Wednesday evening in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. A. Rucker, Past Grand Senior Deacon, in the chair for a short time, when he was succeeded by Bro. Montague, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Dorset. There were also present Bros. Bingemann, W.M. 55; D. Betts, W.M. 1351; H. J. Adam, P.M. 569; S. Rosenthal, A. Barfield, C. Barker, P.M. 834; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Robert B. Webster, S.W. 1320; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 1237; F. Adlard, P.M. 7; R. R. Davis, W.M. 156; W. Stephens, W.M. 1365; W. H. Smith, 108; H. Hollis, P.M. 167; H. Dubosc, P.M. 156; I. J. Hooper Wilkins, W.M. 73; John Healey, P.M. 59; E. C. Woodward, Samuel Jones, 112, P. Prov. G.S.D.; C. J. Morgan, G.S. and S.W. 8; A. H. Burrell, W.M. 1446; W. H. Farnfield P.M. 907; W. C. Parsons, W.M. 180; Joseph Reade, 951; John R. Vine, P.M. 173; Israel Abrahams, P.M. and P.Z. 188; J. C. Cox, W.M. 1257; and W. Lane, W.M. 28.

Bro. Binckes, Hon. Sec. to the Board of Stewards, read the minutes of the meeting of the 12th of May, from which it appeared that the former minutes were received and adopted, and the following arrangements were made—the sub-committee on music recommending that proposals for the musical entertainment be invited from Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, and Bro. Chaplin Henry, when it was resolved that to these be added the names of Bro. J. Kerr Gedge and Bro. E. Van Noorden, the sum allotted being thirty-five guineas.

The report of the sub-committee appointed to enquire as to the facilities for holding the festival at the Alexandra Palace, with recommendations, which, by separate resolutions, were approved, shewed—

- 1.—That the accommodation at the Alexandra Palace is in every respect admirable, and more than ample for any possible number attending the festival.
- 2.—That the Board receives with regret the information that the Palace has already been secured for the 30th of June, and that the negotiations for a surrender for that day have failed.
- 3.—That recognising the desirability of holding the festival at the Alexandra Palace, the sanction of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, as Chairman, be sought for a change in the date, from Wednesday, 30th of June, to Wednesday, 7th of July.
- 4.—That in the event of such sanction being obtained, the festival be held at the Alexandra Palace, and that ladies and brethren dine together at the same tables.
- 5.—That the price of dinner tickets be—ladies fifteen shillings; brethren one guinea.
- 6.—That dinner be served at five o'clock precisely.
- 7.—That morning dress be worn, ladies with or without bonnets as may be preferred.

The following brethren were elected as special Stewards:

Bro. Adlard, Frederick	Lodge	7
" Morgan, C. J.	"	8
" Marsh, W. R.	"	9
" Clever, Joseph	"	12
" Gray, C. W.	"	22
" Wilkins, I. J. H.	"	73
" Griffin, Joseph	"	90
" Seex, John	"	186
" Jones, Edward	"	192
" Rosenthal, Sig.	"	435
" Cusworth, Thomas J.	"	813
" Hose, Samuel	"	1155
" Verry, George W.	"	1278
" Kipps, William	"	1531
" Hacker, H.	Prov. of Hants, I. of W.	
" Smith, Thomas	" Kent.	
" Thompson, J. H.	" Middlesex.	
" Moody, Charles	" Surrey.	
" Morris, Thomas J.	" W. Yorkshire.]	
" Sabine, Thomas J.	" Mark Degreee.	
" Venn, Henry	" Rose Croix.	

And the Officers of the Board, ex-officio.

With power to add to their number.

F. BINCKES,
Hon. Sec. Bd. of Stds.

The report of the sub-committee on the music recommended that five guineas be authorised to be set apart for the musical arrangements in case it should be wanted.

The report was received and adopted. As to the ladies' tickets to be issued, it was resolved that the number should be unlimited for each Steward. It was resolved that the applications for tickets should be made by the 28th of June, for the purpose of balloting for places, both for brethren and ladies. It was also resolved that the ballot for places should be left to the officers of the Board.

Bro. Binckes then explained the Alexandra Palace and the arrangements he had made for the successful carrying out of the festivals, for the information of the Stewards and Special Stewards.

Bro. Wilkins moved, and Bro. Israel Abrahams seconded,

the adoption of these arrangements, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Binckes said he was much obliged to the brethren for adopting his suggestions for arrangements. He had spent a good deal of time incubating them, and they seemed to him to be the best that could be made, and Messrs. Bertram and Roberts had written him a letter saying they could make no improvement upon them.

Bro. Binckes then explained that he had received the permission of the Grand Master to clothing being worn, provided it was not worn in public, or going to or coming from the Alexandra Palace. Bro. Binckes then submitted whether collars and jewels only should be worn.

Bro. W. R. Marsh proposed, and Bro. R. B. Webster seconded, that the clothing should be full Masonic Craft clothing to be worn on the occasion.

This was carried unanimously.

It was understood that either evening or morning dress should be worn, and the ladies with or without bonnets at pleasure.

Bro. Binckes read a letter from Bro. Francis Bennoch as to the removal of the festival from Freemasons' Tavern, of which company he is the chairman. Bro. Binckes also read his reply to Bro. Bennoch.

The letter in reply was unanimously authorised to be written and sent by the Secretary to Bro. Bennoch.

Bro. Wilkins having asked what arrangements had been made about the wines, Bro. Dubosc said the wines were stipulated to be of known brands.

As to the trains, Bro. Binckes said he would have further information to give on this point at next meeting.

Bro. Binckes added that as the annual visit to the Boys' School on the 8th of July would this year be done away with, the Stewards' visit preparatory to the festival would be made on the 30th of June. Lord Carnarvon could not attend on that day to distribute the prizes, but he had authorised the President of the Board of Stewards, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.S.W., to do so for him. That nobleman had consented, and the visit would take place on that day.

After it had been arranged that the next meeting of the Stewards should be held on the 28th inst., at 5 p.m., a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the meeting separated.

Bro. Captain Boyton's successful attempt to cross the Channel terminated amid a warm welcome from the people of Folkestone about half-past two o'clock on Saturday morning last. Although he had been in the water twenty-three hours and a half, he showed but few symptoms of fatigue.

ROYAL NAVY SCHOOL, NEW-CROSS.—Prince Leopold, following the example of her Majesty and his Royal brothers, has become a patron and liberal donor to this school.

BELGIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have accepted the invitation of the stewards and committee to attend the banquet in aid of the funds, which will be given at Willis' Rooms on Saturday, June 19th, under the presidency of his Excellency the Belgian Minister.

Ever on the look out for novelty, and interesting subjects, the managers of Madame Tussaud's Exhibition have added to their already diversified collection a portrait figure of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the insignia of M.W. Grand Master. We can say that to the minutest detail everything is complete.

THE LORD MAYOR AND THE PREFECT OF THE SEINE.—At a meeting of the Common Council, held at the Guildhall, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. William Lawley, chairman of the City Lands Committee, that the Council, desiring to evince its high appreciation of the cordial reception accorded to the Lord Mayor on the occasion of his visit to Paris, and being also desirous of maintaining the friendly feeling which has always existed between the representatives of local self-government, invite the Prefect of the Seine and the municipal authorities of various cities of France, and other parts of the Continent, to meet the Mayors and the Corporations of the United Kingdom to a banquet in the Guildhall, and that a Ward Committee be appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

THE LONDON TAVERN IN THE AUCTION MARKET.—The announcement of the sale by auction of the London Tavern, on the premises in Bishopsgate, on Wednesday, brought together a large company of capitalists and City men. The property covers an area of 6500 superficial feet and included in the sale were the licences and goodwill of the trade of the tavern, which has been carried on for more than a century. The property is subject to a mortgage debt of £50,000, which it was stated would be allowed to remain. Messrs. Gadsden, Ellis, and Co., were the auctioneers. The biddings rose to £84,500, at which sum the property was brought in by the vendors.

The Lord Mayor has consented to preside at a meeting at the Mansion House on the 19th inst., at three o'clock, in aid of a fund for obtaining permanent premises for the Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the blind. There will also be a meeting for the same object at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on the 17th inst., the Earl of Aberdeen in the chair.

Twenty-eight drags took part in the meeting of the Four-in-hand Club in Hyde Park on Wednesday. The Prince of Wales drove with the Duke of Beaufort, and Prince Louis of Hesse occupied a seat on another coach.

Lord Selborne presided at the annual meeting of the Legal Association held on Wednesday last.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck Street, Calcutta, on Thursday, April 15, 1875. There were present—The Worshipful J. B. Roberts, P.D.D.G.M., as D.G.M.; W. Bros. W. B. Mactavish, D.S.G.W.; W. G. Amos, P.D.G.D., as D.J.G.W.; W. H. Jones, D.G. Treasurer; H. H. Locke, Past Dep. D.G.M., as D.G.S.; W. H. Fitze, P.D.G.D., as D.S.G.D.; A Le Franc, D.J.G.D.; Jas. Watson, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; Prosonno Coomar Dutt, D.G.A.D. of Cer.; J. H. E. Beer, P.D.G. Org., as D.G. Org.; W. H. T. Ayres, D.G. Pursuivt.; Bros. Dr. E. Reilly, as D.G.S.B.; H. M. Rustomjee, D.G.S.; J. L. Anderson, D.G.S.; Lieut. B. D. Hayes, D.G.S.; G. Alexander, D.G.T.

The following lodges were represented:—Industry and Perseverance, 109; Humility with Fortitude, 229; True Friendship, 218; Marine, 232; Anchor and Hope, 234; Courage with Humanity, 392; St. John, 486; Excelsior, 825; Star of Orissa, 1106; Temperance and Benevolence, 1160; Sandeman, 1374.

Visitor—Bro. E. Stegemann.

District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 5.40 p.m. Apologies for non-attendance were announced from several brethren.

The following notice, which had been issued to every lodge in the province, with the summons for this special communication of District Grand Lodge, was read:—

"Worshipful Master,—I am directed to notify to you, and to the Wardens of your lodge, and to such Past Masters in the Craft as are subscribing members of your lodge, that a special communication of District Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Bentinck-st., Calcutta, on Thursday, the 15th April, at half-past five o'clock p.m., for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at the special communication of the 7th Feb., the minutes of which are herewith enclosed as required by the Constitutions.

"I am to request that you will make known this notice to your Wardens and Past Masters; three spare copies being enclosed for circulation.

"I am, Worshipful Master, yours fraternally,

"H. H. Locke, "P.D.D.G.M., A.D.G.S."

The District Grand Master in the chair:—Worshipful Brethren, I might say that I am sorry to call you together to an extra meeting of District Grand Lodge at a season of the year when the heat is so trying as it now is, and at an hour when many of you have barely concluded your business for the day, but I am sure that you do not regret being so summoned on this occasion, the business before us being the completion of a circle of Masonic labour which was begun some nine months ago. Looking to what this work is (and I may tell you that, even although it is not yet fully accomplished, it has already called forth not only a unanimous support from the members of our fraternity, but expressions of admiration from those who are outsiders), looking, I say, to what this work is, I feel sure that, with me, you all feel glad that at this communication of D.G.L. in which we are met this afternoon, we have to take what is, for us at any rate, the last step towards its complete accomplishment.

W. Bro. McGregor, W.M. 392, moved—

"That the minutes of the special communication of District Grand Lodge held on the 7th January, 1875, having been printed and circulated, and having been passed at the quarterly communication of the 20th March, 1875, as a correct record of the proceedings of the aforesaid special communication of the 9th January, 1875, be now taken as read."

W. Bro. Mactavish, D.S.G.W. and P.M. 109, seconded the motion, which was carried.

W. Bro. Fitze, P.D.G.D. & P.M. 218, moved—

"That the resolutions passed at the special communication of District Grand Lodge held on the 7th January, 1875, be now confirmed."

The resolutions referred to are as follows:—

"That an assessment of one rupee per quarter be paid by all Lodges in the province of Bengal towards the support of the Bengal Masonic Association for the Education of the Children of Indigent Freemasons.

"That in order to give effect to the foregoing

provision, the following alterations and additions be made in, and to, the Bye-laws of District Grand Lodge, and transmitted to England for the approval of the M.W. the Grand Master.

"Page 10.—After the line '2nd—The Fund of Benevolence' insert as a separate line, the words '3rd.—The Masonic Association Assessment.'

"The headings 'Masonic Hall Sustentation Fund' and 'Grand Stewards' Banqueting Fund,' now numbered respectively '3rd' and '4th,'—to be numbered respectively '4th' and '5th.'

"Between the Bye-laws No. 20 and No. 21, insert the following, which shall be numbered 21, the present No. 21 becoming 22, and all the following numbers being altered so as to follow in proper sequence. The Masonic Association Assessment is a subscription towards the support of the Bengal Masonic Association for the Education of Children of Indigent Freemasons, and consists of a contribution from each lodge in the province of one rupee per quarter for every Brother who has been a subscribing member of such lodge for any part of the quarter. The payments on account of this Assessment shall be sent to the District Grand Treasurer, along with the returns and dues to District Grand Lodge and Fund of Benevolence, and the District Grand Treasurer shall, within three clear office days of his receipt thereof, pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Association.

"At page 13, in the Bye-law now numbered 40, but which, as provided for above, will become No. 41, after the words 'Fund of Benevolence' insert 'and the Masonic Association Assessment.'

"At page 25, endorsement of Form A, under the head 'abstract of dues,' insert below the word 'contributions to Fund of Benevolence,' 'Ditto to Masonic Association (same amount).'

"At page 26, insert 'Masonic Association,' as above, under the words 'Fund of Benevolence,' in the abstract of payments at foot of returns."

W. Bro. W. G. Amos, P.D.G.D. and W.M. 229, seconded W. Bro. Fitze's motion, for the confirmation of the above resolutions; the motion was then put, and was declared by the District Grand Master to be carried unanimously.

W. Bro. D. McGregor, W.M. 392, said that on behalf of his lodge which had voted against the proposed assessment when it was first brought forward, he desired to say that they had opposed the measure simply because it was thought that it would be found impracticable to carry it out, and because some members thought that improvements might be made as to the manner of the elections to the benefits of the Bengal Masonic Association.

W. Bro. W. H. Ayres, D.G.P. and W.M. 825, said that his lodge had also been set down as against the proposition, but they had not really disapproved of it; they had only suggested another way of attaining the same result.

W. Bro. Locke, P.D.D.G.M. and A.D.G.S., said it must have been gratifying to have heard the remarks just made by Bros. McGregor and Ayres, as practically the number of dissentient lodges was now reduced to three; even these appeared to have abandoned opposition at the last stage, inasmuch as no vote had been given by any of them against the resolutions.

After a few words from the D.G.M., the lodge was closed in due form.

Correspondence.

THE 1717 ASSERTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Bro.,

I observe that Bro. Hughan offers to enter upon a controversy with Bro. Buchan upon this exploded subject.

Bro. Hughan's time, devoted to Masonic writings and researches, is valuable, and I would ask him to pause ere he enters upon the waste of it, which would be involved in such a discussion.

What is erroneously called a "theory" (1717) has never been shown to have any other origin than the bare persistent assertion of Bro. Buchan himself. That brother has never supported it by one single piece of evidence; and what is still worse, he ignores any evidence which is adduced by anybody else. He challenged me to produce any proof of the use of the word "speculative," in any document dated before 1717; I accepted his challenge, and produced two instances in the M.S.

of circa, 1500, of which a transcript was published by Bro. Cooke. Bro. Buchan then cast doubts upon the genuineness of the M.S., and upon the good faith of the transcriber; upon which I took the trouble to have the original examined and verified by a competent expert, and published an extract from his letter. What was the result? Why, Bro. Buchan, who as good as placed his "theory" in the balance with his challenge, said not a word afterwards, but retreated into defeated silence until the circumstance was perhaps forgotten, and then reproduced his pet myth as fresh as ever. I observe that he now repeats his 1717 assertions for the benefit of new brethren, and new readers; but I would call their attention to the foregoing fact, and I warn them that the 1717 theory (so called) is nothing but a bare assertion, which has been long since amply disproved.

I strongly recommend Bro. Hughan to enter upon no such discussion until Bro. Buchan will be content to fairly admit distinct evidences when they are published, and on his own part to adduce proofs (which he has never yet done) instead of mere personal assertions. I some time since called attention to an Indenture of Covenants, temp. Hen. VI., noticed in XXV Quarterly Review, p. 146, between the churchwardens of a parish in Suffolk, and a company of Freemasons, which contains a stipulation as to white apron and gloves, and a properly tyed lodge, to be provided at the expense of the parish. The original of this indenture can perhaps be inspected, and I invite Bro. Woodford's attention to it. If it bears out the notice in the Quarterly, it may go far, if not the whole way, to prove that these were operative Masons, practising the speculative element.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I can best answer the query of "W.D., 489, S.C.," in your last number, by quoting from the Laws of the Institution. "2. Object. To receive under its protection, and to maintain, clothe, and educate the sons of Freemasons of every religious denomination under the English Constitution," &c.

This definition amounts to an exclusion of the sons of brethren under the Irish or Scotch Constitution.

Our Irish brethren are energetically promoting the cause of Masonic education. Their schools for boys and girls, though in their infancy, especially the former, are making wonderful progress. It was my good fortune to be present, in April last, at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of both schools. The Queen's representative presided, the prizes were given by his daughter, Lady Georgina Hamilton, in the presence of 9,000 of the *élite* of the Order, and of Irish society. I regarded the scene with singular feelings of surprise, admiration, and—I must confess it—envy; and while indulging in the hope that I might live to witness such a scene in England in association with our own schools, I could not repress a sigh in despair at its accomplishment.

As regards our Scotch brethren, I opened a correspondence with the late Grand Secretary, some few years since, on the suggestion of an influential and generous brother, who is both an English and an Irish Mason, and a noble supporter of our Institution, with a view to an enquiry if it were not possible that by some well-arranged scheme, approved by the authorities in both kingdoms, the benefits of our Institutions might be rendered available for the children of Scottish Masons. My communication found its way, as I presume, to its most fitting destination—the Grand Secretary's waste paper basket—for no reply was vouchsafed, and the matter ended.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDERICK BINCKES,
Secretary.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

A letter appears in your issue of February 6th, from the pen of a worthy brother T. C. W. 141, 1381, 1503. I am sure many of the brethren in this distant part of Her Majesty's dominions will cordially agree with all its contents, and all the office bearers of lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, would be proud to wear some memento of that kind, and got up in that way, to commemorate the most important Masonic event in 1875, viz.: the Installation of H.R.H. as Grand Master.

Trusting you will kindly do me the honour of inserting this humble epistle in your interesting paper, I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. J. MAY, S.W., No. 1233, E.C.
Greymouth, N.Z., April 10th, 1875.

OLD TIME FREEMASONRY.

The following reminiscences of Freemasons' Lodges, and the famous Freemasons' Tavern, London, are taken from *Timbs's Club Life of London*, vol. 2, pp. 263, 280, and will interest our readers, as being views of the Craft by non-Masons:—

FREEMASONS' LODGES.

Mr. Elmes, in his admirable work, *Sir Christopher Wren and his Times*, 1852, thus glances at the position of Freemasonry in the metropolis two centuries since, or from the time of the Great Fire:

"In 1666 Wren was nominated Deputy Grand Master under Earl Rivers, and distinguished himself above all his predecessors in legislating for the body at large, and in promoting the interests of the lodges under his immediate care. He was Master of the St. Paul's Lodge, which, during the building of the Cathedral, assembled at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, and is now the Lodge of Antiquity, acting by immemorial prescription, and regularly presided at its meetings for upwards of eighteen years. During his presidency, he presented that lodge with three mahogany candlesticks, beautifully carved, and the trowel and mallet which he used in laying the first stone of the Cathedral, June 21, 1675, which the brethren of that ancient and distinguished lodge still possess and duly appreciate.

"During the building of the city, lodges were held by the fraternity in different places, and several new ones constituted, which were attended by the leading architects and the best builders of the day, and amateur brethren of the mystic Craft. In 1674 Earl Rivers resigned his Grand Mastership, and George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, was elected to the dignified office. He left the care of the Grand Lodge and the brotherhood to the Deputy Grand Master Wren and his Wardens. During the short reign of James II., who tolerated no secret societies but the Jesuits, the lodges were but thinly attended; but in 1685, Sir Christopher Wren was elected Grand Master of the Order, and nominated Gabriel Cibber, the sculptor, and Edward Strong, the Master Mason at St. Paul's and other of the city churches, as Grand Wardens. The society has continued with various degrees of success to the present day, particularly under the Grand Masterships of the Prince of Wales, afterwards King George IV., and his brother, the late Duke of Sussex, and since the death of the latter, under that of the Earl of Zetland; and lodges under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England are held in every part of the habitable world, as its commercially and annually-increasing lists abundantly show."

Sir Francis Palgrave, in an elaborate paper in the *Edinburgh Review*, April, 1839, however, takes another view of the subject, telling us that "the connection between the operative Masons, and those whom, without disrespect, we must term a convivial society of good fellows, met at the 'Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul his Churchyard,' appears to have been finally dissolved about the beginning of the eighteenth century. The theoretical and mystic, for we dare not say ancient, Freemasons, separated from the Worshipful Company of Masons and Citizens of London, about the period above mentioned. It appears from an inventory of the contents of the chest of the London Company, that not very long since it contained 'a book wrote on parchment, and bound or stitched in parchment, containing 113 annals of the antiquity, rise, and progress of the art and mystery of Masonry.' But this document is not now to be found."

There is in existence, and known to persons who take an interest in the history of Freemasonry, a copperplate list of Freemasons' lodges in London in the reign of Queen Anne, with a representation of the signs, and some Masonic ceremony, in which are eleven figures of well-dressed men, in the costume of the above period. There were then 129 lodges, of which 86 were in London, 36 in English cities, and 7 abroad.

Freemasonry evidently sprang up in London at the building of St. Paul's; and many of the oldest lodges are in the neighbourhood. But the headquarters of Freemasonry are at the Grand Hall, in the rear of Freemasons' Tavern, 62 Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields: it was commenced May 1, 1775, from the designs of Thomas Sandby, R.A., Professor of Architecture in the Royal Academy. £5000 was raised by a Tontine towards the cost; and the hall was opened and dedicated in solemn form, May 23, 1776; Lord Petre, Grand Master. "It is the first house built in this country with the appropriate symbols of Masonry, and with the suitable apartments for the holding of lodges, the initiating, raising, and exalting of brethren." Here are held the grand and other lodges, which hitherto assembled in the halls of the City Companies.

Freemasons' Hall, as originally decorated, is shown in a print of the annual procession of the Freemasons' Orphans, by T. Stothard, R.A. It is a finely-proportioned room, 92 feet by 43 feet, and 60 feet high; and will hold 1500 persons: it was re-decorated in 1856; the ceiling and coving are richly decorated; above the principal entrance is a large gallery, with an organ; and at the opposite end is a covered recess, flanked by a pair of fluted Ionic columns, and Egyptian doorways; the sides are decorated with fluted Ionic pilasters; and throughout the room in the frieze are Masonic emblems, gilt upon a transparent blue ground. In the intercolumniations are full-length Royal and other Masonic portraits, including that of the Duke of Sussex, as Grand Master, by Sir W. Beechey, R.A. In the end recess is a marble statue of the Duke of Sussex, executed for the Grand Lodge, by E. H. Bailey, R.A. The statue is seven feet six inches high, and the pedestal six feet; the Duke wears the robes of a Knight of the Garter, and the Guelphic insignia; at his side is a small altar, sculptured with Masonic emblems.

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET.

This well-appointed tavern, built by William Tyler, in 1786, and since considerably enlarged, in addition to the usual appointments, possesses the great advantage of Freemasons' Hall, wherein take place some of our leading public festivals and anniversary dinners, the latter mostly in May and June. Here was given the farewell dinner to John Philip Kemble, upon his retirement from the stage, in 1817; the public dinner, on his birthday, to James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, in 1832; Mollard, who has published an excellent *Art of Cookery*, was many years Maitre d'Hotel, and proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern.

In the Hall meet the Madrigal Society, the Methodists' and other musical clubs; and the annual dinners of the Theatrical Fund, Artists' Societies, and other public institutions, are given here.

Freemasons' Hall obtained some notoriety as the arena in which were delivered and acted the Addresses at the Anniversary Dinners of the Literary Fund, upon whose eccentricities we find an amusing note in the latest edition of the *Rejected Addresses*.—*Keystone*.

INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.

The following circular has been issued relative to the commemorative jewel for the Stewards:—

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
26th May, 1875.

Sir and Brother,—

It has already been intimated that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has sanctioned the adoption of a commemorative jewel, to be worn by those brethren who acted as Stewards on the occasion of his Installation at the Royal Albert Hall on the 28th April.

The Grand Master having now approved the design of such jewel, instructions will be forthwith given for its striking. I have, therefore, to ask the favour of your returning to me the enclosed form, duly filled up and signed, within one week from this date.

The approximate period for the completion of the jewel will be about two months from the present time, and the issue will take place solely through this office.

The cost to each brother will be £5, and as no more than the precise number of jewels required will be ordered, it is necessary that this amount should be remitted to me with the enclosed form, if filled up affirmatively.

So soon as the number of jewels so required have been supplied the dies will be destroyed.

Until the completion of the jewels the amount of these contributions will be placed on deposit in the names of two members of the Installation Committee.

A drawing of the approved jewel is enclosed.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The annual picnic of the Prince of Wales Lodge, Auckland, was appointed for Feb. 18th, and from the able exertions of the stewards would have been an unqualified success; but the fates, in the shape of the weather, were decidedly against the movement. In spite of the threatening sky, the brethren, with a large number of the gentler sex, started for the trysting-place, on the banks of Lake Takapuna, but after getting within sight of the landing place there were signs made that no landing could be effected, and there was nothing for it but a return; before effecting this the rain came down in earnest. Notwithstanding this, the indefatigable stewards were determined the annual treat should not be altogether a failure, and took immediate steps to ensconce the party at that favourite suburban retreat, the Flagstaff Hotel, where, between the spacious rooms and tasteful grounds, a very pleasant and thoroughly enjoyable day was spent in social converse and amusing games, the evening being devoted to Terpsichore, so that notwithstanding the apparent failure in the morning, every one seemed heartily pleased with their day out.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Lodge, 1229, Westland District, took place on Tuesday, March 9th, when the installation of the W.M. and investment of his officers was the principal work of the day. We have only to say that the impressive ceremony was performed by the D.G.M., Bro. J. Lazar, and that he was assisted by P.M.'s Bevan and Hudson. To satisfy any member of the Craft who has ever visited the province that the work was well and truly done, and to those of our brethren who have not had the pleasure of seeing and hearing the venerable District Grand Master of Westland at his work, we can only say they are not likely to experience a similar pleasure during their lifetime. Such another Master of the work is not to be met with in these colonies. The list of officers for the ensuing year is as follows:—Bros. T. Bramwell, W.M.; W. Ramsay, S.W.; C. Hill, J.W.; C. T. Lineman, Treas.; H. S. Wales, Sec.; G. Benning, S.D.; J. Dixon, J.D.; J. M. Douglas, I.G. The brethren assembled at the banquet in the evening, and, as is their usual custom on such occasions, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The prospectus of a Masonic Hall Company at Auckland has been issued; capital £10,000, in shares of £2 each. We wish the company every success in its enterprise. If successful in accomplishing their object, they will supply a want long felt by the brethren of that city.

An instruction lodge is now being held attached to the Pacific Lodge (Wellington), the J.W. of the Pacific, Bro. N. Marchant, being the Convener, and P.M. Edwd. D. Butts, a Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of England, the Preceptor.

An application has been made for a warrant to open a M.M.'s lodge at Hokitika, Westland District, to be held under Grand Mark Lodge of England, and to be named the "Lazar Lodge." Bro. C. D. Cuddeford is appointed the first W.M.

THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN THE UNITED STATES.

On Saturday, May 1st, 1875, the following Conclaves of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, established in Vermont, viz:—Star of Bethlehem, Burlington, No. 113 (English Register); DeMolay, Windsor, No. 18; St. Helena, Montpelier, No. 19; Bethany, Burlington, No. 20; Lilly of the Valley, Northfield, No. 21; St. Johnsbury, St. Johnsbury, No. 22, met in Masonic Hall, by their representatives, and organised a Grand Imperial Council of the Order for the State of Vermont, and the Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The following Grand Officers were elected to serve during the ensuing Masonic year: Sir George O. Tyler, Burlington, Grand Sovereign; Sir Henry D. Bean, Northfield, Grand Viceroy; Sir Frank H. Bascom, Montpelier, Grand Senior General; Sir Jesse C. Paine, Windsor, Grand Junior General; Sir Rev. George C. V. Eastman, Northfield, Grand High Prelate; Sir Joseph L. Perkins, St. Johnsbury, Grand High Chancellor; Sir William Brinsmaid, Burlington, Grand Treasurer; Sir Edward E. Greenleaf, Winoski, Grand Recorder; Sir J. W. F. Washburn, Montpelier, Grand High Almoner; Sir Milton K. Paine, Windsor, Grand Chamberlain; Sir Abner K. Cole, Burlington, Grand Orator; Sir Mitchell Bowker, St. Johnsbury, Grand Marshal; Sir Joseph S. Farnsworth, Windsor, Grand Architect and Engineer; Sir Cyrus P. Currier, Burlington, Grand Standard Bearer; Sir E. A. Newcomb, Montpelier, Grand Herald; Sir George W. Kingsbury, Northfield, Grand Sentinel.

The officers elect were then duly installed by Sir D. Burnham Tracy, 33°, Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of Michigan.

The M.I. Grand Sovereign made the following appointments of Divisional Intendant Generals:—Sir Kts. Comp. William H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington; Milton K. Paine, Windsor; Frank H. Bascom, Montpelier; Henry D. Bean, Northfield; Joseph L. Perkins, St. Johnsbury; Abner K. Cole, Burlington.

Sir Kt. Comp. George W. Gregg, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was appointed Grand Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Michigan.

M.I. Sir George O. Tyler presented credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Michigan, and he was received and acknowledged as such.

The Grand Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Council of Michigan, with the design of the seal, were adopted as the Grand Statutes and Regulations, and Grand Seal of this Grand Council, making the necessary changes of wording and dates.

The original charters issued to the subordinate conclaves in this jurisdiction by the Imperial Grand Council of England and the Grand Imperial Council of Michigan were surrendered to this Grand Council for its endorsement.

The time of annual meeting was referred to a committee, and will be held on its call, of which due notice will be given.

The fees for conferring the orders shall not be less than twenty-five dollars. And on either or all of the degrees the fees to this Grand Council shall be five dollars.

The Orders shall only be conferred on Knights Templar or members of the 32° A.A.S.R. in good standing.

The "Text Book of Christian Knighthood," by M.I.C.L. Stowell, 33°, Grand Sovereign of Grand Imperial Council of Penn., was adopted as the text book of this jurisdiction.

A motion requesting fraternal recognition and interchange of Grand Representatives with other Grand Councils of the Order was adopted.

On motion of Sir Kt. Comp. William Brinsmaid it was unanimously resolved "That the thanks of the Imperial Grand Council of Vermont be, and are hereby tendered, to M.I. Sir D. Burnham Tracy, 33°, Grand Sovereign of Grand Council of Michigan, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the ceremonies of our inauguration, and for the interest manifested for the future advancement and prosperity of this Grand Council."

The Grand Council then adjourned, subject to the call of its committee.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE STUTTARD, P.M. 126, 1504, 56.

The funeral of this lamented brother, who died at the early age of forty-two years, took place on Thursday, May 20th. Notwithstanding the extremely unfavourable weather, the following lodges were represented:—East Lancashire Provincial Grand Lodge; West Lancashire Provincial Grand Lodge; 1476, Blackpool; 268, Ashton-under-Lyne; 219 (Prudence) 67 (Temperance), Todmorden; 308, Bottoms, near Todmorden; 116, Colne; 1504, Padiham; 462, Accrington; 1064, (Borough) 126, (Silent Temple), Burnley. The deceased was one with whom Freemasonry had become second nature. Always ready to perform an act of kindness, the large attendance at the Church of St. Mary le Gill, Barnoldswick, was an unmistakable proof of the affection with which he was regarded.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

At the regular meeting of the Oxford University Rose Croix Chapter on Friday, 28th ult., Prince Leopold was admitted to the 18°, the ceremony being ably performed by the Most Wise Sovereign, Bro. Hugh H. Riach.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—No one should treat the present changes in the weather with indifference, for they undoubtedly have a great effect upon the human body. It is necessary for every one to be cautious and watchful. Cautious as regards clothing and exposure, and watchfulness as regards the effect on the body. The skin, nervous system, and breathing organs often suffer severely, as is evidenced by Erysipelas, Rheumatism, Colds, Sore Throats, &c. When, therefore, symptoms of any of the above diseases show themselves, they should be at once attended to. The Ointment should be rubbed into the parts affected, and the Pills taken according to the printed directions; this treatment soon eradicates the disease and restores the general health.—*Adv.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 11, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 5.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4. ford, near
" 1460, Thames Valley, Ship Hotel, Halli
Shepperton.

Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Ga
Bridge.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey,
77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (823), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby,
New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin,
Preceptors.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms St. James's
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern,
Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship
Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union
Ta Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey,
Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan,
Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and
Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria
Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W.
Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon,
Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Gros-
venor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victo-
ria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8;
Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward,
Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern,
Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather,
P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Wind-
mill-street, W.

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

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica
Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30;
Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper
Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.

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

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Ab-
church-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park
Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern,
Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles.
Camberwell.

Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 619, Beadon, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, B
singhall-street.

Precep. 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.

Rose Croix Chapter 8, St. George's, 33, Golden-square.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern n
Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel.
Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.

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

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

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

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

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-
side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses,
High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wands-
worth.

Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, W.

Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of
Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis
and Macdonald, Preceptors.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354,
Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Malham Hotel, Bal-
ham, at 7.30.

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton,
at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

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

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of
Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel,
Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road,
at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh,
Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms,
Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M.,
Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-
road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of
Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Pre-
ceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern,
Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel,
Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach
Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J.
Crawley, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Ma-
sons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 12, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms,
Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lan-
caster.

" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near
Liverpool, at 6.

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

Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liver-
pool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

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

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warring-
ton.

Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall,
Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street,
Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall,
Liverpool, at 8.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Ful-
wood, near Preston.

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

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

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,
at 6.

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near
Manchester.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liver-
pool, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND
VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 12, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 20, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Lesmahagow.

" 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.

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

" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.

" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.

" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

" 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.

" 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.

" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

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

" 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.

" 543, St. John, Masonic Hall, Dalnair.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.

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

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.

" 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 203, St. John Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.

" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.

" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 313, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Kilwinning Mission Hall, Dum-
barton.

" 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Hotel, Leven.

" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND
VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 12, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St.
John's-street.

Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of
Wales as Grand Master.

Copies of THE FREEMASON for May 1st and 8th, con-
taining a full and accurate account of the Installation of
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Most Worshipful Grand
Master and First Grand Principal, may still be obtained
at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, or of any News-agent.

ON SALE, a complete Set of Craft Lodge
Furniture, of splendid design and workmanship,
and in condition equal to new. A low price will be taken,
the lodge having removed to the Masonic Hall do not
now require it. For further particulars apply to Bro.
James A. Edginton, W.M. 1182, 154, Park-lane, Liver-
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., the monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, at which the following brethren were present:—Bros. Henry T. Bobart, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; F. Iliffe, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W.; P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; J. H. Biggs, as J.D.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler; J. M. Moore, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. T. Eaton, J. E. Russell, J. O. Mantion, Matthew Hill, W. Butterfield, James Parkins, jun. Visitor: G. T. Wright, P.M. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 7.30 p.m. The circular convening the meeting was first read, and afterwards the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. James Parkins, jun., was then called upon by the W.M. to show his proficiency in the former degree, and, having satisfied the brethren, he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Parkins was admitted and duly raised to the Third or Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Iliffe, P.M., in the name of the lodge, then presented to Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M. Treas., a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a recognition of his services and a token of sincere esteem. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Hartington Lodge No. 1085 to Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge since its formation. 2nd June, 1875." Bro. M. H. Bobart acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, assuring them that his humble services would always be at their disposal, and that he should value the jewel they had just presented him with as a lasting memento of their kindness. The lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until the 7th July.

ROMFORD.—LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE (No. 1437).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Romford, on Wednesday, May 26. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Tydemann, W.M.; Knox, P.M., acting as I.P.M.; E. West, S.W.; B. Brayshaw, J. W.; Patmore, J.D.; Naylor, I.G.; T. Bishop, Treas.; J. Ellis, Sec.; J. Garnett, W.S.; Bros. Playl, W. Earley, J. H. Whisker, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. Earley, Whisker, and Playl, candidates for the Second Degree, were entrusted, and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, they were readmitted and passed to the degree of F.C. The brethren next proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when their choice was unanimous in favour of Bro. E. West, S.W. and P.P.G.S.D., Hert. Bro. T. F. Bishop was for the third time elected Treasurer, and Bro. Steedman, Tyler. Bros. Naylor and Patmore were appointed on the Audit Committee. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Tydemann, W.M., in recognition of the untiring zeal displayed by him for the welfare of the lodge, and the admirable way he had fulfilled his duties as W.M. for the past year. Two brethren were proposed as joining members. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to Bro. Naylor for representing this lodge as Steward at the last annual festival of the Girls' School. The lodge was adjourned until the fourth Wednesday in June (when the Installation of the W.M. elect and investiture of officers will take place).

HALLIFORD.—THAMES VALLEY LODGE (No. 1460).—This lodge met at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, on Saturday last. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, W.M., presided, and among the numerous brethren who attended were Colonel Peters, I.P.M.; W. T. Howe, Asst. S.W.; J. L. Jones, J.W.; W. Paas, Treas.; J. G. Marsh, Sec.; H. H. Blythe, J.W.; H. R. Gowan, W. Sweetland, Robert Stone, Joseph Davis, Vernon Lockwood, C. J. Davis, J. Evans Kershaw, Charles Semple, W. H. Doyle, and T. B. Yeoman. There were also several visitors present, and among these were Bros. F. E. Hafely, of the Republic Lodge No. 690, New York State; T. R. Gibson, No. 1446; George Townsend, S.W. No. 754; H. C. Levander, No. 742; E. Roberts, P.M. No. 192; H. Massey (Freemason), P.M. No. 619; J. W. Levick, No. 151;

H. H. Collins, No. 23; and P. Collins, No. 1293. Dr. Brette opened the lodge, and afterwards Bro. J. G. Marsh, Sec., passed Bro. H. H. Blythe to the Second Degree. He afterwards raised Bros. C. Semple, W. Sweetland, J. E. Kershaw, C. J. Davis, and J. W. H. R. Gowan, and subsequently initiated Messrs. Mark Davis and E. C. Hislop. The lodge then elected Bro. Edward Semple, No. 14, as a joining member. Bro. Colonel Peters, I.P.M., proposed, and the W.M. seconded, the gift of five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on Bro. Marsh's list as the Steward representing this lodge at the late festival. The motion was adopted unanimously, and the W.M. proposed, and Bro. Colonel Peters, I.P.M., seconded, the recommendation of Bro. W. T. Howe, who was acting as S.W. to the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, for the office of Provincial Grand Steward. This motion was also unanimously carried, the brethren entertaining the same views as the W.M., that Bro. Howe's services to the lodge had been very great. The report of the Audit Committee was read and received, and the brethren shortly afterwards closed the lodge, and sat down to a choice banquet supplied by Bro. R. Stone. The time unfortunately was very short, as the brethren occupied three hours continuously in completing the work of the lodge, and there were not two hours left for dispatching the banquet and catching the last train to town. The speeches were consequently of the briefest description after banquet, and they were not even relieved by the pleasant musical efforts which several members of the lodge are famous for. Bro. J. G. Marsh responded for the Provincial Grand Master and Officers. Col. Peters proposed "The W.M.," of whom he assured the brethren too much could not be said favourably. The W.M. in reply said that when he accepted the office he promised he would do the best in his power, and when his year of office had expired he hoped it would be found he had been faithful to his promise. He then proposed, "The I.P.M., Col. Peters," who, in responding, said it had been a great pleasure to him that the lodge had prospered as it had. Under the auspices of the present W.M. success would continue to attend it, and he hoped to live to see a great many Past Masters sitting alongside him. There was no want of the good stuff in the province of which W.M.'s were made, and he did not think there was any better than was to be found in the W.M. The initiates who had been introduced to the lodge he had great hopes of in this respect, and with such material the lodge would become an honour to the Craft. The W.M. proposed "The Initiates," Bros. M. Davis and E. C. Hislop respectively replying. Afterwards the W.M. proposed, "The Visitors," and called upon Bro. H. C. Levander, who on the Wednesday preceding had been elected on the Board of General Purposes, to respond. Bro. Levander replied, and said that all the visitors as well as himself had felt the greatest possible pleasure at being present on that occasion, and which he hoped would not be the last. Bro. W. Paas, Treasurer, replied for the officers of the lodge, and alluded especially to Bro. W. T. Howe, who he was glad to see occupying the post of S.W., and whose services all the brethren were so well aware of. For himself, as Treasurer, he would simply say that as long as they gave him their money he should be happy to do all he could for their comfort and happiness at that table; but if they kept him short he could not dispense hospitality. He was always happy to make the brethren comfortable. The W.M. next gave a special toast for Bro. Howe, who had always been ready to do any work he might be called upon for, and who did it, when called upon, well and thoroughly. Bro. W. T. Howe replied, and promised the brethren that if health and strength were vouchsafed to him, he would continue to do in the future as he had done in the past. Having been recommended to the Provincial Grand Master for grand office he should feel the greatest happiness in representing this lodge, and he trusted he should do his duty as Steward as well as he had performed his duties in that lodge, and in the Prince Leopold Lodge, of which he was a founder. The toast of "The Masonic Press" and the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

Royal Arch.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 766).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 27th May, the following companions being present: Comps. William Worrell, M.E.Z.; Capt. G. J. Kain, H.; George Newman, S.N.; Henry Garrod, S.E.; W. E. Newton, Treas.; A. Braun, 1st A. Sec.; Dr. Kempster, 2nd A. Sec.; Dr. Cutmore, J.T. Gibson, J. M. Klenck, P. Steinman, H. F. Partridge. Visitors, Henry Thompson, P.Z., and G. Lemann, Z. 890. The business of the evening consisted of the installation of Principals, investment of officers, and exaltation of four candidates, viz., Bros. E. T. Brookes, 574; W. G. Churchward, 1139; Francis Juce, 766; and W. Manfield Newton, 766. Comp. Capt. G. J. Kain was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. George Newman as J.; and the officers invested were: Comps. William Worrell, S.E.; Henry Garrod, Treas.; Augustus Braun, S.N.; Dr. Kempster, P.S.; W. E. Newton, 1st A. Sec.; Dr. Cutmore, 2nd A. Sec. Owing to the absence of Comp. R. Harland Whitman, through illness, his installation as H. will take place at a future meeting. This chapter, like the lodge from whence it takes its name, has been made a banner chapter, they being supplied by Comp. George Kenning, and were much admired by the companions present. A very handsome jewel was presented to Comp. William Worrell, to mark the valuable services he had rendered to the chapter during the past year as the first M.E.Z. All Masonic business being ended the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by Capt. Kain, M.E.Z., when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to with great effect.

BOLTON.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton, on Thursday, 3rd June. Amongst those present were Comps. James Newton, P.Z.; Jas. Horrocks, H.; Robt. Harwood, P.Z.P. Prov. G. St. B.; J. Thos. Chambers, P.Z., Scribe E.; Hy. Ainsworth, Scribe, N.; Jas. Hall, P.Z. 210, Z. 1055, Prov. G. Pr. Soj.; Edwin Brookes, Z. 325, Prov. G. St. B.; Robt. Luthy, No. 37, and others. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Comp. Hall, assisted by Comp. Brookes, proceeded to install the Principals elect, and to invest the officers, viz.: Comps. Jas. Horrocks, Z.; Robt. Harwood, H.; Hy. Ainsworth, J.; Thos. Chambers, E.; Robt. Glaister, N.; Jas. Allen, Pr. Soj.; Thos. Wilson, Treas.; Chas. Walker, Janitor. At the conclusion of the ceremonies of installation and investiture, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comps. Hall and Brookes for their attendance and services. Two candidates for exaltation were balloted for and approved, and the chapter was then closed.

LIVERPOOL.—MARINERS' CHAPTER (No. 249).—The annual meeting of this flourishing chapter, after a singularly prosperous year, was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Comp. W. Doyle, M.E.Z., presided at the opening, and amongst the others present were Comps. W. Jones P.Z.; H. Pearson, H.; W. C. Bulman, J.; J. S. Dixon, S.E.; P. B. Gee, S.N.; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; J. Wood, Treas.; and W. H. Ball, Janitor. The private companions of the chapter were represented by Comps. W. Laidlaw, P.Z. 216; J. Ellis, R. Douglas, W. Curtis, J. Griffiths, W. Fish, J. Archdeacon, J. Norminton, A. Davies, Rev. P. Hains, R. Carter, W. Roberts, M. Parkes, E. A. Wright, W. P. Jennings, J. H. Gregory, E. Carter, M. Davies, T. H. Hall, H. Firth, P. Robbie, J. Hughes, W. C. Webb, C. Leighton, and D. Lloyds. The visitors present were Comps. J. Hocken, P.Z. 220 and 673; W. T. May, P.Z. 220 and 673; H. Burrows, 673; and J. Parsons, M.E.Z. 203, and others. After the transaction of some business, Comp. Henry Pearson was installed M.E.Z. of the chapter; and the other new appointments were Comps. W. C. Bulman, H.; P. B. Gee, J.; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; J. Wood, Treas. (re-elected for the fifth time); A. Davies, S.E.; Rev. P. Hains, S.N.; and P. Ball, Janitor. The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

Red Cross of Constantine.

THE ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—The annual gathering of this celebrated conclave was held on Monday evening, the 31st May, at the Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street, W., for the installation of its officers and other business. The conclave being opened according to ancient custom by the M.P.S., Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, M.P.S., acting in the place of the late lamented M.P.S., Sir Knt. E. Siliffant, the minutes of the last assembly of the conclave were read and confirmed. The following gentlemen were balloted for, approved, and installed Knights of the Order:—Bros. Burleigh Tresseman, Lodge 200, Old Globe, Scarborough; John Mason, Lodge of Harmony, 309; Thomas Howe, 1445, P.M. Prince Leopold, 1460. On the conclusion of the installation of the aforementioned new Knights companions, the special business of the conclave commenced, which was the enthronement of the V.E. Sir Knt. T. Burdett Yeoman, Viceroy and M.P.S. elect, and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Sir Knts. T. Burdett Yeoman, M.P.S.; H. A. Dubois, V.; Rev. Dr. E. Brette, S.G.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, I.G.; Rev. P. Melancthon Holden, H.P.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, Recorder; H. C. Levander, Asst. Recorder; T. Kingston, Orator; A. Moore, Prefect; J. Parker, Org.; Col. J. Peters, Std. Bearer; T. Massa, Herald; E. H. Thielley, 1st Aide; J. E. Symons, 2nd A.D.C.; J. Gilbert, Sentinel. The ceremony of installation being finished, the M.P.S. was warmly greeted and congratulated by the whole of the Sir Knights present. The conclave was closed after the Royal Standard of our departed Grand Sovereign had been safely deposited in ancient form. The Sir Knights adjourned to their banqueting hall to celebrate their annual festival. V.E. Sir Knt. T. Burdett Yeoman, M.P.S., occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by Col. Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy, on the left by Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, P.S., Grand Treasurer, and the rest of the officers beforementioned, and the following:—Sir Knts. Hubbard, P.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.S.; T. Moss, P.S.; G. Kenning, P.S.; T. Howe, Burleigh Tresseman, J. Mason, S. Palmer, A. F. Hand; visitors—J. Thomas, P.S.; Hyde Pullen, P.S.; and others. Grace was sung by the following eminent artists:—Miss Jessie Royd, Messrs. Stedman and Frank Ellmore; piano, H. Parker. On the cloth being removed, the usual loyal and chivalric toasts were given, all of which were heartily responded to. The M.P.S. remarked that wherever the name of Her Majesty the Queen of England was mentioned it was always with the highest respect, and that in her name old England stood out exalted above all nations. On the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" being given, it was received with tremendous applause; this was supplemented by a few observations from the chair, that were very warmly applauded. On the toast of "The Grand Sovereign, Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P.," being given, it was replied to by Colonel Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy, in his usual happy and felicitous style, at the same time he paid a very great compliment to the M.P.S., who had been chosen to preside over the Premier Conclave. The M.P.S. is most ready of speech, and the whole of the toasts were given in a manner that met with marked approval. The toasts were interspersed with some splendid singing, and the ballad song, "So please you, Sir," rendered by Miss Royd, was received by an ovation of applause. Atten-

tion and care will place her above mediocrity in her profession. Mr. Stedman's singing was simply splendid, and we all know the value of our old friend and brother, Ellmore. The toast of "The Premier Conclave and her Officers and Past Officers" was responded to by Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, who stated that there were now enrolled under our banner 130 conclaves, and some twelve others were ready to join; he spoke most encouragingly. "The Health of the M.P.S." was given by Sir Knt. Moss, whom he was proud to have as a friend; wherever he met him it was always in the character of a gentleman. May health, wealth, and prosperity follow you wherever you go. The following toasts were given:—"The Viceroy, H. A. Dubois," "The Visiting Knights," responded to by Sir Knts. Hyde Pullen and Thomas—their words were kind and gracious; and lastly "The Sentinel's" toast brought to a conclusion an evening spent in pleasurable delight. There was no want of interest during the whole of the time spent together, and the same was much enlivened by the recitations of Sir Knt. the Rev. Phillip Melancthon Holden, H.P., and the newly initiated Knt., Comp. Burleigh Tresselman, who amazed us by his singing and performance on the piano in the most artistic style. Talent was not wanting among the Sir Knts. present. Colonel Peters gave "Vivela!" accompanying himself. Sir Knt. Marsh also lent his musical talents. The piano was most efficiently handled by the eminent Knt. Comp. J. Parker, who had the management of the artists engaged on this auspicious occasion.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR LANARK-SHIRE.

The usual quarterly communication of the above chapter was held within the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan Street, on the 4th inst., the M.E.P.G. Supt., Comp. F. A. Barrow, presiding, supported by the following office bearers (viz.): Comps. John Miller, Z. (Glasgow, Chap. No. 50), acting H.; James Duthie, Z. (Cathedral, Chap. No. 67), acting J.; John Fraser, P.G.S.N.; Thos. Halket, P.G. Treas.; James Balfour, P.G., 1st Soj.; T. D. Humphries, P.G., 2nd Soj.; G. W. Wheeler, Z. (Chap. 73, Caledonian of Unity), acting 3rd Soj.; G. McDonald, P.G., Swd. B., a good attendance of comps. being also present. The chapter having been duly opened, the minutes of quarterly communication of date 26th Feb. were read and confirmed. The P.G. Treas. submitted a statement of accounts connected with the festival of all the chapters in this province (which took place in March last), showing a balance in favour of the committee, which it was agreed to hand over to the P.G. Chapter. The M.E.P.G. Supt., congratulating the comps. on the success of the festival, expressed his firm conviction that such meetings had a tendency to consolidate and give an impulse, not only to R.A. Masonry in particular, but to Masonry in general in all its bearings. The resignation of Comp. Geo. Baxter Adams as P.G. 3rd Soj. was accepted, and it was agreed to leave that office vacant until the next quarterly communication in September, when the annual election of office bearers takes place. After a little conversation among the comps. the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

The Knights Companions of the R.S.Y.C.S. met in council at their P.G.L. Hall, at 213, Buchanan-street, at 3 p.m. on the 3rd inst. The P.G.M., F. A. Barrow, presided, assisted by Comps. Wm. Smith, P.G. Sec.; Archd. McTaggart, P.G.S.W.; John Fraser, P.G.J.W.; James Balfour, P.G. Examiner and Introducer; John Stewart, P.G. Grand Guardian, and a competent number of Kts. Comps. The Grand Chapter having been duly opened, the following brethren of the Order of St. John's were then ballotted for, namely—Frank Goodwin, Rosebank, Johnstone; and John Gilchrist and David Gilchrist, Beech Villa, Pollokshields. The ballot having been found clear, the candidates were introduced according to ancient custom and form, when the P.G.M. duly admitted them as Companions of H.R.M. of K.W.N.G. The chapter was thereafter closed, and a lodge of R.S.Y.C.S. opened, when the afore-mentioned companions were admitted to the order of Knighthood pertaining to this degree. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the P.G.M. congratulated the newly-advanced brethren upon the position they had now attained in this high order of Masonry, and expressed a hope that they would prove diligent in their endeavours to acquire a due knowledge of its beautiful ritual and ceremonials, so that in the working of the P.G. Lodge they might be able to assist at the advancement of many honourable and distinguished brethren in the future. The newly-dubbed Knights suitably recognised and responded to the good wishes of the P.G. Master. There being no further business, the P.G.L. was then closed according to ancient custom.

PERTH.—SCOON AND PERTH (No. 3).—This lodge held an emergent meeting on Tuesday, 17th ult., at which two brethren received the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the hands of the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Chalmers, R.W.P.M. Dr. Cowan, of the Lodge Kilwinning in the East, No. 740 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, P.M. of Great Western Lodge, No. 47 of Canada and of Eastern Bengal Railway Lodge, No. 444 of Calcutta, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was afterwards affiliated. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m., and closed in due form at 10.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 3 bis).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 1st ult.; Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., in the chair. Bros. J. D. Young, S.W.; David Horne, J.W.; Thomas Fletcher, I.P.M.; John Baird, P.M.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; R. B. Dalzell, Treas.; John Dick, Sec.; P. Brownlie, S.D.; John Reid, J.D.;

and the other office bearers in their respective places. As usual there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. William Bell, R.W.M., assisted by his Wardens. Bro. John Dick, Sec., then read the minutes of previous meeting, which were approved. The following gentlemen having applied for admittance into the ancient customs and privileges of Freemasonry, viz., William Gray and James Lynn, Bro. Bell, R.W.M., asked whether there was any objection. None being offered, the candidates entered and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. J. B. Bell officiating in a very efficient manner. The candidates then retired, and Bro. James Sellars, of Lodge Chryston, was affiliated into this lodge, Bro. James McMillan, P.M., performing the ceremony. After the subject of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Rothesay Aquarium, and the annual trip of the lodge, had been brought up and discussed, the lodge was called to refreshment. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., having retired on account of urgent private affairs, Bro. John Baird, P.M., occupied the chair, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were well received. The proceedings were enlivened by several most excellent songs. Bro. D. M. Nelson, D.M., said before parting there was one toast he would feel great pleasure in proposing, that was "The Press," coupled with the names of Bros. W. H. Bickerton and John Stewart. The business of the lodge had been most truthfully and well reported in the *Freemason*, which Bro. Bickerton represented, and he would now call upon them to pledge this toast with a hearty bumper, which was done accordingly with quick fire and three times three. Bro. Bickerton most suitably replied, which Bro. Stewart endorsed. After spending a most enjoyable evening, and the last toast given, which brought the proceedings to a close, the brethren, after assisting the R.W.M. to close the lodge, retired.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GLASGOW KILWINNING (No. 4).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their Lodge-room, No. 170, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on the 2nd inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. A. R. Thorburn, R.W.M.; Bros. W. S. Henderson, S.W.; Geo. Holmes, J.W., and a large number of brethren being present. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed, when Bro. Prout proposed, and the R.W.M. seconded, the admittance of Bro. Robert Mitchell, P.M. of Lodge Union (No. 332), as an affiliated member of Glasgow Kilwinning (No. 4). The R.W.M. having performed the ceremony, Bro. Mitchell was congratulated by the members of the lodge. This concluding the business in this degree, the lodge was raised to that of M.M., when Bros. James McKeana and James Hay McNaughton received the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. W. S. Henderson, J.W., officiating in a manner that bespoke great care and thoughtfulness. The business of the lodge being over brought the meeting to a close.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—This lodge having made arrangements to hold their meetings in the Commercial Hall, situated at 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, met on the 1st inst. for the first time in their new quarters, which brought together a large number of the members and visiting brethren. The chair was taken by Bro. John Fraser, P.M.; Bros. J. Booth, S.W.; Fyfe, acting J.W. The lodge being opened in the E.A. Degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fraser then said he was glad to find that the members of the lodge highly approved of the step the office-bearers had taken in procuring the use of the Commercial Hall for their meetings, and he had no doubt that they would find every Masonic comfort and kindness extended to them by the Commercial Lodge. Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., of Commercial (No. 360), said he was glad to find them so well satisfied with the change they had made, and it would be alike the endeavour as it was the pleasure and the duty of No. 360 to make them as comfortable as possible. Bro. J. W. Burns, the R.W.M., having arrived, took the chair, when a letter was read from Bro. Geddis, making application for a little assistance to enable him to proceed to New Zealand along with his wife and family. Bro. John Miller tabled a motion for next meeting, viz., "That a sum of money be granted from the funds of the lodge." This was seconded by Bro. John Fraser, P.M., and agreed to unanimously. In reply to a question from a brother the R.W.M. said they had made no arrangements for the use of the harmonium. Bro. Pinto moved that arrangements should be made for its use; this was seconded by Bro. W. Stewart, S.D., and agreed to. An application was made from Bros. W. Pollock, of Lodge Lindores (No. 106), and John Corbett, of Beath St. John's (No. 157), to become affiliated members of the Thistle (No. 87), Glasgow, which was supported by Bros. Booth and Fraser, and entertained. Bro. J. Fraser, P.M., administered the necessary obligation, and both were received members of the lodge. There being no further business in this degree the lodge was passed to the Second Degree, when Bro. Olef Thomas Olsen received the F.C. Degree, Bro. W. J. Burns, R.W.M., effectively officiating. There being no further business the lodge was reduced and closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION AND CROWS (No. 103).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 31st ultimo. Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M., in the chair, assisted by his Wardens, opened the lodge, when the minutes of last regular meeting, also special meeting, were read and approved of. Applications were also read from the following gentlemen for admission into Freemasonry, viz.—Thos. Galloway, John Derry, and Robert Tarbett. Being duly proposed and seconded, and no objections raised, the candidates entered and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. A. M. Wright performing the ceremony in a most striking manner. After several discussions of matters connected with the lodge, which were most amicably settled, Bro. Jas. Gilles then proposed that the fees of initiation, also affiliation, be raised, which was

received with acclamation. Bro. Jas. Crawford, of Lodge St. John's, Lanark, No. 21, was then affiliated, Bro. Bain, P.M., officiating. The lodge was then raised to Fellow Craft, when Bros. Jas. Crawford and Robt. Fyfe were passed to that degree very efficiently. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

LARGS.—ST. JOHN'S KILWINNING LODGE (No. 173).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held on the evening of Friday last, Bro. William Thomson presented the lodge with a splendid pair of pedestals. The R.W.M. (Bro. Easton), on behalf of the lodge, accepted Bro. Thomson's gift, and, in a short speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the donor, which was heartily accorded.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SHAMROCK AND THISTLE (No. 275).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 4th inst. in their hall, 22, Struthers-street. There was a large turn out of the brethren. Bro. R. M. Yuille, R.W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Paterson, S.W., and Findlay, J.W., in their respective chairs. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed to, and declared confirmed. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Jas. Ferguson, who, it appeared, was in very reduced circumstances, and out of employment. After a little friendly conversation among the brethren regarding the character and position of Bro. Ferguson, it was unanimously agreed to give a sum of money from the lodge benevolent funds for his immediate relief. Then came up the question of the annual excursion for final arrangement. After various suggestions it was agreed that it take the character of a picnic to the beautiful and picturesque grounds of Bowling Glen, on the 19th of June, leaving and returning to Glasgow by rail. Applications were read for initiation into Freemasonry from Mr. John Morison and Mr. Moritz Beil. They were proposed and seconded by Bros. J. Murray, J. Guthrie, Charles Mair, and John Paterson. Their characters being found worthy, they were prepared for and received the first degree, Bro. Geo. C. H. McNaught officiating. The R.W.M. intimated that an emergency meeting would be held in the lodge on Saturday 5th inst. (2nd and 3rd degree to be given). This being all the business the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—COMMERCIAL LODGE (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 50, Hope-street, on Monday, the 31st ult., Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., presiding; Bro. James M. Oliver, S.W., Bro. S. Findlater, J.W. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the R.W.M. intimated that the foundation stone of the Rothesay Aquarium would be laid with Masonic honours on Saturday, 5th June, and brethren wishing to be present would receive clothing, &c., in the hall on Friday, the 4th, that being the regular meeting of the lodge. The R.W.M. also intimated that brethren who have not had an opportunity of subscribing to the memorial to the late Bro. Ure might do so any time before the 10th June, circulars being now in the hands of the committee. There being no further business in this degree, the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., when Bros. Thos. Ross, James Kerr, and James Neish received that degree from the R.W.M. in his usual impressive style. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, on Friday, the 4th inst.; Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. J. M. Oliver, S.W.; Thos. Graham, J.W., and other officers in their respective places. There was a fair attendance on this occasion. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Monro, and the Secretary, Bro. W. H. Bickerton, read the minutes of last regular meeting, also those of a special meeting on the 31st ult., which were approved of. The R.W.M. then informed the brethren that Mr. Cowper, whose application for admission into Freemasonry had been read at the last general meeting, and no objection offered, would now be ballotted for, which was accordingly done, and proved favourable. Mr. Cowper then entered and received the E.A. Degree, Bros. J. M. Oliver and John Monro officiating. On Bro. Cowper retiring, the lodge was raised to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and Bro. Scott, who had made excellent improvement as an Entered Apprentice, was presented as a candidate for this degree. Bro. Monro, R.W.M., in the lecture of the degree, so impressively traced the progress of the art, nature, and design of Freemasonry as cannot fail to excite in the Craftsman a spirit of enquiry, and induce him to emulate further acquisitions in Freemasonry. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. ANDREWS (No. 465).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place in their hall, Garngad-road, on the 3rd inst.; the R.W.M., Bro. D. Reid, presided. Bros. McLeish, acting S.W.; J. Davidson, J.W., occupying his own chair. As usual, the meeting was exceedingly well attended. The lodge was opened at 7.30, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed. Applications were read for admittance into Freemasonry from the following gentlemen, viz.: Peter Douglas, proposed by Bro. John Douglas, seconded by Bro. W. Gray; Bro. Pirratt, proposed by Bro. And. Herron, seconded by Bro. Jas. Morrison; J. McFarlan, proposed by Bro. Slight, seconded by Bro. John McDonald; Richard Milne, proposed by Bro. Arch. Stevenson, seconded by Bro. S.W. Campbell. Those applications being satisfactory to the members of the lodge, the First Degree was imparted to them by the R.W.M. in a very able manner. Instructors having been appointed to the candidates, and no further business on this degree, the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, when Bros. Renney McLane, Richard Milne and John Wilson were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, the R.W.M. again presiding. This being all the business on this degree, the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This having been conferred on Bros. Richard Milne and Renny McLane by the R.W.M., it was intimated that an

emergency meeting would be held on Saturday, 12th June, for the dispatch of business, and also that a meeting for harmony would take place on the 24th, to celebrate the Summer Festival of St. John. This brought the labours of a hard night's work to a most satisfactory close, and reflected much credit upon the energetic perseverance of Bro. D. Reid, the much respected R.W.M. of this lodge.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (553).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday the 3rd inst. Bro. Malcolm Stark, D.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M., occupied the chair; Bro. Hunter, S.W., Bro. Stevens, J.W., with a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. On the lodge being opened by Bro. Stark, he read applications from the following gentlemen for admission into Freemasonry, viz.: D. McDoe and J. Groves, which were duly received and no objections offered. They were duly initiated, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., Lodge Commercial No. 360, performing the ceremony in his usual masterly style. Bro. Stark then read a letter from Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M., apologizing for his absence that evening, regretting that he was not able to be with them. Bro. Stark said he was sure that Bro. McDougall would doubly regret his absence that night when he informed him of the distinguished and very worthy brothers that had honoured them by their visit on this occasion: he assured them in behalf of the R.W.M. and Lodge St. Vincent that he was very thankful to them, and hoped they would often come amongst them. They were not very comfortable in their present temporary quarter, but they were about to get a hall of their own, and then they would be more comfortable; and before setting down he would again thank the visitors for their company on this occasion. Bro. Stark said that it was rather unusual, at the close of the proceedings, for the minutes to be read, but on this occasion it was most suitable. The Secretary, Bro. J. Hally, then proceeded to read the minutes of previous meeting which was confirmed. Bro. Hunter, S.W., said before closing the lodge he had one duty to perform—that of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Monro, R.W.M., of Lodge Commercial No. 360, for his kindness in consenting, also the very able manner he had instructed the candidates in the E.A. degree that night: he was sure that the lodge, also the candidates were very much indebted to Bro. Monro, and he would move that it be recorded in the minutes. This proposition, also the vote of thanks, were received with acclamation. The lodge was thereafter closed in due form, and the brethren for a short time adjourned for refreshment, and with the usual loyal toasts, together with that of the visiting brethren and the newly-initiated, which was most ably replied to. The brethren, after spending a most pleasant evening, and the last toast being given—Happy to meet, &c.—dispersed.

GLASGOW.—COMMERCIAL CHAPTER (No. 79).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Friday, 28th ult. A lodge of Excellent Masters was opened, and Bros. James M. Duncan and John McRobbie, who had received the degree of Mark Masters at last meeting, were admitted and advanced to that of Excellent Masters. The lodge being closed and a H.R.A. Chapter opened, they were re-admitted and exalted to that sublime degree. Comps. Julius Brodie, Z.; Dobbie, P.Z. 119, acting H.; Duthie, Z. 67, acting J.; J. M. Oliver, E. 69, acting E.; Ronald, First Soj. 67, acting First Soj., &c. Before closing the chapter, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the visiting companions for their assistance on the occasion, and as a further mark of appreciation for their services Comps. Colin McKenzie and David Donald, First Sojourners respectively of Chapters 50 and 67, were affiliated honorary members of the chapter. There being no further business, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (No. 67) met at 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on the 25th May. Visiting Comps. present: Comps. Phillips, Z. 87, and Russell, Scribe E. 87. A lodge of Past Masters was opened, Comp. J. Duthie in the chair, Comps. Phillip, Junior Warden, Ronald, Senior Warden, with a number of well qualified brethren. Applications were read from Bro. Smythe, 34, and Bro. Barnard, of 556, which were approved of, and both being duly prepared they were conducted into the lodge and instructed in the mysteries of the degree by the W. Mark Master. The lodge was then closed and opened in the Excellent Master Degree. The two brothers being led in were instructed in this degree, and the lodge was closed. The Royal Arch Chapter was then formed: Comps. Duthie, M.E.P.Z.; Wood, H.; Taylor, J.; French, Scribe, E.; McLauren, Scribe, N.; Wood, Treas.; Ronald, First Soj.; Nagle, Second Soj.; Deakie, Third Soj.; and a full meeting of companions to constitute and hold the chapter, it being opened in due form by the three Principals. Bros. Smyth and Barnard were led into the chapter and were exalted, and received as regular Royal Arch Companions, the M.E. First Principal, Comp. Duthie, officiating. The minutes of the former meeting were then read and confirmed. The chapter was then closed in due and ancient form by the three Principals, all companions standing to order.

A memorial tablet, on which is the following inscription, now marks the spot in Westminster Abbey where the remains of Dr. Livingstone are deposited:—"Brought by faithful hands over land and sea, here rests David Livingstone, missionary, traveller, philanthropist. Born March 19, 1813; died May 1, 1873, at Chitamba's Village, Ulala. For thirty years his life was spent in an unwearied effort to evangelise the native races, to explore the undiscovered secrets, to abolish the desolating slave trade of Central Africa, and where with his last words, he wrote—'All I can add in my solitude is, may Heaven's rich blessing come down on every one—American, English, or Turk—who will help to heal this open sore of the world!'"

Original Correspondence.

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

HIS HOLINESS AND THE MOST WORSHIPFUL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"The Pope, he leads a happy life," is one of those poetic fictions which contrast sadly with the sterner realities of His Holiness's sublunar pilgrimage, and when we read "one of those strange tricks," as Cleopatra's maid says, "which sorrow shoots out o' his mind," in his epistle of the 7th January last, we are led to a very startling inference.

It is a saying, founded on the deepest study of human nature, that no man is a hero to his valet, and we should be very much surprised if His Holiness should appear a Christian—we say this advisedly—to the keeper, whoever that may be, of his conscience. Indeed, it is difficult to believe that an Italian, trained to all the arts of priestcraft, can be much short of a pagan himself, and it is a curious circumstance how inadvertently, as it were, His Holiness, in his epistle just referred to against the Masonic brotherhood, betrays the symbolism of a Pythagorean. Why "three priests" and "three communions daily," as His Holiness recommends, should exasperate a God of love against an eminently pacific institution, such as Masonry, whose fundamental principles are charity in its widest sense, and liberality in its theological, is indeed passing strange.

But to the archaeological Freemason, the secret thought thus oozing out is very significant of the faith really held by the Pontiff in the "sanctum sanctorum" of his heart, if indeed one so exalted possesses so commonplace an organ, but does not rather place his hand, when oppressed by the Masonic dread, upon "that aching spot where beats the human heart," but which is something more, or perhaps less.

The truth is, all enlightened Roman Catholics who read for themselves, and draw knowledge from the fountain head, and not the brackish stuff so called through another, are not blind to the fact that the power of the priesthood droops at the headquarters of the sect, and that education and travel altogether destroy its oppressive and pernicious influence—just as in India railways are gradually undermining Brahminism. But the analogy might be pointed still more sharply were we not cautious of giving offence to those brethren who may still have a lingering feeling or superstition in favour of a Church in which they have been reared.

Freemasonry may well pardon the unseemly violence and hatred of "the old man," with something of Lear's "hysteria passio."

He stands condemned by his own pretensions, and it is in vain that he opposes the charity and liberality of Freemasons with vituperation, attempted oppression, malice, conspiracy, and all the weapons of Jesuitism. We know him by his works—"Can a clean thing come out of an unclean?"

His Holiness knows more than he ought, or we are very much mistaken. He appears to look upon Freemasonry as a rival house, drawing off custom from himself. On close examination the decimal system (mystic of course) will be found at the bottom of all this Papal exasperation; and as His Holiness is said to be infallible we will take him at his word, that "no human power (not even the spiritual) is capable of struggling against" us.

But we will not condescend to bandy words with His Holiness. He is welcome to his keys and to his strong box. The world is large enough surely for us all, but should His Holiness require change of air, let him by all means pay a friendly untheological visit to the Great Llama, for "The Most Worshipful" cannot put him up, or put up with him, at present—this being the season when other engagements are pressing. RAHU.

THE 1717 ASSERTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In to-day's *Freemason* there appears a letter from Bro. "Lupus" in reference to myself, which would be simply amusing were it not for its unmasonic tone, and certain statements contained in it. He tells us that I at one time challenged him in reference to the use of the word "speculative" in the middle ages, and that he got a certain old MS. examined by some one to see if that word was really in it. He published the result of this examination, and, as he tells us, the result was that Bro. Buchan "said not a word afterwards, but retreated into defeated silence." Now, we shall at once see the untruthfulness of this assertion by referring to the back numbers of the *Freemason*. From pages 26 and 27 of the *Freemason* for January, 1871, I think it will be seen that it was "An American Freemason," hailing from Cincinnati, O., who was at loggerheads with Bro. "Lupus" about "speculative." Then, if we take the *Freemason* for April 15th, 1871, pp. 233 and 234, we find "Lupus" stating upon the authority of some unnamed individual that "speculative" really occurs in some old MS., and upon the very same leaf we find Bro. Buchan making the same statement, and naming as his authority Mr. Bond, the keeper of the MSS. in the British Museum! Further on again, viz., at p. 300 of the *Freemason* for May 13th, 1871, we find Bro. Buchan giving Bro. "Lupus" the benefit of a column and a half of remarks. Then at p. 316, May 20th, we find Bro. "Lupus" telling us he has had enough of it, his opening remark being, "I have no intention to prolong this discussion." Bro. Buchan, at pp. 333, 344 of the *Freemason* for May 27th, 1871, replied, and so the friendly correspondence closed. Now, how all this can be

shown to be Bro. Buchan's "retreat into defeated silence" I cannot imagine. Possibly, however, Bro. "Lupus" will be able to show. For my part, I fear it can only be that the wish was father to the thought; or, again, if he is fond of a glass of good old port now and then, some one has unfortunately happened to touch his toe while the gout was troubling him, and he, being earnestly engaged reading the *Freemason* at the time, just where Bro. Buchan's name occurred, up goes the walking stick, and poor Bro. Buchan gets the benefit.

I am, fraternally yours,

W. P. BUCHAN.

Glasgow, June 5th, 1875.

P.S.—As to the remarks about white aprons and gloves having to be provided for the Masons in the time of Henry VI., I beg to be allowed to refer to p. 442 of the *Freemason* for July 15th, 1871; and also to the valuable old 1670 statutes of the Aberdeen Lodge, which appeared at pp. 501 and 550 of the *Freemason* for August 12th and September 2nd, 1871. Possibly Bro. "Lupus" imagines it was he who sent these contributions to the *Freemason*. If so, he had better look again.—W.P.B.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am obliged to Bro. "Lupus" for his kind communication, and his interest on my behalf, but at present there does not seem much difficulty as to my offer being carried out, and it is better to give evidence for our theories, assertions, and beliefs in full, in order that the question at issue may be settled at once and for ever, than to decline the controversy, for the "1717 theory" is not the pet notion of "one Mason only," and indeed for my part I am convinced that many both in and outside the Masonic society have a fancy that our claim to antiquity is a portion of our fabulous history.

When time permits I am quite content to abide by my offer, and, with a clearly defined object to be attained, and only three as short letters as possible from my friend Bro. Buchan, and the same number in reply by me, I hope we shall arrive at an agreement on the subject. At present, however, I am not quite clear as to what the "1717 theory" really means.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you favour me with your opinion in the following case in an early number of the *Freemason*?

A lodge was formed and a brother became a joining member just before any were initiated. The W.M. elect states his intention to advance the first initiate of the lodge (who is both able and willing to serve) to the vacancy created by the rise of the officers. On this, because he refused to appoint the joining member instead of the initiate, a brother proposed the non-confirmation of that part of the minutes, electing the S.W. to be W.M.

Which has the greater claim to the office, the joining member or the initiate?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HADLEY.

[As a general rule the actual bona-fide member of the lodge, the initiate, in fact, though any member of the lodge is available for office. In this case the initiate and joining brother became members of the lodge about the same time, so it is a most difficult question to decide.—Ed.]

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me space in your columns to thank Bro. W. J. Hughan for his valuable letter of the 16th January, in re the Mark Degree, and to heartily return his fraternal greeting. The information conveyed is valuable from its plain and concise statement, but doubly so when emanating from a brother so well versed in Masonic lore as Bro. Hughan.

My thanks are equally due to our distinguished Bro. Binckes for his able and exhaustive letter on the subject. As he very properly observes, it is almost impossible to discuss the propositions in public, otherwise there are yet several important points I should like to draw his attention to. In the meantime, however, I hope, and believe, that our correspondence (short as it is) has been of some service to my companions of the Mark.

Trusting these zealous and able brethren may be long spared to the Craft,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WALTER HILL, P.M. 49, E.C.

Wellington, New Zealand, April 11th, 1875.

BELGIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Belgian Benevolent Society for the relief of distressed Belgians in this country holds a banquet in aid of the funds on Saturday, 19th June, at Willis's Rooms.

Probably some of those who were entertained by the Belgian brethren at Liege and other places a few years ago may be glad of this opportunity of giving a trifle to a charity so consonant with true Freemasonry.

Any sum sent to me shall be properly applied and duly acknowledged.

I am, yours fraternally,

THOMAS PRESTON, D.C. Great City Lodge.

6, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

Obituary.

BROS. T. HAWORTH, R. W. O'NEIL, AND J. S. REDFERN, OF BURY.

The brethren in Bury (Lancashire) have latterly sustained a series of painful losses. Bro. Thomas Haworth, of Lodge Relief, 42, was lost in the foundering of the steamer Cadiz, when on his way from Spain, where he had but a short time before entered on an engagement under Messrs. McCullum, Cannon-Street, London, and his body has not been recovered; then on Thursday in Whit-week Bro. Robert Wright O'Neil and Richard Battersby, the former W.M. and the latter S.D. of Lodge Prince of Wales, 1012, were overbalanced by a lurch while on a yatching excursion in Morecambe Bay, thrown into the sea, and drowned; and only one of the bodies—that of Bro. O'Neil, a young but very promising brother both in Arch and Craft—has been recovered; and, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., within a few minutes of the return of the brethren from Bro. O'Neil's funeral, Bro. John Smith Redfern, of Lodge 42, P. Pro G.P. East Lancashire, (in his 68th year, and the oldest Mason in Bury), died in the Knowsley Hotel, in the arms of Bro. Fred Anderton. On the way from the cemetery Bro. Redfern (who had suffered more or less from heart disease), complained of a pain in his side, and he called at the hotel for a stimulant, thinking it might give him ease. However, before he had time to raise the glass to his lips his spirit passed away without a struggle. A medical gentleman was called in, and gave the opinion that the deceased had died from syncope, probably induced by over exertion in the procession. Bro. Redfern had been a member of the Craft about 47 years, being W.M. of Lodge 42 (the oldest but one in the province of East Lancashire) as long as 40 years ago, and it will easily be understood that among the brethren in that locality his name was "familiar as a household word." Take him for all in all, he was a Mason whose like will not soon be seen again in Bury, and his death is deeply deplored.

Bro. O'Neil's funeral took place on Wednesday forenoon, the 26th ult., and witnessed by a considerable number of persons. The members of the Craft paid tribute to his memory by following his remains to the grave. Altogether 122 Masons attended, and these included members from the several lodges in the town, and brethren from Radcliffe, Whitefield, Rochdale, Ramsbottom, and Haslingden. They met at the Derby Hotel, where the Prince of Wales Lodge is held, and from there proceeded to the late home of their deceased brother in Manchester-road. The carriers were Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer (East Lancashire) Henry Maiden, P.M. John Halliwell, P.M. John Randle Fletcher, P.M. J. Smethurst, and Bros. Lawrence Stead (Ramsbottom), Nicholas Worsley (Haslingden), Alfred Hopkinson, and Harry Woodcock. There was no display of the emblematical insignia of the Order, but each Mason wore a white necktie and white gloves.

The Rev. E. Westerman performed the last sad offices of the dead. The coffin was of oak, with a handsome brass shield. On the top there were laid a cross and a wreath of flowers, the gifts of friends intimately connected with the family, and the coffin was lowered into the grave bearing these choicely fashioned tributes.

Bro. Lawrence Booth, P. Pro. G.S.B., E.L., acted as director of ceremonies.

The interment of Bro. Redfern's remains took place at All Saints' churchyard, Elton, on Saturday afternoon, the 29th ult. A warrant having been granted by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Pro. G.M., for the attendance of the Masonic brethren in their regalia and the observance of Craft honours in connection with the funeral, the event proved no less interesting to the various local lodges than it was attractive to the general public. The brethren, 211 strong, and including representatives of more than a score of lodges, mustered at the Albion Hotel, the meeting place of the lodge of which Bro. Redfern was a member, and after forming in processional order proceeded to their deceased brother's late residence in Georgiana-street, where they took precedence of the hearse and mourning coaches, and marched to the place of burial. The streets were thronged with thousands of spectators, and at various business places and houses on the line of route the shutters and blinds were disposed in mourning fashion.

Upon the arrival of the mourning cortège at the entrance to the churchyard the brethren filed to either side of the avenue leading to the sacred edifice, and there with bared heads awaited the passage of the corpse, which was borne by Bros. Warwick Wood, W.M. 128, Richard Pilkington, W.M. 1392, Edmund Whittam, Samuel Greenhalgh, John Atherton, James Cass, Joseph Place, and Robert Carter. As the funeral party entered the church Bro. J. Randle Fletcher played Mendelssohn's Funeral March on the organ. The general body of the brethren becoming seated, Bro. Phillips (with whom was present the Rev. E. Westerman, vicar of All Saints') read the service for the dead, the 90th Psalm being chanted by a body of surpliced choristers made up from the choirs of the Parish Church and All Saints', and among whom were several members of the Craft. While the corpse was being borne from the church Bro. Randle Fletcher played the "Dead March" in Saul. The corpse was deposited in a newly-built vault on the western side of the church, the choristers giving the responses incidental to the remaining portion of the burial service. This concluded, and the chief mourners moved away, the brethren were formed in more exact circle around the grave, and, at a signal from the P. Pro. Grand Chaplain, they joined in a silent parting salute to their departed brother. The duties of director of ceremonies fell to the lot of Bro. Robert Whittaker, 350 and 678, P. Pro. G.D.C., E.L., who was assisted by Bros. Harry Grundy, P.M. (acting for Bro. E.

Eccles, W.M., 42), Thomas Carter, S.D., Thomas Barker, J.D., and Samuel Mosley, I.G., all of Lodge 42. Bro. J. W. Kenyon, P.M. 42, was the undertaker. We may state that the coffin was of polished oak, with massive brass furniture, the costly metal appointments being the gift of Mr. Joseph Downham, ironmonger, Fleet-street, who, although a non-Mason, was a close friend of Bro. Redfern. The shield was of brass, graven with Masonic emblems, and above and below there was disposed polished brasswork in a cruciform style. Choice flowers, the gifts of Bros. G. O'Neil and J. M. Whitehead—the former contributing a beautiful wreath, and the latter a rare collection of flowers formed into Masonic emblems—were laid on the coffin. On Sunday morning, the 30th ult., a funeral sermon was preached at All Saints' Church by the Rev. E. Westerman, members of the O'Neil and Redfern families, as well as several members of the Masonic body, being present. The text was 1st John, iv., 11—"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." Mr. J. R. Fletcher presided at the organ, and played a funeral march as an opening voluntary, and the "Dead March" at the close. The hymns sung were "Thy will be done," "Jesu, Lover of my soul," and "Christ is our Corner Stone," from "Hymns Ancient and Modern."

Poetry.

Dedicated to COLONEL PETERS, I.P.M., Lodge 1460, by T. BURDETT YEMAN, 1460.

A SONG—THE I.P.M.—"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

In ev'ry land and ev'ry clime some form of faith is found,
In North or South, in East or West, this feeling does abound;
Savage and Christian have their rites, and we Freemasons too,

The fame of whom does fill the world, so honour'd is the Blue.

CHORUS—Then sound our name in worthy song, lift up
the Standard high;

With soul and voice in love and truth,
"Hearty good wishes cry!"

We're all as one, a solid mass; one thought is in our mind,
To fill all hearts with happiness, and leave dull care behind:
To help a brother and do one good—this is our constant aim;

To heal the sick and cheer the soul by love's undying flame.

CHORUS—Then sound our name in cheerful song, &c.
We'll tell the world that we are men who have no selfish end,

But work in unity and zeal, one's happiness to blend;
To sow the seeds of light and love—a Mason's creed is this,

To make a man say "I'm a man," and fill the world with bliss.

CHORUS—Then sing aloud in joyful song, &c.
So we'll march on and do our part, the world shall be our stage,

Resolved our light to shed abroad, and shun the bigot's rage.

We hold the key that does unlock, the holy high command:
Do unto others as ye would, my free Masonic band.

CHORUS—So we will sing a joyous song, &c.

THE PAPAL ALLOCUTIONS.

"Thady," says Patsey, "mighty strange
Are all these Allocutions,
They are coming in like nice grane paas,
And Spanish revolutions;
They are just as thick as gooseberries,
And plintful as Banes,
And cropping up like foine new praties
Or grane hidges in the lanes."

"Oh, don't you know, dear Patsey,
It's all thim bad Freemasons,
Those chaps who ride upon a goat,
And use hot pokers on all occashuns;
They are a mighty noisy lot,
And ate no ind of dinners,
And jist as shure as eggs is iggs
They all are drifful sinners."

"They don't respect the haythen,
Not even Cardinal Cullen,
The L.L. is their Grand Masther,
At which some folks look sullen;
They're always up to mischief,
And 'spalpanes' are they all,
And everything that's base and brutal
Father O'Rourke does the naygys call."

"They must be bad," says Patsey,
"Because they've a secret dodge,
They won't tell us what they say or do
When shut up within the lodge.
They must have some drifful secret,
Or hedad why do they hide
Their faces, collars, and their aprons,
And many things beside?"

"And yit," says Thady, "it's most quare,
They say they hilp ache other,
That they look after old and young,
And take care of ache poor brother.
Maybe it's jist because of this,
We know so little of 'em,
That we declare they're good for nothing,
And call curses down upon 'em."

If we were Masons, oh!" says Thady
"We should be excommunicate;
If we were Masons, we should know
The truth about their state."

Oh! honest Patsey, friendly Thady,
Dismiss each fear and doubt,
Let a brother 'inthro juice' you,
You'll no more be put about.

But all as plain as A B C,
Will fill you with delight,
Gone are your dreadful fancies,
Your anger and your fright;
A lodge is a band of loving brethren,
Without pretence of art,
Which binds closer to each other
Every loyal Irish heart.

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Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Ward Hunt, First Lord of the Admiralty, will deliver the Conway prizes at Liverpool on the 30th inst. He will arrive at Liverpool on the 29th inst., and leave on the 1st of July. During his stay Bro. Hunt will be the guest of the Mayor.

The Liverpool Town Council, on Wednesday, unanimously accorded Mr. Gladstone a vote of thanks for his loan of porcelain and pottery to one of the institutions of that town.

The Prince of Wales has presented a handsome piece of plate to be played for at polo by members of the British Army on the 25th. As all the crack players are certain to take part, a most exciting contest may be expected.

The Chamberlain's list showed 24 applications for the freedom of the City of London, including those by Count Gleichen, the Earl of Limerick, Sir William Drake, and Mr. R. Bentley.

Sir Frederick Perkins, M.P., has been appointed Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Mark Lodge by the Earl of Limerick, Grand Mark Master Mason of England.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, accompanied by Lady Georgiana Hamilton, is expected to arrive at the family residence in Green-street on the 15th inst., about which time the Duchess is expected to arrive from Biarritz.

CIVIL SERVICE LIFEBOAT FUND.—The Right. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bradford the Right Hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, M.P., and the Right Hon. G. Selater-Booth, M.P., have become vice-patrons of this benevolent fund.

The death of Bro. Sidney Spencer, proprietor of the City Terminus Hotel, took place on the 31st ult., at his residence, Shottendane, near Margate. Bro. Spencer, who was 49 years of age at the time of his death, had not been in good health for some time. It will be remembered that about two years ago his great services on behalf of the hotel-keepers of England were publicly recognised by a handsome testimonial, and he remained president of the Hotel-keepers' Association up to the time of his decease. He had been a Freemason for many years, being a member of the Lion and Lamb and William Preston Lodges. He was at the present time serving the office of churchwarden of his parish of St. Mary Bothaw. The funeral took place at Maidstone on Saturday last.

The Queen has appointed Bro. the Earl of Jersey to be one of her Majesty's lords in waiting in ordinary, in the room of Lord Walsingham, resigned.

Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of the following promotions in the army—viz., To be Field-Marshal, General Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, General Sir John Forster Fitzgerald, General the Marquis of Tweeddale.

Bro. Knight, the W.M., and the officers and brethren of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge No. 615, have determined to inaugurate the New Masonic Hall at Erith by a Ball to be held on Wednesday next, the 16th inst. For further particulars see advertisement on front page.

A Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey will be held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N., for the installation of the Provincial Grand Master.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.S.G.W., will distribute the prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Woodgreen, on the 30th inst. The annual summer fete on the 8th of July will be superseded this year by the Stewards' visit to the school at the distribution of prizes.

The Annual Festival of the Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund will be held at the Alexandra Palace on the 21st of July. Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., Prov. G.M.M. of Lancashire, will preside.

Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., has accepted the trusteeship of the Sustentation Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held on Thursday last at Boston. We shall give a report of the proceedings thereat in our next issue.

Owing to the pressure on our columns this week, we are compelled to omit the report of the De Shurland Lodge No. 1089. A very full account of the installation, &c., will appear in our next.

The Inauguration and Dedication of the White Rose of York Conclave (No. 120), Red Cross of Constantine, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, this day (Saturday), at 12 o'clock. E. Sir Knt. W. H. Brittain, 319, is the M.P.S. designate, and E. Sir Knt. Wm. Roddewig, 309, V.E. designate.

LAYING MEMORIAL STONE OF ROTHESAY
AQUARIUM.

To Rothesay belongs the honour of giving to Scotland its first public Aquarium, the memorial stone of which was on Saturday, the 5th inst., laid with full Masonic honours by Bro. Charles Dalrymple, M.P. for Buteshire, and Provincial Grand Master of Argyre and the Isles. The Aquarium occupies an excellent site on the Ascog shore, at the spot occupied by the old battery. When completed the building will have an imposing appearance. Externally it has a frontage of 102 feet, is graced below with a rusticated basement and cornice, is surmounted by a chaste open balustrade, and rising from the centre there will be an ornamental tower 47 feet in height. A short flight of circular steps leads from the outside to a commodious vestibule which communicates with a promenade hall, lighted by a dome, and intended for concerts, social gatherings, and the like. Adjoining the hall are smaller rooms as suitable accessories, and also rooms in which will be fitted table tanks. Entering from the promenade hall is a magnificent corridor, forming the main portion of the building, and measuring 90 feet by 15 feet. Ranged on each side of it will be sixteen tanks, while in two adjacent rooms are to be placed twenty others, for the reception of the smaller species of salt and fresh water animals. Besides those mentioned there will be nine tanks to be used chiefly for experiments. For the tanks 20,000 gallons of sea water and 12,000 gallons of fresh water will be required; but it has been considered necessary to have to supply reservoirs beneath the building capable of containing 100,000 and 40,000 gallons respectively, the extra quantity being indispensable in having the water thoroughly aerated. A water engine pumps the water into pipes, from which it is sent in a spray from jets in the roof, and in the event of an accident to this engine, a supplementary one, worked by steam, is to be provided. The tanks in which the animals are to be placed will be similar to those in the English Aquaria, three sides being of slate, and the front of one-inch plate glass. Artificial rock work is to be placed inside, and the bottom will be covered with shingle. It is not yet known from what source the sea water will be drawn, fears being entertained that the water in the vicinity of the Aquarium may prove unsuitable. After the reservoirs are filled there will be little need of replenishing, the sweetness of the fluid being maintained by machinery, and as each tank is placed in a lower level than the one next it, the water, by an overflow pipe, finds its way back to the reservoirs. To maintain an equal temperature of water, and in the building, hot water pipes are to be brought into requisition. It is proposed to use several tanks in promoting scientific research, more particularly in the department of embryology, and after the Aquarium has been fairly started the directors hope to be able to add a sealground, and also a home for porpoises. The total cost is estimated at £10,000, and of this £1,000 has been contributed by the Marquis of Bute, who, in addition, gave a free site for the building, and £1,000 by the Corporation of Rothesay, the remainder being made up by shares of £5 each.

Rothesay has always been a favourite place of resort for those who, during the summer, can afford to leave Glasgow for a couple of months, weeks, or it may be only days; and there is no doubt that the Aquarium will add another to the many existing attractions of the town. On Saturday flags were displayed from many buildings, and the yachts anchored in the neighbourhood were almost hid with bunting. As was to be expected, the inhabitants turned out en masse to witness the proceedings, while steamer after steamer arrived, bringing thousands of strangers to the pretty little island, thus showing the great interest that is being taken in the Aquarium by those at a distance. The procession was timed to leave the Esplanade at one o'clock, and as the bands that were to take part in it had previously been discoursing music at various points, a very large number of people had congregated long before that hour.

At half-past 12 o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyre and the Isles was opened in the Town Hall, the office-bearers having been furnished with the suitable clothing by Bro. W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler, who was through from Edinburgh for the occasion with Grand Lodge paraphernalia. In the absence of the R.W.P.G.M. the R.W.M. of Rothesay St. John's (292), Bro. Alex. Duncan, presided, with Bros. R. M'Farlane and George Innes acting Senior and Junior P.G. Wardens respectively. The lodge having been duly constituted, the R.W.P.G.M. moved that Bros. Robert Robb, Prov. Grand Marshal, and J. Balfour, Prov. Grand Master of Ceremonies, P.G.L. of Glasgow, as also Bro. W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler, should, for the honour they had done Lodge 292 in coming down to assist them that day, receive honorary affiliation to the lodge, which was unanimously agreed to. At this stage the P.G. Master, Bro. Dalrymple, arrived, and was received with due honour. Having taken his seat upon the dais, and been informed as to the state of matters, the P.G.M. immediately adjourned the meeting until after the ceremonial at the building, and those present proceeded to join their brethren on the Esplanade. As nearly as we could make out the following were the lodges represented by deputations varying in numbers, the most numerous (the local lodge of course excepted) being that from Lodge Royal Arch, Cambuslang, which consisted of no fewer than thirty-seven members. Lodges St. John, Glasgow, 34; Journeyman, Edinburgh, 8; Greenock Kilwinning, 12; St. John Kilwinning, Dumbarton, 18; Doric Kilwinning, Port-Glasgow, 68; Thistle and Rose, Glasgow, 73; Montrose, Airdrie, 88; Royal Arch, Cambuslang, 114; Royal Arch, Rutherglen, 116; St. Mary's, Partick, 117; St. Mirren, Paisley, 129; St. Barnabas, Kilbarchan, 156; Greenock St. John, 175; St. James', Old Monkland, 177; Garthland St. Winnoch, Lochwinnoch, 205; Star, Glasgow, 219; Hamilton, Ham-

ilton, 233; Blair, Dalry, 290; Rothesay St. John's, 292; Royal Arch, West Kilbride, 314; St. Andrews Royal Arch, Alexandria, 321; St. George, Glasgow, 333; Argyre, Dunoon, 335; Commercial, Glasgow, 360; Kelburne, Millport, 459; St. Munn, Dunoon, 496; St. Andrews, East Kilbride, 524; St. Andrews, Coatbridge, 544.

Bro. Robert Robb, Provincial Grand Marshal, and Bro. J. Balfour, Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies, having marshalled the procession, a start was made shortly after one o'clock in the following order:—Band of music; Captain-Commandant M'Kirdy and Bute Artillery Volunteers; Chief-Constable M'Alpine and the officers of police; John Duncan, Esq., Provost (in his official robes), and the Magistrates of Rothesay; the members of the Town Council; the Sheriff and Sheriff-Substitute (Patrick Fraser, Esq., LL.D., and Robert Orr, Esq., advocates); the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Gascoigne Weldon, and other clergymen of Rothesay; the Chairman and Directors of the Aquarium Co. (Limited); J. Russell Thompson, Esq., architect of the Aquarium; the inspector and contractors; the Foresters; Masonic lodges, juniors in front; band of music; R.W.M. Alexander Duncan and the office-bearers and brethren of the Rothesay St. John's; the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Argyre and the Isles (Bro. C. Dalrymple, M.P.); officers of police.

Arriving at the Aquarium, and all having taken up the various positions allotted them, the band played the National Anthem.

Provost Duncan then, in the name of the directors of the Aquarium Company, presented the Provincial Grand Master with a silver trowel, bearing a suitable inscription. Prayer having been offered up by the Rev. Bro. Weldon, Acting Chaplain, Bro. Bryce, Treasurer, deposited in the cavity of the stone a glass jar containing specimens of coins of the realm, copies of various newspapers, &c.

The stone having been properly laid "according to the rules of Masonry," three hearty cheers were given, and the band struck up "The Merry Masons."

The Provincial Grand Master then said—On a day long expected by many here present the foundation or memorial stone of the Rothesay Aquarium has been laid in your sight with all the solemnity which the Masonic craft can lend to a ceremony. It remains for me, with your permission, briefly to address you. Has it seemed to any one here present that the ceremony of to-day has been attended with a solemnity almost inappropriate, and that it was hardly suitable that a building destined to a secular purpose should be inaugurated with sacred rites? And yet I am sure that none of us will question the force of the words, "Nisi Dominus frustra"—Except the Lord build, except the Lord keep, the watching and waiting are vain: it is but lost labour. We who are met in the brightness of this opening summertime—omen, I hope, of the success of the whole undertaking—can hardly think it out of place, looking to the character of the future building, looking also to the associations of the surrounding scenery, to invoke upon the work to-day inaugurated "blessings of the heaven above, and of the deep that lieth under, and unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills." It is of the very essence of our business here to-day to wish prosperity to this enterprise, which is, I may remind you, the product of much care and anxiety on the part of its promoters. I am bold to say that it reflects the highest credit, not only on the energy of the originators of the plan, but on the skill of those who devised, and on the public spirit of those who determined to carry out the work. It would be an affectation, of which none of us would be guilty, to pretend that we do not look for material advantage to this place from the erection of the Aquarium. I venture to assert that if our expectations are realised, it is no more than Rothesay deserves if great material advantages should ensue, inasmuch as in this place is being instituted the first Scottish Aquarium. It is satisfactory to know that it is matter of positive knowledge that an Aquarium has elsewhere been what is called a paying concern. We shall not expect quite to emulate the financial triumphs of the famous Aquariums of the South, but it is worth mentioning that the Crystal Palace Aquarium shows a profit of 30 per cent. on the capital laid out upon it, while the grand Aquarium at Hamburg is also a great pecuniary success. I can well believe that to this "Brighton of the Clyde," as it has been called, in reference to our new venture, many visitors will be attracted by the Aquarium. We may flatter ourselves that not only travellers from Glasgow and Edinburgh and other parts of Scotland, but pilgrims from remote places to the classic shrines of Scotland who, among other pleasures of travel, delight in the beauties of the Clyde, its mountain-bound lochs, its picturesque seaside retreats, and its haunts of romantic and storied interest, will also desire to visit in the Island of Bute the Aquarium of the West of Scotland. For my own part, I should not hesitate to say to any who failed to pay us a visit for this purpose, "Your other exploits of travel are all very well, but you have not only missed visiting a sight of great interest, but, what is much worse, you have failed to pay your tribute of acknowledgment to that gifted and remarkable people called the Brandanes, who, among other rare qualities, have been pioneers to all Scotland in the matter of an Aquarium." But to-day I claim a measure of homage for this enterprise on higher grounds. I believe that when completed the Aquarium is calculated to be the source of much useful and interesting information; and it is an ambition worthy of any institution to be a source of intellectual life to a place and neighbourhood. No one would wish on this occasion to be made the victim of an imposture; and I should rank high among impostors if I were to attempt to speak to you of an Aquarium in respect to its scientific value. This only I will say, that those who have visited an Aquarium elsewhere know what a treasure-house of constant interest it is found to be; and I believe that, high as may be the expectations raised in the minds of those who see this building rise, the wonders of the deep

on which we shall hereafter be allowed to gaze within its walls will satisfy the most ardent and exacting expectations. It has lately been said with some force that "though man cannot descend into the sea, or observe in the depths of ocean how fish live and grow, yet he achieves a greater triumph. He brings the fish from the great deep in which they live, and compels them to render up in his presence the secrets of their birth and the ratio of their growth." You have already by acclamation, with emphatic heartiness, wished prosperity to this undertaking. I will only say, in conclusion, that I trust its success is certain, and will be conspicuous, thereby affording an example to other places, and an encouragement and reward to the public spirited promoters of the scheme.

Bro. A. B. Stewart of Ascog, and Provost Duncan, on behalf of the directors and promoters of the company, and Bailie Orkney on behalf of the magistrates and councillors, having thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his presence that day, and he having replied in a few words, the procession was reformed and marched back to the Esplanade, where it was dispersed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge proceeded to the Town Hall, where it was resumed. Bro. Duncan, R.W.M. 292, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for his services that day. They must feel proud also that the Provincial Grand Master of Argyre and the Isles should be a member of Lodge 292. The P.G.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment. On the motion of a brother of Lodge 292, a hearty vote of thanks was awarded by acclamation to all the lodges who had come forward from various parts of the country to assist in the proceedings of the day. Bro. the Rev. A. Weldon, chaplain of 292, said he thought they might all congratulate themselves upon the success of their proceedings so far, and their special thanks were due to the P.G. Master for coming so great a distance to do them honour that day. After a vote of thanks had been awarded to the chaplain, Bro. Duncan, as instructed by the P.G. Master, closed the lodge in due form.

At three o'clock a banquet was held in the Bute Hotel, when upwards of sixty ladies and gentlemen were present. Provost Duncan presided, and the chair was occupied by Mr. A. B. Stewart.

Bro. Dalrymple responded to the toast, "The Houses of Parliament."

The Croupier gave, "Success to the Rothesay Aquarium," and in doing so stated that he did not for a few years expect any return for the shareholders, but he promised that they would not be allowed to suffer any loss, as he would make good any deficiency. He believed that the Aquarium would be the means of inducing many people to come to Rothesay, and that it would be the means of educating the one and profiting the other. He said he would be glad to provide whatever specimens he could for the Aquarium by means of his yacht.

The other toasts usual to such occasions having been duly honoured, the proceedings terminated.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons Hall. Bro. Major Creation, P.G.D., presided. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, J. A. Farnfield, J. Newton, J. M. Stedwell, Thos. Cubitt, H. G. Warren, R. W. Little, J. Belterby, G. Bolton, Joseph Smith, John G. Stevens, W. Hale, L. Stean, A. H. Tattershall, H. M. Levy, Joshua Nunn, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry (Secretary).

Bro. Terry having read the minutes of the 12th May, which were confirmed, read a letter from Lord Skelmersdale, accepting the trusteeship of the Sustentation Fund; he also announced the deaths of two annuitants, the list of the Committee of Management, and the names of the successful candidates at last election on 21st May. Cheques were ordered to be drawn for their annuities. The Warden's and House Committee's reports were read, and Bros. Hervey, Head, Creation, Hale, and Warren were elected members of the Finance Committee. Bros. Head, Creation, Stewart, Joseph Smith, and J. A. Farnfield were elected on the House Committee, and some general business having been transacted, the Committee adjourned.

The name of Bro. H. Thompson (P.M. 177, 1158, &c.) was unintentionally omitted in our report of the Southern Star Lodge, which appeared in the *Freemason* of last issue.

FELTON AND SONS' (OF ALBEMARLE-STREET) "SPECIALITE" SHERRY.—Looking upon sherry as one of the most useful of the dietetic and medicinal agents of the physician, when used with the care and prescribed with the exactness which we are distinctly of opinion should be required at his hands, we can speak very favourably of this wine. It has, in four specimens which we have collected over varying intervals extending for eight months, presented all the characters of a sound, palatable, and wholesome stimulant, such as those may use with pleasure who treat wine as a part of their ordinary luxuries of diet, and such as those may prescribe with confidence who find it necessary to order wine as a medicine.—*British Medical Journal*.

CIVIC VISIT TO BRO. SIR JOHN AND LADY BENNETT.—Bro. Sir John and Lady Bennett have invited the Lord Mayor to a garden party at their country residence, The Banks, Mounthfield, Sussex, to meet the Mayor and Corporation of Hastings, which is but about 10 miles from The Banks. The Lord Mayor was born at Hastings, and it occurred to Bro. Sir John and Lady Bennett that his lordship might like to meet the municipal representatives of his native place. The invitation was cordially accepted, and his lordship intimated his intention to make the visit in state, accompanied by his sheriffs. The day fixed on is Saturday, the 26th instant. The Mayor and Corporation of Hastings have intimated their intention to make theirs a state visit.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1875.

MASONIC MEDALS.

In our last impression we stated that Bro. George Kenning was about to issue a medal, commemorative of the installation of our Royal Grand Master. To us of this generation, to all English Freemasons, the 28th of April, 1875, will ever remain an "alba dies" of warm, and loyal, and pleasureable memories. It seems most right then and very opportune, that Bro. Kenning should seek to keep alive the gracious recollection of that wonderful scene and that auspicious day by the issue of a medal both appropriate in design, and Masonic in symbolism. We believe that such a "memento" will be gladly welcomed and warmly appreciated by the Craft at large, the more so as we understand the medal is to be struck in gold, silver, and bronze, thus commending itself to the feelings and capabilities of all our brethren. But the issue by Bro. Kenning of a medal in 1875 seems to call our attention to the subject of Masonic medals generally. This history of Masonic English medals is still an unwritten chapter in our insular annals. We have no work on English Masonic Numismatics, and not even so far any attempt to publish a perfect list of English Masonic medals at all. The subject has been alluded to more than once, but only cursorily or partially. It may be that we have MS. collections amongst us, but they have not been given to the archaeological Masonic student. It is true that English Masonic medals are on the whole very "few and far between," and yet some do exist, and it is just possible that more exist in reality than we are aware of, as in the last century especially, some lodges had tokens or medals of their own, and in earlier times the guilds of the town or "limits" probably had their special tokens. A few Masonic medals exist for instance in the British Museum, but not of any early date, and if

any brother could afford time to hunt them up and publish a carefully compiled list of them he would confer a great benefit on all Masonic students. In Germany there are to be found some very interesting works on Masonic numismatology, such as "Mossdorf's Deckmünzen," &c., &c., and we believe that an enterprising French brother at Lille is now engaged in preparing a somewhat similar work, or has already prepared it. But in Great Britain, as we before observed, the history of Masonic medals has to be penned, and we shall gladly welcome the "coming man" and Mason who will give us a lucid account and a verified list of all our Masonic medals. At the present time when we are laboriously striving to collect the "disjecta membra" of Masonic history and customs, and habits, and acts, and evidences, the numismatic history of English Freemasonry ought not to be entirely overlooked. We fear that there is not much perhaps in the "looking up" of English Masonic medals to reward the collector or the enquirer, as for some reason or other which we do not pretend to explain, English Masonic medals are comparatively very few in number, and of rather modern date. That some lodge tokens and medals do however exist we have often ocular proofs, and we shall be very happy in our Masonic Notes and Queries, to afford room to any of our brethren who may be willing kindly to forward to us descriptions of any Masonic English medals, which they either possess or know to be still extant, or have been issued in former days. We congratulate Bro. Kenning on his determination in answer to many applications to issue a commemorative medal in 1875, following the precedent of the Commemoration Medal for the Installation of George Prince of Wales, and we trust that his praiseworthy design may receive the generous support of the Anglo-Saxon Brotherhood.

BRO. CAPTAIN BOYTON.

We shall all have read, and read with pleasure not unmixed with admiration, how gallantly our Bro. Captain Boyton has passed over the "intervening waters" between the white cliffs of old England and the opposite fair land of France. Starting from Cape Grisnez and landing near to Dover, our persevering and courageous brother has proved alike the value of his apparatus and the feasibility of his theory. Even on the first occasion it is clear now he might have succeeded, and his last and prosperous effort must convince all, even the most sceptical, how, well armed in his quaint panoply, he can practically defy wind, and weather, and water. One amusing little incident seems to have occurred which we take from our contemporary, *The Graphic*. A porpoise, it is stated, drew near to have a look at this unusual inhabitant of the deep, and our brother was at first apprehensive that the interesting stranger was a shark. But so happily it turned out not to be, though our brother stood up ready for the fray. Whether the porpoise was, as they say he is, a member of the Marine Peace Society, or whether there is a Freemasonry even among fishes, and that the startled monster looked on the adventurous Captain as a "friend and a brother," we know not, but, leaping over the aquatic traveller, the porpoise is said to have dived down into the recesses of the azure main. How our brother would have fared had he met, as Sir Hugo once did, the "Wasser Mädchen mit nodings on," we do not presume to imagine even, but we gladly welcome him safe and sound from his little and somewhat hazardous "trajet." What effect the possibility of such a passage may have scientifically we cannot venture now to anticipate. We have probably in this fact the reality of "floatability" made even more distinct and decided. It is possible that the system may be well applied to life-boats and the like, though necessarily with some adaptation of means and apparatus. But be this as it may, the record of Bro. Captain Boyton's successful, if perilous experiment, will long remain a very striking one, and a very satisfactory one, of the endurance, and energy, and pluck, and prowess of our gallant, and zealous, and adventurous brother. Her Majesty the Queen and our Royal Grand Master have alike testified

their great pleasure and admiration at our brother's notable achievement, and the news of his success will be hailed with simultaneous feelings of hearty rejoicing, alike in the United States as in Great Britain.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Mr. Heckethorn has amused himself by saying that Freemasonry has no literature. A more gratuitous and wilful mis-statement never was made by any writer of any epoch. In 1846 George Kloss put forth, at "Frankfurt-am-Main," his most valuable and important "Bibliographie der Freimaurerei!" That remarkable work contains the names of 5393 books and pamphlets, bearing on the various branches of Freemasonry, and some of the kindred and quasi-Masonic subjects. In addition he gives an appendix containing 200 more names of writers and of works, making in all 5,600, more or less. Since that date, many additional works, some of no little merit and ability, have been published in England, Germany, and the United States especially; and we shall not err in saying that if all known Masonic productions could be put together, they would now reach to close on 7,000 in number. What becomes of Mr. Heckethorn's unwarrantable assertions that Freemasonry has no literature? There is a large field of Masonic literature, though traversed only, perhaps, so far, by a few enthusiastic students, but we believe that the number of Masonic readers and thinkers is strongly increasing, and it may be, as we trust, that a brighter day may yet dawn alike for Masonic literature and Masonic students. Bro. Walter Spencer has now advertised the very interesting library collected through many years by his father, Bro. Richard Spencer, to be sold by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge on July 27th and 28th this year. We anticipate a large assemblage of Masonic literati from all quarters of the habitable globe, as in some respects the collection thus offered "pro bono publico" is unique. The catalogue contains 600 lots, and there are in it some very rare and valuable works. Many of the books and MSS. formerly belonged to Bro. Dr. Oliver, and some of them will be, and are, deeply interesting to all Masonic students and collectors. We confess that we had looked for a larger store alike of printed and MS. authorities belonging to him, but still such as Bro. Spencer submits for sale are most striking in themselves. We have been kindly permitted, by the favour and courtesy of Bro. Walter Spencer, to peruse, some time back, some of the MSS., and very much struck we were with them, one and all. Most important they are for the true history of English Masonic Ritualism, many of them certainly, and they ought to be most carefully preserved. It seems now a great pity that this unique library should be disposed of by public auction, as its like cannot possibly be gathered together again. Were it not that we are well aware of the peculiar apathy of our good brethren, in respect of Masonic literature, we should be disposed to say that Grand Lodge should at once seize the opportunity, which may never occur again, of forming a first-rate Masonic library, attached to our Grand Lodge premises at Freemasons' Hall. If the scheme appears, as it probably will appear, too great to some, too expensive to others, we can only urge that our English Grand Lodge ought to have, for the honour and spread of Masonic literature, a good and valuable library. We now have, thanks to the administrative skill of Bro. Havers and other zealous brethren, a Masonic centre worthy of our great English brotherhood, but we still want a library. We have a few books, but books, like everything else, require good accessories, especially for true students, such as a fitting room, a proper catalogue, and expert attendants. If it be said that readers are few, and that any expenditure for books or for a library would be money thrown away, we would venture to submit that an intellectual and cultivated body of men like our English Freemasons ought in this era of expanding education to set the good example of giving a "pabulum mentis," as well as a "pabulum corporis," to our rising generation of Freemasons. The time has arrived, and especially with this opportunity before

us, we venture to repeat, when our English Masons as a body should seek to wipe off an old reproach, that we care more for dinners than for books; and when Grand Lodge should, aided by the voluntary offerings of our brotherhood, propound a scheme for the formation of a befitting collection of MSS. and printed books. In the very collection about to be sold there are some works, both MS. and printed, which ought to be in the possession of Grand Lodge, at any rate in a Masonic library. We do not shut our eyes to the large dimensions such a scheme must necessarily assume if we had a library worthy of English Freemasonry. But we feel sure that if we now forego this opportunity of forming a nucleus for an eventual Masonic reading room, accessible to all Masonic students, we shall commit a great mistake, because the tendency of Freemasonry to-day is to take an upward intellectual position, forced upon it both by the struggles of the hour and the progressing necessities of its own position. But we do not wish to seem to dogmatize even on the subject of a Masonic library, though we end as we began by saying that, despite Mr. Heckethorn or any one else, Freemasonry has a literature of which it need not be ashamed, and the only pity is, that we have not a great central library which could preserve alike for Masonic students, and even the public, under some needful reserves and regulations, a collection of those important works which dignify, which illustrate, which defend our common Order.

THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

By this time our gallant countrymen who form the Arctic Expedition of 1875 are well on their way to their scene of discovery and danger. They have departed amid the warm enthusiasm of Portsmouth, male and female, military, naval, and civil, and that natural outburst of English admiration and sympathy has been cordially shared in by the nation at large. As Freemasons, favourable to all labours which tend to advance science, to extend knowledge, to promote civilization, and to establish truth, we should not be doing either our duty or expressing our real sentiments if we did not take an early opportunity of openly avowing our deep sympathy with the feelings and admiration of our fellow citizens, towards the Arctic Explorers of 1875. For the history of all past voyages to the North Pole is bound up indisputably with the brightest annals of the English Navy. To that gallant service, always ready for action and always cheerful under difficulties, the memorials of former Arctic explorations are an undying record of gallantry, devotion, skill, and heroism. Who does not yet read with avidity the earlier books of Polar discovery?—who does not still remember, and remember with pathetic admiration, the fate of many a gallant and ardent sailor in those desolate and ice-bound regions, whether it be we recall the great name of Sir John Franklin, or the premature loss of Lieut. Bellot? If we were to refer to the annals of olden discovery, the early efforts of hardy navigators, we should have only to recount the fascinating episodes of hair-breadth escapes, wondrous endurance, and ennobling courage. There is no more exciting history, we may say, for old and young, far surpassing the puny displays of a morbid sensationalism, than that which connects itself with Arctic voyages and researches, and throws such a lustre of imperishable honour on the officers and sailors and marines of the English fleet. There are those who object to the sterner records of war, and even to the thrilling anecdotes of individual daring which mark so wonderfully the deeds and devotion everywhere of our "blue-jackets." But even the most bigoted peace-at-any-price advocate must yield, if a reluctant, yet an undoubted assent to those deathless tales of devotion to duty, of decision in danger, of calm perseverance and unwavering devotion which never can be taken away from our Arctic explorers. And to-day, when under a skilful commander, and with a picked crew, the good ships *Discovery* and *Alert* speed on their icy cruise, there is a general feeling that never could any expedition start under more favourable auspices, or with better chances of suc-

cess on its honourable and peaceful mission. Thanks to the wise administration of Bro. Ward Hunt, and the skilful forethought of the principal officers, all that scientific arrangements, or an improved "modus operandi," can do to mitigate the hardship of an inclement temperature, and to ward off the perils of Arctic travelling and investigation, has been done in the full and flowing tide of English munificence and unstinted energy. The expedition has departed with the best wishes of all Englishmen and all Englishwomen, nay, with the hearty sympathy of all nationalities, and not the least with those of the Masonic body. May all our anticipations and aspirations be realized, and may all of success attend our devoted countrymen, may all of safety be the lot of the gallant crews. The last person we are told (specially touching incident in itself) to leave the leading ship was the captain's little daughter. May that farewell meeting in the well-known waters off Spithead be the foreshadowing of another and happier hour, when Captain Nares may see that little lady again, with all who go out with him, safe and sound, from the difficulties and dangers of another Arctic, and, let us trust, successful expedition.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

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A list of letters of apology and regret for inability to attend was read by Grand Secretary from numerous brethren, and

Bro. Meggy renewed his observations as to the outstanding subscriptions to the Benevolent Fund. He hoped that the Stewards of future festivals would take care that no sums were put on paper that were not likely to be received, and he trusted that they would use all their exertions to collect whatever amounts the brethren might consent to subscribe.

Grand Secretary said that, as far as the office of Grand Lodge was concerned, numerous applications had been made to the brethren who had not paid. It was one of those matters in which there was no power to enforce payment, although it was very mortifying that these large amounts were outstanding. If the fact were allowed to be published that certain amounts were not paid, it might stimulate the brethren who had not handed the money over to do so at once.

The Rev. W. Shaboe said that many years ago, when he was a Steward in the Craft for the Boys' School, his list was in the condition complained of. If the brethren who had put their names down on it had all paid as they ought to have done he would have had a Life Governorship; but they did not. He thought that if a brother put his name down for a certain sum, and did not pay it, let his name be published throughout the Craft (great laughter).

Bro. George Lambert thought very much the same as Bro. Shaboe.

The M.W.G.M. added that the brethren were much indebted to Bro. Meggy for bringing the subject forward. It was certainly not creditable to the Craft that there should be such an amount outstanding; and he hoped, as a discussion had taken place, a notice of which would appear on the minutes, and be printed and circulated, it would stimulate the brethren to pay what they had put their names down for.

Bro. Magnus Ohren said perhaps many of the names which were on the lists had not been authorised at all. Some Stewards, he knew, returned on their lists the name of every member of their lodge (Oh, oh!)

Bro. T. J. Sabine appealed to the brethren to support his list. He was Steward for the Mark Degree at the ensuing festival of the Boys' School, and he wished to raise 500 guineas for that occasion. (Hear, hear.) The fact that he was representing the Degree in general ought to stimulate the brethren to support him. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, over which the Earl of Limerick presided, supported by most of the brethren above given. Sir E. Lechmere sat on his right, and the Rev. G. R. Portal on his left. At the close of the banquet grace was sung by Miss Dones and Bros. Evison and Musgrave, under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, Grand

Organist (all of whom subsequently sung some exquisite songs in the intervals between the toasts), and the speeches of the evening were then delivered.

The M.W.G.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," said that, having been in the army, he always had, he must confess, a prejudice, if it was such a feeling, that it was never necessary to say much, if anything, in proposing this toast. In the army they simply proposed "The Queen," feeling that that was enough to commend the toast to all loyal subjects. If that was done in the army, he was sure it might also be done among Mark Masons, for among them it needed no recommendation. (Hear, hear.) Great had been the spread and increase of Masonry in the United Kingdom; so also had been the spread and increase of Mark Masonry. It had been most remarkable. (Hear, hear.) They could all remember the time, not very many years ago, when no brother would have prophesied that it would become in a comparatively small number of years anything like what it was at the present time. There were, a few years back, but few provincial organizations. There were indeed certain lodges, but they were not to any great extent united together, except in their union under Grand Lodge. But now they saw not only lodges growing up in all parts of the country, but united as provincial Grand Lodges. They saw the Order spreading far and wide, that it had already assumed a position which in numbers exceeded every degree in the Order, except the Craft; exceeding every other degree of Masonry—speaking generally, and taking the word "degree" in its broad sense—exceeding in the number of its active members, the number of active members serving under the Royal Arch Chapter. (Hear, hear.) They might say, in fact, at the present moment, Mark Masonry exceeded in active members every degree in Freemasonry, and was second in number, and he believed also in the zeal of its members, to none save Craft Masonry. That was very encouraging, and they might reasonably look forward to an equal increase in the future; in fact, they might anticipate that their ambition would be limited to nothing short of making Mark Masonry coterminous with Craft Masonry itself in this country. (Cheers.) He should rejoice if, at any time—however far off in the future, he did not think it was beyond the bounds of possibility, considering their already great increase—it might prove a brother growing up in friendly union with the Craft, of which they all were members, and which they all looked upon as that to which they had no antagonism, but which, on the contrary, was their great central origin. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. G. R. Portal said, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," that the very distinguished position which the Earl of Limerick occupied in another great branch of Freemasonry gave them reason to believe that he would display the same zeal in the maintenance of the interests of Mark Masons that he had displayed in the other body just alluded to. (Hear, hear.) One of the reasons which made him (Bro. Portal) regret the discussion that had irregularly arisen in Grand Lodge was that he felt the brethren were speaking from very insufficient information, and throwing a slur upon what he, knowing a little of the subject, could say was greatly required in the Order in former years, viz., close union with other bodies; but also he felt they were side blows aimed at the Grand Master in the position he occupied in another place. He would just say that he hoped the brethren would suspend their judgment upon the treaties until they had further information before them, because he believed no greater blunder could be committed than dissociating this grand body from other Masonic bodies. Modifications might be necessary, no doubt; but that question might be met. Let the brethren, however, keep together, whatever they did. They had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the choice they had made of their Grand Master. Though he (Bro. Portal) would be the last person to interfere with the prerogative of the Grand Master, yet he hoped his lordship would excuse his saying that his (Lord Limerick's) appointments of Grand Officers had given all the brethren

ren great satisfaction. The appointment of Bro. Romaine Callender was one that would give great satisfaction throughout the whole of Mark Masonry. No doubt it was the best that could be made. The appointment of Senior Warden was also an admirable one. That brother had performed eminent services both in Hampshire, his (Bro. Portal's) native county, and also in London; and the other brethren appointed had also been very energetic.

After the toast had been drunk,

The M.W.G.M. said he had to thank the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast that had just been proposed. The best answer he could give would, he thought, be his discharge in a proper manner of the duties of his office during the ensuing year. He would endeavour to merit the kindness with which they had received him, and would endeavour to uphold the dignity and privileges of the Mark Degree. (Hear, hear.) As Grand Master he would take care that his duties in any other sphere of life and in any other degree of Masonry should in no way interfere with his duties as Grand Master of Mark Freemasons. Fully believing that a friendly feeling and union between all Masonic bodies was necessary, he was quite persuaded and convinced that that could not be brought about by any surrender of principle, or the rights of one body to another. Whatever degree they might be engaged in at the time they must throw themselves heartily into endeavouring to carry out the working and upholding the interests of that degree. Therefore, certainly it was never in his thoughts to imagine that anything could have passed in any way reflecting on him individually, or was intended to do so. He felt that he had endeavoured to discharge his duties as an officer in the other degrees, and he felt that he should always endeavour to the best of his ability to discharge his duties in this degree. In anything that had been said he was quite sure every brother who spoke, like himself, had at heart the best interests of Freemasonry in general, and of the Mark Degree in particular. Having been as he had always endeavoured to be an active member of every degree that he had taken up, and no doubt in those degrees differing from various members of them, still having received great kindness from all those members with whom he had worked, he attributed the best possible reasons and motives to all those brothers who had differed from him. They had given proofs, he believed that neither side had suffered any loss of mutual esteem. (Hear, hear.) He trusted so. He could say that he had never felt any such loss, and the brethren who differed from him he was quite sure only carried out what were their honest views. If in future he disagreed in opinion with any of the brethren, he hoped they would extend to him the kindness they had shown in the past, and he would promise them he would never look on any expressions of fair criticism on what he might do in the light of personal attacks. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. said the next toast deserved more enthusiasm than the last, because the subjects of it had already rendered great services to the degree, "The Past Grand Masters." Although they had gone through the chair, and been of infinite use to the Order, they were still ready, willing, and active in promoting its best interests. Under each of them the Order had extended, and they had one and all done their duty. The marked increase and growing prosperity of the Mark Degree testified to their work, and he would be happy at a future time to be among their number. He would couple the name of Bro. Portal with the toast.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., in reply said there was one advantage in having a large number of Past Grand Masters; it secured the holding of the office of Grand Master for only three years; it also secured a number of brethren ready to advise the Grand Master on any points that might arise. It also prevented back stairs influence, which their late respected Bro. Stebbing was so determined an opponent of, in the appointment of officers. Everything now must be above board. On the whole, the degree was in a very prosperous and satisfactory condition. A few years ago they were very hard run by Grand Chapter of Scotland, which had Mark Lodges in this country, and which were as

numerous as ours. Now that the lodge at Bristol, which, no doubt, was influenced by the Grand Master, had come under this jurisdiction, there was but one Scotch Lodge in England that still held aloof from our banner, and he believed that Grand Secretary would join with him in saying he wished it might always hold itself aloof, because it was no honour whatever to the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Ireland, he was happy to say, would be most glad to recognise Grand Mark Lodge of England, a result which was, no doubt, due to the persuasive eloquence of Grand Secretary, who had recently been making a tour in Ireland and impressing the Irish favourably with this Grand Body. Being intimately acquainted with all the ins and the outs he (Bro. Portal) might fairly congratulate the Order upon its satisfactory condition. They were adding about 1,000 members every year, and were including all the Masonic world. As he had often said before he would say again, that what time he had to devote to Masonry would be devoted to this degree, and nothing would please him so much as to find himself among Mark Masons. (Hear, hear.)

The M.W.G.M. then proposed "The Grand Officers of the Year." He had endeavoured to select those who he believed were most respected in Mark Masonry, and who were hard-working Mark Master Masons. He thought he had been fortunate enough to surround himself with a band of Grand Officers who would not do discredit to this Grand Lodge. Their work in the past was but a presage of what it would be in the future. The promise was good, and he believed it would lead to performance, and that at the end of their term of office Grand Lodge would be able to pronounce a favourable verdict on the manner in which they had discharged their duties. He regretted that all were not at that moment present, but reasons were given in Grand Lodge for their absence. Bro. Romaine Callender was engaged in Parliament on business of importance, but there was another brother present it gave him great pleasure to see, and who, he was very glad, had accepted the office of Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, whom he would call upon to return thanks for "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers."

Bro. Sir F. Perkins, after making some facetious observations on a song being interposed between the proposition of the toast and his reply, said he was proud to have been elevated, so perfect a stranger as he was to the Grand Master, to the dignified position he then occupied. It was exceedingly gratifying. Amidst all the vicissitudes of life and all the pleasures and triumphs he had attained—and struggled hard to attain—to succeed in reaching such a proud position as that he then occupied was most grateful to his heart. No honour could be more pleasing to him, for he now was Senior Warden among a most distinguished body of brethren. He was not, and never would be, unmindful of his duties as a Mason. He had been one ever since he was permitted by age to be associated with Masonry; he had had a love for it, and nature had implanted in his bosom that which became all Masons to have, a generous and kind heart, and a desire to do good. He felt he should not disgrace this honourable fraternity, and he hoped to be the means of sustaining his lordship and supporting his dignity during the year, by standing by him on every occasion. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. next proposed "The Officers, including the Provincial Grand Masters." Nothing showed more the increasing prosperity of the Mark Degree than the way in which the provinces had increased. It showed how the degree had taken hold on the various parts, not only of the United Kingdom, but of our colonies, when they saw provinces being formed wherever two or three lodges of Mark Masters were established. (Hear, hear.) There was a distinguished brother among them that night who had come from the very distant Province of Bombay. (Hear, hear.) He was exceedingly proud to see him, and he thought it was a conclusive proof of the marked stride of the Order when they saw among them a Provincial Grand Master from such a distant province. All the brethren knew Bro. Tyrrell Leith by reputation as a most zealous and hard-working Mason. He was, how-

ever, but a fair example of those brethren who were to be found among the Provincial Grand Masters of this country. (Cheers.)

Bro. Tyrrell Leith, Prov. Grand Master, Bombay, said, after thanking the Grand Master for the terms in which he had spoken of him, that they suggested to him a thought to which he wished to give expression. As the mariner on nearing his native shores longed to welcome again and to be welcomed by the friends of his youth, so the Mason, who for years and years was separated from the friends dear to him in Masonry, came to the shores of England, and looked forward to the friendly grasp of the hand which each Mason accorded him. (Cheers.) And, believe him, he was not disappointed. He had seized every opportunity during the short time he had been in England to see the brethren in the various degrees to which he belonged, and on this occasion he had received no less hearty a welcome than on any other. He must be allowed to congratulate the Grand Master on the appointments he had made. They were the greatest guarantee of the future success of the Order. The sacred trust reposed in the Grand Master would be transmitted to his successor as of yore. (Hear, hear.) He was glad also to be present at a meeting at which so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Portal was present. He believed the Mark Degree owed almost everything to Bro. Portal. Bro. Portal's name was a rallying cry among Mark Masons. When he (Bro. Leith) went back to Bombay he should express to the brethren there the gratification he had that evening had. Although, in what he might perhaps be permitted to call "the gorgeous East," there were but few Mark Lodges comparatively, yet they were as zealous as the brethren here. Nothing should be wanting on their part to extend the Order, which he believed he was right in asserting was a part and parcel of ancient Freemasonry, and which ought never to have been rejected by the Craft. He sincerely hoped the time would come when, as the Grand Master had said, there would be as many Mark Masons as Craft Masons. Then they might fearlessly look forward to the time when Grand Lodge of England would acknowledge them. In the East Masons were doing their best, and it was only by the hearty co-operation of the Grand Master and Grand Officers, more especially the Grand Master, that they were able to carry their own. They were anxious to do everything right and proper to extend the degree and striving for its success. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The Rev. C. R. Davy proposed "The Grand Stewards." Having been a Grand Steward himself, and done the best he could to provide a good dinner for the Grand Master, he spoke feelingly on this subject. (Laughter.) He believed his promotion as Grand Chaplain was due to this; and in the same way he looked forward to the Stewards on this occasion, who it must be confessed had all done their duty admirably and provided an excellent entertainment, becoming Grand Officers.

Bro. Stretton, of Leicester, who was called on to respond, said the province of Leicestershire was not unmindful of the honour this Grand Lodge had done it on a previous occasion in visiting it at one of its "moveable feasts." They could not forget the kind manner in which their Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Portal, came amongst them, accompanied by Colonel Burdett and the Grand Officers, the Grand Secretary amongst them. The brethren of Leicester hoped on some future occasion for a repetition of the honour; next year, indeed, when he (Bro. Stretton) would be Master of the Fowke Lodge, he hoped. If he could induce Grand Lodge to come down it would be a great pleasure to him. (Cheers.)

Sir E. Lechmere proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund and the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes. The sooner he (Sir E. Lechmere) sat down and made way for that burst of eloquence which they always looked for on these occasions the better. Bro. Binckes undoubtedly did a great deal of patient hard work in dark corners and offices which did not meet the eyes of the brethren; but it was known by its results—the large lists of subscriptions which he obtained. As Craft and Mark

Masons, therefore, they were indebted to Bro. Binckes, and it was always with pleasure the brethren heard from him an account of what was done in the cause of the Masonic Charities. He (Sir E. Lechmere) had the great pleasure of presiding last year at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, which he thought was very fairly successful. After what they had heard in Grand Lodge that evening he hoped something would be done to induce the brethren whose names were down to pay. They were bound in honour to pay, and he trusted that Bro. Binckes would do his best to create that honourable feeling.

Bro. Binckes, after some preliminary observations, said: After the speech just made he was disposed to say "Approbation from Sir Hubert Stanley is praise indeed." He felt very highly indeed the compliment which Sir E. Lechmere had paid him for his share in the great work of Masonic charity, no matter in what phase it was exercised. In this Mark Degree the brethren had not derogated from their character as Masons generally in support of their institutions. They had munificently—and he used that word without fear of its being contradicted in any shape or way—and this Grand Lodge had munificently supported the institutions connected with the Craft; and he would ask Bro. Meggy whether they had not been very successful in the short time they had been in existence in establishing on a sound basis their own peculiar sphere of duty, their Mark Benevolent Fund—whether in their character as members of the great body from whom, as they heard just now from the lips of the Grand Master, it was the boast of all of them to deduce their Masonic origin, or whether in their peculiar character as Mark Masons, they had not forgotten to give liberally and generously Masonic charity wherever it was wanted. Without wearying the brethren with details about the institutions, he would say that Bro. Sabine, who had before represented the Mark Degree, was this year its Steward on behalf of the Boys' School, for which he (Bro. Binckes) need hardly say his sympathies were strong. Bro. Sabine had made an appeal mildly to the brethren in Grand Lodge that they would do what they could to make up his list to 500 guineas. He hoped that they would, and that Bro. Sabine would not be disappointed. They had often heard the watchwords of Masonry given as brotherly love, relief, and truth, faith, hope and charity; and any disquisitions or addresses by brethren situated as he (Bro. Binckes) was that evening called upon to respond to this toast would be out of place. But those who would carry their recollection back to that unique, unparalleled ceremony at the Albert Hall recently would remember that they had a new formula given to them from the lips of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He summed it up very briefly indeed; reducing the triad to two, he said there were the two sentiments, Loyalty and Charity. He (Bro. Binckes) would undertake to say that there was not a brother in the room who, if the loyalty of Freemasonry was challenged, would not offer himself as the champion to maintain that sentiment of loyalty which animated the breasts of Freemasons generally. Every one of them would gladly spring forward and offer himself as a champion to do battle for loyalty to the throne of this country against those who had said we were undermining religion. With reference to charity he could simply say what they were all acquainted with—they were daily supporting the great course of Masonic practical charity. It was incumbent on them all to do it. Year by year the resources of the institutions were increasing, thus showing that Masonic charity was more than a name. They were proud to know they were among the most loyal subjects of the throne. To have his name associated with this toast was a great honour conferred, and to have it proposed by Sir E. Lechmere, whose Masonic deeds were so great, whose charity was so extensive, and whose sympathies with distress were so wide, was to him (Bro. Binckes) a greater compliment than if it had fallen from the lips of any in that room—he did not even except the Grand Master, whose kindness he had often had the opportunity of acknowledging, or the brother on his left (Bro. Portal), whose kindness he had more frequently had an opportunity of acknowledging. What were they doing with the

Benevolent Fund? Not much, he must admit. It was fortunate for the degree that the demands on the funds had been very small, few, and limited. As he had said before, this was the best test and evidence of the soundness of the Order, and of the good, fair, substantial prosperity of the members who composed it. They were establishing a fund, and he contended that they were justified in establishing a fund, that when a necessitous case arose would give them the means of relieving it. Fortunately, hitherto, the fund had been more than ample for the demands that had been made upon it. But it might not always be so. Look at the daily press of that morning, which announced large failures in commercial circles. It was very serious, and some of their most prosperous members of yesterday might without any cause or blame of their own be hurled down from the height of prosperity to the lowest abyss of adversity to-day—and might before the next meeting of this Grand Lodge come before the Benevolent Fund as applicants for relief. All these were matters of uncertainty, and therefore they were justified in having a fund. Do not let them say, because they were adding £100 now and £100 then, that the time would come when they would never have the demands upon the fund to absorb it. In this country this was not known. We were all standing on the crater of a volcano, and we did not know but that we might fall into it. Therefore he hoped that on the 21st of July, when Bro. Romaine Callender would preside at the festival at the Alexandra Palace, they would have one of the most successful gatherings they had ever had. The mention of this toast had had this happy result—it had induced his distinguished and honourable friend on his left (Sir F. Perkins) to offer himself as a Steward on that occasion. (Cheers.) Bro. Trollope of Hastings would also either come or send a representative; and before the end of 21st July no doubt there would be a goodly array of Stewards, and if the fund went on in its comparatively small way no doubt they would have the pleasure of congratulating themselves on the success of their charitable efforts in this degree the same as they did with the Craft. They all felt the greatest delight in the success of their great institutions, and that gratification could not be diminished by the internal satisfaction each of them felt that they, as members of that Grand Lodge, had not neglected their duties as Mark Masons in supporting the great institutions connected with the Craft. With every feeling of gratitude, he (Bro. Binckes) was deeply indebted to the toast that had been proposed, and most sincerely did he appreciate the high compliment paid him by Sir E. Lechmere in associating his name with the toast. It should be the means of stimulating him in his exertions in promoting the interests of our glorious institutions. (Cheers.)

The brethren then separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

On Saturday last the General Committee of this institution met at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, V.P. and Trustee, presided, supported by a very large number of brethren, among whom were Bros. John Wordsworth, H. Browne, W. Roebuck, Benj. Head, W. Paas, Henry Dubosc, sen., J. G. Chancellor, John Creaton, H. Albert, H. W. Hunt, Dudley Rolfs, F. H. Ebsworth, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Jardine, J. A. Farnfield, Victor M. Lafitton, John W. Dennison, L. Ruf, Frederick Hare, D. Nicols, Wm. Jones, John Bulmer, Thomas Cubitt, Geo. J. Palmer, Raynham W. Stewart, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. M. P. Montagu, E. J. Bradstreet, W. H. Smith, George Barratt, H. Whitfield, J. C. Dwarber, Jesse Turner, George Kenning, Charles Sanders, Geo. Angold, John M. Clabon, H. Young, Peter Matthews, R. B. Webster, John A. Rucker, H. W. Hammond, D. M. Dewar, F. Reily, J. N. Frost, A. H. Diaper, F. J. Cronin, John Healey, B. Mallam, T. K. Kent, W. C. Crick, John Holbrook, H. Browne, jun., Richard Motion, Robt. Kenyon, J. M. Hamilton, Herbert Dicketts, F. Adlard, W. H. Saunders, J. W. Dosell, S. Rosenthal, J. B. Lemaitre, Frederick J. Cox, Wm. Gils, W. Browne Kidder, E. Snell, John McQueen, H. J. Lewis, Thomas Meggy, Robert Jones, G. R. Wace, Chas. Chard, Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., F. M. Haigh, F. G. Ramsey, A. D. Loewenstark, F. B. Davage, George Motion, S. B. Wilson, Donald W. King, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of 1st of May Committee having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee of 21st ult. read for information, five petitions were read and accepted, four being country cases and one a London case. The sum of £5 was granted as an outfit for an ex-pupil of the Institution, after which the elections for House Com-

mittee and Audit Committee were taken, Bros. Webster, Diaper, Jardine, and Cobitt being appointed scrutineers.

At five o'clock the poll was declared, and the following brethren were declared duly elected:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE:—Bros. Browne, Chancellor, Dubosc, Head, Hunt, Moutrie, Paas, Pullen, Roebuck, Rosenthal, Stewart, and Wordsworth.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:—Bros. Boyd, Dosell, Head, Mann, Pearce, Pullen, Terry, Turner, and Webster.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC MARKS.

I recommend the veteran Mason (whom I recognise under the signature of H.H.) and well known Craftsman to procure the *Builder* for April 4th and 18th, June 6th, and July 11th, for information as to Masonic Marks, and also another, which unfortunately I have missed. The foregoing are worth their weight in gold, and are all for the year 1863. (Price 4d. each.)

The Royal Institute of British Architects in their Sessional Papers 1868-69 have devoted No. 9 (Price 1s.) entirely to an able article entitled "Something about Masons' Marks in various countries," by George Goodwin, F.R.S., F.S.A., &c.,* and several hundreds of Marks are inserted which have been copied from the originals in different parts of the world. A copy should be in the possession of every lodge, and certainly of every Mark Lodge, and carefully studied by all students of Freemasonry.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* To be obtained from the Secretary, 9, Conduit-street, Hanover-square, W. I do not remember the *Freemasons' Magazine* alluded to by H. H.

H. H., P.J.G.W. of England, has not looked back far enough in the *Freemasons' Magazine*. The vols. for 1851-2-3 contain a large number of various marks under the head of "Ancient Masons' Marks."

HENRY T. BOBART, W.M. 1085.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

I notice Bro. George Kenning is about to issue a medal, commemorative of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. I have an old Masonic token in copper, which was circulated because of the installation (or probably election) of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 24th November, 1790. It is the size of the present halfpenny, and on the obverse occur the arms of the Grand Lodge of England (modern) surrounded with the words "Prince of Wales, elected G.M. 24th November, 1790." On the reverse is a Cupid within a triangle, having his left hand resting on the plumb rule, a mallet and trowel being at the feet, and his right hand pointing to the letter G, and a radiated eye above. At the two lower corners of the triangle are the "square and compass" and hour-glass respectively. On the sides of the triangle are "Wisdom, Strength and Beauty," and outside these words is the motto, "Sit Lux et Lux Fuit."

On the rim is engraved what appears to be "Masonic token, Schichley Feit, 1794."*

I have heard it was also issued in gold, but have not seen one.

Cannot some brother afford us information on this point, as also of any similar kind which have been circulated in this country. I think the above a most sensible plan of commemorating the event, and certainly much better than expensive jewels, of which too many are worn already by brethren only nominally entitled to them.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

* An engraving is to be found in the *Freemasons' Magazine* for 25th July, 1868, and a description by me, as also about Masonic seals.

BRO. "LUPUS" AND ANCIENT INDENTURE, RE GLOVES AND APRONS.

Cannot the copy of the indenture mentioned by our Bro. "Lupus" (whose communications we shall be glad to see continued in these pages) be substantiated by reference to the original document? It is a most important agreement, and I hope Bro. Woodford will be able to look up the subject, as Bro. "Lupus" suggests.

Anything relating to the Freemasons prior to the last century is of consequence to us Masonic students; and we shall hail facts—no matter which way they tend—with great delight, and be thankful for fresh, authentic, and unequivocal information of any kind whatsoever as to the character and aims of all Masonic lodges, before Grand Lodges. We must be careful, however, in accepting accounts of this society, such as the extract from Timbs' "Club Life of London," without careful scrutiny.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The *Times of India* says: "A military camp of 20,000 men is to be formed at either Agra or Delhi when the Prince of Wales comes, of a mixed British and Indian force, to which will be added contingents from neighbouring States, making a display hitherto unsurpassed."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—In spite of all competition or opposition, the sterling qualities of these remedies have caused them to maintain the first position as curative and alleviating agents. No other remedies so quickly and effectually cure diarrhoea, cramps, dysentery, and all bowel complaints of a similar character. In the most acute and violent attacks it will be found that no matter how severe the vomiting and pain may be, that the brisk and frequent friction of this Ointment into the pit of the stomach and abdominal surface will allay the irritability of the stomach and soothe the pain as soon as the vomiting, &c., has ceased. The Pills should be taken internally, to remove away any irritant matter.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, June 18, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 12.

Lodge 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
" " 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adam-st., Adelphi.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 29, St Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Rose Croix Chapter, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Wind-rail-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.

Lodge 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Mount Edgumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-square.
Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Lion-sq., Hampton.
Mark Lodge 7, Camarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
" Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebony Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
Preceptory 6, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
Rose Croix Chapter, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.
Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Malham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1299), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 19, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat-sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.

" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.
Preceptory William de la More, New Court House, Prescott, near Liverpool.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge 1350, Fermoer-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE. For the Week ending Saturday, June 19th, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 14th.

Knights Templar, Jerusalem, Freemason's Hall, Manchester, at 6.

Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Mumps, Oldham, at 6.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15th.

Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16th.

Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne, at 7.
" 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, at 7.
" 221, St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 7.
" 277, Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Oldham, at 6.
" 288, Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden, at 7.30.
" 325, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.30.
" 581, Faith, Drovers Inn, Openshaw, at 6.
" 633, Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester at 6.
" 1161, De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Ardwick, at 6.
" 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 6.30.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

Lodge 42, Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury, at 7.
" 268, Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 7.
" 283, Amity, Swan Inn, Haslingden, at 7.
" 344, Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, at 6.30.
" 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, at 6.30.
" 346, United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, at 6.30.
" 369, Limestone Rock, Swan Hotel, Clitheroe, at 7.
" 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington, at 7.
" 816, Roys, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale, at 6.30.
" 1011, Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford, at 6.
Chap. 317, Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
" 993, Alexander, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 19, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
" 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch-winnoch.
Lodge 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
" 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
" 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
" 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.
Lodge 117, Patrick St. Mary's, Partick.
Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL.

CANTERBURY.—UNITED INDUSTRIOUS LODGE (No. 31).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on June 3rd. Present: Bros. Captain P. H. Knight, W.M.; H. M. Biggleston, S.W.; B. Browning, J.W.; J. E. Wiltshire, S.D.; J. Plant, J.D.; W. Tice, Org.; S. H. Dean, I.G.; John R. Hall, P.M., Hon. Sec.; P. Higham, P.M.; C. Holtum, P.M.; George Pilcher, P.M. 972; W. J. White, P.M. 972; George Gardiner, Apollo Lodge, Oxford, 357, and several other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The gavel was placed in the hands of Bro. Hall, P.M., who proceeded to raise Bro. W. H. Longhurst to the sublime degree of M.M. The W.M. then closed down to the First Degree, and a ballot was taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. John Green Hall was declared duly elected by a large majority of votes. Bro. Higham was elected Treasurer; Bro. Holtum re-elected Almoner. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Mr. D. T. Smith Yeoman, of Littlebourne, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, which the W.M. declared unanimous. Some other business was transacted, and the lodge adjourned until Thursday, the 7th October next, barring emergencies.

BURY.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 191).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, on the evening of Wednesday, the 9th inst., and was very well attended. The lodge room was placed in mourning, for reasons which appear further on in our report. Among those present were Bros. George A. O'Neil, W.M.; Samuel Hamer, S.W.; William Palmer, J.W.; Thos. W. Probert, S.D.; W. E. Thornley, J.D.; Alfred Hopkinson, I.G.; Hartley Bates, Tyler; P.M. Samuel Bailey, Secretary; P.M. Andrew Milne, Treasurer; Past Masters, Bro. J. R. Fletcher, Org. (I.P.M.); Frederick Anderton, P. Pro. G.S.B., E.L.; Frank Dawson; F. Crompton and John Wright; visitors, Bros. J. B. Jackson, P.M. 1012, and Arthur Allison, St. John's Lodge, No. 90, London. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, Mr. John Strelley Carslake Yule, M.R.C.S. (br whom the ballot was unanimous), was initiated by the W.M., the charge being delivered by Bro. Randle Fletcher. A transition to the Second Degree was afterwards effected, when Bro. William Barritt was duly crafted by Bro. Bailey. This having been happily accomplished, the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and before finally closing, Bro. Fred Anderton, P.M. 42 (who is also a member of Lodge 191), rose and said he had a matter to bring before the lodge, which, whilst associated with an event which caused him great sorrow, would doubtless be a source of consolation to those for whom it was intended. Many of the brethren present might probably anticipate that to which he was about to refer, namely, the unexpected and melancholy death of their late respected brother, Robt. Wright O'Neil, the D.C. of this lodge and the able W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1012). Bro. O'Neil was not only a Mason in name, but in heart, and as it had pleased the Great Master of our destinies to remove him hence, might they all venture to believe that "after life's fitful fever he sleeps well." Such, however, were his sincere hopes, and he doubted not they were the sentiments and feelings of all the brethren present. He begged to move that a letter of condolence be prepared and forwarded to late Bro. O'Neil's disconsolate parents, whom he was sure would feel that doubly so coming from the lodge that night. Bro. Andrew Milne, P.M., seconded the proposition, and endorsed all that Bro. Anderton had so feelingly said. He (Bro. Milne) had known the lamented brother a long time, and particularly since he first saw the light of Freemasonry, and he had always found him carrying out the three great fundamental principles of the Craft. Deeply did they regret the sad fate which had befallen him. The motion was carried, and the W.M. (brother to late Bro. O'Neil, who, it will be remembered, was accidentally drowned in Morecambe Bay along with Bro. R. Battersby, of Bury) offered a few words in acknowledgment. Bro. Probert, S.D., then proposed that a letter of condolence be prepared and forwarded to the family of late Bro. John Smith Redfern, P.M. of Lodge 42 and P. Prov. G.P. E.L. (who died in an awfully sudden manner while returning from Bro. O'Neil's funeral on the 26th ult.). Bro. Redfern had rendered very valuable services to the Craft in Bury, and by his death the had sustained

a grievous loss. For many years he had officiated in an admirable manner as the Installing Master of that lodge. Before most of the brethren present had partaken of Masonic mysteries, Bro. Redfern had inducted W.M.'s of Lodge 191, and they had reason to be profoundly thankful for services he rendered in that high and honourable capacity at a far-gone period, when it was no easy matter to find a brother in Bury who was competent to perform the ceremony with the verve and effect it so richly merited. Bro. Redfern was ever ready to give his rare aid when solicited to bear a part in Masonic ceremonial, and in this one respect alone they had much reason to deplore his death. Men like to him could ill be spared. The Worshipful Master seconded the motion, which was carried. Two propositions for initiation were made, and the lodge was afterwards closed down. Out of consideration to the mournful occurrences of the past few weeks, the after-lodge repast was on this occasion abandoned.

LEICESTER.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 279).—The last meeting of the season was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, June 2nd. There were present:—Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M.; A. Palmer, I.P.M.; J. M. McAllister, S.W.; G. W. Statham, J.W.; W. Veare, P.M. Treasurer; Clement Edwin Stretton, Secretary; J. Ewing, 1391, as J.D.; J. Orlando Law, I.G.; Clement Stretton, P.P.G.W.; G. Toller, P.P.G.S.W.; S. S. Partridge, 279 W.M., 523; F. J. Baines, I.P.M., 523; J. T. Thorp, W.M. elect 523; the Rev. T. W. Gordon, 279; J. Jessop, 279; J. W. Gibson, 73; Limerick, E. Mason, S.W., 1391; S. Knight, 1391; F. J. Smith, 523, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed. The W.M. appointed and invested Bro. the Rev. T. W. Gordon as Chaplain of the lodge, he then proceeded to initiate two candidates, Mr. Crick, and Mr. Manton. The W.M., who is thoroughly conversant with the established forms and customs of the Order, conducted the ceremonies in a manner impressive to the candidates, and interesting to an auditory of eminent and experienced Masons. The charge was very ably delivered by Bro. Partridge, W.M. No. 523. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren partook of refreshment, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

OXFORD.—APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE (No. 357).—On Tuesday, the 8th of June, an emergency meeting of the Apollo University Lodge was honoured by the unexpected presence of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, attended by Bro. Major Pickard, V.C., I.G. of the Friends in Council Lodge. The first business was the initiation of Mr. Little, fellow of Corpus Christi College, after which Bro. Lloyd, of Hertford College, and Bro. Faber, of New College, were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The ceremonies were admirably performed by the W.M., the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, who was ably supported by his Senior Warden, Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and by the other officers of the lodge.—F. P. Morrell, I.P.M.; Col. the Hon. Sackville West, acting as J.W.; C. Spedding, S.D.; R. J. Williamson, acting as J.D.; J. E. C. Bodley, Secretary; W. P. Eversley, acting as I.G.; P.M. W. W. Harrison, Organist; H. Butler, M.C.; T. H. Janson and Douglas Campbell, Stewards. The Masonic Ball was held in the Corn Exchange the same evening. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold being Hon. Secretary. The illustrious visitors and principal officers of the lodge were received under the Arch of Steel, which was particularly effective. The decorations, in the hands of Bro. Harvey, as representative of Bro. Defries, reflected great credit on his taste, and the splendid band of the Coldstream Guards, conducted by Bro. F. Godfrey, played with such spirit that it was nearly five o'clock before the company dispersed. The Musical Fete next day held in the gardens of New College, was remarkably well attended, and the request made by the Committee, that all members of the University would wear academical dress, was generally complied with. About 1500 tickets were given up at the gates out of 1700 issued, and when we consider the storms that burst over Oxford during the dull proceedings in the Divinity School, the heavens weeping over the departed glories of the theatre, we may well wonder that so few were absent to whom tickets were sent. Bro. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Morrell, J.G.D., and Bro. Platt, Past G.W., were among the distinguished company invited to meet Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught by the W.M. and Officers of the Apollo University Lodge. The band of the Coldstream Guards and the members of the Orpheus Glee Union made a glorious afternoon pass away in a most delightful manner, and refreshments were, as usual, liberally supplied. Thus, the Commemoration of 1875, which at one time was thought likely to prove a very dull affair, will be remembered by the brethren of the Apollo as one of the most enjoyable ever spent in the University of Oxford.

SUTTON.—FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY (No. 452).—A meeting of this lodge was held under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Arthur J. Dickinson, on Tuesday last, at the Station Hotel, Sutton. The occasion was the installation of the new W.M., Bro. Wm. Stanley Masterman, and a goodly company of brethren assembled to witness it, among them being the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Major General Brownrigg, Captain Brownrigg, Bro. Charles Horsley, P.G.R., Middlesex, Bro. Blackman (No. 9), and H. Massey, P.M., 619 (Freemason). The members of the lodge who attended were—Bros. Francis, P.M.; James Robins, P.M., Treasurer; Dr. Strong (Croydon), P.M.; Magnus Ohren, Secretary; Manning, Charles Ohren, H. Sugg, A. J. Pollard Ovenden, Gray, C. H. Edmonds, J. W. Sugg, and A. T. Jeffery. Bro. the Rev. D. J. Drakeford was also present, and was elected a joining member. Bro. Francis, P.M., D.C., performed the ceremony of Installation, and placed Bro. Masterman in the chair. The Prov. Grand Master afterwards complimented Bro. Francis on the way in which he had

delivered the ritual, and congratulated the lodge on having such an efficient and expert craftsman among its members. He added that he had attended very few lodges where the work was so well executed. The list of brethren invested by the W.M. as his officers for the year was as follows:—J. W. Sugg, S.W.; George Wright, J.W.; A. T. Jeffery, S.D.; Charles H. Edmonds, J.D.; Charles Pawley, I.G.; E. H. Sugg and F. A. Manning, Stewards; Rev. D. J. Drakeford, Chaplain; E. H. Sugg, Org.; James Robins, P.M., Treasurer; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Secretary; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. The Treasurer's report was read, and it appeared that the balance in hand was £51 8s. 4d. On motion by Bro. Francis, D.C., a three guinea P.M. jewel was voted to Bro. Arthur J. Dickinson, the I.P.M., on his leaving the chair, as a mark of respect from the members of the lodge, and the newly-installed W.M. decorated him with it as soon as voted. The committee's report on the bye-laws of the lodge was read to the brethren by Bro. Ohren, who stated that the committee had met, and examined and altered the bye-laws. He then went through them seriatim, after which he was instructed to get them printed, approved by the M.W.G.M. and circulated. Several letters and telegrams were received from absent brethren apologising for non-attendance, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Prov. G.M. for honouring the lodge with his presence (the first time at a private lodge since his appointment). Bro. Frederick Cassell, manufacturer, of Plough Bridge, Rotherhithe, was proposed as a joining member by Bro. Dickinson, seconded by Bro. Magnus Ohren; and, there being no further business before the lodge, the W.M. closed down, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served in Bro. Potter's best style. When this was disposed of—and it was heartily enjoyed—the toasts were proposed in regular order. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Prov. G.M., &c.," said the brethren were honoured that evening by the presence of the Grand Master of the province in which the Frederick Lodge of Unity was situated. When he (the W.M.) told the Prov. G.M. that he took the lodge by surprise, he hoped he would not understand that his presence among the brethren was the less gratifying and acceptable; on the contrary, it was more so. The Prov. G.M. did not send a trumpeter before him, but he took the brethren as they were; and his thoroughly Masonic heart would be satisfied with what he had seen. The Prov. G.M. had been pleased to say that he was gratified with what he had seen in the lodge. Well, they had done their best, and the best could do no more. He (the W.M.) felt it a great honour that on his installation the Prov. G.M. should visit the lodge, and the brethren, being equally honoured, would give a hearty response to this toast, wishing the Prov. G.M. continued health and prosperity, and long life to reign over this province. (Cheers.) The Prov. Grand Master, replying, said that of all the kind things the W.M. had said that evening there was nothing which attracted him so much as that one phrase in which he said that he (the Prov. G.M.) had taken the brethren as they were. Now, that was exactly the way he wanted to take the Masons of his province. He should always be sorry to think that there was any extra expense incurred by any lodge he attended. He wished exactly to take them as they were, because that was the only way he could form a just estimate and sense of their merits. He hoped very often—in fact he intended now to ask for the regular meetings of all the lodges in the province to be sent to him in order that he might, without any invitation, but whenever he had the opportunity, drop in upon the brethren and literally take them as they were. He thanked them very much for the cordial reception they had given him that evening, though they were only following suit to all the sister lodges in the province. No Prov. G. Master ever came into a province under better auspices than he had. He had at all events the blessing of their very old Past Provincial Grand Master; and if he could but think that, that venerable brother's mantle should descend upon him, he should be thoroughly well satisfied. He (the Prov. G.M.) was most happy altogether in his rule over the lodges of the province. They were not numerous; but they were quite within the grasp and management of any one man. They gave him no trouble on the contrary, whenever he had asked for assistance from the province he had always received it; and he would mention as an instance of this, that when he had on one occasion to try to get the daughter of an old soldier into the Girls' School (a soldier, they knew, belonged to no province; and this man had been a comrade in the Grenadier Guards with him; but, belonging to no province, this soldier could appeal to no province for votes for the child) the cordial and kind way in which his (the Prov. G.M.'s) appeal to many of the brethren of the province of Surrey was answered was a thing he should never forget as long as he lived. He made it a rule whenever the Masonic charity voting papers were sent to him to go through them, and see whether there was any case in them connected with Surrey; and when he found one he considered it his duty to give his votes in support of the Surrey candidate; when he saw none, and that no lodge in the province was interested in a case, then he gave the votes (and he was quite sure the brethren would confide in his judgment) of the province for which he was indebted to the brethren to some other deserving object. In this case he did it, and owing to that circumstance and to other private sources he was able to carry the case. Again he would thank them for their cordial reception, and he hoped he should often meet the brethren again. He would say one word with regard to the Prov. Grand Lodge which would be held at Guildford on the 13th of next month. It was an outlying place, and there was, he understood, very great difficulty indeed in the brethren getting home that night at a decent hour. He, therefore, hoped that no brother would stay late simply out of regard for him. They should suit their own convenience, and leave when they liked.

Bro. Francis proposed "The W.M.," whom he had had much pleasure in installing, because he felt he was placing in the chair a brother who would do it honour. The W.M. was a man who was not content with a mere knowledge of the Masonic ritual, but he carried out the principles of Masonry in his heart and in his daily life and conduct. It was in this way that he (Bro. Francis) first became acquainted with him. A misfortune happened to a friend of his (Bro. Francis's) and the W.M. put himself to considerable trouble and expense to do the widow a service. It was a case of no interest to the W.M., but he took it up because it was a case of distress. He (Bro. Francis) felt then that he ought to like him, and he did like him, and had liked him ever since. Then how could it be otherwise than a great pleasure to him to install such a brother in the chair of a lodge? The W.M. would perform the duties of his office well; but he would do better still, he would carry out the spirit of Freemasonry.

The W.M. responded, and said a great authority had told them that brevity was the soul of wit. Perhaps some of the brethren would think that he, a man of 60 years of age, going into the chair was standing in the way of some other brother. No such feeling prompted him. Thirty years ago he was introduced to this lodge, when he was a giddy boy he was initiated and left it; ten years afterwards he joined this lodge—his first love—and again he left her; and for the third time he came and kissed the maid. (Perhaps they might say there was something poetic in what he said.) But it afforded him inexpressible pleasure to be installed in the chair. The authority he had before quoted said, "There's a divinity which shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may." He would discharge his duties to the best of his poor ability, and he hoped his brethren would not say of him, when his year of office had expired, that he had disgraced the chair, or made the brethren uncomfortable.

The Prov. G.M., being obliged to depart, here proposed "Health and Prosperity to the Frederick Lodge of Unity." It would ill become him to enjoy the lodge's hospitality and part from the brethren without hearty good wishes. (Cheers.)

Bro. Dickinson, I.P.M., being selected by the Prov. G.M. for reply, said that the Frederick Lodge of Unity always received visitors with kind feelings, and whether taken by surprise or not they tried to please them. Whenever visitors came the lodge was pleased to entertain them. It was not his mother lodge, but he visited many; and having done so he could say that he had never come into contact with any body of men wherein such Masonic unity existed as in this lodge. They sat down as a happy family here, and he trusted they might go on prospering and to prosper, a lodge over which the Prov. G. Master might feel proud to hold sway. Bro. Charles Horsley, Prov. G. Reg., Middlesex, responded for "The Visitors," after the old song, "The Vicar of Bray," had been sung. He said—The song which we have just heard has put into my mind that we ourselves represent congregations which are superintended by two most glorious Vicars of Bray, as it were. I myself have the honour of serving under a glorious Vicar of Bray, whose name is Colonel Burdett, and what-so-ever King may reign for the year, in his territory, thank God, we all say he shall be the Vicar of Bray. Here you have a second glorious Vicar of Bray in the shape of Major-General Brownrigg. He is a new king reigning over this lodge whose reign begins to-day, deposing another king, Bro. Dickinson, whose reign ended to-day, yet nevertheless, and notwithstanding, all these changes, still the Grand Vicar of your hearts for the province of Surrey, as the Grand Vicar of our hearts for the province of Middlesex, will be with your own excellent and very worshipful Bro. Brownrigg, with us, our very excellent and much loved Colonel Burdett; and I sincerely trust that those King-Vicars of Bray may still remain to reign over the monarchs of their several provinces—I might say the annual monarchs for a long series of years to come, inasmuch as each Grand Vicar so reigning possesses the confidence, the love, and the affection of every Master who serves under him, and every brother who has the honour to be a serving or other brother in the several provinces which they so worthily preside over. I say that no brother would ever wish to see two more perfect exemplars of the Grand Vicars, not of Bray, but of Surrey and Middlesex. Therefore I congratulate you as much as I congratulate myself and the Middlesex brethren. But now for myself, W.M., allow me to thank you most sincerely for receiving a Middlesex brother among you, one who has certainly somewhat, I hope I may say without affectation, won his spurs in the Craft; one who has the honour now to be elected to his fifth Mastership, and to be in another fortnight, I hope, installed in his fifth chair; who being M.E.Z. of the Royal Middlesex Chapter will in three or four weeks also have the honour of being M.E.Z. of the Royal Yarrow Chapter. And it only shews that with real hard work—for it comes to that, brethren—and some slight amount of goodwill and a trifling amount of intellect to back them all up with; but above all, the determination to do one's duty, to endeavour to deserve that jewel which I prize more than the whole of my Masonic jewels together, this little one with its nine clasps upon it representing ten different stewardships to the charities. Now, my solemn belief in it, brethren, is that you may talk about other jewels as much as you please; and it is very glorious to me to wear, as I have the honour of doing, four P.M.'s jewels given me by the kind and fraternal affection of my brethren; but take my solemn word for it, there is one jewel which passes all understanding as regards its worth, and that is the jewel that springs from a heartfelt knowledge that one has done

one's duty to the sisterhood, that one has served the old brother Mason in distress, that one has served the widow of the dear old departed Mason in distress, that as far as one could do, has taken care of the orphan, male or female, and as far as possible has done some little good for the brotherhood and sisterhood in general. That, after all, my dear brethren, is the great glory of Freemasonry; and I say to those who go and serve the stewardships, work hard, get a good list of subscriptions, first of all beginning with No. 1—that is what I say—begin with No. 1, and then you have some slight claim to call upon Numbers 2, 3, and 4. (Cheers.) My excellent Worshipful Master, I most sincerely thank you for the kindness with which you now, I think for the third or fourth time, have received me through the kindness of this dear young friend, Bro. Robins (laughter) who gets younger every hour, and my excellent and thrice excellent friend, Bro. Ohren, whose guest I have been, I think, upon two occasions previously. When I find such brethren as these acting with you, W.M., and your P.M.'s, and those most excellent officers, who have been doing their duty so admirably, and so perfectly and closely to-night as they have, I am sure that with their assistance the Frederick Lodge of Unity never will or can go back. (Hear, hear.) I have only one word more of thanks, and that is to our installing Master for the excellent and perfect manner in which upon this and upon all previous occasions he has shown himself a worthy descendant of St. Francis, (laughter) and I can only say that when he has been dead 150 years, I have no doubt, like St. Francis of Assisi, he will be canonised also (laughter); and I am sure he will be very much gratified only to know that he will be canonised. The other toasts were very briefly given and responded to, and the brethren then separated.

SHEERNESS.—DE SHURLAND LODGE (No. 1089).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday week, at the offices of the Local Government Board, Sheerness, which had been generously placed at the disposal of the brethren by the authorities. The lodge was very fully attended, and among the brethren present were Bros. Page, P.J.G.W., P.M.; Rigg, I.P.M. and P.G. Reg.; Finch, P.M. 429, P. Prov. G.D.C. Isaac Townsend, P.M. 158, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. R. McDonald, P.M. and late Secretary, P. Prov. G.D.C., Installing Officer; John Hodgson, W.M. 1063; Firminger, W.M. 158; Harris, P.M. 158; Smeeth, W.M. 1208; S. Wood, 1273; Bathurst, P. Prov. G.R.; and the Rev. T. Robinson, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.W. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. R. McDonald, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, who discharged his duties in a most admirable manner, installing the W.M. and delivering the charges without any hesitation. The Board of Installed Masters was composed of Bros. the Rev. J. Robinson, P.M. and P.Z., P.S.G.W.; W. Page, P.M. and P.Z. 20 503, 1063, P.J.G.W.; T.M. Rigg, I.P.M. 1089, P.G. Reg.; H. Bathurst, P.M. 133, P.P.G. Reg.; S. L. Townsend, P.M., P.Z. 158, P. Prov. G.S.D.; L. Finch, P.M. 429, 1209, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; G. Beckwith, P.M. 158, P. Prov. G.S. of W.; W. Pannell, P.M. 1089, P. Prov. G.S. of W.; H. Jacobs, P.M. 158, P. Prov. G.S.; J. Hancock, P.M. 1089; M. W. West, P.M. 1089; W. Harris, P.M. 158; J. B. Horrell, P.M. 73, J.C.; T. J. Firminger, W.M. 158; — Smeeth, W.M. 1208; W. Wood, W.M. 1273; — Hodgson, W.M. 1063. The new W.M. was Bro. A. Bourne, who, on assuming the chair, appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. T. M. Rigg, I.P.M.; John Copland, S.W.; Chas. Hall, J.W.; Richd. Harris, P.M. 158, Treas.; W. Pannell P.M. and P. Prov. G.S. Wks., Sec.; E. Penney, S.D.; C. J. Williams (Capt. Kent Artillery Volunteers), J.D.; J. Saffery, I.G.; and W. M. West, P.M., D.C. The lodge was closed shortly after four o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to the Fountain Hotel, where a choice banquet was ready for their acceptance. The W.M. delegated Bro. W. Page, J.G.W. Kent, to preside, himself occupying a seat on Bro. Page's right hand, and Bro. Rigg, I.P.M., another seat on the left. The banquet, which was much enjoyed by the brethren, and highly praised, having been disposed of, grace was said, and Bro. Page immediately proceeded to propose the toasts. The toast of "The Queen" having been duly honoured, Bro. Page proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the Craft," the latter portion of the toast having been omitted in connection with the first toast, the waiters being in the room, and time (on account of the trains) not admitting of delay. In giving the toast of the Prince of Wales, he said he was very much gratified at what he saw at the Royal Albert Hall when the Prince of Wales was installed, more especially with H.R.H.'s deportment, his mode of conducting business, and his speech. He believed the accession of the Prince of Wales to the chair would do more for Freemasonry in this country than had been done for many years, even by the most zealous Masons, of whom we had had many. It would show that Freemasonry was a good, proper, and religious rite, and that the heir to these realms was not above that position which we as Englishmen were proud to see him occupy. In giving "The Health of the Duke of Connaught and the rest of the Royal Family," Bro. Page said that the Duke of Connaught, both at the installation and at the banquet which followed, ably supported his Royal brother. As one of those who had the good fortune to hear him speak at the banquet, he was very much pleased at the handsome, kind, and affectionate way in which he spoke of the Princess of Wales; and every one was gratified at seeing the kind good feeling and attention which was paid by him to the Grand Master. It showed that there was in our Royal family the same brotherly affection which there was in other English homes. Passing from these toasts, Bro. Page said he came to the "Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the other Grand Officers," and he was very much delighted with them all. Lord Skelmersdale had proved himself a

thorough working Mason, and was an able coadjutor of the Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master. When this toast had been drunk, Bro. Page proposed "Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master of Kent," and said that nothing he could say would put Lord Holmesdale before the brethren in a better light than that in which he had been seen by them for some years past, because they all knew that of all men who had for many years been at the head of affairs in the Province of Kent, Lord Holmesdale had done the best that could be done for the interests of Freemasonry there. During the last few years, in which he (Bro. Page) had seen much of the working of the business part of Freemasonry in Kent, no man ever tried so much as the Provincial Grand Master of Kent to dispense favours honestly and justly. He had done a great deal through the Provincial Grand Secretary and the late Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Dobson, to promote the interests of the Craft in the province, and he had shown that he took a great deal of interest in the Order, as he made himself acquainted with those he desired to place in office in the province. Such men were the right ones to place in the position of Provincial Grand Master, and the province ought to feel proud that they had such a Grand Master. He hoped that he might long be spared to rule over the province, and that some day or other they might have the pleasure of welcoming him in that room. Bro. Bathurst proposed "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," to which Bro. the Rev. J. Robinson, Prov. G.S.W., responded, and said that on that day week the brethren had the pleasure of meeting under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master at the preparatory meeting. The Deputy Grand Master was, however, not able to be present that evening, as he was very unwell, but he desired him (Bro. Robinson) to convey his sincere regret to the brethren for the occurrence. Since Bro. Eastes had been appointed Deputy Grand Master he had shewn himself anxious to see all the brethren, which was a very proper feeling, as the appointments to Grand Office rested very much with the Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Eastes did not desire to take a brother's merits upon hearsay, but was determined to see for himself and judge for himself. The present Provincial Grand Officers' term of office was now nearly at an end, but he was happy to say that they had endeavoured to do their duty, and speaking for himself he could assure the brethren that he had not neglected any opportunity of performing it. He had answered and accepted every invitation, often with inconvenience to himself, though that of course was not to be mentioned. He had gone as a matter of duty. When men undertook any duties they should perform them in as light, cheerful, and pleasant a manner as they could. Although a stranger in Sheerness he had been most kindly received, and he was very much pleased with the place and the people so far as he had seen them. With respect to the Freemasons of Sheerness he had found them of the same admirable stamp as he had met elsewhere. Bro. Page then gave "The Health of Bro. Townsend," who was the third oldest Freemason in England, wishing him better health, and yet many years of life to come among the brethren. The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, Bro. Rigg, at Bro. Townsend's request, rose to reply. He said that in consequence of Bro. Townsend's great age he had an impediment in his speech, but he thanked the brethren very much for their kindness. Bro. Townsend deserved it all and a great deal more. He was a Provincial Grand Officer, a Past Provincial Grand Registrar, and had been 25 years Secretary of his lodge. He belonged to Arch Masonry as well and also to the Mark, and had held office in all. There was not a better Mason—not only not an older Mason—but not a better Mason in Sheerness than Bro. Townsend. Bro. Page then proposed "The W.M., Bro. A. Bourne." The lodge had passed through certain difficulties and dangers during the past few months, but they had been overcome and the lodge was now landed safely, and it had in Bro. Bourne a brother who would do his best to maintain good will and good feeling in the lodge. No doubt at the end of his year of office they would all shake him by the hand and thank him for the happiness he had been the means of promoting. When that time arrived he hoped Bro. Bourne would have as good an account to give as Bro. Rigg had—fourteen joining members and fourteen initiates during the year. Some lodges could only shew four of each; then this lodge must be very prosperous, shew fourteen. To keep up the character of the lodge they must look to the character of the men they proposed to bring into it, as it was not the number of candidates but their character which gave standing to a lodge. The men that should be introduced were those who would elevate the lodge and not those who would depress it. On all occasions when Lord Holmesdale had had occasion to speak of Freemasonry and its increasing numbers he spoke most strongly on this point, and it was his desire that with the "push" Freemasons lately had had they should look to the social position and, as far as they were able, the future of those whom they accepted in the Order. The charity list became greater every year, and it behoved the brethren who had a care for those institutions to see that the brethren they accepted would reflect no discredit upon them by-and-by. Bro. Bourne, in reply, said—I must beg for a little consideration at your hands. I am a very indifferent orator, and being a young Mason, I feel rather diffident on the occasion. I am in rather a novel position. As a young Mason I could not have anticipated having so rapid a promotion in the Craft as I have had, and I feel a difficulty in finding fitting words to express my gratitude to you for this ennoblement in me, and the kind way in which you have drunk my health. I can only say that as regards my past career you have known me eighteen months as Secretary, and about fifteen months as Junior Warden. In carrying out the duties of those offices I have brought all my energies to bear to carry them out with credit to myself and justice to the W.M. I take it that my present

position proves that I have done it to your satisfaction. If so I can only express to you my earnest wish, in fact my full intention, to redouble my efforts to make myself conversant with the duties of the W.M. I will endeavour to perform those duties in accordance with those ancient charges which the installing Master brought forward to-day, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and to the satisfaction of the brethren of De Shurland Lodge. In whatsoever I fail—which I am sure to do in some measure—I have full confidence in the co-operation and support of the P.M.'s and the assistance too of the P.M.'s and the kind sympathies of the brethren. I again thank you most sincerely and heartily for the way in which you have drunk my health. Bro. Page next gave "The Health of Bro. Rigg, P.M.," and passed a high compliment on him for the way in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his past year of office. Bro. Rigg in reply referred to some of the difficulties which the lodge unfortunately had experienced, but rejoiced in having overcome them. Happily, the lodge was now prosperous, and he congratulated the brethren on having elected as their W.M. a brother who would do the lodge good. That brother had now a straightforward course before him, and there was not a brother in the town he felt more proud of than Bro. Bourne. He had made a good choice of officers, and they would well support him. If they did, Bro. Bourne would come out with flying colours. Bro. Page afterwards proposed a special toast for Bro. Copland, S.W., to which Bro. Copland responded that it was with some diffidence he had accepted the office, but having accepted it he would discharge his duties with fidelity and zeal. He had been but a poor attendant at the meetings, but Bro. Bourne had no doubt thought that he would do credit to his choice. He hoped it was so, and that his future conduct would not falsify the belief. "The J.W. and the rest of the Officers" was the next toast, which all the officers replied to, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated, having spent a delightful day.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHISLEHURST LODGE (No. 1531).

A new lodge for the province of Kent was consecrated on the 11th inst., at the Bull, Chislehurst, and from the enthusiasm displayed by the brethren of the province, as evidenced by the numerous attendance on the occasion, many coming from very long distances, it was clear that the latest addition to the provincial roll was looked upon as an event of great importance. A consecration never took place under more favourable circumstances, and a long career of usefulness may be expected from the establishment of this other centre of Masonry on the confines of the metropolis. Among the brethren who attended, according to the signature book of the lodge, were Bros. J.J. Hutchings, 147; Wm. Tongue, P.P.G.J.W.; Robt. Runt, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Coupland, P.M., 913; W.T. Birts, P.P.A.D.C.; W. Page, P.G.J.W.; Alfd. Spencer, P.G.S.; S. Pownceby, J.D. 55; Joseph Storey, P.G. Sup., W.M.; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; A. Wilson, P.G.S.B.; G. Adamson, P.G.D.C.; W. Adamson, S.W. 1208; W. A. Hill, P.G. Chaplain; W. Cessford, Prov. G. Purst.; Hugh Hallett, W.M. 709; James Griffin, P.M. 933; T. Robinson, P.G.S.W.; W. A. Smeeth, W.M. 1208; H. Cotty, 554; W. T. Hurt, jun., W.M. 79; James Terry, P.P.G.S. for Herts; George W. Reed, J.W. 13; James Eastes, D.G.M.; H. Gloster, 1326; W. Nevins, W.M. 1076; J. Mason, 309; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); G. Bolton, P.M. 169; C. Reuter, W.M. 1109; W. Bray, 511, and Charles Lacey, P.M.

The lodge was opened by the V.W. Bro. James S. Eastes, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who on the formation of the lodge and after salutation, deputed the office of Consecrating Master to Bro. James Terry, the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Herts. That brother then proceeded to consecrate the lodge, a duty which he admirably performed, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Hill, Prov. G. Chaplain; the Rev. Thomas Robinson, Prov. G.S.W.; Bros. Tongue, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Alfd. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec.; and Cessford, Prov. G. Purst.

The Prov. G. Chaplain, in delivering the oration, drew attention to the interesting nature of the proceedings, and to the fact that such a goodly assemblage of brethren had been collected together to take part in them. It indicated plainly that although the locality was difficult of access there were a number of brethren who were moved by a desire for the spread of Freemasonry, its principles and powers. The interest of the proceedings was increased by the nature and solemn character of the work, which was none other than the dedication of a lodge to Almighty God. It was not a temple of wood or of stone that they were dedicating, but a spiritual house, "not made with hands," but "eternal in the heavens;" the selection of men who would erect a temple that would last when "the long drawn aisles and fretted roofs" of the cathedral had faded away under the crushing hand of time. It was his duty on such an occasion as this to say something with respect to the Order to which they all belonged. They would not have joined it unless they had felt interested in it; or continued in it unless they had considered that as men and creatures destined for immortality it was their duty to support it. Of its advantages he might say it was an oasis in the great desert of the world, which the exhausted traveller would fain reach, and which, when he had reached it, afforded him refreshment and repose. Away from the noise of the busy world, from business harassments, political excitement, and religious contests, in tranquillity and peace, he pressed the right hand of fellowship of a brother, and gained strength to pursue again the battle of life. The high-born and the lowly who gave their adhesion to it met on an equal footing. The advantages of Freemasonry consisted also in the doctrines and tenets which Freemasons held. The

foundation of the structure rested on the revealed will of God. The Freemason undertook to accept the Bible as the rule and guide of his faith. Freemasonry was not Christianity, but it was its handmaid. The lessons of the Sacred Law taught us how to comfort ourselves in this life in prospect of the blessings in store for us. We learnt from it lessons of a highly symbolical character, which taught us through the creative power narrated in the Book of Genesis the dignity of honest labour, and the duty of humility. Were we not daily taught that there should be subordination, and reverence to those sent to rule over us; that some were sent to rule and govern and that others must learn to submit and obey? Freemasonry inculcated this also, and it also taught that when we were laid in the grave we should all be equal. Steady perseverance was also inculcated. The lessons we were taught in Freemasonry we were to carry into actual practice. In another place we had lately heard that the watchwords of the Order were "Loyalty and Charity," and while these survived Freemasonry would be cemented. Let there be concord, friendship, brotherly love and affection; let us cultivate the gifts and graces put in our way; carry into the world the principles taught in the lodge, and so we should be best promoting the spread of the Order. At the termination of this oration, of which the above is a very brief outline, Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P., P.M. 27, 1310, and 1348, was presented to Bro. Terry by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Bro. Eastes, and installed in the chair. Bro. Eastes, in presenting him, said that he was quite satisfied, from the fact of his being nominated as W.M., that Bro. Coutts must have the confidence of the brethren who formed the lodge, and that he would do everything he could for the good of Freemasonry in general, and this lodge in particular. (Hear, hear.) The following brethren were appointed officers:—Bros. G. F. Guest, S.W.; W. Kipps, J.W.; F. Walters, Treas.; James Griffin, Sec.; H. Gloster, S.D.; Thomas Skinner, J.D.; Hardman, I.G.; Hox, W.S.; Hutchings, D.C.; and T. Grand, Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. Walters, seconded by Bro. Griffin, the thanks of the brethren were unanimously voted to the brethren who had assisted at the ceremony, Bros. Eastes, Terry, Hill, Robinson, Page, and Spencer.

The W.M., in presenting this vote of thanks, said that as Master of the lodge he sincerely felt indebted to these brethren. This had been an excellent inauguration of the lodge, and he hoped it would go on as well as it had begun. It would be his earnest endeavour, as far as was in his power, to make the lodge a good lodge, and the brethren would look back on this day as a red letter day in the annals of the Chislehurst Lodge.

The Dep. Prov. G.M., in acknowledging the toast, said that he and the other Prov. G. Officers had attended with a great deal of pleasure. It was, moreover, a matter of duty for them to do so. They were of course anxious to see Masonry flourish and prosper in Kent, and in that district of Kent, and they readily fell in with the views of the promoters of the lodge that they should be present at its consecration, as they did when any lodge was to be consecrated in the province. He and the other Prov. G. Officers wished the Chislehurst Lodge every success.

On the motion of Bro. Walters, seconded by Bro. Guest, Bros. Eastes, Terry, Hill, Robinson, Page, and Spencer, were elected honorary members of the lodge. Each of the elected brethren returned thanks, and the lodge proceeded to choose Stewards for the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Kipps took the stewardship of the Boys' School; Bro. Guest undertook to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School; and Bro. Coutts consented to accept the post of Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. James Terry on behalf of the three institutions returned thanks to these brethren for taking the office, and wished each of them every success in making up good lists.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The Deputy Grand Master, in returning thanks for "The Provincial Grand Officers," referring to Lord Holmesdale, said that his lordship had taken a great deal of interest in the promotion of this lodge; he felt great pleasure in the granting of the warrant, and nothing but pressing engagements prevented his being present at the consecration. It was not only the formation of new lodges, but the proper working of lodges already formed, that Lord Holmesdale took an interest in. For himself (the Dep. P.G.M.) he would inform the brethren that this was the first time he had attended the consecration of a lodge in his official position; but nothing could afford him greater pleasure than to find lodges increasing in number in the province of Kent. The Grand Officers knew that the lodges would be conducted in such a manner as to reflect credit on Freemasonry and the province of Kent. He hoped every care would be taken as to the admission of members; and of this he had no doubt, judging from what he had heard that day. There were many nice lodges in Kent, and he trusted that this lodge, starting as it did under favourable auspices, would take care that every thing was done to protect it from intrusion by unfit and improper persons. There were now 39 lodges in the province, which was increasing in the number of its members as well. The social status of those members was also increasing; and when they arrived at that point, numbers need not be thought of. Men who were likely to be an ornament to the society were the men only who should be admitted to it, and he would advise all the brethren, particularly those who were already Past Masters of other lodges, to devote their attention to that matter, and also to see that the province stood well in the list of provinces, and also with respect to the charities. That was another point he wished to call attention to. At the provincial meeting at Faversham a few days ago the brethren carried some bye-laws on this subject which would secure the election of candidates sent up from Kent. Those bye-laws would probably be carried at the Grand Lodge to be

held at Gravesend on the 6th of July. Unless the brethren organised themselves there was no chance of getting their candidates elected, and the votes were really thrown away. Now they wanted to avoid such a result, and therefore they proposed to get each lodge to elect a Steward, and to carry a particular candidate. If that was done the province would stand pre-eminent for the amount of money sent up, and for the success of their candidates. With respect to this new lodge he hoped they would assist the province in this object. He was sure the brethren would do everything they could. After again thanking the brethren for the toast, the Dep. G. Master said he could not sit down without thanking Bro. Terry for so kindly undertaking the office of consecrating and installing Master. No one could have witnessed the ceremony of that day unmoved. Bro. Terry's words and the splendid oration of Grand Chaplain must have impressed upon the minds of the brethren that Freemasonry was not a mere myth, but that Freemasons were earnest and sincere in what they undertook, and zealous in and desirous of carrying out the principles of the high Order. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Robinson, G.S.W., Bro. Spencer, G.S., Bro. Hill, G.C., and Bro. Page, G.J.W., also urged the same topics, exhorting the brethren to bear in mind the words of the Deputy Grand Master, and to introduce into the Order only such members as they believed would adorn it. The W.M.'s health was proposed by the Dep. G.M.; and the W.M. in replying said he trusted the lodge would go on as prosperously as it had begun. After the toast of "The Visitors" had been proposed and responded to, the W.M. gave "The Charities," the Keystone of the Masonic Order. Bro. James Terry, in reply, said he thanked the members of the lodge for having taken the very unprecedented step they had taken at the first meeting of the lodge, of electing Stewards to represent them at each ensuing festival of the three Masonic Institutions. After referring to each of them and the support extended to them, Bro. Terry said there were now 570 boys, girls, and old people depending for their support on the liberality of the Craft. There were 7000 or 8000 Masons made every year, but only 300 or 400 of these supported the charities. What were the remainder doing? Knowing what obligations they were under we had a right to look to all who came into the Order to support the institutions. The province of Kent stood very well in this respect. It was fourth on the list. The highest was West Yorkshire; the next was East Lancashire; the next West Lancashire; and the fourth, Kent. He hoped that at the next festival Kent would again make its name known, and by a combined effort among the lodges allow their contributions to be announced as from the province of Kent. During the time the new Prov. Grand Master had presided over the province of Herts, which was his own (Bro. Terry's) province, a great impetus had been given to Freemasonry. There were only ten lodges; but at the last festival of the Benevolent Institution £260 was brought up from five lodges there. He advised co-operation in the province of Kent, and that the total amount collected in the province might be announced. Referring to this lodge, and the pleasant part of the county in which it was located, he said that many brethren living in London would be glad to come down to it. It was a most enjoyable part of the province, and there was a good opportunity of partaking of the hospitality of the men of Kent. He had himself from time to time enjoyed the hospitality of every lodge throughout the province, and he did not know a more warm-hearted county, or a more prosperous one. He could also say, as the Secretary of one of the Masonic institutions, that he did not know a province that had so persistently and consistently supported the claims of the three Masonic institutions. He looked upon it as a mine of wealth. There was not a Provincial Grand Lodge which took place in it at which there was not a large sum of money given to the charities; and if report spoke truly, of the next meeting at Gravesend all three institutions would derive strong support. He wished for a prosperous year of office for the W.M., and that when he retired from that post he would find that he had given a prestige to the lodge which should never fade. As a member already of the Grand Lodge of England and the Prov. G. Lodge of Middlesex he hoped to see the W.M. also hold office in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, and the Chislehurst Lodge not the least of the lodges he belonged to. (Hear, hear.) The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Boston, when Major Smyth, the Deputy Grand Master, presided. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held "under the banner of the Harmony Lodge 272," of which Bro. J. Ashlin Thomas, Prov. G.J.W., is W.M. There are already 19 lodges in the province, all of which answered when the roll was called over by Bro. Marsden, the Prov. G. Sec. The attendance, therefore, was large, and Masonic enthusiasm displayed on the occasion was warm and hearty. The spread of Masonry in the province was generally remarked upon, and a strong proof of it was said to be the large increase in the attendance at Prov. Grand Lodge this year over that of last year. Prayers were read in St. Botolph's Church at half-past twelve, and on their conclusion at one o'clock Harmony Lodge opened first, and on the admission of Grand Lodge procession of officers, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had the gavel handed to him by Bro. Thomas, and Grand Lodge was opened. Banners of the undermentioned lodges adorned the walls:—Pelham Pillar, Franklin, Ancholme, St. Hugh, Olive Union, Shakespeare, Harmony,

Yarborough, Hundred of Elloe, St. Botolph's, Lindsey, and Alexandra.

Bro. Marsden, Prov. G.S., first read the minutes of last Grand Lodge, held at Grantham, the 28th May, 1874, when it appeared that 142 brethren signed the signature book, and every lodge in the province was represented.

The minutes having been put and confirmed,

Bro. Nesbitt, Prov. G.T., read the general balance-sheet, which showed a balance in his hands of £39 11s. 7d. after £21 had been given to the Masonic charities. To the credit of the Fund of Benevolence, which account was also read, was a balance of £67 12s. 7d., and £520 being invested. Three petitioners had been relieved with the sum of £10 each, according to the report of the Committee of Charity, read by Bro. Radley, P.M. 838, P.P. G.J.W.

Bro. Pigott, P.M., 1282, the Steward for the past year, then rose, and thanked the brethren for the support he had received from them during the year he was Steward. They had subscribed £575 to his list, for the Benevolent Institution. He had certainly met with the greatest possible kindness during the whole of his year of office. He had not been treated with the same consideration by one distinguished brother; and he made this remark, trusting that the brother who would be Steward next year might not have the same difficulty.

The Dep. G. Master said that Brother Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had come down from London to say a few words, to which all the brethren would listen with pleasure.

Bro. James Terry said that he had been directed by his Committee of Management, which met the previous day, to be present at this meeting of Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire for the purpose of returning their very grateful and sincere thanks to Bro. Pigott, and to the Deputy Stewards who assisted him at the festival on Jan. 7th last, for the very handsome and noble support they gave the Benevolent Institution on that occasion, and at the same time to express their regret that the province was not successful in the return of their two candidates at the election on the 21st of May. He could only say in addition that to the Deputy Grand Master he was directed also to return the thanks of the Committee for the very handsome donation of £105 for the purpose of endowing the office of Deputy Prov. G. Master for the time being, with votes. He was also desired to return the thanks of his Committee to Bro. J. Sutcliffe for his third or fourth donation; to Bro. Pigott and others, who kindly attended the festival in January, he gave the most hearty, fraternal, and sincere thanks, and hoped that whoever might be the Steward next year, and whatever charity he went for, they might have as true and hearty a Mason to represent the province as he who represented it in 1874-5. (Cheers.)

The Dep. Prov. G.M. said he thought they must all be highly satisfied with the progress of this province. He knew as their Deputy Grand Master that the lodges were taking infinite pains in the admission of members. They did not wish to fill their numbers up at the expense of every other consideration. The brethren had before them the report of the Committee of Charity, which was still going on prospering; they had the report of Bro. Pigott, which stated the large sum he carried up as Steward of the Benevolent Institution; and he was sure they must all look on this with the greatest satisfaction. He would ask Bro. Ace to say a few words on the subject.

The Rev. Dr. Ace said that as a Grand Lodge they would not be discharging their duty, in his humble opinion, unless they tendered their cordial and unanimous thanks to Bro. Pigott for the exertions which he had made during the past year on behalf of one of their principal charities. He was well conversant with the deficiency and diffidence he (Bro. Pigott) exhibited in following so noble a steward as the brother who preceded him in the previous year. It was with considerable hesitancy he entered upon the work, but when he did so he did it manfully. He (Bro. Ace) knew the correspondence Bro. Pigott had had with lodges, and the rebuffs which a Steward always met with; but he was determined that Lincolnshire should take the lead, and he succeeded. He did not do it for an empty name, but to show that Masonry was alive in this province. Bro. Pigott discharged his duties, and the province must now discharge theirs. He therefore proposed to this Grand Lodge that they present their cordial thanks to Bro. Pigott for his unremitting and distinguished exertions on behalf of charity during the past year.

The motion having been seconded and carried,

Bro. Pigott thanked the brethren for the vote they had accorded to him. The work he had been engaged in during the year he could heartily say had been a labour of love. He hoped that whoever succeeded him would be supported by the brethren with as much as £1,000. (Hear, hear.)

It was then resolved that this vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes, and the Deputy Grand Master directed that the reports which had been read should be printed and circulated with the Provincial Grand Lodge report.

Bro. Hall said he had been instructed by the subscribers to the Memorial Fund, which was got up in memory of the late Dr. Oliver, to make an offer to the Provincial Grand Lodge. That offer was that the sum of £197 7s. 7d., which had been collected should be handed over to the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, upon condition that the Provincial Grand Lodge added a similar sum to it, and that the total sum, so made up, should be devoted to some object, and made a fund, which should be named after Dr. Oliver. The matter had been before the Benevolent Committee, and there had been a minute read by Brother Marsden that morning to Grand Lodge, and it was necessary that a motion should be made that it be adopted. The committee of subscribers to the Oliver Memorial Fund were anxious that the money should be invested, and that

the interest of the money should be devoted to the paying of small annuities to be given to distressed brethren in this province until they could get their larger annuities from Grand Lodge of England. Some objection was raised to that; but he was sure he was speaking the sentiments of the subscribers when he said they would agree with anything the Provincial Grand Lodge might think right and proper, so long as the fund was called after the late Dr. Oliver.

Bro. Coltman, P.G.S.W., inquired whether subscriptions to this fund had been limited to members of the province of Lincolnshire, or were spread over the rest of the country under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Hall answered that they were not confined to the province of Lincolnshire.

Bro. the Rev. George Coltman would then like to ask whether the permission of those subscribers had been obtained to this proposed application of the money.

Bro. Hall said, that a meeting of subscribers had been called, and at that meeting the resolution he had called attention to was passed.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. put the resolution, that this sum of money be accepted, with the addition of £200 taken from the Reserve Fund, and applied to such purposes as should be hereafter considered.

Bro. Nesbitt, P.G.T., asked under what regulations would it be dispensed? They did not seem to have directions as to that from the Prov. G. Lodge. Should there not be a committee?

The Dep. G.M., said that might be added as a rider.

A brother, who apologised for rising, asked on his own behalf and that of others, who were present, what were the terms on which this offer was made. He thought that before Provincial Grand Lodge was called upon to vote its acceptance of this sum, and to put itself under the obligation to add a similar sum to it, the brethren should be made aware of the terms of the offer and the purpose to which the sum total was intended to be applied.

Bro. Mantell said this fund had been collected from the Freemasons of the world, he believed, even from Australia, and he had not the slightest hesitation in saying that the offer of the Oliver Memorial Committee was a very handsome one. The only difficulty in the way of the Prov. Grand Lodge would be that which had been raised by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, as to how the money should be spent. But he had always found that, that difficulty had been got over whenever they had the money. (Hear, hear.) It appeared to him, however, attending here from year to year, that he could not do better than follow the remarks of the Provincial Grand Master last year, when he said what must be agreeable to them all to know, that the funds of the Benevolent Committee, which were given in charity, increased year by year. He should not be so pleased to see that, as that they should collect money every year and spend it. He did not see why the brethren of 1874 should get £100 and lay it up, when they had three institutions for maintaining both the young and the old. When they collected the money they ought to spend it, especially when they had so many cries for help on the right and the left. He had been present on the Charity Committee that day, and it was seen that there had been many pressing cases. He hoped, whatever Provincial Grand Lodge did that day, that it would not allow the fund to go into the Benevolent Invested Fund, and be swallowed up without doing honour to Bro. Oliver. He thought they ought to devote this money to some object, by which the sons or daughters of brethren, or brethren in distress, should for ever after remember Dr. Oliver. A scholarship might be attached to the Masonic Boys' School; that some boy should be recommended by the master for it who showed such talent as he thought would entitle him to it; that that boy should be sent forward to the university or some school where he might be called "The Oliver Memorial Boy." In that way they would be doing some good, and not throwing the money into a charity fund they had too much of already. Let them spend every year all the money they got.

Bro. Nesbitt, referring to a remark made by the last speaker, said that no application for relief had ever been made to the Benevolent Fund Committee which had not been generously and amply met. No application for relief had been refused.

A Brother said he should like to move that a scholarship be founded for the Wood Green school.

The Dep. P. Grand Master replied they had not sufficient money for that; it would take £1000, and they had at present only £400. Bro. Hall had stated that he did not care what was done with the money. The Committee gave £200 for Grand Lodge to put another £200 to it.

Bro. Dr. Ace said that the motion before Grand Lodge was that they should accept the £200, and add £200 to the £200 already offered. He thought if they got Grand Lodge to advance so far, two steps were taken in the right direction. He should certainly do all he could for the Memorial Scholarship to perpetuate the name, the honour, and the works of Dr. Oliver. But let them pass this resolution first.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. again put the motion, and said that Grand Lodge could afterwards deal with the details. If the brethren wanted to increase the sum they could do it.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. said that now they were in a position to receive suggestions as to how it should be applied. It was already in the hands of the Benevolent Fund Committee. Let it remain there. If they could get sufficient additions to it to found a scholarship they could do so.

This business being concluded,

The Dep. Prov. G.M. said the brethren had now to consider what charity they should support next year; and, when selected, he hoped that all the force of the province would be thrown into it. The Masonic Institution for

Girls had been mentioned, and he would therefore propose it.

Bro. John Sutcliffe, P.P.G.S.W., asked permission to state a few figures with regard to the charities. Of late years the Girls' School had only had the support of this province one year. During other seven years it was given to the Boys' School or the Benevolent Institution. In the Girls' School the province held 99 votes; in the Boys', 400; and in the Benevolent Institution, 400. They had four girls on the list of candidates and one boy. Only the paltry number of 99 votes for four girls! He hoped all the brethren would support the Girls' School this next year.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. trusted that they would all put their shoulders to the wheel.

Bro. Fountain, as the representative of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, said the primary object of his attendance at Grand Lodge that day was to state that, notwithstanding the excellent efforts of Bro. Pigott, Mrs. Tidswell's election was unsuccessful. He therefore would ask the attention of the brethren to her case. She was in delicate health, bordering on 70 years of age, the widow of the only brother of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge who attained to the rank of Provincial Grand Warden; and possibly through being passed over this year she might fail to secure her election in the future. He heard that a very large number of votes were recorded in her favour, something near what succeeded in electing a candidate. He hoped some endeavour would be made to secure her return next time.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. reminded Bro. Fountain that Mrs. Tidswell was in very good hands.

The motion "That the Girls' School be supported next year," was then put and carried.

Bro. Pigott rose to propose a Steward. There were before him a great number of Deputy Stewards (19), but he thought Bro. Boyle, who had been named before coming into Grand Lodge, was a proper brother. He was sorry to find that Bro. Boyle's duties were so numerous as not to allow him to accept that office; but he hoped he would reconsider the matter, become Steward, and raise such an amount as the province had never before sent up. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Boyle said he should be happy to serve the province. His only object in refusing was that he thought he should not be able to attend to his duties so closely as he should wish. But if he could possibly have the assistance of his brethren throughout the province, he would cheerfully undertake the office, inasmuch as he did not think it right to refuse any office that might be of use in the cause of Masonry. He was afraid he should not succeed as his predecessor had done; but he would do his best, and the best could do no more. Carried unanimously.

Bro. Nesbitt, Prov. G.T., observed that on former occasions £100 had been given to the Stewards' list from the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds. He would move that the same sum be given this year.

Bro. John Sutcliffe, P. Prov. G.S.W., moved as an amendment that fifty guineas be given. What better investment could there be for their money?

After some little discussion, the amount was altered from ten to twenty guineas, and carried.

Bro. John Sutcliffe, P.P.G.S.W., proposed fifty guineas from the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund in addition.

Bro. Marsden, G.S., thought that Grand Lodge had no power to control the Fund of Benevolence: it was for the Committee to do that.

Bro. Parkinson moved, "That it be a recommendation from this Provincial Grand Lodge"—but the subject was not carried further, and consequently dropped.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. then rose and said, that before proceeding with the business on the agenda paper he thought it right that they should not let slip the first opportunity they had after the appointment and installation of the new M.W.G. Master, the Prince of Wales, without expressing in some measure their sense of the honour he had done the Craft in accepting the office of their Chief. He understood from those who had made researches that on former occasions an address of congratulation had been given to Royal Grand Masters upon their installation. A great many of the brethren before him had had an opportunity in the course of the last two months, of witnessing the very grandest ceremony that had ever taken place in Masonry. They would all remember the cheers which were heard on that occasion, which showed the loyalty of the great mass who were there present. They would also remember the intense feeling with which the Grand Master explained that he should never forget that day; and the way he reiterated the word "never" would never be forgotten by those who heard him. He therefore had pleasure in proposing "That an address from this province be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., congratulating him on his installation." He had already communicated with the Prov. G.M., who would present it. He knew he had only to propose this resolution, and it would be immediately seconded and carried unanimously. He thought it a great honour for Freemasonry to be presided over by their future King, and he trusted that he might long be spared to be their Grand Master.

Bro. the Rev. George Coltman, P.D. Prov. G.M., said he had great pleasure in rising on the present occasion to second the proposition of their worthy and worshipful Deputy Grand Master. He had been selected to second the proposition, he supposed, because he was, if not the oldest man present, at least one of the oldest Masons in Lincolnshire. His Masonic life in Lincolnshire he thought was about 40 years, which was a good long time to look back upon. Looking at the brethren he had met that day—he had not been able to come to the Provincial Grand Lodge the last few years, as he had been particularly engaged—he was sorry to see so many faces that he really did not

know. But he could assure the brethren that the old Masonic spirit was still strong within him, and though they were not mutually acquainted with each other, he was not, he hoped, in the position of the man in the old saying—"Tom Fool"—that everybody knew Tom Fool, but Tom Fool did not know everybody. He could not put himself quite in that position, he hoped. The object he had in rising would sufficiently recommend itself to the brethren. All who heard that H.R.H. had taken the office of Grand Master heard it with a great deal of pleasure; and he trusted that the tie H.R.H. had formed with the Masons of England would not only unite him to his future subjects, but would also open a new fountain in his heart that would never be dried. He was perfectly sure they would unanimously vote this address; and it would be accepted by the Prince of Wales with all heartiness. He would not look upon the province of Lincolnshire, as one of the Kings of England was said to have done when he called it one of the most brutal and beastly counties in England. (Laughter.) If the Prince of Wales had come to Lincolnshire, and seen the numerous assemblage in that room, he would not say it was the least county in England in Masonry.

Bro. Nesbitt, Prov. G.T., having read a short history of the province, the motion was put and carried unanimously, and the presentation of the address was entrusted to the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. G.M., Major Smythe, Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Nesbitt, Prov. G.T., and Bro. Marsden, Prov. G. Secretary.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. announced that ladies would be in the gallery of the dining hall during and after banquet.

The following brethren were then invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

W. H. Smythe,.....	D. Prov. G.M.
T. Slater, Junr., 838	Prov. G. S.W.
J. A. Thomas, 272	Prov. G. J.W.
Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, 1286	Prov. G. Chaplain.
C. M. Nesbitt, 712	Prov. G. Treas.
F. D. Marsden, 712	Prov. G. Sec.
H. Watson, 1386	Prov. G. Reg.
G. Ford, 271	Prov. G.S.D.
T. W. Thimbleby, 426	Prov. G.J.D.
Alfred Parkin, 1482	Prov. G.S. of W.
William Pooles, 838	Prov. G.D. of C.
George Nelson, 1282	Prov. G.A.D.C.
W. Swallow, 1482	Prov. G.Swd.B.
W. Barraclough, 1386	Prov. G.Org.
Alfred Kirk, 422	Pov. G. Purst.
J. W. Palmer	Prov. Steward.
W. B. Batley, 838	" "
F. Watson, 1386	" "
William Sissons, 1447	" "
Thomas Fryer, 1282	" "
W. S. Bladon, 422	" "
Benjamin Box	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. Fowler, P.P.G.J.W., and Griffin, P.P.G.D.C., were appointed Auditors of Grand Lodge Funds.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master informed the brethren that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Brigg. An apology was then tendered by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, and by Bro. John Sutcliffe, P.P.G.S.W., for that of Bro. Binckes.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren then adjourned to the Shodfriars' Hall to banquet, and the following long list of toasts were proposed and honoured:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese;" "Army, Navy, Militia, and Volunteers;" "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. The R.W. Prov. G.M. The R.W. the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers Past and Present;" "The R.W.P. G.M. of Lincolnshire;" "The W.D.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire;" "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present;" "The W. Masters and Officers of the Lodges in the Province;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Visiting Brethren;" "The Ladies;" "All Poor and Distressed Masons throughout the world."

The brethren separated early, after spending a most successful day. The increase in the number of Masons in the province may be judged from the fact that whereas 147 signed last year as attending Provincial Grand Lodge, no less than 202 signed this year, and 193 sat down to banquet. The banquet was admirably supplied by the proprietor of the Peacock Hotel, Boston. A good selection of music was performed during the evening by brethren in the minstrels' gallery.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, presided, supported by Bros. Arch. Conachie, J.W., acting S.W.; Laird, acting J.W. Among the other officers present we observed Bros. J. Balfour, P.M., and P.G.D.C.; A. Gillies, D.M.; J. Laird, Treas.; J. McInnes, Sec.; and others. Notwithstanding the night being stormy and disagreeable, and the season in full swing for all who can manage to escape for a time the unpleasant atmosphere of the city to take refuge in and benefit from the advantages of the coast, there was a very good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and approved of, were passed, when a communication was read from the Secretary of Partick St. Mary's, No. 117, inviting a deputation of brethren from Union, No. 332, to be present at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of their new hall, which takes place on the 26th inst. It is some time since they procured a suitable site for this purpose, and they seem to be pushing on the building with great energy,

and we wish them all success and comfort in their undertaking. The deputation from Lodge Union, 332, will receive clothing from the O.G. on application. After some conversation on the contemplated alterations and improvements on the Grand Kilwinning Lodge, 170, Buchanan-street, where at present the Union Lodge hold their meetings, a committee was appointed to act along with the Grand Kilwinning Lodge, and the other lodges who meet in the hall, with power to conclude the arrangements on behalf of the lodge. After a promiscuous conversation on various subjects relating to the lodge, which ended in an amicable way, minutes of which the Secretary took, Bro. W. Harper, R.W.M. of Lodge Clyde, No. 408, made an application to the R.W.M. to do the Clyde Lodge the favour of initiating two gentlemen on their behalf. This was at once most heartily complied with, and the two gentlemen, viz., James Harris and William Hamilton, being prepared in the usual manner, received the light of Masonry in the First Degree from Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., Lodge Union, in an admirable style, which must have left a lasting impression on the newly initiated brothers, as it did upon all present. Bro. Harper, in a graceful manner, returned thanks to the R.W.M. and members of the Lodge Union for the favour conferred, which brought the business of the evening to a close, when the lodge was closed in all ancient solemnity.

Masonic Tidings.

Prince Leopold has taken a residence in Wiltshire, having selected Boyton House, a curious old Elizabethan mansion; now the property of Mr. Edmund Fane. It is situated midway between Salisbury and Warminster.

WELLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 548).—The 15 Sections will be worked in this lodge at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 21st inst. The lodge will be opened at 7.30 precisely by Bro. J. R. Nash, P.M. 79.

Prince Leopold has commissioned Mr. W. Britten to complete for him his two paintings, "Lessons of Love" and "A Greek Girl feeding Pigeons."

Bro. Defries and Son were entrusted this year with the entire decorations for the University Ball at the Oxford Commemoration, which they accomplished with great success.

Friday, 11th, Prince Leopold, attended by Lord Brooke, Mr. Douglas Campbell, and Mr. Collings, visited Warwick Castle, and after luncheon and an inspection of the grounds drove to Stratford-on-Avon to view the Shakespeare memorials.

Lord Calthorpe has published a list of thirty-seven subscribers, headed by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge, of 100 guineas each for five years, to promote the breeding of horses.

The Prince of Wales has presented a donation of £250 to the Norfolk County School. The donation is to be applied to the foundation of a scholarship.

The personal estate of the late Countess of Carnarvon, who died on the 25th of January last, has been sworn under £18,000.

PRESENTATION TO CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—Bro. Alderman Knight having placed a presentation to Christ's Hospital at the disposal of his ward of Cripplegate Without, a meeting of the Deputies and Common Councilmen of the ward was held at the Quest House, on Monday, to elect a candidate for the vacancy. Out of fifteen boys the son of Bro. F. W. Baker, of 110, Fore-street, was selected to be nominated for the approval of the Alderman.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—Friday, 11th, the first representation by the Haymarket company took place at the Crystal Palace, the piece selected being "Our American Cousin." The theatre was crowded to overflowing long before the commencement of the performance, large numbers being unable to obtain admission. Mr. Sothorn, on making his appearance, received quite an ovation, and his impersonation of Lord Dundreary afforded the greatest amusement to the large assemblage.

A picture is on view at Messrs. Graves's gallery, of "King Charles the Second going to the Parliament House from Whitehall after the Restoration." The scene is taken from opposite the Whitehall Palace, and shows the King's state barge, the Lord Mayor's and the principal City companies' barges, with their banners and armorial bearings. This picture was formerly the property of Garter King-at-Arms, Sir Robert Walter, and was painted by Stoope.

COST OF A DINNER.—It is said that a dinner recently held by half-a-dozen Liverpool financiers to celebrate a successful speculation cost £450—£75 a head. Of this sum £100 was for flowers and decorations.

ROYAL VISIT TO INDIA.—We understand that the whole expense incurred in the passage of the Prince of Wales to India will be born by the Admiralty, and not the India Office.—Globe.

The "Graphic" of last week contains an engraving of the Marquis of Hartington, Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire.

The Salisbury Lodge of Instruction now meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Union Tavern, Airstreet, Regent-street, instead of Compton-street, Soho.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh will, it is understood, leave England in July for Russia on a visit to the Emperor and Empress.

The Earl of Carnarvon has appointed Mr. J. C. H. James, of the Oxford Circuit, Commissioner of Titles in Western Australia.

The Chaucer Lodge, 1540, will be consecrated at the Bridge House, Hotel Southwark, on Friday, July 2nd, by Bro. J. Hervey, G.S.

Bro. Robt. B. Webster is the new W.M. of the Blackheath Lodge No. 1320.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction No. 73 meets every Wednesday evening at 8, at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge Road; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

It is stated in Dublin that it is intended to purchase Rockingham Castle, Boyle, County Roscommon, the seat of the late Earl of Kingston, as an Irish residence for the Duke of Connaught.

The United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction will on and after Friday, July 2nd, meet at the New Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, Lord Waveney, P.G.M., is to be held at Bury St. Edmunds this year, under the auspices of the local lodge, the Royal St. Edmunds, 1008, a large and very prosperous body of Masons of whom much is expected. Our antiquarian brethren will doubtless hail this opportunity of attending the meeting and studying archaeology—for Bury was a famous place in old times—and there is much to see and admire in the capital of West Suffolk. The time fixed is we believe Monday, the 5th July.

A meeting convened by the Prince of Wales, as President of the Society of Arts, was held on Tuesday last at Marlborough House for the purpose of establishing free scholarships for metropolitan students in the National Training School of Music. The Prince of Wales (who presided), the Duke of Edinburgh, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Lord Mayor were amongst the speakers.

Their Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of Wales have graciously accepted Frances Countess Waldegrave's invitation to be present at the garden party at Strawberry-hill, Twickenham, on Tuesday, the 29th inst. Lady Waldegrave will be "at home" from 4 to 7.30.

The Grand Lodge of New York last year constituted fourteen new lodges. There are now 82,000 Freemasons in the State of New York, 4899 of whom were initiated during the past year.

About £1000 has now been received at the Mansion House on account of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

Bro. Menotti Garibaldi, son of our distinguished Brother, Gen. Garibaldi, and now actively engaged in upholding Freemasonry in Italy, was made a Mason in Tompkins Lodge, New York.

RIFLE CONTEST IN EDINBURGH.—The proceedings of the Edinburgh Rifle Association commenced on Monday, when a match took place between Edinburgh and Liverpool. The Liverpool teams were of 20 each; the distances were 200, 500, and 600 yards; seven shots at each range. The score for Edinburgh was 1078; for Liverpool 1034; majority for Edinburgh, 44. The day was exceedingly wet. The contest for the International Trophy takes place on Saturday.

Newspapers from London to Sunderland, per day mail, must henceforth be posted at the General Post Office by 4.30 a.m.

The summer fête of the Asylum for Idiots will be held on Thursday, 24th inst., in the grounds of the institution at Earlswood.

Bro. Captain Boyton exhibited the capabilities of his life-saving dress on Wednesday, at Bradford-on-avon, once in the afternoon and again in the evening. Large assemblages mustering from Bath, Trowbridge, and surrounding places were present. The experiments included a number of amusing details, which gave the proceedings the nature of an entertainment. The captain whilst in the water fired small bullets at the railway signal, a distance of a hundred yards, and repeatedly struck it—this feat being, like the others, greatly applauded.

LAW APPOINTMENT.—Bro. J. Perry Godfrey, S.D., Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261, a solicitor practising in Gray's Inn has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor a London Commissioner to Administer Oaths in Chancery.

Orders are now being received at Bro. Kenning's Masonic Depots, London, Liverpool, and Glasgow, for the Medal to be struck in commemoration of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master.

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A STEWARD—Name and address required before insertion of letter.

We shall publish next week several letters on the 1717 question.

Bro. Moss is thanked.

A large number of letters and reports of lodge and chapter meetings, English and Scotch, unavoidably stand over until next week.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1875.

A MASONIC HERESY.

There are some good brethren in our excellent confraternity who are the victims of a great mistake as regards the true end of Freemasonry, and propound to a great extent what may be fairly termed a heresy in respect of sound Masonic teaching. And though we do not say, forbid the thought, that they ought to be "handed over to the secular arm," in order to be burnt as heretics, yet we feel bound to protest against their little "Airesis;" and for this reason. It is a false teaching, which does infinite harm to our Order, inasmuch as it keeps many and many a good man out of Freemasonry, and because also it lowers inevitably the truer pitch of real Masonic teaching, and serves to invest with a purely low and earthly character the real and dignified mission of our brotherhood in the world. We allude to that somewhat prevalent persuasion and avowal that the social aspect of Freemasonry is the only one worth consideration or sympathy. Imbued with such a persuasion and theory many of our brethren discourage literary research and intellectual discussions in Freemasonry, the elevating efforts of our archaeological students and the like, because they conceive and erroneously conceive, that such pursuits, somewhat above their ordinary level, will interfere either with the mere routine of lodge work, or the more agreeable sequence and satisfactoriness of the K. and F. Degree. We venture to think that all such propositions are not only very mistaken, but very mischievous, and, to say the truth, not a little perverse. For though the social side of Freemasonry is never to be overlooked or despised, yet it must be always subordinated to higher ends and aims, as if were it all on which Freemasonry is founded, it is quite

clear that Freemasonry itself could not and would not last long, in the very nature of things. The morale of the symposium and the philosophy of the social circle cannot and do not possess any possible claim to endurance or perpetuation in themselves. On the contrary, like all other earthly things, they often fade away utterly and suddenly. They must fade away ere long under any circumstances, and be utterly lost for us all in the far distance of not unfrequently pathetic memories. Few of us there are but can recal how the songs are hushed, and the flowers are withered, and the lights are dim, and the gay faces are vanished, and the pleasant circle is thinned, all which things were able but a few years ago to give movement to the blood and animation to the spirits, and served to afford pleasure and refreshment to body and mind. But yet all these things pass and disappear in the hurrying hours of life, and are now but specks in the distance in the long vista of years. They may and do endure for a time, they may and do afford much of gladness and happy association to many a wayfaring brother now, but they have in them all the taint of earth, the elements of change and decay, and are, at the best, therefore, but ephemeral and transitory. Even a time may be our own when we find ourselves no pleasure in those very things which once could so cheer, and soften, and beguile the rougher path and pressing cares of life, which once could lend the enchantments of fancy and friendship, and the illusions of harmless gaiety, to many a serious traveller, to many a toiling brother in this great wilderness of the world. Yes, there is for us all an inevitable hour when the jest and the glee, and the cheerful banquet, and the merry gathering are all out of character and unseasonable, when old age has come upon us, for instance, with its benumbing and palsyng grasp, when we feel we are getting a little out of place, amid the vivacious views and laughing utterances of a new and a younger generation. Hence it is clear that if we attempt to make Freemasonry a merely social sodality, without any high aims or better teaching than "carpe diem," we are propounding a grave and hurtful heresy. There is no little selfishness in the theory moreover, and we may often witness how even worthy men and very good Masons, having once adopted this convenient Masonic creed, look upon the banquet as the "do all" and the "be all" of Masonic teaching and work. If then, like Talleyrand, we say to young Masons "surtout point de zèle," and seek to keep all efforts to a dull level and a deadening uniformity, if we hold even that our charitable efforts should not be too exorbitant of time or money, if we discourage all intellectual study of Freemasonry and all moral application of its effective symbolism, not only are we doing despite to the real end and spirit of our Fraternity, but we are inflicting harm on our own Masonic character. We take a light, a superficial, a half-hearted, and easily satisfied measure, both of our privileges and responsibilities as Freemasons, and so we are led openly to denounce, or privately deprecate, all attempts by the zealous, the earnest, and the energetic to impart to Freemasonry a true and living character, to add dignity to its labours, and to impart reality on its professions. We will endeavour next week to point out what is the sacred and true teaching of Freemasonry, in contradistinction to this somewhat popular little heresy amongst our Order, that we have feebly and humbly endeavoured to denounce and set forth to day.

THE ULTRAMONTANE PRESS.

We deeply regret to note and to realize the "hysterica passio" which is seemingly coming over the Roman Catholic representatives of teaching, thought, and literature. At the present hour you cannot take up a Roman Catholic journal without finding abundant tokens and the saddest proofs of a most extraordinary virulence of feeling, the most outrageous vehemence of verbiage, alike in things Masonic as in all matters affecting what we may call liberty of thought and freedom of conscience. For in the papers we complain of, we do not find either arguments or logic, but simply scolding and abuse; and

not only this, but, unfortunately, the Roman Catholic Press seems to us—we hope we are wrong—to be overpassing deliberately the moral restraints altogether of sobriety of expression, of truth, nay, of decency, and above all, of any kindly consideration for others. We have recently perused some bona-fide Ultramontane productions addressed "ad populum," which for open defiance of every rule of fair play, righteous dealing with truth, not only "beat Banagher," as the Irishman would say, but even surpass previous notable specimens of genuine and unadulterated Roman Catholic Billingsgate. Those of us, unfortunately, who have had to wade through the controversies of the past know too well how violent and how discreditable, how foul-mouthed and how cruel, have been many of the crafty insinuations and the positive assertions of anonymous and open Roman Catholic controversialists; of some of whom it may fairly be said that they "stuck at nothing," to prop up their own weaker cause, or to discredit a stronger adversary. And to-day the same spirit with, perhaps, an even still more vigorous expression, curiously enough, of wordy and revolutionary language, is mournfully manifested by the Ultramontane School. The same readiness of mendacious assertion, the same outpouring of the wilful libel, the same coarseness of personal invective, are to be seen in countless Ultramontane periodicals. Of one of these papers, vile in its vileness, and false in its falsity, some indignant protestors have used the following concise but startling words, words which, however unpalatable and unprecedented, we can say, are neither incorrect or uncalled for. They say that the "statements" in the particular article, "singly or wholly," are "outrageous and slanderous lies," that "the article itself" is "a compound of infamous falsehoods, vile distortions, and distilled filth, concocted for the spiritual nurture of enervated serfs, according to the notorious maxim, 'the end justifies the means.'" Well, we deeply regret this state of things in the interest of the Church of Rome herself. What possible good can accrue to that generally astute body to-day by this continued and unmistakeable evidence of bitterness of feeling and acrimony of language and uncharitableness of disposition, which in no way affects to appeal to reason, and is not apparently bound by the normal restraints of public propriety and personal bienséance? Is there no educated Roman Catholic of intellect and of piety who can or will publicly repudiate or privately remonstrate against the present untoward and melancholy state of affairs? We say nothing now about the angry incriminations of our peaceful fraternity, now so prevalent; we do not even profess or wish to recall to-day ungenerous insinuations and unwarrantable imputations against our generous and innocuous Order; but we feel bound to call attention to and protest against this vehemence of language and this untruthfulness of assertion; nay, we regret to add, this verbiage of an unseemly journalism, which professedly religious and Roman Catholic, is spreading amongst us and around us, and is positively unfit to be placed within the reach of the young, the innocent, and the virtuous minded. It is said that many of the writers of these unworthy articles are Jesuits, who, angry with their expulsion from other countries, are now ventilating their "furious grievances" in the ready columns of the Ultramontane Press. Whether this be so or no we cannot positively say, but certain it is that at no time has the Church of Rome boasted a more devoted band of ecclesiastical gladiators, and we must add unscrupulous writers, than at the present time. As far as we are ourselves concerned as Freemasons, we care nothing for this noisy Armada, even with all its violence and vulgarity, its illogical arguments, and its hopeless inconsistencies. But, as we said, we are as Freemasons so tolerant ourselves, that we deeply deplore the fact, too patent alas just now, that the Church of Rome has to have recourse to the hurtful and hateful weapons of falsehood, libel, and degrading personalities. We are sorry to witness the, to us, always lamentable sight of a great religious body making itself a stumbling block to many and a laughing stock to more by promoting avowedly under ecclesiastical, nay Papal sanction, the undisciplined rhodomontade.

tade of fanatical partizans, and the hopeless intolerance of an Ultramontane clique. Deeply distressing is it for every reflecting mind to see before our eyes in 1875 the worst excesses of mediaevalism repeated in the untruthful and irreligious tendency of doctrine and decree, of censure and of controversy, of attack and anathema, of the cruel accusation and lying slander.

MASONIC COURTESY.

As Freemasons we are bound to be courteous to all men, but especially to all our brethren in Freemasonry. In the lodge we are all on one level, however differing our earthly ranks, however contrasted our social positions in the world, beyond the portals of our peaceful "logerium." That is undoubtedly the true teaching of our Order which enjoins us as Freemasons ever to show to our "confreres" in the world, and indeed to all men, the courtesy of brethren, and the consideration of gentlemen. For Freemasonry, from our first admission into its mystic circle, would impress upon us all one great and abiding lesson. "Whatever your position in society may be, whatever your lot in life, whatever the calling or occupation which it is your duty to follow and adorn, never forget the courtesy and consideration you owe to all men, and not the least to your brethren in Freemasonry. Be therefore courteous in speech and courteous in demeanour, courteous in all those little amenities of life, which often smoothe away so many of its rough corners, and lessen so many of its drawbacks, and soften so many of its acerbities. As a Freemason you are to be above the often prevailing and purely worldly feelings of pride or perversity, of exclusiveness and caste, of higher rank, of superior position." The best Freemasons and the truest gentlemen, therefore, are those who while they never forget that they are Freemasons or gentlemen, have learnt to sympathize truly with their neighbours and brethren in the world, to "honour all men," and are ever ready to shew to their fellow creatures of the dust the tender graces of a persistent good will, and the pleasant countenance of a genuine philanthropy. Now, we venture to submit to our readers that in this respect of Masonic courtesy we all may learn a useful lesson, a lesson which we may well con over continually, commit carefully to heart, and seek to reduce to practice in our own daily walk in life, at home, and among men. It is remarkable how often to day Masons are discourteous to one another. An infirmity of temper, a littleness of disposition, a pettiness of aim, a casual remark will often render us for the time quite fail in courtesy to an unoffending brother. The importance of office, the elevation of the hour, will often make us forget how true it is "how we apples swim," and we become short in speech, and uncivil in manner to some one, who has every claim both on our forbearance and friendly feeling. We have often seen examples and illustrations of this failure both in demeanour and right feeling, and have often felt for those who must have suffered from slight or discourtesy, but were too Masonic to resent and too self-possessed to complain. And yet on the contrary we have seen in some of the ablest and best of our Order an ever abounding spirit of courtesy and consideration for all. They are not one thing in the lodge and another thing out of the lodge, they are not those who presume on a little brief authority or momentary elevation, but they feel and show that courtesy is ever due to the humblest and the highest in Freemasonry. And believing as we do that Freemasonry is something more than a mere Freemasonry machine, something more than a mere outward organization, without any inward vitality, something more than a society for good dinners and pleasant festivities, we feel bound to express our opinion that one of its best lessons to all its members, is that courtesy of manner and speech, and treatment, and disposition, which throws a tinge of softness and gentleness on all of earthly fellowship. To be courteous to our brethren, to be considerate of our brethren, their good names, their personal reputation, and their fair fame are among the highest duties of Freemasonry; and, like the old chronicler, we can say to day, "O courteous Freemasons never feel ashamed that you have

learnt that true courtesy of your good old Craft which enjoins you to be friendly to your brethren and courteous to all men."

TRANSATLANTIC LAW AND JUSTICE.

Ever since the publication of a "Missionary Experience in Texas," by the Abbé Domenech, the famous toast of the newly appointed judge, "Justice modified by circumstances," therein so humorously related, has appeared to many somewhat well to describe the somewhat peculiar administration of the law amongst our go-a-head cousins. But we are inclined to believe that, though the story is a good story, and it is a pity to spoil it, such an idea is on the whole erroneous. It is possible, rather certain, that owing to the varying system of judicial appointments in the different States, the right man is not always in the right place, that is as regards legal acquirements and fitness for the responsible position of the Bench, especially where the tumults of popular election seem to us greatly to interfere with that calmness and serenity, and elevated character, which, in our opinion, ought ever to characterize our judges, as affording the best guarantee alike for untainted justice, as well as for the maintenance of authority, and the liberties of the people. Mr. Macgregor tells us amusingly of an election in Maine, where one was the "liquor judge" and the other the "no-liquor judge!" Happy theory of absolute impartiality and even-handed fairness. But yet, despite popular opinions and some not altogether unfounded criticisms, alike American and Anglican, we feel disposed to believe that things are improving, and we have been struck with some remarkable evidences of equity and common sense, in some cases as reported, if not in leading cases or by distinguished counsel, yet in the ever watchful and prolific press of the United States. We have thought it well to put together a few gems from this circle of brilliants, which we have lately been perusing alike with admiration and interest.

Let us take the following illustration, for instance, of a case somewhat difficult to understand:

He was a kind-looking old man, having gray hair and a face over which a smile spread itself, and looked up at the court.

"Were you drunk?" asked his Honour.

"Twee of drie geleidon, sloeg hij zijn kindje, so maandam oud," replied the old man.

"What! What did he say?" asked the court.

"Met bovenstaande vraag hielden zich de vorige week de Engelsche," replied the prisoner.

The clerk began to grin.

The audience moved uneasily.

"Now then," continued his Honour, "the charge is drunkenness, and I want to hear what you have to say about it."

"De tegenwoordigheid van afgevaardigden van andere Christelijke Vereenigingen," answered the old man, in a solemn voice.

"Were you drunk?" demanded the court, in a louder tone.

"Hij werd verleden Maandag tot twaalf jaren gevangenis straf veroordeeld," answered the prisoner, also raising his voice.

"Don't fool with this court!" warned his Honour.

"Worinkoekjes gebruikt te hebben, terwijl wij alle huisgezinnen, waar kinderen zijn moeten aauraden een doos van Kimm's Susan B. Anthony!" replied the prisoner, throwing his arms around wildly.

"Well, I can't fool away any more time on you," said the court, in a tone of despair. "Dust out of here and be seen no more!"

And he dusted.

Or let us take this interesting report.

"This is a case which can be called, tried, and disposed of inside of three minutes," remarked his Honour, as Charles Taylor leaned on the railings and regarded him with an appealing look.

"I couldn't get nothing to do" replied the prisoner.

"I hear you couldn't; but if I were a young man eighteen years old, in sound health, and the fat on my ribs was an inch and a half thick, I'd

find work enough to pay for my board, or I'd slide off the wharf and make business for a coroner."

"I've looked all around," said the prisoner.

"Well, we won't argue the case. I know that work is scarce, but I also know that there are dozens of fat loafers around this town who wouldn't turn a grindstone two hours for a week's board. You are charged with vagrancy, are guilty, and I'll give you sixty days. That will let you out about the time the pansies bloom, and if you can't find work then, I'll send you back for six months."

The prisoner shuffled off into the corridor, wiping a tear from his nose, and was so ugly that Bijah had to draw the crowbar at him before he would sit down on the water-cooler and wait for the Maria to drive around.

The following youthful culprit may find some sympathizers?

"And this is William Spinner, eh?" inquired his Honour of a brick-haired young man whose back was covered with mud.

"Yes, sir."

"They found you in an alley; it was night; you were drunk; when they hauled you out you was as ugly and pompous as the King of the Cannibal Islands. Isn't this true?"

"It was my birthday, and I suppose I took a glass too much," replied the prisoner. "It's the last time, however; you will never see me again."

"Let's see—haven't you an old mother to support?"

"Yes—yes, sir. She's a good old lady, and she'll feel badly about this."

"And you have to support two or three young sisters?"

"Yes, three of them—poor little girls."

His Honour removed his spectacles, wiped the apple on his coat sleeve, smiled blandly, and remarked:

"What an awful liar! Why, man, I know all about you! You are one of the greatest loafers in Detroit, and I don't believe you have a relation on earth!"

The prisoner cast his eyes down, and could make no reply.

"I'll mark you down for sixty days," continued the court; "that's thirty days in which to get you washed up, and thirty more to get acquainted with yourself."

Is there a brother "with soul so dead" who does not feel for this peaceable German?

"I shall dell noddings but der zolemn druth," said the next prisoner as he stepped out.

"Well, that's a good start," replied his Honour. "The charge here is disturbing the peace."

"I gave noddings at all for dat sharge—I want to told you how it vhas:"

"Go ahead."

"I vhas zitting in my zaloon, mit der door locked, und shust so quick as I drunk some peer I vhas going to ped."

"Yes."

"Und bresently some vellers gum along und pult on der door-handle, und one veller he yelt out: 'Ho! dere, old zaw-bones! open dis door?' Und I said noddings. Und another veller kicks on der door shust like dat, und he yelt out: 'Open dis door or I shall knock your het quick off!' Und still I said noddings. Und another veller kicks on der door shust like that, und yelt: 'Kill der old gross-eyed Limberger?' Und den I opens der door mit a glub in my hant, und I knocks 'em like dat! und dat! und dat! Und den der bolece shumped in und dork me!"

"All of which you swear is the solemn truth?"

"I gannot dell a lie."

"And you were never here before?"

"I never vhas in States brison before since I vas born."

"And you'll try to get along after this without having any more trouble?"

"If no one droubles me I shall pe like a lamb."

"Well, you may go."

We have also perused some accounts of police administration in New York, which seem to us

worthy of note and emulation. They are marked by much clearness of decision, energy of action, and forcible good sense!

The next case was John H. Nelson, at least that was the name he gave. He recorded himself as a horse doctor. He was a jaunty little fellow, with long outstretched mutton-chop whiskers, a faultless shirt, small California diamonds, and silver horse-shoe in his cravat.

"Well," said the Superintendent, looking up in surprise at Nelson, "I am astonished to see you here; I thought you were in Sing Sing, and I can't think how you condescended to take such a paltry sum as that?"

The amount was not mentioned. Nelson said he had been out of prison three months, and in his possession was found a bag of bogus twenty-dollar gold pieces and bogus sovereigns.

"You don't think, Super.," said Nelson, twirling his hat, "that I would be mean enough to take a 'trick' as small as that? It don't pay. These hooziers, when they get stuck, stick on to the city like a porous plaster. For no other reason you may be assured than to save going to 'quod' for such a small 'trick' like that, would I do it."

"I don't believe you," said Superintendent Walling, "you would steal anything, from a ten-penny nail to an anchor."

"No, no sir; you do me injustice," said Nelson. "Believe me whether you will or not, it was only last week I beat a flat out of 30 dollars. I learned it was all that he had, and he had a family, and he had no way to get out of the city to join it. I could not bear it. I followed him a block and forced the money back on him."

"That will do," said the Superintendent, interrupting him. "Mr. Nelson, there is no use in playing the confidence game here. Officer, take him back."

Surely the following is very striking?

A ship sneak was the next culprit brought up. He gave the name of Arthur J. King. He was a man about forty years of age, and was "a man of silence." There was a very ordinary appearance about this fellow, nothing to excite suspicion or attract attention. His "racket," as the police call it, is to board an out-going steamer with valise in hand as a passenger, and in the confusion "go through" the state-rooms.

"You are here again," said the Superintendent.

"You brought me," was the laconic reply.

"Can't you keep off the docks?"

"You can, I suppose," was the curt rejoinder.

"You are healthy enough and strong enough to work; ain't you ashamed to steal?"

"Is there an honest man living?"

"Well, all that is honest about you is your opinions," said the Superintendent, laughing.

"Well, that is something. Give me a sinecure of 5,000 dollars a year, and you will see a reformed man."

"I can't do it at that rate. All we can do is tire you into honesty, that we can do."

"Well, try it," said King, in a low tone to himself.

"Take him back, officer," said the Superintendent. "And get the several victims in these cases, Mr. Warlow, and see if they can't be identified."

What a sensible Superintendent does the following anecdote reveal to us?

The next fellow brought in was on the charge of snatching a watch on the cars. There was the thief, the stolen property, but no complainant to prosecute. The complainant had not reported his loss at headquarters, and of course they did not know where to find him, but expected that he would make his appearance at the office during the day. It appears that the officer heard the cry of stop thief from the car, pursued the thief, and finally arrested him, but the complainant did not follow up the pursuit, and there was now no accuser.

"Back again, Mike," was the salutation of the Superintendent. "Take him back and lock him up, the loser of that watch will be here during the day."

"Sir," said the pickpocket, drawing himself up to his full height. "I demand my rights; I ask to be taken right off before a police magistrate."

"But there is no complainant," said the Superintendent, smilingly.

"D'yer think I wants to wait for 'em?" said the thief.

"But we want to oblige the gentleman that lost his watch, and give it back to him?"

"What isn't his, isn't hizen, is it?" said the thief. "Possession's nine pints o' the law. That tucker is mine. I'm entitled to be taken before a magistrate within twenty-four hours, so the justices say, now see if yere don't! It's too costly paying Bill 'Owe to get a *habeas corpus* when the thing ain't needed."

"Take him back, officer," said the Superintendent. "Possession is nine points of the law, and we have you now; when we get the owner of the watch others will take you in charge."

We hope our readers are pleased with these reports and decisions; if they are, we may, on some future occasion give them a few more specimens equally interesting, and equally just!

We must conclude with the "dictum" of a judge "out west," which so long as it is abided by, must render any attempt to shake the Constitution of the United States utterly hopeless, come from what quarter it may.

It appears that he once ordered a witness to "come up and be sworn." He was informed that the person was deaf and dumb. "I don't care," said the Judge, compassionately, "whether he is or not. Here is the Constitution of the United States before me. It guarantees to every man the right of speech, and so long as I have the honour of a seat on this bench, it shall not be violated or invaded. What the Constitution guarantees to a man, I'm bound he shall have."

Something like the judge in Iowa, who declared that "courting was a necessity, and ought not to be interfered with," we feel great admiration for this maintenance of constitutional principles on all occasions.

Whether the cases we have thus carefully extracted from "our own reporter's notes," from such papers, for instance, as the *New York Dispatch*, are actual copies of the court records we do not feel sufficiently well posted up to say, but if they are, they reflect the highest credit on the practical equity and common sense of the Transatlantic administration of the law and of justice.

Original Correspondence.

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

MR. HECKETHORN.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Who is Mr. Heckethorn? Is anything known of his antecedents? I have read his last work, and to me it smacks strongly of the Ultramontane, or Jesuit school. Is this libeller of Freemasons a Jesuit?

I am, yours fraternally,

NEMO.

BRO. C. J. BURGESS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will the Earl of Limerick, or the Rev. G. R. Portal, or some other authorised official of the Mark Degree of Freemasonry, inform me, through the medium of the *Freemason*, whether the report which has reached me from a private source is true, namely, that I have been expelled from the Mark degree? And if it be true, will the same authority, also in the same manner, inform me specifically what is the Masonic offence with which I stand charged, which renders me unfit for the society of Freemasons, who is my accuser, and why I have not been brought face to face with him?

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

12th June, 1875.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In to-day's—or rather, I should say, yesterday's *Freemason* there is a note from Bro. Hughan respecting "Masonic medals and tokens," and mentions especially the one struck commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. in 1790. I have seen one frequently—I saw it this morning, for the last time, hanging from the watch chain of a brother here in the town. At first I took to be gold, but have found out since that it is only copper gilt; and, on inquiry last week, was told I could have one done the same, and the corrosion removed, for the magnificent sum of three shillings and sixpence!

Yours fraternally,

JAMES A. HAYES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have observed in last week's *Freemason* a note from our Brother Wm. Jas. Hughan, respecting an old Masonic token in copper, which is certainly very uncommon, and very little known. I have one precisely similar, and it was attached to my watch-chain, on the occasion of H.R.H.'s installation, on the 28th of April last. I have had it in my possession for a great number of years, and by some chance it unexpectedly turned up just at the appropriate time, previous to the G.M.'s installation. As far as I can recollect, it was given to me by an old and valued brother of the Order in Dublin, with various other Masonic coins or tokens, and it must have been at least twelve or fourteen years ago. On the rim is very distinctly inscribed "Masonic hallpenny token," but the remainder is indistinct. I value it very much, and until now did not know there was another of the same sort.

FRAS. BURDETT, Prov. G.M. Middlesex.

Ancaster House, Richmond Hill,

June 15th, 1875.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S INSTALLATION AND COMMEMORATIVE JEWEL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I enclose sketch of a jewel commemorative of the Installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master, which has been forwarded to the lodges in the province of Worcester.

As no jewel can legally be worn which has not received the sanction of H.R.H. the Grand Master, I wrote to the Grand Secretary requesting to be informed whether such jewel had been so sanctioned, as I was desirous that the brethren of this province should not be misled into purchasing a jewel which, if unauthorised, they would certainly not be permitted to wear in any lodge in this province.

I enclose copy of the Grand Secretary's reply, which I will thank you to insert in your next issue.

Yours fraternally,

W. BRISTOW, JUN. P.P.S.G.W.

Prov. G. Sec. of Worcestershire.

[COPY.]

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

8th June, 1875.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

No such jewel as that advertised by Bro. — will be allowed to be worn by the members of the Craft.

The only jewel, in reference to the Installation on the 28th April, which has been sanctioned by the M.W.G.M., is the one to be worn by the special Stewards who were appointed to assist on that occasion.

Yours truly and fraternally,

(Signed), JOHN HEAVY, G.S.

Bro. W. Bristow, Jun., Prov. G. Sec. Worcestershire.

The following is extracted from the circular referred to:—

"The brethren present at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being impressed with the grandeur of the ceremony, many have desired to possess a jewel in commemoration of the occasion. This has induced — to design the jewel as per sketch.

"The well known plumes connect it with the event, and on the centre bar are introduced the words which are the watchwords of the Order—'Loyalty, Charity.' (Vide the speech of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.) The letters being in white enamel will, combined with the sky blue ribbon, form the Masonic charity colours—blue and white. On the reverse of the jewel is the inscription—'H.R.H. Prince of Wales, installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, 28th April, 1875.' The emblem in centre of star will be made to suit a W.M., P.M., Warden, or Master Mason, as desired. Jewel is size of engraving.

"Price: well gilt, 25s; treble gilt with 18-carat gold Masonic emblem, 30s; Hall marked silver, ditto, 42s. Cheques crossed 'Union of London.' P.O. Orders, General Post Office."

ELECTION OF PROV. G. MASTERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our Grand Master is elected yearly by the members of the G. Lodge: in private lodges the W.M. is elected yearly by the members of each lodge; and I want to know why Prov. G.M.'s are not elected yearly as well? This is one of those things Lord Dundreary would say, "No fella can understand." Can any brother tell me the reason why?

Yours, very fraternally,

AN OLD MASON.

[The Old Mason, begging his pardon, has not carefully read the Book of Constitutions. The Prov. Grand Masters are only emanations from, and representatives and nominees of the Grand Master. The Prov. Grand Lodge has no independent existence like the Grand Lodge, but is dependant on the life and good-will of the Prov. Grand Master.—Ed.]

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think it right and proper to inform you, and through you the Craft in general, that a dark-skinned individual, about forty-five to fifty years of age, with slightly greyish hair and grey beard, and evidently having negro blood in him; dressed in cloth cap, darkish brown coat, and shoes with several slits with a knife in the uppers, and calling himself George Washington Stanley, is going about begging, under the guise of being a Mason. He says he hails from No. 11, St. John's, Mother Virginia, United States. He has got hold of something, and has managed to impose on several brethren here through the carelessness

in examination. I happened to reside several years in the United States, and my opportunities gave me a facility in detecting such impostors, who are very numerous in America, and have to be closely guarded against, and in these very simple questions I detected him as an impostor. Other two begging Masons, probably of the same gang, closely followed him unsuccessfully. Brethren should be cautious in helping such vagrants.

Yours fraternally,
Perth, 11th July, 1875.

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.

How true is the saying, "that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Never has this been better exemplified than in the absurd denunciation by the Pope of Freemasonry and Freemasons. In his last letter to Bishop Dupanloup, he states "that Freemasons are waging a war on all sides against the Catholic Church, and overturning civil and religious order." He admits, however, "that this sect, long secret, has now unmasked itself, and, its nefarious character being known, all honest men must turn from it in horror."

What a relief for the world at large to know that Masonry is at last unmasked! so, of course, the worst is known! Pray, what is known? or what do the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, and Priests know of Masonry? Just nothing at all. It is that they know nothing that they suspect something; it is that they cannot obtain in confession the secrets of the Order that they are annoyed. No Mason will reveal them, but he will say they are open to all; perfectly free to every individual who wishes legitimately to know them; but he naturally prefers not to perjure himself by revealing them, and cui bono? A priest should be the last man in the world to endeavour to extract these secrets from a Mason, and even if known they could do no one any good outside Masonry.

Now the Pope says "the character of Masonry is nefarious," i.e., wicked in the extreme, abominable! detestable! and atrocious! Let us see. The principles of Freemasonry are brotherly love, relief, and truth, and in a society whose branches are spread over the four quarters of the earth, where millions range under its banners, surely the spread of such principles should merit a word of praise in lieu of unlimited censure. "Nefarious" would be a word better applied to those who condemn such a society; but as the Pope, believed by many to be infallible, says it is nefarious, we will enquire further.

Let the Pope and the outside world know that no lodge meeting opens or closes its proceedings without prayer. Is this abominable or nefarious? No religious or political discussion is permitted on any account within the lodge, but is positively forbidden. Is this detestable or nefarious? The main object of Freemasonry is charity; to provide comfortable homes for poor and aged Masons and their wives; to clothe and educate children of Masonic parents in a manner reflecting credit upon all connected therewith, and to alleviate distress wherever and whenever found to exist amongst Masons. Should the epithet nefarious be applied to such objects? and will not such words recoil on their authors?

Masonry is a grand and great brotherhood; its institutions are equally grand and noble, and, independently of never refusing aid to Masons of all nationalities in distress, no appeal of a national character in a national calamity is ever made but what finds a ready and willing response from Grand Lodge, on the ground that Masons must be more or less concerned, and that real charity blesses those who give as well as those who receive. We ask, therefore, whether doing these things should "strike honest men with horror," and be called "atrocious or nefarious?"

Would it not be more sensible for the Pope to consult some eminent Masons, or, better still, cause some leading Catholic priest to be made a Mason and then take his opinion—he knowing something about Masonry before condemning a society of which he, the Pope, is not a member, and about which he can absolutely know nothing? Let him do this before insulting so large and influential a body, ranking reigning monarchs as members of the Order, and open to all men, high and low, and of every creed believing in a Supreme Being.

The secrets disclosed would be no good to the outside world, while they serve a very useful purpose, and bind thousands together in a laudable undertaking, and no secret communication is binding on a Mason, "if contrary to the laws of God, or the ordinances of the realm," as they are at all times specially excepted; and Masons are also bound to observe and respect the laws of the land in which they reside. Such are the facts—let the Pope deny them if he can. Alas! for infallibility.

Surely in the nineteenth century it is high time that men should act for themselves, and not be led away with the epistolary nonsense of men ignorant of the rules and principles of a society they take upon themselves to condemn.

The Prince of Wales, England's future King, is now the Grand Master of the Order, and one-half of the nobility and gentry of England, including high dignitaries of the Church, are members thereof, and we ask if the character of Masonry be nefarious, and cause honest men to turn from it in horror, then what an awful state and condition must Masons be in. But how is it that, in spite of this state of things, the society is daily increasing and prospering, and that the Prince of Wales should have accepted the highest office, if "to overturn civil and religious order" is the object and ambition of Freemasonry? We pause for a reply, and throw back the baseless charges made, emphatically denying there is anything in Freemasonry contrary to the highest moral principles of truth and justice.

If Masonry is "unmasked," let us have the charges clearly made out against us, and the replies will utterly

annihilate the parties bringing them, and redound to the credit of an institution which, dating from time immemorial, will go on increasing in power and usefulness until time shall be no more.—H.W.S.

FREEMASONRY IN BOMBAY.

The regular meeting of Lodge Concord, No. 757, E.C., was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, Bombay, on Saturday, the 15th May, 1875. Present: Wor. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M. Bros. F. Burdett as S.W.; F. S. Llewellyn as J.W.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D.; J. E. Tyers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members: Wor. Bros. A. Edgington, J. May, J. Anderson, W. E. Craddock, W. W. Wilson, J. Weddle, C. Peters, &c. Visitors: Wor. Bros. W. H. Hussey, D.G.S.; W. H. Barrow, W. Fearn, C. Parker, J. W. Irvine, &c.

The lodge was opened with prayer at 6.40 p.m. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last meeting of the Permanent Committee were read and adopted.

The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Charles Peters was then examined as to his qualifications to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. All brethren below the rank of a M.M. were then requested to retire. Bro. Charles Peters was then entrusted and passed out.

The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Charles Peters was then duly admitted and raised to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Worshipful Master then delivered a lecture on the Third Tracing Board in a very able manner, and was warmly applauded. The working tools of a M.M. were then presented to Bro. C. Peters, and their uses explained by the W.M.

The lodge was then closed in the Third Degree and resumed in the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for Bro. James Calderwood as a joining member, and announced clear.

Acknowledgments of receipts for amounts voted to the Masonic Charity Fund, the Hussey Testimonial Fund, and the O'Brien Fund were read.

A letter was read from Bro. R. Sowden asking the lodge to communicate with Lodge Excelsior No. 1042, E.C., Leeds, England, asking them to confer on him the Second and Third Degrees, the dues for which are duly paid to Lodge Concord. The Wor. Master, W. C. Rowe, then said he would have much pleasure in seeing the needful done for Bro. Sowden. The Worshipful Master then stated that he had relieved a brother who had been obliged to come to Bombay from an out-station to attend one of the hospitals and was in want of assistance, so he had exercised his authority and given the said brother twenty rupees, as he was empowered to do by the bye-laws of the lodge, and he hoped it would meet with the approbation of the brethren. This was approved by all present.

The Wor. Master, W. C. Rowe, then proposed, and Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson, P.M., seconded, Bro. William Fearn, of Lodge Hope No. 350, S.C., as a joining member. Bro. J. H. Burrett then proposed, and Bro. J. Jones seconded, Mr. J. Wilkinson as a candidate for initiation.

The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree and resumed in the First Degree. There being no further business before the lodge it was closed with solemn prayer at 8.30 p.m.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

WELLINGTON, N.Z., APRIL 11.

We have no Masonic event of any magnitude to chronicle this month; indeed, in a country so sparsely settled as New Zealand such things, "like angels' visits, are few and far between;" still, there are a few items (collectively considered) of passing interest. To commence at home, we have the receipt by last mail of a charter for a second lodge in this city, under the E.C. It is I believe, as its name implies, to consist of members of the Civil Service, or mainly so. Bro. E. D. Butts, P.M., is the W.M. designate. The promoters have called a preliminary meeting respecting the opening, but as Bro. Butts is away as mail agent to San Francisco, I presume there will not be much done until his return.

The "reaper" has been busy among our Canterbury brethren of late. The funeral of Bro. A. A. Dobbs, P.M. of the Canterbury Lodge, 1048 E.C., took place on the 28th ult. There was a large attendance of brethren of his own lodge, as also from the St. Augustine, Christchurch, and Lodge Unanimity, Lyttleton. The R.W.D.D.G.M., Bro. Thompson, and several officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were present.

On the 5th inst. the Hon. J. C. Watts-Russell, District Grand Master of Canterbury, was interred in the same cemetery, by express desire of the family; there was no funeral cortege—a few personal friends of deceased met the hearse at the gate of the burial ground, and paid their last tribute of respect.

One other item from Canterbury of a more cheering aspect. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel is now on view at Bro. Proctor's establishment in Christchurch, for presentation by the members of Lodge Unanimity to Bro. W. Mills, collector of customs at the port of Lyttleton, previous to his departure from amongst them.

I observe the annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Westland, E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Revell-street, Hokitika, on the 23rd ult. Leave takings have been rather frequent among our Westland brethren lately, and at this meeting the resignations of two bre-

thren were received, viz.: Bro. G. W. Harvey, District Judge, who has long and efficiently filled the office of D.D.G.M., and Bro. Batham, Registrar of the Supreme Court, who has ably and zealously discharged the duties of District Grand Secretary. Many were the expressions of regret at losing these brethren; the important office of D.D.G.M. was conferred on Bro. J. Bevan, than whom no more able Craftsman could have been found to fill the distinguished position. Another appointment I note with pleasure, viz.: Bro. Rev. G. J. N. Watkins as D.G. Chaplain. The rev. bro. is at present W.M. of the Greymouth Lodge, 1233 E.C. He is a warm-hearted and zealous Mason, and the highest encomiums are passed on his working. The other appointments we will hope are satisfactory. After the ceremony of installation was concluded, the brethren adjourned to host Hudson's, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF WESTLAND.

The annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Westland, Freemasonry, E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Revell-street, South, on Tuesday evening, March 23rd, the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar, in the chair. Resignations were received from Bro. G. W. Harvey, of the office of D.D.G.M., in consequence of his departure for Otago, and in accepting the same, there was an unanimous expression of regret at losing the services of so esteemed a brother, also from Bro. Batham, who had left for Auckland, and high encomiums were passed on the efficient manner in which he had filled the office of District Grand Secretary, and regret felt at his removal. The following officers were then appointed, most of whom were present and installed:—Bros. J. Bevan, Q.W.D.D.G.M.; J. R. Hudson, W.D.G.S.W.; F. Eisfelder, W.D.G.J.W.; J. Bramwell, W.D.G. Registrar; Rev. W. N. Watkins, D.G. Chaplain; J. Williams, D.G. Treasurer; W. D. Banks, D.G. Secretary; W. P. Crawford, D.G.S.D.; W. Ramsay, D.G.J.D.; Charles Hill, D.G.S. Works; J. Dixon, D.G.D.C.; D. Davidson, D.G.S.; J. Gosson, D.G.O.; M. Pollock, D.G.P.; G. Beuning, J. P. Hains, R. Ferguson, J. Douglas, D. G. Stewards, G. Epping, D.G. Tyler. After the ceremony was concluded the brethren adjourned to host Hudson's, where a recherche collation was partaken of, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Obituary.

BRO. S. P. BRABNER.

Many will hear with regret of the death of Bro. Samuel P. Brabner, one of the Past Grand Officers of West Lancashire, and honorary solicitor to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which took place on Wednesday week under the most painful circumstances. Our deceased brother practised as a solicitor in Liverpool, and resided at Litherland Park, Litherland, about six miles out of town, and his death has caused the most profound sensation in Masonic and other circles. A few weeks ago Bro. Brabner was in the garden attached to his house, when he was suddenly attacked by a fox terrier dog, which bit him severely in both hands, but more especially in the left, which was frightfully torn and lacerated. He was shortly afterwards attended by Dr. Evans, and the usual remedies, to prevent serious consequences, were resorted to, the wounds being cauterised and dressed. So satisfactorily did the healing process go on, that Bro. Brabner himself treated the matter of little moment, and appeared somewhat astonished at the many expressions of sympathy and anxiety which were uttered by professional and other friends. On the 29th ult. Bro. Brabner, who was an officer in one of the Volunteer artillery corps, took part in some brigade movements in honour of the Queen's birthday, and he then appeared to be in his usual health. Before reaching home, however, he became very unwell, and afterwards, when liquid was offered him, he was unable to swallow it, and displayed all the symptoms which generally distinguish the earliest stages of hydrophobia. Two medical men were called in, and everything was done which skill could suggest to counteract the fearful malady, but in vain, as Bro. Brabner gradually grew worse, and expired at nine o'clock on the evening of Wednesday week. At the inquest on Thursday week, the jury returned a verdict of "Died from hydrophobia." The deceased, who was 50 years old, was buried in Sefton Churchyard on Monday afternoon, and the officers and members of the 1st L.A.V., of which deceased was captain, arranged that the funeral should take place with military honours. A number of Masonic brethren also expressed their intention of being present.

THE REVISION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.—The New Testament Company of Revisers assembled yesterday in the Jerusalem Chamber for their fifty-first session. The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol presided. The other members present were the Archbishop of Dublin, the Prolocutor, the Master of the Temple, Canon Kennedy, Canon Lightfoot, Prebendary Humphry, Prebendary Scrivener, Professor Eadie, Professor Moulton, Professor Milligan, Professor Newth, Professor Palmer, Professor Roberts, Dr. Brown, and Mr. Hort. The company proceeded with the revision of the fourteenth chapter of the Epistle to the Romans.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Health sweetens the pulses of life, renders existence happy, and imparts to the mind sound and sensible ideas; without health, riches or power are of little avail, for the capacity of enjoyment can never be perfect if pain or distress be present. This state of what we term "health," in its most perfect sense means a perfectly harmonious working, in accordance with nature's plan, of all the bodily functions, and when we consider how manifold and how complicated these functions are, it is not to be wondered at that deviations of one or other of them so often occur. These well-known and widely renowned remedies, *z.*, Holloway's Pills and Ointment, are the best restorers of deranged health extant.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 25, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey,
 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby,
 New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin,
 Preceptors.

MONDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord
 Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7;
 Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern,
 Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern,
 Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern,
 Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-
 end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship
 Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union
 Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey,
 Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan,
 Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1197), St. Saviour's Col-
 lege, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W.
 Lindus, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and
 Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria
 Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W.
 Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishops-
 gate-street.
 " 239, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon,
 Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Gros-
 venor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Vic-
 toria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8
 Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's
 Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8;
 Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward,
 Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern,
 Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather,
 P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores
 Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T.
 A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf
 Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey,
 P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Wind-
 mill-street, W.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road,
 at 7.30.
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper
 Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
 " 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court.
 " 1415, Campbell, Mire Hotel, Hampton Court.
 " 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, Wil-
 liam-st., Woolwich.
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.
 Red Cross Conclave, 15, St. Andrews, Regent Masonic Hall,
 68, Regent-st., W.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange,
 Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch
 Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom,
 Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Ab-
 church-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road,
 Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the
 Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at
 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury
 Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P.
 Dickinson, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park
 Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern,
 Albion-road, Dalston, E.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (218), the Grafton
 Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8;
 Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn-
 Street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End,
 Fulham.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
 Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 118, Northumberland, Grotto Hotel, Twicken-
 ham.
 Preceptory D, Mount Calvary, London Tavern, Bishops-
 gate-st.
 Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27) Hercules Tavern,
 Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel,
 Peckham Rye; W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-
 st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern,
 Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes,
 Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern,
 Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-
 end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate,
 Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-
 side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses,
 High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st.,
 Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of
 Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis
 and Macdonald, Preceptors.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe
 Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st.,
 Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354,
 Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Malham Hotel, Bal-
 ham, at 7.30.
 Uniops Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s,
 Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern,
 Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton,
 at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle
 Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of
 Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel,
 Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom,
 Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road,
 at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh,
 Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms,
 Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M.,
 Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion,
 Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-
 road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of
 Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Pre-
 ceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern,
 Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel,
 Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach
 Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J.
 Crawley, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Ma-
 sons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 26, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liver-
 pool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 1384, Equity, Walker's Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 " 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row,
 Chester, at 6.30.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, 11, Joppa, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall,
 Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall,
 Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
 " 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Orms-
 kirk, at 6.
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall,
 Liverpool, at 8.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North
 Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall,
 Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-
 lane, Liverpool, at 7.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.
For the Week ending Saturday, June 26, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 1030, Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton-Norris, at
 6.30.
 " 1170, St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester,
 at 6.
 Mark Lodge, 141, Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel,
 Ashton-under-Lyne, at 6.
 " 171, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham,
 at 7.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Lodge 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough,
 at 7.30.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge 210, Duke of Athol, Nottingham Castle Inn,
 Denton, at 6.
 " 266, Naphtali, Masonic Rooms, Heywood, at 7.
 " 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch,
 at 6.30.
 " 363, Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth, near Roch-
 dale, at 7.
 " 934, Merit, Church Inn, Whitefield, at 7.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

Lodge 78, Imperial George, Ashteton Arms, Middleton,
 at 6.
 " 215, Commerce, Commercial Inn, Haslingden, at
 7.
 " 269, Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn, at 7.
 " 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup, at 7.
 " 348, St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton, at 6.30.
 " 367, Probit and Freedom, Bull's Head Inn,
 Smallbridge, near Rochdale.
 " 935, Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.
 " 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton,
 at 6.

Chap. 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, at 6.30.
 " 286, Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup, at 7.
 Mark Lodge, 34, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Man-
 chester, at 6.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

Chap. 163, Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 26, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Caltons.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge 505, Burns, St. Mary's Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
 Red Cross Conclave, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.
 " 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
 " 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
 Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

Lodge 51, London Kilwinn, Black Bull Inn, New Milns.
 " 118, St. Bride's, Masonic Hall, Douglas.
 " 125, St. James's, Masons' Arms, Newton, Ayr.
 " 153, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Follkshaws.
 " 236, Wilsontown, St. John, Forth Inn, Carnwarth.
 " 347, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.
 Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 305, St. John's Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holy-
 town.
 Chap. 143, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 26, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-st.
 Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL.

BURY.—**LODGE OF RELIEF (No. 42).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Bury, when there was a good attendance. Among those present were Bros. Edmund Eccles, W.M.; Alfred Buckley, S.W.; Joseph Skerrett, J.W.; Thomas Carter, S.D.; Thos. Barker, J.D.; Samuel Mosley, I.G.; Edmund Simpkin, Treas.; J. Thorman, Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Fred Anderton, P. Prov. G.S.B (E.L.); Harry Grundy, and J. W. Kenyon. Visitors—Bros. John Grime, P.M. 128; Henry Taylor, J.W. 286 (Bacup); Thomas Nuttall, 1012; Robert Hall, 1392; and T. Owen, (Manchester) Union of Colorado, 7, U.S. The lodge having been duly opened, an advance was made to the Second Degree for the purpose of passing Bros. J. Redfern (son of late Bro. J. S. Redfern, P.M. 42, and P. Prov. G.P., E.L.), and William Hewitson (reporter *Bury Times*) to the status of Fellow Craft. The interrogative preliminaries were satisfactorily accomplished, and the two Entered Apprentices were duly approved of and invested, and raised to Second Degree honours by Bro. Harry Grundy, I.P.M. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Andrew Hagerty (governor at Bury Union Workhouse) was passed to the sublime degree of Master Mason, by visiting Bro. John Grime, by whom the ceremony was performed with the masterliness of one thoroughly au fait in Masonic rites and ritual. The ceremonial talents of Bro. Grime were displayed to such advantage that they cannot fail to stir up to active emulation such brethren of the lodge as may have been resting on their oars in the matter of instructional aptitude. On the lodge being closed to the First Degree again, the Worshipful Master suggested the propriety of a subscription list being opened for the purpose of procuring contributions from the brethren of that and other lodges in the town, for the erection of a memorial stone over Bro. J. S. Redfern's grave at All Saints' Churchyard. Bro. Redfern, he said, had been connected with that lodge over forty years; he had been the W.M. for five years; for many a long year he had acted as their Installing Master, and never so much as a single present had been given him for his labours. Seeing that they had not had the pleasure of doing anything in that respect during his lifetime, he (the W.M.) thought it would be only a seemly and graceful act on their part to place a memorial stone over his mortal remains, thus, at any rate, testifying that they held his memory green. Bro. Fred Anderton said he was glad indeed that the W.M. had made this suggestion to the lodge. He, for one, deeply deplored the death of Bro. Redfern, by whom he was initiated and raised in Masonic mysteries, and whom for many years he had had the great pleasure of meeting, not only as a Mason, but as a man. He was sure every brother present deeply felt the very melancholy position in which they were placed that night, in seeing the pedestals of the lodge draped in black to commemorate Bro. Redfern's untimely end. But although he had been taken from that lodge, they were not without a fervent hope that he had been transferred to that Grand Lodge above where the Great Master of the Universe had unbroken reign. Those of them who were present a month ago—when he initiated Bro. Hewitson and his own son, and when, at the after-lodge repast, he expressed so warmly the delight it had given him to have lived to see his son enter the Masonic ranks—little recked that they should now be discussing the subject of a memorial stone for his grave. He (Bro. Anderton) begged to move that a subscription list be opened as suggested by the W.M., and that a letter of condolence be prepared and forwarded on behalf of the lodge to Bro. Redfern's sorrowing widow and children. Bro. J. W. Kenyon seconded the motion, and was unanimously passed. On the motion of Bro. Samuel Mosley (whose remarks on the great central principle of the brotherhood did credit to his heart as well as his head), it was unanimously resolved that a sum of £10 be given to the young widow of Bro. H—, and that Bros. Anderton and Kenyon investigate the case of the widow of Bro. B—, (P.M.), with a view of ascertaining the most suitable plan of dealing with the necessities

of herself and children. Mr. Joseph Burrow, tailor and outfitter, was proposed by Bro. Anderton for initiation next month. The lodge was closed down at 9.30, and the brethren afterwards partook of supper together, the W.M. occupying the chair. Loyal and Craft toasts were afterwards given. "The Health of the Newly-raised Brother" was proposed by Bro. Simpkin, while that of the F.C. was toasted by Bro. Kenyon, at whose call the brethren also honoured in solemn silence a toast to the memory of the late Bro. Redfern.

BURY.—**PRINCE EDWIN LODGE (No. 128).**—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the house of Bro. E. Whitham, the Bridge Inn, on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst. There were present among others, Bros. Warwick Wood, W.M.; W. S. Barlow, S.W.; Jos. Senior, J.W.; Samuel Wood (for Bro. E. Robinson, S.D.); Thomas Ramsbottom, junr, J.D.; John Loftus, Chaplain; Joseph Wolstenholme, I.G.; Wright Greenhalgh, Tyler; Thomas Ramsbottom, sen., Sec.; Thomas Wood, Treas.; Past Masters Bros. Jonathan Davenport, John Grime, William Halstead, Charles Wood, John Clegg, Samuel Wood, John Holt, Thomas Wood, and others. Visitors: Bros. Samuel Mosley, I.G. 42; J. Hopkinson, 1392; Thomas Sedgwick, 42; Harry Woodcock, 1012; John Olive, 1392, and others. Mr. John Pilling and Mr. Thomas Tattersall, having obtained an affirmative ballot, were duly introduced to the initiating mysteries of Masonry by the W.M., than whom the district has no abler ceremonial expositor of Craft obligations. Mr. Samuel Wrigley, contractor, was proposed for initiation at next meeting. The lodge was in First Degree throughout, and closed down at about half-past nine o'clock.

IPSWICH.—**BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).**—At the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 17th inst., the Feast of Roses was celebrated in accordance with ancient usage, and with the customary success which attends the hospitable efforts of this old lodge. We are unable to discover the origin of the Feast of Roses—the oldest members of the lodge (which was founded in 1762) remember it as an old custom when they joined or were initiated, but know no more about it than your correspondent. It may have had some remote connection with the Rose Croix Degree, which was probably worked in the Prudence Preceptory of Knight Templars, H.R.D.M., K.D.S.H., founded by members of the British Union and Perfect Friendship Lodges, we believe, in 1810. In the old Templar Preceptories, the Rose Croix or Rose Crusis Degree was worked prior to the establishment of the Supreme Council 33° A., and a rite in this country in 1845 or 1846. At that time or soon after, perhaps in 1856, the control over these degrees was handed over to the Supreme Council; but all preceptories in existence prior to 1791, when Grand Conclave, or as it is now called Great Priory, was first constituted, have still the power of conferring these degrees, and, as in the case of the Baldwin Bristol (time immemorial), they still exercise it. Rose Croix Masons of course know all about the symbolism of the rose; to others we need only say that the flower is essentially a Masonic one, and the common but ancient phrase "under the rose," used when anything is told or done which is secret, shows the appositeness of the figure as connected with things Masonic. However, we are travelling far from what we intended—to report the British Union summer festival. There were present on this occasion Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; W. Boby, P.S.G.W.; S. Wright, acting S.W.; S. Schulen, P.P.G.D.C., acting J.W.; W. Spalding, P.M. Sec.; Emma Holmes, P.P.G. Reg., M.C.; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D.; C. Long, P.G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; J. E. Taylor, F.L.S., F.G.S. &c. &c., J. Casley, Booth, Fosdick, G. Elliston, and a large number of members of the lodge. Visiting brethren: W. Cobb, W.M., and T. J. Ralling, Secretary of the Angel Lodge, Colchester; Bros. J. H. Bevan, W.M., Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, Bury, 1008; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C., W.M., and Bro. Rankin, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, 959; J. H. Staddon, P.P.S.G.D., S.W. (acting for the W.M. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, who was unfortunately absent on account of domestic affection), and Dr. Mills, P. Prov. S.G.W., of the same lodge; Rev. J. J. Farnham, P.D.S.G.W. Bombay, of the Phoenix Lodge, Stowmarket; J. Jobson, S.W., of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225; G. G. Sampson, late a member of No. 114, &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge confirmed, Bros. Fraser and Shortridge were severally passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the lodge being opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Lodge being then resumed in the First Degree, Mr. Harry Ribbans, who had previously been ballotted for, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, Bro. Sanderson very ably performing the ceremony, and Bro. Schulen delivering the beautiful charge in an impressive manner. Bro. Dr. Wm. Elliston was unanimously accepted as a joining member. The Secretary read a letter he had received from Bro. the Rev. J. J. Farnham, as follows:—"Westhorpe Rectory, Stowmarket, 11th June, 1875. Dear Sir and Brother,—You will perceive by the enclosed that I am undertaking the work of restoring the beautiful church of this parish. In this work I shall require all the sympathy I can elicit, and all the help I can procure from every quarter. Knowing how ready our brother Masons are in every good work, and how nobly they have helped in the work of church restoration at Bristol and Gloucester, and in other places, it has occurred to me to invite their co-operation in my present work. What I would like would be that the whole body of the Masons of Suffolk should combine to do some definite part of the work, so that in all time it might be pointed out as their work. It is not for me to dictate as to what part of the work, but I would suggest one or more of the following:—1. A pulpit, prayer desk, and lectern. 2. The chancel furniture. 3. The

fitting up of the baptistry, which is to be enclosed by a very handsome carved screen of fourteenth century work, to be removed from the east to the west end of the south aisle. 4. An organ. Personally I should prefer the pulpit, &c. Aided by our architect, I have designed a carved oak pulpit, the probable cost of which will be about £60, and it would be a great gratification to me if this could be presented by my brethren in the Craft. These old churches were, doubtless, built by our brethren in Masonry in olden times, and it is a fitting mark of respect to them that we, their successors in the present day, should help to rescue their work from ruin and decay. May I, therefore, invite the Suffolk Masons to consider the subject in their several lodges, chapters, &c., and to forward such contributions as they may see fit to give, with their opinion as to what part of the work it should be devoted to. The brethren at Stowmarket, at Bury, at Aldborough, and some of the Masonic bodies at Ipswich, have already expressed their readiness and anxiety to help, and Lord Waveney, the Provincial Grand Master, though he is not prepared to give his official sanction to the scheme, quite sympathises with it. Bro. S. H. Wright, P.M., and Secretary of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 516, Stowmarket, has consented to act as Secretary and Treasurer to the Masonic Auxiliary of the Westhorpe Church Restoration Fund. All Masonic subscriptions and communications should therefore be sent to him. I believe your lodge meets on Thursday next, the 17th inst., and I purpose then visiting you if you will receive me, about which I have no doubt. Then, if the brethren approve my proposals, I will furnish any brother whom they may approve with a collecting-book, and so leave the matter in their hands. With fraternal regards, I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully, J. J. FARNHAM, 201; P.M. 757, 1062; S.W. 516; P.Z. 757; P.M. Mark Lodge 90; Past Commander Mount Zion Encampment; Past District S.G.W. and Past Deputy Prov. G. Commander Bombay. To the W.M. British Union Lodge, No. 114." Bro. Farnham supplemented the letter by a few remarks on the subject contained therein, and spoke of the promises of support he had received from the brethren of the lodges he had visited. Lord Waveney, the P.G.M., had expressed his approval of the scheme, though he could not give it his official sanction. He had with him a printed circular about Westhorpe Church; and any brother might have one. The business before the meeting having been disposed of, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren repaired to the dining hall, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Geo. Spalding, which would have done credit to many a famous hostelry we could name; though we must admit the waiting was not what it should be. Upwards of thirty sat down, and the W.M. presided, and ample justice was done to the viands. The table was covered with roses; each brother was expected to wear one. Four large frames of these beautiful flowers, with Masonic devices upon them, were fastened upon the walls; the designs were perhaps not very clear, but the roses were lovely. Behind the cross table at the head of the room was a large stand of hothouse plants, and placed by them were the banners of the British Union, Perfect Friendship, and St. Luke's Lodges, the handsome sky-blue banner of the Prince of Wales' Lodge (of which by the way H.R.H. is an honorary member) standing behind the chair of the S.W. Even the great stone mantel-piece, with its Masonic emblems carved upon it, was covered with the rarest and most beautiful roses; and, as may be supposed, the coup d'œil, with the brethren in full Masonic Craft costume, the brilliant lights, the exquisite flowers, the coloured glass, the glittering jewels, was very effective, and a sight not likely to be forgotten by those who saw it for the first time. The brethren were chiefly indebted to Bros. Rev. J. J. Farnham, of Westhorpe Rectory, Rev. J. B. Tweed, Rector of Capel St. Mary, and Bros. Cornell and Boby for the flowers, and for the tasteful decoration of the banquetting room to the two latter zealous brethren, whose efforts were certainly very much appreciated and we trust thus rewarded. It was hoped that Bro. Monckton, and P. de Lande Long, President and Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. Dr. Barton, P.P.G.M., Western India, who are all members of the lodge, would have been present on the occasion, and much regret was expressed at their absence, which we believe was unavoidable. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given, the brethren responding with due loyalty to "The Queen and Craft," and Bro. Miller singing the "National Anthem" with due effect,—the brethren assisting in the chorus with a heartiness which would have staggered some of our Roman Catholics who think we are all Atheists and Republicans. In the course of the evening our musical brother also gave the famous "Jaunting Car;" Bro. J. E. Taylor sang "John Anderson, my Jo;" Bro. Emma Holmes gave Thackeray's funny ballad "The Three Sailors of Bristol City;" and Bro. Sanderson recited the clever piece yelet "The Pipe" in a very telling and clever manner. Had we not already exceeded the space at our disposal we should have liked to have taken some note of the speeches given on the occasion. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.G.M.," expressed a wish, which was echoed by the brethren, that he would come more amongst them. "The Health of the venerable D.P.G.M." was very cordially given and responded to, and Pro. Lockwood, in acknowledging the toast, spoke with much feeling as to his own shortcomings and the infirmities of age, which must preclude him in the future from taking that active part in the ceremonies, for the reform of which he had so long striven. He afterwards proposed the W.M., Bro. George, who pleasantly and modestly replied. To the toast of the evening—"The Visitors"—there were many to reply, Brother Sampson (the father of the British Union, as the W.M. styled him) responding for the Masons of the Past, Brother Sanderson, the Masons of the Present, and Brother Bevan, the Masons of the Future. Brother Ribbans, in

responding to the toast of "The Initiate," remarked that he had read and heard much about Masonry, but the ceremony of that evening had far exceeded his expectations. As he understood Masonry, it preached universal charity, without regard to distinctions of race, clime, politics, or religion, and as such he must admire it. Brother Bobby also made one of those genial, pleasant little speeches for which he is famous. And the Secretary's toast, and the Entered Apprentices' song having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close; and the brethren separated, after spending a most agreeable social hour.

IPSWICH.—**St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).**—We paid a visit to this old lodge (now approaching its centenary) on the 2nd inst., by the kind invitation of the Acting Master, Bro. J. Turner, and have much pleasure in testifying to the prosperity and excellent working of the lodge. We fancy St. Luke's has a history, if only any Masonic brother could devote the time to write it. Perhaps, some day we may essay it, but for the present we can only say that it is amongst the most successful in point of numbers in the multitude of initiations, and in possessing several really earnest workers in the Royal Art, who seem to be at least heart and soul in Masonry. The lodge is at present under the ruling of Bro. W. J. Jobson, S.W., through the deeply lamented and sudden death of Bro. S. B. King, who, as our readers will remember, died in lodge immediately after being installed in the chair of King Solomon. By the way, when the S.W. rules the lodge, he should leave his chair, and sit in the E., not in, but below the W.M.'s chair, which should remain empty. He should do all the routine business, but should call on some P.M. to perform the ceremonies, unless he has himself passed the chair, in which case he could, of course, initiate, pass, and raise himself. On this occasion the W.M.'s chair was occupied by Bro. J. Turner, who performed all the ceremonies in a manner which did him great credit. He was ably supported by most of his officers, Bro. W. T. Westgate, P.P.G.D.C., as M.C., being, of course, noticeably prominent and giving the working tools in each degree with the accompanying explanation in a way all his own. The following were present:—Bros. Whitehead, P.M., as I.P.M.; A. Barber, Secretary; C. Hillyard, J.D.; Taylor, S.D.; C. Byford, Fiddaman, &c., &c. Visiting Bros. Revd. J. J. Farnham, P.P.S.G.W., Bombay, and Emma Holmes, P.P.G.D.C. The lodge having been opened in ancient form, the minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Mizen and Bell were examined, and obligated, and passed as F.C.'s, the lodge having been opened in that degree. Lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and Mr. W. G. Cunliffe, builder, was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, and the lodge was subsequently opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Parsons was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. As the meeting was not held till eight o'clock, it may easily be surmised that when the lodge was closed finally there was but scant time allowed for refreshment. We, ourselves, left long before that, but we would venture to suggest to our friends of the Mariners' Lodge as it is called, from the large numbers of masters of vessels who are initiated in it, that so long as they meet in the excellent lodge-room attached to the Coach and Horses Hotel, and so long as the Bruce Laws remain in force, the lodges should commence work earlier, or less work should be done. The St. Luke's Lodge is Life Governor of the three institutions, and well deserves the success which attends the efforts of its successive rulers.

MARYPORT.—**LODGE PERSEVERANCE (No. 371).**—The brethren of this lodge held the festival of St. John the Baptist, for the installation of Bro. the Rev. W. Beeby, W.M. elect, on Tuesday last. There was a large muster of members belonging to the Maryport Lodge, and deputations were also present from Lodges Sun, Square, and Compasses 119, Whitehaven; St. John's, 327; Wigton; Sun and Sector, 972, Workington; Skiddaw, 1002, Cockermouth, &c. The following is a complete list of those present:—James Gardiner, I.P.M.; W. Armstrong, P.M. Treas. and P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. R. Banks, Sec.; John Crerar, S.D.; W. Walker, I.G.; W. Martin, T.; J. Nicholson, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; Andrew Walter, P.M.; William Beeby, A.P.G.C.; Joseph Abbott, R. G. Harris, P. Martin, T. Smith, P.P.G.O.; W. Thompson, T. Cowen, J. H. Banks, G. M. Tickle, J. Hutchinson, T. Fulton, T. Carey, D. Bell, —Jenes, T. Wedgewood, T. Milburn, G. Goodall, B. Kendal, J. M. Gill, W. Skelton, J. W. Robinson, T. Mandle, M. Wilson, R. Faulder, J. Kendal, G. Brown, T. A. Melmore, J. Elliot (371, Maryport); J. Porter, P.M. 327, P.G.S.W.; J. Lemon, P.M. 327, and P.G. Treasurer; T. M'Mechan, W.M. 327; E. Atter, P.M. 119, P.G.P.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Secretary; Geo. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.B.; William White, P.M. 119, and P.G.S.D.; F. W. Wicks, Chaplain, 119, and P.G.C.; William Alsop, S.W. 119, P.P.G.P.; E. Tyson, J.W. 119; J. Rothery, S.D. 119; P. Wedgewood, 962; J. Robinson, 177; W. Lamony, W.M. 1002; R. Robinson, P.M. 1002, and P.P.G.J.D.; W. H. Leuthwaite, P.M. 1002, and P.G.S.; R. Bailey, 1002; S. Thwaite, 1002; E. M. Rice, 1002; W. Potts, Tyler, 1002; A. Walters, P.M. 371. The Installing Master was Brother G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, Whitehaven, P.P.G.J.W., assisted by Brother W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Secretary. The Board of Installed Masters, in addition to the principals, was unusually strong, and was composed as follows:—E. Atter, W.M. 119, P.G.P.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.B.; W. White, P.M. 119; J. Lemon, P.M. 327, P.G. Treasurer; J. Porter, P.M. 327, P.G.S.W. The beautiful ceremony of installation was never more efficiently performed by Brother Kenworthy during the eight or nine occasions he has performed the duty at Lodge of Perseverance, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him, and also to Brother Gibson, who ably assisted him, before the lodge was closed for their services on the occasion.

Bro. Smith, P.G.O., presided at the organ, and performed during the ceremony, in his usual masterly style, some beautiful selections, including marches from "Eli," by Sir Michael Costa. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Tickle, I.P.M.; J. R. Banks, S.W.; Crerar, J.W.; Joseph Nicholson, Treas.; I. Hutchinson, Sec.; T. Carey, S.D.; J. Harris, J.D.; J. Fulton, I.G.; J. Smith, Organist; T. H. Banks, Tyler. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. G. M. Tickle apologised for the unavoidable absence of his brother (Bro. W. H. Tickle, the Immediate Past Master, who some months ago left Maryport, having accepted a professional appointment in the south), during which time his position as W.M. of the lodge had been filled by Bro. Gardiner. Business being concluded, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren repaired to the Golden Lion Hotel, where, through the kindness of the newly-installed Master, a substantial repast awaited them. The chair was occupied by Bro. Beeby, W.M., supported right and left by Bros. Gibson, Kenworthy, Barr, White, Wicks, Porter, Atter, Gardiner, Armstrong, &c., the vice-chairs being occupied respectively by the newly-appointed Wardens, Bros. Banks, and Crerar. After ample justice had been done to the good things so creditably provided by the worthy host and hostess of the Lion (Bro. and Mrs. Tucker), the Chairman, in appropriate terms, proposed in succession "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which were duly honoured, the reference made by the Chairman to the able manner in which his Royal Highness discharged the duties devolving upon him on the occasion of his installation as Grand Master, and to the impressions which that ceremony had made upon him (the Chairman) as one who witnessed it, being warmly received. The Chairman next proposed "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon," also alluding to the zeal and devotion with which his lordship had discharged his duties on the same memorable occasion referred to in the previous toast, as well as to the fidelity and earnestness which had always marked his connexion with Masonry; the more so, if that were possible, since they were deserted by their late chief, the Marquis of Ripon. The toast was cordially received, as was also that of "The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," proposed by Brother Lemon. Brother Gibson, P.G.S., in a neat speech, proposed "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective." He remarked that, being P.G.S., he had special opportunity of observing the great interest which their Provincial Grand Master took in Freemasonry, and particularly in the progress of the Order in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland. A more earnest and devoted Mason there was not to be found in any province. The cordial manner in which his lordship had always met the brotherhood upon the floor of a Mason's lodge, showing no difference towards the humblest of them, notwithstanding his own high rank, proved him to be a true Mason, and, added to the able manner in which he had discharged his public duties as their Provincial Grand Master, had endeared him to the hearts of all. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. Bro. Crerar proposed "The Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," which was duly honoured, and appropriately responded to by Bros. Porter, Lemon, and Wicks. Bro. Kenworthy proposed "The Worshipful Master and present Officers of 371," which was warmly received, and duly responded to by the Chairman, Bro. Banks, S.W.; Bro. Crerar, J.W., &c. Bro. Atter, in an effective speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was duly honoured. Bro. Armstrong proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was cordially drunk, and responded to by Bros. Atter, Gibson, Kenworthy, Tyson, and Alsop (119, Whitehaven), and Bro. Lamony (1002, Cockermouth). Bro. Gibson proposed "The Health of Bro. Nicholson," the oldest Mason in Maryport, and one who, years ago, when the Order was struggling against trials and difficulties of no ordinary kind, had manfully stood to his post, to which circumstance the Maryport Lodge owed much of its present prosperity. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. Bro. Nicholson, who was received with marked expressions of goodwill, in responding, stated, as an instance of the spread of Freemasonry in Cumberland, that thirty years ago the Lodge of Perseverance could not muster sufficient brethren to form a lodge, and as a consequence was dormant for some considerable time, while a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held about the same time, was only attended by seven members; whereas now there were eighteen lodges in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland, numbering altogether 1,000 members. The Chairman, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. H. Tickle, and the Past Masters of 371," which was warmly received, and duly acknowledged by the Past Masters present. The toast "All poor and distressed Masons," &c., having been drunk, the proceedings terminated, the brethren having enjoyed a very pleasant re-union. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the singing of several songs, Bro. Smith, P.P.G.O., ably accompanying on the pianoforte.

LIVERPOOL.—**EVERTON LODGE (No. 823).**—At the monthly meeting of this numerously supported lodge, held on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Thomas Shaw, S.W., was unanimously elected the W.M. for the ensuing year by the votes of seventy-nine brethren who were present.

WALTHAM CROSS.—**GRESHAM LODGE (869).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the "Four Swans" Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Saturday, the 12th inst. There was a full attendance of the Past Masters and

brethren, presided over by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Copestick, Prov. G. Steward, Herts. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. John C. Wylie, John R. Dickie, and Walter E. Gompertz, jun., were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being very impressively performed by the W.M. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. W. E. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts, acting as installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. Allan C. Wylie, was presented by the I.P.M. After the ancient charges were given and assented to, a board of installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Wylie was placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, and saluted. The installing Master then gave the charges in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. E. Grocott, S.W.; W. H. Etherington, J.W.; Rev. Charles E. Mayo, M.A., Chaplain; F. D. R. Copestick, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas.; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Sec.; E. G. Pottle, S.D.; T. C. Chapman, J.D.; Thos. Stephens, I.G.; T. Perry, D.C.; J. C. Wylie, Organist; G. C. Marchant and C. B. Cheese, Stewards; and Gilchrist, Tyler. The W.M. then in a feeling and impressive manner presented the I.P.M. with a handsome jewel, manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, which was suitably acknowledged. The Secretary completed some routine business, and the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren retiring to a recherche banquet, ably presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, and some capital songs enlivened a very enjoyable evening; the Tyler's toast being called at nine o'clock, when the brethren returned to town. Amongst the visitors we observed Bros. G. Bigley, Treas. Royal Standard, 1298; G. Allison, Royal Standard, 1298; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; A. Knox, P.M. Capper, 1076; Chas. Arkell, J.W., Lion and Lamb, 192; John Thos. Dalby, W.M. Peckham, 1475; Morrison, Faith, 141; Pond, 557; Windsor, Kent, 15; G. Cordwell, G. Reg. Middlesex; McDougall, P.M. Fidelity, 3; Carter, W.M. St. Michael's, 211, &c.

BURY.—**PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 1012).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Derby Hotel, on the evening of Thursday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Henry Heys, P.M., of Ramsbottom, in the chair. The brethren met under peculiarly solemn circumstances, a yachting accident off Fleetwood on the 20th ult. having deprived them at one stroke both of their W.M. and S.D., Bros. R. W. O'Neil and Richard Battersby. The depressing influence of this sad calamity on the brethren in lodge assembled will be easily understood. On the motion of Bro. Heys, seconded by Bro. William Handley, P.M., it was resolved that letters of condolence be written by Bro. H. Maiden, Secretary, P. Prov. G.S.B., on behalf of the lodge, to the bereaved families of late Bros. O'Neil and Battersby. It was not considered fitting to engage in any other business, and the lodge was at once closed. No tidings have yet come to hand respecting Bro. Battersby's body, and its recovery is now almost out of question, the probability being that it has been swept away into the Irish Channel.

WEST MALLING.—**MALLING ABBEY LODGE (No. 1063).**—This lodge held its installation meeting on the 16th inst., at the Bear Inn, West Malling. Bro. John Savage, P.G.S.D., who has installed Masters in the Malling Lodge on two previous occasions, performed the ceremony on this occasion. The lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock by Bro. John Hodgson, W.M., who shortly afterwards handed his emblem of power to Bro. Savage to conduct the necessary formalities. Bro. Savage having installed Bro. George Frederick Busbridge, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the W.M. chair before a Board of Installed Masters, fifteen in number, lodge was called off, and the best wishes of the Installed Masters and the heartiest congratulations were offered to the new W.M. On the resumption of labour the brethren were admitted, and the customary formula having been observed, the offices of the lodge were bestowed upon Bro. Frederick Spencer, who received the appointment of S.W.; Bro. Douglas Akers, J.W.; Bro. the Rev. J. H. Timins, Vicar of Malling, Chaplain; Bro. the Hon. Ralph Nevill, Treas.; Bro. W. Page, Prov. G.J.W., P.M. Sec.; Bro. E. B. Smith, S.D.; Bro. E. M. Owens, J.D.; Bro. F. C. May, I.G.; Bro. A. Joslen, Org.; Bro. Friend, D.C.; Bro. Fox, W.S.; and Bro. Pointer, Tyler. In investing Bro. Page with the Secretary's collar and jewel, the brethren cheering the act, the W.M. said—"That expression of feeling on the part of the lodge is only a shadow of what I feel myself in investing you with the collar of Secretary. I cannot forget that you were the first W.M. of the lodge, and that ever since then you have been one of its main supports. Consequently I feel great pleasure in appointing you as my Secretary." Bro. Savage, after the appointment and investiture of the officers, delivered the charges, and concluded the ceremony. The W.M., addressing the brethren, said that before he closed the lodge there was an important piece of labour to get through, but it was labour and refreshment combined. The labour he alluded to was recollecting and recognising the services of a past officer, who was no less a person than their immediate Past Master, Bro. Hodgson. It had been determined by a few of the brethren of the Malling Abbey Lodge that they should recognise his services by asking him to accept from them a slight token of their appreciation. As Master of the lodge, he had much pleasure in being the medium through which it was presented. It consisted of a P.M.'s jewel, and in fastening it on Bro. Hodgson's breast he felt great gratification. Bro. Hodgson had passed this, his year of office, very creditably, and deserved this little testimonial. It would not be right that his services should be unrewarded, and the brethren felt this so strongly that they begged his acceptance of a P.M. jewel. He (the W.M.) had one request to make of Bro. Hodgson, that whenever he saw the jewel, and whenever he wore it, he would remember that it conveyed the respect, esteem, and regard of his Malling Abbey brethren.

These expressions, although inadequately conveyed, were sincere. (Cheers.) Bro. Hodgson thanked the W.M. and brethren, and said he had been almost taken by surprise in being asked to accept this mark of approval, but he accepted it with real pleasure. He had had a very interesting year of office. The lodge had had a good deal of work. He hoped that that work would be continued by Bro. Busbridge, and that they would have successful years in the future, as they had had in the past. No effort on his part should be wanting to promote that success. Bro. Hodgson then proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. John Savage for coming down from London to instal the W.M. The performance of that ceremony had given the brethren great delight; it was always performed so admirably as almost to induce the brethren to become Installing Masters themselves. (Hear, hear, from Bro. Savage.) Bro. Walter Monckton seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously. Bro. Savage acknowledged the compliment paid him, but he did not need any vote of thanks. He knew the kind feeling the brethren entertained towards him, and he could say with perfect truth that he was happy to come again among the brethren of Kent. It was only occasionally now that he accepted these invitations. For some years past he had been obliged to curtail his visits in order not to be away from home. But he always felt peculiar pleasure in coming into Kent. He did not know any place he was so much attached to, partly he supposed from early associations derived from visiting Maidstone some years ago. Prior to that however he had imbibed considerable love for the province of Kent; he would not say why or when, because it would be taking up too much time, though they would be only pleasing reminiscences extending over very little short of thirty years. It was therefore with very great pleasure that two years ago he accepted an invitation to come and instal Bro. Wright, and the next year Bro. Hodgson. He had equal pleasure in installing Bro. Busbridge. It was no trouble, and did not need thanks. It had been only a labour of love. The kind countenances of the brethren were sufficient thanks, for they indicated that the brethren were pleased with what he had done. As the two former years his visit had been a very pleasant one, so this was another added to the number, another of the red-letter days which occurred in the year—only occasionally—but when they did occur were gratifying to him, and he was pleased to find, were gratifying to the brethren before him. Hearty good wishes from all the lodges represented at the meeting having been expressed, the W.M. said he felt them deeply, but which he could not see that he deserved. He would however endeavour to do so. He appreciated them none the less; and if on other occasions—and he trusted there might be many—he had the pleasure of meeting the brethren he prayed there might be the same good feeling; if altered at all, let it be enhanced and increased, which he thought was true Masonic feeling. Bro. Hodgson said he regretted that before he left the chair he had not had an opportunity of performing a very pleasing duty. It was one almost of a personal character; yet he felt it would be more gratifying to the brother towards whom it was to be performed, if he did it in open lodge. During the past year, he, as W.M., had had several initiations, and without the assistance of Bro. Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Secretary, who was now present, he would never have been able to perform those ceremonies which belonged to the office of Master. Therefore he thought he ought not to allow those services to pass unrecognised. He regretted that Bro. Spencer was unable to be present at the opening of the lodge, because he (Bro. Hodgson) had intended to take that opportunity of recognising the services which had been of the greatest possible use to him during his year of office. He could assure the brethren that in Bro. Spencer he had found the greatest friend possible, because he had never gone to Bro. Spencer to ask him to perform any ceremony or do any duty for him without having met with a ready compliance with his request. He would present Bro. Spencer with a Past Master's jewel, which he had with him, and he begged that Bro. Spencer would accept it as a gift made to him publicly, in acknowledgment of the many services he had performed for the W.M. Bro. Hodgson then invested Bro. Alfred Spencer with a massive 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel of great value, and Bro. Spencer, in thanking Bro. Hodgson, said that there was an adage to the effect that joys that came unexpectedly were the more pleasant, and he was sure the pleasure he now experienced in receiving from the I.P.M. the jewel he had just placed on his breast surpassed any expression he was able to give to his feelings. But for the kind expressions which Bro. Hodgson had made use of in presenting the jewel he sincerely thanked him. He had always felt a deep interest in the Malling Abbey Lodge, it being his mother lodge, and he should always do what was in his power to advance its welfare. This concluded the business of the lodge, and while the banquet was being prepared the W.M. entertained all the brethren at his beautiful seat at West Malling. The following is a complete list of the brethren: G. F. Busbridge, W.M., John Hodgson, P.M., Walter Monckton, P.M., P.G.S.D., Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Secretary, Wm. Page, P.M., Prov. G. J.W., Rev. Thomas Robinson, Vicar of Chart Sutton, Prov. G. S.W., Rev. J. H. Timins, Vicar of Malling, P.G. J.W., John Savage, P.G.D., Geo. Langridge, P.M., Tonbridge Wells, Frank Green, W.M., 1445; T. M. Riggs, Sheerness, P.M. 1089, Prov. G. Reg., R. G. Pike, Maidstone, 503, H. Massey (*Freemason*), R. Cloutt, John Swinfen, 503, F. Spencer, T. W. Festing, W. Jt. Aubyn, 281, F. J. C. May, B. Worton, R. Pointer, C. Carnell, A. Joslen, C. Fox, J. Lancaster Lucas, No. 101, S.P., Hon. Col. Eden, 460, Edwin B. Smith, E. M. Owens, M. A. Paddon, W. Hawtin, 1287, H. Garrod, P.M., 177, 749, G. L. Matthams, 276, W. B. Pawley, 1414, H. H. Sutton, 1414, S. B. Potter, 1414, Stamford Young, 1414, W. Whitehead, 1414, and W. Hilder, jun., 1414.

The brethren, in the course of an hour afterwards, returned to the Bear Inn, where an admirable banquet and excellent wines were ready for their enjoyment. When these had been done ample justice to, the toasts were given. The W.M., following the example of all W.M.'s, since the 28th of April, referred to the Installation of the Prince of Wales as a ceremony never to be forgotten, and carried out in a way which reflected the greatest credit on the brethren who undertook its management. "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," was connected with Bro. Savage, P.G.S.D., who responded, and of course corroborated the W.M.'s opinion of the Prince of Wales's Installation. After alluding to some of the details of that ceremony, he looked upon the Prince's position as the head of the Craft as of great importance. Though Masonry did not depend upon Royalty or nobility for its support, there were advantages connected with their joining it. Under the unfortunate circumstances—not unfortunate for Freemasons, but unfortunate for the late Grand Master—of the Marquis of Ripon's dropping the banner of the Order at the bidding of a power which exercised great sway over the conscience of its followers, it was cheering to the heart of Freemasons to see the future King of England grasp that banner and hold it aloft. He would not drop it at the bidding of any potentate. (Cheers.) In proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," the W.M. remarked that, with all that nobleman's love for his province, he had still a little corner in his heart reserved for the Malling Abbey Lodge in particular. The toast of "The Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," gave the W.M. the opportunity of drawing the attention of the brethren to the large number of provincial representatives present at that meeting to advance the cause of Freemasonry. The Rev. Thomas Robinson, Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. A. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec., replied. Bro. Hodgson, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who, acknowledging the compliment, called upon his principal and assistant officers to lend him all the assistance they could in making his year a successful one. Having made certain promises that day, he was desirous of fulfilling them. In commencing his year of office, he felt he had much to encounter, and that all the assistance he could get from his brethren would be required. Still, there was a chord of sympathy which would inseparably connect them, and they would do that collectively what they might fail to do individually. Therefore he would ask all the brethren of the Malling Abbey Lodge to act as one in aiding their W.M. He felt that the officers he had that day appointed would strive to perform in the best manner the duties required of them. If they did, the lodge would work as a perfect machine. Bro. Tims proposed "The Health of Bro. Hodgson, I.P.M.," hoping that all the Masters of the lodge might do it as much credit as Bro. Hodgson had. Bro. Hodgson said he had had a very pleasant year of office, and a successful one too; and in retiring to the post of a P.M. he hoped he might continue to be of assistance to the lodge. It was through Bro. Page, Prov. G.J.W. and Secretary of the lodge, that he first took office as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Page told him, on pressing him to take that position, that there was not much for him to do, but that if he took it the chair was before him. He went on until he became Master, and when that event arrived he found all the brethren ready with their assistance. Bro. Page had helped him by giving him every conceivable advice. Bro. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec., had assisted him in performing the duties of his office; so that he had had a tolerably light year. Now that his year of office had expired he felt that he should have liked it to last a little longer. (Hear, hear.) They had had a good many initiations; five candidates proposed; three or four joining members; and an initiate was handed over by him (Bro. Hodgson) to his successor. He wished Bro. Busbridge a successful year. The W.M., in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," said that had it not been for Bro. Page the Malling Abbey Lodge would not have gained the renown or the position in Masonry which now belonged to it. A brother of different calibre, who would have commenced the lodge in a different spirit, with a different heart, or less zeal, could not have brought the lodge to such a state of excellence. He hoped he might have many years' connection with the lodge, for any lodge with which Bro. Page was associated was sure of success. They had only to get his co-operation to insure their wellbeing. His knowledge of Freemasonry made him a sure and safe reference in cases of doubt and difficulty, and for himself he (the W.M.) had much to thank him for. Fortunately, Bro. Page had promised him his assistance. Bro. Page was the first W.M. of the lodge, and had occupied that office on more than one occasion, and the brethren of the lodge were pleased to find that his services in Freemasonry had been recognised in the province by his appointment to the high and distinguished office of Grand Junior Warden, having been appointed to other grand offices before. Bro. Page, in the course of his observations in reply, referred to his pressing forward different brethren for office, and said that whenever he had done so he felt he was advancing brethren who would promote the success of the Malling Abbey Lodge. He stated also that he was much pleased to serve the present W.M. as Secretary, but he was afraid that after this year the lodge must select another brother as Secretary. (Loud cries of "No, no.") "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Savage," for which Bro. Savage responded, and the remaining toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

NEWTON ABBOT.—DEVON LODGE (No. 1138).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. R. King, W.M., supported by Bros. H. G. Beachey, I.P.M.; F. D. Bewes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; T. D. Michelmores, P.M.; J. Saunders, J.W.; R. L. Lloyd, Treas.; J. Oliver, Sec.; W. Harris, S.D.; E. Huxtable, J.D.; R. Crook, I.G.; F. J. Pratt, and C. Stevens, Stewards; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree in ancient form, the minutes

of previous meeting read over and confirmed. Bro. Fitz Martin, a candidate for passing to the Second Degree, was examined, and being found proficient, retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Fitz Martin passed to the degree of Fellow Craftsman by Bro. P. D. Michelmores, P.M. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the Rev. George Townsend Warner, who was duly proposed and seconded at the last meeting as a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, was ballotted for, and unanimously elected. Another gentleman was duly proposed as a candidate for initiation into the Order, and some minor business concluded the meeting, which was closed in due and ancient form.

WARRINGTON.—GILBERT GREENALL LODGE (No. 1250).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last. The following P.M.'s were present, viz: Bros. Dr. Bowes, Pollitt, Messop, Richardson, Brierley, Hawkins, Finney, Woods, and Edelsten. The W.M. (Bro. Brierley) took the chair at 2.15 o'clock, and the first business was to raise Bro. Alfred Clare to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., which was done in a very efficient manner by the W.M. The next business on the programme was to install Bro. Richardson into the chair of K.S., to which office he had been duly elected at the last regular meeting of the lodge. This duty was assigned to our excellent Bro. Pollitt, P.M., who performed the whole of the ceremony in a masterly manner; and at its close the lodge did not forget to recognise his ability by tendering to him a cordial vote of thanks. After this event—the most important on the programme—the lodge proceeded with its other business. Bro. Treasurer read the annual balance, sheet from which it appeared there was a balance of about £48 to the good. Bro. D.W. Finney, P.M., who has acted as Hon. Secretary of the lodge from its commencement, being about to retire from the office, a most cordial and unanimous vote of thanks for his services was passed on the motion of Bro. Arthur Potter, seconded by the W. Master. Bro. Finney returned thanks, and intimated that although he was retiring from the office of Secretary, yet he should continue to take the warmest interest in all the affairs of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Patten Arms Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, after which they separated in perfect harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 1264).—The annual installation meeting of this highly-prosperous and most popular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, on Monday evening, the 7th inst., when and where there was the largest gathering of the brotherhood seen in connection with a private lodge for a long time. There appeared about 120 names on the Tyler's book, and these represented a large number of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, officers, &c., of other lodges. The proceedings commenced about four o'clock, when Bro. J. S. Dixon, W.M., opened the lodge in due and solemn form, supported by the following officers:—Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. D.C.; A. Davies, P.M.; H. Williams, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; T. Leighton, S.W.; W. Roberts, J.W.; J. Healing, P.M., Treasurer; J. Griffiths, Sec.; A. Cotter, S.D.; W. Royle, J.D.; J. C. Fish, S.; A. C. Wylie, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Mann, B. Jenkins, P. West, W. H. Dawson, W. Jones, J. Molyneux, W. Lawson, J. P. Gamble, J. Hughes, A. Chalmers, C. S. Daniels, E. R. Jones, G. W. Irwin, J. Busher, W. C. Webb, C. Fothergill, J. W. Burgess, J. Alexander, J. Mitchell, J. Kelly, T. G. Wilkin, R. Brandreth, T. Walker, J. Williams, W. Donohoe, E. Ellison, R. Fanell, J. G. Parker, G. Turner, J. Berry, T. Grant, J. Grindell, W. C. Dunlevy, J. Wright, J. Cattrell, R. Wild, R. S. Cogle, K. Hood, C. H. Jones, W. Fish, T. Johnson, A. Campbell, O. Parry, J. Beattie, A. Fletcher, D. A. Mackenzie, J. A. Jones, J. Parry, W. Hill, T. Walton, W. Barr, J. Ashworth, W. Peter, T. P. Draper, G. Temple, and T. Ryley. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Holland, P.M. 823, G. G. Stophord Taylor, W.M. 786; T. Sheppard, P.M. 594; W. Doyle, P.P.J.G.D., P.M. 667; J. E. Jackson, S.W. 667; J. Davison, P.M. 724; J. Hayes, W.M. 249; T. Evans, 1356; F. Cooper, 249; T. Dunbar, 36 (S.C.); T. J. Mossman, 1325; J. W. Johnson, 1356; C. Costegan, I.G. 1356; W. G. Veale, Org. 1356; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; S. J. Waring, 1302; J. Cave, 210; T. Clark, P.M., 673; J. Neill, 1356; J. Wood, Treasurer, 1094; W. Thom, 1086; A. Holforth, 203; J. Archdeacon, 667; G. W. Webster, 667; T. M. Creak, 667; T. Daniels, 594; T. Ockleshaw, W.M., 667; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; P. W. Oglesby, 823; W. Jones, P.M. 220; W. M. 1299; S. Whiting, 1086; J. Hosie, 408 (S.C.); T. Gray, 1276; C. Leighton, W.M. 1325; R. Brown, 1325; and H. W. Nicholas, 249. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and properly confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Joseph Healing, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. Peter Berriman-Gee, P.M., as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. This is the second time Bro. Gee has filled the distinguished position of W.M. of the Neptune Lodge, and his re-election to that office is not only an evidence of the complete trust reposed in him by his brethren, but is also a well earned recognition of the valuable Masonic work he has done in his own and other lodges. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers:—Bros. J. S. Dixon, I.P.M.; W. Roberts, S.W.; A. Cotter, J.W.; J. Healing, P.M. Treasurer (re-elected); A. C. Wylie, Sec.; W. Royle, S.D.; J. Korn, J.D.; J. C. Fish, I.G.; W. C. Webb, J. P. Gamble, and J. Cattrell, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. After two candidates had been initiated into the Order by the W.M. in a very able manner, relief was granted to a deserving widow. It was agreed to have the usual picnic, and it was left with the W.M. to arrange and report at the next meeting. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Gee, W.M., presented a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. S. Dixon, I.P.M., as a token of the very sincere regard felt by the brethren for him "as a man and a Mason." The

brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet, and during the evening the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Dixon, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a very cordial manner, and the latter in reply thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred upon him in again electing him to the chair. He felt and realised the responsibilities of his office, but he could assure them that no effort would be spared to perform its duties to their satisfaction. Other speeches followed, and the pleasures of the social board were greatly enhanced by the efforts of Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; C. H. Jones, and others.

GREENWICH.—STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—At the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, June, 4th, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. In consequence of the death of the W.M., Bro. G. Pym, Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer, presided over the lodge as W.M., and there were present—Bros. J. J. Limebeer, S.W.; H. J. Green, J.W.; R. W. Williams, S.D.; W. B. Woodman, D.C.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M.; Sec.; C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; W. Aught, P.G.P.; P.M.; and forty others. The lodge list of visitors included Bros. George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 192, &c.; Smith, 1326; and others. The work was raising Bros. E. H. Band and J. T. C. Brooks, and passing Bros. Lindsey and W. Carter, 1309, to the Second. The elections were unanimous in favour of Bros. J. J. Limebeer, S.W., for W.M.; and J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., being re-elected Treasurer; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. The usual excellent banquet was served.

LIVERPOOL.—STANLEY LODGE (No. 1325).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, where there was a large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. Crosby Leighton, W.M., opened the proceedings in due form, supported by Bros. T. Leighton, P.M.; H. Ashmore, S.W.; F. Knight, J.W.; James W. Burgess, S.D.; G. Smith, J. D.; J. W. Clunside, I.G.; P. Larsen, Tyler; T. H. Bradshaw, S. Hill, S. Gordon, A. Samuells, W. Budge, G. D. Gilbert, E. Sykes, J. M. Cooper, C. Heden, J. Jones, C. Schmidt, and R. Buckingham. The visitors present were Bros. H. P. Price, S.W. 249; J. Williams, 249; W. J. Atkinson, 1505; J. Houlding, Sec., 823; P. B. Forshaw, W.M. 1403; W. Hiles, 1299; J. K. Callow, P.M. 673; T. Lloyd, 1356; J. Holland, P.M. 823; E. Griffiths, 1483; J. W. Turley, P.G.J.D.W.L., P.M. 1035; J. Hayes, W.M. 249; J. Hughes, 1264; W. P. Corlett, 249; Rev. Philip Hains, W.M. 204; H. Nelson, W.M. 1505, P.M. 673; J. Goodman, S.W. 1403; T. Shaw, S.W. 823; D. R. Davies, 1264; D. Callow, 823; W. Archer, W.M. 1086; W. T. Worthington, 1356; R. H. Webster, 823; J. Chambers, 249; W. Cottrell, W.M. 823; J. Skeef, P.G.O., P.M. 216; W. G. Veale, Org. 249; J. Vaughan, J.W. 86; H. Vaughan, J.D. 86; J. Healing, P.M., Treas. 264; W. Clements, 675; and W. Bolton, W.M. 823. After the confirmation of the minutes, the chair was taken by Bro. T. Ashmore, P.M. 823, who installed Bro. H. Ashmore as the W.M. of the Stanley Lodge for the year, who invested the following as his officers:—Bros. Crosby Leighton, I.P.M. and D.C.; F. Knight, S.W.; James W. Burgess, J.W.; T. Leighton, P.M. Treas.; C. Heden, Sec.; G. D. Davis, S.D.; T. H. Bradshaw, J.D.; Gilbert, I.G.; Anderson, S.; and P. Larsen, Tyler. Messrs. John Blackburn, Robert Upton, William Macnally, and John Twiss were subsequently initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order in a remarkably effective manner. Business being finished, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, and during the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Crosby Leighton, I.P.M., by the W.M., in the name of the members of the lodge, as a token of sincere regard and esteem—a presentation which was all the more valuable as this was the first jewel ever presented by the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed during the evening, and several pleasant hours were spent, with song, sentiment, and pleasant fraternal intercourse.

LIVERPOOL.—THE HAMER LODGE (No. 1393).—At the close of the last meeting of this lodge, a very cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring W.M., Bro. R. H. Evans, for the very able and courteous manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year. Bro. Jones, I.P.M., in proposing the vote, spoke in high terms of eulogy of the very valuable services which had been rendered to the lodge by Bro. Evans, and the sentiment was very heartily endorsed by all present. Bro. Jackson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year; Bro. Chas. Tyrer, was again elected Treasurer; and Bros. Leeson, and Thos. Brown were elected auditors for the ensuing year. The installation of Bro. Jackson will take place on the 24th inst., on which occasion Bro. Jones, P.M., has given notice that he will propose a resolution to the effect that the sum of £10 be voted out of the funds of the lodge, for the purpose of presenting Bro. Evans with a testimonial, as a mark of the high esteem in which Bro. Evans is held by the whole of the brethren, and of his services as W.M. Not only was the announcement of this notice received with much approval by the lodge, but we understand that Bro. McCarthy, J.W., at the request of numerous brethren, kindly took charge of a separate private subscription list, with the view to a considerable extension of the testimonial. A large amount was at once subscribed, and we have no doubt the presentation will be of a very gratifying character to Bro. Evans, who throughout his year of office has certainly done all that it was possible of a W.M. to do to maintain the very high character which the Hamer Lodge has attained.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, the 5th; the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Smith, at ten minutes past four. The minutes of last regular meeting having been read and confirmed,

the ballot was then taken for Mr. H. Jas. Oldham, and proved favourable. Mr. Thos. Brayshaw, who was approved at previous meeting, was regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. In the absence of the S.W., Bro. Tyers, P.M., occupied the S.W.'s chair. The charge was delivered by Bro. Kent, J.W., in his usual efficient manner. The motion by Bro. J. W. Turner, I.P.M., for raising the subscription and initiation fee, will be taken into consideration at next regular meeting; and if passed will be a great benefit to the lodge financially. Business was concluded at half-past seven, when the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Potts, after which the usual toasts were drunk, and the brethren separated soon after nine o'clock. Bro. Dottie gave several recitations during the evening, which were highly appreciated by the brethren.

HAMPTON COURT.—ERA LODGE (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this well established and prosperous lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, W.M.; E. H. Thielay, S.W.; J. T. Moss, P.G. Reg. Midx.; P.P.G.S.D. Midx., P.M., as J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.D. Midx., P.M. Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Midx., P.M. Sec.; S. Wolff, S.D.; E. W. Devereux, J.D.; B. Wright, as I.G.; W. A. Simmons, W.S., and many others, besides a goodly number of visitors. The only work done was initiating Mr. Harvey into the privileges and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The three new platforms and three chairs, supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, Little Britain, were greatly admired and universally approved of. They were used for the first time at this meeting, having only been lately ordered and just supplied. The chairs are beautiful specimens of the upholsterers' art, and shew what can be done to turn out such splendid articles of useful furniture. They are both ornamental and useful. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Bro. Wm. Hammond, P.G. Steward, Midx., P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, W.M. 1512, was unanimously elected an honorary member of this lodge. The lodge was closed. The next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, August 14th, at half past three o'clock p.m. The usual banquet followed. A few hours having been spent in social intercourse, the members returned to town.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—ROYAL SUSSEX CHAPTER.—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday the 2nd inst., when there were present Comps. P. Cornell, M.E.Z.; N. Tracy, H.; Rev. J. J. Farnham, Dr. Mills, P.Z.; J. Pitcher, P.Z. Visiting Bro. Emma Holmes, M.E.Z. elect, St. Luke's Chapter, &c. There being no candidates for exaltation the business of the evening was soon disposed of. Comp. Tracy gave the oration from the Second Chair, after which the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to an elegant supper in the banquetting room, provided by the worthy chef, Comp. G. Spalding, who catered in his usual excellent style. On the removal of the cloth the M.E.Z. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts from the chair, remarking with satisfaction on the manifest interest the Prince of Wales had already shewn in Royal Arch Masonry. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," Comp. Cornell said it gave him peculiar pleasure to couple with it the name of Comp. Emma Holmes, who he was glad to hear that night was to be installed in the chair as M.E.Z. of the St. Luke's Chapter at the next regular convocation, at which meeting he should make it his duty to attend to do honour to the occasion. Comp. Holmes, in responding, said that he trusted all the brethren would do him the honour of being present at the St. Luke's Chapter, which met on the 23rd inst. Comp. the Rev. J. J. Farnham, P.P.S.G.W., Bombay, and Comp. Dr. Mill, P.Z., had kindly promised to assist in the ceremonies, and he anticipated a successful meeting. A very agreeable hour or two having been passed, the brethren separated, evidently loth to leave the festive board. The Rev. J. J. Farnham introduced the subject of the restoration of the Parish Church of West-horpe, Suffolk, of which he is "locum tenens" (a good work in which he is anxious the Masons of Suffolk should assist him), and was assured of the sympathy and support of the companions present. The Masons of Suffolk have not done much in the way of church restoration, and an opportunity is now afforded them of helping a work which will redound to their honour.

JERSEY.—LA CESARER CHAPTER (No. 590).—The anniversary convocation of this chapter took place on Thursday evening, June 10th, at the Masonic Temple, to install the Principals elect and invest the officers. There was a full chapter both of members and visitors. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. Oatley, Z.; Geo. J. Renouf, H.; and P. W. Binet, J. The other officers present were:—A. Schmitt, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., E.; J. Durell, P.Z., Treas.; Ed. Martel, J. 491, N.; Jos. O'Flaherty, P.S.; Wm. H. Chapman, D.C.; A. Viel, P.Z., &c., and the following visiting companions:—Wm. Adams, P.Z. 244; P. W. Benham, P.Z. 491; R. Barrow, Z. 491; Dr. T. J. Aubin, P.S. 491. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. A convocation of Installed First Principals was formed, under the direction of Comps. Wm. Adams, and A. Schmitt, who then installed Comps. Geo. J. Renouf, as M.E.Z.; P. W. Binet, as H.; and Jos. O'Flaherty, as J. On the re-admission of the companions, the following were invested by the S.E. as officers for the ensuing year:—Ed. Martel, P.S.; W. H. Chapman, N.; J. Durell, Treas.; H. Du Jardin, Jan. The S.E. presented the annual report of the proceedings of the audit committee, showing a satisfactory position of the chapter, without any liabilities to contend with. The S.E. with feeling and deep satisfaction expatiated on the Masonic worth of Comp. J. Oatley, I.P.Z., and offered a proposition, viz.—That a vote of cordial, and well deserved thanks be recorded in the minutes

to Comp. J. Oatley, in recognition of his exceedingly valuable, faithful and ardent services he has rendered to the chapter during a long period of years, and that the same be inscribed on vellum for his acceptance. The motion was seconded by Comp. A. Viel, and unanimously carried. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to Comp. Adams for his kind services in the ceremony of installation. Two candidates for exaltation were proposed, and the chapter closed in due form. The companions then adjourned to supper, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. However, one toast proposed in sympathetic terms by the founder of the chapter, deserves to be specially particularised, viz.—"The Honorary Members of the Chapter Comps. Wm. J. Hughan, (Truro), and Dr. H. Hopkins, (Bath)." The Janitor's toast followed. The companions separated before 10 o'clock, after having spent a very pleasant and happy evening.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27) held its regular meeting in the Masonic Hall, No. 213, Buchanan street, on the 17th; the attendance of the members was very good, and visiting brethren were numerous. The business of the evening was limited to initiation, raising, and affiliation. The Secretary was unable to be present on account of private business, and the minutes of the previous meeting were left over till next month. The R.W.M., Bro. D. Butler, took the chair, and proceeded to open the lodge, Bros. Dr. McInnes, S.W., G. McCombe, J.W. Among the brethren present we observed Bros. Bain, P.M. of No. 103; King, P.M. (St. Mungo); James Duthie, Z., Chap. 67; Wilson (Chaplain), W. B. Paterson, Albin, D. of Music, &c. Applications were laid before the lodge for the admittance into Freemasonry of Messrs. Dugald Morrison, proposed by Bro. J. Taylor, seconded by Bro. A. Nevey, and Daniel Patrick, proposed by Bro. Taylor, seconded by Bro. G. McCombe. These gentlemen being approved of were initiated into the First Degree, Bro. Bain, P.M., No. 103, officiating. The lodge was then passed to the Second and raised to the Third Degree, when proposals for affiliation into St. Mungo Lodge, of Bros. James McGibbon, St. James' Old Monkland, No. 177; Hardie, O.G., St. Mark's, No. 102; Anderson, of Royal Arch Lodge, Rutherglen, No. 116. The proposals finding favour with the members of the lodge present, they were received members of the St. Mungo, in the usual manner, Bro. Bain again officiating. Bros. Robert Scott, Wm. Syme, and John Stevenson Muir, all members of St. Mungo Lodge, were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Bain performing the ceremony, which he did in his usual earnest and clear style. This closed the business of the evening, when the R.W.M. thanked Bro. Bain for the kindness he had shown in coming among them to assist in their work. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 19th inst., at four o'clock, for the purpose of receiving into Masonry Mr. Peter Johnston, who was very anxious to become a member of this lodge before he took his departure from Scotland, for a time. All having been found satisfactory as to his character by the brethren, the lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. J. W. Burns, and his Wardens. Mr. Johnston was proposed by Bro. Wm. Wilson, J.W., and seconded by Bro. McLauchlan, I.G. The three degrees were given, but the work was nicely divided between Bro. the R.W.M., Bro. Miller, P.M., and Bro. Wilson, J.W. The meeting was good for an emergency, and the degrees well given by the above worthy and respected brothers, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—A meeting of this lodge was held prompt at eight o'clock, within their hall, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 14th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, filled the chair, and was ably supported by his Wardens and the other officers. There was a good attendance for the season of the year. The Secretary, Bro. J. Smith, read the minutes of the previous regular meeting, and several emergencies, all of which were approved of and confirmed. Applications for affiliation were laid before the lodge from Bros. John Leckie, of Lodge St. John's, Kilwinning, Kilmarnock, No. 22; and Neil N. Currie, of Lodge Shakespeare, No. 1018, E.C., Bradford. They were unanimously approved of and admitted members of the lodge, Bro. Mitchell, R.W.M., gracefully performing the ceremony. A very pleasant subject was then brought before the lodge by the R.W.M., viz.: The desirability of paying off the bond of £300, upon their property, where the lodge is situated. At present they are paying five per cent. interest on this £300. A number of the original trustees, in whose name the property had been entered, having died, this, in the opinion of the law officer of the lodge, presented a favourable opportunity of adding some of the younger members of the lodge to the list of trustees, and to carry out the proposal of Bro. Paterson, that the £300 debt should be taken up by the members of the lodge in £1 shares, bearing interest at five per cent., or such other sum as could be arranged for, which would result in the members of the lodge themselves being the only creditors. They would thus have the same security as the original bondholders, besides being part proprietors of the property. The state of lodge funds at present would not permit of them paying off the debt, but this plan would bring the whole debt among themselves, until the funds of the lodge would enable them to pay the whole debt. The scheme was very favourably received by the members, and the R.W.M. requested them to think carefully over the matter till the next meeting, when the full details would be laid before them. This brought the business of the meeting to an end, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 9th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. The attendance was remarkably good. The following office-bearers took their respective places, and the lodge was opened:—Bros. Joseph Singleton, R.W.M.; Robt. Gardner, S.W.; Peter Hepburn, J.W.; Geo. McLaren, D.M.; Wm. Figgins, Chaplain; John Matheson, P.M.; Wm. King, Treas.; S. Scott, Sec.; and others. The Secretary was called to read the minutes of the last meeting; which being found correct and satisfactory, were confirmed. An application was presented from Wm. Stewart Gilkinson, praying for initiation into Freemasonry. He was proposed by Bro. D. McFarlane, and seconded by Bro. J. Singleton, R.W.M. The result of the ballot proved the brethren to be unanimously in favour of his admittance. He was prepared, and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. J. Matheson officiating in his usual clear and impressive way, when the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. John Brown was passed, the R.W.M. officiating. A sum of money being granted to a brother in distress, brought the working business to a close, when the lodge was called to harmony for a time, the R.W.M. presiding. After a little pleasant enjoyment, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at 12, Trongate, on the 14th inst. There was a very large attendance indeed of members and visiting brethren. Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., took the chair, supported by his Wardens, Bros. J. Garth and Jas. Horn, and opened the lodge. Among the brethren present were the following: Bros. J. Martin, D.M.; Jas. Crawford, jun., Sec.; and Jas. Smart, Treas.; Bain, P.M. of No. 103; Geo. McLeod, P.M. of No. 128; D. Butler, R.W.M., No. 27; Dr. McInnes S.W., No. 27; J. Singleton, R.W.M., No. 1178; &c., &c. The R.W.M., requested Bro. John Rae to take a seat on the dais—Bro. Rae, is one of the oldest members of the lodge, and his presence there always meets a warm reception. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when the following gentlemen having been found worthy, received the first degree in Masonry, from Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., in his usual able style, viz., Archd. Munro, John Lyall, Thos. Higgins, and Andrew White. Bro. Robt. Scott, of Lodge 27, was passed to the F.C. Degree on behalf of Bro. D. Butler, R.W.M., of St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, when the lodge was raised to the M.M. degree, Bros. Morgan, McFarlane, and Paterson, receiving the Sublime Degree from Bro. Bain, P.M., of Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103, who went minutely into the details of the ceremony with great care and impressiveness. There being no further business, the lodge was duly closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. GEORGE (No. 333).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 9th inst. The attendance of members was large, and the meeting was augmented by a number of visiting brethren. Among others we observed the following:—Bros. Alexander Thomson, R.W.M.; James Forsyth, S.W.; Robert Anderson, J.W.; James Findlay, S.M.; John Winton, P.M.; Robert Adam, P.M.; Thomas Stewart, P.M.; J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. Lodge Union (No. 332), &c., &c. The lodge being opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, the minutes of three special meetings, held since the regular meeting, were read. From these it appeared that there was a good attendance of members at all, and the object of the meeting was to work up the business standing before the lodge (which from the minutes appeared to be well done). In the summer months the number of regular meetings are very few. Applications for initiation from the following gentlemen were read, viz., Messrs. Wm. McLeish, proposed and seconded by Bros. Archibald Taylor and Alexander Thomson; John Terman, proposed and seconded by Bros. J. Leitch and J. Findlay; Robert Mitchell, proposed and seconded by Bros. Alexander Thomson and Robert Fairbairn. The ballot being found clear, showed that the characters of the gentlemen aspiring to the honour were worthy of it. They were then prepared and received the E. A. Degree from Bro. James Findlay, S.M., in a manner which satisfied the members of the lodge that their choice of Bro. Findlay as S.M. was a fortunate one. The R.W.M. said he had been requested by Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. of Lodge Union (No. 332), to do him the favour of allowing two members of Union Lodge, about to go abroad, to get passed and raised on their behalf. For his own part he was only too glad to do so with the concurrence of the brethren, which was at once given. Bro. Macnair, on behalf of the Union Lodge, returned thanks in most graceful terms, when the two brothers were passed to the F.C. Degree by Bro. Macnair, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Findlay giving this beautiful degree in excellent style. This was all the business, and the lodge was closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GLASGOW (No. 441).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the hall, 22, Struthers-street, on the 8th inst., R.W.M. Bro. Tulloch in the chair; S.W., Bro. Wood, J.W.; Bro. McInnes. Lodge was opened in the E.A. Degree, when the minutes of former meeting were read and approved. The R.W.M. then read a note from Bro. Mason resigning the Secretaryship of the lodge. Bro. Neagle proposed that it lie over until the end of the meeting, seconded by Bro. Goldie, supported by Bro. Stone, which was carried. The R.W.M. then brought forward the pic-nic, when it was agreed that it should take place in the beginning of September, the same as former years. The R.W.M. then thanked the brethren who had turned out to represent the Lodge 441 at the laying of the memorial stone of the new halls. The lodge was then raised to the F.C. Degree, when Bro. Alexr. Vallance, jun., had that degree conferred upon him, after which the lodge was reduced to the E.A. Degree, when Bro. Mason declined taking the Secretaryship. Bro. Goldie was then

proposed by Bro. Sloan, seconded by Bro. Martin, and was unanimously elected. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on the 15th inst., at 22, Struthers-street, Bro. Tulloch, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. Wood, S.W.; Neagle, acting J.W. The lodge was opened and raised to the M.M. Degree, when Bro. Alexr. Vallance, jun., who is about to proceed to Australia, had this degree conferred upon him. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOL (No. 413).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 8th inst. Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., presided; Bros. Colin McKenzie, S.W.; D. Leeds, J.W.; J. Louttit, D.M.; P. Agnew, Treas.; J. W. Stevenson, Sec.; and other office-bearers. Notwithstanding the season of the year being that when most people sojourn to the coast in search of fresh air, this influential lodge maintained its character for the good attendance of its members. The minutes of last meeting being read and confirmed, the R.W.M. said he had an application from Mr. Charles Purves for admittance into the Order. He was proposed by Bro. Wm. Sibbald, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Gardiner, both of whom had full confidence in his character being worthy of the honour he aspired to. The ballot being found clear, he was carefully prepared and enlightened into Masonry, so far as the First Degree would permit, Bro. Wallace, R.W.M., officiating in his usual efficient manner. A letter was then brought before the meeting from the Secretary of Lodge Partick St. Mary's, No. 117, inviting a deputation of brethren to be present with them at the laying of the foundation stone of their new hall, in Partick, on the 26th inst. The R.W.M. suggested that the best way to meet the invitation would be for those brethren intending to be present to meet in the Borough Hall, Partick, and there form the deputation, which was agreed to. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—A meeting of this lodge was held in Claremont Hall, 162, Kent-road, on the 10th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. R. McDougal, was unavoidably prevented from being present. The D.M., Bro. Stark, therefore presided, supported by Bros. Stevens, S.W., and Bro. Paxton, J.W., and other office bearers; there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. It was expected that the P.G.L. would have made an official visit; somehow or other, this did not take place. To account for this, we may say that the St. Vincent Lodge, which is a young one, but most energetic and painstaking in all its transactions, labours under considerable difficulties at present—the hall they meet in being a temporary place of accommodation only, until their own hall is ready, places them in an uncertain position for fixing their nights of meeting. The business of the lodge was the confirming of the Second and Third Degrees on brethren qualified to receive the same, Bro. Stark doing this in a way that showed his high qualifications for the work. Bro. Stark then thanked the visiting brethren for their attendance, and closed the lodge in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at 106, Rose-street, South Side, on the 7th inst. The meeting was well attended by the members, and a goodly number of visiting brethren were present. Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., took the chair; Bros. T. B. McNaught, S.W.; J. W. McNaught, J.W.; Dr. Russell, D.M.; Geo. Muir, P.M. of 103; and others. The lodge being formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Arrangements were then made for the annual pic-nic, to take place on the 10th inst., Dundonald being the spot selected. Applications for admittance into Freemasonry were read from Messrs. A. Anderson, J. Pottle, and J. H. Thomson, and, being approved of, they received the First Degree; Bro. Dr. Russell, D.M., officiating. Bro. Dr. Russell proposed that Bros. W. Howie, 275; John Stewart, 360; and Wm. Manson be made honorary members of this lodge, which was agreed to, the brethren stepping to the altar and taking the usual obligation. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when six brethren received the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. Phillips, R.W.M., working with great care, and the brethren paying great attention. This terminated the business before the lodge, which was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—An exceedingly well-attended meeting of this lodge took place on the 21st inst. in their hall, situated at 106, Rose-street, S.S.; Bros. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M.; J. B. McNaught, S.W.; John Forgie, J.W.; John M. McNaught, S.M.; Thos. Russell, D.M.; Geo. B. Yuill, Secretary; Thos. Phillips, B.B. and C., took their respective places, and the lodge was opened in due form. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, they being correct and satisfactory, were confirmed. The R.W.M. then made a few remarks upon the annual "pic-nic" which took place on the 10th, in the course of which he said, a more complete success he never had the fortune to meet with. The day was one of the finest and most congenial we have had this season, and the pic-nic party was "ditto," it was a day of thorough enjoyment, and terminated without a single "hitch," even the Committee, after amply providing for the party, found themselves left with a balance in their favour. Many have expressed their sad disappointment at not being able to be present, in consequence of which another has been arranged to take place on the 4th of August next to the same place, viz., Dundonald. May the same results be in store for them. The R.W.M. then said, he had an invitation from the Lodge St. Andrew (No. 465) to join them with a deputation from this lodge on the 24th June, in celebrating the festival of St. John. This invitation was accepted. Another letter was read from the Lodge of St. John's, Alloa (No. 69), inviting a

deputation to be present at the consecration of their new Masonic hall, which takes place on Friday, the 25th inst. at twelve o'clock noon, under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, after which a grand demonstration will take place in the afternoon, in honour of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, to celebrate his lordship's accession to the Earldom of Mar, so long held by his illustrious ancestors, the Erskins. His lordship, it may be mentioned, at present holds the high office of Dep. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The procession will consist of members of St. John's, Alloa Lodge, and sister lodges, and the various trade societies in Alloa and district, starting about three o'clock; after which the brethren will dine together at the new Masonic hall at five o'clock. It was agreed to send a deputation from (556) Clydesdale Lodge. It was at this stage intimated that an American brother was down stairs in great poverty and distress. After the R.W.M. had an interview with him, a sufficient sum was given him for his immediate relief, until arrangements are made to take up his case. Mr. Wm. Smith, who could not attend the last meeting to receive the first degree of Freemasonry, was then initiated, Brother J. B. McNaught officiating in an able way. Mr. Smith was proposed by Brother James Weir, and seconded by Brother John Brown, both members of Lodge Clydesdale. There being no further business in this degree, the lodge was passed to the F.C., when 6 E.A. received this degree, Brother Phillips, R.W.M., officiating with great fullness and force. This finished the business of the meeting, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

The annual picnic of this lodge came off on Thursday, 10th inst., the locale chosen this year being Dundonald. At 9.10 A.M., the members, with their wives, sweethearts, and one or two friends from sister lodges, to the number of 40 in all, started from Dunlop-street Station, arriving in Kilmarnock just one hour thereafter. There were in readiness there two "brakes," as they are locally called, a vehicle which may be described as an elongated wagonette, and in these, together with a spring van, the company, which had been increased by three picked up in Kilmarnock, and the necessary provisions, were conveyed to the picturesque little village of Dundonald, a distance of some five or six miles. Here the first portion of the proceedings was a visit to the old castle, on the lawn at the back of which luncheon was spread and partaken of, the younger portion of the excursionists engaging also in some suitable sports, as races, leaping, &c. Thereafter, the party proceeded in a body to the Roman Camp, about two miles off, from which, as is well known, a varied and extensive view is commanded of the Ayrshire coast, with the Frith of Clyde, Arran, &c., beyond. Hence, after some more sports, the company returned to Dundonald, where, in Mrs. Allison's inn there, a substantial dinner was in readiness for them. At this the chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Phillips, supported by Bros. Dr. Russell, D.M., and J. McNaught, S.M.; the duties of Croupier being discharged by Bro. J. B. McNaught, supported by Bros. John Howie, J.W., and John Wilson, of the Portland Lodge, Kilmarnock, and a respected and useful member of Lodge 556. Nearly all the office-bearers of the lodge were present, while among visiting brethren were Bros. James Love, S.M., No. 87 (Thistle); and A. Higgins, S.S.; T. Coulter, J.S.; and John Weir, of No. 275 (Shamrock and Thistle). After the substantial had been disposed of, a short programme of toast, song, &c., followed—the chairman, inter alia, drawing upon his local knowledge to acquaint those not so well informed with regard to some points of the history and antiquities of the beautiful district in which they had been spending the day. By way of variety, the route back to Kilmarnock was taken by way of Symington; and when "auld Killie" had been once more reached, a halt was called at Bro. Richard's, Portland Arms, Cross, where some of the ladies partook of a welcome cup of tea. The return train left Kilmarnock at 9.49, and at 11 p.m. landed the excursionists, all safe and well, again at Dunlop-street. Barring one shower (short, but a peler), while at the Roman camp, the weather throughout the day was entirely propitious, and the pic-nic of 1875 was, by common consent, voted to have been a complete success.

AN INTERNATIONAL LIFE-SAVING EXHIBITION is to be held next year at Brussels. It will include all matters relating to the saving of life and the lessening of suffering either from war, fire, or shipwreck, accidents by machinery, railways, &c., while one branch will be devoted to the preservation of health, such as the construction of dwellings, factories, &c. There will be a congress in connection with the exhibition for representatives of different nations to discuss the subjects of the programme. This congress has been permanently organised, and is to hold triennial meetings in the various European capitals. A meeting for the organisation of a London committee is shortly to be held at the Mansion House, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor. Intending exhibitors should communicate with the Hon. Sec., Major Burgess, at the Mansion House.

For the Hospital Saturday collections, which are to be made on the 31st of July, 2,400 boxes have already been placed in taverns, coffee-houses, &c., and fully 5,000 street cards and books have been issued.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—When the weather is hot, it will be found that persons who suffer from swelled feet and ankles, varicose veins, ulcers and sores of all kinds, and in fact from any skin disease, feel these complaints more troublesome and aggravating than at any other time of the year. They will soon find relief in the use of these remedies, for if the wounds or ulcers are dressed with this Ointment it at once soothes the irritability of the skin, causes the discharges to lose their acrimonious character, and lessens any inflammation that may be present. It cannot be too widely known that these twin remedies are the most powerful of anti febrile and anti inflammatory agents we possess.—ADVT.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Heckethorn, declined with thanks.

The following stand over:—Masonic Medals and Tokens; Bro. Kelly; Banquet to a brother at Swansea; Presentation to Bro. W. Wright, 1345. Reports of Lodges 176, 228, 758, 958, 1326, 1348, 1396; Chapters 279, 446, 1000; Mark Lodges 9, 104; Red Cross Conclaves 97, 44, 120.

An interesting account of the Minute Book of the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead, will appear in the next week's Freemason.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1875.

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL FOR 1874.

We have been favoured by Bro. Binckes with a glimpse at the proof balance sheet for 1874, and we are anxious to call the attention of our readers to it, in anticipation of the annual festival. For the balance sheet for 1874 demonstrates so clearly the need of great Craft sympathy, and support in 1875, that its figures are more eloquent than words. Two points we wish to call attention to before we pass on to the figures themselves. The Boys' School, be it remembered, has no funded capital, and depends entirely on the freewill offerings of the Craft for its annual income and, so to say, "keeping up." In order to accomplish a great end, namely, to render the school buildings commensurate with the needs and worthy of the prestige of our Order, the House Committee sunk all its available capital and much more in the building, relying on the liberality of the Craft to help them to "weather the storm" in years to come. That they judged wisely in building for futurity, no reasonable person can doubt, and even at this moment such are the increasing wants of the brotherhood, that had they the means, they could readily receive some thirty or forty more boys. We have in our Boys' School a structure of which we may all be proud, and adapted in this improving age of all educational arrangements, for increased facilities in imparting a sound and useful and practical education. There seems to us to be no institution with greater claims on our good will and large-hearted liberality, for our helping on labours which are labours of love, and giving encouragement to a high duty, and forwarding a happy result. One other point we must notice, namely, the growing importance of the school to our fraternity. We must have it; and each year only serves to warn us, how great a boon and a blessing it is to many, who otherwise might not receive a befitting education. To us the Boys' School appeals with heartfelt memories of "auld lang syne." These healthy and cheerful boys are the sons of those with whom we associated so happily in the festive and pleasant hours of the past, and they appeal to us, and many more orphan sons of Freemasons appeal to us, by every profession of Masonic teaching and fellowship, to give our mite in our time and generation towards the best of all objects, the sound and practical education of the young and often helpless children of our brethren. It appears that the receipts of the Boys' School for 1874 amounted to £10,284. 11s. 10d., of this amount £732 14s. was voted by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £98 14s. were received in musical fees; £922 12s. 7d. were paid in donations and subscriptions, and £78 19s. 11d. was the balance at the bankers', January 1st, 1874. The expenditure is as follows:—£500 transferred to Sustentation Fund; £1970 16s. 6d. paid to New Building Account; £736 18s. 5d.; Special Expenditure; £6840 9s. 8d., Ordinary Expenditure; £232 1s. 8d., Emergent Expenditure; leaving a balance due to the bankers of £151 11s. 4d. It is therefore quite clear from this financial statement that not only is every effort required to help forward and maintain in proper order and efficiency, this most valuable Institution of English Freemasonry, but we must not shut our eyes to the fact, that we cannot expect, with constant pressure for increase in the

number of boys, that a less income must be supplied by our kindly Order of at the least £9000 per annum. This seems a large sum, but it is not too large for English Freemasons, who amid cruel imputations and shameful discourtesies, are always ready to prove to the world not only that "that loyalty and charity" are their watchwords, but that they uniformly seek to put into practice the distinguishing feature of Freemasonry, open-hearted beneficence, to all who make a proper claim on their good will, and their kindly aid. May the anniversary for 1875 be a great success for the Committee and Bro. Binckes, and may this, our last great festival for 1875, demonstrate to the world that we are not, as Freemasons, "weary in well-doing," but that ours is indeed, whatever ignorant writers may say of us, a real love of our good old Order, belief in its tolerant and philanthropic principles, and a full realization both of our privileges and our responsibilities as Freemasons. We shall give the actual figures themselves in detail next week.

THE TRUE TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY IN RESPECT OF THE SOCIAL QUESTION.

In treating on this subject, confessedly somewhat difficult per se, we do not wish to appear either too egotistical or too dogmatical. We are most anxious to avoid any appearance of laying down too austere or ascetic a rule of the subject, and we do not presume to deny the right of others to hold a different view from ourselves on this wide and important question. For we should not forget, that we all may fairly take somewhat different grounds on a point which is after all more or less personal. And as we do not all see things in the same light, in respect of many other questions and even persons, we cannot be expected to hold a uniform opinion on this "vexata quæstio." We said last week, that there was a Masonic heresy on the subject, and as that necessarily pre-supposed a true teaching, we presume to submit our explanation of it, in the present issue of our journal. And so in all deference and submission we propose now to do so, premising once more, that we have no wish, and no intention "to lay down the law" to any who do honestly differ from us. We think that Freemasonry teaches us this distinctly, that refreshment is to be subordinate to work, and instruction. We should not be content to make all our arrangements centre on the refreshment hour, nor to consider that the most important of our duties in Masonry is the K. and F. Degree. There are some good brethren of ours, who, as we know only drop in just in time for the Junior Warden's call. They take no part in the work of the lodge; they take no interest in instruction; they do not care for lectures; they do not profess to read Masonic literature, but, as boon companions they are A.1. Our worthy brethren, Brown, Jones and Robinson, look upon Freemasonry merely as a pleasant reunion, as a social club, alike agreeable and hilarious. They have no patience, as they say, with those who render Freemasonry too dry an affair, and for them Freemasonry has, and Freemasonry always will have but one attraction, the banquet and the convivial gathering. Now though we do not object to the festive assembly or friendly reunion, though we freely admit, that to many a hard-worked brother, the social aspect of Freemasonry has a great and abiding charm, yet we should ever bear in mind that all these things are only pleasant accessories to Freemasonry, and are not Freemasonry. The great objection to the purely social view is its expense and in its interference unavoidably with the claims of charity and benevolence. With those who advocate the purely social and "prandial" theory ever of Freemasonry, there is too often a very small amount of Masonic benevolence, and an almost untellable quantity of "sack." Now do not let us be misunderstood. We accept entirely the Masonic adage, that "refreshment follows work," and we shall be sorry to see the day when, by an overstrained theory of Masonic abnegation, brethren should be stinted or deprived of the allowable and proper relaxation, sanctioned by the rules of our lodges and our Order. Many

a firm friendship has been cemented round the Masonic table, and many pleasant hours of innocent gaiety and improving companionship have been spent by us all in the "interieur" of our lodges, and in a pleasant circle of friendship and good will. So that while we adhere firmly to the true teaching of Freemasonry, "subordinate refreshment and sociability to work and instruction, avoid late hours, and irregular habits; let not Freemasonry be blamed for your want of self control;" we shall not give up the "liberty of refreshment," in obedience to any fanaticism of the hour, but we shall use it, and not abuse it. We shall all regard this subject from our own point of view, and on none is the right of private judgment so unlimited, for no one can presume to lay down a rule which is suitable or applicable to all, and of all things we should seek to keep out of Freemasonry, anything like a pandering to hurtful and illogical fanaticism, any allowance of dictation by a noisy minority to a careless and apathetic majority. If in the words we have uttered, in the arguments we have employed, we have induced any brother to think the matter over, our end will be gained, as we do not write for any purpose, though the *Freimaurer Zeitung* says we do, of Pharisaic profession, or pedantic pomposity, but with a heartfelt desire to assist, and to inform, to help, and if possible to edify our numerous and friendly readers.

PROVINCIAL FUNDS.

We often hear a good deal about our Masonic Charities and the like, but very little is told us about our Provincial Funds, which, however, constitute no inconsiderable item in our general Masonic system of receipt and expenditure. Why thus it should be, we know not, as there is no "reticence" on the part of the provinces, which publish the amounts for the most part annually. Probably it arises from that apathy about many Masonic matters so characteristic of our good Craft, and which like that of some of our buoyant and verdant youth is inclined to take a Dundreary view "de rebus lathomicis," and to set many little particular ars down, as being things a "fellar can't or can't be expected to understand." But yet if all our provincial returns were perfectly tabulated, the "tottle" of the whole receipt and expenditure would startle not a few of those lackadaisical critics who almost seem to think that Masonic finance, like Masonic Archaeology, is a matter of no importance at all. If, however, we are, as we should be, fairly alive to everything that can illustrate our common Order, we shall feel the deepest interest in all such returns, which enable us to sound and mete out the actual depth of our remarkable provincial system which, in its activity and reality, and fulness, is peculiar to English Freemasonry. We take the balance sheet to May, 1874, of the Province of Lincolnshire as an illustration of what we have been saying. The normal annual income from fees and quarterages on the two amounts, the Benevolent and General Purposes, may be estimated in round numbers at £90 per annum, 18 lodges making up the Province of Lincolnshire. The interest on money invested in freehold securities may also be estimated in round numbers at £25 so that the actual reliable income from all sources may be put at £120. The invested property amounts apparently to £550. The province began with a balance, on both accounts, of £97 15s. 5d., and ended with a balance on both funds of £123 11s. 6d. The income from all sources up to May, 1874, (one item exceptional) amounted to £262 12s. 6d. The expenditure was as follows, Grants to widows and necessitous brethren, £36 4s. 8d.; grant to Masonic Institutions, £6 4s.; expenses, (which are very small) £17; in round numbers invested £80; the remainder constitutes the balance. The province of Lincolnshire has, with its lodges and brethren, 397 life votes for the Boys' School, and 16 annual votes; 82 life votes for the Girls' School, and 15 annual votes; 71 life votes for Male Annuity Fund, and 38 annual votes; 24 life votes for the Widows; and 23 annual votes. But the return for the year 1875 will greatly increase the number of votes. It will be seen that while the

Province of Lincolnshire, owing to its size, is not so rich as some provinces, its returns are both interesting and valuable, and we shall be glad to receive similar provincial returns, and happy to analyze them for the information of our many readers.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT NEW YORK.

We call the attention of our readers to the interesting account of this remarkable scene taken from the *Philadelphia Keystone*, edited so admirably by our able and courteous confrere Clifford P. MacCalla. It was certainly a wonderful and striking gathering, which our brother so well and so eloquently records. "Twenty-five thousand Masons were in line, says our brother, and participated in the Masonic procession, and solemn ceremonies." The official numbers are 23,360! Surely these figures almost say more than words. The Craft in America have had bitter trials and angry adversaries, and the dreadful persecution of the absurd Morgan affair to go through. But to-day Freemasonry is rapidly spreading through the United States, and in ten years more, if it progresses, as it is now progressing year by year, it will be counted by one or two millions. As it is, it is said, on the authority of the reporter for the *Standard* at New York, that there are 9,101 lodges in the United States, with a membership of 524,649 brethren, but this does not include the Royal Arch and Templar organization. We believe that their real number is near 700,000. The reporter states that in the figures he gives as the census for 1870 in America, namely, 38,576,371 inhabitants; there is one Mason for every 74 inhabitants in the United States, a larger proportion of Masons than is to be found in any other country. Well these are cheering facts, and the record of another page proves that our American brethren are wise in their generation, and are building deeply, and truly, and well, as faithful and trusting Craftsmen. May the new Masonic Hall serve as an impetus to Freemasonry in that great city and district, and may it tend to a large development of as true Masonic charity and practical and useful benevolence.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS. No. VII.

All the little "waifs" cast upon the great shore of Masonic Archæology are valuable to the Masonic student. It had long been a question what was the exact connexion of the Masons' Company of the City of London with our speculative and accepted Order. Sir F. Palgrave laid it down as an historical fact that about the close of the 17th century, the Freemasons and the Masons' Company separated, but of this fact, as he puts it, there is, in truth, no historical trace! It seems most doubtful whether the Masons' Company ever had anything to do with the Society of Freemasons. It seems to have been nothing but a pure trade guild, existing side by side with the Society of Freemasons. If ever it was connected with the actual Freemasons, that link has long been broken. Much stress has been laid on two entries in Elias Ashmole's Diary, but searches kindly made in the books of the Masons' Company prove most indisputably that there is no actual identity between the Masons' Company and the Society of Freemasons. The Masons mentioned at Warrington were not members of the London Masons' Company, as some have thought, and the old Masons whom Elias Ashmole mentions by name, in London, were clearly both Freemasons and members of the Masons' Company at the same time. Hence the meeting at Masons' Hall in 1682, was that of Freemasons proper, and they admitted into their Order, members of the then Masons' Company. Elias Ashmole was not a member of the Masons' Company, nor was, curiously enough, Sir Christopher Wren, and we are especially told that the Master of the Masons' Company, Mr. Thomas Wise, was present at the special meeting or emergency meeting, as we should term it, at Masons' Hall, March 10th, 1682. All the names of Freemasons mentioned in Ashmole's

Diary are now verified, except Captain Borthwick and Walsford, Esq., as belonging to the Masons' Company, and yet as also members of the Society of Freemasons. As the Masons' Company did not meet in Basinghall Street, March 10th, as it did not dine at the "Half Moon," Cheapside, nor was it in the habit of dining there, it is quite clear that the meeting Ashmole mentions was a meeting of Freemasons proper, and not of the Masons' Company. We then come to this, that in 1682, the Society of Freemasons was in existence alike in London, Lancashire, Staffordshire, on the distinct statement of trustworthy authorities, and at York in 1698, and no doubt much earlier. What becomes of the 1717 theory? To use a slang phrase, it is "nowhere." We anticipate many further discoveries yet, as regards old records and minute books. The oldest minute book in England, so far known, is that of Alnwick, 1702, and the next to it appears to be that of the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead. But others, no doubt, exist in forgotten collections of Masonic records, and unopened boxes in our various lodges, and we feel sure that careful search would result in the discovery of documents which, as far as they prove anything, would make clear the existence and continuation of the "Society of Freemasons" before 1700.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE GUILD THEORY versus THE 1717 THEORY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have several times read over the important letters upon this subject from "A Masonic Student" and Bro. W. J. Hughan, at page 223, and I am only sorry that pressure of business and other literary work quite prevents me at present from dealing with this subject in the way I would like to do. There is much to be said upon it that, so far as I am aware, has never yet been said by any one. I believe that I hold one end of the chain, which if I were only able to draw it in would astonish even Bro. Hughan himself to see what came with it. For me, however, to attempt to deal with this subject properly at present would be something equivalent to committing suicide in reference to other matters, and I have not the slightest intention of doing so at present, consequently I must delay coming to real close quarters with Bro. Hughan just now. I may, however, I trust, ask to be permitted to say a few words in reply to the letters on page 223. "A Masonic Student" there says, "That Freemasonry existed before 1717 we have the most undoubted proofs." Now I admit that fully, and am also ready to admit that "Freemasonry" existed in the thirteenth century, but the "Freemasonry" that existed several hundred years ago was not our Freemasonry. Neither did the "Freemasons" then existing know anything of our system of Freemasonry. As one proof of this I would point to the fact that the French, who led the van in mediæval Freemasonry (and who "carved their records upon cathedrals" in a manner unsurpassed anywhere), knew nothing of what is now known as "Freemasonry" until about A.D. 1725. Now, how is this? Then there is the Pope's Bull of 1738, which says that the Society had only been recently formed. Was the Pope and his advisers then telling lies, or showing their ignorance, or what were they doing?

As to what "A Masonic Student" says about Ashmole and Robert Padgett, &c., being Freemasons, it would be premature to reply until exact copies of a number of the minutes of the London Masons' Company and of this "Society of Freemasons" are published. As to non-operatives being admitted into Masonic lodges long before A.D. 1717, I am aware of that just as well as "A Masonic Student" and Bro. Hughan, and I have repeatedly said that they were so admitted, only I do not admit that they were thereby made acquainted with our system of Freemasonry. In fact, how could they? seeing that even Bro. Hughan himself has repeatedly stated that our system of Freemasonry was not in existence until A.D. 1717! In regard to this latter point "A Masonic Student" has been more consistent in his published remarks than Bro. Hughan, or else "the Guild Theory" as held by the latter must be something very different from "the Guild Theory" as held by the former. To settle this, perhaps both of these talented brethren will in next week's *Freemason* favour us with independent explanations on the subject, including the antiquity they give to our three degrees; and what, or how many degrees, if any, existed before 1717.

As to who were the authors of our system of Freemasonry, I again say that, so far as I can judge, it was Desaguliers, Anderson, and their friends, who manufactured it out of Bible legends, Pagan mysteries &c., making use of the four old London lodges for that purpose. The fact of Ashmole and other gentlemen being Freemasons before 1717 simply paved the way for Desaguliers and his system, and so far as I can judge no Freemasonry, "identical with our present speculative Order," existed before A.D. 1717, any more than did Christianity exist before the time of Christ.

I find that I am quite unable to follow this up at present for want of time, but, I would beg of those who oppose me to remember that whereas the opponents of the 1717 theory, have been engaged in bolstering up the antiquity of speculative Freemasonry for the last one hundred and forty years, and have hundreds or thousands of published works to refer to in support of their ideas, yet the supporters of the 1717 theory have as yet very little. Bro. Hughan himself has done great service, and has been hard at work, for many years, and has published various valuable Masonic works, yet after reading them I still hold by the 1717 theory, believing that if only one-hundredth part of the time and money spent on Masonic researches was applied to seek out and publish the equally interesting records of the other Crafts, then the truth of the 1717 theory would be established.

I am, fraternally yours,

W. P. BUCHAN.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I need not copy the tone of Bro. Buchan's letter "exemplar vitus imitabile;" I would rather invite your readers to turn back to the correspondence on this subject, commencing about the middle of the year 1870, and extending through the first few months of 1871. I venture to say that they would want no further discussion of that airy nothing which has been dignified by the title of a "theory." If Bro. Hughan had the leisure to turn back to the past correspondence, I believe he would at once qualify his offer to re-open the subject, and would be amazed that this exploded emptiness should be again dragged out to catch the unwary eyes of new brethren whose experiences have yet to come. On the 12th of November, 1870, Bro. Hughan expressly requests Bro. Buchan to state "the reasons why he believed Freemasonry was originated in 1717, and not revived." Here was a plain opportunity for enabling your readers to judge of the grounds upon which Bro. Buchan's assertion was based; grounds which all the laws of fair discussion and Masonic candour required him, there and then, unequivocally to give. His reply on the 3rd of December following is at once so brief, as well as self-convincing, that I give it in extenso. Bro. Buchan says: "So far as I can at present judge, London in 1717 neither saw the 'revival' nor the 'origin' of our system of Freemasonry; but its institution and inauguration." So Bro. Buchan's evidence of a fact is his own judgment, and this is the manner in which so bold a "theorist" ventures to defend his assertions, before the intelligence of your readers, against the facts produced by careful enquirers. On the 24th of December, 1870, our patient Brother Hughan again appealed to Bro. Buchan to supply evidence in support of his "theory," and pledged himself to examine it very carefully; but it was useless; the assertion is empty, and has no evidence, *ex nihilo nihil fit*. After being reminded of these facts, will Bro. Hughan still adhere to an unqualified offer to re-open the discussion with Bro. Buchan?

The brother from Cincinnati (who wrote in January, 1871) did not originate my producing the MS. of 1500. That brother appeared only towards the closing scenes of the discussion, with a flourish of (his own) trumpets, in the role of everybody's critic (excepting, perhaps, Bro. Buchan's). He played his (very small) part, complained much of his reception, went out (without the music), and returned no more. If Bro. Buchan had stated that I was mistaken in saying he had "challenged" me to produce an early reference to the word "speculative," but that his "challenge" had reference to a statute relating to Masons, he would have been right. I was thus far in error, as I readily acknowledge.

Bro. Buchan "challenged" me, on the 3rd December, 1870, to produce acts of Parliament passed before last century which did not also apply to other Crafts. I met his challenge fairly in the following number; but I regret to say that the evidence thus offered was, as I and other of your correspondents have had reason to complain, not met with that desire to investigate, rather than detract, which may be fairly expected from any brother who enters upon a controversy with a desire to attain the truth, rather than to back up a mere opinion.

My reference to the MS. was published on the 24th of December, 1870, I believe, in opposition to an assertion that the use of the word "speculative" could not be shown in any Masonic document dating before 1717. I said as much on the 21st January, 1871.

I think your readers will not consider it necessary for me to reply to an unworthy insinuation, in Bro. Buchan's P.S., that I should be likely to appropriate any credit he may deserve for the production of interesting information. I have not referred to the date he gives (July, 1871), but I can say that my letter as to the indenture of covenants, in reference to the white aprons and white gloves, appeared on the 10th December, 1870, Bro. Buchan at the time doing me the honour to designate it "a pretended quotation," such being the good taste which he extended to the enquiry.

My adducing this indenture originated in the modest statement by Bro. Buchan (29th October, 1870), that because he knew of no authority for the white apron before 1717 he was kind enough to "consider it was only then introduced." Verily, it is well for some of us that there are a few things in this world besides those which have come under our brother's special notice.

With a repeated word of warning to new brethren to seek the substance of proof, and to reject the shadow of mere opinion, however confidently asserted, permit me to bid the the phantom of 1717 once more adieu.—LUPUS.

THE OLIVER MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being the projector of the scheme to obtain a scholarship at one of our universities for one of our ablest boys at the Masonic Institution, I may be excused, I hope,

for addressing through your columns, my Masonic brethren throughout England and Wales, if not the universe, as I strongly desire the memory and name of the lamented and learned Doctor Oliver, of Lincolnshire, to be connected therewith.

At a committee meeting of the Lincolnshire Grand Lodge, held at Grantham, in the month of May, 1874, I first mooted the question. Some brethren then expressed an opinion that such a scheme as that which I propounded, if carried into execution, might take a poor lad out of his sphere, as if goodness, learning, and talent were necessarily confined to any one class of society. Such, I believe, was not the late Dr. Oliver's opinion.

When about to appeal to our late Grand Master on this interesting subject, I was deterred by his lamented secession from our fraternity.

The question has again been raised at our Lincolnshire Grand Lodge, held at Boston, this year.

The sum of nearly £200 seems to have been raised to the memory of the late Doctor Oliver, who accomplished so much for universal Masonry by his energies and pen; but after forty years' experience, however elastic the voluntary principle may be, I have not found that money easily flows into any exchequer without a specific object, a strenuous endeavour, and a wise organization.

Now, without determining the appropriation, the Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire has now voted £200 to the Oliver memorial, making the sum of £400. In my judgment, the suggestion to confer small annuities out of this limited capital—at 5 per cent., would not exceed £20 annually—would be chimerical in its effects as to any real benefit; and further, such wretched doles, confined to the province of Lincoln, would be unworthy of the name, pen, and zeal of so distinguished a Mason as the late Dr. Oliver.

That eminent member of the theological faculty lived in days when Masonic proceedings were under a clerical ban, when no high preferment was accorded to him for his self-denying and unremitting labours. Nevertheless he was content to work for Masonry under the shade of a cathedral, with a contemptible pittance, as a remuneration for his multifarious labours, simply because he did not bask under Episcopal smiles.

Yet he did his work for Masonry throughout the world; and what more appropriate memento to his undying fame can there be than a scholarship for a talented boy, a poor Mason's son, he may be an orphan, to one of our English universities, to evince to mankind that Masonry has something to do with literature as well as with good cheer; and that our avowed charity leads us, as in days of yore, to provide for the lambs of the fraternity; and where goodness and mental parts, with diligence and perseverance, are found to be the distinguishing traits of a poor, forlorn lad, mental culture shall be secured for him, to bless and improve society.

A lad that can earn one scholarship may earn one or two others. He may try. Surely, many of our Masonic brethren belong to that "Try company," whose motto is "Nil desperandum." Six hundred subscriptions, of one sovereign each, from Masons in England and Wales, would accomplish this benevolent object. Yea, double that sum could be raised, and that quickly, for the scholarship. Up and doing, my brother Masons! And I am confident that if Bro. Binckes, with his analytical skill, his comprehensive views, his descriptive and suggestive powers of organisation, would give momentum to the project, the thing is done. Meanwhile my pen, and my time, as far as I can command it, shall be at the service of the project, with a view to help those who may be able to help themselves and others: a project which, whilst it would perpetuate in literature the memory of the late Dr. Oliver, would tend to expand the mind of a Masonic stripling, and adorn Masonry with one of the brightest gems of Masonic charity.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.,

P.P.G. Chaplain for Lincolnshire.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough,
June 16th, 1875.

EMBLEM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any of your readers inform me if they know anything of an emblem or badge as follows:—A paste star with ten points on enamel circle centre, with a lion statant, ribbon, and motto over lion, "Vivitur reciproca Fide?"

Yours fraternally,

REX.

THE INSTALLATION CHARGE OF THE R.W. PRO G.M. AND "THE 1717 THEORY."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If the brethren generally had not considered that Bro. Buchanan's captious exception to our M.W. Pro G. Master's speech were better received and passed over in silence (I call it "captious" because it must certainly have appeared so to the Craft at large, however worthy its promulgator's intentions may have been) you would doubtless, ere this, have been flooded with expostulatory replies.

You, Sir, correctly reported the M.W. Pro G. Master's words, in which he uttered a simple truth, familiar to many outside the Craft as well as in it, for I well remember, as a child, being taught in my "Outlines of English History" that our ancient ecclesiastical buildings were reared by wandering companies of Freemasons.

Is Bro. Buchanan prepared to disprove this well-known fact? If not, the denial in his letter was, however well meant, not only uncalled for, but incorrect.

Bro. Buchanan, as I take it, has simply made use of this denial as a peg on which to hang the resuscitation of his

"1717 theory." That peg is removed, and I think that every brother will agree with me that, if this controversy is to be revived, it should be upon its own merits, and not upon such a false issue as the one in question.

No one assuredly will deny Bro. Buchanan the right of stating his opinion, but it would certainly be preferable not to start a discussion concerning it upon subject matter not only entirely wide of the mark but also thoroughly exempt from criticism as the Installation Charge in question.

With fraternal greetings, I remain, faithfully yours,

WM. TEBBS, P.M. 285,

P.P.G. Chaplain, Somerset.

Caterham Valley, June 14th, 1875.

HOW MASONS ARE MADE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When the eyes of enthusiastic Masons are gladdened by the appearance of long paragraphs in the newspapers, giving accounts of densely thronged Masonic meetings in various parts of the country, and reporting "Great spread of Freemasonry in—," does it ever occur to them to reflect for a moment whether the large number of persons who are daily flocking to our banners are "fit and proper persons to be made Masons?" Unhappily, every day's experience teaches us that such is not so, but that our once noble Institution is rapidly becoming crowded with a class of men, who 20 or even 30 years ago would never have dreamed of applying for admission to our ranks. That such an unfortunate state of things does exist is abundantly testified by the repeated cautions given by P.G. Masters, at the meetings of P.G. Lodges, about the care that should be taken before allowing any one to become "one of us."

Now, what is the most fruitful source of this admission of unfit subjects to the privileges of our Order? I think there can be no doubt, that it is principally due to the initiation of candidates in lodges held in towns other than those in which the candidates reside.

The Grand Master of England deemed the matter of such importance that, some time ago, he caused a circular letter to be forwarded to every lodge (I believe) calling attention to, and severely reprobating this custom. It is painful however to find that, in spite of this official warning, the evil, instead of diminishing, has been daily growing in magnitude.

As an illustration of the extent to which this practice may be and is carried, I wish emphatically to bring before the brethren generally the contents of a current circular, of what we will call "Lodge A," which has just fallen into my hands. According to this circular, the business to be transacted on the ensuing lodge night consists in balloting for 6 candidates, one as a joining member and the remaining 5 for initiation. Now, will it be credited that, of these 6 there is not, according to the addresses given in the circular, a single one of the candidates who is a resident in "Lodge A" town? Can anything be more scandalous than this? I don't use a term a bit too strong if I characterize such a circular a disgrace, not only to the lodge which issued it, but to the Order at large. Such I am sure will be the opinion of every true and loyal Mason.

But perhaps the reader may think that this extraordinary list of non-resident candidates may have been brought about by the fact of there being no lodges in their own immediate vicinities. Let us see.

We will pass over the joining member, as it is probable that he may intend to locate himself in his new lodge town. Of the 5 candidates for initiation, we find that No. 1 resides in a little village in which there is no lodge, about 9 miles from "A," and to get at which he must, if he go the direct road by railway, pass through a large town in which there is an irreproachable lodge held. Nos. 2 and 3 reside in the same town, about a distance of 8 miles from "A." The opportunities this town offers to local candidates may be estimated when it is mentioned, on the authority of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1875," that it contains not less than 23 lodges. No. 4 is an inhabitant of a town still more remote, being distant from "A" at least 12 miles, and, in addition, is in another county altogether. This town is provided with two lodges. I am sure I shall surprise (and I hope shock) many of my readers when I tell them that No. 5 is not only a non-resident, or even a dweller in "Lodge A's" county, but that he actually lives in a certain little island out of England, and distant from "A" close upon 90 miles. The island has three lodges, two of which are in the candidate's own town.

Why is this lodge favoured with so many candidates from a distance? It is not poor, so can't want money—it can't want establishing, for I am informed it sports a centenary jewel.

Perhaps some of its officers will explain, and in order to make identification of the lodge alluded to more easy, I will state that it is held in an old and very sleepy little town not 100 miles from Liverpool, and that the above candidates will be ballotted for on the 16th inst.

To the above I may add that in my own town I know cases (all occurring in a very short time) of four gentlemen who were either unable to find proposers amongst the members of or had been blackballed at our lodge, and yet who were speedily made Masons in neighbouring towns, some of them, I must in justice state, at Lodge "A."

Is there no remedy for this indiscriminate and wholesale manufacture of Masons? I think so, and a very simple one too. Let the proper authorities enact, 1st. That no candidate shall under any circumstances be initiated in a lodge held in any county in which he is not a resident. Breach of this rule to be punished by suppressing the lodge.

2nd. That every lodge in which a candidate shall have been blackballed shall at once transmit to the P.G. Secretary the name and address of such candidate.

3rd. That no candidate shall be initiated in any strange lodge (in his own county) till the next lodge night but

one after his proposal, and that in the meantime the Secretary shall ascertain from the P.G. Secretary if such candidate has been blackballed in his own lodge town, and, if so, his candidature shall not be proceeded with; but if the reply is in the negative, then the Secretary shall enquire from the lodge in the town in which the candidate resides as to his character and probable motives for being proposed in a strange lodge, and after the reply has been read in open lodge the balloting may be proceeded with.

If these rules be violated, let the offending lodge be admonished, and if the violation be persisted in, then let its name be erased from Grand Lodge list.

By observing the above simple rules, no hardship would be inflicted upon any one, and if not a stop, at all events a great check be put upon this pernicious system of Masonry made easy.

I trust the paramount importance of the subject under consideration will be sufficient justification for the length of this letter.

Yours fraternally,

Liverpool, 14th June, 1875.

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PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Neither brother has any "claim to the office" whatever. The Constitutions say: "He (i.e. the newly-installed W.M.) shall appoint his Wardens and other officers, except the Treasurer" (page 62, sec. 2.); and—"All preferment among Masons should be grounded upon real worth and personal merit; therefore, no brother shall be elected Master of a lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority of rank." (page 76, sec. 1.)

The W.M. was, therefore, quite right in putting into office such brethren as he deemed the fittest.

The question of "precedence" of merely lodge membership would be settled by the order in which the brethren in question became members of the lodge by the ballot of the brethren.

The entire difficulty (as far as can be gleaned from "Bro. Hadley's" letter) seems to have arisen from the indiscretion of the W.M., who, by stating his intended appointments before the proper time, gave an opportunity to the disappointed ones to take the extremely unmasonic course of marking their sense of the preference by refusing to confirm the minutes. Respecting the effect of this last step, I hope to address a few lines to you on another occasion.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM TEBBS.

Caterham Valley, June 14th, 1875.

TEMPERANCE LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask through the medium of your columns if any of your readers know of a Masonic lodge conducted on temperance principles, where a total abstainer would feel at home with his brethren.

Yours &c.,

SOUTH LONDON.

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the January number of the "Masonic Magazine" it is stated that the late Duke of Wellington was a Freemason. In my mother lodge, Edinburgh St. David's, No. 36, S.C., there was, in 1861, a letter from the Duke, in which he distinctly stated that he did not belong to the Order; doubtless on application to the R.W.M. you might get a copy of it.

I am, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM W. SQUIRES, K.H. 30°.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE M.W.G.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one of the fortunate brethren present at the Installation of H.R.H., our Grand Master, at the Albert Hall, I was highly gratified to hear the confirmation of thanks from Grand Lodge last quarterly communication to those distinguished brethren for their efficiency in the organisation of such an event, well remembering the general anxiety and fears which I and a great many others indulged in at the possible exclusion of junior members of Grand Lodge, owing to the the necessary and suitable space required. I therefore venture to state that in the name of those juniors I beg to tender our humble, but nevertheless sincere, thanks to Brother Boyd, Past Grand Pursuivant of England, who was the first to suggest publicly in your valuable pages, likewise to demonstrate the practicability, of using the Albert Hall for such an eminent purpose, thus giving out the timely spark that ignited the whole success of that memorable day.

I am, &c.,

S. W., 145.

MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see that our good Bro. Albert Mackey, strangely enough, falls into the not uncommon mistake of supposing that Hiram, the widow's son, was not an architect or a stonemason.

In the *Voice of Masonry* for June (page 403) he says "It is worth noticing that a similar creed occurs in the still retained legends of the Solomonic Temple, where Hiram Abiff, who, like Tubalcain, was only a worker in metals, and not a stonemason, is called the master builder of the Temple. The coincidence is striking, and the problem is one not easily to be solved, why in both the older and newer Masonry a silversmith should have been called a Mason and a builder." Our good brother has surely for-

gotten the 14th verse of the 2nd chapter, Second Book of Chronicles, where we read as follows:—

"The son of a woman of the daughter of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold and in silver, and in brass, and in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen and in common, able to grave any manner of graving, and any device," &c.

Properly then is Hiram Abiff called the "Master-builder" and the Architect of the Solomonic Temple.

The high authority of Bro. Mackey causes me to call attention to what might become a very serious error in Masonic Archæology if supported by his well-known name.

I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

A MASONIC STUDENT.

EARLY MASONIC TRACT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Where can I be favoured with a perusal of an early tract, published in 1676, and entitled "A Short Analysis of the Unchanged Rites and Ceremonies of Freemasonry," or where can I find an account of the same?

Yours fraternally,

HENRY T. BOBART.

[So far the book has eluded all research. It is, we believe, much more than doubtful if it ever was published.—Ed.]

EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you inform me in your next issue of the *Freemason* of a school for young gentlemen, kept by a brother, near London? The boy is rather delicate, and requires a little care, so I would like to place him under the eye of a brother, knowing he would be educated, and taken care of as a boarder.

Yours fraternally,

R. M.

[Perhaps some of our readers can answer the query. We shall be happy to put any one in communication with our enquiring brother.—Ed.]

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you, or some other authority, kindly inform me whether or not an Installing Master can claim from the I.P.M. (who has not installed his successor) the right to propose the health of the W.M. at the banquet, to the exclusion from that privilege of the I.P.M., and any other P.M. of the lodge who may be present.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

[Certainly not.—Ed.]

DEDICATION OF THE NEW YORK MASONIC TEMPLE.

The distinguished Masonic event in America of the present week, says the *Keystone* of June 5th, has been the dedication of the New Masonic Temple in the city of New York. A larger number of Craftsmen were there assembled, on Wednesday, June 2nd, 1875, than ever before, anywhere, in the history of the world, of which any record remains, and representing the chief Masonic Jurisdictions of the Globe. Twenty-five thousand Freemasons were in line, and participated in the Masonic procession and solemn ceremonies. We cannot, at the time we go to press, give our readers a full account of these ceremonies, but we shall aim to give a brief sketch of his history of the great Masonic work of the fraternity in New York, from its inception to its happy completion, as an acceptable preface to our description, in our next issue, of the Dedication Ceremonies.

The present magnificent New Masonic Temple in New York city, erected at the cost of a million and a quarter dollars, is the result of thirty-two years' anxious and, during the latter years, earnest labors. In 1843, the edifice was first proposed, and the following memorial upon the subject was presented to the Grand Lodge:

"R. W. and W. Brethren:

"The subscribers, deeply impressed with the desire of placing our institution in a position of permanent honour and usefulness, most respectfully present for your consideration, the necessity of taking immediate and active measures for raising a fund sufficient to accomplish the following objects:—

"First—The erection of a hall in the city of New York for the Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies."

"Second—The founding of an asylum for worthy decayed Masons, their widows and orphans."

"For the accomplishment of these noble purposes we invoke your honourable body to use your influence with the brethren of this State, by sending forth a suitable appeal to their liberality, and by appointing proper agents to solicit and receive contributions."

"In testimony of our sincerity and confidence in the ability of the fraternity in the State of New York, we ask your acceptance of our subscriptions in cash, and promise to pay annually hereafter until the works be completed, something toward the necessary fund."

"It is our desire, if the Grand Lodge accept our offering, that the sum thus raised be carefully invested by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, and preserved for the especial purpose above set forth, until the Grand Lodge shall decide that a sufficient fund has accumulated for the completion of the first object, to wit: the erection of a Grand Hall, free from incumbrance, after which the same means be continued, until the second object can be, in like manner, put in operation."

This memorial was drafted by the late R. W. Bro. James Herring, and is still in the possession of his son, W. Bro.

Fred. W. Herring. Accompanying it was a subscription of 300 dollars, from one hundred brethren; and the first subscriber who paid his subscription was Bro. Greenfield Pote, for many years Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge. Our readers may be interested to know how the fund from which the new temple was built gradually increased to the requisite sum. As we have indicated, it was at first slowly developed. Beginning in 1843 with 300 dollars, in 1846 it reached 873 dollars; 1849, 4121 dollars; 1858, 12,879 dollars; 1860, 31,111 dollars; 1866, 117,144 dollars; 1867, 207,694 dollars; 1868, 334,729 dollars; 1869, 445,873 dollars; 1874, 932,757 dollars; with 352,713 liabilities. On two occasions, in 1867 and 1873, 50,000 dollars were added to the fund by Masonic fairs.

The site upon which the temple is built is at the north-east corner of Twenty-third street and sixth avenue,—a splendid location—and its size is 92 feet by 141 feet. True, it does not compare either in size, or in grandeur, with the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia, which entirely covers a spacious lot 150 by 250 feet, and is surrounded on all sides by streets, and stands out a magnificent architectural structure; but it possesses many distinguishing features of its own, which entitle it to be considered one of the Grandest edifices in the world. The cost of the ground was 340,000 dollars. Up to June of last year, over 900,000 dollars had been spent upon the ground and the edifice.

The corner-stone was laid by Bro. James Gibson, Grand Master of Masons in New York, on June 8th, 1870, when 700 lodges were represented in the Masonic ceremonies incident thereto, and 10,000 Freemasons participated. The copestone was laid by Bro. Ellwood E. Thorne, (during the illness of Bro. Christopher C. Fox, Grand Master) on Oct. 4, 1872. In our present writing we cannot give a complete description of the Temple, though we may enumerate some of its salient features. Its distinguished architect is Bro. Napoleon Le Brun, formerly of Philadelphia, who now has a monument to his genius which will never die, as Bro. P.M. James H. Windrim has, in another world-wonder, the present Masonic Temple of Philadelphia. The New York Temple is five stories in height, including the Mansard pavilion. Its general exterior style of architecture is of pure French Renaissance, graduated, in each story, in sub-orders, viz: Tuscan, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite—all in massive granite. Its height from the street to the cornice is 94 feet. The Mansard rises 30 feet higher, while the dome reaches an altitude of 165 feet. The main entrance is on Twenty-third-street, through a Tuscan portico, flanked by two bronze pillars 14 feet in height. These are modelled after the Solomonic columns of the Bible, and give a unique and fitting finish to the portal.

The Grand Lodge Room is 85 by 92 feet in area, and 28 feet high. It is rented for other than Masonic purposes—for church services and lectures. The Grand Lodge Library is 40 feet by 21 feet. The Temple contains seven Lodge Rooms, viz: Tuscan Room, 62 by 30 feet; the Ionic Room, 63 by 26 feet; the Livingstone Room, 47 by 21 feet; the Composite Room, Corinthian Room, and the Clinton Room. The Egyptian Room is devoted to Chapter Masonry, and is in size 62 by 30 feet. The entire fifth floor, or Mansard pavilion, is occupied by the Knights Templar and members of the A. and A. Rite. The Asylum is 78 by 41 feet, and 21 feet high, and is designed after the French Gothic style, of the fourteenth century. The Council Chamber is 35 by 21 feet, and of Saracenic architecture. The Banquet Hall is of the Early Norman style, and is 55 by 27 feet in size. There is also an armory, containing hundreds of closets to contain the Knights' equipment. Two elevators conduct to the top of the Temple—one a passenger elevator, and the other for miscellaneous purposes. The entire Mason work was done under the direction of Bro. John T. Conover, and every part of the edifice was designed by the eminent architect, Bro. Napoleon Le Brun. Bro. James M. Austin, M.D., the present esteemed Grand Secretary, is the only living member of the original Board of Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund. The Fraternity of New York will erect the Masonic Asylum for worthy indigent Master Masons, their Widows and Orphans, as soon as the revenue from the Temple shall warrant the undertaking.

We have now given our readers a hurried sketch of the great and successful effort of the brethren in our sister jurisdiction of the New York, to erect a fitting Masonic Temple for the work of the Craft in the metropolis of America. We wish them every enjoyment of its elegant hall, and that the time may speedily arrive when they shall inaugurate their great Masonic Charity.

The Crown Prince of Denmark, not finding it convenient to attend the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in New York on the 2nd inst., sent his "regrets," accompanied with an attesting document by the Grand Secretary. The following are copies of the letters:

Den Danske Store Lands Loge.

By the command of His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince Frederik, M.W. Grand Master of Denmark, the undersigned have the pleasure to inclose the answer of His Royal Highness to the kind and fraternal invitation to the initiation festival of the Masonic Hall, in New York. In handing you this proof of the interest with which the prosperity of our most sacred Order on your continent is regarded, we remain M.W. Sir and dear brother, most respectfully and fraternally yours,

A. Rist, Keeper of the Seals,
Arist, Grand Secretary.

Copenhagen, April 20, 1875.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the State of New York, Ellwood E. Thorne, Esq., New York city.

The following is the CROWN PRINCE'S LETTER:—

HEALTH, PEACE, AND UNITY.

"It has afforded me the most sincere pleasure to receive your fraternal invitation to the initiation of the newly erected Masonic Hall in New York, which is to take place on the 2nd of June. I deeply regret that several hin-

drances, and especially the great distance, prevent me from answering to the inclination of my heart to meet on this occasion my Masonic Brethren on the other side of the ocean. I beg you to accept my heartfelt wishes for the prosperity of this grand undertaking, and my ardent hope that the threefold Great Architect of the Universe will bestow on it His powerful blessings, and give furtherance and success to your aim—externally, to demonstrate the greatness of the institution; internally to cement and strengthen the ties of brotherly love; and finally, to support the indigent, the widow, and the orphan.

"Fraternally,"

"FREDERIK,

"Crown Prince of Denmark.

"Copenhagen, 20th April, 1875.

"To the M.W. Grand Master in the State of New York, Brother ELLWOOD E. THORNE, New York City."

Ireland.

ST. BRENDON'S LODGE, No. 163.—DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL, PARSONSTOWN.

On Tuesday, 15th inst., the imposing ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall, Parsonstown, to the purposes of Freemasonry, was performed with all the ceremonies and rites peculiar to the time-honoured craft. The assemblage of the brethren from various parts was large and influential, and the fact that the quarterly communication of the Midland Counties Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the same time served to invest the occasion with additional eclat. The Right Honourable Lord Hastings, the newly appointed Grand Master of the Prov. G. Lodge, assumed his office for the first time amid the heartiest congratulations. At 12.30 the brethren and visitors assembled in the new lodge-room, took the places assigned to them by the Stewards, and at one o'clock, shortly after the arrival of the down train, the Provincial Grand Officers assembled in the ante-room, and walked in procession to the new lodge-room, the brethren all standing. Silence being proclaimed, the lodge was formally opened.

The Secretary of 163 then read the reply of the Grand Lodge to their memorial requesting permission to remove their meetings to their new hall; and in the name of the lodge requesting the Right Worshipful Grand Master to proceed with the dedication. The Provincial Grand Chaplain read prayers, after which the anthem, Psalm xc., verse 17, was sung by the choir. The ceremony of dedication was then performed by the Rt. Worshipful Grand Master in the manner prescribed by Masonic formularies. The business of the communication was finally proceeded with, and at the conclusion the brethren adjourned to Dooly's Hotel, where the members of St. Brendon's entertained their visitors to a magnificent champagne luncheon, served up in the style peculiar to that establishment.

During the progress of the works at the new hall we endeavoured to keep our readers acquainted with the style of this unique and beautiful specimen of architecture, but now that it has been brought to such a successful finale, a more detailed description may be interesting to lovers of the mediæval art.

Some eight months since the committee obtained possession of a house in William-street, and having removed the top floor and all the partitions, found at their disposal a room which measured about 31 feet long by 17 wide, and 17 high to the braces of the roof. They then instructed Mr. A. B. Milne, C.E., to prepare plans for its conversion into a hall suitable for the meeting of their ancient Order, and under his direction and superintendence the various works have been carried out, the completion of which we this day chronicle.

On entering the hall the visitors' attention is first caught by the "All-seeing Eye," which, visible through a break in a bank of clouds, seems to watch over and to see all who are in the room, of which we now proceed to give a more detailed description. The ceiling is divided to six bays or compartments by seven deep moulded ribs, resting on consoles, supported by pilasters, which, in their turn, divide the side walls into a like number of bays, and form the main features of the work. Round two sides of the room are raised platforms, on which are placed the benches for the brethren; a bench between each pair of pilasters, and at the further end is a dais approached by three steps, on which is the Master's chair, &c. The ribs are elliptical in form, being designed to make the utmost of the available height. The web is pierced with a number of round holes, which are picked out with pink and black. The mouldings, which form the top and bottom members, are in continuous pieces steamed and bent round to the required contour, and secured by bolts passing through, all the heads of which and their washers, in the form of five pointed stars, are picked out in blue and gold. The ceiling between the ribs is covered with blue paper, spangled with five pointed gold stars, and the effect of which when lit up is to give a great apparent height and expanse. The consoles have in each of their projecting members an oval hole which is picked out in pink and black, and the top and bottom tables are connected round the room by stop chamfered strings, enclosing between them the frieze, which is tinted a pale pink, and, is embellished with a variety of Masonic emblems in gold, relieved and shaded. The pilasters are eight feet high, and are wrought with bold angle staffs, with O. G. stops, and have three large reeds which are stopped both at top and bottom, and also in the centre, where a plain surface is left, on which is placed a five-pointed star and a square and compasses, carved and gilt. The panels between the pilasters and the end walls under the frieze are tinted a peculiar cream color termed "Parian Ware," and each panel is relieved by a line of scroll work and mediæval leaves, stencilled on in Sienna. On the end wall, at the entrance from ante-room, and filling the space

between the frieze and the soffit of the rib, there is represented a Bible open at the 1st Chapter of St. John, resting on a crimson cushion and appropriate drapery, and above on a ribbon the well-known words, in Greek letters, "In the beginning was the Word." Under the frieze and surrounded by the scroll work is a blue lozenge, on which is inscribed in gold. "St. Brendon's Lodge, 163, dedicated 15th June, 1875." At the opposite end and occupying a similar position to the Bible, is the All-seeing Eye before referred to, shining out through a bank of summer clouds, and casting down a flood of light which illuminates an expanse of mountain and forest underneath, which stretches away on either side, and appears to extend backward to the distant horizon. The door leading from the ante-room is a very fine piece of work. The side showing into the hall has its panels raised, and on each panel is a shield bearing Masonic emblems; the framing is all moulded with quirked mouldings wrought in the solid and having O. G. stops. The reverse of the door is stop chamfered, the stops being Scotia and fillet, and the jamblings are finished so as to correspond, as are also the architraves, which have their sides and heads produced past their intersections, and finished with ogival termination. All the chairs and benches are of red pine, stained and varnished; those for the brethren having plain backs; those for the various officers being distinguished by gablets, behind which rise staves bearing banners, on which are displayed their insignia. The ends of the benches and officers' chairs are of open work of original design, and become more ornate as their occupants are higher in degree. The lighting is provided for by two gaseliers formed like five pointed stars, suspended from ornamental ventilators fixed in the ceiling, through which and the aperture in the wall ribs the heated air is carried off, while cold air is admitted under the side platforms and dais by three large valves which communicate with the outer air, and can be opened or closed from the inside. In winter this air supply will be taken from a hot air chamber which is situated on the ground. The ante-room is lighted by a very handsome bracket in mediæval style, with Masonic emblem.

Throughout the whole there has been an endeavour to keep to the mediæval spirit which caused all work to exhibit its construction, and to make the constructive features ornamental—not to hide any work or material, but to let it tell its own story of its quality and use. All the exposed woodwork, as the ribs, consoles, pilasters, door, and door-case, are simply stained and varnished, thus showing out the natural grain and beauties of the timber, while machine mouldings stuck on and all imitations of any kind have been carefully avoided. By adherence to this principle Lodge 163 now possess a hall pronounced by the universal consent of the brethren from various parts assembled there, to be second to none in the province, and for its size not surpassed in Ireland.

For the architect and designer, Mr. A. B. Milne, praise in our columns would be superfluous, as his work speaks for itself, and it will be an eloquent and lasting testimonial to his fine taste and architectural abilities. To the energetic Secretary of the Building Committee, Mr. R. J. Sheppard, belongs the second meed of praise; under his careful supervision the Masonic details were stringently adhered to, adding in no small degree to the innumerable points of beauty possessed by the architect's design. The ribs, consoles, and entire gasfitting and heating arrangements were supplied and erected by Messrs. Wallace & Co., Wilmer Road, in their usually excellent style. To Messrs. Brooks, Thomas, & Co., of Dublin, were entrusted the painting and decorating department, and the manner in which this eminent firm acquitted themselves claims for them the utmost credit, aided as they were by their talented artist, Mr. Morris. The carpentry and all the erecting work was executed by Mr. James Carroll, and Mr. Henry Dillon constructed the benches and chairs in the most tradesmanlike manner.

PIC-NIC OF THE SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1380.

By the kind permission of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. Eng., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, a pic-nic party in connection with the lodge that bears his name, and of which he was the first W.M., took place on Wednesday, the 16th June, in his lordship's grounds, Lathom House, near Ormskirk.

The weather, unfortunately, was not of the most favourable character, as shortly after the start the rain began to fall and continued so until the afternoon, when the rain cleared off and remained so until the arrival of the party on their return home.

A select party of about 40 ladies and brethren met at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, where the lodge holds its meetings, shortly after half-past twelve o'clock, and as a pleasant preliminary of the day's proceedings, the W.M., (Bro. Bark) presented Bro. George Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1380, with a very handsome dining room timepiece, and ornaments to match, in recognition of services which he had rendered to the "Skelmersdale Lodge," at and since its formation.

The timepiece bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. George Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., West Lancashire, by the members of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his valuable services in promoting the prosperity of the lodge since its formation. June, 1875." After the whole of the company had assembled in one of the large rooms of the hotel, and partaken of cakes and wine, Bro. F. G. Bark, W.M. of the lodge, gave the toast of "The Queen," in felicitous terms, and afterwards proceeded to make the presentation to Bro. Broadbridge. He said that many of the members would be aware, that when the lodge was started, one brother (Broadbridge) particularly took very

active part in forming it, and since then he had nurtured it, so as to enable it to grow to the state in which it now stood. He did not for one moment say that Bro. Broadbridge was the sole cause of the lodge coming to the perfection which it had reached, because they knew he had received valuable help from one who was no longer amongst them (the late Bro. Capt. Mott). Nevertheless, Bro. Broadbridge was the chief promoter and nurturer of the lodge, and if anything wanted doing, he was always ready and willing with a helping hand. (Hear, hear.) There was nothing in the Order which Freemasons more liked to see recognised than valuable services; and in the present instance the brethren of the Skelmersdale Lodge had felt it their bounden duty to recognise the services of their brother in a substantial manner. Bro. Broadbridge was not only esteemed by the members of that lodge, but by every one who knew him in the province of West Lancashire. He trusted that Bro. Broadbridge would long be spared to give the lodge his countenance, advice, and help. After referring to the fact that nearly every one in connection with the lodge had subscribed, the W.M. made the presentation of the testimonial. In acknowledging the gift, Bro. Broadbridge, who was loudly applauded, briefly thanked the brethren for their very handsome testimonial. Since the consecration of the Skelmersdale Lodge he had watched its progress with a great amount of interest, and he assured them that that interest would not cease so long as he had health and strength. The Skelmersdale Lodge was very dear to their P.G.M., and he trusted the members would do everything in their power to uphold its dignity and position, and do honour to the name which it bore. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Broadbridge then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who responded in pointed and effective terms. "The Ladies," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Melladew.

Speech-making and present-giving over, the happy party immediately got "on board" a four-horse omnibus, which was waiting outside, and proceeded on the journey to Lathom House. Rain fell the greater part of the way, making the position of outsiders anything but pleasant; and their position was not improved by the overhanging trees under which they had to pass on the way to Lathom House. It required a pretty sharp look-out, and any quantity of stooping, to avoid contact with the branches and the reception of a shower-bath: but with all these difficulties the outside passengers enjoyed many a hearty laugh. The rain cleared off as the party, after nearly three hours' driving, arrived at their destination. Luncheon was immediately served, after which the party was allowed to inspect a portion of the house and the grounds. Dancing and other amusements peculiar to a pic-nic were then enjoyed until tea-time came, and shortly afterwards the start was made for Waterloo. After a pleasant moonlight drive, the party arrived there about half-past ten o'clock, having greatly enjoyed the first pic-nic in connection with the Skelmersdale Lodge, which is certainly not likely to be the last.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

LIFE GOVERNORS FROM LIVERPOOL.

Following the excellent example of Bro. Constable in connection with the Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. George Broadbridge, P. Prov. G.D.C. West Lancashire, P.M. 241, 1380, &c., recently organised a drawing for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the result has proved eminently satisfactory. Bro. Broadbridge personally organised the scheme, issued the books for the drawing, and spared no effort to make it worthy of the Masonic position of Liverpool. By dint of hard work, and assisted by several willing brethren, he succeeded in realising 90 guineas by the sale of shilling tickets, which entitled the drawing for nine Life Governorships of the Institution. The ballot took place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Friday, the 11th inst., when there was a very large attendance of the brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec. The following were the successful members and names of those who secured the Life Governorships:—

- 129, Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell,
- 19, " W. Johnson,
- 2372, " H. Normanton,
- 220, " Henry Scott,
- 2636, " W. H. Ward,
- 1093, " H. E. Maltass,
- 1414, " Sefton Chapter, 680,
- 890, " Dr. J. Kellett Smith,
- 2241, " John Marshall.

Bro. Broadbridge has set an example which might well be imitated in other provinces in England. It may also be stated that Bro. Broadbridge has undertaken to serve as one of the Stewards at the approaching festival in connection with the Institution.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY.

The attention of lodges and brethren is called to a new Cyclopædia of Freemasonry, which Bro. Kenning is about to publish in a handy form and compendious arrangement. The work will treat fully on Masonic history and archaeology up to the present time, and will contain all subjects which fairly form part of a Masonic cyclopædia. Some topics will be introduced for the first time; some omitted which tend to make most of our handbooks too bulky for the general reader, since they include subjects which may be considered external to Freemasonry proper. It is hoped, however, that this new publication will be both condensed and yet comprehensive, lucid in statement and complete in treatment, and that it will become a real and portable vade mecum for English, Scotch and Irish Freemasons. No efforts will be spared to make it worthy of our great Order.

The Cyclopædia will appear early in 1876. Subscribers' names will be printed with the work. In order to meet the convenience of the brethren generally, and to ensure a large circle of original subscribers, though the selling price of the work will be 10s. 6d., the Cyclopædia will be sent (post free) to lodges and individual brethren, original subscribers, for 7s. 6d. Subsequently to the closing of the subscription list the amount will be, for the public and for the Craft, 10s. 6d.

Orders will be received at the Office of the *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE MASONS' COMPANY.

The names of Thomas Shadbolt, Nicholas Young, John Thompson, and William Stanton are of frequent occurrence in the minute book about the year 1682.

A Mr. Henry Wilson was elected Master in 1683, but in the year 1621 the accounts are signed among others by a William Wilson, with a flourish before the name which might be "Sir," but this is 50 years before Bro. Woodford expects to see the name.

William Hamond is evidently the same as Hamon. The name of —Waisford is not to be found about the year 1682, nor are the names Richard Penket, James Collier, Richard Sankey, Henry Littler, John Elam, and Hugh Brewer, to be found about the year 1646.

There appears to have been a meeting of the Company whenever there was any business to be done. The minute book records during the year 1682:—

- (I.) A Quarter Court held 16th Jan. at Masons' Hall.
- (II.) A Court of Assts. " 28th Feb. " " "
- (III.) A Quarter Court " 11th July " " "
- (IV.) A Court " 26th Sept. " " "
- (V.) A Quarter-day Ct. " 3rd Oct. " " "
- (VI.) A Court held 13th Oct., 1682, at the Rose Tavern, Leadenhall-street.
- (VII.) A Court held 24th Oct., 1682, at the old "Dogg" Tavern, in Ludgate-street.
- (VIII.) A Court of Assistants held 30th Oct., 1682, being Lord Mayor's Day, in Masons' Hall.
- (IX.) A Court of Assistants held 21st Nov., 1682, in Masons' Hall.

I cannot find that the Company ever dined at the "Half Moon," Cheapside.

Such is the result of another search kindly made for me by the Clerk of the Company. A.F.A.W.

MASONIC NUMISMATICS.

I am glad to see my notice of the Masonic Token of 1792 has led to a little correspondence on that subject, and I hope one day we shall hear of others of a similar character, for this country is sadly behind Germany as respects either a collection or history of Masonic Tokens, probably owing, as the Editor of the *Freemason* puts it, to there having been very few issued in this country.

I bought a modest-looking Masonic token last week, quite new to me, and I shall be glad to hear if there are any others still in existence.

On the obverse are two columns surmounted by an arch, and "All seeing-Eye." On the left column (to the spectator) is the letter C, and on the right, the letter W. The columns rest on tessellated pavement, with apparently a pedestal in the centre. On the reverse are simply the square and compasses, with G in the centre. It is much worn, and if there were any inscriptions or mottoes originally, they are now invisible.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

I observe under the head of "Masonic Notes, &c.," in the *Freemason* of the 12th inst., that Bro. William James Hughan mentions and describes a Masonic Token struck to commemorate the election of the Prince of Wales as G.M. of Freemasons, 24th Nov., 1790. It is identically the same as the one that I have, but the words engraved on the rim of mine are very distinct, "Masonic Halfpenny Token," the rest is not so distinct; therefore, I think it most probable that the remaining part of the inscription is the same as stated by Bro. Hughan, namely, "Schichley Fecit, 1794."

FRAS. BURDETT, P.G.M. Midx., G. Supt.

Reviews.

Those who were at the Installation will well remember the admirable effect produced by Sir M. Costa's Processional March, and how much it was appreciated and applauded. We are very glad therefore to welcome it in print, as a very agreeable addition to our Masonic musical "repertoire." The march does its able composer, our well known and worthy brother, every credit, and we trust that it may receive the ready support of our good Order. Freemasons like many good things, and not the least of all, music of a high order, and effective melody; and we commend to their patronizing notice this composition of Bro. Sir M. Costa, not only a spirited souvenir of an unforgettable day, but as a most appropriate march to be employed on various festive and solemn occasions in Freemasonry. For our part, wherever we shall hear it, whether played by tiny hands or manipulated by the wondrous skill of some fair professor of legerdemain, we shall always recall that eventful day; and its strain, spirited and happy, will revive in us welcome recollections, alike of an unique gathering and of our Royal Grand Master,

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

We have received a pamphlet from Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M. of W. Yorkshire, relative to the Boys' School, which we do not deem it well in the interests of Freemasonry to publish.

For the welfare of the Boys' School, however, we have felt it to be our duty to publish the following letter from Bro. Binckes:—

To the Yorkshire Vice-Presidents of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, London, N.

Report of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, 29th A.L. 5875.

I have this day received a copy of a pamphlet with the above title, accompanied by a note addressed to me, and signed, "Yours fraternally, T. W. Tew," from which the following is an extract:—"West Yorkshire does not like the repeated visits of the Secretary of the Boys' School, and thinks the contributions will be maintained without the Secretary's personal visitations, and the amount charged in the expenditure be saved."

To what extent the D.P.G.M. is to be accepted as the exponent of the feeling of the Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren of West Yorkshire, it is of course impossible for me to say. This only I can assert, that the kindness extended to me on all occasions by the late Provincial Grand Master, and the brethren generally, the courtesy and genial warmth with which I have been invariably received, prevented any such impression on my mind, producing indeed, the conviction of the existence of a feeling entirely opposed to that described by Bro. Tew. If I have been mistaken, I can but express my sincere regret, and can assure you that you will never find me pressing an unwelcome presence on your various assemblies. My principal reason in addressing you, however, is with reference to the extraordinary contents of the pamphlet, into the details of which I cannot now enter, being prevented from doing so by the incessant pressure of business arising out of the ensuing Festival. I simply now, in the interests of the Institution, and in my own name, and on behalf of others, beg you to suspend your judgment until a reply can be given to the *ex parte* statements to which your attention has been drawn. There is not one of these statements of which a satisfactory explanation cannot be given, if it be thought desirable to give publicity to charges and investigations, which unhappily have already occupied a very large portion of valuable time.

That any gentleman recognising a proper spirit of fairness and impartiality should accept as facts the statements of one deeply and personally inculpated, without the slightest enquiry from others whose conduct is called in question, and himself adopt such statements as truthful by publishing them in his own name, is to my mind one of those mysteries impossible to fathom. From first to last, the pamphlet is one long series of one-sided advocacy and misstatement, revealing at every step its source of inspiration, but as easily confuted as is a house of cards destroyed by a touch.

In the earnest hope that the interests of the Institution, for which you and others have done so much, may not be damaged by this publication, and in the fullest assurance that the confidence reposed by you in the Committee and myself has never been abused, and in the hope that that confidence may long be continued,

I have the honour to be,

Your faithful and obedient Servant and Brother,

FREDERICK BINCKES,
Secretary.

19th June, 1875.

P.S.—One correction I cannot delay:—At page nine there is published a short note of mine, wilfully garbled, which is so absurdly printed as it stands, that to suppose me capable of inditing it would be to place me on a level, as regards mental capacity, with the Head-Master, through whom the copy must have been furnished to Bro. Tew. My note was as follows:—

"A letter addressed to the Chairman and Members of the House Committee has this day been delivered at this address. Like your client, you appear determined to ignore the existence of a recognised official in the person of yours, &c."

Contrast this with the note as printed, and let every one draw his own conclusions.

MASONIC BALL AT CAMBRIDGE.

The May term is the brightest time in Cambridge Masonry, as most men take their B.A. degrees in June, and they are anxious to proceed as far as they can in Masonry before leaving the University. The following is the list of the chief officers of the various lodges and chapters, and it shows that Masonry has established a firm footing among the "dons" as well as the junior members of the University:—Craft, W. F. Smith, Fellow of St. John's, W.M.; the Rev. J. W. Cartmell, P.G.C., Fellow of Christ's, W.M. elect. Royal Arch,—Professor R. K. Miller, P.M., P.G.J. W., Fellow of St. Peter's, Z. Mark,—R. T. Caldwell, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Fellow of Corpus Christi, W.M.; F. C. Wace, P.M., Fellow of St. John's, W.M. elect. Royal Ark Mariners,—The Rev. Dr. Walker, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., late Fellow of Corpus Christi, N. Rose Croix,—R. T. Caldwell, M.W.S. Knights Templar,—The Rev. Dr. Walker, Preceptor. All these degrees were conferred on a large number of candidates during the term, and the Masonic year was wound up by the annual ball of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, which was given at the Guildhall on the 28th of May. The following brethren acted as Stewards, in addition to those already named:—The Right Hon the Earl of Hardwicke, P.M., R.W.P.G.M.; the Rev. J. F. Hardy, B.D., P.M., P. Prov. G.C., Fellow of Sidney, Sussex; the Rev. A. B. Frazer, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Past Grand Chaplain; R. C. Jebb, Fellow of Trinity and Public Orator; Lord Theobald Butler, the Hon J. Plunket, and others. Bro. Gilbert Ainslie, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.,

acted as Honorary Secretary, and under his skilful management all the arrangements were most successfully carried out. All the brethren first appeared in Craft clothing, and those belonging to the higher degrees changed successively to the dresses of Mark or Ark, Royal Arch, Rose Croix, Templars, and Knights of Malta, to each of which degrees a separate set of Lancers was allotted. A few brethren also wore the clothing of the Royal Order of Scotland and the Red Cross of Constantine. Bro. Dan Godfrey, with his band of the Guards, supplied the music. The company numbered about 370, and dancing was kept up till four o'clock.

Poetry.

THE W.M.'S SONG.—"TO ORDER, BRETHREN."

Dedicated to the Rev. E. P. Brette, D.D., W.M. Lodge 1460, By T. BURDETT YEOMAN, 1460.

List whilst I sing of rank and fame, of confidence and state, Of brotherhoods and governments, how changeable their fate.

But one there is above the rest, whose virtues are untold, For honour is their first regard, and faithful is the mould.

Chorus: "To order, Brethren," as Masons free,

'Tis the first time I ask;

For the Craft at large, and this our lodge Is my exclusive task.

Again the sound of gavel rings, a second time I rise, To ask if you have ought to say: "Oh, yes!" some brother cries,

"Worshipful Sir, I wish to state, that we have funds to spare,

For charity some ten pounds give, to girls and boys a share." Chorus: "To order, Brethren," etc.

For the third time I rise to ask if ought you have to say,— "Worshipful Master and dear Sirs, your kind attention pay, Outside our lodge a brother waits, who humbly craves our aid,

With troubles sore he seeks for help, 'Accept my thanks,' he said."

Chorus: "To order, Brethren," etc.

Brethren, again, before we close, let us invoke a blessing From our Great Architect and King, whose love we are confessing;

Now may he deign o'er us to watch, and hold us in His keeping,

In health, and strength, and holy bond, at home, abroad, and sleeping.

Chorus: "To order, Brethren," etc.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, S.V.P., was in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, J.V.P., in the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. H. Garrod, P.M. 749, in the Junior Vice-President's. Among the brethren present were Bros. John Hervey, G. Sec., John M. Clabon; S. Rawson, W. Smith, Herbert Dicketts, W. Mann, W. Stephens, Joseph Smith, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, H. M. Levy, J. Diprose, W. T. Howe, James Robins, R. B. Webster, J. W. Stedwell, S. S. Hickman, H. T. Wood, C. P. Cobham, J. J. Gosset, C. Jardine, W. S. Masterman, J. Bengemann, W. Sugg, H. Driver, J. Ross, L. Keays, A. J. Pritchard, C. F. Hlogard, E. King, A. B. Marten, D. Betts, E. Wits, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and C. E. Habicht.

The grants of £20 and under £50 made on the former occasion, to the amount of £170, were first confirmed, and the lodge then proceeded with the consideration of new cases, which numbered altogether twenty-three. Of these three were deferred, and one was refused. The remainder were relieved with sums ranging from £40 to £5. Two received £40 each; one £30; eight 20; two £15; four £10; and two £5; making altogether £350. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN AT WORMHILL.

Yesterday the officers and members of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, 1235, of Buxton, with several brethren from other lodges, met at Wormhill, by the kind invitation of Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., Vicar of Wormhill and Rural Dean of Buxton, to assist in laying the foundation stone of a fountain to the memory of "James Brindley," the eminent engineer, who was born in the parish, at Tunstead, about a mile from Wormhill. The plans show a very elegant stone structure for the springs near the centre of the village, and which, in the most droughty summers, were never known to fail. The architect is Bro. Robert Griggs, of Gray's Inn-square, London; and the fountain is expected to be finished and opened for the use of the village, about the end of July. The following brethren were present on the occasion:—Bros. Wm. Smith, W.M.; E. C. Milligan, S.W.; E. J. Sykes, J.W.; A. J. Harrison, Ph.D., Chaplain; Wm. Boughen, Treasurer; A. Barnett, Secretary; J. H. Lawson, S.D.; Jos. Whalley, Superintendent of Works; Charles Adams, D.C.; George Marsden, Organist; W. Goodwin, I.G.; A. Pyke, Tyler; George Goodwin, C. Gwinnell, Stewards; R. R. Duke, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; Frederick Turner, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Josiah Taylor, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; Augustus A. Bagshawe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G., Chaplain.—Members: Rev. J. M. Cranswick, P.G.D.; W. H. Newton, Charles Wilkinson, G. F. Barnard, J. C. Bates, Samuel Taylor, Thos. Griffiths, W. Millward, James C. Hyde, J. G. Meggison.

The following brethren from other lodges were also present:—Bro. Robt. Bramwell (Peveril of the Peak Lodge),

J.W. 654; George Shaysles (Clifton Lodge, Blackpool), J.W. 703; S. W. Ready (Peveril of the Peak), P.M., 654; John Cockshott (Concord), W.M. 343; Thos. Roper (St. John's Wigton), P.P.G.S.W. for Cumberland; Jno. Comyn (Commercial Lodge), 411, P.P.S.W. for Notts; Jno. D. Simpson (Peveril of the Peak), 654; John Yarker (Integrity, Manchester), P.M.; R. H. Holt (Peveril of the Peak), 654; Joseph Wright (Peveril of the Peak), S.W. 654; &c.

The lodge, adjourned from the last regular lodge night, met, under a dispensation from Bro. Okeover, D.P.G.M., in the School-room, Wormhill, the foundation stone of which was laid with Masonic Ceremony in 1871, and after opening in the First Degree the brethren formed in due order and proceeded to the site of the proposed fountain, where Bro. Wm. Smith, W.M., laid the foundation stone, assisted by Bros. E. C. Milligan, S.W., E. J. Sykes, J.W., J. Simpson, &c., and after the position of the stone had been tested by the various tools with which an operative Mason completes his work, Bro. Smith declared the stone properly laid; newspapers and coins having previously been deposited beneath it. The symbolical corn was sprinkled, and wine and oil were poured upon the surface with the usual ceremonies. Bro. the Rev. A. J. Harrison, P.M., Chaplain, then delivered a very able biographical address on Brinley, which appeared to interest all present. "God save the Queen" was then sung, and the brethren returned to the school-room, and the lodge was closed. From these pleasant labours the brethren went to refreshment at the Vicarage, where the Vicar and his estimable wife entertained them in the hospitable and sumptuous manner for which they are so well known, and a most agreeable and happy day was spent.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution assembled on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. Browne, presided, and there were also present Bros. Major J. Creaton, Benjamin Head, Joshua Nunn, A. H. Tattershall, Walter Wellsman, Thos. F. P. Griffiths Smith, Thos. W. White, John Symonds, J. G. Marsh, Jesse Turner, R. B. Webster, J. A. Farnfield, Thos. Massa, Col. J. Peters, H. M. Levy, H. Massey, (*Freemason*); and R. Wentworth Little, Sec.

The business transacted was merely of a formal character, after completing which the Committee adjourned.

Masonic Tidings.

Three children of the Prince and Princess of Wales—the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maude—and suite arrived at St. Leonard's on Saturday afternoon by South-Eastern Railway, and drove to the Royal Victoria Hotel, where they will remain for some time. Prince Albert Edward Victor and Prince George Ernest Albert, eldest sons of the Prince of Wales, paid a private visit in sailors' costume to Liverpool on Saturday, accompanied by the Rev. Canon Tarver, of Chester, with whom the young Princes are at present staying. They visited the Exchange, St. George's Hall, and also the Allen steamer *Sarmatian*, with which they appeared to be greatly interested. Canon Tarver was classical tutor to the Prince of Wales.

The Consecration of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, will take place in the large ball-room of the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Friday, July 2nd, at half-past three. Banquet at half-past five p.m., sharp. Tickets for banquet one guinea. The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation by Bro. John Hervey, G.S., P.G.D., assisted by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. R. W. Little, P.G. Secretary, Middlesex, and some clerical brethren as Chaplains. The musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. W. Kipps, J.W. 1531, Org., 79, &c.

The Ceremony of Installation will be worked at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, Wheatheaf Hotel, Hand Court, Holborn, on Tuesday evening, June 29th, by Bro. John Bingemann, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, No. 55. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

Bro. Captain Boyton visited Manchester on Monday last, and exhibited his life-saving apparatus on the great lake at Bellevue Gardens in the presence of a vast assemblage of spectators.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The funeral of Bro. Sir Christoffel Josephus Brand, ex-Speaker of the House of Assembly, was a most imposing affair, the cortège being nearly a mile in length. The deceased gentleman was buried with Masonic honours.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales inspected the Royal Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard in the Garden of St. James's Palace, on Tuesday. The Corps paraded under the command of Lord Skelmersdale, the Captain. The following officers were present:—Lieutenant-Colonel Need (the Lieutenant), Colonel the Hon. W. J. Colville (the Ensign), Lieutenant Colonel Patterson, Lieutenant-Colonel Todd, Captain Morley, and Colonel Hume, C.B. (the Exons), and Lieutenant-Colonel Sutton (the Adjutant). His Royal Highness having carefully inspected the ranks, expressed himself much pleased with the appearance of these fine old veterans.

The meetings of the Domestic Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Surrey Masonic Hall.

A literary and scientific "at home" of the Urban Club was held in the quaint old hall of the club-house, St. John's-gate, yesterday week. There was collected together a great number of distinguished men.

We understand that Miss Davis, head governess of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, who resigned her position as from Midsummer-day, desires now to withdraw that resignation.

The American Team of riflemen who have come to Dublin to take part in a rifle competition have been fêted in such a manner that they have been compelled to decline further invitations, in order to practise for the coming competition. They, however, accepted an invitation to a Masonic dinner on the 24th inst.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held under the auspices of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, at the Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Tuesday, 29th inst.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held at the Town Hall, Bury St. Edmund's, on Monday, the 5th July, at 12 o'clock.

A sum of about £22,000 has now been received at the Mansion House on account of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the honorary presidency of the British Committee of the Brussels International Exhibition, which is to take place next year.

MANSION HOUSE.—The Lady Mayoress on Tuesday last received the pupils of the Masonic Institution for Girls, at Battersea Rise, accompanied by Miss Jarwood and Miss Davies, to luncheon. The girls were those to whom prizes were on the 11th May last distributed by the Lady Mayoress. The visitors were received by her ladyship in the State rooms, and afterwards proceeded to the Long Parlour, where an elegant repast was served, after which a tour was made over the Mansion House, and at parting the Lady Mayoress presented each of the girls with a workbasket filled with sweets, as a souvenir of their visit.

The pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will visit the Crystal Palace for their day's holiday on Tuesday. They will leave Clapham Junction by train at 9.42 a.m., and participate in all the amusements of the Palace during the day. Out of the balance of Stewards' fees remaining in hand after the late festival thirty guineas have been handed over by the Stewards towards defraying the expenses of the treat.

An authoritative denial is given to the statement that the Duke of Connaught intends to purchase Rockingham Castle, as an Irish residence.

The famous violin, formerly belonging to Baillet, the celebrated violinist, has been purchased by Mr. George Maddock, of Leeds, for 600 guineas.

Lord Carnarvon has (the *Globe* says) ordered that a searching inquiry should be made as to the origin of that epidemic of measles which has created such havoc in Fiji.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 2, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 1531, Chislehurst, Bull's Head, Chislehurst.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, JUNE 28.

Meeting of Festival Stewards, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-Lill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

Varborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8
Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

Stewards' Annual Visit to Boys' School.
Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern Albion-road, Dalston, E.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, JULY 1.

Lodge 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (17) Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye; W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, JULY 2.

Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggerridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 3, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 28.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row Chester, at 6.30.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Allpass Preceptory, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 1st.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 3.
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

FRIDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 3, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 28.

Lodge 999, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester at 6.
Preceptory, St. James of Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, at 6.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

Preceptory, Edmund Plantagenet, Corporation Hotel, Ardwick, Manchester, at 4.
" Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, at 6.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

Lodge 163, Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 7.
" 1083, Townley Parker, Stag Inn, Bradford, at 7.
Chap. 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough, near Rochdale, at 6.

THURSDAY, JULY 1.

Lodge 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 7.
" 317, Affability, Freemasons Hall, Manchester, at 6.
" 1012, Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, at 7.
" 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, at 7.
" 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Swan Hotel Padiham, at 6.30.

Chap. 283, Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden, at 6.30.
" 523, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.

FRIDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 44, Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
" 210, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden, at 7.30.
Mark Lodge 159, Starkie, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, at 7.
SATURDAY, JULY 3.
Lodge 1458, Truth, Royal Archer Inn, Dale-street, Manchester, at 4.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, July 3, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 28.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-st., Kingston.

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METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—A meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday (15th ult.), at the Old Gate of St. John of Jerusalem, St. John's-lane, Clerkenwell, to consider the question whether a summer festival should be held. The W.M., Bro. J. While, presided, and was supported by Past Masters Crump, Winsland, Davies, Brothers, Griggs, Halford, Percy, Patmore, Sutton, Pettet, Snell, Tallerman, and others. The lodge unanimously agreed to have the festival, also unanimously agreeing to accept the W.M.'s proposition that the festival should be held at Bro. Stone's, the Ship Hotel, Shepperton, the day fixed being Tuesday, the 13th inst. Some of the brethren agreed to make up a stage coach party, while others set about organizing other road parties, to suit the convenience of those for whom the Thames Valley line of the South Western would not be so readily available. A cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. for summoning the brethren thus early closed proceedings.

PROVINCIAL.

GIBRALTAR.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE, (No. 115).—The installation meeting of this old lodge (101 years) was held on Tuesday evening, June 15th, at the lodge rooms, Tuckey's Lane, Bro. F. Ashton, W.M., presiding at the opening of the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. resigned the chair to Bro. T. J. Haynes, P.M., who raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. Espinosa and Villalba. Bros. J. J. R. Morgan, P.M., and J. Holliday, P.M. 325, I.C., presented to the acting and installing W.M. (Bro. F. J. Haynes), Bro. John B. Haynes, S.W., for installation, the W.M. being also assisted by P.M. Cavana, and P.M. Franceri, I.M. 325, I.C. The ceremony of installation having been very impressively performed, the new W.M. invested Bros. F. Ashton, I.P.M.; M. Gomez, S.W.; A. Gimenez, J.W.; Valarino, Treas.; Adolfo Gomez, Sec.; Clavarezo, S.D.; Avellano, J.D.; Cortes, D.C.; Pau, I.G.; G. Llamas, Tyler. The lodge was closed at the conclusion of business, and the brethren adjourned to the lodge refreshment rooms and partook of an elegant repast, and at which the brethren concluded the evening, in a most enjoyable manner, and was closed in peace and harmony.

LEICESTER.—JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE (No. 523).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on St. John's Day, 24th ult., when the well merited esteem in which both the W.M. and W.M. Elect are held by all the brethren in the province drew together one of the most influential meetings ever assembled in the district. In addition to a large muster of officers and brethren of the lodge, there were present—Bros. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; George Toller, P.M., P.P.G.M.; W. Sculthorpe, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. J. Baines, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. M. Duff, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Clement Stretton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Beaumont Smith, P.M., Prov. Grand Treasurer; Rev. W. Langley, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. M. McAllister, P.G.S.D.; A. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; Dr. Clifton, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Weare, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. M. Smith, P.P.S.B.; R. A. Barber, W.W. 1391, P.G.P.; C. E. Stretton, P.G.A.P.; G. W. Statham, P.G. Steward; E. Mason, S.W. 1391; J. Farmer, 329, U.S.A.; C. S. Preston, J.W. 50, P.G.S.B.; T. Mason, S.D. 50; T. White, 776, Ireland; A. Chamberlain, S.D. 1391; R. B. Smith, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Ewen, Sec., 1391; H. D. Palmer, P.M. 1322; G. A. Lohr, P.P.G.O., Dr. Hunt, Dr. McCormack, S. Tebbutt, J.D. 279, &c., &c. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual business was disposed of, Brother J. T. Thorpe, S.W., and W.M. Elect, was presented by Brother F. J. Baines, P.M., to Brother Partridge, W.M., for installation. That very interesting and important ceremony was performed by the brother in question in a manner which excited the admiration of every one present, and may be justly described as simply perfect. The newly-installed W.M., Brother J. T. Thorpe, invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. T. Rowlett, S.W.; T. A. Wykes, J.W.; Rev. H. E. Von Sturmer, Chaplain; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; Richard Taylor, Secretary; W. C. Strout, S.D.; G. Odell, J.D.; C. Johnson, P.M., Organist; J. Young, I.G.; A. Sargeant and J. F. Smith, Stewards; C. Bebbidge and T. Dunn, Tylers. A most interesting feature in the evening's pro-

ceedings was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, to the retiring W.M., Brother Partridge. Brother Kelly, F.R.H.S., the Past Provincial Grand Master, in presenting this token of esteem, and in moving a heartily deserved vote of thanks, complimented Brother Partridge in the highest terms on the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office, which had been marked by such a measure of success and prosperity as to fairly earn for him a lasting reputation, and whose rule over the lodge certainly could never be excelled. Brother Kelly also gracefully alluded to his invaluable services as Prov. Grand Secretary. The resolution was ably seconded by Brother Toller, Past Prov. G.S.W., and carried with enthusiastic approbation. Bro. Partridge, in acknowledging this mark of respect, said he accepted it with feelings of more than ordinary pride and pleasure, from the fact that it was an unusual event in the history of the lodge, only two similar presentations having taken place, and while holding it in high estimation as an evidence of their brotherly love and esteem, it would serve as an incentive to encourage his attendance amongst them so long as health and strength permitted. Other unimportant matters, and expressions of hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, terminated the business of the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Entering upon the pleasures of this "Fourth Degree," upwards of sixty brethren sat down to enjoy the many tempting and varied delicacies, in and out of season, which the indefatigable Stewards, Bros. Sargeant and Smith, had amply provided. Bro. Charlesworth, from his extensive conservatories, gorgeously decorated the tables with rare and choice plants and flowers, and, in addition, furnished a goodly supply of strawberry plants in pots, heavily laden with fruit, which were duly appreciated. The W.M., in a series of excellent speeches, indicative of great ability, submitted the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically responded to on the part of the brethren. Bro. Major Palmer, P.M., 1329, in acknowledging the toast of the "Visitors," paid a high compliment to the officers of the lodge for their first-class working, the appointments and decoration of the hall, the excellent arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of all present, and the fraternal welcome accorded, and kind hospitality extended to the visitors. During the evening, the musical talent of the lodge exhibited a proficiency and excellence in the performance of vocal and instrumental music scarcely to be equalled in the province. The brethren who so ably and agreeably contributed to the harmony and enjoyment of the evening were Bro. Rowlett, P.P.G.O., solo-oboe and pianist; Bro. T. A. Wykes, P.G.O., solo-bassoon and organist; Bros. Tebbutt, A. Palmer, P.M., H. Atkins, and others. The Tyler's toast and parting song terminated a meeting which was distinguished by the observance of those truly Masonic sentiments so happily expressed by His Royal Highness the Grand Master as "Loyalty and Charity."

LIVERPOOL.—DOWNSHIRE LODGE (No. 594).—The annual installation day of the "Old Downshire," as it is familiarly called, which took place on Thursday, the 24th June, was perhaps one of the most pleasant ever yet experienced in connection with the annual ceremonial, and gives good promise of a highly successful year in connection with this favourite lodge. Installation, presentations, and banquet were each parts of the day's proceedings, each of the leading features being greatly enjoyed by the brethren present. The summons specified half-past ten o'clock as the hour for commencing business at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and shortly after that hour the lodge was opened in due form by Brother Henry Hunt, W.M., who was supported by a strong array of officers, members, and visitors. The officers and members of 594 present were—Bros. W. D. Rowse, P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., D.C.; F. Sergeant, P.M.; F. Dilcock, S.W.; R. D. France, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M., Treasurer; J. L. Haughton, Secretary; J. Lecomber, S.D.; J. H. Martin, J.D.; T. Boswell, I.G.; J. Whitfield, S.; W. G. Veale, Organist; P. M. Larsen, P.M., Tyler; W. L. Moss, C. Vonger, S. P. Peterson, B. H. Menzies, G. H. Thomas, J. Milner, J. G. Hartley, W. Jones, A. Rankin, R. J. Wilkinson, J. White, G. Maxwell, S. Price, L. B. Goodman, I. DeFrece, J. Hanes, R. Williams, R. Maddox, P. Stephenson, and H. A. Stewart. The list of visitors included the names of Brothers T. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Doyle, P.J.G.D.; H. Nelson, P.M. 673, W.M. 1505; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1505; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; J. Hocken, P.M. 673, Treasurer, 1505; J. M. Hart, Secretary, 1502; J. Edginton, W.M. 1182; J. Jones, P.M. 594, 1393; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1276; E. O. Rothwell, W.M. 1356; R. Holme, 673; T. Whitfield, 203; W. F. Homer, 19, S.C.; W. P. Jennings, 249; J. O. Rea, 1182; and B. Russell, 1393. The ceremony of installation was very effectively performed by Brother J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, who placed Brother Thomas Dilcock in the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year, having been elected to that office by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The following excellent staff of officers was subsequently invested by the newly-chaired W.M.:—Brothers S. E. Ibbs, P.M., D.C.; H. Hunt, I.P.M.; R. P. France, S.W.; J. Lecomber, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); J. L. Houghton, Secretary; Josiah H. Martin, S.D.; T. Boswell, J.D.; G. W. Veale, Org.; J. Whitfield, I.G.; J. P. A. Z. Pedersen, S.S.; Gilbert Maxwell, J.S.; and P. Larsen, Tyler (re-elected). At the close of the installation ceremony, there were four propositions for initiation, and one for joining. Bro. F. Sargeant, P.M., tendered his resignation in the lodge, which was accepted. On the motion of Bro. S. E. Ibbs, seconded by Bro. Ing, it was unanimously resolved to increase the initiation and joining fees of the lodge. The accounts were passed on the motion of Bro. France, S.W. The S.W. also moved, and Bro. Hunt, I.P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, which was carried by

acclamation. A similar compliment was paid to Bro. R. Ing for his services as Treasurer, and to Bro. W. G. Veale, as Organist, on the motion of Bro. Ibbs, seconded by Bro. I. DeFrece. The votes were suitably acknowledged by Bros. Ing and Veale. Bro. R. Ing, P.M., Treasurer, then rose and said, I have a very pleasing duty to perform, brethren, which, though last on the list, is certainly not the least. You are all well aware of the very able manner in which Bro. Ibbs has performed the several duties allotted to him during his term of connection with the lodge, working with great credit to himself and with much honour to the Downshire Lodge. On behalf of several of the brethren, who admire and value his Masonic worth and services, I have much pleasure in presenting him with this token of esteem in recognition of his valuable services to this lodge. The presentation consisted of a very splendid drawing-room timepiece, elegant and original in its design, and magnificently furnished. A silver plate in front, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. S. E. Ibbs, P.M. of the Downshire Lodge of Freemasons, No. 594, by brethren of the lodge who wish to mark their appreciation of valued services in the many important offices, most efficiently by him during his membership, extending over many years. June 24th, 1875." Bro. Ibbs than said—I can hardly find words to express my thanks for this very handsome present which Bro. Ing has just given me in your name. I did not know of it until a few days ago, and then I was surprised to hear of it. Believe me that any little service I have rendered this lodge has been a labour of love, and I hope to work in the future for its interests with as much heartiness as in the past, so as to make the "Downshire," hold its proper place in the Province of West Lancashire. (Applause). The lodge was then closed in due form by Bro. T. Dilcock, W.M., and after partaking of luncheon, the brethren started at 2.20 p.m. for the Palace Hotel, Birkdale, the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co. again showing their extreme liberality in the fares by conceding nothing. About 100 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided in splendid style by Bro. Cooke, the manager. The W.M., (Bro. Dilcock) gave in brief but pithy terms the toasts of "The Queen," "Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," the last toast being responded to by Bro. J. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg. W.L., who referred to the valuable services his lordship had rendered to the cause of Masonry. Bro. Wylie also congratulated the members of the Downshire Lodge on having secured so able and popular a brother as the W.M. to preside over them. The "Downshire" was an old and respectable lodge, respectable not only in its numbers, but in its position, and he desired it should have long and continued success. The W.M. next gave "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M.; the Hon. Fred. A. Stanley, M.P., W.D.P.G.M. and the officers of the P.G. Lodge, coupled with the name of Bro. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., who referred to the popularity of all who held office in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire. Bro. H. Hunt, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which was received very heartily. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, and hoped that his year's services in the chair would justify the confidence they had reposed in him. The best of his skill and ability would be to keep his mother lodge not only in its present position but to place in one of the first in the province. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master," and subsequently "The Past Masters," presenting Bro. Hunt, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in token of the respect and esteem of the brethren. Bro. Hunt acknowledged the compliment, and the toast was also acknowledged by Bro. P.M.'s Ibbs and Ing. "The Officers of the Lodge" was acknowledged by the S.W. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" by Bro. Wylie; "The Visiting Brethren," by Bro. Pemberton, P.M. 1276; and Bro. Edginton, W.M. 1182; "The Host" by Bro. Clarke; and the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. Several excellent songs were sung during the afternoon by Bros. M. Hart, Veale, Wylie, Ibbs, Edginton, and others. The brethren returned to town about 9 o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable afternoon.

RUNCORN.—ELLESMEERE LODGE, (No. 758).—The regular meeting of this now flourishing lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, on Wednesday, June 16th. The officers present were Bros. Robert Rigby, W.M.; Edward Aston, S.W.; James Warburton, J.W.; William Garnett, S.D.; Charles Gerrard, J.D.; Thomas Horsfall, Sec.; J. W. Lightburn, Organist; William Wass, I.G.; Geo. Purver, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, at 6.30, and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed; the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bros. John Longshaw Jones, and Thomas Gregson, candidates for the Third Degree, were then called upon to show their proficiency in the former degrees, and having satisfied the brethren, they were entrusted and retired; the lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. J. L. Jones and T. Gregson were admitted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in a very creditable and effective manner, by Bro. Robert Rigby, W.M. A gentleman was proposed by Bro. Edward Aston, S.W., for initiation. Other important business being done, the lodge was closed at 8.15.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—THE HARBOUR OF RETUGE LODGE (No. 764).—On Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd ult., the installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place at West Hartlepool. The ceremony was impressively performed, in the presence of a full lodge, by Brother W. W. Brunton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; the W.M. elect being Bro. C. T. Casebourne. The following is a list of the brethren who were afterwards invested with office: Bro. Tate, S.W.; Bro. Fisher, J.W.; Bro. Tweedy,

Secretary; Bro. Harpley, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. Cowper, S.D.; Bro. R. Merryweather, J.D.; Bro. Alsopp, I.G.; Bro. Garry, Steward; and Bro. Atkinson, Tyler. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a very recherche banquet was served by Brother R. M. Gallon. Among the visitors present were Bro. Knowles, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Bro. Hutton, P.M., P.G.J.D.; Bro. Usher, W.M.; Bro. J. Settle, P.M., P.P.G.R. (Stockton); Bro. Bignall, jun., P.M. (Durham); Bro. J. S. Pearson, P.M. (Sunderland); and Bro. William Pearson, W.M.; Bro. Heaton, and Bro. Johnson, S.W. (Hartlepool).

JERSEY.—**ST. AUBIN'S LODGE** (No. 958).—At a monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge, held on Tuesday, June 15th, at the Masonic Temple, the attendance of members was numerous. There were visiting brethren, among whom we particularly noticed Bros. A. Schmitt, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Jn. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, Prov. G. Sec., and others, to offer their tribute of respect in witnessing the presentation of a splendid testimonial to Bro. Jos. O'Flaherty, I.P.M., P.G.Pursv. The lodge was opened by Bro. Ed. Martel, P.M. 491, P.G.D.C., W.M., assisted by Bros. A. Dawson, J.W.; Wm. H. Chapman, J.W.; O'Flaherty, I.P.M.; Jn. Oakley, P.M., P.G.J.W., Treas.; Wm. H. Long, P.M., &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, when the W.M. informed the members that Bros. Ch. F. Cooke and J. Ph. Bryant were candidates for passing, who, after giving satisfactory proofs of their efficiency in the former degree, were entrusted and retired. During their absence the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the two candidates were passed to the degree of F.C. in a manner reflecting the highest possible credit on the W.M. The Working Tools as well as the Tracing Board were also lucidly explained by him, and the charge delivered with effect and impression. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. Bro. Jn. Oakley, in presenting a neat 18-carat gold P.M. jewel to Bro. O'Flaherty, expressed in warm terms the high sentiment of satisfaction, gratitude, and esteem animating the hearts of the members of St. Aubin's Lodge towards the worthy recipient. This tangible mark is expressive of the approbation and appreciation of his display of zeal, courtesy, activity, and ability which they witnessed in him, for, during his Mastership of two years it may be undoubtedly affirmed that the lodge was rapidly prospering both in its material as well as its moral aspect. I will now, Bro. O'Flaherty, read the inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. Jos. O'Flaherty, P.M., Prov. G. Pursuivant, J. 590, by St. Aubin's Lodge, No. 988, in testimony of fraternal regard for his duties religiously performed, and for his ardent zeal, usefulness, and devotedness to its interests." In passing this token to your hands, I must observe the value of such a testimonial might have been much increased by the manner of presenting it, and I regret the office has not been performed by one of the many more talented and able brethren present. I wish you, Bro. O'Flaherty, health, happiness, and prosperity through life, and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless and protect you and yours. Bro. O'Flaherty returned his grateful thanks in a very neat and feeling speech, and had afterwards the pleasure of receiving the congratulations of about 40 brethren, in addition to the valuable symbol of respect with which he has been decorated. The Masonic duties of the day being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. A. Schmitt proposed the toast of the evening in feelingly expatiating on the merit and Masonic worth of Bro. O'Flaherty, and in briefly tracing his Masonic career characterised by his diligently and faithfully discharging the serious duties of a Mason, and by his strict and scrupulous adherence to and daily practice of the ennobling and elevating tenets inculcated and expounded in our rites. The toast was received with warm and demonstrative applause. Bro. O'Flaherty, after having returned thanks, proposed in a very complimentary manner "The Health of the Founder of the Lodge, W. Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, and his faithful coadjutors in that memorable undertaking." Bro. A. Schmitt gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid to the founders, and heartily thanked the brethren for the spontaneous explosion of their fraternal and sympathetic demonstration towards them, but more especially he was gratified to convey on behalf of his absent friend, Dr. H. Hopkins, the father of the lodge, the very cordial assurance of his unremitting attachment to the lodge, of his daily pre-occupation about its prosperity, and his anxiety to see it preserving its standard of prestige and utility. In concluding, he said—I feel that I am only echoing your sentiments, brethren, when I say that I trust that it will be many years before he will bring to a close his long, laborious, and successful career as a gentleman and Mason. The brethren separated after having spent a most pleasant, harmonious, and delightful evening.

HAMPTON.—**LEBANON LODGE** (No. 1326).—A regular meeting of this most prosperous lodge in the Province was held on Saturday, June 19th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion-square, Thames-street, Hampton. Bro. William Hammond, P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1512, presided, and he was supported by Bros. E. Gilbert, S.W.; C. W. Fox, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. B. Shackleton as S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, I.G.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; H. Gloster, C.S.; W. Stanton, M.C.; and some dozen others being present. The visitors were as usual a goodly number. We noticed Bros. E. H. Thielley, S.W. 145; and S.W. 1423; Walls, I.G. 141; and others. The work, which was done in an eloquent manner, consisted of the initiation of Messrs. J. T. Adams, Fletcher, Knight, and G. Graham, passing Bro. W. Crush, and raising Bro. C. Lucop, the last ceremony being done by the veteran Secretary, Bro. F. Walters. The result of the elections proved unanimous in favour of Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.M.

1423, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, for W.M.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treasurer, re-elected Treasurer; and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler, re-elected Tyler. The Auditors unanimously elected, in addition to those appointed by the bye-laws, were Bros. W. Stanton, J. B. Shackleton, and H. Gloster. A notice of motion was given by the Secretary, "That the sum of ten guineas be taken from the lodge funds, and be spent in purchasing either a Past Master's jewel or a Life Governorship of the Charities, to be presented to Bro. W. Hammond for distinguished services rendered to the lodge during his two years of office, subject to its being recommended by the audit committee. In addition to Bros. W. Prattent and J. B. Shackleton, who are Stewards to represent this lodge on July 7th, 1875, at the Boys' School, Bro. B. Meyer was elected and made the third Steward for the Boys' School. As each one makes himself a Life Governor whilst serving his stewardship, the lists will not be empty ones. Bro. J. B. Shackleton made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, reminding the members of his stewardship. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour.

ECCLES.—**VICTORIA LODGE** (No. 1348).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 16th ult. As usual the lodge was well attended, and the officers were all in their places. Lodge was opened at half-past four, and work immediately commenced. Assisted by P.M. Barker, P.P.G.T., E.L., and the officers, the W.M. (Bro. W. Wright) performed one initiation, two raisings, and two passings—Bros. W. Steel and A. Goering, the Third Degree; and Bros. M. Ridyard and R. Pendlebury, the Second. Two gentlemen from Cadishead were also proposed as members, and the brethren, after calling off for refreshment at six o'clock, proceeded with the business of the lodge. The whole of the work was, as usual, well performed.

NEWTON ABBOT.—**MORNING STAR LODGE** (No. 1396).—The installation of Master for the ensuing year took place within the Masonic Room, Queen's Hotel, on Monday, 14th June, when afterwards the brethren partook of a splendid banquet provided by Bro. W. R. King. There were in attendance visiting brethren from nearly all parts of the Province, the W.M. elect being highly respected among the Craft. Bro. Francis J. Pratt having been installed in a very able manner by Bro. J. J. Drake, P.M., afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. E. Lamble, I.P.M.; Henry Stooke, S.M.; T. B. Purnell, J.W.; J. J. Drake, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Uglow, Sec.; W. L. Pope, D.D., P.P.G.C., Chaplain; James Chapple, Organist; H. Velthousen, S.D.; Thos. Pinsunt, J.D.; James Barkell, I.G.; Wm. B. Venning and Henry T. Baker, Stewards. Amongst the visitors were the following distinguished brethren: Bros. S. Tew, P.M. 105, P.P.G.T. John Way, P.M. 106, P.P.G.T. H. W. Hooper, P.M. 444, P.P.G.R.; W. J. Stone, P.M. 372, 106, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Bowden, P.M. 328, P.P.G.C.; C. Rhyne, W.M. 39, P.P.G.C.; P. I. Michellmore, P. M. 1138; F. C. Hallett, P.M. 303; Samuel Loram, W.M. 1443; W. Bennett Maye, W.M. 710; Chas. H. Law, 1539, P.M., P.P.S.W. Herts; J. Pigott, S.W. 328; B. Prowze, S.W. 1138; J. Saunders, J.W. 1138; W. Harris, S.D. 1138; E. Huxtable, J.D. 1138; R. Steward, 710; H. Martin, 1138; J. Haywood, 1138; J. Ferry, 1284; and J. Arliss, 328.

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LEICESTER.—**CHAPTER OF FORTITUDE** (No. 279).—The meeting of this chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, the 14th ult., was attended by a more than average number of companions. The chapter was opened by Comps. S. Ekin, Z.; W. Sculthorpe, H.; and S. Partridge, J. There were six candidates on the summons for exaltation, but only one, Bro. C. McBride, 1391, was in attendance. He was duly exalted to this supreme degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. G. Toller, jun., P.Z. The Historical lecture was then given by Comp. S. S. Partridge, J., and the Symbolical and Mystical lectures (at the request of the Principals) by Comp. G. Toller. After the transaction of the further business on the circular the chapter was duly closed.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—**PRIORY CHAPTER** (No. 1000).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-sea, on Wednesday, the 16th ult. Present—Comps. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Grand Chaplain, P.Z., M.E.Z.; E. E. Phillips, H.; A. Lucking, J.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; J. C. Johnson, Scribe E.; Rev. H. John Hatch, Scribe N.; J. A. Wardell, P. Soj.; Jas. Willing, jun., 1st Assist. Soj.; T. W. Gower, 2nd Assist. Soj.; W. Frost, Visitors—Comps. S. J. Fairclough, St. John; Jos. Clarkson, H., Canonbury Chapter 657. After the confirmation of the by-laws approved of by the companions at the last meeting, the exaltation of the following brethren was proceeded with: viz., Bros. Thos. Williams, J.W. and H.H.; Child, S.D. Metropolitan Lodge, 1507; Jas. F. Wiseman, P.M., and Wm. Pissey, P.M., Lodge of True Friendship 160; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., and F. V. Jillings, Priory Lodge 1000. The whole of the ceremony was carried out in a most able and impressive manner, which bids fair for the prosperity of the chapter. The chapter was duly closed and the companions adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given and duly honoured; the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

IPSWICH.—**ST. LUKE'S CHAPTER** (No. 225).—The usual quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, on the 23rd June. Present—Comps. J. Turner, M.E.Z.; Emra Holmes, H.; C. Byford, J.; G. Abbott, P. Soj.; A. Barber, acting Scribe E., &c.; P. Cornell, Z. Visitors—Bros. W. P. Mills, P.Z.; Rev. J. J. Farnham, P.Z., and N. Tracy, H., of the Royal

Sussex Chapter; and Comp. J. H. Townsend, of the Alexandra Chapter. The chapter having been opened and the minutes of last chapter read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Edward Borredd Lewcock, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, which proving unanimous, that brother was received, and exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being impressively performed by Comp. Farnham, and the charge and explanation of the mysteries as solemnly given by Dr. Mills. Bro. Tracy had kindly undertaken to give the charge from the second chair, but time would not admit of it. Comp. Mills then installed Comps. Emra Holmes as M.E.Z.; C. Byford, as H.; and J. Turner, P.Z., as J., in a very able manner. Comp. Holmes afterwards invested the rest of the officers: Comps. G. Abbott as P. Soj.; and Jobson, N. The ballot was taken for Comp. A. Barber as a joining member, and on his being admitted, he was subsequently elected as Scribe E. for the chapter, in the room of the much to be lamented Comp. King, and he was duly invested. The name of a companion who desired to be admitted a joining member, but who could not produce his certificate, was withdrawn for further evidence as to his qualifications, he having been exalted in Nova Scotia, and having only a demit from his chapter in proof thereof. The usual business being disposed of, the M.E.Z. proposed that Comps. Mills and Farnham be elected honorary members of this chapter in return for their kindness in attending to perform the ceremonies on this occasion. The motion having been duly seconded and carried unanimously, the two companions returned thanks for the honour conferred on them, and Comp. Farnham mentioned the great Masonic work, the restoration of his parish church, on which he was engaged, and hoped the companions would assist him. The chapter was then closed, and the brethren shared the secrets. Afterwards the companions sat down to a pleasant but rather hurried supper, provided by Host C. Godbold, who always caters in first-class style. The exigencies of Mr. Bruce's act no doubt affected the repast and the full enjoyment of it, and the toasts were quickly got over. In proposing "The Visitors" the M.E.Z. regretted that he could not propose first the "Provincial Grand Superintendent," but he hoped the day would not be far distant when they might have one. Comp. Mills responded, and said that it would give him great pleasure to assist on another occasion, and he was very glad to visit the chapter. Comp. Cornell was very happy to come that night to testify to the cordial feeling which existed between the various chapters in the town, a cordiality which had not always existed. The brethren shortly afterwards separated, regretting that the time had so soon slipped away.

STABILITY CHAPTER (No. 217).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 24th ult. at Anderson's Hotel. There were present Comps. W. S. Webster, Z.; G. A. Taylor, H.; W. T. Howe, J.; Ritherden, N.; Frank Green, P.S.; H. A. Graham, 2nd A.S.; George Townsend, Samuel Lovegreen, James, T. B. Yeoman, T. E. Hafely, 272, New York City; George Kenning, R. W. Little, J. G. Marsh, and H. Massey (Freemason). The business of the day consisted of exalting Bros. W. Turner, 574; C. F. Barham, 574; and T. W. Whitmarsh, S.W., 1150; the ceremony being admirably performed and given uncuttailed. The nights of meeting were altered to the fourth Thursday in September, February, April, and June in each year. An excellent banquet followed the work of the chapter. The M.E.Z. proposed the toasts. Comp. Taylor proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," who, in reply, said he had set an example, as far as he could, to the companions, of how a chapter should be worked. In proposing "The newly-exalted Companions," the M.E.Z. said they had much to learn, which could not be picked up on seeing the ceremony of exaltation performed but once. He trusted they would exert themselves in acquiring a knowledge of it. He was heartily glad to see them enter this chapter, and trusted they would endeavour to make it prosperous. It had but just been revived, after remaining in abeyance for some time. Now that it had arisen phoenix-like from its ashes, he trusted it would become an excellent working chapter, and an honour to the Order. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. remarked that he thought it would be a great advantage if the working of lodges and chapters all over the world could be assimilated. But while there was a difference it was well that brethren and companions should visit lodges and chapters under the different constitutions. They were thereby enabled to compare them and form a judgment as to the points of difference between them. Comp. Hafely, of New York, responded, and concluded by reciting a short Masonic poem. The companions shortly afterwards separated.

YEOVIL.—**CHAPTER OF BROTHERLY LOVE** (No. 329).—The regular summer convocation of this chapter took place on Wednesday, June 23rd. Present—Comps. Jacobs, M.E.Z.; J. Chaffin, H.; and F. Cox, J.; also Comps. Cross, Style, and Budge, Past Principals; also Comps. Foster, E.; Wynn Westcott, N.; Farley, P.S.; Damon, and Edger, A. Secs.; and Comps. Nesworthy, Tanswell, &c. The ballot was taken for Bro. Hodder, and was unanimous in his favour. Bros. Andrew Price and George Rugg, having been prepared, were then admitted and exalted in due form; the whole ceremony being performed in a highly satisfactory manner. The companions then adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Sharland, of the Choughs Hotel.

STAMFORD.—**MONTAGE CHAPTER** (No. 466) (attached to the Lodge of Merit).—This new chapter was dedicated on Wednesday, May 16th, at the George Hotel, Stamford. Comp. J. Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons admirably performed the ceremony, assisted by Comps. Wilkins, D. Pro. G.M. Northants and Hunts, P.Z. 360; E. Cox, 12; G. Robinson, M.E.Z. 360; Jacob, H. 360; T. J.

Green, N. 360; W. Kingston, 360; Dr. Mangan, J. V. Stanton, J. 360; several other companions of Chapter 360, &c., being present. Comp. His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Chapter 360, Provincial G.M. of Northampton and Hunts, was duly installed into the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z., Comp. Terry officiating. Comps. E. J. Orford was installed as H., and Duncombe as J. A convocation of emergency for exaltation was held on Thursday last, June 17th, when Bros. Henry Peake, P.M. 466; J. M. Howard, P.M. 466; W. Oldham, P.M. 466; H. Wright, W.M. 466; R. J. Griffin, W.M. 466; D. Bloodworth, J.W. 466; H. Knott, 466; H. Hart, 466; A. Coulson, 466, as Janitor, were duly exalted. Other brothers who had been duly proposed and balloted for were absent. Amongst the companions present were Wilkins, acting M.E.Z.; Kellett as H.; Robinson, as J.; J.T. Green and W. Kingston, as P.S. alternately; T. Davies, 360; J. U. Stanton, E. Roberts, 360; F. Gadsby, 360; Orford, Duncombe, Norton, Buckle, Davidson, Hayes, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was performed in a most impressive manner by Comp. Wilkins, who was very ably assisted by Comps. Kellett, Robinson, Green, Kingston, Stanton, and Davies, (all of 360). At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the brethren adjourned to a most welcome and excellent repast, served by Host Whincup. After the removal of the cloth, Comp. Wilkins gave the usual preliminary toasts, which owing to the lateness of the hour, had to be very briefly introduced. Comp. Orford (who has been the principal mover in the formation of the chapter), proposed the health of "Comp. Wilkins" thanking him in justly complimentary terms and also the companions of the Northampton Chapter 360, for the very admirable manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted throughout, and also for their kindness in attending for the second time in such good numbers, and for the assistance he had received from them in forming their new chapter. Owing to the success of this new chapter, the brethren of the St. Peter's Lodge, 442, Peterborough, are making arrangements for forming a new chapter at Peterborough at the close of the summer. This will make the third chapter in the province of Northampton and Hunts, the Northampton Chapter having stood alone since its formation in June, 1853, until the formation of the Montagu Chapter.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTH MOLTON.—FORTESCUE LODGE (No. 9).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, at the Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. Sanders, I.P.M.; Pro W.M.; Z. Ricard, S.W.; J. T. Shapland, J.W.; J. Galliford, M.O.; Wood, S.O.; Widgery, J.O.; J. E. Galliford, S.D.; Cole, J.D.; and other brethren. There were four candidates for advancement, Bros. the Rev. F. King, Oliver, Brewer and Britton, who were all present. The ceremony was very creditably performed; when done, the brethren supped together at Bro. Cole's, Unicorn Hotel, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

MACDONALD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 104.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, London, on Saturday, the 19th ult., and was well attended by its members, although not so fully as usual, consequent on the meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Middlesex and Surrey being held at the same time at the Alexandra Palace. Of those who attended, the large majority being present or past Provincial Grand Officers, nearly all expressed regret that a double claim on their duty, as Mark Masons, should have been made at the same moment of time, and but for preparations so nearly completed as not to be reasonably set aside there is but little doubt that after labour the lodge would have adjourned to Muswell Hill in force, to pay due respect to the superior organisation. The lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by the W.M., the W. Bro. William Worrell, P.G. Organist; and the following members were present, viz:—Bros. Robert Berridge, S.W.; T. W. White, J.W.; Alfred Williams, P.G. Std., M.O.; North Ritherdon, S.O.; J. J. H. Wilkins, as J.O.; the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., Treasurer, W. Bro. C. Hammerton, P.G.D.C., Secretary, William P. Collins, J.D.; G. Yaxley, Steward, F. H. Cozens, I.G.; the V.W., Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; and Past Provincial G. Sec. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M.; and Bros. W. B. Johnson, P. N. Cook, T. J. Coombes, J. R. Williams, J. M. Wolgemuth, John Close, C. B. Crummelin, Chas. Bastin, H. T. Partridge, and Grant, Tyler. Ballots having been taken for Bros. J. W. Truman, of No. 463, for advancement, and Charles Gosden, as joining member, with satisfactory result, Bro. Truman was duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master with full ceremony and musical service. The V.W., Bro. Thomas Meggy, then occupied the chair of A., and Brother Robert Berridge, having been presented by the outgoing W.M., was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, greatly to the satisfaction of the whole of the members, by whom Brother Berridge is deservedly respected, as well for his ability as for his genial disposition. The officers for the year were appointed in the following order, viz:—W. Brother Worrell, I.P.M.; Bros. White, S.W.; Alfred Williams, J.W.; Ritherdon, M.O.; Edward Moody, S.O.; Lieutenant-Colonel Wigginton, J.O.; the V.W. Brother Thomas Meggy, Treasurer; Edgar Drewett, R.M.; the W. Brother C. Hammerton, Sec.; W. P. Collins, S.D.; F. H. Cozens, J.D.; Basnett, I.G.; Yaxley, D.C.; Attwood, Organist, Verry, W.S.; John Close, C.S.; and Grant, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee, which presented a very satisfactory result, and proved that efficiency had been combined with economy, was received and adopted. A notice of motion relating to the services of Treasurer and Secretary was submitted, and carried with acclamation. A vote of donation to the list of Brother Attwood, as Steward for the Boys' School, was also carried, and after some other routine business the

lodge adjourned to banquet. Brother Gosden, now a member of the lodge, had evidently "set his heart" upon placing before his new associates the best results of the resources of his establishment, and certainly succeeded in securing the just praise and recommendation of all who partook of the repast provided. There were no visitors, a circumstance quite unique in the annals of the lodge. Probably the gathering before alluded to had something to do with this. However that might be, the subsequent proceedings were nevertheless as enjoyable as of old. The W.M. was most happy in his speeches, introducing the several loyal and Masonic toasts, and particularly in the mention of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and the regret that the attendance of the Macdonald Lodge, in support of that meeting, could not have been given as heretofore. In the course of the evening, at the solicitation of Bro. James Stevens, the contents of the charity box, with a supplementary grant, together producing a goodly sum, were handed to him, in aid of an urgent necessity, to assist a Devonshire brother in distress. Brother Truman acknowledged his reception as the newly advanced candidate; and "The Health of the W.M." having been duly proposed and responded to, the other toasts, interspersed with song and recitation, brought the evening's proceedings, which had been throughout most harmonious, to a pleasant and successful conclusion.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (time immemorial).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, June 24th. At 7.45 p.m. the chair was taken by Bro. James Dutton, W.M., who was supported by the following brethren as officers:—Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain, and acting as I.P.M.; Mitchell, as S.W.; Carey, J.W.; Mann, as M.O.; Baldwin, as S.O.; Cater, J.O. and Sec.; John Dutton, Treas., as S.D.; Major Preston, I.G.; Falkner, Registrar, as Tyler. There were several other members present, among whom were Bros. G. Parfitt and Keene. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Dr. Hopkins read the by-laws which had been passed at the previous meeting. After some discussion and several amendments, they were confirmed, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Mitchell, and an order was given that they should be submitted to the Provincial Grand Master for approval and sanction. It was agreed, on the proposition of the Chaplain, seconded by the J.W., that the names of all the members of the lodge should be printed with the by-laws, those of the present officers and P.M.'s being placed first. A ballot was taken for Bros. Murliss, Jacob Smith, jun., Chas. Brooke, and C. W. Radway, which proved unanimous in their favour, and the W.M. conducted the ceremony of advancement for the first two (the others being unavoidably absent), with the assistance of the Chaplain in the latter portion. Bro. Dr. Hopkins stated that he had recently had an interview with the Grand Secretary in London, and had arranged several matters in reference to the present position and future operations of the lodge, the details of which he read from a subsequent letter on the subject. The lodge was closed at 10 p.m.

ERA LODGE (No. 176).—The second installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Friday, June 18th. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M., opened the lodge, and he was supported by Bros. H. Dubois, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; Revd. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; F. Walters, P.G.O., P.M.; Secretary; F. T. Horton, S.O.; A. F. Loos, D.C.; J. Johnson, I.G.; and many others. The visitors were Bros. Sugg, Mason, and others, whose names we were unable to ascertain. Bro. H. C. Levander, P.G.D.C., P.M., took the chair, and advanced Bro. J. Allsopp P.M. 879; J. McNaughten, 871; J. B. Shackleton, S.D. 1524, 1326; M. Underwood, 1423; and E. Searle, 1275; the ceremony being done in an admirable manner. He then installed Bro. H. A. Dubois as W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. J. Baxter Langley, S.W.; Revd. P. M. Holden, J.W. and Chaplain; T. H. Miller, P.M.; Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M.; Secretary; T. Horton, R. of Marks; W. Hammond, M.O.; A. F. Loos, S.O.; J. Johnson, J.O.; J. Allsopp, S.D.; M. Underwood, J.D.; J. B. Shackleton, I.G.; W. Z. Laing, P.M. Tyler, was reinstated as Tyler. As many as six propositions were given into the Secretary. It was arranged to hold the next meeting on Friday, September 10th, at six o'clock p.m. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, I.G., made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, he being a Steward representing his Mother Lodge, the "Lebanon," 1326. He never relaxes any exertions on behalf of the charities. After some other important business was disposed of, none more prominent than the voting of a ten-guinea Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. T. Moss, I.P.M., for his eminent and efficient services rendered to the lodge as one of its founders and the first W.M., the lodge was closed. A splendid banquet followed. An agreeable evening was spent.

IPSWICH.—ALBERT VICTOR LODGE (No. 70).—The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, the 21st June. Present:—Bros. George Cresswell, W.M.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30°, P.G. Chap.; C. T. Townsend, Secretary, P.G.S.D.; Emma Holmes, 31° P.G.I. of Works, acting J.O.; W. T. Westgate, P.M.M., acting S.O.; E. J. Robertson, P.M.M., acting M.O.; George Abbott, S.W.; W. Clarke, J.W.; W. Cuckow, Treasurer; J. H. Townsend, acting I.G.; &c., &c. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Brother Sanderson stated that Brother Rev. J. B. Tweed, who had been previously balloted for and accepted, was unable to attend for advancement. The Secretary announced that, in accordance with the resolution passed at last lodge, several brethren had been communicated with, relative to arrears, with varying results. He could not, however, give a list at present of those who would have to be struck off for non-payment. Brother Sanderson enquired whether the Grand Lodge returns for the last three

years had gone off yet, and was informed that they would be sent immediately. Brother Holmes moved that, as soon as the funds would allow, fresh collars for the officers should be procured for the lodge, through the Secretary, but ultimately seven or eight of the brethren stated their willingness to supply one each. Brother Westgate mentioned the sad case of the wife of a brother who was in very ill health, and who was very desirous of getting into the Convalescent Home at Felixstowe, and, in feeling terms, urged any of the brethren who had sufficient influence to get her admission to the Home. The order was, we are glad to say, procured almost immediately, through the instrumentality of a medical brother, well known and highly esteemed in the Craft. Several brethren were proposed for advancement, and it was proposed to have a lodge of emergency for that purpose in July. The routine business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren gathered round the supper table, and did ample justice to the meal provided by Bro. G. Spalding. The usual pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren were loth to separate.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LEICESTER.—BYZANTINE CONCLAVE (No. 44).—The installation meeting of this prosperous conclave took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, 9th June. The conclave having been opened, Major J. W. Woodall, 30°; (the Int. General designate for North and East Yorkshire), who had been previously elected, was admitted and installed as a Knight of the Order. A College of Viceroy's was then opened and, Sir Knts. Woodall and W. Weare, the V.E. elect of No. 44, were consecrated as Viceroy's. Subsequently a Senate of Sovereigns was formed, when Sir Knt. Woodall received the degree of Hon. Sov., and Sir Knt. F. J. Baines, 18°, was enthroned as the M.P.S. of this conclave. The ceremonies of the higher grades was conducted by Sir Knt. G. Toller, jun., G.O., 30°, as M.P.S., assisted by Sir Knts. S. S. Partridge, 18°, as V.E., the Rev. W. Langley, as H.P., and C. McBride, as Herald, the Int. General, Sir Knt. W. Kelly, also rendering assistance as Director of the Ceremonies. On the conclave being resumed the M.P.S. invested his officers as follows:—Sir Knts. C. Stretton, P. Sov.; W. Weare, V.E.; Rev. W. Langley, H.P.; W. Sculthorpe, S.G.; J. T. Thorp, I.G.; Robt. Waite and C. E. Stretton, Aides; W. Sculthorpe, Treas.; R. Boughton Smith, 18°, Recorder; C. McBride, (Hon. P. Sov.) O. Prefect; A. K. Baines, Standard Bearer, and Organist; C. Law, Herald. The ballot proving unanimous in favour of Dr. Gibson, of Eden Lodge, Limerick, he was admitted and installed as a Knt. Companion. The ceremony was very efficiently performed by Sir Knt. S. S. Partridge, the historical lecture being given by Sir Knt. G. Toller, jun., and the charge by the Int. Gen., Sir W. Kelly. After discussion it was resolved that in future the regular meetings should take place on the 2nd and Wednesdays 14 February, June, and November. The Treasurer's report showing a balance in hand of upwards of £30, was received and adopted, a vote of thanks to him for his services being unanimously passed. It was afterwards resolved that the furniture of the conclave should be completed, and the necessary appointments for the Mount Hermon Sanctuary procured. Amongst those present, in addition to the names above mentioned, were the M.P.S. designate and two of the founders of the White Rose of York Conclave, No. 120, since consecrated at Sheffield, on the 12th June; Sir Knts. W. H. Brittain, 31°, J. F. Moss, and Alfred Scargill. The installation banquet took place at the close of the proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—WALTON CONCLAVE (No. 97).—An emergency meeting of this conclave was held on Monday, the 14th June, for the purpose of installing Bros. G. J. Jones, Merchants' Lodge, 241, and J. Armstrong, 148 and 1250, and other business. The conclave was opened in imperial form by Em. Sir Kt. Jesse Banning, M.P.S. (and in the unavoidable absence of Em. Sir Kt. Rev. T. W. Richardson); Em. Sir Kt. J. C. Lunt, P.S. Treasurer, as V.; Sir Kt. W. Quayle, S.G.; Sir Kt. G. E. Hanmer, J.G.; Rev. C. R. Hyde, LL.D., H. P.; Sir Kt. N. Turner, P. and Orator, Sir Kt. H. Gribbin, S.B.; Sir Kt. Beardwood, H.; Sir Kts. Gilchrist, Donaldson, Howell, Davidson, and others. The ballot having been declared unanimous, the before mentioned brethren were admitted according to ancient custom, and were duly constituted, and installed Knights of this Order. In the temporary absence of Sir Kt. Rev. C. R. Hyde, LL.D., Sir Kt. Quayle, S.G., delivered the H. Prelate's address in a faultless manner, and the M.P.S. then called upon Sir Kt. N. Turner, P. and Orator, to deliver the oration, which he did in a style which afterwards elicited the congratulations of the assembled Sir Knights. A Past Sovereign's jewel was unanimously voted to Sir Kt. J. C. Lunt, P.S. Treasurer, "as a slight recognition of his untiring exertions on behalf of this conclave." Sir Kt. N. Turner afterwards gave notice that "at the next regular meeting he should move that the fee for installation in the conclave be doubled." The muster roll was then called, and the Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to the banquetting room, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, the musical talents of several Sir Knights adding not a little to the harmony of the evening.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—The annual excursion of the members of this ancient lodge was made on Thursday, 24th ult., the locality selected for visiting this year being Roslyn Castle and Hawthornden. The party, numbering about eighty, left Dundas-street Station by the 9.15 a.m. train, and, making no stoppage whatever until reaching Haymarket Station, were safely landed in

Edinburgh in little more than an hour thereafter. After a stay of about half-an-hour, the excursionists started by another train for Roslyn, the time up till the hour for dinner being most agreeably beguiled in exploring the beautiful scenery of the Valley of the Esk, the ancient castle of Roslyn, &c., and getting photographed as a group seated on an eligible sloping green bank by the roadside, by Messrs. Rutherford Brothers, of Glasgow, who had gone through in advance for the occasion. The weather, fortunately, was everything that could have been desired, and a pleasanter day could hardly have been "put in" than that which the brethren of St. John's thus spent on Thursday. Shortly after four o'clock the party dined together in Clark's Hotel at Roslyn, the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell, presiding, while Bros. Gavin Park, P.M., and David Horne, J.W., officiated as Croupiers. There were also present, among others, members of St. John's and of sister lodges; Past Masters Bros. James McMillan and Thomas Fletcher No. 34; Bros. Archibald McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; James Thomson, P.M., Lodge St. Clair, No. 362; James Robertson, No. 34, Deacon of the Incorporation of Masons; Malcolm Stark, D.M., Lodge St. Vincent, No. 553; and others.

WISHAW.—**LODGE ST. MARY'S COLTNESS** (No. 31) assembled together to celebrate the festival of Summer St. John-day, on the 24th ult. They were joined by Lodge St. Clair, Cambusnethan (No. 427). The two lodges formed a rather imposing appearance, when formed in procession order. Headed by the Newmans instrumental band, they started to visit Wishaw Castle and the beautiful grounds connected with it; the procession passing through the principal street of the town created quite an holiday sensation among the inhabitants. The day's proceedings altogether were very pleasant, and terminated in all going home, satisfied that they had passed a well-spent day.

ALLOA.—**ST. JOHN'S LODGE** (No. 69).—The new hall of this lodge, situated in Glebe-street, was consecrated on Friday the 25th ult., under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire. This day was taken advantage of for that purpose in order that the Masonic body might be able to take part in the great demonstration that took place in honour of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie's succession to the estates and title. All the trades and societies turned out in great array, and the Masonic lodges in the neighbourhood took part in it, after which they dined together in the hall, Bro. Graham, R.W.M., in the chair. Besides the various lodges in the province, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, there was a representation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in which the Earl of Kellie holds the office of D. Grand Master. The day was a complete holiday, and all ended in the best possible way, which to a large extent showed the esteem in which his lordship is held, not only by the Masonic body, but all the inhabitants of the populous district.

POLLOKSHAW.—**LODGE ROYAL ARCH** (No. 153).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their new hall, situated in Cogan-street, Pollokshaws, on the 25th ult. There was a large attendance of the members, and a goodly number of visiting brethren present. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Peters, supported by Bros. Wm. Paton, S.W.; James Black, J.W.; William McGeorge Adam, D.M.; David Allan, Treas.; William Johnston, Sec., and other office-bearers. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. R. Scobie, R.W.M. of Thorn-tree Lodge, No. 512, Thornliebank; Adam Nicholson, 512; Richard Bentley, 512 (who were present as a deputation from that lodge); G. B. Adams, Lodge Commercial, Glasgow, No. 360, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, found correct, and confirmed. The subject of the consecration of their new hall was then taken up. The ceremony takes place on the 9th of July under the auspices of Bro. Colonel Campbell, of Blyths-wood, Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire, and the Provincial Grand Lodge. The hall, which is not quite finished, has the appearance of being all that is necessary to form a most comfortable and snug little place of meeting for Masonic purposes; it is well ventilated (a great point to be considered), the adjuncts are complete and comfortable, the situation is very convenient to the town, and yet secluded from the main traffic; but, as an opportunity will be offered of entering more fully into details at the consecration, more at present need not be said, than that the committee in charge of the arrangements seem to have gone about it with a thorough knowledge of what they were about. The members of the lodge and brethren will meet on the 9th inst. in the hall at 6.30 p.m., form a procession, and walk through the town, returning to the hall about 7.30 p.m., when the hall will be consecrated for Masonic purposes by Bro. Colonel Campbell, Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire, and his office-bearers. Admission will be by ticket, as the hall accommodation is not quite sufficient for large gatherings such as the consecration will bring together. Rules for the guidance of the Stewards on the occasion were submitted, when Bro. McKinnon, in a most humorous speech, objected to them as being too stringent; after some slight modification they were adopted. A letter from the Secretary of St. Mirren's Lodge, Paisley, No. 129, inviting the brethren to Paisley on Sunday, 27th June, to hear a Masonic sermon by their Chaplain there, also from the Lodge Partick St. Mary's, No. 117, inviting their attendance on Saturday, 26th June, to take part in laying the memorial stone of their new hall, which will be performed by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P. Grand Master of Glasgow, and office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were read, and accepted. There being no further business, the lodge was called to harmony for a short time. The toasts of "The Queen," "The Three Grand Lodges, England, Scotland, and Ireland," being given from the chair, and responded to with high honours, "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire,"

coupled with Col. Campbell, P.G.M.," was given, the R.W.M. remarking that the P.G. Lodge was in excellent working order and prosperity, and he was certain the Pollokshaws R.A. Lodge, No. 153, would do all in its power to keep the Prov. G. L. in such a happy position. He then proposed "Prosperity to Lodge Thorn-tree, No. 512," coupled with Brother Scobie, R.W.M., thanking him for their presence among them, to meet them for the first time in their new hall. Brother Scobie, in his reply, said he was proud to meet them and extend the hand of friendship and good will, and to join them in their endeavours to elevate the noble Order they belonged to. The toast of "The Press" was then given by the R.W.M., coupled with Bro. G. B. Adams, of the *Freemason*. He thought the Press of this country, by its earnest and straightforward endeavours to elevate the moral character, had gained a power that almost ruled the world; and in the Masonic Press we had the *Freemason*, which was day by day becoming more appreciated by the members of the Craft. Brother Adams thanked the R.W.M. for the honour he had paid him, but more particularly for the compliment paid to Brother Kenning, the proprietor of the *Freemason*. He could only say that Brother Kenning's object in keeping up the *Freemason* was to do as much good as he could to the Order. In it you had the weekly reports of what was doing in this and other countries, and in the *Masonic Magazine* was to be found some of the best writings of some of the ablest men of the day. Some good songs were given in the course of the proceedings, which improved the harmony of the evening. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

LENNOXTOWN.—**CALEDONIAN ST. JOHN'S ROYAL ARCH LODGE** (No. 195).—A Masonic procession was carried out with considerable success here on Saturday, the 26th ult., in celebration of their Patron Saint's day. Fears were entertained in the early part of the day that the heavy showers following each other would continue, and not only damp the spirits of the "merry Masons," but spoil the display for the general public. The weather in the afternoon, however, was very favourable, and by three o'clock the interest taken in the turn-out by the public was very evident by the groups of people hanging about, especially in the vicinity of the lodge-room. The brethren assembled in the Lennox Arms Hall, where the ceremony of opening was efficiently gone through by Bros. Peter Robertson, D.M.; Robert Torrance, S.W.; and William Gray, J.W., officers of the Campsie Caledonian St. John's Royal Arch, 195. The procession was then formed in the square, visiting brethren in front of the local lodge, and headed by the band of the 7th S.R.V., proceeded through the principal streets and onwards to Clachan, where a halt was made for half-an-hour, and the whole company refreshed in the Crown Inn there. In reverted form they returned to the lodge-room in Lennox town in the evening, and the lodge being closed by Bros. Graham, R.W.M., and Warden, pro tem, of Kirkintilloch, Athole Lodge, 384, refreshments were provided, and toast, sentiment, and song followed for an enjoyable hour or two. Bro. Andrew Hosie officiated as Marshal, on the parade, in a highly satisfactory manner, and much praise is due to the acting committee for their forethought in securing a commodious wagonette for the conveyance of a number of very frail old Masons, who could not otherwise have followed the procession throughout its lengthy journey. The whole proceeding was eminently successful, an honour to the ancient Order, and left a most favourable impression on the numerous outsiders witnessing it.

RUTHERGLEN.—**LODGE ST. JOHN** (No. 347).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, Rutherglen, on the 25th ult. The meeting was a large one, and included a numerous deputation of the members of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 116, headed by their respected R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Ferguson. Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., presided, supported by his Wardens, Bros. John Murdoch, S.W. and Thos. Alston, J.W., along with the other office-bearers of the lodge, and opened the lodge for the dispatch of business. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, and confirmed. Applications for initiation into the order were read from Messrs. Archd. Robertson, Robt. Hastie, and Dugald McLauchlane. The ballot being clear, they were properly prepared, and received the first Degree of Masonry, the R.W.M. effectively officiating. A letter from the Secretary of Lodge St. Partick St. Mary's, inviting a deputation to assist in laying the memorial stone of their new hall on the 26th June, was taken up, and the brethren present agreed to form a deputation. This finished the labour of the evening, when the lodge was called to harmony for a short time. Songs and exchanges of compliments were given till all were satisfied, and the lodge closed in ancient form.

MOTHERWELL.—**LODGE ST. JOHN DALZIEL** (No. 406).—A meeting of this lodge was convened for the 24th ult., and took place in the Masonic Hall, Motherwell. The object of the meeting was the annual election of office-bearers, and their installation. Much to the regret of the members of the lodge, their much esteemed R.W.M., Bro. A. King, had previously expressed his anxiety for retirement from office; but seeing that he had for the long period of twelve years held that office they prudently refrained from pressing his longer active service, though expressing a hope that they would not be deprived of his sound counsel when required. The office-bearers elected were John King, R.W.M.; James Johnston, D.M.; Wm. Bulloch, S.M.; J. Forsyth, S.W.; A. Hamilton, J.W.; John Bryson, Sec.; J. Evans, Treas.; E. Sheldon, S.B.; A. H. Arnott, S.D.; J. T. Young, J.D.; G. Simpson, I.G. These office-bearers were installed by P.M. A. King, in a manner quite characteristic of his great regard for the ancient landmarks of the Order; when the lodge was duly closed.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE MARYHILL** (No. 510).—An emergency meeting of this young but flourishing lodge

took place in their hall, Maryhill, on the 23rd ult. The meeting was largely attended, and a number of visiting brethren were present. Bro. J. Lockhart, R.W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Serjt. McCarrey, (Royal Engineers), S.W.; D. McLauchlane, J.W.; John Mackie, D.M.; P. F. Craigie, Sec.; John Govan, Treas.; James Hay, J.D.; and others. The lodge being opened for the dispatch of business, the R.W.M. said the object of the meeting was to initiate two gentlemen, viz., Robt. Scott and George Adams, who had been ballotted for and approved of, the work before the next regular meeting being quite enough of itself, it was thought prudent to call this meeting for their initiation. The candidates being prepared were conducted to the altar, where they were instructed in the First Degree of Masonry, Bro. Serjt. M. Carrey, S.W., officiating in a very able manner. This being the only business, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE GOVANDALE** (No. 447).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at Govan, on the 24th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.M., Brother John Meller, D.M., took the chair, supported by Brother Muir, S.W., W. Ferguson, J.W., J. Sutherland, Secretary, and a large number of well qualified brethren. Among other business was that of making arrangements for attending to the invitation from Partick St. Mary Lodge (No. 117) to be present at the laying of the memorial stone of their new hall on Saturday, 26th ult. This was satisfactorily completed, and a band of music engaged to accompany the lodge deputation, starting from Govan at 2 o'clock. The lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—**CATHEDRAL CHAPTER** (No. 67).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, situated at 22, Struthers-street, on the 22nd ult. The business of the evening consisted of Mark Master, the Excellent, and the Holy Royal Arch Degrees, all of which Comp. Jas. Duthie, the much respected Z. of Cathedral Chapter, accomplished in a manner which showed him to be completely master of the position he was placed in. Among the companions present were J. Duthie, Z.; Cunningham, H.; Taylor, J.; Ronald, First Soj.; J. Jackson, Second Soj.; Goldie, Third Soj.; Campbell, Z. of 150, St. John, Shettleston; G. W. Wheeler, Z. of 73, Caledonian of Unity, &c. The brothers who received the above degrees were Robert Trainer, proposed by Comp. W. Taylor, seconded by Comp. Jas. Wood; Samuel Bisland, proposed by Comp. Ronald, seconded by Comp. J. Duthie, Z. The work of the evening being over, the M.E.Z., J. Duthie, said he had received a letter from a companion of this chapter, who had met with distress, and asking the assistance of the chapter to help him over his difficulties. Several companions present gave testimony to his character as being all that could be desired to satisfy any R.A. Mason, when the Treasurer was instructed to meet the case at once and give the required assistance. There being nothing further to consider, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**COMMERCIAL CHAPTER** (No. 79).—The monthly meeting of this chapter was held on the evening of Friday, the 25th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, 30, Hope-street. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, Companion Julius Brodie, Z. presiding, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Mark Masters J. M. Oliver and J. Duthie. The attendance, considering the season of the year, was fair. After the reading and passing of the minutes of two previous meetings, attention was called by the Scribe E. to the recently issued number of the Supreme R.A. "Chapter's Reporter," from which he read various extracts bearing upon the steps taken and the transactions which occurred last year in connection with the reponal of Chapter No. 79, and congratulated the chapter and its members upon the creditable position which it held in the list of "Returns." Various other subjects of passing interest merely having been discussed, and no important business having been brought forward, the proceedings terminated by the S.W. performing his peculiar duty in obedience to command from the East.

GLASGOW.—**ST. MUNGO ENCAMPMENT.**—The regular meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 21st ult. There was a large number of Sir Knights present, among whom were—Sir Kts. R. Bell, M.N.C.; G. W. Wheeler, P.; Shields, S.C.; Currey, J.C.; Smith, C.C.; McKenzie, Adc.; J. McLeish, W., &c. Sir Kt. Bell, M.N.C., presided. J. B. Hardie, J. W. Rowbotham, and Thomas Yuille were balloted for, accepted, and, being presented, were duly installed Knights of the Order of the Temple, Sir Kt. Bell officiating with his usual minuteness of detail and carefulness. This was all the business before the Encampment.

PRESENTATION TO A FREEMASON.—On the 10th ult. a very gratifying presentation was made at Bro. Rudman's, the Adelphi Hotel, Arlington-street, Salford, to Bro. Wm. Wright, W.M. of Lodge Victoria, 1345, Eccles, and formerly "worthy host" of the Ordsale Hotel, Ordsale-lane, Salford, by a few friends and well-wishers, on the occasion of his leaving Salford to occupy the Cheese Hall Vaults, Crewe, which premises he has recently purchased. The testimonial consisted of a beautiful timepiece and chimney ornaments to match, valued at £50. An admirably provided banquet preceded the ceremony of presentation, and after the withdrawal of the tablecloth Mr. James Fairhurst took the chair, and the worthy host of the Adelphi, Bro. James Rudman, the vice-chair. The chairman, in the course of a few appropriate and complimentary terms, made the presentation. Bro. Wright fittingly thanked the subscribers for so substantial and lasting approval of his conduct and character as a citizen and a neighbour, and hoped he should merit the approbation of those kind friends amongst whom it had pleased an all-wise Providence to place him.

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DEATH.

On 23rd June, at the Mount, near Stourport, Elizabeth Langford, wife of Bro. Enoch Baldwin, P.M. and Treasurer, Vernon Lodge, No. 560.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1875.

BRO. BINCKES'S LETTER.

We felt it to be our duty to publish Bro. Binckes's letter in our last issue, with reference to a pamphlet which has recently appeared, for two reasons—first, on account of the interests of the Boys' School, which constitute a paramount consideration with us; and secondly, in a spirit of fair play towards Bro. Binckes himself. As a rule in all Masonic discussions we should seek to hold the scales even; we should give to both sides full hearing and friendly toleration, and if we have to sum up we should do so judiciously, honestly, and loyally as before the Craft which constitutes our public opinion Masonically. But in the present case the most absolutely im-

partial person, the Lord Chief Justice himself, could not fail to take into his "coup d'œil" to use a French expression, the peculiar "surroundings" of the case. Just on the eve of the Boys' School Anniversary for 1875, at the 11th hour of long and anxious labours in the cause of charitable sympathy, even when the final efforts are being made to augment and fill up the Stewards' lists for the annual festival, a pamphlet, as it were, drops from the skies in the midst of a startled fraternity, containing grave animadversions on the Boys' School administration, and vehement incriminations of the Secretary. No course more calculated to shake the confidence of metropolitan and provincial brethren in the Boys' School executive ever was pursued by any brother at any time. No statements more likely to check the flow of Masonic benevolence towards a great institution ever were put forth by the hottest controversialist. To say nothing of the irregular appearance of a report to Vice-Presidents entirely uncalled for by them, and without any precedent to follow or justify such a proceeding such a publication seems to us to be a great mistake, and more than a mistake. Has a brother any complaints to make or, opinions to ventilate, or supposed injustice to condemn, the proper authority in the first instance to apply to is clearly the House Committee, specially charged to watch over the arrangements of the school, and not the general Masonic public, provincial or metropolitan, which must be necessarily ignorant, to a great extent, of the details and "minutiae" of the internal government of the school. In the province itself, where the pamphlet, in our opinion, has unwisely seen the light, there is an active Charity Committee, for the express purpose of attending to the interests of the great charities, which is presided over just now by a very worthy and experienced brother Mason, Bro. T. Hill, P.M. and had this anomalous report been submitted to that committee in the first instance, we believe that the good sense of West Yorkshiremen would have led to its suppression. In, therefore, the truest interests of Freemasonry and of Masonic benevolence, in the cause of the orphan and the friendless, and many an anxious applicant, for the welfare of 156 of our Masonic orphans, and for the keeping up actually of a great and most valuable institution, we felt as good Masons bound to allow Brother Binckes's practical protest to appear against what he states are unfounded imputations, and what he declares to be unjustifiable statements. We cannot help feeling that if such a system of pamphlet warfare is to be encouraged in our Order we shall soon be inundated like the Bashi Bazooks of controversy, and the great principles of Freemasonry will run a chance of being overlooked and even extinguished altogether in the scuffle. Without saying more at present, we will only add that we think Brother Binckes may fairly complain of "hard lines," not only in respect of his official position and personal susceptibilities, but especially in respect of that peculiar time of the year, when this unexpected "little stranger" appears on the scene, namely when after many months of arduous labours the anniversary of that institution, now close at hand, would seem to promise, under the presidency of our distinguished Pro G.M., a remunerative result, and a golden harvest for the Boys' School.

MASONIC JUSTICE.

Justice is a great virtue in all that relates to men, and constitutes the basis of all social happiness, and national greatness. To form just laws, to administer them firmly and purely, uncorrupted by interest, and unstained by venal considerations, has been the constant endeavour, whether of the enlightened law-giver or the patriotic citizen, in consecutive ages of the world. Without just laws, and just administration of them, without the "unsullied sanctity of the ermine," such as we happily are privileged to boast of in our favoured land, the highest arts of civilization languish and decay, the very material elevation of a people is dwarfed and hindered, national greatness becomes a "mockery, a delu-

sion, and a snare," and the want of confidence in the "majesty of the law" soon betrays itself in the history of any people, in the tumults of anarchy, and the demoralization of the whole social system. And what is true in the aggregate is true of the individual. Justice between man and man, pure and perfect justice, we cannot expect here on earth, because man is but after all like a mighty ruin, on which have fallen, in the full light of heaven, evident traces of the effects of age; "decay's effacing fingers" have robbed it alike of its gracefulness and its grandeur, its proportions and its perfections. And though Freemasons, we are still only men and mortal; we are not, and cannot be, exempt from the frailty and littleness of humanity. Freemasonry, indeed, does from our first admittance to its light proclaim to us in solemn words the unfailing duty of justice, its sanctity, its necessity and its blessing. "To be just to all men, and above all to our brethren in Masonry" is as it were a living voice of truth, speaking to us all in our daily walk through life. No mere utterance of antiquated wisdom, no obsolete exhortation of a vanished epoch, but a deep, an abiding, a solemn message, ever incumbent upon us as Freemasons, never to be forgotten by us wherever we are, and whatever we do. And yet, must we not admit to-day that such teaching, such axiomatic morality, is received by us more as a beautiful abstract proposition than as a practical personal duty? Some one has said, "Men are naturally unjust to one another," and we fear that Freemasons, in this particular, often demonstrate to the "profane world" how truly, Freemasons though they call themselves, they are in no sense exempt from the foibles and perversity of Adam's race. For it is curious to note, and painful sometimes to realize, how peculiarly unjust Freemasons often are to one another. It has been previously remarked by "outsiders" how unbrotherly and uncharitable, how censorious and how malignant, Masonic controversy is apt to become—faults specially noticeable in a fraternity whose great profession is that of brotherly love. But what can we say of Masonic justice? There are many Freemasons who will believe anything reported to the discredit of a brother! Without any reflection or consideration, without any reasonable sifting of some ridiculous allegation, they will greedily listen to, and hastily accept, and industriously propagate, the idlest rumours, the most childish scandal, against a brother or brethren. Where, then, is their justice? We need hardly ask where is their common sense? Where is that use of the reasoning process which distinguishes them from the "anser" and the "asinus" in the rack of cackling and long-eared individuals who browse on the thoroughfares of the world, picking up its garbage and champing its thistles? It is sad to note how few people will think! Otherwise probably we should be spared so many specimens of earthly folly and Masonic injustice. We then are wishful to remind our readers, in these little lucubrations of Masonic philosophy and morals, that we as sentient beings can exercise no higher or better duty than that of employing gravely our own thinking faculties, and that we should all seek in our intercourse with mankind, and especially with our brethren in Freemasonry, to be guided and governed by the holy and immutable principles of justice. Never should we seek to lower or lessen the reputation of a brother, by unguarded assertions or malevolent insinuations. His character should be as dear to us as our own, and as on we go through the great Vanity Fair of life, not only should plain dealings and sincerity always distinguish us, but justice and equity should be our inseparable companions. To lift ourselves above the turbid passions of clique and coterie; to take a manly, a tolerant, and an expansive view of things; to be just to our brethren, to be fair to our neighbours, to hold the scales firmly and evenly amid contending interests and conflicting motives, should be the aim of every true Freemason. If Freemasonry teaches us nothing better or truer in her venerable lore, she certainly does teach every dutiful child and every faithful member this ever sacred duty—Be just.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS. No. VIII.

We call attention to a communication which appears elsewhere, relative to the old minute book of the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead. By that interesting record of another century, many remarkable facts are made manifest. Here we have the minute book of a purely operative lodge of Freemasons, and which is clearly distinct nevertheless, from the working Masons. The resolutions of 1733, and let us note the date, tell us the true tale of the history of our Order. Even at that period we find that the Society is still mainly operative, but admitting on special payment speculative Masons. In the far north the earlier enlargement by the southern Masons of the basis of the Order was still in 1733 only in its infancy. If it be correct that this old lodge at Swallowwell was the foundation of south country working Masons in the latter part of the 17th century, we see in this fact how gradually and slowly in the north of England the speculative element was admitted into the Masonic Order. But the clear distinction between the Company or Society of Freemasons and the working Masons is a very remarkable feature! All the earlier minutes of the lodge, from 1725 downwards, to 1776, relate to the apprenticeship by the members of the lodge of their apprentices for seven years, and registering them in the lodge books, and then receiving the apprentice charge. At the time of registration, for which 6d. only is paid, an undertaking is mentioned, that at the expiration of their apprenticeship they would be received or admitted into the fellowship, and pay a further sum, varying from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d., to the fund box. Then they would probably receive the old name "Fellow of Craft." It seems that the word "Fellow Craft," or "passing," does not actually appear on the minutes until 1775. But the word "fellow" often appears in the rules, and he is in more than one rule clearly distinguishable from the master, by the use of the words "and" or "or," according to every known rule of the English language. The Master of Lodge, Lodge Master, Master Mason, occur mainly, as regards the actual what we should call the W.M.; and "Raised Masters," "English Masters," "Masters" are specifically mentioned in 1746. But we should not be reading the minutes truly if we supposed that therefore Masters did not exist in 1725 or thereabouts, as to our mind it is quite clear that they did. In the Apprentice Charge it is distinctly said, "that you reverence your elders according to their degree, and especially those of the Mason Craft." Masters and Fellows alone were to attend the "assembly," Apprentices not. The yearly meeting was June 24, St. John the Baptist's Day, when the Master, Wardens, and Deputy Master were then elected. Four quarterly meetings were, it appears, held, the chief meeting June 24th, 29th of September, 27th of December, and the 25th of March. An Apprentice was to be admitted, or accepted into the Fellowship, on one of the quarterly meeting days alone, and pay 10s. 6d. to the fund box, and these regulations are evidently antecedent to 1733. So that in 1725, or thereabouts, we have the three ranks apparently in active employment, and clear distinction in the lodge. We have thought it well to point out what an addition to Masonic Archæology this opportune publication of these valuable records affords, and we think great credit is due to the W.M. and P.M., Bro. Robson, of that lodge, and the brethren, for their kind permission to have extracts made of so much interest to every Masonic student, and so helpful toward a true history some day of English Freemasonry. We refer all our readers to the August number of the *Masonic Magazine* for all these "Minutes" in detail.

CALENDAR OF THE GREAT PRIORY OF THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

We have had this carefully compiled document submitted to our notice, and we think it right shortly to call attention to it. It appears that

there are 136 preceptories under the Great Priory of the United Orders. The balance sheet which is given seems to betoken financial prosperity. The general fund, including a large previous balance, amounts to £1170 14s. 11d. The benevolent fund to £221 19s. 3d. The expenditure of the general fund amounted in round numbers to £620, leaving a balance of £553 os. 10d. The expenditure of the benevolent amounts to about £40, leaving a balance of £181 19s. 3d., in all on both accounts of £715. At the meeting of the National Great Priory, May 14th last, two motions were carried by considerable majorities, which virtually amount to an express wish of the Order, to reconsider what Sir Knt. F. Binckes termed "hasty legislation." One was carried by Sir Knt. J. Booth, of Halifax, by 40 to 30, and was to this effect, "That the report be adopted, except with regard to the clause relating to the partial restoration of past rank, but that instead thereof the National Great Priory recommend to the Convent General to restore in its integrity the past rank affected by recent alterations of the statutes." The other was the resolution of Sir Knt. J. M. P. Montagu, and carried by 39 to 6, "That the memorial or petition of the Provincial Priory of Dorset, which was presented at the last regular meeting of the National Great Priory in December, 1874, be read and discussed, and that measures be taken for obtaining the opinion of the members of each preceptory in the jurisdiction of this Grand Priory upon the present position and probable future prospects of the Order, under the operation of the new statutes, and that the result of such enquiry be laid before Great Priory." These are most important resolutions, and it will remain to be seen what effect they will have in allaying what may undoubtedly be called much dissatisfaction at recent changes in the Templar Order. We express no opinion one way or the other, but we are aware from many letters that such a feeling exists in the Templar Order, and is alike strong and extensive. We trust that all questions of difference may soon be settled, agreeably to all interested, and that we may have to report the prosperity of an Order, embracing as it does so many very worthy members of the Craft.

PROVINCIAL FUNDS. II.—LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

This province, as many of our readers know, is a very small one, consisting of nine lodges and 351 members, in June, 1874. The increase this year will probably not be large. The annual balance sheet for 1874 is very simple and short. Dues from lodges amount to £36 9s.; fees of honour to £11 2s.; dispensations and special items to £7 12s. 6d.; balance £25 17s.; in all for the year, £81 os. 6d. With rent and various small expenses, the outgoings amount to £40 in round numbers, leaving an available balance of £41 3s. The Masonic Hall is apparently an appendage to the Provincial Grand Lodge, as its accounts are incorporated with the provincial returns, and capitation fees on initiation, to the amount of £37 16s., are paid by three lodges. If, when the mortgage debt of £750, is extinguished the province will obtain the benefit of the receipts, of course its income will be materially increased—as, after paying all expenses, it has a cash balance of £94 12s. But it does not seem quite clear from the report what its exact position as regards the Provincial Grand Lodge, though, no doubt, our courteous and able Bro. W. Kelly will be able and willing to inform us. The province had in 1874 130 votes for the Boys' School. It has also votes for the Benevolent Institution, and the Girls' School, though the number is not stated. In 1874 there were 9 joining members admitted in the various lodges of the province, and 23 initiations. If the province cannot boast a large and rapid increase of numbers it is just possible that the quality is superior to the quantity elsewhere. We do not believe in an "ugly rush" for Freemasonry, or anything else.

Orders are now being received at Bro. Kenning's Masonic Depots, London, Liverpool, and Glasgow, for the Medal to be struck in commemoration of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The copper token commemorative of the Prince of Wales's installation as Grand Master in 1793 is far from possessing the rarity supposed by our worthy and R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett. Like Bro. James A. Hayes, I saw one in the hands of a brother here very recently, and I have also heard of several other specimens. The late important events in the Order will doubtless cause many of these tokens to turn up.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM KELLY,

P. Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland.

ELECTION OF PROV. GRAND MASTERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You kindly say in your last number, in reply to my letter under the above heading, that "Prov. Grand Masters are only emanations from, and representatives and nominees of, the Grand Master;" if this be so, and I do not doubt the correctness of your statement, I say that it ought not to be so. Why should every officer in Grand, Provincial, and Private Lodges be annually elected and P.G. Masters not? Will you kindly assist me with your able pen to get this inconsistency corrected? The P.G. Master should be elected by his lodge as all other W.M.'s are (subject, if you please, to the approval of the G.M.). I have heard many of my brethren complain of this hardship on us, but "what is every one's business is no one's business," and so the matter remains in statu quo.

Yours very fraternally,

AN OLD MASON,

And a Member of a P.G. Lodge.

EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to a letter from R.M. in the *Freemason* of June 26th, and headed "Education," I can very strongly recommend St. John's College, Southend-on-Sea, Principal Bro. J. R. Hemmann, I.P.M. 1000. The boys are well taken care of, very well fed, and appear very happy. St. John's College is situated on the highest part of the cliff, and commands a very extensive sea view. I shall be pleased to forward a prospectus if required. Southend stands very high on the list of English watering places in the Registrar General's Report, and is about 44 miles from London.

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. E. P.

Southend-on-Sea, June 28th.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have seen a letter in the *Freemason* from a brother asking for information as to the whereabouts of an educational establishment kept by a member of the Craft in the vicinity of London. I think I can recommend him one, which will fully answer his requirements.

Bro. W. Hammond, G.S. of Middlesex, P.M. of the Jordan, W.M. of the Lebanon and Hemming Lodges, &c., &c., has a school at Old Hampton, where the studies are presided over by himself and competent assistants, and the general domestic arrangements are superintended by Mrs. Hammond and daughter. The school is old-established, and from its proximity, to the Thames, affords every facility for bathing, boating, angling, &c., and the air is remarkably pure and bracing.

Yours truly and fraternally,

T. C.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MINUTE BOOK OF THE LODGE OF INDUSTRY, GATESHEAD.

The Minute Book of the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead, has been lent me for perusal and description by the great kindness of the W.M. of the said good lodge, through the courteous intermediation of P.M. Bro. E. Robson, Treas., and a most interesting relic it is.

This old record is a paper book bound up with Anderson's Constitutions of 1723.

Some of the MS. entries begin at the reverse end. Some go through as usual from left to right.

The earliest minute is of 1725—at the reverse end—to this effect, very noteworthy: September 29, 1725. "Then Matthew Armstrong and Arthur Douglas, Masons, appeared in the lodge of Freemasons, and agreed to have their names registered as 'Enterprisers,' to be accepted next quarterly meeting, paying one shilling each for that rank, and 7s. 6d. when they take their freedom."

Twenty-one minutes in all are consecutively entered at the reverse end, the last dated December 7th, 1776, more or less all relating to the taking and acceptance of apprentices, all of which will be published in extenso in the *Masonic Magazine* for August.

When we turn back to the continuation of the printed Constitutions we find some very remarkable entries.

The "Orders of Antiquity," almost identical with those of the Alnwick Constitution but standing separately there, the Apprentices Orders, the General Orders, the Penal Orders, the Fund Laws, are all of rare archæological value, and will be printed in extenso, and verbatim et literatim, in the August or September Magazine.

Unfortunately between the numbered pages, 36 and 37, a "hiatus valde defendendus" occurs, where some scrupulous, or unscrupulous brother has deprived us of several pages of MS.

I hope that the original "Fund Laws," are nevertheless to be put together from other pages of the book.

It may interest some to know that in July, 1746, it was "enacted at a Grand Lodge," held that evening that no brother Mason should be admitted unto the dignity of a 'Highroddiam,' under less than ye charge of 2s. 6d., or as the Damaskin or Forin, as John Thompson from Gateside, paid at the same night 5s. N.B.—The English Masters to pay for entering unto the said Mastership 2s. 6d. per majority." This is headed "Memorandum of the Highroddiams," and there is a list of 7 who only paid 1s. 6d., and 4 thorough English names, equally who paid 2s. 6d., with this note, "Engl. 8th, pd. 2sh. 6d."

There is a further list of twelve, who I presume paid the 2s. 6d., and over the leaf we have two lists of twelve and thirty respectively, the twelve are headed the names of the brothers in the High Order, &c. To pay for making in that Order, 1s. 6d. At the head of the other list is "English Masters, to pay at entrance, 2s. 6d. each." At the bottom of the list are the names of six others, or of the six receiving brethren.

We have the names of five "Raised Masters" on the same page in 1771 and 1772.

I have said enough to show the interest of this most valuable Masonic book, and I conclude with the regulations of 1733, which are exceedingly valuable archæologically, as our Bro. W. J. Hughan will agree:—

"June 14, 1733.

"It is agreed by the Society, that any brother of the lodge that hath an apprentice that serves his time equally and lawfully as he ought to do, shall be made free for the sum of 8s. And for any working Mason, not of the Lodge, the sum of 10s. And to any gentleman or other that is not a working Mason, according to the majority of the company."

For a fuller account of this very unique Minute Book, I refer my readers to the *Masonic Magazine* for August.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

MASONIC NUMISMATICS.

The coin which the R. W. Col. Burdett has of 1792, is doubtless the same as mine. I hope his interesting letters on the subject will be the means of inducing other brethren who have any Masonic coins to make their character known, and thus add to our store of facts, which at present is lamentably deficient.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

MASONS' MARKS.

Years ago I devoted a good deal of attention to this subject, and collected a considerable number of these marks, as found in ancient buildings in various parts of the world, and, like my old friend and correspondent H. H., on the establishment of the Powke and Howe Lodges of Mark Masters in this town in 1858, I prepared a book of marks for the use of candidates advanced therein.

If this book will be of any service to H. H., I shall be happy to send it for his inspection, if he will supply me with his present address.

I believe that to George Godwin, Esq., F.S.A., belongs the credit of being the first to call attention to the importance of these marks, architecturally, in two letters, which appeared in the "Archæologia," Vol. XXX., pp. 113-120, accompanied by several plates of marks. This was in the year 1843. In Vol. XXXIV., pp. 33-36, of the same work, appeared an interesting communication by Patrick Chalmers, Esq., F.S.A., "On the use of Masons' Marks in Scotland."

Doubtless, however, the largest, and what would have proved the most valuable, collection ever made by one individual was that of the late Bro. Edward W. Shaw, of Tamworth, consisting of 5,700 marks from all parts of the world.

This work, including many extracts from mediæval rolls and other documents bearing upon the subject, was being prepared for the press when Bro. Shaw was seized with the illness which resulted in his death, and thus the result of his labours appears to have been lost. What has become of his collection of materials?

WILLIAM KELLY,
Prov. G.M. Leicestershire.

CONSECRATION OF A RED CROSS CONCLAVE AT SHEFFIELD.

The introduction of this illustrious Masonic and Military Order into Yorkshire was accomplished on Saturday (June 12th), when the White Rose of York, Conclave No. 120, was at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, inaugurated and dedicated according to ancient custom under the most auspicious surroundings.

The ceremonies were conducted by V. I. Sir Knt. Wentworth Little, P.G.S.G., G. Treas., &c., assisted by V.I. Sir Knt. J. Geo. Marsh, P.G.S.G., and P.G. Archt.; Ill. Sir Knts. J. Lewis Thomas, F.G.S., P.G. Archt.; Frederick Binckes, Int. Gen. unattached; C. Fitzgerald Matier, Int. Gen. unattached; Geo. Toller, jun., G.O.; Em. Sir Knts. Captain J. Wordsworth, (2); A. K. Baines, (44.)

These names speak volumes, but we add our testimony that all went off so well as to leave nothing to be desired. Ten of the petitioners for the new conclave being in attendance, it was opened at one o'clock in due form, when twelve candidates had the honour of receiving installation at the hands of the above. Five more candidates were to have been present, yet, as it was, the muster was a gratifying sight to the illustrious visitors, some of whom had

travelled great distances (and at some considerable personal inconvenience) to be present.

The ceremony of inauguration and dedication was next proceeded with, the neophytes listening with marked attention as the simple, yet sublime beauties were, in due sequence, disclosed to them; the oration (given by Sir Knt. Marsh) being especially admired. Sir Knt. Brittain, M.P.S., was inducted as M.P.S. of the conclave, when Sir Knt. Little announced that the Grand Council had appointed Sir Knt. Brittain as Intendant General of West Yorkshire, at the same time he had pleasure in handing Sir Knt. Brittain his commission, which should be read aloud at next conclave. This distinguished appointment was received by the conclave with marked approval. The consecrating officers retired; on their return, in a short time, Sir Knt. Little announced that Sir Knt. Wm. Rudewig had been consecrated as Viceroy Eusebius of the conclave.

The following officers were then invested:—Sir Knts. Rev. E. Boteler Chalmer, as Sen. Gen.; J. F. Moss, as Jun. Gen.; A. Scargill, as H.P.; S. B. Ellis, as Treas.; Joseph Binney, as Recorder; Simeon Hayes, as Prefect; G. W. Hawksley, as St. Bearer; John Nixon, as Herald; Hy. Ecroyd and R. Arnison, as Aides-de-camp.

It was unanimously resolved, upon the proposition of Sir Knt. Moss, Jun. Gen., seconded by Ill. Sir Knt. Brittain, M.P.S., &c., that the thanks of the conclave be given to Sir Knt. Ellis, Treas., for his great exertions in the preliminary arrangement of all the details relating to the formation of this conclave. Sir Knt. Ellis having acknowledged the honour of the special vote of thanks, said the conclave was under no obligation to him, for the success witnessed that day fully repaid him for whatever duties he had or might yet undertake. The conclave was closed, and a Sanctuary of K.H.S., and Commandery of St. John the Evangelist was duly opened, when fourteen candidates were admitted to this ineffable grade; the sanctuary was closed. The whole of the Sir Knights then adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a sumptuous luncheon had been provided at the expense of Sir Knt. Brittain, M.P.S., &c.; the nectar circulating, the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing "The Health of Sir Knt. Little, and the Consecrating Officers," the M.P.S. said that time pressing (several of the Sir Knights having to leave by early trains), it had been overlooked in the conclave to pass a vote of thanks to Sir Knt. Little and the other illustrious Sir Knights who had so ably assisted in the ceremonies, but he took the opportunity of there and then expressing the deep feeling of indebtedness the White Rose of York Conclave was under to those who had so ably performed the onerous duties of consecration, &c. This was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Several most excellent speeches were made by Sir Knts. Little, Thomas, Matier, J. G. Marsh, Lewis Thomas, Binckes, Brittain, and others. The M.P.S. read several letters (apologizing for unavoidable absence) from Col. Francis Burdett, Most Em. G. Viceroy, &c.; W. Romaine Callender, Esq., M.P.; Captain Turner, Liverpool; C. J. Banister, Esq., 33; Dr. Woodman, G. Rec.; Major Woodall, Scarborough; Bentley Shaw, Esq., late D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; T. W. Tew, Esq., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Manohar Rhodes, Esq., Bradford; John Fisher, Esq., Halifax; Captain Watson, Manchester; and others. Ill. Sir Knt. Matier tendered apologies on behalf of Ill. Sir Knt. G. P. Brockbank, Int. Gen. unattached, and Em. Sir Knt. T. Entwistle, P. Sov., for their unavoidable absence. So taking the event altogether, we may congratulate the Order at large, Yorkshire in general, and the White Rose of York Conclave in particular, upon the splendid inauguration of the Red Cross Order in that great Masonic district of which Sheffield may be said to be the centre. It was indeed a red letter day for the Sheffield Freemasons to have in their midst such brethren as Robert Wentworth Little, Frederick Binckes, C. F. Matier, and other distinguished visitors—all energetic workers in the busy life of Masonry. Under such circumstances as these (not overlooking the efficient staff of officers appointed—all zealous in the cause) we predict for the White Rose of York Conclave a bright and prosperous future. As it has commenced, so may it continue to flourish, until time shall be no more.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL IN GLASGOW.

The memorial stone of the new Masonic Hall, which has been promoted by the Lodge St. Mary's, 117, was laid on Saturday, the 26th ult., with full Masonic honours by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. of Glasgow. Long before the Provincial Grand Lodge and also the local lodge were opened in the Burgh Hall in due and ancient form, the inhabitants began to gather in front of the hall, and when the hour for beginning to work arrived the following lodges were represented, together with the undernoted members of the Grand Lodge:—Bros. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; John Baird, S.P.G.W.; John Monro, R.W.M., 360, A.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Harper, R.W.M., 408, A.P.G.J.W.; A. McTaggart, P.G.S.; A. Bain, 543 P.G.B.B.; Dr. Penney, P.G.C.; Rev. A. H. Loftus, A.C.; R. Robb, P.G.M.; John Fraser, A.P.G.M.; James Balfour, P.G.D.C. The lodges were—Partick St. Mary's, 117; St. Mungo, 27; St. John, 34; Thistle, 87; Union and Crown, 103; Scotia, 178; Star, 219; Union, 332; Caledonian Railway, 354; St. Vincent, 553; Commercial, 360; Clyde 408; Neptune, 419; Go-vandale, 437; Maryhill, 510; St. Andrew, 465 (Glasgow District); St. John's, Dalmeir, 543; Busby St. John's, 458; St. Thomas, Kilwinning (Dalmellington), 433; St. John's Operative (Rutherglen), 347; St. Andrew's (Strathaven), 215; Royal Arch (Maybole), 198; Royal Arch (Cambuslang), 114; Loudon Kilwinning (Newmilns), 51; Royal Arch (Rutherglen), 116; Royal Arch (Pollokshaws), 153; St. John's, (Leven), 170; Old St. John's, 22, the

brethren then emerged from the hall, and meanwhile the procession was being formed by Bro. Robb, Provincial Grand Marshall, Bro. John Fraser, P.G.A.M., and Bro. Balfour, P.G.M.C. The procession then wended its way along Maxwell-street, round towards Hamilton Terrace (West), and then round by Annfield Terrace, via Partick-hill, by way of Hyndland-street, Laurence-place, and Lindsey Terrace, past Downhill Quarry, coming round to Dumbarton Road from Byars Road. All the roofs of the houses round about the new building were covered with spectators, and the variegated hues of the regalia of the Masonic Order, as they marched up to the new building, tended considerably to enliven the scene. After the usual formalities had been gone through, Bro. Brunton, A.R. W.M., in name of St. Mary's Lodge, presented Bro. Barrow with a handsome silver trowel. Bro. Rev. Dr. Penney, P.G.C., was then called upon to offer up prayer, after which the P.G.S. and the P.G.T. deposited in the cavity of the stone a jar containing specimens of coins of the realm, copies of newspapers, &c. The various functionaries having, by command of the D.P.G.M., "done their duties" in ancient form, the 100th Psalm was sung, and the stone was pronounced by the D.P.G.M. as having been properly laid, "according to the ancient rules of Masonry." Loud cheers were then given for Bros. Barrow, Brunton, P.M. St. Mary's, and her R.W.M., who was unable to attend the ceremony owing to feeble health. The band having struck up a merry tune, which indicated to the spectators that the stone had been laid, the Depute-Provincial Grand Master then briefly addressed the brethren. He congratulated the R.W.M. and Wardens of St. Mary's Lodge on the occasion of their meeting, and wished them every success in the spirited enterprise in which they had engaged. The work for which they had that day met was not so magnificent in a sense as that in which, a few weeks ago, they were engaged in Glasgow. Yet, as Masons, they must look on it as still more important. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) It had a twofold interest, inasmuch as under the roof of the building, the foundation stone of which they had just laid, would be taught knowledge and light. (Cheers.) The educational department of the building would be devoted to communicating to the young of future generations fitness to discharge the duties of life; while in the Masonic Hall truth and light would be communicated to those who might seek it. (Cheers.) The success of Masonry had been very great in recent years. At the present time there was not a single lodge in the Glasgow province that met in any hall connected with a hotel or public house, as was universally the case 25 years ago. (Hear, hear.) At that time there were no halls, either in Glasgow or Edinburgh, where the Masons could meet except those connected with such establishments. They were indebted to the proprietors of these establishments for the accommodation they provided, but a degree of odium was cast on the Masonic body in consequence of their meetings being held in hotels and public houses, but they had outlived these calumnies. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) They had flourished in spite of ban and anathema, because the principles of Masonry were brotherly kindness, charity, and truth. (Cheers.) The success of Masonry in late years had been wonderful. In Great Britain the Freemasons numbered hundreds of thousands; in America there were 9000 lodges with 700,000 members, and in the course of a few years they might look forward to their numbering millions all over the globe. The D.P.G.M. concluded his speech amid loud cheers. The procession then re-formed, and marched to the Burgh Hall, where the remaining business devolving on the Provincial Grand Lodge was gone through, and the lodge closed in due and ancient form by Brother Barrow. Cake and wine were afterwards served, on the brethren being called from "labour to refreshment," and several toasts proposed. Brother Barrow gave "St. Mary's Lodge, and its R.W.M., Brother Wylie," whom he regretted to hear was not able, through sickness, to be present, but hoped that he would soon be in health once more, and see the fruits of the energy and perseverance of himself and those under him. He was glad to see that the lodge had a most able deputy in Brother Brunton, who had done his part in the day's proceedings ably and well, and that the office-bearers of St. Mary's, a lodge which had always been an excellent supporter of the Grand Lodge, deserved the thanks and congratulations of the whole brotherhood for their energy and noble efforts in contemplating the handsome edifice, the memorial stone of which was laid that day. (Loud cheers.) Brother Brunton then proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M., Brother Barrow," and thanked him on behalf of the local lodge for his kind remarks. He afterwards gave "The prosperity of all the lodges who had taken part in the ceremony." Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, the brethren leaving the hall about six o'clock.

CHRYSTON NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The memorial stone of the new public school of Chryston was laid on Saturday the 26th ult., with Masonic honours by T. C. Christie, Esq., of Bedlay, chairman of the School Board of Cadder. The school, which is being erected from designs by Mr. David Thomson, St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, is situated on the public road leading from Garnkirk to Chryston. The masonwork of the building is nearly completed, while a considerable portion has already been roofed in. The style of architecture is simple Scotch-Gothic, and the structure has been designed on the principle of utility and substantiality, rather than ornamentation, though the latter feature has not been altogether lost sight of by the architect. The internal arrangements will be of the most complete character, and in every respect well adapted to the requirements of an educational establishment. The principal hall, which will accommodate 260

persons, is intended to serve the double purpose of school-room and public meeting place for the villagers. In addition to this there are also four large class-rooms and the master's house, which is situated to the south-west of the principal school-room. Mr. Robert Brown, Chryston, the builder, is executing his work in a thorough tradesman-like manner, and it is expected that the school will be finished and ready for occupancy in the course of three or four months. The ceremony of laying the memorial stone on Saturday was also made the occasion of a public demonstration of a kind seldom witnessed in the quiet village of Chryston, the inhabitants of which seemed to be fully alive to the importance of the event which called forth their rejoicing. About four o'clock in the afternoon the members of the Cadder Argyle Lodge of Freemasons, "with aprons put on," as well as deputations from the Kirkintilloch and Cumbernauld Lodges, assembled in the village, and, preceded by the local brass band, playing the orthodox tune, marched in processional order to the new building, a distance of about half a mile. The villagers turned out en masse to witness the interesting spectacle, and the procession in its march was accompanied by a large crowd of men, women, and children. A temporary platform for the accommodation of the dignitaries and the favoured few had been erected in front of the building. The ceremony was commenced by the Rev. Alex. Thomson, Chaplain to the Provincial Grand Lodge, offering up prayer, after which Dr. John Murray, Secretary to the local lodges, deposited in the cavity of the stone a glass jar, containing, amongst other documents, copies of the *Daily Mail*, *Glasgow News*, and *Glasgow Herald*. The stone having been duly laid in accordance with the rules of Masonry—oil and wine being poured upon the stone, while the band at intervals played "The Merry Masons"—Bro. T. C. Christie addressed the assembly as follows:—Right Worshipful and very worthy brethren,—Having now laid the memorial stone of this building according to the ritual of our ancient and loyal Order, it only remains for me to congratulate the friends of education on the increasing care and attention that is being given to the upbringing of the new generation. May the results be all that the promoters desire. And I also congratulate my esteemed colleagues of the School Board of Cadder, with whom it has been no small pleasure to be associated, on the satisfactory progress that has to this time been attained in our useful though burdensome labours. I sincerely thank my Masonic brethren who have assisted me in the work to-day. Their presence here is only another proof of how desirous the brethren are to forward all that is calculated to promote the advancement of learning and the well-being of their fellow-men. (Hear, hear.) Living in the light, they are ever anxious that all should come to it, and cultivate those graces which true Masons, as perfect men, should exhibit in their lives. (Hear, hear.) You will now, I am very sure, all join me in the prayer that this house, and all erected with the same object, may prove a nursery of learning and virtue, of noble aspirations and generous deeds, and of that fear which is the beginning of wisdom, so that "truth and justice, religion and piety," may be established among us for all generations. (Cheers.) After some remarks from the Rev. Mr. Moody, of the Established Church, Mr. John McCulloch presented Bro. Christie with a silver trowel bearing an inscription. The ceremony was closed by the band playing "The Merry Masons."

We may add that the Cadder School Board have resolved to erect two other schools similar in character and design to the one whose memorial stone was laid on Saturday.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO A SWANSEA BROTHER.

On Wednesday, June 16th, a complimentary banquet was given at Swansea to Bro. Frederick Broughton, P.M. and P. Prov. J.G.W., on the occasion of his leaving Wales for Canada. The banquet was attended by brethren from all parts of the province, and took place at the Mackworth Arms Hotel, being served up in the excellent style of which that establishment is well known to be capable, under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Stone. The menu comprised all the delicacies of the season. The printed programme was in itself a literary treat, and consisted of appropriate cullings from Shakespeare, in which the deft hand and clear intelligence of a brother standing high in the Craft were manifest. In fact, the writings of the immortal bard must have been subjected to very close and considerable research in order to supply the requisite quotations. "Hamlet" supplied us with "Aboard, aboard, the wind sits in the shoulder of your sail, and you are stayed for—adieu, adieu!" "Stay; give me drink; here's to thy health." The play of "Troilus and Cressida" gave quotations as follow:—"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," "Welcome ever smiles, and Farewell goes out sighing." "The Tempest" added the following: "We promise you calm seas, auspicious gales," "Gentle breath of ours his sails must fill." To "Two Gentlemen of Verona" we are indebted for "All happiness bechance thee;" to "Cymbeline" for "The winds of all the corners kiss your sails and make your vessel nimble;" to "A Comedy of Errors" for "A table full of welcome;" to "Julius Cæsar" for "Our hearts are thirsty for that pledge," "With courtesy and with respect," "With free and friendly conference," and "Fill till the wine o'erswell the cup." To "Timon of Athens" for "A dinner of friends;" and to "Henry VIII." for "A health? let it go round." Under the influence of these invocations it is needless to say that the banquet was done full justice to, as were the after proceedings. The chair was occupied by the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of South Wales, Eastern Division, Bro. Edward J. Morris, at whose right sat the guest of the evening, Bro. Broughton. Among the brethren present

were the following:—Bros. James G. Hall, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Marmaduke Tennant, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Thomas D. Daniel, Prov. J.G.W.; O. G. Williams, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rowland Thomas, P. Prov. J.G.W.; William James Morgan, of Carmarthen, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Charles T. Heartley, Prov. G. Chaplain; Rev. A. H. P. Trewman, Prov. G. Chaplain, Somerset; John Jones, Prov. G. Treasurer; Laurence Tulloch, P. Prov. G. Registrar; Walter Whittington, Prov. G. Secretary; W. H. Tucker, P.S.G.D.; H. Green, P. Prov. J.G.D.; W. G. Davies, Prov. G. Sup. Works; H. St. G. Caulfield, P. Prov. G. Sup. Works; J. Jones Hewson, P. Prov. G.D.C.; P. Donaldson, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. L. R. Jackson, Prov. G. Steward; J. C. Barry, Prov. G. Steward; James Goodall, W.M. 237; E. Cambridge Phillips, W.M. 651; W. J. Thomas, W.M. 679; John Jones, W.M. 833; J. J. Jenkins, 1323; P. Williams, 110; Rev. Dr. Moore, 237; Robert Maine, 237; L. L. Howell, 237; W. Dobbs, 237; W. Watkins, 237; W. Thomas, 237; D. Jenkins, 237; W. Paxton Garrett, 364; A. P. Struve, 364; Austin Parsons, 364; H. Stair, 364; W. Peckover, 364; W. Griffiths, 364; A. Phipps, 651; Thomas Thomas, 1323; David Jenric, 1323; H. J. Jones, 1323; J. B. Richards, 1323; H. Norton, J. C. Manning, T. W. R. Mason, W. Lewis, and many others, to the number altogether of about seventy. Bro. Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. Richard Eve, Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. S. B. Power, P. Prov. G. Registrar, were unavoidably prevented attending.

The banquet being over, the usual loyal toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," were given and responded to. This was followed by the toast of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot," proposed by Bro. John Jones Jenkins, W.M. of the Talbot Lodge, Swansea, who said it would be invidious on his part to dilate upon the many good qualities of Bro. Talbot, who was well-known to them all as not only a Mason in word but in deed also.

The toast was warmly received, followed by a song, "In Happy Moments," by Bro. Jones Hewson.

The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Health and Prosperity to Bro. Broughton." He was greeted on rising with a round of applause. This was repeated on the toast being submitted from the chair. He stated that they were gathered together that evening in goodly numbers to pay a tribute of respect to a worthy and distinguished brother. No tribute of respect which they, as a province, could render to Bro. Broughton would, however, be above his deserts. It was his duty that evening to offer to Bro. Broughton his hearty thanks, and the no less hearty thanks of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, for the very eminent services which he had rendered to the Province of South Wales. Coming amongst them, as he did, some nine years ago, Bro. Broughton speedily identified himself with Masonry in the province, and he earned the favour of the brethren to such an extent that for three consecutive years he filled the high position of Master of the Brecon Lodge. (Cheers.) This would show how distinguished a Mason he must have been before he would have received such an honour at the hands of the brethren of his lodge. He was next selected upon three separate occasions to hold high office in Grand Lodge, and he now sat amongst them a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden. (Cheers.) Speaking personally he very much regretted that Bro. Broughton was going to leave them, and if he looked round that room he would see a number of brethren to whom he was equally well known as he was to himself, by whom he was equally esteemed, and who would regret his departure as he (the chairman) did. They had, however, assembled on that occasion, not to express vain regrets, for it was to Bro. Broughton's interest that the change should be made, but to convey to him their warmest sympathy, accompanied with earnest hopes for his future prosperity in life in the new and far-off sphere to which he had been called. They had met to say farewell, and in saying farewell their wish was that he might fare well—the wish being expressed—if he interpreted the feelings aright of those who were then present—being expressed in the fervent hope that his journey across the pathless sea would be a safe and a pleasant one, and that he would meet with the same brotherly kindness and consideration among his new Masonic friends as he had earned for himself among the old. (Loud Cheers.) Their expressions of fraternal regard must of necessity be very cheering to Bro. Broughton, well calculated to cheer him on his way to the distant home to which he was going—a home which they one and all hoped would have many pleasant surroundings. He therefore called upon them to join him in wishing the brother who was leaving them a very hearty and a very affectionate farewell. (Loud applause, the toast being enthusiastically received with every expression of hearty good-will towards the worthy brother so feelingly alluded to.)

Bro. Broughton, who, on rising, was received with loud and long-continued cheers, and who spoke throughout with evidently suppressed emotion, said he scarcely knew how to thank them sufficiently for the reception which they had given to him, for the honour which they had bestowed upon him, and for the very kind remarks which had been made in reference to him. Their worthy chairman, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, had shown considerable ability in enriching the printed programme of their proceedings with appropriate Shakespearean quotations. There was one quotation, however, which had been omitted, which had special reference to his own case. Shakespeare had said that some men were born to greatness, others achieved greatness, and some had greatness thrust upon them. He felt that he could conscientiously say that he had achieved no greatness except what had been thrust upon him—and thrust upon him very kindly indeed. He felt how little he had really done for Freemasonry—how little he had done to carry out that which,

when, twenty years ago, the mysterious veil was drawn aside, and he was admitted into their midst. What he heard then he should never forget, and he was quite sure he had carried out very imperfectly the principles inculcated, and for which he had received such honour and consideration at their hands. He would tell them why he admired Freemasonry—nay, why he loved it. He admired it, first, because it inculcated a belief in, and an adoration of, the Almighty God, because it teaches us morality and truth as guiding principles, and exhorted to charity as the one beneficent rule of daily life. It was religion without dogma, and almost without doctrine. Beyond this, it tended to elevate man in every respect, both morally and socially, and could be understood only by those who investigated the mysteries by which it was surrounded. Though ancient, it could not be classed among the worn-out sciences. It was a thing of to-day, as it was that of the distant past; and they had in it, besides its wealth of science, all the elements of pure and simple religion. It taught them grand and telling truths for their guidance in the present, and held out to them the certainty of a glorious future. That was why he admired Freemasonry, nay, loved it. (Loud cheers.) He thanked them sincerely for the honour they had bestowed upon him, undeserved though he knew it was—earnestly and fraternally did he thank them, and, in thanking them, bade them farewell. (Applause.) The speaker sat down, being heartily cheered, "Auld Lang Syne" being feelingly sung by the brethren with the usual accessories.

The list of toasts having been disposed of, the meeting broke up, the brethren all wishing Bro. Broughton a prosperous voyage and a safe return.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The fourth meeting of the Stewards for the festival of next Wednesday was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Past Grand Senior Warden of England, President of the Board of Stewards, took the chair, in which he was supported by Bros. Edward Jones, S.D., 192; A. John Bingemann, W.M. 55; Thomas J. Sabine, Mark Degree; Robert B. Webster, W.M. 1320; Francis R. Vine, P.M. 173; John A. Rucker, P.G.D. 66; R. R. Davis, W.M. 256; John Palmer, W.M. 1501; T. Hastings Miller, P.M. 907; Samuel J. Hose, W.M. 1155; Israel Abrahams, P.M. 188; J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M. Dorset; W. C. Parsons, W.M. 180; A. Brown, W.M. 766; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; H. E. Burt, P.M. 622; W. Lane, W.M. 28; Charles Moody, P.M. 1046; John Healey, P.M. 59; S. Rosenthal, P.M. 435; A. B. Garrett, W.M. 11; John Cox, W.M. 1257; W. H. Smith, 108; John Seax, P.M. 186; C. J. Morgan, S.W. 8; J. L. H. Vockins, W.M. 1320; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; W. Lutwyche, W.M. 1365; J. C. Bayley, 33; G. Ward Verry, P.M. 1278; Richard Motion, 453; Henry Venn, R.C.; Wm. Stephens, 1351; W. H. Farnfield, W.M. 907; H. Massey (Freemason); and F. Binckes, Sec.

The printed regulations were read, and the plan of the building was explained by Bro. Binckes, who also announced to the Stewards that they were expected to attend at the Alexandra Palace at from three o'clock to half-past three on Wednesday next, for final instruction in their duties. The toast list was submitted and approved, and a vote of thanks to Lord Balfour of Burleigh, proposed by Bro. J. A. Rucker, Past Grand Deacon, and seconded by Bro. S. J. Hose, W.M. 1155, was carried unanimously.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the vote, said he would take this opportunity, as it was the first time he had been able to attend a meeting of the Stewards for the festival of the Boys' School this year, to state that it arose from other engagements. As some of the brethren might be aware, he was one of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the working of the Factory Acts, and, in strictness, he ought to be in Manchester at that moment, but as he was very anxious to attend this meeting, he had got another Commissioner to take his place at Manchester for that day. (Cheers.)

In answer to a question of Bro. Bingemann as to the probable number of visitors at the festival, Bro. Binckes said that all Stewards had notice sent to them that any "returns" must be delivered by that day, the 28th. Very few of such returns had been sent in, and therefore the Stewards had a right to expect that there would be a very large attendance. Every post would now bring in applications for tickets. The pressure would be very great, and the kindest consideration must be given for the members of the board. He hoped that all the Stewards would think it their individual duty to contribute their best efforts to the success of the festival.

At the close of the meeting the ballot for places was conducted, which lasted a considerable time.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY.—On Saturday evening the usual Council meeting of the Council of the Hospital Saturday Fund was held at 28, Leicester-square. The Chairman (Bro. Captain Mercier) reported that since the Hospital Saturday delegate meeting on the 12th ult., when he announced that nearly two hundred names of firms had been received, upwards of thirteen hundred additional names had been sent in, making the total number up to the present time 1,500 firms, amongst whose employés collections would be made. This was beyond measure satisfactory, especially as further names are being received at the rate of from 60 to 100 per day. There was thus every reason to hope that this year's collection will be a large one.

The *Morning Post* states that there will be a meeting of those peers interested in Ireland at the Duke of Abercorn's private residence in Green-street, Grosvenor-square, Lord Hawarden has called the attendance by circular.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

An unusually large number of Freemasons assembled in Worcester on Tuesday, 22nd ult., to celebrate, under the able and genial rule of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Albert Hudson Royds), the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Worcestershire. The occasion was most auspicious, many circumstances conspiring to add to the pleasures of the day. The weather was fine, attendance, as we have said, was numerous, and the reception by the local Freemasons was cordial and hospitable. The members and visitors at Grand Lodge were the invited guests of Wor. Bro. J. Bourne, W.M. of Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, and of the brethren of that lodge, which is held at the Crown Hotel. On this occasion, however, the lodge was formed in the Assembly Room at the Guildhall, which had been placed at the disposal of the Freemasons by the Mayor (Mr. J. Longmore). The Master and Wardens of Semper Fidelis Lodge included the members of the sister lodge—the Worcester Lodge, No. 280—in the invitations issued to all present to partake of a very admirable luncheon courteously provided by Bro. Bourne and the brethren over whom he presides, and purveyed by Bro. Fuggle, proprietor of the Crown Hotel, in a manner that sustained his established reputation as a skilful and liberal caterer. After the luncheon had been discussed a hearty vote of thanks was, on the motion of the P.G.M., passed to Bro. Bourne and the members of his lodge for their hospitality, and the brethren of Semper Fidelis proceeded to the Assembly Room, where a Craft Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Bourne. The P.G.M. and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge then mustered and entered the lodge in procession, the chair being surrendered to the P.G.M., Bro. Royds, who opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form. Amongst those present were the following:—Bros. A. H. Royds, P.G.M.;—Masfield, Deputy P.G.M.; E. A. N. Royds, P.D.P.G.M.; John Barber, P.D.P.G.M.; J. Rutland, P.S.G.W.; W. Westwood, P.J.G.W.; W. H. Jones, P.S.G.W.; Samuel Smith, 252, P.P.G.W.; Walter Holland, P.P.G.W.; Thomas Hobbs, P.P.G.W.; Albert Brown, P.P.G.W.; W. R. Cosens, D.D., P.G.C.; C. C. Whitney-Griffiths, P.G.T.; H. G. Goldingham, P.G.R.; H. Cross, P.P.G.R.; W. Bristow, P.M., 252, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.S.; E. T. Wright, 564, P.J.G.D.; W. Dyer, P.M., 529, P.P.G.D.; W. Meredith, 280, P.P.G.D.; P. H. Bloomer, P.G.S. of Works; J. Stokes, W.M., 252, P.G.D. of Ceremonies; A. A. Sylvester, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; W. Healy, 564, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; J. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; A. F. Godson, 1097, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; G. T. Bloomer, P.G. Sword Bearer; T. Brettell, P.M., 252, P.P.G.Sword Bearer; T. Troman, P.M., 573, P.G. Organist; F. E. Lucy, 529 and 1204, P.P.G. Pursuivant; J. Broomhall, P.M., 560, P.P.G. Pursuivant; J. Foley, S.D., 564, P.G. Steward; J. Bourne, W.M., 529; V. Gregg, W.M., 280; F. Powell, P.M., 486; L. H. Kinnock, P.M., 573; B. Woodward, 377; G. R. Godson, P.M., 1097; J. McEwin, 564; W. Waring, 252; J. P. Bayley, 564; J. H. L. Jones, 280; S. J. Perkes, 1163; J. S. Fisher, 1163; R. Lansmere, 1087; H. D'Arcy Ellis, 564; W. Perry, 564; J. Jordan, 498; J. Birch, 564; J. Ellis, 564; S. A. Brooks, 564; R. S. Blundell, 560; J. Clements, 498; J. Bayliss, 573; H. Wilson, P.M., 1204; C. Lloyd Lester, S.D., 252; G. P. Chapman, W.M., 573; J. Beckley, 573; A. Pearson, 573; R. L. Campbell, W.M., 564; J. Moreton, W.M., 560; W. Turtan, S.W., 377; G. Southall, P.M., 377; G. F. Groves, 573; E. Stringer, Steward, 564; F. Perkes, S., 564; J. F. Bedford, 560; J. Joseland, J.W., 529; W. Somers, P.M., 573; A. Combes, 560; T. C. W. Conless, J.D., 377; T. Blaybrough, 377; J. V. Stallard, 280; J. Dawes, J.D., 498; D. W. Barker, 280; J. B. Pinkett, 280; T. Groves, 529; T. Bennett, 529; G. W. Weldin, 529; J. Still, Sec., 529; J. Collins, 252; G. F. Thompson, 252; B. Wood, 564; R. Smith, P.M., 280, P.G.S.W.; G. B. Pridley, 564; C. M. Collins, 529; E. Williams, 564; G. Everton, 529; H. E. Walker, 252; J. J. Roberts, S.D., 529; J. Parker, 529; R. G. Walker, 252; F. R. Petch, 1004; 1387, 204; S. M. Campbell, 529; H. Bagott, 252; G. Bagott, J.W., 252; W. M. Smith, S.W., 252; J. F. Higgs, 252; W. H. Wood, P.M., 280; J. Russell, 252; J. P. Nunn, 482; W. Bagott, 252; S. Bagott, 252; C. Hickson, 460; G. S. Owen, 252; F. H. Lingham, J.D., 280; S. Dimbleby, 529; F. G. Russell, S., 1204; E. H. Tiley, S.W., 529; R. Lloyd, 377; J. Dugard, 377; E. H. Cowen, 529; H. Rowe, 280; F. Garner, Tyler, 252; W. Caldicott, 529; W. Mills, Tyler, 560; H. Scott, Tyler, 564; E. Gynn, Tyler, 1,204; H. Willis, 280; H. Madden, J.W., 1204; J. Phillips, 529; J. Carter, J.D., 529; J. Dixon, J.G., 377; J. H. Meredith, P.P.G.R., Staffordshire, 624.

The P.G.M. having been saluted with proper honours, the Prov. Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. Bristow, P.M. 252, read the minutes, which were confirmed.

The muster roll was next called, when it was found that the respective lodges in the province were represented as under:—Harmonic Lodge No. 252, 20 members; Worcester Lodge 280, 16; Hope and Charity 377, 9; Royal Standard 498, 4; Semper Fidelis 529, 25; Vernon 560, 8; Stability 564, 20; Perseverance 573, 10; St. Michael's 1097, 3; Royds 1204, 9.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. C. J. Vigne, Capt. N. G. Phillips, G. W. Grosvenor, R. Wood, F.S.A., and G. Baldwin.

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Wor. Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.P.S.G.W. and P.M. Worcester Lodge No. 280, were read and unanimously confirmed.

The re-election as Treasurer of Wor. Brother Whitney Griffiths was then proposed by Wor. Brother Masfield, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, seconded by Wor. Bro. R. Smith, P.P.S.G.W., and carried with acclamation, the

brethren attesting by their applause their high appreciation of the long and infinitely varied services of this officer. The recipient of the compliment at once acknowledged it.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Senior Grand Warden, Wor. Brother W. H. Jones, P.M., 564; Junior Grand Warden, Brother T. M. Hopkins, P.M., 529; Grand Chaplain, Brother Rev. Dr. Cosens, 252; Grand Treasurer, Brother C. C. W. Griffiths, P.M., 280; Grand Registrar, Brother J. Stokes, W.M., 252; Grand Secretary, Brother W. Bristow, P.M., 252; Senior Grand Deacon, Brother R. Broomhall, P.M., 564; Junior Grand Deacon, Brother E. L. Harrison, P.M., 529; Grand Supt. of Works, Brother A. A. Sylvester, P.M., 280; Grand Dir. of Cer., Brother T. Brettell, P.M., 252; Assistant Ditto, Brother E. Watton, P.M., 529; Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. J. Bourne, W.M., 529; Grand Organist, Brother T. Troman, P.M., 573; Grand Pursuivant, Brother H. Wilson, P.M., 1204. The Stewards appointed were Brothers E. Tiley, J. Joseland, J. F. Roberts, John Carter, C. M. Collins, W. Caldicott, all of Lodge 573. The Tylers, Brothers J. Stanley (573) and J. Smith (280), were re-appointed.

An invitation was tendered by Wor. Bro. Stokes (Mayor of Dudley) that the Grand Lodge of the Province should, in the year 1876, be held at Dudley. The Wor. Master of the Vernon Lodge said he had been desired to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge to meet at Stourport. On a division, 20 voted for Dudley and 11 for Stourport, and consequently Dudley was appointed as the locale of next year's meeting.

On the motion of Wor. Bro. J. Rutland, P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Wor. Bro. Godson, P.P.G.D.C., it was unanimously resolved that as the amount of the offertory at the cathedral would be handed over to the Masonic body by the Dean of Worcester, the sum should be forwarded to the Royal Albert City and County Orphan Asylum.

A letter was read from W. Bro. Woolf (F.S.A.), indicating that the restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey was a work in which the Freemasons of Worcestershire might worthily lend their aid. On the motion of W. Bro. Bristow, seconded by Bro. Goldingham, P.P.G. Registrar, it was resolved that the W.M.'s in the province should be requested to bring the subject before their respective lodges.

The Prov. Grand Master then closed the Grand Lodge in accordance with ancient custom.

The brethren were next mustered, and went in procession to the cathedral, the bells of which rang gaily as they passed along High-street and entered the edifice. The volume of the Sacred Law was borne in the procession by the following "Lewises" (sons of Masons):—Masters Eustatius Griffiths, Thomas Meredith Hopkins, John Archer Weldin, and Herbert Haughton Hill.

At the service in the cathedral Canon Wood and Canon Seymour were present. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. T. L. Wheeler, the Rev. Bro. R. Cattley, and the Rev. Mr. Taverner, and the lessons were read by Canon Wood.

The Rev. Bro. W. R. Cosens, D.D., Vicar of Dudley, preached in a singularly eloquent, powerful, and impressive manner, a sermon, the text of which was taken from Galatians v., 6th verse, "Faith which worketh by love." The rev. gentleman said, worshipping that day in that grand and beautiful temple of God, their thoughts travelled back to far distant centuries. They rested awhile with Oswald in the tenth century, and with those Masons, operative and free, who laboured around him; or they wandered back to those more distant days when the monks built their first Cathedral Church of St. Peter on the banks of the Severn, at a period when the Anglo-Saxon Church was gifted with such good and learned men as Bede and Egbert, and when to that Church was given the missionary zeal to Christianise Germany and the Netherlands. Whilst the very beauty of such a structure as the one in which they were assembled inspired them with heavenly thoughts, they were reminded of the one great principle which had for 4000 years dignified the worship of the Architect of the Universe by bringing to that worship rich offerings in wood and stone, with gold and silver and jewelled beauties—thus offering to Him, who had freely given to them all things, their own works of art, and the labour of their own hands. They were thus permitted to intensify the beauties of His own creation by the labour of the Craftsman and the Mason, and to glorify Him who had granted to them earthly things by sanctifying art and labour in dedicating them to Him. The great principle which was the ruling power in the older Church—the Church of the tabernacle and the temple—had ever been the very life and centre of religious thought in the Christian Church. That principle was "Faith which worketh by love." It was true that idolatrous polytheism had like its gods many altars, but gorgeous as were many of the heathen temples their magnificence paled before the wondrous house of the true God. He dwelt upon the example set to future worshippers of the Almighty by Solomon, who erected the first temple to God, and lavished upon it such a prodigious score of gold, silver, and other riches. They were, in fact, startled by the amount thus expended, but it should teach them that faith ought not to count the cost that love should sacrifice to its God. In tracing out the histories of ancient dynasties, the lover of art was assured that architecture and civilisation had gone hand-in-hand together. The five orders of architecture, from the simple Tuscan to the elaborate composite, were in themselves a history of the progress of civilisation, and, clustering around them, painting and sculpture had made the beautiful science of architecture all the more comely by illuminating it with all the fair graces and virtues which adorned the race of man. But they as Freemasons saw architecture and religion blended together in a wondrous harmony. Freemasonry enjoyed the privilege of retaining and ennobling that harmony of thought. True it was that Freemasonry was speculative,

rather than operative; philosophical and metaphysical, rather than practical and physical. But they must not forget that to Freemasons had been granted the fame of having erected those stately churches and noble cathedrals which abounded on the Continent, while nearer home they could not disassociate their ancient Order from such works as Austin's Abbey of Canterbury; the island Church at Lindisfarne; Wearmouth, Ripon, and Glastonbury. It might indeed be said with truth that one of the greatest evidences of vitality in a Church was the effort to erect, to restore, or to beautify the houses of God in the land, and even now, amid sounds of variance, which probably were rather more wordy than real, they beheld cathedrals upon which peers and high ecclesiastical dignitaries had recently—and even now—bestowed of the wealth with which God had blessed them. Their large towns showed what commercial prosperity, actuated by a loving faith, would do for God; and the squires, the farmers, and the peasantry loved and sought to beautify the village church where their forefathers knelt. There could thus be no doubt that faith, working by love, was never content to dwell in luxuriant houses whilst the temple of God lay waste. In their own day, and in that very province, Freemasons had not been found wanting in aiding to beautify their church with stained glass. They had further given their presence and their alms at the re-opening of their cathedral, and more recently still had participated in laying the 'corner-stone' of a new church in the Black Country. Surely faith working by love had thus been exercising its influences. Adverting to the recent denunciation of Freemasonry by the Pope, the preacher said it mattered not to them in England what an aged prelate in Italy might write of their body. Thank God, honest and true men believed intensely in the principles and the work of their Order. The highest and noblest gentleman of their kingdom had not thought it otherwise than an honour to be called on to rule over their whole body. He asked if there was in Freemasonry any practice or theory derogatory to that purer form of faith which the great mass of them professed as Christians. There was, he believed, great truth in the words "Reduce Freemasonry to the limits of any particular religious institution, and you de facto annihilate its usefulness as a common bond of humanity. Declare it to be in its maxims, rites, and ceremonies exclusive in its character, and you a priori debase it to that anti-social position wherein the most rancorous passions of the human heart have ragged to enkindle wrath, envy, hatred, and discord among mankind." For what was that faith which worketh by love? Was it not that which moistened the dry soil of their hardened hearts; fed and cleansed their dark habitations; turned the vast wheels of their complex social system, and so deepened their shallow thoughts, widened their narrow sympathies, sweetened their bitter controversies, and freshened their stagnant indolence? Faith was defined among Masons to be "the foundation of justice, the bond of amity, and the chief support of civil society; we live and walk by faith; by it we have a hope and acknowledgment in the existence of a Supreme Being, and are justified, accepted, and finally received. While charity or love is one of the brightest gems that can adorn our Masonic profession, it is the best test and surest proof of the sincerity of our religion." The rev. gentleman proceeded to impress upon them the necessity of cultivating more and more that "faith which worketh by love." What their ancestors had done in works of architecture and beauty to the glory of God, let them imitate. Let each of them be careful to perform their allotted task while it was day, inspired with a holy confidence that the Lord of Life would enable them to trample the King of Terrors under their feet; and let them lift their eyes to that bright morning star, whose rising would bring true fruition of that "faith which worketh by love" to the faithful and obedient of the human race.

The offertory amounted to £22 17s.

After the service the procession was re-formed, and the brethren went to the Crown Hotel, where a superb banquet, prepared by Brother Fuggle, was in readiness. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and a very gratifying evening was spent. The "Lewises" were each presented with a copy of the volume of the Sacred Law, and a motion was passed with enthusiasm conveying to the Rev. Dr. Cosens very special thanks for the sermon preached in the cathedral.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. WILLIAM BULLEY.

The funeral of Bro. William Bulley, one of the oldest Freemasons in Birkenhead and neighbourhood, who at the time of his death was P.G. Warden of the Province of Cheshire, and who had formerly held many high offices, took place on Saturday, the 19th ult., at Flaybrick-hill Cemetery, near Birkenhead, and was attended by a very large number of the Masonic brethren. Bro. Bulley was greatly esteemed by all who knew him, both in Masonry and the outside world, and he has left a blank which will not be easily filled up. The funeral cortege left the late residence of the deceased in Clifton-park shortly before two o'clock, the chief mourners being the deceased's two sons, his brother, Bro. Henry Bulley (chairman of the Oxtan Local Board, and a well known Freemason), Mr. Hoffman, &c. Amongst the Freemasons present were Bros. J. M. Radcliffe, P.M. (605), T. E. Hignett, P.M. (537), J. P. Platt, P.P.G.W. (537), Thomas Platt, P.P.G.D., Dr. Spratley, P.P.G.D. (537), Dr. Wilson, P.M. (537), E. J. Haddon, W.M. (605), Matthew M'Nemey, S.W. (605), T. Leighton, P.M., Sec. (605), Robert Gracie, P.M. (477), Donald Fraser, W.M. (477), F. K. Stevenson, P.M. (537), Ellis Davis, P.M. (605), Samuel Jones, P.M. (477), Thomas V. Evans (292), William Clements (605), T. C. Thorburn, of the Joppa Mark Lodge (11); L. Ellis, W.M., and A. Lowe, of Rock Ferry; Edward Parsons (537), N. Hall (537), W. Worrall and Griffiths, Chester; F. Sander-son, John Lamb, &c.

Masonic Tidings.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has given Bro. L. Desanges a sitting for a full-length portrait, to be presented to Grand Lodge by the Lodge of Friendship No. 6.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.—This hall will be dedicated to Masonic purposes by Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M., on Wednesday, the 14th inst., on which occasion the New Lodge, called after the name of the hall, will also be consecrated. We understand the hall is already in great demand, and applications are daily coming in for lodges and chapters to hold their meetings there.

A warrant for a new conclave, to be named the "Thanet Conclave," has been granted, and the same will be consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Margate, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., by Col. Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy, assisted by R. Wentworth Little, Grand Treasurer, H. A. Dubois, Assistant Grand Treasurer, and other Sir Knights of the Grand Council and Senate. Sir Knights Bolton and Compton are to be the first M.P.S. and Eusebius.

The meetings of the Domestic Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, which is close to the Camberwell Station of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway. The meetings are to be held every Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The lodge commenced these meetings last Tuesday evening, on which occasion it was well attended. Bro. M. S. Larham is the Preceptor, and Bro. C. E. Towell the Secretary, of the lodge.

THE LIMPUS TESTIMONIAL.—We have received the following circular—"College of Organists, 41, Queen-square, London, 15th June, 1875. Dear Sir,—The Council of the College being desirous to present a Testimonial to the widow of the late Mr. Limpus, have determined to open subscription lists, to enable its members and other friends to offer her a substantial proof of the high esteem in which her late husband was universally held. Mr. Limpus was the founder of the College, and held the position of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer from its commencement to the time of his death, and it is to his untiring energy and zeal that the College has attained its present state of efficiency. He also took a chief part in founding the Benevolent Fund attached to the College, to promote which he organized and conducted a Festival at St. Paul's Cathedral, with great success. Mr. Limpus attained considerable eminence in his profession as a lecturer, composer, and teacher, and his earnest service as the organist of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, for upwards of a quarter of a century, is well known. He also held the position of Provincial Grand Organist for Middlesex to the Craft of Freemasons, and in all things tending to foster the love of music he was filled with enthusiasm, and was not to be discountenanced by any obstacles to a successful issue of his labours. His loss leaves a gap which it will not be easy to fill, and will be felt by none more keenly than the younger members of the profession, whom he was at all times ready to advise and to help. Having died at a comparatively early age, after a long and expensive illness, he was not enabled to make provision for his widow, and the Council of the College hope, by this means, to be enabled to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of their late friend, and a compliment to his widow.—I am, dear Sir, yours very truly, E. H. TURPIN, Hon. Sec."

A concert for the benefit of the widow of the late respected brother, Richard Limpus, will take place in St. George's Hall, Langham Place, on Thursday evening, July 15. Many distinguished artists have volunteered their services. Full particulars in our next.

A committee has been formed to promote a testimonial to Bro. Thomas Meekham, in recognition of the efficient manner in which he has for many years carried out the onerous duties of one of the M.C.'s of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum and School Balls, the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society Ball, the North and South of the Thames Licensed Victuallers' Cricket Clubs Balls, &c.

The will of Bro. Sidney Spencer, late of the Cannon-st. Hotel, who died at his residence, was proved by Bro. John Shaw, of the South Eastern Railway Company, and Bro. J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk of London, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £10,000. The testator bequeaths to his wife, Mrs. Jane Spencer, all his household furniture and effects absolutely, and the residue of his property for life. At her decease, he gives such residue to his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Spencer.

CRIPPLEGATE PENSION SOCIETY.—On Wednesday a numerous party of the subscribers and friends of the Cripple Gate Pension Society took a trip in the saloon boat, "Albert Edward," to Rosherville Gardens. Bro. Alderman Knight, chairman, was supported by about eighty at dinner. The toast of "Success to the Institution," which the chairman said he was pleased to propose, was coupled with the names of Mr. H. W. Nind, C.C. (the treasurer) and Bro. U. Knell (the honorary secretary), by whose energy these "outings" were made pleasant and enjoyable. Both gentlemen acknowledged the compliment.

The United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction now meet at the New Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction No. 73 meets every Wednesday evening at 8, at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge Road; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

The Salisbury Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, instead of Compton-street, Soho.

The Athenæum Lodge have arranged a pic-nic for the 3rd July, to be held at Maidenhead. Saloon carriages will be provided by the 1.5 train from Paddington.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHAUCER LODGE, No. 1540.—A full report of the above will appear in our next issue.

THE QUEEN ON TEMPERANCE.—The Rev. Basil Wilberforce, of Southampton, having sent to the Queen certain publications connected with the temperance movement, has the (*Hampshire Independent* says) received the following reply:—"I am desirous to thank you for placing in her Majesty's hands works on a subject of the deepest importance to her and to every one in this country. It is impossible for the Queen not to be grateful to those who endeavour to mitigate an evil of such magnitude as the widely spread intemperance which unfortunately prevails."

THE FLOODS AT TOULOUSE.—In Paris this calamity has caused general consternation. The capital is determined not to be behindhand in showing its sympathy. Assistance is pouring in from all quarters. The newspapers have headed and opened subscriptions; collections were made in all the Paris churches to-day; benefit representations are to take place at all the theatres; the Grand Lodge of Freemasons has sent a first subscription of 5,000 francs to the fund inaugurated by the Marechal de MacMahon. Rich and poor are vying with each other in their offerings; for the moment political and social differences are forgotten; and all classes are united together in the firm determination that the sufferers shall receive all that human aid and sympathy can supply. This plan does credit to the people of Paris; it shows that they are not wholly lost in folly and luxury, and that, au fond, their heart is in the right place.

A number of persons in Dublin have presented Bro. Captain Boyton with a gold medal to commemorate his landing on the Irish Coast. Bro. Boyton will go over to Paris with the Lord Mayor of London's party on 12th August. Subsequently he will swim in his dress up the Rhine and the Danube, and later on will, without his dress, endeavour to cross the Hellespont.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—There will be no meeting for business of the Prov. G. Chapter and Lodge in July next. The annual banquet of the Order will take place at the Café Royal, 68, Regent-street, London, W., on Monday, the 5th of July, at 7 o'clock p.m. Tickets, 21s.

NORTHAMPTON.—The brethren in this neighbourhood have recently formed a limited liability company, and have purchased premises where they have an admirable lodge room. It is their intention to build shops, and they anticipate a fair dividend from this source, thus enabling them to keep the lodge room entirely for their own purposes.

BRO. TEW'S PAMPHLET.—We have received a printed circular which the Head Master of the Boys' School has addressed to the Yorkshire Vice-Presidents of the Institution. We did not, however, receive it till too late for insertion this week, and we shall, therefore, give it in our next impression, together with a short note which Bro. Binckes has sent us in reply to Bro. Perrott's circular.

The advice of the late Mr. Thackeray was as much prized by his friends as his literary genius was appreciated by his fellow-countrymen. A young lady of his acquaintance, knowing how wide and deep was his knowledge of worldly matters, one day asked him what would be the best present to make to her old friend and school-fellow, who was just married, and was now setting up housekeeping. "My dear," replied the great novelist, "you may be certain your young married friends are thinking only of the luxurious and the ornamental in their purchases. Now, suppose you take the useful and the practical side. My dear, you cannot do better than present your friends with a filter—a Lipscombe's filter, mind. It is the best kind of filter I know." This was some years since, and the merits of Lipscombe's filters have become more and more esteemed as their use has spread. Numbers of valuable lives were saved during the Ashantee war by means of these filters sent out by the Government from the well-known establishment near Temple Bar, which converted water absolutely poisonous into a pure and wholesome beverage.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The treat to the children of this School, mentioned in our last impression, was given on Tuesday last at the Crystal Palace. The children who left the school by the 9.42 a.m. train from Clapham Junction, were accompanied by the head governess, Miss Davis, Miss Kernot, Miss Moss, Miss Redgrave, Miss Buck, Miss Sheppard, Miss Triggs, Miss Gillard, and Miss Hutchinson. The members of the House Committee present were Bro. the Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Joshua Nunn, A. H. Tattershall, Lieut-Col. Peters, H. A. Dubois, R. W. Little (Sec.), Mrs. Little, Bro. H. Muggeridge (Collector), Mrs. Muggeridge, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges (Clerk), Bro. Edw. Cox, H. Phythian, F. Kelly, Cubitt, Richard Spencer, Charles Lacey, R. B. Webster, Miss Cubitt, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. and Miss Winn, and Mrs. and Miss Allshorn. On arriving at the Palace, the visitors and children at once proceeded to view the building and the various treasures with which it abounds, enjoyed the grounds, the boating on the lakes, the swings, and

through the kindness of Bro. E. Cox, obtained free admission to the Aquarium, the Wurtemberg collection, and the opera. At half-past one they all sat down to a splendid collation, and at half-past five o'clock to tea, both of which meals were most liberally supplied by Bro. Sawyer, the contractor for the refreshment department of the Crystal Palace. All the children, who were in number 138, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and with regret they left the Palace by the 8.25 special train. The directors and secretary of the Palace (Mr. Wilkinson) had liberally placed reserved seats at their disposal to witness the fireworks, but on account of the crowds leaving the building and grounds by train immediately after the close of the pyrotechnic display, this offer was unwillingly obliged to be declined; it was, however, fully appreciated by the children, as well as the managers of the Institution, who tendered their best thanks for the kindness.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 9, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 3.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Precep. 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton Court.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
Annual Banquet Royal Order of Scotland, Café Royal, 68, Regent-street.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

Anniversary Festival Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (See Advertisement).
Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road, N.W.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Leytonstone.
Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, Café Royal, Regent-street.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke P.M., Preceptor.

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

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

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec. Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

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

Mount Edgumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn Street, St James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, " 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.

Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

" 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27) Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye; W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.

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

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

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

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

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 114, Cheapside, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, JULY 9.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.

Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern.

Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Prec.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell New Road, at 7; Bro M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Hawes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Gralton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 10, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.

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

" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.

" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.

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

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

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.

" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.

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

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1213, Bridgwater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 5.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

FRIDAY, JULY 9.

Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 10, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 37, Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, at 6.

" 381, Harmony and Industry, New Inn, Over Darwen, at 6.30.

" 1009, Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

" 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hotel, Blackley, near Manchester, at 5.

" 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 1134, Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.

" 1322, Waverley, Church Inn, Hurst Cross, near Ashton-under-Lyne.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 298, Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale, at 7.

" 645, Humphrey, Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

" 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, at 6.30.

" 992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, Manchester, at 6.

" 1144, Milton, Ryecroft Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 6.

Chap. 300, Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 7.

THURSDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 854, Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham, at 8.

" 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hotel, Cheetham, Manchester, at 6.

FRIDAY, JULY 9.

Chap. 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington, at 7.

" 993, Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, at 6.

Preceptory St. Joseph, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

" St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham, at 6.30.

Rose Croix Chapter, Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, July 10, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 121, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.

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

" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.

" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.

" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.

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

" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.

" 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.

" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.

" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.

" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.

" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 8, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.

" 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.

" 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

" 166, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 360, Hope-street.

" 442, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

THURSDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.

" 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 313, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, JULY 9.

Lodge 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnathen.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 10, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.

" 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, Register-street.

" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-st.

THURSDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st.

FRIDAY, JULY 9.

Lodge 56, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.

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Also to consider the following Notices of Motion:

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By Griffiths Smith:

"That the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred upon Peter Matthews, Esq., in recognition of his valuable services as Honorary Dental Surgeon for many years."

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R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, Secretary.

1st July, 1875.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

ATHENÆUM LODGE (No. 1491).—The members and friends of this flourishing lodge met on Saturday, the 3rd inst., for a summer day's festivity in the shape of a picnic in the charming locality of Burnham Beeches. Starting from Paddington at mid-day by special excursion carriages, the brethren and their lady relatives and friends, to the number of about fifty, arrived in good time at Taplow Bridge, where vehicles awaited to convey them to the charming scene of reunion, and there amidst the thick ferns and under the spreading arms of the grey giant monarchs of the forest, the venerable beech trees which have given a name to the lovely spot, a most sumptuous banquet appeared, springing from the earth as it were "As by the stroke of an enchanter's wand." The W.M., Bro. S. Poynter, having been duly inducted into an improvised chair, the brethren and their fair and tender belongings fell to with that hearty appetite which a drive through lovely scenery and pure air is well calculated to give. The scene was extremely pretty. The exquisite tints of the foliage, relieved and brought out by the silvery gray of the old beech bark, the snowy cloth with its glittering burthen, the gay dresses of the ladies, set off by the soberer hue of the garments of their lords, delighted the eye, while the good fellowship that prevailed, warmed the heart, and the ringing laughter and brisk "file firing" of the champagne corks, with the background of music, rendered by a grave minstrel in the shape of a very talented harpist, charmed the ear. A few toasts briefly given followed the repast. The W.M. gave "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," with which, as usual, he coupled, "Prosperity to the Craft." "Success to the Athenæum Lodge" followed, and then "The Healths of the Committee of Stewards," who had so admirably organized the day's proceedings, and to which Bros. Lewis, S.D.; Heaton, Waterlow, Weiss, and Walsham appropriately responded. Bro. Weiss proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which was responded to by Mr. Geo. Grossmith, junr. (visitor), in a very humorous speech. Bro. John Hamer then proposed "The Health of the Day's Chairman," the W.M. of the lodge, in very complimentary terms, and combined with it that of "The Health of Mrs. Poynter," who was present, a toast that was very warmly received. Bro. Poynter having briefly responded on behalf of himself and lady, the brethren proceeded to enjoy a cigar and a stroll through the lovely woods until the time arrived again to take to the vehicles in order to proceed to Cookham Ferry, where boats had been chartered to convey the party down the river past the far-famed woods, from amidst which, raising its towers to the sky, peeps

"Cliveden's proud alcove,
The bower of wanton Shrewsbury and love"

as Pope sings; but, alas! alas! Jupiter Pluvius deigned to assert his right to sway an English July day, and jealous of the slight he had experienced in the morning, when everybody had come to the conclusion that he was not so very potent a deity after all, decreed a deluge. Only the few favoured ones who could find a shelter under the cover of the large barge essayed the water excursion. The remainder of the party clung to the vehicles, affording some little shelter, and drove back to Maidenhead Bridge, where, re-assembling, a cheery and grateful recourse to the "cup that cheers but not inebriates," a beverage ever welcome to our fair sisters, soon made matters look more bright and serene. The weather at length improving, permitted a lounge in the charming grounds of Flindell's Hotel, sloping down to the water, and then came the ride to the train, and the inevitable return to town after, notwithstanding the moist god's reminder, a very charming day, the complete organization of which it was universally admitted reflected the highest credit upon the self-constituted body of Stewards, and especially upon the two Honorary Secretaries, Bros. Heaton and Waterlow, two of the W.M.'s (Bro. Poynter's) most promising initiates. In addition to the names mentioned above, the party comprised Bro. Slyman, W.M. 753; Bro. Thompson, Maybury, 969; Bros. Simmons, Dodd, Emmanuel, Glenn, Johnson, Booth, Miller, and other brethren of No. 1491, and many visitors.

PROVINCIAL.

COLCHESTER.—ANGEL LODGE (No. 51).—On Thursday, the 24th ult. (the annual festival of St. John the Baptist), a large number of the brethren of the Angel Lodge assembled at the lodge-room, the Cups Hotel, on the occasion of the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. Alfred Welch. A goodly number of visitors from London and the province were also present. The splendid ceremony of installation was performed with great effect by W. Bro. Charles J. Martyn, P.G. Ch. of England, who received the hearty thanks of the brethren for his services. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. A. Welch, W.M.; C. Cobb, I.P.M.; G. Gard Pye, S.W.; S. W. Crookes, J.W.; the Rev. C. L. Acland, Chaplain; Wm. Slaney, Treas.; Thos. J. Ralling, Sec.; Capt. Holroyd, S.D.; I. Harris, J.D.; John J. C. Turner, Organist; W. W. Daniell and T. A. Middleton, Stewards; Thos. Hanly, I.G.; Gunner, Tyler. Afterwards the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, served à la Russe by Bro. S. Bedford. The usual loyal, Masonic, and personal toasts were given and responded to in a manner not always equalled on such occasions, the W.M. especially obtaining the highest encomiums for his excellent speeches, which were as elegant in diction as they were truly Masonic in sentiment. Among the brethren present during some part, or the whole, of the proceedings, in addition to those before-mentioned, were:—Bros. R. Bolton-Barton, L.L.D., P. Dist. G.M., Western India; J. W. Carr, P.G.S., P.M. 160; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B. Institution; Vero W. Taylor, W.M. 1312; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. and Sec. 433; Geo. Glanfield, P.M. 328; J. Cornell, P.M. 114; Henry Miller, 114; N. Gluckstein, P.M. 185; Thos. Jerome, 697; F. Wright, 213, 697, 1500; Thos. C. Duri, 73; also the following brethren of Lodge 51:—W. P. Lewis, P.M.; S. Chaplin, P.M.; A. E. Church, P.M.; Thos. Rix, P.M.; W. A. Bowler, P.M.; F. F. S. Constant, C. E. Denton, H. H. Elwes, E. Henne Meyer, Ellis Kerry, Geo. Mercer, T. A. Middleton, J. F. P. Osborne, W. S. Spent, A. R. Staines, and W. R. Willcocks. The musical portion of the proceedings was efficiently rendered by Bros. Cousens, Distin, and Donald King.

WINCHESTER.—LODGE OF ECONOMY (No. 76).—This lodge, the oldest but one in the province, had an interesting meeting on Wednesday, 30th ult. An interchange of Masonic courtesies between certain lodges in the province has of late been much on the increase, and all feel that each lodge is benefitted by such visits, and witnessing the work of other lodges. It produces a spirit of laudable emulation, and one result is that the ceremonies are carefully and efficiently worked. On this occasion the W.M., Bro. Salter, invited the Masters and officers of the neighbouring lodges in Southampton and Basingstoke to be present at the working of the three degrees. The ceremonies were ably gone through by Bro. Salter and his officers, all of whom appeared to be thoroughly at home in the details of the work. Five were raised to the Sublime degree, one passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and three initiated into Masonry. Although this shows an influx of numbers greater than ever before known in this lodge, yet we believe that system of indiscriminate admission into Masonry, so justly complained of by "L of L" in the last number of the *Freemason*, was carefully avoided, and no one initiated who had not the genuine qualifications to justify admission into the Craft. It must not be forgotten, however, that the installation of the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master of Freemasons attracted the attention of all England, and the present desire to join the Masonic body is not confined to those whom it would be to the interest of Masonry to exclude; but doubtless this year will see a vast increase of members who are prompted by worthy motives, and who by their position and conduct will bring honour and credit to the Craft.

WHITEHAVEN.—SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES LODGE (No. 119).—On Friday, 25th ult, Bro. Dr. Horan, P.S.W., was duly installed Worshipful Master of Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, in the presence of a large concourse of the brethren. The following members and visitors were present:—Members: Edward Atter, W.M. and P.G.P.; W. Alsop, S.W. and P.P.G.P.; Edward Tyson, J.W.; Rev. F. W. Wicks, Chaplain and P.G.C.; W. B. Gibson, Treas. P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G.S.; John Rothery, S.D.; Thomas Dawson, J.D.; James Cooper, Org., and P.P.G.O.; J. L. Paitson, I.G.; J. W. Montgomery, Steward; John D. Thompson, Steward; William Cowie, Tyler; John Barr, P.M., and P.P.G.S.B.; William Sandwith, P.M. and P.P.G.T.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W.; Edward Fearon, P.M. and P.P.G.D.C.; J. Spittall, P.M. 872, and P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; James Sugden, George Fitzgerald, Richard Watson, Joseph Fisher, W. F. Hunter, Edward Fletcher, William Pagen, James S. Wilson, Thomas C. Windross, W. H. Brunton, Richard E. England, Robert Bell, William White, Joseph Benson, Daniel Dickinson, John J. Atkinson, John J. Bryden, Augustus Helder, Henry Hampton, George Ryrice, Joseph Dixon, William Poyle, John Moffat, J. Thompson, John Milligan. Visitors: Joseph Nicholson, P.M. 371, and P.P.S.G.W.; James Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W., and P.G. Treas., and W. H. Hoodless, S.W. St. John's Lodge, 327, Wigton; W. F. Lamony, W.M., John Holloway, and H. Wicks, Skiddaw, 1002, Cockermouth; George Glass, Zeland, P.J.W., D.G.D.C.C., 525; Rev. W. Beeby, W.M. 371, William Armstrong, P.M. 371, and A.G.D.C., and Joseph Abbott, 371, Maryport; R. F. Taylor, S.W., Hartington Lodge, Barrow-in-Furness, 1021; John Huddleston, W.M. 872, E. G. Hughes, P.M. 872, and P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Morton, P.M. 872, and P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Atkinson, P.M. 872, and P.G.S.; and Alexander Hardie, 872; William Gaspey, Greta Lodge, 1073, Keswick; Edward Clark, S.W.; J. B. Mossop, J.W.; H. L. Ellis, John Ellbeck, and J. B. Cooper, Kenlis Lodge, 1267, Egremont; G. L. Archibald, W.M.; James J. Beattie, P.M.; Joseph Wood, Secretary; C. B. Pitblade, S.W.; and W. T. Sands, Sun

and Sector, 962, Workington; J. W. Young, 962, P.M. 1400; William Carlyle, T. 962, 1400; Tom Dixon, Secretary, Curwen Lodge, 1400. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, by Bro. Edward Atter, the retiring W.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed by Brother Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W., and Brother W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G.S., in their usual masterly style, Brother Cooper ably conducting the musical part of the proceedings. Brother Horan, upon being installed, was warmly greeted by the brethren. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. F. W. Wicks, S.W.; T. Dawson, J.W.; Paitson, S.D.; Milligan, J.D.; W. B. Gibson, Treasurer; F. W. Wicks, Chaplain; Montgomery, I.G.; J. D. Thompson, D.C.; Hunter and Patterson, Stewards; Cowie, Tyler. The lodge was formally closed a few minutes before five o'clock, when, upon the invitation of the newly-installed W.M., the brethren repaired to the banquetting-room, where an elegant dinner awaited them.

WARRINGTON.—LODGE OF LIGHTS (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Monday 28th ult. The W.M., Dr. Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland, was supported by Bros. W. H. Robinson, S.W. Thos. Tunstall, J.W.; John Harding, I.P.M.; Joseph Pickthall, S.D.; John R. Young, J.D.; C. E. Hindley, I.G.; R. G. Stringer, P.M.; W. Sharp, P.M., Treas.; W. Richardson, P.M., W.M. 1250; Charles Skinner, Peter Jones, Thos. Jones, Thos. Grime, Geo. A. Clark, John Pierpoint, J. H. Patten, Thos. B. Carter, Thos. Mee Paitson, Org.; C. Ekkert, Jno. Armstrong, James Bayley Thos. Jones, Jas. Paterson, J. J. Thompson, James Hannah, Tyler. Visitors—Bros. R. Rigby, W.M. 758; John Fothergill, P.M. 1129; P. J. Edelsten, W.M. 1134; D. W. Finney, P.M. 148; W. S. Hawkins, P.M. 1250; E. Aston, S.W. 758; Jas. Warburton, J.W. 758; W. R. Waas, I.G. 758; W. McClellon, 758; and W. Tongue, 978. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. Bro. James Paterson having claimed preferment, and his claim being efficiently proved, he was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Paterson re-admitted and passed by the W.M., who also delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board of the Second Degree. The working tools were presented by the S.W., Bro. W. H. Robinson. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Three gentlemen were proposed as fit and proper persons to be received into the Order. Bro. Robert Gibbons, who was elected an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the recent meeting, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visitors, and the routine business having been completed, the lodge was closed in solemn form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

STONEHOUSE.—LODGE OF SINCERITY (No. 189).—The brethren of this lodge met in large numbers at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred Latimer, and the attendance was augmented by the presence of many visiting brethren. Amongst those attending were—Officers of Sincerity: J. E. Curteis, W.M.; A. Latimer, S.W.; T. Waldo How, J.W.; R. H. Rae, Sec.; T. S. Bayly, Treas.; J. E. Moon, S.D.; T. W. Lemon, P.G.C., J.D.; W. Tester, I.G.; C. Croydon, S.; Past Masters I. Latimer, I.P.M.; R. Robinson Rodd, J. Sadler, J. Dampney, and J. Head; members, G. H. Evans, H. Horton, G. R. Bassett, A. Ralph, J. Lewis, H. C. Fitzgerald, J. P. Latimer, Elliot Square, E. Holberton Edlin, and T. W. Hussey. Visiting brethren—R. Rodda, 105, P. Prov. G.R.; C. Rodda, 105; W. Luxon, 1205; J. K. Lord, P.M. and Treas. 1247; J. May, P.M. 223; E. Martin, I.P.M. 1212; F. Aubrey Thomas, P.M. 1247, P.G.S.D.; H. S. Hill, J.D. 223; R. Franklin, P.M. 1 (Ireland); W. Harris, S.W. 1205; J. W. Cornish, P.M. 223; and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting, including a vote for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the forthcoming festival, of which Bro. Curteis has accepted the office of Steward, were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Edlin and Luxon as joining members, which proved all clear, and it being the case when it was subsequently taken for Messrs. Coombes and Holmes, they were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in his usual excellent and impressive manner. Bro. Curteis then presented the lodge with a large photograph, handsomely framed, of the members of Sincerity who had attended the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. The Senior P.M., Bro. Rodd, paid a high tribute to the ability and courtesy that had characterized Bro. Curteis's conduct in the chair for the past year, and proposed a resolution, not only recognising his services, but thanking him for his gift. This, most cordially seconded by Bro. I. Latimer, I.P.M., P.G.J.W., &c., was carried by acclamation; and after Bro. Curteis had in feeling terms acknowledged the vote, Bro. Rae, Sec., gave notice of a motion having for its object the presentation of Bro. Curteis with a Past Master's jewel, or some other tangible recognition of his eventful Mastership. For the ceremony of installation a numerous Board of twelve Past Masters was constituted. The entire work was undertaken by Bro. Curteis, who won the admiration of all by his highly successful realization of the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremonial. The newly installed W.M. invested his officers as follows:—J. E. Curteis, I.P.M.; T. Waldo How, S.W.; J. E. Moon, J.W.; T. B. Bayly, Treas.; R. H. Rae, Sec.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, S.D.; G. Jackson, J.D.; C. Croydon, I.G.; Col. Fitzgerald, D.C.; Horton, O.; T. W. Hussey and J. Fouracre, Stewards. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room and partook of a cold collation. The speeches following were hearty, cordial, and brief. "The Queen," and "The Prince of Wales, G.M. of England,"

having been honoured, the W.M. gave, in terms fully appreciative of their high qualities, "The P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. of Devon, Provincial Officers Past and Present." W. Bro. I. Latimer made the response, highly eulogizing R. W. Bros. Huyshe and Metham for that work and example which would outlive them many a year. The toast of the evening, "The Newly Installed W.M.," was given in a few complimentary sentences by Bro. Curteis, and Bro. A. Latimer in his response spoke of the confidence he felt owing to the presence in the lodge of such efficient Past Masters and officers. Bro. Curteis and the W. brother from Ireland responded for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Rodda, in a suggestive speech, for "The Visitors." At the suggestion of P.M. Rodd, the officers of Sincerity Lodge were toasted, the respondents being Bros. Rae, How, and Moon; and with "Our Newly Initiated Brethren" and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren, wherever dispersed, speedy relief to them," a pleasantly spent evening was brought to a close.

WINDSOR.—ETONIAN LODGE OF ST. JOHN (No. 209).—This lodge met on the 1st June, when the W.M., Bro. John O. Carter, was supported as follows:—Bros. Denne, S.W.; Strange, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Berks and Bucks, Secretary; Hume, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Schiemann, D.C.; Nicholas S. Dixon, P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks I.P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; Duffield, Whistler, Prince, Willoughby, &c., &c. Visitors, Bros. Tolley, P.G.J.D., Berks and Bucks, P.M. 771; Land, W.M. 742; Faulkner Lee, 404; Ritchie, 145; Johnson, 771. The principal business of the evening was raising Bros. Prince and Willoughby to the Third Degree, which ceremony was performed by the W.M., and the initiation of Mr. Joseph Legge, by Bro. Wilson, P.M. The brethren also unanimously elected Bros. Gray and Cobbett as joining members. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the fact that since the last meeting a Provincial Grand Lodge had been held at Aylesbury, at which the Provincial Grand Master had invested Bro. Dixon, I.P.M. with the collar and office of P.G.D.C., and proposed that a vote of congratulation to Bro. Dixon should be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. Denne, S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. alluded to the remarks of the Provincial Grand Master at the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Aylesbury, with respect to all the lodges in the province subscribing to the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and gave notice that at the next meeting he would submit a scheme, the object of which would be, that this lodge should contribute with the other lodges in the Province, which he trusted would be acceptable to the brethren. Two candidates, one for joining and the other for initiation, having been proposed, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

LIVERPOOL.—MERCHANTS' LODGE (No. 241).—In point of influence and popularity the Merchant's Lodge occupies a position second to none in the Province of West Lancashire, and therefore the annual summer festival, celebrated on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, was as brilliantly successful as the standard of the lodge fully merited. The success was not due alone to this fact, however, but also to the great popularity of the in-coming W.M., Bro. Richard Brown, who is universally esteemed by every brother in Liverpool, for his many amiable and excellent social qualities of mind and heart, and also for the indefatigable zeal and untiring anxiety he has displayed in connection with the advancement of true Masonry. Since the death of the lamented Bro. Captain Mott, the position of Honorary Secretary to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution has been filled by Bro. Brown, who has displayed a tact and energy in that capacity which have maintained and even advanced the position of the excellent institution. The meeting of the lodge was fixed for half-past ten o'clock, and punctually the business of installation was proceeded with. The lodge was duly and solemnly opened by Bro. W. M. Chudley, the retiring Worshipful Master, who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. J. Cobham, P.M.; J. W. Baker, P.M.; Ralph Robinson, P.M.; J. I. Knight, P.M.; R. Brown, S.W.; G. Hutchins, J.W.; S. J. McGeorge, P.M., Treas.; G. Peet, Sec.; J. Winsor, S.D.; T. C. Jones, J.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., D.C.; F. E. Smith, Org.; T. H. Sheen, L.G.; P. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. M. Hewitt, H. Newton, B. Woolf, T. Salter, John Winsor, W. M. Norbury, H. Anderson, A. Vandyke, R. Jones, W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; T. M. Stanbury, W. Williamson, J. Brown, G. W. Hughes, W. Williams, J. Hall, D. Martin, T. Redding, W. Hopps, Wm. Johnson, S. Jacobs, A. Woolrich, J. Kirwin, G. J. Jones, W. Savage, D. C. Marks, M. de Frece, W. J. Raverty, J. Pick, D. Hughes, A. Morison, P. Madge, L. de Jongh, G. Halse, J. Latta, &c. The visitors present were Bros. J. Skeels, P.G.O.; W. Doyle, P.G.J.D.; J. Lunt, P.G.S., P.M. 1086; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 216; J. Banning, P.P.G.O. Cumberland and Westmoreland; R. Washington, P.M. 1094; the Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain 1086; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; W. Jones, P.M. 220, W.M. 1299; J. Evans, W.M. 220; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; E. Johnston, W.M. 203; G. Turner, P.M. 823; H. Nelson, P.M. 673, W.M. 1505; T. O. G. Bark, W.M. 1380; W. Vines, P.M. 220 and 1299; H. Hunt, W.M. 594; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; W. B. Caw, W.M. 786; J. Beesley, P.M. 216; M. Corless, W.M. 673; W. Shortis, P.M. 724; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; J. S. Cuthbert, 823; J. Keet, 1356; D. Campbell, 216; G. G. Walsley, 292; W. Troughton, 1013; H. Burrows, 673; E. Ford, jun., Sec. 1380; G. Fowler, S.W. 216; J. T. Aeston, 203; R. Bennett, S.W. 1299; W. Levy, 1502; N. Turner, 1356; A. Strother, 823; J. E. Jackson, S.W. 667; J. F. Hall, 673; D. Meek, 203, &c. After the opening, the confirmation of the minutes, and the transaction of some formal business, the chair was taken by Bros. Ralph Robinson, P.M. 241 and W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, who proceeded to instal Bro.

Richard Brown in the position of W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony is at all times impressive and beautiful, but when performed in the most masterly manner in which Bro. Robinson did it admiration becomes increased. It is no exaggeration to say that the whole ceremony was performed in a style which has rarely been equalled, and could not have been excelled, and Bro. Robinson gave another proof of his capabilities as an apt Masonic student. The following brethren were invested officers of the lodge:—Bros. Chudley, I.P.M.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., D.C.; G. Hutchins, S.W.; G. Peet, J.W.; Dr. McGeorge, P.M., Treasurer; J. Winsor, Secretary; T. C. Jones, S.D.; T. Sheen, J.D.; T. Slater, I.G.; F. E. Smith, Org.; and P. Ball, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a chaste P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. M. Chudley, I.P.M., on his retirement from the chair, by the brethren of the lodge. The presentation was made by the W.M., who briefly referred to the services of the I.P.M., and Bro. Chudley, in acknowledging the compliment, said he would reserve his remarks until a later period in the day. As the first act of the year of office, Bro. Brown, W.M., subsequently initiated the Rev. J. O'Reilly into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, and the effective way in which the ceremony was performed augurs well for the efficiency of the working during the coming year. The lodge was then closed, and after partaking of luncheon the brethren proceeded by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway to Birkdale, near Southport. It may be noted, as another evidence of the famed liberality of this company, that, although one hundred special passengers were guaranteed, they positively refused to grant the slightest concession in the fares. The "kindness" of the company was thoroughly appreciated, and will, doubtless, be remembered by Masonic travellers. The banquet took place at the Palace Hotel, Birkdale, at four o'clock, when upwards of one hundred sat down to splendidly laid out tables, profusely decorated with flowers, and bearing all the rarities of the season. The quality of the banquet and the manner in which it was served reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Clarke, the manager of the hotel, giving complete satisfaction to every one. When dessert was placed on the table, the W.M. rose and said he was sure the wishes of the brethren would be best consulted if he made the toast-speaking as brief as possible, the weather outside being so genial and inviting. In giving "The Queen," the W.M. said she took the greatest interest in the working of all their institutions, and patronized their charities in the most practical way. The toast was received with great enthusiasm, renewed when Bro. P.M. Robinson sang the "National Anthem." In giving "The M.W.G. Master, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the M.W. Pro G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," the W.M. said that if any toast evoked enthusiasm it should be this. Never in the history of the Craft was Freemasonry so popular, the acceptance of office by the G.M. doing so much to set aside the false impression which another event might have created. It was his pleasure to be present recently at the Albert Hall, and he must confess that he went there with a feeling that the acceptance of the Grand Mastership by the Prince of Wales would be merely of an ornamental character; but this feeling was entirely changed when he saw his working, and he felt proud they had such a Grand Master. He was most efficiently supported in office by the Earl of Carnarvon, who was noble by birth and noble by act. The W.M. next gave "The R.W. Deputy G. Master and P.G.M. of West Lancashire, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers, Past and Present." In the history of the Craft he said, West Lancashire had reason to be proud of many achievements in Masonry, and it must have given every brother the greatest pleasure when their P.G.M. was appointed the Deputy G.M. of England. They had all seen his lordship at work—they all knew how he had Masonry at heart; and many would remember the ringing cheer with which he was received when chaired by the G.M., especially from the brethren of West Lancashire. In submitting "The W.D.P.G.M., Bro. the Hon. F. A. Stanley and the Officers of P.G. Lodge, Past and Present," Bro. Brown, said the history of the House of Stanley in that country was well known, and that they had a scion of that noble family as the Deputy Prov. G. Master must be a source of gratification to every brother. Inasmuch as they had come to the close of the toasts of their "Masonic rulers, supreme and subordinate," he (the W.M.) did not think it out of place to remind those present, that these exalted brethren filled offices which were of no mythical character; they had work to do, which they did, and did well—so well that not a speck now appeared on the horizon. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. J. Lunt, P.G.S., who briefly thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received. The W.M. in proposing "The Masonic Charitable Institutions," specially referred to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and the London Charities, stating that one of the P.M.'s of the Merchants Lodge (Bro. Broadbridge) was going up as one of the Stewards' at the approaching festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' with a good round sum. He (Bro. Brown) had frequently spoken of the West Lancashire Educational Institution, and during his year of office he should like the subscriptions to be as large as heretofore. The Merchants' Lodge had to record many good deeds well done, but no laurels were so bright as this noble institution. Bro. R. Wilson, P.M., Hon. Treasurer to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, responded to the toast, making an eloquent appeal on behalf of the charity. It had greatly prospered in 1874, and he had no doubt that it would continue to do so in the future. He must however, draw the attention of the brethren to the fact that although the funds of the institution were increasing in a very rapid manner, it was only now that they began to feel that the applicants for its benefits were increasing in

a greater proportion year by year. He would also remind the brethren that their object was not merely to accumulate funds in connection with the charity, but to dispense these funds in such a manner as they ought to do, and their greatest success ought to be sought in having as many children on the foundation as deserved the benefits. He pressed a hope, that, through the liberality of the brethren, the accumulated fund would shortly be £20,000, and that they would be able to educate and clothe 260 instead of 60. Bro. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 216, responded on behalf of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and said, like himself, it was a very juvenile one. Although it had only been in existence for a couple of years, it was an institution which would reflect credit upon West Lancashire, its object being to give annuities to old and decayed Freemasons. After detailing the history of the fund, and alluding to the present state of the finances, Bro. Laidlaw concluded by expressing a hope that it would meet with the hearty support of the brethren in that province. Bro. Broadbridge, P.M., responded on behalf of the London Charities. He remarked that it was somewhat of a misnomer to call them "London Charities" as they were as much open to the brethren in the provinces of those who resided in the metropolis, so long as they gave them hearty support. He assured the brethren that it gave him the greatest pleasure to go up as one of the Stewards at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and he cordially thanked the Masons of Liverpool for having entrusted him with the handsome sum which he would be able to take up. East Lancashire was in a position to say that they would elect any three they might send up, and he thought West Lancashire should strive to be in a like position. With regard to the Old Men's Institution the brethren of West Lancashire were in a better position, as only last month they had elected two candidates, making five from this province. As they had a balance of about £12,000 to the credit of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, he trusted the brethren would turn their attention to the London Charities. Bro. R. Wilson, P.M., next proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said that Bro. Brown had been elected with wonderful unanimity to that office. He thought the choice an exceedingly happy one. In Bro. Richard Brown they had one who would do the lodge infinite credit. As a business man, a man of intelligence, and a Masonic worker, they had every faith in him, and he thought they might safely look forward to a prosperous and pleasant year. The toast was received with immense enthusiasm. In reply, the W.M., who was cordially cheered, said that some one had told them that language was made to conceal their thoughts, but he must confess that in rising to thank them for the very wonderful way in which they had been pleased to receive the mention of his name he certainly lacked the power of language to express his thoughts on that occasion. That moment vividly recalled to his mind the time when he stood up to answer the toast of "The Newly Initiated Brethren," and, amidst all the bewilderment with which he was then surrounded, he could just say that all he had seen was but an example of what was coming, and of the great pleasure in store. He now felt bound to say that from that moment to the present he had never seen anything which had caused him to regret his entrance into Masonry. To him it had proved a great blessing, having cemented many friendships which already existed, and fostered others which were of recent growth. Although not rich in this world's wealth, he was rich in his desire to do good to his fellow-men, and in accepting the Secretaryship of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute, he did so from a desire to be useful in his day and generation. They had conferred another honour by placing him in the chair of the lodge unanimously. To be the W.M. of any lodge is indeed a proud privilege, but to be the W.M. of one's mother lodge, and following in the footsteps of many worthy Masons was indeed what he most sincerely valued. His election had been accompanied by so many congratulations on every side, both from within and without the lodge, that his soul had been filled with joy, and if he failed to express his feelings in words, he must ask them to look to his deeds in the coming year. The toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Captain Turner, P.M. 823, and Bro. Councillor, 216. "The New Initiate," also given by the W.M., was responded to in eloquent terms by Bro. the Rev. J. O'Reilly. The W.M. said there was no toast, he was sure, which would meet with a more hearty response than that of "Bro. Robinson, the Installing Master." As a P.M. of the lodge he had been long respected, and in connection with the Lodge of Instruction, he had done very much valuable work. They would long remember the wonderful way in which the installation ceremony of that day had been performed, and the masterly perfection with which he conducted the instruction lodge. He (Bro. Brown) had listened to the installation ceremony with the deepest interest, and he was sure that no brother had Masonry more at heart than Bro. Robinson. In reply, Bro. Robinson expressed the great pleasure it had given him to instal Bro. Brown, for whom he had the very highest respect. If he (Bro. Robinson) had done his work in a manner which had given them satisfaction he felt amply repaid, and he felt certain that the accession of Bro. Brown to the Master's chair would give additional prestige to the Merchants' Lodge, and prove satisfactory to every brother. "The Worshipful Past Masters," given by Bro. Brown, W.M., was responded to in happy terms by Bro. W. M. Caudley, I.P.M. "The Officers," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. G. Hutchins, S.W., and Bro. Councillor G. Peet, J.W. The "Tyler's Toast" brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren returned to town at an early hour. During the afternoon between £30 and £40 was subscribed by the brethren for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

LIVERPOOL.—MARINERS' LODGE (No. 249).—The annual summer festival meeting of this large and influential lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 1st inst., and was greatly enjoyed by all who took part in it. A full day's programme necessitated an unusually early starting of the business portion of the proceedings. Accordingly the brethren were summoned to meet at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at nine o'clock, and punctually at that hour the lodge was opened by Bro. John Hayes, the retiring W.M., who was supported by Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M.; Rev. P. Pinnington, P.M.; J. J. Rose, I.P.M.; H. P. Price, S.W.; B. R. Martin, J.W.; W. Hamilton, S.D.; W. Forster, J.D.; J. C. Robinson, I.G.; Rev. P. Hains, Chap.; W. G. Veale, Org.; F. Barnett, S.; J. Wood, S.; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present during the morning were, Bros. T. L. Daniels, M. Davis, J. Cribbin, W. H. Vernon, E. Jones, H. Reed, J. Kittle, T. H. Hall, W. Corbett, C. J. Jones, J. P. Jones, T. Boden, J. Williams, T. Roberts, H. Rush, J. Lloyd, W. Bolitho, J. Savage, W. Goldstone, P. Ball, T. Grayson, W. Wilson, J. Wainwright, J. Whitnall, W. P. Corlett, J. Whalley, W. Williams, C. H. Foster, J. Croxton, P. Stern, E. Cargill, R. Carter, C. Warner, F. Cooper, R. Jones, J. T. Trewren, W. Yates, H. Hall, J. W. Stubbs, T. Status, J. Nicholas, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. J. Hayes, the retiring Master, proceeded to instal Bro. H. P. Price as his successor in the chair of W.M., the whole ceremony being given in a manner which reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Hayes. The following were the officers who were subsequently appointed, elected, and invested:—Bros. J. Hayes, I.P.M.; J. Lloyd, S.W.; the Rev. Philip Haines, J.W.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., Treas.; M. Davis, Sec.; W. Hamilton, S.D.; W. Forster, J.D.; W. Garlick, I.G.; J. J. Rose, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Veale, Org.; F. Barnett, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. C. Leighton, one of the auditors, the accounts were taken as read and unanimously passed, and the lodge and other Committees were subsequently appointed. Bro. H. P. Price, W.M., then presented Bro. John Hayes, I.P.M., in the name of the members of the lodge, with a very chaste and handsome P.M.'s jewel, in token of the esteem felt for him after his year's valuable services in the chair. Bro. Hayes briefly thanked the brethren for their kind recognition of his services, and said the past year would long be remembered by him as one of the most pleasant in his life. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the landing stage, where they were joined by their lady friends and a very large number of brethren connected with the lodge, who had been unable to attend the morning's meeting. The party, numbering nearly 200, crossed the river to Woodside Ferry, from whence bus and rail conveyed them to Hoylake, and a pleasant walk across the fields brought them at last to West Kirby, the place selected for the scene of the picnic. The morning was bright and genial, but one or two showers during the afternoon rather damped the complete enjoyment of the "out." There was quite a round of amusements, however, and every one seemed to enter with zeal into the spirit of the picnic. Some rambled on the shore, others enjoyed themselves in dancing, while races, croquet, and other games were furnished for others. Thus the time passed very pleasantly until the time for returning came, and then the party started for Liverpool, arriving about half-past 10 o'clock. The catering at the West Kirby Hotel gave almost universal dissatisfaction, as it was neither ample nor well-carried out, not a few having to go without anything to eat.

WHITWORTH.—KEYSTONE LODGE (No. 363).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, June 23rd, at the New Inn, Whitworth, and there was a moderate attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened at 7.15 p.m. by Bro. T. B. Ashworth, P.M. 367, 54, and 363, and the minutes of the previous lodge read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. R. W. Schofield having presented himself, was examined, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. R. W. Schofield was then admitted, and duly raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by T. B. Ashworth, P.M., and deaconed by P.M. Dan Mitchell. The ceremony was performed in a very creditable manner. The lodge was then closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was also closed in the Second Degree. There being no other business, the lodge was finally closed at 8.45, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the cloth was removed the W.M. gave the usual toasts, commencing with "The Queen and the Craft." This was followed by "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England." The next was "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Very Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." The W.M. then gave "The Health of La Grande N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master, East Lancashire." This was followed by "Bro. W. R. Callender, Deputy Prov. G.M." "The rest of the Prov. Grand Officers" was then given, and a number of other toasts were given, amongst which P.M. T. B. Ashworth proposed the health of R. W. Schofield, the newly-raised brother. In doing so he hoped he would distinguish himself in the knowledge of the principles of the Craft, as he had done by his untiring diligence and assiduity, in which he had won such distinguished honours for himself in college. The usual closing toast was given, and the brethren separated in peace and good fellowship towards each other, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

COLCHESTER.—UNITED LODGE (No. 697).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Friday, June 11th, a handsome gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. the Rev. Eustace H. Crate, on his retirement from the W.M.'s chair. The jewel is inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate by the brethren of the

United Lodge, 697, as a token of their appreciation of the zeal and ability displayed by him as W.M. Colchester, June, 1875." The W.M., Bro. R. A. Clench, in making the presentation in the name of the officers and the members, bore testimony, not only to the zeal and assiduity which the I.P.M. had displayed in the cause of Masonry, but to the excellent working of the lodge during his year of office, the rev. brother's tact and kindness being such as to make it easy to maintain discipline, yet promote unity and harmony amongst the brethren. Bro. Crate, who had been taken by surprise by the presentation, thanked the lodge in terms excellently suited to the time and the man, and promised that, no matter where he was to be found in future days, he should ever preserve the jewel as a memento of the respect and honour he had received from the lodge in which he had worked so pleasantly and harmoniously with the brethren. This being the last occasion on which many of the military brethren would attend the lodge (they being ordered away) some kindly expressions of sentiment and good will were exchanged.

WIMBORNE.—ST. CUTHBERTA LODGE (No. 622).—The brethren of this lodge met recently for the despatch of business, and, it being known the subject of the magnificent ceremony of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was to be brought forward by the W.M. for the information of those brethren who were not so fortunate as to be present, a full lodge assembled. The following officers were present:—Bros. J. W. Luff, W.M.; A. J. Budden, S.W.; J. Hammond, J.W.; J. Atkins, S.D.; Capt. Herford, J.D.; Haylett, Wyke Smith, H. C. Burt, as I.P.M.; Rowe, E. T. Budden, Walter Fletcher, Smith, Secretary, besides other members of the lodge, and Bro. Edwin, a visitor from Lodge "Phoenix," 914, Jamaica. The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The Secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. Heath and Wyndham. The ceremony of raising Bro. Wallis being over, and other business discussed, the W.M. graphically alluded to the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which imposing ceremony, he said, would never be forgotten by those who had the good fortune to witness it. It was a great day, indeed, for the Craft when H.R.H. did it the honour to become its head, but greater, indeed, would it be for the noble Masonic charities. He believed it would be the means of adding thousands of pounds to the funds, and unite the brethren closer than ever, if that were possible, in the bonds of loyalty and charity. The enthusiastic reception H.R.H. met with was perfectly overwhelming and indescribable. The manner in which he went through the ceremony, and his part of it particularly as Most Worshipful Grand Master, was worthy of a Prince of his exalted position, and would inspire an additional warmth for their Royal Master and the Craft in the heart of every Mason. Loud and long was the genuine and hearty welcome when H.R.H. took his seat on the Masonic throne. Well might he say "It was a day and sight he should never forget," for it was such as no one who witnessed it could ever cease to remember. And could his Queen Mother but have seen it she would have rejoiced that her Royal sons had become such distinguished members of the loyal and charitable Craft, for he believed if even the Pope himself and his advisers had witnessed that most imposing ceremony and heard the beautiful music used on the occasion, as well as the admirable and eloquent address of H.R.H., they would not again let loose the unfounded, and he might say uncharitable, aspersions they have chosen on recent occasions to indulge in; but he was inclined to think his Holiness would recant, become one of them, and say, "As brethren let us dwell together in unity, loyalty, and charity." They could only be excused through their ignorance of this most excellent Order. The Masons most cordially thanked the Prince for doing them the honour to become one of them, and might the Great Architect of the Universe take him into His safe keeping during a long and happy life. The choice of all the grand officers he made must have been well considered; nothing could be better. That of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of that great and wealthy City of London was most gratifying, as his lordship takes every opportunity to promote every Masonic charity. The W.M. proceeded to say: "We have also to thank H.R.H. for doing our lodge the high honour to select Bro. Montague Guest, our I.P.M., to fill the office of his G.S.D., whose investment with the collar of office was a signal for general applause in that vast assembly, being sure evidence of the good choice H.R.H. had made, and the popularity of Bro. Guest, who on any occasion is ready to do good charity to the needy. We claim the Prince partly as a Dorsetshire man, and he did not forget our county on the occasion. Our Provincial Grand Master also paid our lodge a great compliment, in that he selected Bro. H. C. Burt as one of the Provincial Grand Stewards to represent our province on that occasion; so we, as a lodge, have good reason to remember that great day for Freemasonry—April 28th, 1875—and with H.R.H. say, our two watchwords are "Loyalty and Charity," and we assure him we shall never forget that day. The arrangements for the comfort of the brethren at Albert Hall were faultless, the decorations gorgeous, and reflected the highest credit on all those concerned, and must have been most gratifying to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was evidently moved by this as well as with the grand reception accorded him. Bro. H. C. Burt announced that the Festival of the Boys' School would take place on the 7th of July, should any of the brethren wish to be present. He will attend as Steward for the Province of Dorset, and he has collected the large sum of £600 in aid of this great charity. Truly his stewardship has been a faithful one. The W.M. stated that, in accordance with the wishes of the brethren, the lodge would not be summoned during the months of July, August, or September, unless business required it. The business of the evening being ended, the brethren assembled in the

large hall, where an excellent supper was provided by the W.M. in honour of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the M.W.G.M. of England. The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given and duly received, a special greeting being given to that of "The Prince of Wales." An agreeable evening was spent, all the brethren being well content that they had had their dues, and with the great progress of Freemasonry during the present eventful year.

APPLEBY.—EDEN VALLEY LODGE (No. 812).—On Wednesday, 30th ult., the brethren met to celebrate the anniversary festival of St. John the Baptist, and to instal the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. Their choice had fallen on Bro. Dr. Dinwoodie. There was a good gathering of the brethren, amongst them being Bro. the Rev. James Simpson, P.G.J.W., and Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. McMechan, W.M., St. John's Lodge, Wigton, was the acting Worshipful Master on the occasion. The first business before the lodge was to ballot for the joining members, Bro. the Rev. J. Holme, and Bro. the Rev. J. Baker, and the vote being unanimous, they were declared elected. The next business was to initiate Mr. Richard Warton to the first degree in Freemasonry, which ceremony was gone through by Bro. McMechan, who opened the lodge up to the second degree, when the chair was taken by Bro. James Porter, P.M., P.G.S.W., and Bro. Dr. Dinwoodie was installed as W.M. of Eden Valley Lodge in Bro. Porter's usual finished and impressive style. Bro. Porter read a letter from Bro. Colonel Whitwell, D.P.G.M., who had been expected to be present, but who wrote regretting his inability to be present, but wished the brethren every success. The newly-elected W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bro. Fulton, I.P.M.; Bro. Thompson, S.W.; Bro. Parks, J.W.; Bro. Armstrong, S.D.; Bro. Thom, J.D.; Bro. Whitehead, Treasurer and Secretary; Bro. R. Wharton, I.G.; Bro. Martin Cousins, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at the King's Head Inn, where an excellent dinner was prepared by Mrs. Riggs. An hour or so was spent in a very pleasant manner. The chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Dinwoodie, supported by Bros. Porter, McMechan, Whitehead, and Dr. Armstrong. The vice-chair was taken by Bro. Thompson. The meeting, altogether, was one of the most successful that has been held at Appleby for some time, and augurs well for the future of the old lodge.

MILLBROOK.—LODGE MERIDIAN (No. 893).—The brethren of this lodge met in their handsome new lodge-room, at Millbrook, on Monday evening, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master elect, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G. Master of Cornwall. V.W. Bro. Wm. Veale, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., introduced his lordship, and V.W. Bro. E. J. Worth, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., impressively conferred the obligation. His lordship invested his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. J. H. Filmer, I.P.M.; E. J. Worth, P.P.G.J.W., S.W.; Captain H. O'Neil, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; Wm. Veale, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treasurer; the Rev. T. W. Wintle, Chaplain; J. Henwood, Secretary; W. H. Bickford, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., S.D.; W. Harris, P.M., J.D.; W. H. Clarke, P.M., I.G.; W. Coath, P.M., D.C.; W. Cawse and S. Hutchings, Stewards; and Fisher, Tyler. His lordship then presented Bro. Filmer with a very handsome jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren for his zeal and ability in conducting the business of the lodge during his year of office; and in doing so his lordship expressed the very great pleasure he felt in being able to give so good an account of his immediate predecessor in the chair. Bro. Filmer very feelingly returned thanks for the honour conferred, and expressed his wishes for the continued prosperity of the lodge under the direction of his lordship.

LIVERPOOL.—HAMER LODGE (No. 1393).—The annual installation meeting of this flourishing lodge, took place on Tuesday, June 22nd, at the Clarence Hotel, Everton Road, and was attended by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and distinguished Masons of the province, and was certainly one of the most brilliant and successful gatherings which has taken place in this province for some years. The lodge was opened at 2 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. R. H. Evans, supported by the following officers, and about one hundred members and visitors:—Bros. John Jones, I.P.M.; Henry Jackson, S.W.; John McCarthy, J.W.; Chas. Tyrer, Treas.; W. T. May, P.M., Sec. pro tem.; Ed. Dutch, S.D.; Thos. Large, J.D.; Thos. Sammons, M.C.; Robert Price, I.G.; Robt. Leason, S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; M. Williamson, Tyler. Amongst the visitors present were—Bros. H. S. Alpasa, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Armstrong, Prov. G. Treas.; Thos. Wylie, P.P.J.G.W.; Robt. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; Wm. Doyle, P.P.G.S.D.; Jesse Banning, P.P.G.Org., (C. and W.); the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Chaplain 216; Dr. Wilson, W.M. 537; W. Hughes, W.M. 292; H. Nelson, W.M. 1505, P.M. 673; Thos. Ockleshaw, W.M. 667; E. O. C. Rothwell, W.M. 1356; John Jones, P.M. 216; R. W. Holt, P.M. 1276; Dr. Serjeant, P.M. 203; Dr. Samuels, P.M. 1350; Russell, P.M.; 292; Goodacre, P.M. 1086; A. T. Foy, P.M. 292; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; Hocken, P.M. 673; Sinclair, P.M. 212; J. T. Callow, S.W. 1505, P.M. 673; W. A. Wilson, P.M. 203; W. Boulton, P.M. 823; Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094; T. Shaw, W.M. elect 823; Dr. Hall, J.W. 823; J. E. Jackson, S.W. 667; A. C. Wylie, Sec. 1299; John Capell, S.D. 1264, &c., &c. The chair was taken by Bro. H. S. Alpasa, Prov. G. Sec., as Installing Master, and Bro. Henry Jackson, Worshipful Master elect, was presented by Bro. Robt. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., and Bro. Wm. Doyle, P.P.G.S.D., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the usual charges had been read and assented to, the brethren beneath the rank of Installed Masters were requested to withdraw. A board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. Jackson was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in ancient form by the

W.M.'s and P.M.'s present (who numbered no fewer than twenty-five). On the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Jackson, the Worshipful Master, was declared, and saluted in the usual manner, and according to ancient custom. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. R. H. Evans, I.P.M.; J. McCarthy, S.W.; Ed. Dutch, J.W.; Charles Tyrer, Treas.; Thomas Large, Sec.; Thomas Sammons, S.D.; Robert Price, J.D.; Robert Leason, I.G.; John Price, M.C.; Thomas Brown, S.S.; Charles Phillips, J.S.; H. Hindle, Org.; M. Williamson, Tyler. We may mention that Bro. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec., performed the duties of Installing Master in a most impressive manner, and he was ably assisted by Bro. Robert Wylie, P.P.S.G.D., who gave the addresses to the officers with that grace and ability which he possesses in so marked a degree. The newly installed W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. McMurphy and Cutler into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, which he did in a thoroughly efficient manner, and he was well assisted by the newly appointed officers, who did their work in a manner which fully sustained the reputation for perfect working which this lodge possesses. After "hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in due and solemn form by the W.M. The brethren then adjourned to "The Harrington," Harrington-street, where a most sumptuous banquet was prepared, the caterer being Bro. T. H. Bibby, who provided for the creature comforts of the brethren in a manner which gave the greatest satisfaction. Bro. H. Jackson, W.M., presided, supported on the right by the Provincial Grand Officers, and on the left by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Evans. Grace having been said by Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire," the W.M. said that he was sure that the toast would be most enthusiastically received, as many of the brethren present had had an opportunity of meeting his lordship in either Provincial Grand Lodge, Chapter, or other Masonic gathering, and they must have seen that he took a very great interest in Freemasonry, and he was sure that all the brethren of the province considered that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had made a wise choice in selecting the Prov. G.M. of this province as the Deputy Grand Master of England. In proposing "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute for the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased Freemasons," the W.M. made a strong appeal to the brethren to become subscribing members to this Institution, which he characterized as one of the most deserving Masonic Charitable institutions with which he was acquainted, as it did its work unostentatiously, silently, but effectively, and was productive of more good than any one not acquainted with its nature and character could credit. Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Secretary, responded, and in a lengthy and most eloquent speech, which was listened to with marked attention by the assembled brethren, reminded them that their duty as Masons did not only consist in attending the lodge meetings and to their various offices in Freemasonry, but also in giving freely and liberally, the utmost they could afford, not only to the local, but also to the London Masonic charities. In proposing The Healths of the Installing Officers, Bros. H. S. Alpass and Robert Wylie, the W.M. thanked them, both on his own behalf and on behalf of the lodge, for their kind attendance, and for the admirable manner in which they had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., responded in well chosen terms. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. R. H. Evans, then proposed "The Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Jackson," and said—We are met here to-day to celebrate a most important event in the annals of the Hamer Lodge. Few standing where I do now, and looking round upon this magnificent gathering, would think it possible that this lodge was only just entering upon the fourth year of its existence, but I feel sure that during the coming year the same success which has hitherto attended this lodge, will not only continue, but increase, more especially as the brother who has now the honour of presiding over you is not only the Worshipful Master by your unanimous vote, but he also occupies the position with the good feeling and affection of every member of this lodge, and he also possesses in a marked degree the necessary qualifications for such an important post, of which many of you are well qualified to judge, having had an opportunity of observing the undeviating care and attention he has paid to the interests of this lodge from its commencement. I am sure that in drinking his health you all sincerely and heartily wish him health and success and happiness during his year of office. The W.M., in responding, said: I am very grateful to you, brethren, for having unanimously elected me to the proud position of Worshipful Master of the Hamer Lodge. I consider it a very proud position indeed, to be the W.M. of such a lodge as the Hamer, but, at the same time, I am fully aware of its great responsibility, but I can assure you that it shall be my earnest endeavour on all occasions, and under all circumstances, during my year of office, to preserve the harmony, promote the prosperity, and sustain the dignity of the Hamer Lodge. I thank you most heartily for the very cordial and hearty manner in which you have received the toast of my health, and I trust that at the end of my year you will be able to say of me that I discharged the duties of the chair faithfully and zealously. I have now the pleasure of proposing The Healths of my Predecessors, Bro. Evans, I.P.M., and Bro. P.M.'s May and Jones." I am sure, brethren, that you will agree with me that the I.P.M. has set me an example that I shall do well to follow in the manner in which he has filled the duties of the chair during the past twelve months, I feel satisfied that he carries with him the respect, esteem, and affection of every member of the

lodge, and the pleasing duty which now devolves upon me is strong evidence that such is the fact, and that duty is to present you, Bro. Evans, on behalf of the brethren of this lodge, with this magnificent jewel, one of the handsomest and most valuable that any W.M. has ever had the pleasure of placing upon the breast of his predecessor, and I trust, Worshipful Sir, that you may long be spared to wear it, and that you will always look upon it as a spontaneous and sincere token of the esteem and regard in which you are held by the brethren of the Hamer Lodge. (The jewel is of very beautiful design, and is set with five diamonds of unusual size and brilliancy). The W.M. next proposed "The Officers," complimenting them highly upon the manner in which they had that day performed their duties. Bro. McCarthy, S.W., in responding assured the W.M. that the officers would, if possible, during the coming year, improve upon the past. Bro. Dutch, J.W., responded in similar terms. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," calling upon the P.M. of the oldest, and the W.M. of the youngest lodge, present to respond. Bro. Jones, P.M. 216, and Bro. H. Nelson, W.M. 1505 responded, and both paid a high compliment to the lodge for efficiency and hospitality. After the healths of the "New Initiates" had been duly proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a most delightful day to a conclusion. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the recitations and songs of Bros. J. C. Cowper, Sinclair, Nicholas Jones, Veale, Roberts, Thomas, and others. The day throughout was a complete success, and the brethren separated, all of them expressing the opinion that they had never attended a more perfectly managed or enjoyable Masonic meeting.

BURY.—EGERTON LODGE (No. 1392).—At the meeting of this lodge, held at the Stanley Arms, on Wednesday evening, June 23rd, there were present Bros. R. Pilkington, W.M.; William Brown, S.W.; Joseph Metcalf, J.W.; William Burgess, S.D.; William Hutchinson, J.D.; Thomas Shaw, I.G.; George Brown, Tyler; William Shaw, Treasurer; Joseph Barlow, Secretary and P.M.; J. W. Crossley, P.M.; Visitor, S. J. Randall Fletcher, P.M. 191; and about 17 other brethren. Mr. John Agar, who had been unanimously balloted for at the previous meeting, but was not then able to attend, was initiated into the secrets of Masonry by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Thos. Shaw. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Fred. Wilkinson was crafted by the W.M. There were two propositions for initiation. An excellent supper was partaken of by 28 brethren after the closing down, and a very jovial time was passed. Considering the amount of work in hand it is almost certain that the lodge will this year dispense with its summer vacation; in fact the present meeting was one over and above those specified in the calendar. At the various lodges in town there is a fair amount of work on the agenda papers, and a feeling seems to be growing that a vacation is not desirable in the face of so much business. This course has been adopted by No. 42; and possibly No. 1012 may follow suit. Certainly the fact speaks well for the progress which is being made in Bury. Bro. E. Simpkin, Secretary of Lodge of Relief, No. 42, issued circulars to the brethren, on the 25th June, intimating that at a meeting of Lodge 42, on June 17th, it was resolved that a monument be erected over the grave of Bro. J. S. Redfern, P.M. 42, and P. Prov. G.P., East Lancashire, "to commemorate the long and valuable services rendered by him to the brethren of this district." The W.M. (Bro. E. Eccles), Wardens, and P.M.'s were appointed a committee to carry out this resolution, and they knowing how highly Bro. Redfern's services have been appreciated, trust that this mention of them will secure a hearty and generous response to the solicitation for a subscription towards this desirable object.

HAMPTON COURT.—CAMPELL LODGE (No. 1415).—The installation meeting was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Wednesday, June 23rd. Present—Bros. Dr. E. Kimber, W.M.; D. M. Dewar, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. Keene, J.W.; T. Cubitt, P.M., P.G. Purs., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Sec.; T. Levander, J.D. and other brethren. Bros. Rountree, Jones, and Whittaker were passed, and Bro. Summers was raised. Bro. Dewar was then installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by our veteran Bro. F. Binckes. The W.M. appointed his officers: T. Keene, S.W.; A. J. Codner, P.M.; P. Prov. Reg. Middlesex, J.W.; J. Levander, S.D.; Cole, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; H. C. Levander, Sec. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the I.P.M. The usual excellent banquet followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

ROMFORD.—LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE (No. 1437).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Romford, the principal part of the business being the installation of the Worshipful Master elect for the ensuing year. There was, however, plenty of other business before the lodge, viz.: balloting for joining members, the initiation of one gentleman into the mysteries of the Order, and advancing three brothers to the Third Degree. There was a large number of brethren present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Joseph Tydemann, Worshipful Master; Edward West, S.W. and W.M. elect; John Josiah Wilson, I.P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D., Middlesex, W.M. 25, Prov. G.J.W., Essex, &c.; Brayshaw, J.W.; T. F. Bishop, Treas.; J. Ellis, Secretary; T. G. Day, S.D.; G. W. Patmore, J.D.; A. W. Naylor, I.G.; J. Garnett, W.S.; A. Knox, P.M.; A. Harvey; G. English, P.M.; W. Cobb, J. Wotton, J. Taylor, T. Osgathorp, Crozier, T. Hill, Beeson, W. Dille, Playl, Early, Whisker, F. Smith, &c.; also the following visitors: Bros. J. W. Carr, Prov. G. Sec., Essex; Burton, Prov. G.T., Essex; Rev. Thomas Cochrane, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Oxon, P.M. Westminster and Keystone No. 10; Robertson, W.M. St. John's Lodge, (No. 1343); W. Sackett, Secretary (No. 1343); Rielly, J.W. (1327); Malcolm, Secretary, (No. 1327); E. Price (No. 1327); A. Manning,

Henley Lodge (No. 1472); J. Ives, Henley Lodge (No. 1472); A. Bartlett, St. John's Lodge (No. 1343); W. Bradstock (No. 1327); Nicholls, P.M. St. John's Lodge (No. 1343); John Payne Cornwallis (No. 1107); F. T. Edgington, W.M. (No. 1321); J. Maller, W.M. High Cross Lodge (No. 1754); C. W. Ashdown, P.M. and Secretary (No. 1427); James Linzell, W.M. (No. 1237); James Knight (No. 1327); J. Church (No. 1327); and others. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Manning, of the Henley Lodge (No. 1472), as joining member, and for Mr. Frank Smith for initiation, and proved unanimous in their favour in each case. The lodge was next opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Whiskers, Early, and Playl being candidates for the sublime degree were questioned, entrusted, and retired, and the lodge being opened in the Third Degree they were re-admitted in due form and raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Mr. Frank Smith was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Tydemann, the W.M., having performed the ceremonies of raising and initiation in a very impressive manner, now vacated the chair for the Junior Grand Warden of Essex, Worshipful Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.M., &c., who was present for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. F. West, S.W., was presented to the Installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ceremony was most ably performed in the presence of a full board of Installed Masters—being another proof of the excellent abilities possessed by Bro. H. Wilson for Masonic duties, whose worth as a Mason is not only esteemed in Essex, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, and London, but also throughout the lodges of the Channel Islands, of which district he is also a Past Grand Officer. The W.M. having been saluted in the three degrees, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers in the following order:—Bros. J. Tydemann, I.P.M.; B. Brayshaw, S.W.; T. G. Day, J.W.; T. F. Bishop, Treas.; J. W. Ellis, Sec.; G. W. Patmore, S.D.; Naylor, J.D.; A. Knox, D.C.; Alfred Harvey, I.G.; J. Garnett, W.S.; W. Steedman, Tyler. Several letters were received expressive of regret from brethren unable to attend. Bro. J. Tydemann, I.P.M., proposed and Bro. Brayshaw, S.W., seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Wilson, for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and, being put to the meeting, it was carried most cordially and unanimously. Bro. Brayshaw, S.W., gave notice of motion that he should propose that the lodge do adjourn during certain months of the year, as may be agreed upon at the next meeting. The business of the lodge being over, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast awaited them, which reflected the greatest credit to the proprietors of the hotel, the wines, the dessert, and all else being exceedingly good. The toasts were given in the following order:—"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," "The D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," "The Prov. G.M., Bro. R. J. Bagshaw," "The D. Prov. G.M. and rest of the Prov. G. Officers," responded to by Bro. J. W. Carr, Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. Burton, Prov. G. Treasurer, who after thanking the lodge on behalf of themselves, the Prov. G.M., D. Prov. G.M., and other provincial officers, passed some very flattering remarks upon the lodge, both for the excellent working of its officers and the prosperity it appeared to be making for so young a lodge. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. J. W. Carr, and responded to by Bro. West, W.M., in very suitable terms. "The Health of the newly initiated Brother" was responded to by Bro. Smith. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and said he should couple with it the name of Bro. J. Tydemann, I.P.M., and in doing so he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Tydemann with a very handsome 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge in appreciation of the excellent manner he had performed his duties as Worshipful Master during the past twelve months, and as a small token of their esteem. He hoped that Bro. Tydemann would live many years to wear it. He felt great pleasure in seeing Bro. Tydemann so well up in the duties and workings of the ceremonies, especially as he had himself some four or five years ago initiated him into the mysteries of the Order. For so young a Mason Bro. Tydemann had made great success. Bro. Tydemann, I.P.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which his health had been proposed, also the officers and brethren for the assistance they had rendered him in carrying out the duties of his office during the past year, but more especially he thanked them for the proof of their kindness towards him by presenting him with the handsome jewel now upon his breast; it was not the intrinsic value of the jewel he cared for half so much as the pleasant recollections it would bring to his mind whenever he looked upon it. He should consider it a proof of the kind feeling of the brethren towards him. If he had done his best for the lodge it was enough for him to know that his endeavours had met with the approval of his brethren. There was one thing he had learnt during his year of office, which was that the position of Master of a lodge was one of greater responsibility than might at first be imagined; the great thing that was wanted was the co-operation of every member and officer,—each one must feel in earnest to make it a good lodge; no member, and especially the officers, should be absent from his lodge unless necessity really compelled. He begged of the officers to rally round the new Master they had been fortunate in getting, one who had distinguished himself in the Craft, and was not wanting in ability. All that was required to make his year a successful one was the hearty support of all his officers at every meeting. "The Health

of the Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Linzett, P. Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex; he said that the hospitable way in which visitors were always treated at this lodge must make it a pleasure to all (as it did with himself) to attend their meetings. The Officers, responded to by Bro. Naylor, J.D., and Bro. Ellis, Secretary; after which the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing.

MOLD.—**SIR WATKIN LODGE** (No. 1477).—On Monday, the 21st June, Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.M., P.S.G.W. of Cheshire, County Court Judge for North Wales, and Recorder of Chester, was installed W.M. of the Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477, at Mold, North Wales. In consequence of the general respect and esteem in which Judge Lloyd is held, a dispensation had been obtained for holding the lodge in a large room in the Market Hall, where a larger number of members and visitors could be accommodated. Since the present W.M. has been appointed County Court Judge for the principality, he had taken up his residence near Mold. The Sir Watkin Lodge has only been established about a year and a half, during which time Bro. J. Salmon, P.S.G.B., North Wales, and P.G.S.D., Cheshire, has been the W.M. Upon this occasion the retiring officers of the lodge were Bros. J. Corbett, J.W.; S. Beresford, Sec.; Rev. — Edwards, Chaplain; Algernon Potts, S.D.; J. Williams, J.D., P.G., Org.; J. D. Birch, I.G. There was an excellent attendance of members of the lodge and of visiting brethren. Among the latter were Bros. A. F. Watts, P.M., Abergele; W. Johnson, W.M. 721, Chester; Robert Jones, 241, Merchants' Lodge, Liverpool; T. L. Williams, 597, Holyhead; W. Johnson, 149; A. H. Reid, P.M., and G. Bradley, 1336, Wrexham; R. J. Sissons, W.M., P.G.S. 1143, Denbigh; E. B. Smith, W.M. 1432, Oswestry; J. O. Robinson, W.M.; J. M'Hattie, S.W.; T. Wood, P.M.; S. Spencer, P.G.S. 425, Chester. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Salmen, the retiring W.M., in an exceedingly appropriate and solemn manner, the W.M. elect being presented by Bro. Dr. Spratley. The newly installed W.M. then appointed as his officers J. Corbett, S.W.; A. Potts, J.W.; J. Williams, S.D.; J. D. Birch, J.D.; and — Rowlands, I.G. The Secretary, Organist, and Chaplain were reappointed. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. presented P.M. Bro. J. Salmon with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, accompanying it with an expression of thanks to him, on the part of the lodge, as one of its founders and chief workers. The brethren retired for refreshment to the Star Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served. The W.M. presided. "The Queen, and the Craft, and the rest of the Royal Family," was duly honoured. The W.M. proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past." "The Health of Sir W. W. Wynn, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., and the rest of the Officers of the P.G. Lodge" was duly honoured, and was responded to by Bro. Sissons. "The W.M. and Officers of the Sir Watkin Lodge," and "The Immediate P.M. and Installing Masters" were responded to by Bros. H. Lloyd and Salmon. Other toasts followed.

On Tuesday a large party of ladies and gentlemen—the latter being members of Masonic lodges in North Wales, Shropshire, and Cheshire, but principally belonging to the Sir Watkin Lodge, Mold—visited Wynnstay Hall, the seat of Brother Sir W. W. Wynn, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. By the kindness of the worthy baronet, the apartments were thrown open to the visitors, and the inspection of the paintings, sculptures, tapestry, &c., afforded a fine treat to the excursionists. A banquet was served in the park, near the gate leading to the village. Afterwards, Bro. Edwards, Chaplain, presented Bro. Salmon, P.M., P.G.S.B., in the name of the Sir Watkin Lodge, with a valuable gold chronometer watch and a lady's gold chain and locket. In doing so, the reverend brother said that Bro. Salmon had been everything to that lodge while it had existed, and had conducted its ceremonies in a manner second to none in the province. (Loud applause.) Bro. Salmon, in acknowledging the gift, said he had but done his duty; and he would have experienced great difficulty in getting through the work had it not been for the services of a younger but more able Mason than himself—he alluded to Bro. J. Worrall, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.B. He had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Worrall, in the name of the lodge, with a handsome tea and coffee service. (Loud applause.) Bro. Worrall, in thanking the lodge for the presentation, congratulated it on having so distinguished a Mason and so respected a judge as Bro. Horatio Lloyd for their W.M. The party afterwards visited the various localities of the park and neighbourhood, returning to tea in the evening, and leaving at a comparatively early hour.

CHISLEHURST.—**CHISLEHURST LODGE** (No. 1531).—The first regular meeting of this well-established lodge took place at the Bull Hotel, Chislehurst, on Saturday, June 26th. There were present Bros. J. Coutts, P.G.P., P.M.; W.M.; G. F. Guest, S.W.; W. Kipps, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer; J. Griffin, P.M., Secretary; H. Gloster, S.D.; J. Mason, J.D.; W. Hardman, I.G.; J. Fox, W.S.; J. J. Hutchings, M.C.; G. Abbott, P.M.; and others. The visitors were Bros. Reed, J.W. 13; E. Mallett, S.D. 141, 1326, &c. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. G. Abbott, P.M. 192; J. Mason, 1423; J. J. Hutchings, 147; and J. Fox, 1275, as joining members, who were all present and joined the lodge. The ballots, separately taken, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. E. Kipps, H. L. Wain (mine host), J. R. Hooker, and R. F. Lucky, to become candidates for initiation into Freemasonry and members of the lodge. Each candidate for initiation into Freemasonry was introduced separately, and the whole four named

were most impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the ancient Order. The ceremony was ably done and beautifully rendered. The W.M., Bro. J. Coutts, was warmly congratulated by every P.M. and his officers for the superior manner in which he had done all the work. The bye-laws were unanimously agreed to as submitted to the lodge. A distinguished nobleman connected with the province was unanimously elected an honorary member, subject to his accepting the same. Bro. W. Kipps, J.W., made an earnest appeal to the brethren to help his list as their Steward for the Boys' School. One-third of those eligible agreed to attend at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, to be held at Gravesend. Some propositions for joining members were made, and several names of gentlemen handed in who were anxious to be initiated. The usual routine business followed. The lodge was closed. A sumptuous and superior banquet followed. It reflected very great credit on Bro. H. L. Wain for the admirable manner in which he served it. Very good wines and excellent viands were all enjoyed and done ample justice to. After some hours most agreeably spent the non-residents returned to town. This lodge has commenced well, and is likely to prove a great success. The furniture, now completed, and supplied by Bro. George Kenning, was greatly admired, and has given satisfaction to the lodge. It harmonizes well with the room. The new Tracing Boards were models in themselves of the artist's talent, which had been poured out on them. Every article gave universal satisfaction.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE (507).—This flourishing lodge held its first meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Friday, the 4th July. Bro. Preceptor Larham most ably presided as W.M., assisted by Bro. Assistant Preceptor Poore, S.W.; Field, J.W.; Harvey, S.D.; Wallis, J.D.; Bentley, I.G.; and Francis, Sec. pro tem. The Fifteen Sections were admirably worked in the following order:—First Lecture: Bros. Field, Wallis, Poore, Francis, Coe, Poore, and Geider. Second Lecture: Bros. Stevens, Harvey, Cass, Larham, and Allan. Third Lecture: Bros. Poore, Noke, and Watts. At the conclusion of the working Bro. Noke proposed, which was seconded by Bro. Worthington and carried unanimously, "That a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the duties of W.M. had been carried out by Bro. Larham on this occasion." The W.M. then returned thanks for the honour awarded him. Bro. Poore was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It is with pleasure we mention that this was the largest meeting since 1871, there being no less than forty-nine brethren present, and great praise is due to the presiding officers and brethren who assisted them for the efficient manner in which the work was performed. This lodge meets every Friday at the Surrey Masonic Hall, and deserves to be well supported.

Royal Arch.

CARLISLE.—**UNION CHAPTER** (310).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street. The chapter was opened in solemn form by Comp. Jesse Banning, P.Z., as Z.; Comp. F. W. Hayward, H.; and Comp. Court, J.; and after the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. Jesse Banning, P.Z., and Prov. G.P. Soj. W. Lancashire, then proceeded to install Comp. F. W. Hayward, P.Z., as Z.; Comp. W. Court as H.; and Comp. William Pratchett as J.; the following companions being invested with their respective collars:—Comps. Murchie, S.E.; Noakes, S.N.; Wheatley, P.S.; Blacklock, Treasurer; Mason, First Assistant S.; John Murray, Second Assistant S.; Barnes being elected Janitor. The following propositions were made and duly seconded:—That Captain Maxwell, of Durran Hill, be admitted as a joining companion, and S. G. Saul, Esq., as a candidate for exaltation. After hearty good wishes being tendered by several visiting companions, the chapter was duly and solemnly closed in ancient form. The companions then retired to refreshment, and a very agreeable evening under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Jesse Banning was spent.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. JOHN** (No. 34).—An emergency meeting of this popular and flourishing lodge was held in their lodge-room, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 29th inst., the object being to raise Bro. Robert Boyle to the degree of Master Mason. He had for some time back been quite prepared for this degree, and having received a sudden call to proceed to Australia, it was resolved that he should be completed in Masonry before he left this country, this meeting being called for the purpose. Among those present were Bros. Bell, R.W.M.; D. M. Wilson, D.M.; T. Fletcher, P.M.; Duthie, 219; D. French, 441; R. Trainer, 447; G. B. Adams, 360; and other well qualified brethren. The Sublime Degree was given by Bro. Duthie, 219, and the lodge closed in all ancient solemnity.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE UNION AND CROWN** (No. 103).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. There was a very large assembly of the members, and a more than usual attendance of visiting brethren. The R.W.M., A. M. Wright, with the assistance of his Wardens, W. Thomson, S.W., R. Munro, J.W., opened the lodge. The following, among other brethren, were present:—J. Bain, P.M.; J. Gillies, P.M. and Sec.; G. Muir, D.M.; N. Cameron, Treas.; W. Anderson, S.D.; Pollok, J.D.; S.

Cullen, Chaplain; D. D. Lamplough and Wm. Hee, 792, E.C.; J. McInnes, Sec. 333; B. Smart, Treas. 219; W. Phills, R.W.M. 556; John McInnes, S.W. 408; Alex. James, S.D. 437; R. M. Culloch, 114; J. Stewart, 360; W. Bisland, J.W. 408; D. Mitchell, Sec. 408; E. D. Parr, 208; N. York, and others. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, when the cases of two brothers requiring relief were considered, and both were granted the necessary assistance; when Bro. Gillies, P.M. and Sec., brought forward his motion (notice of which had previously been given). The motion was to raise the initiation fees, which were considered too low at present. Bro. N. Cameron seconded the motion. An amendment by Bro. Wm. Forsyth, seconded by Bro. D. McGechy, which proposed to go still a little higher than Bro. Gillies's motion went, found favour with Bros. Gillies and Cameron, who withdrew their motion. Bro. Forsyth's amendment becoming the motion. Bro. Geo. Muir, D.M., then moved, as an amendment, that the fees should not be raised so much as either Bro. Gillies or Bro. Forsyth proposed. This found a seconder in Bro. Anderson, which brought out a most lively, amusing, and indeed, thoughtful and instructive conversation, the result of which was that Bro. Forsyth's motion was carried, no one voting for Bro. Muir's amendment but himself and seconder, the affiliation fees remaining as at present. Applications were then laid before the lodge from two gentlemen aspiring to the honours of Freemasonry, Adam Burton and Joseph Ferguson, also an application from Lodge Clyde, 408, and one from Lodge Star, 219, asking Lodge Union and Crown to favour them by initiating two gentlemen for their respective lodges, Allan Martin for Lodge Clyde; Jas. Young for Lodge Star. The four gentlemen being approved of, were prepared, and received the First Degree, Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M., officiating. The lodge was then passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, when Bros. Jonathan Black and Robert Tarbet passed an examination in the First Degree, which being most satisfactory, they were passed into the Fellow Craft Degree, the R.W.M. again officiating. Bro. Morgan, R.W.M. of Star Lodge, 219, thanked the Union and Crown Lodge on behalf of the Star, 219, and Clyde, 408, for their kind offices in initiating the two brethren for them. Bro. Gillies said he hoped that the visiting brethren from England, who had honoured them with a visit that night, were satisfied, Bro. Lamplough, No. 792, replying that they were very much pleased, and would be glad to see at any time some Scotch brothers with them. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

RUTHERGLEN.—**LODGE ROYAL ARCH** (No. 116) met in their hall, Rutherglen, on the 2nd inst. This was the regular meeting of the lodge, but little business was gone into. The R.W.M. took the chair, assisted by Bro. R. Scott, S.W.; James Scott, J.W., and other office-bearers, with a number of competent brethren. The lodge being opened, the Secretary read the previous meeting's minutes, which were confirmed. The R.W.M. then intimated that an invitation had been sent from Pollockshaws Lodge (No. 153) for a deputation to attend with them on the 9th inst., to take part in the consecration of their new lodge, which will be performed by Col. Campbell, of Blythswood, P.G.M. of Renfrew East, and office-bearers of the P.G.L. This closed the business of the evening, and the lodge was closed in due form.

MAYBOLE.—**LODGE ROYAL ARCH** (No. 198).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult. in their Hall, Maybole. Bro. John Hamilton, R.W.M., in the chair, assisted by the Wardens, Bros. J. McReath, S.W.; Robert Redmond, J.W., and in the presence of a good number of well-qualified brethren the lodge was duly opened. The Secretary, Bro. W. Rennick, then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved and affirmed. A letter was read from Bro. Andrew McRechin, San Francisco, which was much appreciated by the brethren present. Mr. Hugh Bickerstaff was then proposed by Bro. Rennick, seconded by Bro. W. Allan, J.D., as a fit and proper candidate to become a member of this lodge. This being unanimously affirmed by the brethren present, he was properly prepared, and received the first light of Masonry. The lodge was then passed to the F.C. Degree, when the brother received that, the R.W.M. officiating in both degrees with marked care. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

RENFREW.—**LODGE PAISLEY, COUNTY KILWINNING** (No. 370), met in their hall, High-street, Paisley, on the 1st inst. The R.W.M., Bro. James Anderson, took his place in the chair; Jas. Goldie, S.W.; Robt. Brown, acting J.W., and other office-bearers, and a number of well-qualified brethren. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. An application from Mr. Charles Galbraith for initiation into Freemasonry was laid before the lodge; he was approved of and prepared for the First Degree, which was given in full style by the R.W.M. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE STAR** (No. 219).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, 12, Tron-gate, on the 30th ult. Among those present were J. M. Morgan, R.W.M.; John Graith, S.W.; Jas. Horn, J.W.; B. Smart, Treas.; J. Campbell, R.W.M. 128, St. John, Shettleton; W. Campbell, 128; John Stewart, 360; G. B. Adams, 360; A. M. Cullen, 117, &c. The lodge was opened, when an application was read from Mr. George Lyall, who was recommended to the lodge by Bros. J. Pearson and J. Lyall. All being satisfactory, he was prepared, and received the degree, the R.W.M. officiating in admirable style. The lodge was then raised to the F.C. Degree, when two brothers were passed into the F.C., the R.W.M. again acting, when the lodge was opened in the Sublime Degree, and two brothers were completed by receiving the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. J. Campbell, R.W.M. of 128, officiating. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, situate at 170, Buchanan street, on the 2nd inst., at eight o'clock p.m. The meeting was a large one. Bro. W. Harper, R.W.M., presided, supported by his Wardens, J. McInnes, S.W.; W. Bisland, J.W.; Thos. Gordon, D.M.; D. J. Mitchell, Secretary; Jas. Stewart, Treasurer, &c., Bros. John Stevenson Kighland, Secretary No. 583, S. Australia and A. Ross, 1144, E. C., were among the visiting brethren. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. The case of an American brother who was represented as being in distress, was brought up. Two brothers retired to have an interview with him, and, on their recommendation, he was temporarily assisted, and his case referred to the Provincial Grand Benevolent Treasurer for further consideration. The lodge was then raised to the Sublime or M.M. Degree, when two brethren of this lodge were raised thereto, Bro. Harper, R.W.M., officiating in his usual impressive way. This brought the business to an end, and the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE NEPTUNE (No. 419).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge on the 13th ult., there was a large attendance of members and visitors, the occasion being the annual visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. The deputation from P.G.L. consisted of the R.W. Master, Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson; Bros. J. B. Walker, Treas.; A. M'Taggart, Sec.; J. Gillies, S.D.; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; William Phillips, S.B.; and George Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of the P.G. Benevolent Fund. The deputation having been received with the usual formalities, and the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. James S. Scott, having acknowledged in customary form the supremacy of the P.G.L., the Secretary of the latter (Bro. M'Taggart) gave in the report of the deputation, which was to the effect that after a very minute scrutiny they had found that the books of the lodge were in very good condition, and that the latter was working, as heretofore, in accordance with Grand Lodge law. During last year the lodge had added to its funds the handsome sum of £25, had likewise distributed a handsome amount in charity, and had that night handed over to the P.G. Benevolent Fund the sum of £12 15s. So far as charity went, the P.G. Secretary said he could, without any reserve, congratulate the lodge, and they might rest assured that whenever they had any want or claim on the Benevolent Fund their appeal would have the very best attention. In reference to this fund, he added, he was glad to hear that there was a movement afoot to have an amateur dramatic performance in its aid, to come off in the autumn of the present year. Many well-known names in connection with such matters had cordially promised their best support to the project; and he was sure that if gone about as it ought to be, and would be, it must add to the fund not less a sum than £150. The R.W.P.G.M. then briefly addressed the lodge. It was the custom in the annual rounds of the P.G.L., he said, to examine the state of the books, which, generally speaking, was a very good index of the working state of the lodges. It was usual, too, for the P.G. Secretary to read the report of the same, and it had been usual that he (the speaker) should make some remarks thereupon. But he was happy to say that his worthy Secretary was not only able to write these reports but to make the remarks upon them as well. He (the speaker) was much away from home, and otherwise engaged, and it was a great comfort to him to know that he had such able office-bearers to conduct the business in his absence; and he took the opportunity of saying how very much he was satisfied with the services of his worthy Secretary, Bro. M'Taggart. After touching upon one or two points referred to in the Secretary's remarks, the P.G.M., in concluding, said that as to the question of benevolence, every Mason knew that that was their chief work, and therefore it was exceedingly gratifying to find that it had not been neglected by Lodge Neptune. Thereafter, the R.W.M. (Bro. Scott) having suitably acknowledged the visit of the P.G.L., three members of the deputation, namely, Bros. Sinclair, Balfour, and Phillips, were affiliated as members of No. 419 by Bro. M'Taggart, and the deputation then withdrew.

CATRINE.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 497).—The brethren of St. John's, Catrine, No. 497, celebrated midsummer St. John's-day, on Thursday, the 24th ult., by having an excursion to Dumfries. They started from the village in the morning, headed by the Catrine Bleaching Works Brass Band, and took the train at Auchinleck. They were joined by deputations from St. Barnabas, Old Cumnock, and St. John's, New Cumnock, also a number of brethren from other lodges. Having arrived at Dumfries, they were cordially received by a number of the brethren from the Thistle Lodge, Dumfries, No. 62. During the day they visited the various, we may say numerous, places of interest about the place. Dancing was enjoyed on the Bowling Green of the Asylum to the strains of the violin and flute, ably handled by Bros. Park, New Cumnock, and Hood, Catrine. After arriving at the Thistle Lodge hall, refreshments having been partaken of, dancing was again enjoyed until it was time to leave with the late mail train. In due time they arrived at Catrine, much pleased with the enjoyments of the day.

On the same day, another excursion of Freemasons took place from Auchinleck, Benquhet, and neighbourhood, to Dalmellington and surrounding districts. They were accompanied by their wives and sweethearts and the Auchinleck brass band. Having arrived at Dalmellington and getting refreshed, a beautiful walk was enjoyed through the grounds to the mansion-house of Craigengillan, in front of which a halt was made, and a number of tunes played by the band in beautiful style. Three Masonic cheers having been proposed and heartily given for Lady Cathcart, the party proceeded to Loch Doon by way of Ness Glen. The glen just now is clothed in its summer foliage, and it was a scene to be enjoyed by any one having a

taste for the grand in nature, and on this occasion it was certainly all that could be desired. The loch having been reached, all enjoyed a couple of hours' rest or recreation, as they might choose. Opportunities were also afforded for dancing, &c. There was no lack of refreshments on the ground. The procession returned in the afternoon, many of them, we doubt not, tired, but all, we think, pleased with the day's enjoyment.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. ANDREW'S (No. 465).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst. in their hall, Gargad-road. The attendance was good. The lodge was opened by Bro. D. Reid, R.W.M., in his own place, James M'Leish, S.W.; G. B. Davidson, J.W.; W. Campbell, Sec.; Robert Donaldson, Treas.; J. Morton, S.D.; R. Bell, and others. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. Robert Godfray, Sec. 1074, E.C.; J. Lawrence, 134, New Jersey, U.S.A.; Wm. Price, P.M. 956, Natal, S.A.; J. Sheills, 270, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting, a special meeting, and the meeting for harmony to celebrate the Summer St. John's-day on the 24th June, were read and confirmed, and the lodge was raised to the sublime degree, when Bros. Peter Douglas, George Pirret, and John M'Farlane were examined on their progress in the previous degrees, and raised to that of M.M., Bro. Reid, R.W.M., performing the ceremony. Before closing the lodge the R.W.M., in warm terms, thanked the visiting brethren for their attendance. Bro. Godfray, 1074, E.C., replying that they had all felt very much pleasure at being present that night. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1537.)

The consecration of the above new lodge, on Friday 2nd inst., was in every respect a most brilliant and imposing spectacle. The lodge being located at the new Masonic Hall, recently built by Bro. Plaisted, and adjoining his house, the "Sir Robert Peel," Anglesea Hill, Plumstead, and the hall not being finished, so far as the internal decorations are concerned, the brethren, under the guidance of the W.M. designate, and with a little outside assistance, covered the bare walls and ceiling with the "Union Jack" of old England, and many other "flaunting flags," the magnificent Royal banner covering the east. Upon the drapery of the walls were arranged numerous brilliant devices, formed of swords, bayonets, breastplates, and helmets, and other military trophies, while at intervals occurred prettily worked mottoes, such as "The Duke of Connaught," "Success to the Province of Kent," "God bless the Royal Grand Master." Above the chair, immediately facing the entrance, was a broad ribbon, bearing in gold letters the following, "Welcome, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Major-General Brownrigg, C.B.," and when the brethren of the lodge, who are all military men, assembled in their places, backed up with a goodly muster of visitors, the coup d'œil presented was most imposing and picturesque. The Right Worshipful Bro. Major-General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master Surrey, assisted by Bro. the Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain, Kent, and Bro. the Rev. E. L. Walsh, B.A., P.P.G.C., Essex, and Chaplain of the Forces at Woolwich, solemnly consecrated the lodge, and Bro. J. Bates, P.M. No. 1424, Brownrigg Lodge, installed, by special request, the W.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Major King, P.M. 706; Captain Phillips, P.M. 13; Major Saunders, P.M. 706; Captain Croisdale, P.M. 706; Captain T. Ward, W.M. 700; W. Tongue, P.M. 913; P.G.D. Kent; T. Smith, Sydney Lodge, P.G.W. Kent; Sydney Clarke, P.M. 706; Captain Donnelly, 706; Captain McLaughlin, P.M. 706; J. Rowland, P.M. 700; J. Henderson, P.M. 13; J. Jarvis, W.M. 1424; A. Penfold, W.M. elect, 913; G. Davis, P.M. 13; F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; J. McDougall, W.M. 913; J. Hedley, P.M. 706; N. Norman, P.M. 913; C. Norman, P.M. 700; W. T. Vincent, J.W. 913; A. Jessop, Treas. 913; T. Butt, S.W. 700; H. S. Syer, Sec. 13; J. Thomson, Treas. 1424; H. E. Fowler, S.D. 1424; H. Lodge, I.G. 13; C. Jolly, 913; C. Morton, 700; C. Cook, 13; T. Hutton, 13; A. Duck, 913; W. M'Coy, 700; R. Barrett, 1424; J. Dickenson, 1424; C. Hulse, 1331; E. A. Cooper, 349 (S.C.); T. Swift, 829; H. Pryce, 913; J. Allen, 913; S. Crane, 1424; J. K. Anderson, 700; F. A. Wallis, 901; E. Palmer, 913; R. Beaver, 700; H. De Grey, 706; W. Lomax, 913, &c., &c.

The following brethren of the lodge were present:—F. G. Pownall, W.M. designate, W. Weston, G. Spinks, M. Murphy, T. Cooper, H. G. Picken, R. J. Lapham, D. Deeves, F. W. Sealy, W. Welding, R. Hill, J. S. Hill, B. Whittaker, J. White, E. Wright, F. Hambling, F. Buck, H. Carlin, H. Oakley, W. Jordan, H. Shaw, W. Pridgeon, C. Buckland, F. J. Warren, J. McKnight, W. Sale, W. Dixon, A. Scarth, T. W. Kirkbride, F. Tims, T. Sharpe, G. F. Pegg, J. W. Farr, A. Cox, J. Joseph, G. Kennedy, C. Glaysher, and others.

At half-past one the brethren and visitors assembled in the new lodge-room, and took the places assigned them by the Stewards, and the procession of consecrating officers and signing brothers shortly after entered, to the strains of a solemn march played by Bro. Glaysher, who, with a trained choir of the brethren, ably sustained the musical portion of the ceremony, assisted by Bro. C. Cook. Silence being proclaimed, the lodge was formally opened with solemn prayer and in due form, General Brownrigg being W.M.; Bro. T. Ward, W.M. 700, being S.W.; and Bro. Croisdale, P.M. 706, J.W. The Secretary then read the reply of the Grand Lodge to their petition, and in the name

of the lodge requested the W.M. to proceed with the consecration.

After a prayer from Bro. Hill, G.C. of Kent, and a reading of a portion of the Sacred Law by Bro. Walsh, G.C. for Essex, the Installing Officer, Bro. Major General J. C. Brownrigg, delivered the following oration:—

Brethren:—At this period of the ceremony of consecration it is customary for the presiding officer to deliver an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution of Masonry. On this occasion, however, and under existing circumstances, I propose to depart from this rule, and instead of addressing you upon the grand principles of our Order, to call your attention more particularly to your position as a military lodge. The supposed origin of our Order, its antiquity, its charity, its power of doing good, its universality, have formed a theme for many illustrious writers, as well as orators, and it is therefore unnecessary for me to dilate upon all its excellences, the true appreciation of which you must look for in your own hearts, and the perfect application of which must be the guide of your lives. It is an essentially military lodge. I would venture to offer you a few words of remark and advice. I have reason to believe that regimental lodges are diminishing in number, and that the original warrants of many such have been either lying dormant for some time, or have been restored to Grand Lodge, and a little reflection will show us that this is not to be wondered at. The numerical strength of a regiment or battalion is hardly sufficient for the existence in it of a separate society, such as a Masonic lodge. A regiment is by its very composition and training, and habits, a society in which there is such a community of interests, identity of action, and close connection, that there is a great probability that a lodge may tend to create two parties in such a comparatively small body, which is clearly objectionable. There is likely to be the broad distinction between those who are Freemasons and those who are not; a distinction, which, when diffused over a larger body of men, with more separate individual and collective interests, would not be obvious, but which in a smaller body must become too strongly marked. Those who have seen the light and have enjoyed the privileges of Freemasonry, will perhaps view with feelings of commiseration, and almost contempt, those whom they consider still in darkness, whilst the others, who from want of inclination, or having other pursuits, may not care to join our fraternity, may not unnaturally ridicule our rules, our Masonic ceremonies, and our brotherhood. There would thus be an exclusiveness about Masonry which in so small a society might have a pernicious effect; but in a lodge constituted as this is I can imagine none of the evils to which I have alluded, whilst, if conducted as I have every reason to believe this lodge will be, the advantages may be most important. Situated in a large garrison, composed as it doubtless will be, with some of its members of a sufficiently permanent service to enable them to instruct the younger brethren who join it, and to keep up its traditions; there will still be a continuous gradual change amongst you, the stream will never stagnate, but ever proceed in a tranquil and harmonious current, instilling the principles of our Craft in the hearts of those who will carry them away as time flows on, and distribute them elsewhere, returning again, as I trust many may, to the fountain head, their mother lodge, with a store of experience and with a strengthened love of our Order which will qualify them to take their places amongst you as rulers. The short experience which has been afforded by the working of the lodge at Chatham, a garrison which in many respects resembles this, enables me to entertain a confident hope that this lodge may succeed and prosper to the full expectation and wish of us all. There is one caution I must give you, brethren—it may be unnecessary, and I hope it is, but as an old Mason and an old soldier I feel bound to utter it. Be most careful that your Masonic brotherhood never takes the form of favouritism in the discharge of your military duties. It must never be permitted in the smallest degree to clash with discipline. Although in our profession the extremes of our different ranks are very far apart, and the chain of our responsibilities very much extended, yet the links of that chain are so finely graduated that they almost merge into one another, and yet they are very distinct. We all know that the mere accident of a day, or in the wording of an order, may make one man superior in rank to another, although the actual military rank may be the same, and thus discipline requires that we should supervise and be obliged to report the shortcomings of those who may be junior in rank to us in a very slight degree. In such a case as this, brethren, should it unfortunately occur, you must never in the smallest degree screen or shrink from reporting an irregularity because an erring subordinate is your Masonic brother. Should you see that he is likely to commit himself, that he is becoming slack in his duty, intemperate in his habits, or in any other way backsliding, then step in as a brother and exert your influence by warning him, by reminding him of that responsibility he owes to the Craft; but if in despite of such warning he falls into error, remember that your Masonic obligations, as well your soldier's fealty, oblige you to do your duty, even though he should neglect your advice. Above all, brethren, let your Masonic characteristics have an influence on your conduct as soldiers. Let it be a matter of remark that those of your respective corps who are Freemasons are the smartest on parade, the most scrupulous in the discharge of all their duties, the most punctual, the most truthful, the most temperate, those whose language and demeanour towards their subordinates is most irreproachable, whose manner towards their superiors is most respectful. Let it not be said of you that Masonry is a mere name, an excuse for convivial meetings, but inculcate upon all who join our Order that their entrance into it imposes upon them fresh responsibilities to be good men and true. Let those who ob-

jest to Freemasonry in the abstract be compelled to confess that, at all events, it produces a good effect upon the outer and inner life of those who are enrolled under its banners. Be careful of your funds; reserve your surplus for qualifying your lodge as Governor of the different Masonic charities. This is a far more creditable and useful mode than in squandering it in expensive refreshment. By a little present self sacrifice and economy in this respect you and your widows and children may some day find themselves much benefitted. There is one more subject upon which I should like to give you a hint. You all know that as in military life, so in Masonry, all politics, all subjects that are likely to produce warm discussion or difference of opinion, are forbidden. "Fear God, Love the Brotherhood, Honour the Queen!" Of those who are true to these watchwords, we admit all men irrespective of country or creed. Still, it is a well known fact that the Roman Catholic Church disapproves of our Masonic tenets. Now, brethren, I have known some very zealous and excellent Freemasons who are also Roman Catholics, and it may be that you have or may have such brethren amongst you; if so, I pray you to be careful not to put any pressure on them to join your lodge; let it be a matter exclusively for their own consciences. Should any such join you, and be afterwards influenced to withdraw their names from your lodge, abstain from all shadow of reproach against them! Depend upon it, all the hardness of the task of withdrawing themselves, all the bitter struggle, will be theirs, and you will best show your brotherly regard by avoiding one word of remonstrance, or reproach, which will only make their task a harder one! Brethren, I fear my oration savours too much of a sermon, but you will, I am sure, believe that my remarks have been dictated by my regard for you as brother Masons, and by my interest in you as brother soldiers.

The beautiful and magnificent ceremony was then proceeded with amid great solemnity, and the patriarchal benediction brought it to a conclusion. The installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. F. G. Pownall, was then proceeded with, Bro. J. Bates, P.M. of the Brownrigg Lodge, 1424, Chatham, performing the ceremony in such a manner as to surround it with unusual impressiveness, the several charges being uttered with thrilling effect. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was duly saluted in each degree, and proceeded to nominate his officers, as follows:—Bros. W. A. Weston, S.W.; G. Spinks, J.W.; the Rev. E. L. Walsh, Chaplain; Murphy, Treas.; Cooper, Sec.; Picken, S.D.; Shaw, J.D.; Lapham, I.G.; J. McCaffery, D.C. Several officers of the garrison who were present became subscribing members of the lodge. General Brownrigg and the Rev. W. A. Hill were elected honorary members, and a number of joining members and initiates were proposed.

The banquet was a most superb and recherché affair. General Brownrigg and his son were compelled to leave after the ceremonies, and the W.M. presided. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently given and heartily responded to, and during the evening the W.M. read letters of apology from Bros. Col. Goodenough, R.A.; Col. Field, R.A.; Col. Greville, R.A.; Pickard, V.C., R.A.; Boord, M.P.; Capt. Hugh Hallett, R.A.; Hervey, G. Sec.; the whole of whom expressed their hearty good wishes for the success of the lodge.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and the other Officers of Grand Lodge," said he regretted the absence of Bro. Pattison, P.G.W. of England, who would have been present but for the death of an old and esteemed friend.

In proposing the toast of "The Prov. G. Master, Lord Holmesdale," the W.M. said he felt sure that there was not any ill-feeling on the part of the province because the warrant of the lodge had been sent to him instead of to the Provincial Grand Master, and read a letter from Lord Holmesdale of congratulation, hopes for the success of the lodge, and regret at his inability to be present.

The Rev. Bro. Hill, P.G.C., in reply to the toast of "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Officers," thanked them heartily for their toast, and said the Province of Kent stood second, or at least third, on the roll of the Masonic charities, for its contributions, and he hoped soon to have it A1. (Cheers.) Nor need they look upon that as an idle boast, for in no other province were the grand ideas of brotherly love, relief, and truth carried out more faithfully than in this province. He then alluded to the remarks of the W.M. as to the mistake made by the G.L. in respect to the warrant, and assured them that it was looked upon entirely as an oversight; the G.S. regarding it, no doubt, as a Metropolitan lodge, and that was how the mistake had arisen. He trusted they would attend the forthcoming festival on the 6th inst., and receive a hearty welcome at the hands of the Provincial Grand Officers. (Cheers.) He then spoke of the lodge, and said among them, and among soldiers generally, were men who bore upon their countenance the marks of strength, skill, and intelligence, and a dogged desire to do their duty to their Queen and country. He felt moved to say that such characteristics gave a tone and dignity to their work. No one could help admiring the splendid manner in which one of the most respected of their Order, Bro. Bates, had performed the installation ceremony. Masonry led them up, step by step, to a higher and a better life, and taught them to give play to all the good and Christian feeling of the heart; it taught them to fear God, honour the Queen, and love their neighbour as they loved themselves. He apologised for taking up so much of their time, and concluded by trusting they would go on and prosper. (Loud cheers.)

In response to the most enthusiastic reception of his name, as proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Saunders, the W.M., said he felt greatly the high honour they had done him in receiving his name so flatteringly from P.M. Saunders, and the hearty reception they had given it; he thanked them, not only for placing him in the elevated position he

was now in, but for the kind regard and esteem they had always evinced towards him. He would tell them the cause of the formation of the lodge, and they would remember the remarks of the Grand Master of Surrey, when he said that "military men were often from home upon outlying, or foreign stations," and many of them came to Woolwich from all parts of the world, India and elsewhere, and this lodge was formed for them to come to and join, so that they might not be severed and lose their connection with the Craft. This lodge was not intended for them to alter their connections with their mother lodges, but as a home for them while away from its shelter; he himself belonged to a civilian lodge, and he hoped to belong to it as long as he lived, but this lodge would receive all the military brethren who came from abroad, and required Masonic brotherhood and association, so long as their duties required them to remain here. He did not wish to take all the honours of the day to himself, and the preliminary steps were taken by others, and their thanks were especially due to Bros. Edwards, Weston, Spinks, Picken, Carlin, and several others who had worked hard for the foundation of the lodge (cheers), but since he had been asked to become the W.M., he had done and would continue to do all that lay in his power for its success, and continued prosperity. (Cheers.) The grand manner in which the P.G.M. for Surrey, Bro. General Brownrigg, had performed the ceremony of consecrating the lodge and the eloquent and impressive manner of Bro. P.M. Bates in the Installation, would, he felt sure, never be removed from their memories, nor must the remarks of the G. Master upon the necessity of assisting a poor and distressed brother he forgotten, for they were words that ought to be engraven on every soldier's heart who was a Mason. He then proceeded to read the letters of apology, and concluded by saying he looked upon them as a great honour both to himself and the lodge; he again thanked them very sincerely for the great honour paid him, and assured them in his hands the dignity of the lodge should, by the help of the officers, be fully sustained. (Great applause.)

The next toast was at of "The I.P.M., Bro. Major Saunders," who brie y replied. "The Visitors" came next, to which Bros. Major King, Hedley, Ward, McDougall, and Croisdale replied. Bro. Bates, as Installing Officer, received an ovation, and eloquently replied. The Rev. Chaplain, Bro. Walsh, in response to a most enthusiastic reception, feelingly replied. He said that, notwithstanding the many excellent addresses he had listened to that evening, he felt no reluctance in replying on this occasion, if it were only for the fact of hearing the most solemn obligation taken by their esteemed W.M., Bro. Pownall. He looked upon the solemn ceremony that he had seen, and the sublime ritual that he had heard that day, as the christening of the lodge. He had been sixteen years a Mason, and had never before seen the consecration of a lodge, and as one who had been in such a position, the grand ceremonies of the day came upon him with more than usual solemnity, and as long as he lived he should look upon Masonry in a more solemn and Christian light than ever he had hitherto; he looked upon it as the christening of the lodge, and the regeneration of its members into a new life, and he trusted it would lead them to a better and a nobler insight of the duties of a Christian and a loyal life, and so prepare them for that Grand Lodge above, that was the reward of a pure and good work done here below. He thanked them kindly for their recognition of his name. (Great cheering.)

Bro. Plaisted received great commendation for his truly Masonic spirit in building the lodge, and thanked the brethren for their good wishes. The next toast (was that of "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. Weston, who on rising to respond was received most enthusiastically, briefly responded, and then the "Tyler's Toast" concluded a red-letter day in the annals of Plumstead and Woolwich Masonry.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHAUCER LODGE, No. 1540.

The consecration of this lodge was performed on Friday week at the Bridge House Hotel. The attendance of the brethren to witness the ceremony was very large, there being nearly 100 present. The room provided by Bro. Spencer, the proprietor of the hotel, was the beautiful ball room, which is capable of accommodating great assemblies. The consecrating officer was Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, as Chaplain, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Secretary of Middlesex, as D.C. The S.W. chair was filled by Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, Grand Chaplain, and the J.W. chair by Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer of Middlesex. Bro. Charles Lacey, Prov. G.D. Herts., acted as I.G. Bro. W. W. Kipps, J.W. 1531, presided at the harmonium. Among the other brethren present were:—

I. J. Hooper Wilkins, W.M. 73; T. Goldsbro, P.M. 201, P.P.G.S.W. Wales; G. Price, P.G. Treas. Surrey, P.M. 463; S. R. Wigram, P.M. 214; W. Henderson, I.G. 1050; C. Lacey, P.G.J.D. Herts, W.M. 1327; J. T. Moss, P.G.R. Middlesex, P.M. 169; E. E. Phillips, I.P.M. 379; H. Cator, 554; G. Free, P.M. Sec. 73; W. D. Slyman, W.M. 753; F. Brown, 174; W. Kipps, Org. 73, J.W. 1531; A. J. P. Stevens, D.C. 1298; H. J. Forsdick, J.D. 118, South Memphis, America; Rev. P. M. Holden, S.D. 907; S. M. Lazarus, P.P.G.S.W. Wiltshire; J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 1423; C. Pegler, 304; H. B. Pegler, 339; W. J. Warham, 1491; M. Pawley, J.W. 1414; A. Leuckard, P.G.A.D.C. Essex, W.M. 1000; N. Cockburn, 1414; J. W. S. Benjamin, 548; E. Palmer, P.G.S.D. Kent, P.M. 33; S. R. Ade, P.M. 315; F. Willard,

315; G. Broadbridge, 73; T. Robinson, P.M. 3; E. Mallett, S.D. 141; E. Clayton, 740; R. W. Price, 463; E. H. Thielley, S.W. 145; C. B. Payne, G. Tyler, P.M. 27; A. Woodford, P.G.C.; E. Howard, S.D. 181; B. J. Barker, 153; E. Harris, P.M. and Treas. 73; W. Lane, W.M. 28; J. Dixon, P.M. 73; H. Muggeridge, P.M. 715; J. Cunningham, P. Prov. G.S.W. Sussex; T. Trollope, P. Prov. G.J.W. Sussex; H. C. Levander, P.M. 517; H. A. Lacey, P.M. 1288; W. Worrall, P.M. 766; M. Scott, P.M., Sec. 765; F. Spencer, J.W. 1063; W. Hunter Cockburn; Walter Wood, 33; G. Kenning, P.Prov.G.S.D. Middlesex; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The following is a list of the distinguished brethren who sent letters of apology and regret for absence, expressing at the same time their hearty wishes for the success of the Chaucer Lodge:—The Lord Mayor, Bro. D. H. Stone, P.M., G.J.W.; Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., Dep. G. Master, Middlesex; Sir J. C. Burrows, P.M. 811, P.P.G.W. Sussex; J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., President Board of General Purposes; J. L. Bridgen, P.M. 732, Mayor of Brighton; James Terry, P.G.D. of C. Herts.; V. Freeman, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W. Sussex; J. H. Scott, P.M. 271, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; A. E. MacIntyre, Grand Registrar of England; W. H. Hallett, W.M. 731; C. Sandeman, W.M. 315; D. Rose, 73; S. Solomon, 732; John Savage, P.G.D.; Dr. O'Brien, W.M. 811; W. Smith, P.M. 732; J. Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G.P. Sussex; T. W. P. Launson, W.M. 732, P.G.S. of W. Sussex; E. Martin, P.M. 732, P.P.G.D. Sussex; W. R. Wood, P.M. 63, 315, 811, P.G. Steward; A. German, P.M. 1466; Col. Burdett, P.G.W., Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Grand Master Middlesex; F. Davison, P.G.S.W. Middlesex; H. Dubois, P.M. 1423, P.G., A.D. of C. Middlesex; C. J. Smith, W.M. 1466; C. Allen, Mackney, Baker, Emery, D'Arcy, Martin, Wilson, Elliott, Herman, Harvey, Hawkins, Suffield, French, Edwards, Deffill, Markham, and a number of other brethren. The ceremony was conducted with all the usual formalities. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford delivered an oration, which will be found in another column. The appropriateness of the oration to the occasion will be seen at once. The lodge was originated by Bros. T. J. Sabine, James Cattle Mason, Edward Spencer Stidolph, and the other brethren named in the warrant, to perpetuate the connection of the poet Chaucer with the borough of Southwark, and they chose for the lodge's motto Chaucer's lines:—

"Sounning in moral virtue was his speche,
And gladly wolde he lerne and gladly teche,

Trouthe and honor, freedom and curtesie."

And the appropriateness of the erection of the new edifice was the more apparent, as only a few days before the consecration of the Chaucer, the famous Tabard Inn, celebrated in the "Canterbury Tales," was demolished. The poet, therefore, is not left without a witness, independent of his writings, which must remain a specimen of the fine old Saxon language of which he was master, when even the borough of Southwark shall have undergone greater changes than it has seen in the last fifteen years. The Chaucer Lodge will be still further interesting, since by Bro. Woodford's research it is found the poet was a Freemason.

The ceremony, after the oration was delivered, was completed, and the installation of the W.M. was proceeded with. On presentation duly made Bro. T. J. Sabine was installed, and the brethren being admitted and the formalities customary on such occasions being properly observed, the W.M. invested the officers. Bros. J. C. Mason became S.W.; Stidolph, J.W.; W. Hudson (Brighton), Treasurer; F. Walters, Secretary; W. George Kemp, S.D.; Charles Hudson, J.D.; H. Faija, I.G.; Hawkes, D.C.; Hutch, Chaplain; Stedman, W.S.; and W. Y. Laing, Tyler Stewards for the festival offered themselves. Bros. Stidolph and Hawkes took the Benevolent Institution for 1876; Bro. Faija, C.E., the Girls'; Bro. C. Hudson the Boys'; and Bro. Mason the Benevolent for 1877.

A vote of thanks was passed to the consecrating brethren, and Bros. Hervey, Woodford, and Little were elected honorary members of the lodge, Bro. Hervey returning thanks. Propositions for numerous initiates and joining members were handed in, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after closing the lodge. On entering the banquet room a very pleasing sight presented itself. With great taste Bro. Joseph Spencer, the proprietor of the hotel, had laid out three tables, splendidly decorated with fruit and flowers. At the head table, in front of the Master, was a decoration with the word "Chaucer," elaborately formed. Behind this was a plentiful show of fruit, with numerous bouquets; and on either side a vessel forming the foundation of an elegant and refreshing pillar of ice. The dinner, when the brethren were seated, was served à la Russe, and comprised all the delicacies of the season, and their excellence was added to considerably by some of the finest wines that could be procured, though with which Bro. Spencer's cellar abounds. The dinner occupied a considerable time, but it was so well served, in addition to being of such excellence, that the brethren were not wearied by the length of time occupied in consuming it. When at length the "cloth was cleared," as the phrase goes, grace was said, and the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The W.M., of course, first gave "The Queen," and then "The Grand Master," in proposing the latter of which he referred to the scene at the Albert Hall on that day as never to be forgotten, and added that from the way H.R.H. then conducted business every Mason must feel convinced of the soundness of the choice the Craft had made; that he was a good and earnest Mason and meant well to the Craft. The W.M. was convinced that so long as the Prince of Wales was at the head of the Craft he would in every possible way endeavour to promote its best interests, sustain its popu-

larity, and crown with success all the endeavours of individual Masons to support the charitable institutions.

His Worship's sentiments were greatly applauded, and the loyalty of the brethren received strong proof. Still, said the W.M., was there a more important toast to introduce, and this, he said, comprised three in one, the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers. Of all of these he spoke with a personal knowledge of their worth and work, as sincere Masons, who never shrank from their duty, and who had the sincere love of all the brethren under the English Constitution. This reminded him of Bro. Hervey, Bro. Wigram, and Bro. Woodford, and gave him occasion to recall the beautiful work which had that day been witnessed in lodge, and which had afforded the brethren so much gratification. As the highest Grand Officer present, Grand Chaplain, the Rev. S. R. Wigram, responded, but apologized if there had been detected any rustiness in his working as S.W., for which office he had not been expected to be cast. The apology, however, was by no means necessary, for the work was perfect. The Grand Chaplain said he could not but be struck at the work which the lodge had commenced with, and foresaw that the W.M. was preparing a rod for the backs of his successors, inasmuch as the excellence of his work would keep the brethren who were aspiring to the chair fully occupied in acquiring the duties of W.M. He was, however, sure that the officers would not be backward in going up to the chair, and would do the best they could to follow in their W.M.'s footsteps. Then came the toast of "The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Hervey," whose valuable services that day rendered to the lodge would never be forgotten so long as there was a member of the lodge living who had had the good fortune to be present whilst the lodge was formally dedicated to Freemasonry. He was sure there would be handed down, from generation to generation, the memory of that auspicious occasion; auspicious in two senses—first, because it was the inauguration of a new lodge, and secondly, because it had commenced its career under such bright and brilliant circumstances. The fame of the lodge would be enhanced by the fact of so distinguished a Mason, so genial a man, and so kindly a Grand Officer as John Hervey attending to lay the first stone of the establishment. The lodge had been erected on a firm basis and a permanent foundation. Passing over further compliments in the presence of such a brother, whose fame was in all lodges, he refrained from gilding refined gold, but added that Bro. Hervey was a man thoroughly honoured and respected. He then proposed his health, and hoped, as all W.M.'s who have been honoured with Bro. Hervey's company have hoped, that they might frequently see him again as their guest. After due honours had been done to the toast the subject of it responded, expressing his gratification at the very roseate hue in which he had been painted by the W.M. He was pleased to think he had rendered some service, but could not claim all the performance to himself. Other brethren were associated with him in the performance, and they, as well as he, were as pleased as he to forward the cause they all had at heart. All had been delighted to hear Bro. Woodford's excellent address, and for Bro. Little, he looked upon him as his alter ego, for he was as capable of consecrating a lodge as himself. To turn from mentioning self, which was at all times an unpleasant task, he would, with the permission of the W.M., propose another toast for the brethren's acceptance. This was "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the Chaucer Lodge," and this gave him an opportunity of again thanking the lodge for conferring on him the distinction of being one of its honorary members. The W.M. was well known to the Craft, and by his efforts in its behalf had done it good service, and it gave him, as he had said in lodge, great pleasure to commit the warrant to his keeping. The lodge was numbered 1540, a long way down in the list; but if it followed the example of many that preceded it, it would rise to great eminence. The brethren who had become its officers were a guarantee of this, and would do their best for the charities of the Order, and for loyalty, which he looked upon not as loyalty to the Royal Family alone, but as loyalty to the Craft. It must have been in that sense that the Grand Master on the occasion of his installation used the words "Charity and Loyalty"—"charity" to the world in general; "loyalty" to the Craft. The W.M. replied. The lodge having no past he could not refer to the years gone by, nor to the Past Masters. He was therefore full of hope and confidence—hope that the brethren of the lodge would have generous consideration at the hands of their conferees among whom they worked; confidence that they would endeavour to deserve the good opinion of those among whom they worked. No effort would be spared on his part, or on the part of those who had been that day entrusted with office, to perform Masonry's true work. Alone, he was able to do nothing; but with his Wardens Deacons, Treasurer, Secretary, and I.G., he hoped to make the lodge a success. Established that day on historic ground, almost exactly on the spot where 500 years ago that first of English poets trod the roadway on his celebrated pilgrimage to Canterbury, of which he had left such excellent records behind, he trusted that the lodge would perpetuate his name for ages to come. It was a fact that on that day, while they were rearing that temple with Chaucer's name attached, the old Tabard Inn, from which the pilgrims set out on their notable journey to Canterbury, was being pulled down. Therefore he thought they had been employed in a good service to the neighbourhood in establishing a Masonic lodge. Referring to the lines from Chaucer given above, the W.M. said that when he presided as Master of the Mount Lebanon Lodge he had endeavoured to carry out his duties with "truth and honour, freedom and courtesy." Above all, he had endeavoured to perform the greatest of all duties—benevo-

lence. He had had the honour of being a Mason twelve years. He had served nine Stewardships, and though he did not say this in a spirit of boasting, he was not tired of his course. Next Wednesday he hoped to carry up £500 to the Boys' School Festival. He trusted others would do likewise. Reverting to the subject of the lodge, he hoped it would have a bright future and would always hold out the right hand of fellowship to visitors. Next year he hoped to instal his successor in the chair, and on that occasion to have an equal number of visitors, whose health he now proposed. Bro. Isaac J. Hooper Wilkins responded, and concluded by wishing "Prosperity to the Chaucer Lodge, and may it Live Long and Flourish." At this point the W.M. asked the brethren to subscribe half-a-crown a-piece towards the relief of the distress caused by the recent inundations in France. This was immediately and cheerfully done, and £6 2s. 6d. was collected. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford proposed "The Charities," and drew attention to the fact that £25,000 a-year was collected for the Masonic Institutions. He refuted the doctrine of the Masonic Order being a rich order; for, though they had some members of rank and opulence among them, a very large majority were the great middle class, who had but small incomes to provide for their families. The greater credit was, therefore, due to them for so nobly supporting the charities. Although he was speaking in the presence of Bro. Little, there was no institution in this country which deserved more heartily the support of the Order at the present moment than the Boys' School. The boys educated there were the sons of our own brethren with whom we had sat down. We stood in loco parentis to these boys, and were bound to give them the best education we could. The Girls' School was second to none, and, speaking as an old clergyman, he did not know of another institution for girls in the country so well conducted. He had, also, nothing but praise to bestow on the Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Masons' Widows. Bro. E. H. Thielay thanked the W.M. and brethren on behalf of his distressed countrymen in France for the collection made on their behalf. Bro. Binckes responded for "The Charities." No such limited body as Masons contributed so largely to their institutions, which were a pride to the Order. In the presence of such brethren as those around him it was unnecessary that he should go through the various needs and deserts of those institutions. Suffice it to say that taking all three together there were some 600 individuals supported by them, who, but for them, would be left to the mercies of the cold world. Bro. Binckes afterwards noticed the new experiment of the Wednesday, and the alteration in the date of the festival, in the locale, and in the system of brethren dining alone. He volunteered to predict success for it, and believed that more than 600 would sit down to banquet at the Alexandra Palace. If it should be a success it would be the inauguration of a new régime, and he asked the brethren to endeavour to make it a success. In a pecuniary point of view he expected the Stewards' lists would rival the largest sum the institution ever had received. He concluded by thanking the brethren for having on this, their first meeting in the Chaucer Lodge, sent up Stewards to each of the institutions. After the other toasts had been disposed of, the brethren retired, having spent a delightful evening, which was enlivened by some charming singing and recitations by various brethren.

Masonic Tidings.

A full report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, by our own correspondent, will appear in our next issue.

ROYAL DRAMATIC COLLEGE.—The annual fête in aid of this Institution took place at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday last, and, despite the very unfavourable weather, drew together a large attendance. The amusements offered to the public were of a varied description. Selections from a few of the most popular pieces of the present day were given, in which many well known artists sustained characters, Bros. James and Thorne appearing in "Our Boys." In the Great Hall, Mrs. Stirling, Miss Ada Swanborough, Miss Fowler, the Vokes family, and many others contributed a series of miscellaneous amusements.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—Among the valuable prizes at the forthcoming Wimbledon meeting is one for £20, contributed by the well known firm Messrs. Felton & Sons, proprietors of the popular "Specialité" Sherry, Albemarle-street.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will open the new branch establishment of the Kent Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Margate on Monday, the 19th inst.

We learn from Portsmouth that the Duke of Connaught proposes shortly to take a voyage in his yacht along the coast of Syria.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec have appointed Bro. George Kenning to supply the whole of the Grand Officers with the necessary clothing and jewels. This insignia, which is of a most elaborate description, will be on view, as soon as finished, at the Masonic Depot, Little Britain, and of this due notice will be given.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction, 1275, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road, on Saturday, the 24th inst., by Bro. T. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, &c. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 precisely.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 73).—The ceremony of consecration and installation will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday evening the 14th July inst., at 8 o'clock precisely, by Bro. Terry, P.M., P.Z., and Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, at Bro. Plock's, "Windsor Castle," 109, Southwark Bridge Road. Brethren are invited to attend; Masonic Craft clothing to be worn. This excellent Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

A Concert will be given for the benefit of the widow of the late Richard Limpus, founder of the College of Organists, Organist of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and Provincial Grand Organist of Middlesex, at St. George's Hall, Langham Place, Regent-street. The following artistes have already kindly promised their assistance:—Vocalists: Miss Edith Wynne and Miss Annie Sinclair, Miss Julia Elton, Madame Poole, Miss Kate Wild, and Miss Palmer; Mr. George Perren, Mr. Wilbye Cooper, Mr. Henry Guy, Mr. Stedman, Mr. G. T. Carter, Mr. Pearson, and Mr. W. H. Cummings. Signor Caravaglia, Mr. Thurlay Beale, Mr. Theodore Distin, and Mr. Lewis Thomas. Instrumentalists: Pianoforte, Miss Ellen Day, Mr. Charles E. Stephens, and Mr. Henry Parker. Conductors: Mr. Ganz, Mr. Sidney Naylor, Mr. Walter Macfarren, and Mr. F. Kingsbury. A selection of glees and part songs will be sung by the gentlemen of the Choir of St. Michael's Cornhill. Prices of admission—Five Shillings, Three Shillings, and Two Shillings. Tickets to be obtained at Messrs. Cramer and Co.; Chappell and Co.; Boosey and Co.; Novello and Co., and of Mrs. Limpus, 41, Queen-square.

Bro. Frederick Kent, C.C., has received the diploma of Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Bro. the Right Hon. George Ward Hunt, as First Lord of the Admiralty, has accepted the invitation of the members of the Navy Club to be their guest on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at Willis's Rooms.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, attended by the Hon. Alexander Yorke, left Windsor Castle on Wednesday for Boyton Manor, Wilts, to be present at the marriage of Bro. Collins, which took place on the 8th inst.

Bro. Captain Boyton paid a visit to Middlesborough on Wednesday, for the purpose of displaying his life-saving dress. Many thousands of visitors were attracted from the surrounding towns, the weather being very propitious. The captain repeated his evolutions, and during the hour occupied was loudly cheered.

A testimonial is about to be presented to Bro. H. W. Smith, of Seaham Harbour, on his leaving, after a residence in the town of forty-three years.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.—With respect to Bro. Perrot's circular, and Bro. Binckes' reply, we deem it to be in the interests of Freemasonry to publish neither. The matter has assumed a purely personal phase, which is unsuitable to the columns of the *Freemason*. With regard to the prizes, we have received two lists, which entirely differ, so we publish neither, as the number even of the names, is not the same.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW YORK.—Two capital engravings of the Dedication of the Masonic Temple in New York appeared in last week's issue of the *Pictorial World*.

MANSION HOUSE.—We are requested to state that the Lady Mayoress's receptions will be discontinued until further notice.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—On Thursday last the great fête of the season was given in the Alexandra Palace, Madame Adelina Patti having consented to appear in connection with other members of Mr. Gye's company. In the evening there was a brilliant display of fireworks.

THE TOULOUSE FLOODS.—The Lord Mayor has received from her Majesty the Queen a cheque for £200 for this fund. Among the other principal amounts received at the Mansion House in respect of this fund were £400 from Lord Derby, £500 from Messrs. Fredk. Huth and Co., £100 each from Messrs. Heath and Co. and Mr. F. H. Dutton, £40 from Colonel and Mrs. Gordon, £26 5s. from Messrs. Veitch and Sons, and £20 from Mr. J. Dearman Birchall. The total receipts amount to nearly £6000.

The City of Carthage, which sailed from Liverpool for Calcutta on the 4th of June, arrived out [on Sunday, having made the quickest passage on record.

The consecration of the Liverpool Lodge will take place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday the 14th. The Rev. J. F. Goggin, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, Rector of Rufford, will be installed the first W.M.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—When the weather is hot it will be found that persons who suffer from swelled feet and ankles, varicose veins, ulcers, and sores of all kinds, and, in fact, from any skin disease, feel these complaints more troublesome and aggravating than at any other time of the year. They will soon find relief in the use of these remedies, for if the wounds or ulcers are dressed with this Ointment it at once soothes the irritability of the skin, causes the discharges to lose their acrimonious character, and lessens any inflammation that may be present. It cannot be too widely known that these twin remedies are the most powerful of anti-febrile and anti-inflammatory agents we possess.—ADVT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held at Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, on Wednesday, for the purpose of consecrating "Prudence" Lodge, No. 1550. The originators of the latest addition to the Masonic strength of the West were Bro. R. G. Bird and Bro. J. P. Rogers, the first Master and Junior Warden respectively. Their exertions (aided by others, Bros. J. Gover and J. G. Avery among them) in the matter, have been most arduous for the last three months, but they have their just reward in the knowledge that the results have exceeded their most sanguine anticipations. The suggestion of a new lodge arose in consequence of its being found that the evenings on which other lodges held their meetings were most inconvenient for business men, who, absent during the early part of the week, returned to Plymouth towards the end. This lodge, therefore, is formed for the purpose of removing this inconvenience, and will hold its meetings on Fridays. The lodge has fixed its initiation fee at ten guineas and its joining fee at two guineas. At their first meeting they will initiate five brethren—the largest number they can admit on any one night—and the names of others are down for subsequent nights. Seven joining members will also be balloted for on the first night. When the lodge has reached a certain strength it is the intention to still further increase the fees. The first officers named on the warrant are R. G. Bird, W.M.; J. G. Avery, S.W.; J. P. Rogers, J.W.; J. B. Gover, Sec.; J. J. Avery, Treas.; R. B. Twose, I.P.M.; B. N. Westcott, S.D.; J. G. Keverne, J.D.; F. B. Bond, I.G.; Rev. J. Whitley, Chaplain; G. H. Emery, Organist; W. Garland, D.C.; C. Philip, A.D.C.; R. R. Pengelly, S.S., and W. B. Hambly, J.S.

The lodge having been opened in ancient form, the P.G.M. apologized for the delay occasioned by the railway accident, and then remarked that it was particularly gratifying to him to be called upon to consecrate so important a lodge as that which they were about to consecrate.

The new lodge was then ably opened by W.M. Bird, and Bro. Rogers, P.G.Sec., read the warrant from the Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) constituting the lodge, and the brethren of the lodge having assented to the nomination of the officers, P.D.G.M. Metham, at the call of the P.G.M. delivered the following oration:—

Right Worshipful Sir,—By your command I have undertaken the task which it has so often previously been my pleasing duty to perform of delivering the usual oration; a duty made on this occasion more onerous, as the same address must, from want of time, serve for both the Consecration of the Prudence Lodge and Huyshe Chapter. Unfortunately the duty is required of me at a time when I have been overwhelmed with most urgent and anxious engagements elsewhere, and I must ask the indulgence of the brethren if I am not able to place before them so concisely and clearly as I could wish, the important points on which I have to address them. But before all other topics I must speak of the honour done to our Craft by the acceptance by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of the leadership of our Order. Who that witnessed that matchless spectacle will ever forget it; who is there "with soul so dead" as not, even now, to delight in conjuring up before his mind's eye that vast and grand picture in which figured all that is good, great, and noble in Masonry? Who is there so thoughtless as not to look beneath the surface and see, clear as the sun at noonday, that the many thousands who had gathered on that day from the north, the south, the east, and the west, the noble and the learned, the statesman, the minister of religion, the advocate, the physician, the merchant, the tradesman, the soldier, the sailor, and the sons of toil, came not only to do homage to a Royal Chief, all sufficient as such a season might, at any other time be esteemed. They

came in their thousands to shout down the taunting cry, and unjust imputation that they were disloyal to the State or unfaithful to true religion. They came to show the whole world that the noble tree of Masonry was still sound to the core, and still more vigorous than ever, although one branch had unhappily fallen to the ground. It devolves now upon Masons to show not only in the lodge, but in society, and in their daily lives, of how noble an Order they are the members. Masonry has done much for you all, and she has a right to expect that you should do much for her. I come now to the best mode of ensuring such a standard of moral character in our members as shall enable us to maintain the proud position our Order has reached, and to prevent its retrograding. The indiscriminate, and often culpable manner in which unfit and unworthy persons are admitted into the Order, is doing the greatest injury, and will eventually sap its towers and undermine its foundations, unless all lodges unite in enforcing more stringent rules as to the admission of candidates. I have given long and serious consideration to the remedies requisite, and in my mind, they resolve themselves into two heads, pecuniary, and what is much more important, moral. I believe the fee for initiation should never be below £10 10s., and that every lodge should pay towards charitable objects, giving a preference to those of a Masonic character, at least 5s. for each member, independent of Grand Provincial, or Private Lodge subscriptions.

Secondly.—That every Master and his Wardens should be required to make themselves acquainted by private inquiry with the social position and moral qualities of every candidate for initiation, and whether he had ever been proposed in any other Lodge. That the name of no candidate who resides at a distance from the lodge in which he is proposed, shall be placed in the circular for initiation until the most searching inquiries have been made as to the reason why he was not proposed in a lodge nearer to his place of residence. That the Emergency Clause should be more rigidly enacted. That every candidate should pledge himself not to use the Masonic emblems on any sign-board, flag, card, or paper connected with his calling.

That no member of a lodge who has compounded with his creditors, shall be allowed to continue as a subscribing member until his debts have been paid in full.

Such, my brethren, are some of the suggestions I would offer for the adoption of those lodges which sincerely desire to sustain the dignity and integrity of the order.

I turn from that which is at all times an unpleasant task to one more consonant with Masonic feelings and particularly congenial to myself. I allude to that splendid display of Masonic benevolence which the United Provinces of Devonshire and Cornwall made on the occasion of his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh placing the memorial stone of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, with which I am so personally and intimately connected. In private lodges and to private members of the craft, I have had some opportunities of expressing my grateful thanks for that munificent contribution, now amounting, with other donations from other parts of England, to nearly 1,250 guineas, including 25 guineas from the Royal Patron of the Fund H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master. I eagerly embrace this opportunity of thanking you, and I cannot express how sincerely. The impression made on the public mind is favourable to Freemasonry; its benefits will be felt by many an orphan of our brave but unfortunate brethren whose lives may be sacrificed. It is right that you should know that during the late election, out of 150 candidates, there were no less than three orphans of our deceased brethren, of whom two were elected, and the other, who was only brought to our knowledge at a very late period, by the W.M. of the lodge at Weymouth, Br. Hooper, son of our esteemed Br. Hooper, of Exeter, will, I trust, by your votes be elected next year. And now Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I earnestly commend the good

work in which we have been engaged to-day to the care of Him who is the ruler and architect of this as of all works.

The Master and members of the new lodge having pledged to obey the laws and constitution of the Grand Lodge, the P.G.M. declared the "Prudence" Lodge regularly and duly constituted, and proceeded with the impressive ceremony of consecration, in which he was assisted by P.G.S.W. Col. Elliott, and P.C.J.W. I. Latimer, the Revs. T. W. Lemon, and the Rev. G. Whitley, P.G. Chaplains. The musical portion of the ceremony was effectively rendered by a small choir, Bro. Emery presiding at the harmonium.

The lodge having been closed in due form, several of the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, where Bro. R. G. Bird was installed W.M. of "Prudence," and he afterwards appointed his officers as stated above.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

Immediately afterwards the Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire met for the consecration of the "Huyshe" Chapter, 1099, under the presidency of the Rev. J. Huyshe, G. Supt. of R.A. Masons. The beautiful consecration ceremony was wanting in nothing to give it that solemnly impressive character which marks it. The chief burden, of course, fell upon the G. Supt., but he received valuable assistance from Principals Metham, H., and Rogers, J. The officers appointed to the new chapter were Pr. Brown, Z.; Gillman, H.; and Blackhall, J.

The ordinary business of Grand Chapter was then transacted. Scribe E. (Comp. Rogers) having reported a balance in hand of £63, some time was occupied in disposing of it amongst various charities. Comp. Rodda mentioning that Comp. Curteis had become a steward of the Masonic School for Boys, for the present year, moved that Grand Chapter had the privilege of being represented on his list. Comp. Du Pre seconded this. Prin. Rae proposed that the sum be twenty guineas, but this was lost. Finally a sum of fifteen guineas was granted, on the motion of Comp. Colonel Elliott (Comp. Rodda withdrawing the original motion), to Comp. Curteis for the Boys' School.

On the motion of Comp. Harris, 20 guineas was voted to the Fortescue Fund; and at the suggestion of Comp. Jones, seconded by Comp. Gover, 10 guineas were voted to the Masonic School for Girls. Comp. Leigh moved that 10 guineas be given to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, Stoke, which was still in want of £1,500. Comp. J. Harris asked if this was not the same institution to which the Freemasons had given £1,250. He did not anticipate that any other claim would be made on them, especially as it was an institution outside Masonry. Comp. the Rev. J. Whitley contended that nothing that was good and honourable, and no effort which had for its object the relief of the distressed and especially the succour of the orphans was outside the principles of Masonry. (Applause.) The motion having been carried with one dissentient, Comp. Metham heartily thanked the brethren for another proof of their interest in an institution he had so much at heart. It too, had enabled Masons to erect a memorial to the world. Twelve months ago he believed that if he could raise from the brethren £200 it would be a great thing. Later on it was his hope that they would contribute one-eighth of the cost; but now he was glad to tell them that with what was promised the Freemasons would raise one-fourth part of the £6,000 expended on the extension of the Asylum. (Applause.)

On the motion of Comp. Leigh, two guineas were voted to the Masonic bed at the Royal Albert Hospital.

The Grand Superintendent then proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year, Comps. Metham, H.; Rogers, Scribe E.; Captain Keyworth, J.; Burden, 303, Scribe N.; J. P. Phillips, P.S.; Godstchalk, S.B.; Dr. H. Woodgates, G.Reg.; Emery, O.; Wolloughby, A.S.; and Twose, D.C. Comps. W. Joll had previously been elected as Secretary, and J. Harris and T. S. Bayly as Auditors.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1875.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHAUCER LODGE.

The consecration of this new lodge took place, according to the report elsewhere, on Friday last, under very favourable auspices. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, in a very handsome room; all the ancient ceremonies were duly performed, under the presidency of our distinguished Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary, with his two assistant officers, Bros. Little and Woodford, and the proceedings passed over prosperously and satisfactorily. In compliment to the old poet, the new lodge being in Southwark, not far from the site of the original Tabard Inn, adopted the time-honoured name of Geoffrey Chaucer, and we think very opportunely and wisely. For speculative Freemasonry always does well, in our opinion, when it connects itself, more or less directly, with those elevating acts and civilizing labours, which tend so greatly to the onward progress and peaceful victories of mankind. Since the days when Chaucer penned his famous lays, at least 400 years ago, what mighty changes have passed over this world of ours, and what struggles, and advances, and ameliorations, have successive generations witnessed, in all that renders life endurable and comfortable, attractive, and welcome. No longer for the most part spent amid the more degrading aspects of barbarous existence, this earth of ours to-day seems to manifest everywhere the upward condition of civilization and education! There is much no doubt to condemn, and more to deplore, alike in social anomalies and passing habits of life, modes of thought, the turbid passions, the fleeting pageantry of the hour. But yet his must be either a very cynical or morbid

mind, or he must take a very imperfect view of things, who does not and will not admit, that amid much that is sensational and startling, and more that is saddening and sorrowful day by day, there are yet tokens of the gradual improvement, alike of individual tastes and of national feelings. And it seems to us that amid the rolling cycles of time, which have left us since the hour that Chaucer, for instance, gave us his happy thoughts and quaint expressions in the then Anglo-Saxon vernacular, the voice of the poet especially has ever been distinctly heard above the din of men, and over the strife of tongues, uttering words of gentleness and fancy, of sympathy and goodness, of purity, honour, truth, and right, for the elevation of our struggling race, and for the spiritual improvement of the world. We commend, then, warmly the idea, whose soever it originally was, which induced Bro. Sabine and his officers and brethren to give to the new lodge the name of Chaucer. We are glad to see another vigorous offshoot of our old and grand Masonic tree "taking root downwards," and, let us hope, "bearing fruit upwards," especially in so important a portion of our Metropolis. For we are amongst those infatuated persons, as some would term us, who believe in Freemasonry, both in the propagation of its principles, and the development of its moral and peaceful influences. We do not wish to take too high a ground, or claim too great a scope for its labours and its lessons; we equally object to rhapsodical utterances, and untenable assertions; but we think we are warranted in saying this much, that every lodge, fitly presided over, properly worked, and composed of congenial elements, may be an instrument, providentially, of much intellectual, moral, and civilizing good! It is true that we have nothing very new to announce, and like the famous sufferer of old, ours may fairly be the response to-day, "Story, God bless you, I've none to tell you, Sir." For ours are only old-fashioned truths, and antiquated moralities; we proclaim reverence to our Maker, and loyalty to our Queen; we ask for due respect to constituted authority, obedience to our laws, and avoidance alike of seditious aims, or revolutionary tendencies. We want no definition of personal belief, we respect the right of conscience, we uphold liberty of opinion, free discussion, and we denounce persecution, whether sectarian or pseudo-religious, of every kind. We are a religious, a peaceable, a good feeling, a loyal, a benevolent, a liberal-minded, a tolerant fraternity, and when we have said this we have not much more to say. We welcome all good men and true within our pale, not asking them "how do you believe, or what do you believe," contented so long as agreeing together in humble acknowledgment of the Great Creator and Father of all, and sympathizing with the brotherhood of our fellow children of the dust, we seek in the works of heartfelt charity and good will, to assuage the contentions, to soften the acerbities, to relieve the distresses, and to lessen the calamities of our common earthly inheritance. And here we stop to-day, congratulating Bro. Sabine and all the members of his lodge on their auspicious start in Masonic life, proposing next week to call attention to the weighty words and sound seasonable advice which fell from the lips of Bro. Hervey, as Consecrating Officer of this, one of the youngest of the many promising numbers of our rapidly increasing Masonic family.

MASONIC SYMPATHY.

Old John Wesley made a great use, in his early teaching at any rate, of the duty and importance of sympathy. He worked, so to say, upon a long neglected mine deeply lying in the heart and emotion of his hearers, and we have always felt that many religious teachers might now-a-days well follow in his steps, and even improve upon his endeavours. For curiously enough, despite our habitual coldness and inconsiderateness for each other here, our want too often of hearty interest in the welfare and griefs, the trials and joys of our fellow creatures, we all of us often require sympathy ourselves at many times and at many crossings of our journey of life. It has been said, and probably truly, that

we all have more sympathy for others than we are aware of, and that it only requires to be stirred and evoked in order to be manifested more clearly and fully in us all alike. There may be some truth in such a statement as regards us all in our psychological formation, and our individual temperament, but yet, on the whole, we are inclined to believe that sympathy, like every other grace, if implanted in us by our Divine Creator, has to be educed and expanded, and invigorated, and trained under a higher power, by the needs and claims, the duties and responsibilities of life. We all of us have experienced times when sympathy is very needful and very refreshing to us. In the first moments of personal bereavement, in the full flowing tide of heavy sorrow, in the pressure of adverse circumstances, in the cruel tortures of calumny, in morbid moods, and in lonely cares, how pleasant it is to listen to the always tender accents of true and faithful sympathy? Then it is that we rejoice to think that God has given us those who cheer our anxieties, who lessen our woes, who repair our misfortunes, who soothe our wounded or complaining spirit with all that graceful charm which sympathizing friendship can offer to lighten the dark clouds of trouble, or smooth away the rugged corners of the road on which we all are travelling now. And some of us have found in Freemasonry a brotherly good will, affection, and interest, the truest expression of personal sympathy and kindly concern. It is one of the great charms of Freemasonry, that it conciliates firm friendships amongst men of diverse views and beliefs, and that it serves often to quicken in us all alike, these sympathetic evidences of friendly concern and friendship, which if they belong to us all more or less alike, we too often allow to "rest," so to say in "abeyance," or to be forgotten in stoic indifference. Yes somehow Freemasonry often aids to kindle a fire where none has burnt vividly before, and to evoke for us all alike, those living and active exertions of friendship, interest, and good will which serve more than anything else to render human life enjoyable, and to work out all the nobler characteristics of the human race. How many fast friendships has Freemasonry cemented? How much undying sympathy has it brought to light and perfection? And after all no nobler or better expression of our true individual life, and our purely personal showing can be aimed at, or believed in, or worked out by any of us. To sympathize with our brother, to believe in his truth and honour, and good repute, to smile on his efforts, to encourage his toils, to uphold his good name, to vindicate his upright character, to rebuke the slanderer, and the maligner, who like gad flies both buzz and sting, is indeed the true work of Masonic sympathy. To feel for each other here, to grieve with the calamities, to rejoice with the successes of humanity, to mourn over grievous wrong, and to uphold manfully the right, in season and out of season, never to desert a good cause, and ever to sympathize with all that is pure, and peaceable, and righteous, and of good repute, is the duty of every true Freemason. While then we all sympathize warmly with each other, and learn even to sympathize more and more with each other, let us never be ashamed boldly to discountenance vice and wrong, injustice and villany, under whatever names they may be cloaked among men, and let us, we repeat, have a fellow feeling from the bottom of our hearts, not only for our friend and our brother, but for everything here that lends dignity to virtue, and gives consistency to truth.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL FOR 1875.

When these lines meet the eyes of our readers the Anniversary for 1875 of this most important institution will be a thing of the past, let us hope, "though lost to sight to memory dear." As we pen these words to-day, the result of the "coup de Binckes," to which he himself humorously and vivaciously alluded at the Chaucer Lodge gathering, amid the applause of the brethren, is still enveloped in the haze of uncertainty. Bro. Binckes, in his animated address last Friday, seemed to anticipate a very great success, and we sincerely trust that his legitimate anticipations

tions may be perfectly realized, and his strenuous exertions fittingly rewarded. But it is hopeless for us now to moralize, or to dwell on what will be, for when our brethren look down this column all will be settled and ended, whether for good or evil, whether for failure or success. Bro. Binckes alluded also, last Friday, to what some termed his revolutionary proceedings, first in going to Muswell Hill at all, and secondly, in introducing our sisters to share in the festival programme. "No longer," said our brother, in a burst of poetic fervour, "are we to look up to them at a dim distance; in this age of progress and expanding civilization we ask them to come down to us from those inaccessible regions, and grace the genial board, and sit happily and confidently by our sides." No wonder that the brethren loudly applauded the speaker, and we observed one or two of the elder brethren amongst us, married men though they be, very demonstrative. We are inclined to agree with Bro. Binckes. In the first place, there is no objection to Muswell Hill Masonically. "High hills" are old places of assembly for Freemasons, and as regards our sisters, we think the time has come when the exclusion of ladies from our greater gatherings should no longer be insisted upon as "de rigueur" by Masonic rules and regulations. If Bro. Binckes has never any other faults found with him than by those who really are the "wet blankets" of all Masonic meetings, the "stumbling blocks" to all Masonic improvements, he will do very well. We believe, ourselves, that in this development of the anniversary meeting, in the assembling of sisters and brethren all interested in the welfare of a most admirable educational institution, Bro. Binckes is wise in his generation, and, knowing how to sail on the "ebb tide" of general Masonic feeling, will be waited on favouring trade winds, to a haven of success and reward. No doubt some of our ancient brethren, and some of us ourselves, let us be honest, in the matter, have objected to the presence of ladies. The dear creatures do so attract and please, they make so "much of the running" to use a sporting phrase, that we lords of the creation often have to pale our puny fires before the scintillations of woman's wit, her loving heart, and her graceful goodness. But yet surely our male exclusiveness is a great mistake. For the Boys' School, as Bro. Binckes properly said, our sisters have laboured, for it they work, for it they collect, and why should they be debarred from the pleasures of the festival day, when, let us hope they may be led, by the sights they witness, and the words they hear, to increase their kindly sympathy and interest in Freemasons and Freemasonry. Who knows what fates may be decided, in the full flow of aerated and cooling liquids, amid the echoes of music, during the intervals of the speeches. Bro. Jones will have made the rash plunge, in an unguarded second, and his Medora will have not said no. Bro. Robinson will find the agreeable little widow, more agreeable than ever, and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will soon announce "No Cards." Bro. Brown will have fallen at last before the wiles of azure eyes and golden curls, and his friends Bros. Figgins and Jackson will declare that he's "gone and done it." For all this and much more Bro. Binckes is responsible, and an indulgent Order will no doubt at the fitting time ask for a full explanation from him. We are happy however in being able to state that the Stewards' lists on the occasion amounted to the handsome returns of £12,700 os od. We congratulate Bro. Binckes. We shall recur to the subject in our next.

THE RECENT FLOODS IN FRANCE.

As Freemasons we always sympathize deeply and truly with the trials and afflictions of humanity. In this view we fully endorse all that is so well said by a correspondent in *The Freemason*. Every now and then there come before us, in this great and living world of ours, at home and abroad, before our doors, or in some distant land, sad evidences of wasting and destruction, of calamity and misery, brought about by the convulsions of nature, so to say, or by some fearful exhibition of unavoidable disaster. An

earthquake submerges a whole town and population, a fire levels to the ground the houses of thousands, a reservoir bursts its bounds, carrying death and destruction amid peaceful myriads, or a river overflows its banks and sweeps all before it in its resistless strength, overthrowing the works of many hands, and causing a watery grave to many old and young. At this moment a portion of the fair land of France, Toulouse, is suffering from the terrible inundation caused by the overflowing of the Garonne. Houses are dismantled and destroyed, cottages are in ruins, a large number of human beings have perished in the surging waters, and more than one noble and gallant Frenchman has fallen at the post of duty in the endeavour to save some sinking fellow-creatures. A large number of the industrious population are now homeless and penniless, their tenements and furniture swept away and destroyed, probably many savings of years gone never to return, and the French Government and the French people are manfully endeavouring to meet this great disaster, in a spirit of energy and liberality which deserves all praise. It seems to us that our Masonic Lodges may fairly make a lodge collection for the sufferers and send it to our worthy and estimable brother, the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, for our French brethren and sisters across the Channel. The W.M. of the Chaucer Lodge inaugurated, happily, his new regime by a small but successful "whip" for the occasion, and if every lodge will do the same, leaving each brother to give what he can afford, a considerable sum will be raised for the relief of a suffering and industrious population. We in England, have, in truth, much of admiration for our Gallican neighbours. We admire their geniality of spirit and their animation of character, we respect the courage they shew in adverse circumstances and their happy endurance of dark and dangerous days. We recognize their many claims to warm sympathy and friendly good-will, and now that their industrious and kind-hearted population is suffering from the direst calamities that can afflict humanity, the feeling of every Englishman, and the wish of every Freemason will be to offer them both ready and hearty co-operation, and to hold out to them the kindly hand of fellowship and relief. We hope that our views may be seconded by our benevolent fraternity, and we shall be glad to announce in the *Freemason* any contribution to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the speedy support and assistance of so many suffering fellow-creatures in France.

PROVINCIAL FUNDS.—III. CORNWALL.

In the good province of Cornwall the annual income seems to be about £230 per annum, more or less. This amount is made up to the close of the financial year, July, 8th, 1875, of the following items:—Balance, £64 13s. 2d.; collection in church, £13 15s. 0d.; fees of honour, £18 18s. 0d.; lodge dues, £133 7s. 6d.; dispensations, £5—in all, £230 18s. 8d. The expenditure is as follows:—Donation to vicar of Bodmin, one-fifth of collection, £2 15s. 0d.; East Cornwall Hospital, £5 10s. 0d.; Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, £6 10s. 0d.; Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, £25 os. 0d. donation to the Royal Orphan Asylum, £10 10s. 0d.; Relief to a brother and a widow, £4 os. 0d.; two brethren, £20 os. 0d.; special expenses, £47 17s. 4d.; ordinary expenses, £64 1s. 5d. This last sum is no doubt increased by the great gathering at Plymouth, 14th August last year, to greet our Royal brother the Prince of Wales. The balance for the year is £49 4s. 11d. in favour of Prov. Grand Lodge. The Province of Cornwall has also £2,000 funded for its Annuity and Benevolent Fund, which does not appear in the Financial Statement of the Prov. G. Lodge. It was established in 1864, and is supported by the voluntary subscriptions of the brethren, each lodge electing a Steward to collect the subscriptions. It now supports 4 annuitants of £20 each for life, and it is also intended, we understand to aid the education of children, and the relief of widows of Cornwall Freemasons. There

are now 24 lodges in the Province of Cornwall, and 1340 members. In 1874 there were 177 initiations. The province has 68 votes for the Girls' School, 191 for the Boys' School, 118 for aged Masons, and 121 for the Widows, in all 498 votes. Our worthy Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, takes a very active part officially in all that relates to the charities, and the voting for these institutions, following the wise example of West Yorkshire.

Original Correspondence.

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

HOW MASONS ARE MADE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to supplement the letter of "L. of L." in to-day's issue with a few remarks.

Although I agree with "L. of L." that the balloting for non-resident persons is a fruitful source of the admission of unfit members, and think that the instance he records is of such a disgraceful character that the P.G.M. of W.L. should give it more than a passing consideration, yet there are other causes of the introduction of unsuitable individuals which merit attention, and I may add that if the P.G. Lodge could carry out the admirable suggestions contained in the three resolutions proposed by L. of L. I feel satisfied that they would effectually grapple with the difficulty, and do much to re-establish Masonry in the eyes of the more respectable. There is no doubt but that this matter is pressing itself to the front in the minds of all earnest and zealous Masons—the rapid increase of individuals who would not, as L. of L. says, ever have dreamed a few years ago, of gaining admission into the Order. If you admit one or two unsuitable men into a lodge you probably shock the feelings of a dozen good members, and by not attending the lodge meetings they permit the lodge to be made use of in introducing others of the same class, and it thus becomes infested with and governed by unmasonic Masons, and the result is lavish expenditure, neglected charities, internal division, and a legacy of widows and orphans.

I may say that nearly all the cases within my personal knowledge that have become burdens upon our Masonic charities or private benevolence have been the widows and children of those who did not attend their lodges, who would not contribute to the charities, and against whom there was *prima facie* evidence that they were not fit and proper persons to become a Mason.

The source of injury to the Craft that I wish to point out, in addition to the one of proposing non-resident persons, is in Secretaries and Masters of lodges not making inquiries, or in not using the knowledge they possess respecting the suitability of joining members or persons who have been rejected in other lodges.

I will mention a few cases in connection with a lodge in West Lancashire to which I belong, and which will serve to illustrate an evil that will be more or less patent to the minds of most Masons.

We have had individuals rejected in our lodge accepted in others without any inquiry, and joining members accepted by others who were known to be in arrears with us, without a word of inquiry from the Secretary or W.M.; in fact, Mr. Editor, with the exception of one lodge from the South of England I do not remember that we have had an official inquiry respecting one who has been rejected or a member who was in arrears. This shows a very lax system as many for whom quarterages have been paid to the Grand Lodge and P.G. Lodge before they were removed from the list of members have and can obtain admission into other lodges without difficulty. I will instance a few cases. No. 1 was notoriously in arrears with us, and it was known to many members of another lodge, but he was accepted by them without hesitation. No. 2 was a source of trouble to us and in arrears; he was accepted about two years ago by another lodge, and has not paid them his joining fee or subscription since. No. 3 accepted as joining member, in arrears with us. No. 4 rejected by us, accepted without inquiry by another lodge. The above and many other cases could be given which have occurred within a short period, all showing great inattention or culpable negligence. It is sad to think that lodges should close their eyes to the Masonic antecedents of a member, for if he is in arrears with one lodge he will certainly not be an acquisition to another. I might add to the resolutions proposed by L. of L. that if a lodge accepts as a joining member one who is in arrears with his mother lodge that the lodge he joins should be made responsible for such arrears.

I am, yours fraternally,

QUEEN.

Preston, June 26th, 1875.

THE FLOODS IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The sad reports which, since more than a week, we daily read in the papers of the terrible disaster caused by the inundation of the rivers in the South of France, should remind us of our Masonic duty to carry one of our great principles into effect, viz., charity. Masonry is universal, and, consequently, our Masonic duties are of an international character.

I think it only wants an application to the generosity and human feeling which is so remarkable throughout the Craft, and every brother will give to the best of his financial position.

I am convinced if you, dear Sir and Brother, would announce the opening of a subscription list in the *Freemason's* publishing office, your endeavours would be crowned by a desirable result, and you would speedily be able to make some fair remittance to the Paris Central Committee.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, very fraternally yours,

M. KLEIMENHAGEN,

No. 1298, Royal Standard Lodge.

FREEMASONRY AT JERUSALEM.

We have been requested to publish the following:

Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293,

Jerusalem, May 25th, 1875.

HENRY MAUDSLAY, Esq., C.E., &c., &c.

Institution of Civil Engineers,

Westminster, London.

Dear Sir and much esteemed Brother,—At its meeting of May the 20th, this Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, of which you are an honorary member, instructed me to address you a copy of the vote of thanks passed on February the 3rd, 1875, and recorded in the minutes of this lodge. It gives me great pleasure indeed to communicate the same, adding to that my personal greetings and sincerest thanks.

Said vote of thanks, read by Bro. Berghien, the Senior Warden, ran thus:

"I believe I shall be acting in accordance with the sentiments of the members of this lodge by rising to propose that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Henry Maudslay, who, to our regret, is about to leave Jerusalem. Our thanks are due to Bro. Maudslay not only for the honour he has done us by joining our lodge as an honorary member, but are due to him for the great and good work he has done in and to the lodge. The position of the lodge a few weeks ago was very precarious, and had it not been for Bro. Maudslay, as far as I see, the consequences would have been such as to have made the heart of every true Mason sorrowful. We have to thank Bro. Maudslay for the anxiety he has shown, the trouble and pains he has taken in re-establishing, as it were, our young lodge, and placing it in its present footing and organization.

"I am sure each of us feels personally grateful to him for the good and sound advice he has so kindly given us, and to that we hope to show when he revisits us that his advice and his counsel had not been given in vain.

"We greatly regret his leaving us, and we shall always look forward to his seeing us again, and that soon.

"In wishing him God speed, a safe and pleasant long life and health, let us assure him that we shall always bear a grateful remembrance of him in our hearts."

Hoping this will meet and find you in perfect health, I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to you my best regards and the sentiments of high consideration.

Yours, in brotherly love,

SERAPION MURAD,

J.W. and Sec.

P.S.—Having received my leave of absence for twelve months, I shall leave Jaffa on the 5th of June for Berlin. Address: Foreign Office, Berlin.

"TEMPERANCE."

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me to remind our brother "South London" that "Temperance" is not only the rule in every lodge, but, as one of our four cardinal virtues, is an integral part of the very system of Masonry.

If instead of "Temperance" our brother means "Teetotalism," I would remind him that this is as much alien to the spirit of Freemasonry as the other is an essential part of its teaching. Freemasonry gives to every brother the liberty of ruling his own actions, but not those of his fellows.

At the same time let me tell our brother that if side by side with total abstinence in himself he can tolerate moderation in the brethren who sit beside him, he may feel at home in any and every Masonic lodge.

I might add that I have myself been a total abstainer for a long period, and further, that I was such when initiated—since that day I have been in many lodges and Grand Lodges, and that, whether ruling, working, or visiting, I have never found any brethren interfere with my own practice, nor have I found it interfere with them.

Yours, Dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally, P.M. &c.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC ARCHAEOLOGY.

Observing the remarks on this subject in the *Freemason* of June 26th—"May I ask how comes it, if our Freemasonry dates from Hiram Abiff, that there are numerous accredited instances, relied on throughout the Craft as veritable, of the lives of English Freemasons having been saved, or spared, on their making the proper sign to Hindus—for the latter have never had any knowledge of Hiram Abiff?"

The explanation is simple, and, if doubted, let the doubt be accompanied by a reference to all that is known of Hiram Abiff, through sacred or profane history. The explanation is simply this: that Hiram Abiff derived his knowledge of Masonry, of both kinds, from the Brahmins, the Solomonic speculative Masonry being the offshoot of a purer symbolism, before it had degenerated into idolatry, when the symbol itself came to be worshipped, instead of that which it symbolized.

RAHU.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Can any brother inform me, if an American Order called the Knights of Pythias has any place of meeting in London, and, if so, where?

K.

MASONS' MARKS.

We gladly support our esteemed Bro. Kelly in asking what has become of Bro. Shaw's valuable collection of Masonic Marks. If they are to be had, would it not be well to have them published, and their character and contents become the common property of the Craft universal in a handy book form? Surely sufficient subscribers could be obtained to render such an enterprise not an unmasonic failure financially, as such works generally turn out to be.

W. J. HUGHAN.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY, GATESHEAD.

I have been familiar with the history of the old lodge at Gateshead for some years through the medium of the sketch of its career which prefaces the bye-laws. I have several times applied for information as to its minutes, but not succeeding in procuring anything additional to the history already published. I am, therefore, exceedingly glad that the W.M. and the Treasurer, Bro. E. Robson, P.M., have decided to place the records of the lodge in the hands of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., for, like several of us Masonic students, he has made such matters his particular study.

We shall all be anxiously on the look-out for fuller particulars than those already afforded in the pages of the *Freemason* to-day, which are promised for the *Masonic Magazine* in August, and especially the copy of the "Orders of Antiquity," by which we presume is meant another copy of the "Old Charges," or in other words the "Gateshead MS."

The Record-book is a valuable "find," and exceedingly curious. The particulars as to the "Highroddiam" will likely be beyond our comprehension at the present time, but in order that every opportunity may be given us to discover their meaning, let us express a hope that the minutes will be printed verbatim et literatim in the *Freemason* as well as in the *Masonic Magazine*.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 3rd July, 1875.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. H. Browne. There were also present Bros. John Symonds, Benjamin Head, Hyde Pullen, S. Rosenthal, H. Massey (*Freemason*), H. Dubosc, F. C. Moutrie, H. W. Hunt, J. Wordsworth, J. G. Chancellor, W. Paas, Jesse Turner, J. W. Dosell, F. J. Cox, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the last meeting having been read by Bro. Binckes, that brother proceeded to read the minutes of the various House (regular and special) Committee meetings which had been held since the last meeting of the General Committee. These reported the different proceedings which had taken place with reference to the school, among which were that fourteen gentlemen had become candidates for the post of headmaster of the school, which would become vacant at Christmas next. Out of these fourteen gentlemen thirteen had attended for election, and the Rev. S. Morris, of King's College, had been chosen to fill the Rev. O. G. D. Perrott's place, which he had resigned. The General Committee unanimously confirmed this appointment, and passed a resolution, also unanimously, that Dr. Morris should enter upon his duties on the reassembling of the boys on the 10th of August, assisted by four assistant masters in lieu of those who also retired. The Committee proceeded then with the consideration of the petitions of the friends of boys who wish to be admitted to the school as pupils. There were eight of these, and after the consideration of them the Committee adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, on Monday, the 21st June, and was attended by Bros. Wm. Thompson, J.P., S.G. Mark W.; A. W. Butter, J.G. Mark W.; Rev. R. C. Davy, P.G. Chaplain of England, P.G.C.; E. T. Payne, P.G.O., P.G. Treas.; W. W. Westcott, M.D., R. of M.; Col. H. Guyon, P.G.S.W.B.; Lieut.-Gen. H. E. Doherty, C.B., P.G.O.; B. Gay, P.G.O.; A. W. Scott, P. Prov. G.O. and G. Std.; G. F. Tuckey, P. Prov. G.J.W., and G. Std.; Benj. Cox, P. Prov. G.S.W., and P.G. Std., and R.A.C.; W. Richards, J. T. Hallam, M. Ansaldo, J. M. Hunt, G. Summers, R. Gregory, J. Easterbrook, J. Birchell, W. Nott, G. Mann, J. B. Halford, W. Richardson, H. Amor, P. Prov. G.S.D.; S. Jones, P. Prov. J.O.; R. C. Else, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Major-Gen. G. B. Munbee, J.P., P. Prov. S.G.W.; and numerous brethren from Bath, Bristol, Bridgewater, and other towns in the province.

In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Captain Irwin, presided. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were received in due form by the acting W.M., General Munbee (the W.M., Bro. A. W. Butter, being an officer of the province), and members of Lodge 102.

The lodge having been opened, some formal business was transacted, and in the course of the proceedings the P.G.S.W., Bro. W. Thompson, of Bath, in fulfilment of a promise given last year, presented to the lodge a very handsome blue silk banner, bearing the arms of the P.G.M., beautifully painted in heraldic colours.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in a few well-chosen sentences, conveyed to Bro. Thompson the thanks

of the lodge for his generous gift, and expressed a hope that the other brethren in the province would emulate him in zeal and liberality in the interest of the Order. The following brethren were invested with collars of office for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. W. Scott, Lodge 119, P.G.S.W.; Rev. C. R. Davy, 119, P.G.J.W.; S. Lewis, 102, P.G.M.O.; J. Matthews, 102, P.G.S.O.; W. B. Frampton, 102, P.G.J.O.; Rev. H. Richardson, 119, P.G. Chaplain; E. T. Payne, 177, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Halford, 119, P.G. Reg. M.; H. Amor, 119, Asst. do.; B. Cox, 102, P.G. Sec.; J. T. Hallam, 119, P.G. Asst. Sec.; G. Summers, 162, P.G.S.D.; R. Taylor, 155, P.G.J.D.; Haley, P.G. Insp. W.; J. H. H. Colmer, 162, Asst. do.; B. Gay, 119, P.G.D.C.; W. Richards, 119, P.G. Asst. D.C.; Capt. G. A. Phayre, 177, P.G. Sword Bearer; Major J. W. Preston, P.G. Standard Bearer; W. L. Gaskell, 102, P.G. Organist; J. Easterbrook, 119, P.G.I.G.; Grand Stewards, Bros. R. Gregory, W. E. Perrett, 102, M. Ansaldo, 119, A. Wickenden, 102, T. R. Lord, and Falkner; Grand Tyler, Bro. W. Cousins, 102.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where to the number of between thirty and forty they sat down to a first class banquet, served à la Russe, provided by Bro. Wickenden. The bill of fare comprised all the delicacies of the season, the dessert was rich and profuse, and the wines of the best quality. The V.W. the D.P.G.M. presided; the vice chairs being filled by the two Wardens of the lodge, Bro. A. W. Scott and Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy. After dinner a short toast list was gone through, but the speeches were chiefly of a complimentary character. The premier toast was of course, "The Queen and Mark Masonry." This was followed by the Grand Master (the Earl of Limerick) and the members of the Grand Lodge, coupled with the names of Bros. Thompson and Munro (Grand Stewards), and the first named gentleman incidentally mentioned that he had been a member of the Craft for about half a century. The next toast was the P.G.M. of Somerset, the Earl of Carnarvon, to whose interest in all that could promote the interest and well being of the Order the D.P.G.M. was enabled to pay handsome testimony. The toast found a fit respondent in Bro. Else, who is the D.P.G.M. designate of the Craft for the province, and who remarked that he was sure the brethren would excuse the attendance of the noble earl, seeing the important position he held in Her Majesty's Government, and the onerous and responsible duties which pressed upon him in the office of Secretary of State for the Colonies. Bro. Else concluded by giving the health of the D.P.G.M., whose skill in Masonry and the services he had rendered in its behalf he warmly eulogized. Captain Irwin acknowledged the compliment and proposed Bro. General Gore Munbee, the first Senior Grand Warden, and the acting Deputy Grand Master of the day, referring to the great interest the General had taken in Freemasonry both in England and India, and his readiness at all times to do everything in his power for the good of the Order. General Munbee, in returning thanks, referred with pleasure to the increase in the number of Mark Lodges, and spoke of the advantage of working under the Grand Lodge of England. For the Provincial Grand Officers, given from the chair, Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.J.W., responded. In giving the next toast, the W.M., officers and members of Lodge 102, the D.P.G.M. congratulated the W.M. upon the working of the lodge on the occasion of a recent visit, and the W.M. (Bro. A. W. Butter) briefly returned thanks. The W.M.'s of the other lodges in the province were next honoured, Bros. Davy (Royal Sussex), and Munro (119), responding. The D.P.G.M. next asked the brethren to toast Bro. Else, and darkly hinting (because the fact had not been officially communicated to him) at his appointment as Deputy Master of the Craft in the province, he congratulated Masons in general, and Mark Masons in particular because of the interest Bro. Else takes in the Mark Degree, upon the choice made by the P.G.M. The toast having been honoured, Bro. Else responded. Alluding to the "mysterious" hint of the D.P.G.M., he stated that a few days ago he received a letter from the Earl of Carnarvon, asking him when in London to call upon him, and he did so, when his lordship said the appointment of a successor to their late highly respected deputy, Captain Bridges, had occupied his thoughts very seriously for some time, and the determination he had come to, after taking all matters into consideration, was to ask him if he would accept the office. He thanked his lordship, and said that if he possessed his confidence, and it was for the benefit of the Craft, and would be acceptable to the brethren, he hoped he should not be doing wrong in accepting the appointment. Upon his lordship's assurance that he had his entire confidence he intimated his intention of accepting the office. He reminded the brethren that at present he was in the position of an elected Master of a lodge, but he thanked all who had congratulated him upon what they had heard. He trusted the Great Architect would give him health and strength and judgment to fill the office in a manner that would be advantageous to the Craft—promote the harmony of the Order, and the happiness of the brethren. The succeeding toast was "The Provincial Grand Officers," on whose behalf Bro. Munro returned thanks, and the concluding toast, "All poor and distressed Masons," was given by the P.G.S.W. We should say that the post prandial proceedings were the more enjoyable by the singing of several musical brethren.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN.

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The 77th anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday last, at the Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, the first time that it has been held in the summer and the first time that ladies have sat down with the brethren at the banquet table. To quote the words of our contemporary the *Daily News*, "The numbers of the Craft and of supporters of the Masonic Charitable Institutions having increased of late years to an enormous extent, the Freemasons' Tavern was considered too small to hold all the supporters of the different festivals, and the Secretary of the Boys' School, Bro. F. Binckes, conceived the idea of having the ladies to partake with the brethren of the pleasures of the banquet table out of town in lieu of in London. At all the Masonic Charitable Festivals ladies are admitted, but they dine by themselves and join the gentlemen only when the toasts and singing commence. The new experiment however, changed the usual routine, but although it had had many opponents, it proved to be a success, and it is not unlikely that it may be repeated on future occasions, at all events with the Boys' School."

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master for Somerset, presided, and was supported by more than 800 ladies and brethren. Among the latter were the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Sir Henry Edwards, Magnus Ohren, Hyde Pullen, J. M. P. Montagu, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, G. Plucknett, John Hervey, Thomas Meggy, Bros. Scott (D.P.G.M. Trinidad), J. Dent Allcroft (Treasurer of Christ's Hospital), Rev. Dr. Brette, J. G. Chancellor, H. Keeble, Thos. J. Sabine, H. Venn, W. Roebuck, Capt. Wordsworth, Capt. Smith, W. Worrell (Sec. Albert Orphan Asylum), James Terry (Sec. R. Masonic Ben. Inst.), R. W. Little (Sec. Girls' School), Thomas Cubitt, C. A. Cottebrune, W. H. Stephens, W. Murlis, Robt. B. Webster, J. A. Rucker, John Symonds, I. J. H. Wilkins, H. Dubosc, G. W. Verry, F. Walters, John While, R. D. Duckett, H. G. Buss, H. Thompson, A.

A. Pendlebury, Geo. Kenning, John Sutcliffe, W. F. C. Moutrie, F. Adlard, 7; C. J. Morgan, 8; W. R. Marsh, 9; J. Burton, 10; J. B. Garratt, 11; J. Clever, 12; C. W. Gray, 22; W. Lane, W.M. 28; J. Bingemann, 55; J. Compton, 55; W. G. Brighten, 72; J. Griffin, 90; W. Wilson, 96; J. H. Leggett, 145; F. R. Vine, 173; R. Tyrrell, W.M. 179; W. Hopekirk, Treas., 179; W. C. Parsons, 180; W. J. Norfolk, W.M. 181; Rev. D. Shaboe, 183; John Seex, 186; E. Jones, 192; E. Emanuel, 235; E. G. V. Sutton, 259; S. Rosenthal, 435; J. Johnsson, 657; J. Bertram, 742; J. Painter, 749; A. Braun, 766; H. Stewart, 780; H. Lamb, 780; Samuel May, 780; T. J. Cusworth, 813; W. H. Farnfield, 907; F. H. Miller, 907; W. Wrenn, 1056; G. B. Brodie, 1118; S. J. Hose, 1155; J. Wright, 1158; J. C. Cox, 1257; J. M. Klenck, W.M. 1339; D. Betts, W.M. 1351; W. Lutwyche, 1365; A. E. Burrell, 1446; and W. Kipps, 1631. Among the brethren from the provinces were Bros. J. Barce, 574; J. Palmer, 1501; J. F. Norris, 1404; W. Richards, J. E. Williams, 425; T. Marwood, 537; W. Matthews, 72; H.; E. Diamond, 353; C. Low, 802; Fitzherburg Wright, 1324; S. Jones, 112; J. Edward Curteis, 189; H. C. Burt, 622; F. Maddison, 1389; R. W. Motion, 453; Joseph Tanner, 1457; Joseph Reade, 951; H. C. Levander, 76; J. Lillywhite, 257; H. Coles, 359; H. Hacker, 723; F. Venables, 1385; W. Hicks, 77; W. Briggs, 298; James Holroyd, 298; W. Roberts, 298; W. Marshall, 792; W. H. Roberts, 792; J. Hadfield, 792; R. Mac Sheer, 792; Capt. Thomas Jewitt, 792; Dr. Ace, 1482; E. C. Woodward, 382; H. Edlmann, 708; Dr. Ramsey, 778; J. H. Thompson, 1237; F. Keily, 1293; S. Wolff, 1423; R. G. Griffin, 442; Ephraim Wood, 1124; J. O. Bury, 1336; E. T. Payne, 53; W. Richards (Mark Pro.G.L., Somerset); W. H. Lucia, 1008; A. J. Dickinson, 452; C. W. Duke, 40; Charles Horsley, 811; Joseph Fenn, 74; Edward Handley, 938; J. Chandler, 355; J. Thompson, 240; and W. Tasker, 61. The number of Stewards was about 250. The above list is not complete, but only contains the names

of those present as far as we were able to ascertain them.

The Earl of Carnarvon took the chair by half-past five o'clock, and the elegant and choice banquet was immediately proceeded with. When it was concluded grace was sung.

After grace had been sung,

The Chairman rose and said:—Brethren, and I think I must add on this occasion—almost the first in my own Masonic career—not only brethren, but ladies, whom I venture to welcome very cordially to our meeting, my first toast is that which stands by immemorial custom on our list, "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." The Queen commands our respect by every possible title, on every possible occasion, in every possible place; but she commands it here by a twofold obligation, namely, as the Queen and as the Patron of this Institution. Brethren, "The Health of the Queen."

After the singing of the National Anthem,

The Chairman again rose and said:—Brethren, the next toast on my list is that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and in giving that toast I give it not merely as the Prince of Wales, the first of our English Royalities, but as the Grand Master of English Freemasons. (Cheers.) Many of those who are in this room were present a short time since in the Albert Hall, and they saw there one of the greatest sights which Masonry in any part of the world or at any time has witnessed. (Hear, hear.) They saw there collected from all parts of England Masons of experience, of age, of standing, men respected in the Craft, who came to present their homage, and to hail with absolute unanimity the election of His Royal Highness to the chair—(hear, hear)—and the wish, the implied and the expressed wish, of every man there present, as the wish is of every person in this room, is that his Royal Highness may live long to rule over the Craft in happiness, in peace, and with success. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Brethren, "The Health of His Royal Highness the Grand Master."

The toast, as usual, was drunk with the heartiest enthusiasm, and followed by the sing-

ing of the part-song of Brinley Richards, "The Cambrian Plume."

The Earl of Shrewsbury followed by proposing "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. G.M., Chairman," and in doing so said:—Ladies and Brethren,—I hope you will fill a bumper to drink to the health of him whom I am about to offer to your notice; and when I mention to you that I have the honour to propose to you the health of my old schoolfellow of my old college companion, of my brother in politics, and my brother in Masonry, our Pro-Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, I am glad to think that you will pardon any want of eloquence on my part in offering this toast to you. As boys, as college friends, and in the House, we have kept up that intimacy, and it has been a pleasure to me that we have gone out into the world together. I told him I would not praise him, I knew his bashful disposition; but, I said, you must allow friendship to speak fairly and freely on your behalf. I am glad, therefore, to offer his health to such a distinguished assembly as I see before me. I know that time is valuable, and I know that ladies do not like long speeches, therefore, I shall do no more than propose to you "The Health of the Pro-Grand Master, with all his titles, the Earl of Carnarvon." (Applause.)

The toast was drank enthusiastically, and in reply,

The Chairman said: Ladies and Brethren,—There is an old proverb that it is extremely pleasant for any one to be praised by one who is himself praised. It is equally pleasant to have your health proposed by an old school and college friend: and my noble friend who just now has been good enough to propose my health, has done so not only as a Mason, but in recollection of many pleasant days and hours which we in former times have passed together. (Hear hear.) I thank him most cordially for the kindness which has prompted every word, and I thank this great meeting, also, for the kindly, and more than that, the friendly manner in which they have been pleased to receive that health. (Cheers.) Brethren, I have a duty now to perform in submitting to you another toast which stands upon my list, and which is one well deserving of all commendation. You are well aware that Masonry has been from all time past compacted, so to speak, of different orders and of different degrees; above all things, it has represented these two great principles, the principle of election and the principle of appointment. Your Masters are elected in your lodges, your Grand Master is elected by the free voice of the Craft (Hear, hear), and yet both Masters and Grand Masters, each in their turn, have certain great powers of appointment vested in them; and the officers who more than any represent this double principle of election and appointment are your Grand Officers. They have all served their turn as Masters in their lodges; they have all taken their part in the administration of the Craft in the provinces; and they have all been selected, in turn, by the Grand Master for the time being; and, therefore, they are above all the lights and the pillars, so to speak, of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, we have some of them present here to-day, and I give you their health, and with that toast I give you the name of one who has but recently been invested with the purple of office, but who already has made himself a position of great popularity in his own county, "The Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Sir Henry Edwards." (Great cheering.)

The toast was fittingly accepted by the whole company, and immediately responded to by

Sir Henry Edwards, who said,—My lords, ladies, and brother Masons, it is indeed a great and unexpected pleasure, as it is a great privilege, for any Mason to be allowed to stand up in this room to respond for a toast of the importance which I consider this to be. It is quite clear that your General cannot carry on the affairs of the Craft without his lieutenants, and it is indeed handsome on his part to acknowledge that it is so—that we are all dependent one upon the other, from the head down to the very lowest of the Craft. Friends, all I can say is this that I entirely agree with those who support this Institution, to the Masons, their wives, their daughters,

their sisters, met with them to do honour to our Provincial and Pro Grand Master; and I must say this, that of all great meetings that I have attended I have never known such a success as this. (Great applause.) It only shows how much our Provincial and Pro Grand Master's abilities are appreciated by the Craft in general; and it also shows that those who have come here might have come here entirely in consequence of knowing he was to preside this evening. I will not say much more, because I know that time is short, and very little time is to be given to subordinates like myself; but I cannot help saying one good word for the lodge to which I have the honour to belong, No. 61 of the Province of West Yorkshire. (Cheers.) I congratulate them on assembling in such numbers to-night, and for the wonderful contributions they have made to the Boys' School. I think that I can answer for this, that next year it will be larger still. (Renewed cheering.) My Lord, I am obliged to you for the honour you have done me, and I am sorry that the time is so short as it is.

Miss Josephine Sherrington here sang the Shadow song from "Dinorah," and was enthusiastically cheered and encored. After she had complied with the call, and been again rapturously applauded;

The Chairman rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." He said,—Brethren, there is an old saying somewhere that "After the nightingales come the crows," and I feel myself very much in the position of a crow when I follow the extremely beautiful air to which we have just been listening; but whether I be a crow or whether I be any other sort of bird—and I lay no claim to being a nightingale—it is my duty to trespass on your patience for a few minutes, and I promise that they shall be but a few minutes, whilst I endeavour to give you that which is after all, the toast of the evening, that which has brought us together to-day. (Hear hear.) Brethren, I have to give you "The Prosperity of this Institution." In this, as in every institution, we naturally look back to the past, and if we compare the past with the present how very wide will that difference be. I must ask you to go back with me as far as the year 1739, and you need not be afraid that I shall give you a record of every fact that has occurred between then and now; but I ask you to remember what the year 1739 was in England. Politically it was very different from the present. We were on the eve of a civil war, and of an internal disturbance. In matters of education, though there were great writers and great thinkers whom we still delight to read and to honour, there was little education in the class at least for whom this school is provided, and, Masonically, it was an important year, because just at that time the Pope had thought it worth while in England to fulminate the bull against Freemasonry; and English Freemasonry itself did not number, I suppose, within the four seas, one-half of those whom I see collected in this room. In that year, 1739, I find that a resolution was proposed during the Grand Mastership of one who, strange to say, bore my own name, the Lord Carnarvon of the day, from which grew out, some years afterwards, first the Girls' Schools and secondly the Boys' School. That resolution is now matter of Masonic history. It was subsequently acted upon as I have said, and this institution was established. In those days it was but a small affair; there were but six scholars, and they were to be clothed, and brought up, and nurtured, and educated; but in the inevitable default of the necessary accommodation it was provided that they should be brought up in any neighbouring school which would offer a good education. Since then, however, great is the difference! Buildings have been erected which we all know, and the present school, for the sake of which we are assembled together to-day, numbers within its walls no less, I am told, than 177 boys who are brought up, clothed, and educated entirely free of expense to their friends; they receive what may be termed a thoroughly good commercial education, they go forth subsequently into life, and I believe from all that I have heard, that they do honour to themselves generally, and to the institution which has sent them forth. Year by year this school has passed

under examination—first of all under the Syndicate of Cambridge, and periodically by the University Local Examinations, and it may be a matter of satisfaction to all those who take an interest in this Institution to know that since the day when these buildings were erected, now some 16 years since, so satisfactory has been the health of those boys, that I am informed that during the whole of that period there have been but three deaths. In this time the school and the Craft have gone on steadily advancing together, and this is an illustration in fact of the way in which the Craft itself is worked in this country. It has undertaken useful works; by those useful works it stands; and through those useful works it has spread far and wide its great reputation for usefulness and for charity. I have to say one word on the subject of that which, after all, affects all these questions more closely than anything else, and which though it may sound dull, is yet of vital consequence—I mean the question of finance. I have not myself had the opportunity of looking into or examining closely the financial condition of this institution. All that I can say is to be derived from those who are more conversant with it; and whilst on the one hand there is much that is satisfactory I am bound also to point out to you that, like all human things, it even yet admits of amendment. You have, no doubt, done much; large sums are subscribed on every gathering such as this. You have erected magnificent buildings; you have even, as I am informed, paid off the debt upon these buildings; and you give an education to these boys at what seems to me comparatively a very low figure, viz., £45 a year, and I am told further that even that £45 a year has been gradually reduced, as expenses have been brought down during the last few years. All this you have done, all this is matter of honest pride and satisfaction, but I have also to remind you that this institution has no endowment, and that the money which is subscribed on these occasions has hitherto, as I understand, been only just sufficient to pay the way of this great Institution. And, more than that, I may repeat what was said by one who formerly spoke in this place, and spoke, I think, on that point with considerable truth, when he stated that the subscriptions proceed too frequently from a certain given fixed number of individuals, and are not so largely taken up and supported as they should be by the whole body of the Craft. In this, as in other matters of charity, I desire that the pyramid should have as broad a base as possible—should rest on that base, and should not rest on a tiny bottom. Nothing but a large amount of subscriptions from a great number of individuals can make the base of your pyramid broad, and nothing but breadth of base is a security for such an institution as this. And now I have said enough, and perhaps I should not have said so much had I not myself absolutely felt bound on such an occasion to do so. I have said quite enough for so festive an occasion as this. I can only commend the charity to you and to your sympathies by commending it to all those who have in former times supported it so nobly and liberally. I commend it further to those brethren who as individuals have sympathised with, but have not yet given any visible and tangible evidence of that sympathy; and lastly, and certainly most potentially, I commend it to those who can do more for it than any brother here present, the ladies who have sat down with us to-day.

Bro. George Plucknett, Treasurer, replied as follows:—Ladies and brethren,—To the last toast I have to reply. I beg to thank you, and to express the gratitude of the Institution for the very kind manner in which the toast has been received. First, let me express on the part of the Institution our gratitude to the noble lord who has presided here to-night. While the Institution has the privilege and the advantage of being presided over by a nobleman in the exalted position which Lord Carnarvon is, we may augur well for the prosperity of the Institution. Allow me also to express our grateful thanks to the ladies for their presence here to-night; and we may be assured that while they take an interest in the prosperity of the Institution there is no telling what success may attend it. I may tell

you that all your subscriptions will be most judiciously and economically expended, and I am sure that the committee to whom you delegate your affairs will take care that the Institution shall be the best that there is. (Cheers.)

Bro. F. Binckes here read the following lists of subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, and R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, <i>Chairman</i> ...	52	10	0
Earl of Shrewsbury ...	21	0	0
Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.S.W. ...	10	10	0
Bro. John A. Rucker, P.G.D., and P.G.Std., P.M. 66, and Vice-Pres. of Institution ...	31	10	0
Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M. Dorset, Friends in Council Lodge, 1388 ...	367	10	0
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LONDON LODGES.			
Grand Stewards' ...	131	5	0
1 Grand Master's ...	15	15	0
2 Antiquity ...	58	8	0
3 Fidelity ...	33	1	6
4 Rl. Somerset House & Inverness ...	52	10	0
5 St. George and Corner Stone ...	54	12	0
6 Friendship ...	10	10	0
7 Royal York of Perseverance ...	35	14	0
8 British ...	23	2	0
9 Albion ...	65	0	0
10 Westminster and Keystone ...	30	19	6
11 Enoch ...	32	1	6
12 Fortitude and Old Cumberland ...	70	7	0
14 Tuscan ...	49	7	0
18 Old Dundee ...	121	16	0
21 Emulation ...	43	1	0
22 Neptune ...	38	17	0
28 Old King's Arms ...	29	19	0
33 Britannic ...	101	1	6
49 Gihon ...	246	15	0
55 Constitutional ...	63	0	0
59 Royal Naval ...	30	9	0
60 Peace and Harmony ...	31	10	0
72 Jubilee ...	40	8	6
73 Mount Lebanon ...	144	18	0
90 St. John's ...	44	8	6
91 Regularity ...	47	7	0
96 Burlington ...	37	16	0
108 London ...	50	8	0
145 Prudent Brethren ...	53	5	6
165 Honour and Generosity ...	47	5	0
167 St. John's ...	39	18	0
173 Phoenix ...	78	4	6
176 Caveac ...	50	18	6
179 Manchester ...	29	18	6
180 St. James' Union ...	120	14	0
181 Universal ...	30	9	0
186 Industry ...	72	9	0
192 Lion and Lamb ...	142	5	6
197 Jerusalem ...	34	12	0
222 St. Andrew's-in-the-East ...	50	8	0
235 Nine Muses ...	21	0	0
256 Unions ...	39	18	0
259 Prince of Wales' ...	36	15	0
435 Salisbury ...	52	10	0
511 Zetland ...	44	2	0
569 Fitzroy ...	69	16	0
657 Canonbury ...	140	14	0
749 Belgrave ...	28	8	6
766 William Preston ...	36	15	0
780 Royal Alfred ...	27	6	0
813 New Concord ...	53	17	0
822 Victoria Rifles ...	52	10	0
834 Ranelagh ...	17	17	0
907 Royal Albert ...	34	13	0
1056 Victoria ...	100	0	0
1118 University ...	47	5	0
1155 Excelsior ...	35	14	0
1158 Southern Star ...	133	17	6
1201 Eclectic ...	21	0	0
1178 Perfect Ashlar ...	31	10	0
1227 Upton ...	64	1	0
1257 Grosvenor ...	80	11	6
1278 Burdett Coutts ...	70	7	0
1305 St. Marylebone ...	63	0	0
1329 Sphinx ...	31	10	0
1339 Stockwell ...	31	10	0
1351 St. Clement Danes' ...	69	16	6
1365 Clapton ...	26	5	0
1445 Prince Leopold ...	35	3	6
1446 Mount Edgcumbe ...	227	6	0

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1489 Marquess of Ripon ...	135	0	0
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414 Union ...	29	18	6
574 Hope ...	36	15	0
591 Buckingham ...	31	10	0
1101 Grey Friars ...	73	10	0
1501 Wycombe ...	115	10	0
1404 St. Vincent ...	114	9	0
425 Cestrian ...	73	10	0
537 Zetland ...	10	10	0
721 Independence ...	10	10	0
DERBYSHIRE.			
253 Tyrian ...	78	15	0
353 Royal Sussex ...	57	15	0
802 Repose ...	10	18	0
1324 Okeover ...	123	18	0
DEVONSHIRE.			
70 St. John's ...	63	1	0
112 St. George's ...	137	11	0
189 Sincerity ...	89	5	0
DORSET.			
622 St. Cuthberga ...	633	3	0
DURHAM.			
1389 Fenwick ...	372	19	6
ESSEX.			
453 Chigwell ...	68	5	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
951 Prince of Wales ...	42	0	0
257 Phoenix ...	102	1	0
359 Peace and Harmony ...	96	12	0
723 Panmure (including £10 10s. from the Duke of Connaught) ...	151	14	0
403 Hertford ...	12	12	0
404 Watford ...	51	9	0
1385 Gladsmuir ...	55	10	0
1479 Halsey ...	10	10	0
77 Freedom ...	23	2	0
829 Sydney ...	157	10	0
1464 Erasmus Wilson ...	26	5	0
LANCASHIRE EAST.			
37 Anchor and Hope ...	42	0	0
62 Social ...	10	10	0
298 Harmony ...	10	10	0
645 Humphrey Cheetham ...	115	10	0
LANCASHIRE WEST.			
148 Lights ...	12	12	0
241 Merchants' ...	126	0	0
281 Fortitude ...	11	11	0
1021 Hartington ...	47	5	0
1225 Hindpool ...	47	5	0
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLANDSHIRE.			
1391 Commercial ...	181	13	0
792 Pelham Pillar ...	63	0	0
1298 St. Alban's ...	10	10	0
MIDDLESEX.			
382 Royal Union ...	22	1	0
708 Carnarvon ...	19	19	0
778 Bard of Avon ...	23	2	0
1237 Enfield ...	94	10	0
1309 Acacia ...	63	0	0
1423 Era ...	15	15	0
1465 Thames Valley ...	94	10	0
1494 Felix ...	12	12	0
1503 Francis Burdett ...	16	16	0
1194 R. Middlesex R. Arch Chap. ...	37	16	0
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTS.			
442 St. Peter's ...	113	8	0
NORTHUMBERLAND.			
991 Tyne ...	110	5	0
NORTH WALES AND SALOP.			
117 Salopian of Charity ...	21	0	0
1124 St. Oswald ...	10	10	0
1336 Square and Compasses ...	52	10	0
1477 Sir Watkin ...	15	15	0
OXFORDSHIRE.			
340 Alfred ...	10	10	0
357 Apollo University (including £10 10s. from Prince Leopold) ...	132	8	0
599 Cherwell ...	15	15	0
SOMERSETSHIRE.			
53 Royal Sussex ...	286	6	0
135 Perpetual Friendship ...	171	7	6
Mark Provincial Grand Lodge ...	30	9	0
SOUTH WALES—EASTERN DIVISION.			
823 Afan ...	236	5	0
SOUTH WALES—WESTERN DIVISION.			
674 Prince of Wales' ...	130	4	0
STAFFORDSHIRE.			
418 Menturia ...	221	0	0

	£	s.	d.
SUFFOLK.			
1008 Royal St. Edmund's ...	65	2	0
1224 Stour Valley ...	88	17	0
SURREY.			
452 Frederick of Unity ...	22	11	6
1046 St. Andrew's ...	5	5	0
SUSSEX.			
40 Derwent ...	68	5	0
811 Yarborough ...	44	2	0
WARWICKSHIRE.			
74 Athol ...	80	17	0
938 Grosvenor ...	283	10	0
WILTSHIRE.			
355 Royal Sussex of Emulation ...	91	7	0
YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST.			
250 Minerva ...	36	15	0
MARK DEGREE.			
75 Royal Sussex ...	514	0	0
Prov. Grand Mark Lodge ...	815	1	0
INDIA.			
Presidency of Bombay ...	31	10	0
MARK DEGREE.			
75 Royal Sussex ...	514	0	0
ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.			
Palestine Chapter of R.C. ...	21	0	0
Making altogether a total of over £12,700.			
The result was received with great cheering.			
The Earl of Carnarvon during the reading of the lists was called away by official duties, and the Earl of Shrewsbury took the chair. At the conclusion of the reading of the lists,			
The Earl of Shrewsbury said he should propose that the company should drink no more toasts, but he could not suffer the brethren to adjourn without honouring the toast of "The Ladies."			
The toast was drunk.			
Bro. S. Rosenthal responded,			
After which the whole party adjourned to the concert hall and spent the remainder of the evening there. The musical arrangements were highly creditable to Madame Thaddeus Wells, under whose direction they were, and the artistes engaged were Miss Josephine Sherrington, Madame Poole, Mdle. Risarelli, Signor Bignardi, Mr. Henry Guy, R.A.M.; Bro. J. Kerr Gedde, Bro. Geo. Fox, Bro. Farquharson, Herr Behrens; solo-violin, Mdle. Bertha Brousil; pianoforte, Signor Li Calsi, Madame Thaddeus Wells, and Bro. Henry Parker.			
The dinner, supplied by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, was all that could be desired.			

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The half-yearly communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place at the Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on the 29th ult., in the lodge-room of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, under the auspices of which the meeting was held.

The Craft Lodge was opened at one o'clock. Shortly after that time the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, accompanied by his Prov. G. Officers, entered the lodge-room and received the customary salute.

After the minutes had been confirmed and the ballot taken for several joining members and candidates for initiation, the principal event of the day, that of installing Bro. S. E. Johnson as W.M. of No. 799, took place, the office of installing Master having been, by the special desire of the members of that lodge, undertaken by the Provincial Grand Master. It is almost needless to state that the duties of that important office, and the impressive ritual of the ceremony of installation, were performed in a very admirable and efficient manner.

The brethren, not only of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, but of other lodges also in the province, are under deep obligations to his lordship for having on several occasions fulfilled the onerous duties of installing Master, and too much praise cannot be accorded to him for the ready and gracious spirit in which he has always been pleased to comply with the wishes of the brethren that he should undertake those duties.

On the completion of the business of the Craft Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. Grand Master, who was assisted by the following officers:—W. Bros. the Revd. J. Denton, P.P.S.G.W., as Deputy Prov. G.M.; Samuel Love, Prov. S.G.W.; E. F. Mannwatt, P. Prov. S.G.W., as I.G.W.; W. B. Smith, Prov. G. Treasurer; T. G. Tippetts, Prov. G. Reg.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Secretary; W. Johnson as Prov. G.S.D.; W. Hardy, Prov. G.J.D.; J. T. Thorp, Prov. G.A.D.C., as D.C.; R. Boughton-Smith, P.P.G.A. D.C., as Grand Sword Bearer; C. E. Stretton, Prov. G.A.P., as Grand Purs.; G. W. Statham and R. Dalgleish, P.G. Stewards; and C. Bembridge, Prov. G. Tyler.

A fuller report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

AN ORATION

BY THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.,

Delivered on the occasion of the Consecration of Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.

Most Worshipful Consecrating Officer, Senior and Junior Wardens and Brethren, though I should personally have preferred that some brother more connected with the locality had addressed you on the present occasion, yet as during my 33 years of connection with our good old Order, I have always obeyed my superiors, I felt bound to defer at once to the wishes and command of my excellent and respected friend and brother in the chair. I shall, therefore, venture to address a few words to you to-day, relying on your wonted fraternal kindness and consideration. I congratulate you, in the first instance, on your name of the Chaucer Lodge. Chaucer is so historical a name to Englishmen, that in this locality especially the name of your lodge suggests many and pleasant memories. It is not far from here that the "Tabard" once stood from which Chaucer started in his famous pilgrimages with his goodly companions. The old original Tabard has long since given way to the "encroaching hand of time," but a successor has long existed on the same spot, which is now also doomed to pass away.* Chaucer may fairly be denominated the Patriarch of English Poetry. Though not the first in that long roll of illustrious names in point of time, he may be looked upon as the eldest of that great family which has shed such grace and honour on the English language, which has charmed imagination, vindicated honour, aroused sympathy, and proclaimed the right, and which is now read by countless thousands, not only of the Anglo-Saxon race, but of all nations alike, with gratification, admiration, and enthusiasm.

Chaucer is 7th in point of time. He was preceded by Cædmon, by our great King Alfred, by Robert of Gloucester, by Robert de Brunne, by Richard Rolle, by Robert Langland, though the last is very nearly contemporary with Chaucer.

In his "Pilgrimage" he tells us that

"An Haberdasher and a Carpenter,
A Webbe, a Dyer and a Tapiser,
Were all y clothed in o liverè

Of a solempne and grete fraternité ;"

and were amongst those who went out from the Tabard.

It is a pity that he has not said also a "Freemason," as we might have learned whether he were also, as some have surmised from stray expressions in his writings, a member of our fraternity. Of this I can say nothing certain. It may be so, but we have no evidence of it, further than this, that he was connected with the operative masons. On the 12th of July, 1389, he was appointed, by patent, Clerk of the King's Works at the Palace of Westminster, Tower of London, and elsewhere. In July, 1790, he was commanded to procure workmen for the repair of St. George's Chapel, at Windsor. Chaucer, as it is believed, married Philippa, the daughter of Sir Payne Roet, a Fleming by birth, and sister of Katherine Roet, first the wife of Sir Hugh Swinford, and then of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. He died in a tenement leased from Westminster Abbey, in 1400, and was buried in that sacred fane.

Let us now pass on to one or two topics connected with our present assembly.

Agreeing heartily as I do with all that our excellent Grand Secretary and Presiding Officer has so well said in respect of caution as to the admission of new members, which at this moment is a great trial of our order, I would, after a long membership, point out, that some of us take a fallacious view of the subject. I have heard it said, if a person can pay his fees, and is a good sort of a fellow, that is quite enough. I venture to think that such a view is not a true one, nor a Masonic one of the matter. In the admission of members we ought to ask ourselves this question, is the candidate so thoroughly respectable and well principled that we could, if need be, safely introduce him to our own family circle? If we cannot say so, we have no right to admit him into our lodge, which, remember, is a band of brethren, linked together by the most sacred ties of virtuous and religious sympathies, by a love of morality, honour, loyalty, and truth.

At this moment some, I fear, are tempted to enter into Freemasonry by a sort of idea that they are providing against a rainy day. They treat it as an enlarged benefit club, which view, as Lord Zetland once most truly said, is utterly opposed to the real teaching of Freemasonry. Freemasonry never was, and never can be a mere benefit society. We relieve our brethren in unforeseen emergencies of calamity and distress; we educate the orphan, and we assist the widow, but no one has a right to claim such relief—it is and must ever be the spontaneous expression of pure Masonic benevolence.

I think, too, Worshipful Sir and Brethren, that

like as our Grand Master so well reminded us, "Loyalty and Charity" should be our watchwords just now. Happily for us we know nothing of political discussions, but as Freemasons we are loyal always to the sovereign of our native land, and we pay honest obedience to the laws of any country where we may casually reside.

Loyalty is a wide word, and includes not only loyalty to our sovereign, but loyalty to our own duties as fathers and husbands, as brethren, as citizens. Loyalty too to those fair sisters of ours, in the true chivalry of Freemasonry, who shed, let us ever remember with gratitude and devotion, the inestimable blessing of Masonic grace, and faith, and love, and truth, on this hard world of ours.

Bro. Woodford here read an extract from Chaucer called "Praise of Women," which was loudly applauded by the brethren.

He proceeded to say, as to charity I need say but very little; we can fairly point to our great charities when the outer world asks us, either with sincere good will or impertinent curiosity of what good we are.

Bro. Woodford here read another extract from Chaucer, entitled "Mercy," which was also greatly appreciated.

And now, brethren, I beg to conclude my short and imperfect oration, thanking you for your attention, craving your forbearance, and reiterating my own hearty good wishes for the progress and prosperity, the harmony and the welfare of the Chaucer Lodge.

LODGE "ROMAN EAGLE," EDINBURGH, No. 160.

A Funeral Lodge was held in the Lodge Roman Eagle, No. 160, on Tuesday the 15th ultimo, in memory of Bro. Dr. Thomas Cairns, J.P.M. The lodge was opened at the Third Degree by Bro. George Laing, R.W.M., assisted by Bro. B. Miller, S.W.; Bro. Thomas Willmott, J.W.; Bro. W. Cowrie, P.M.; Bro. Dr. W. Stevenson, D.M.; Bro. I. Mann, S.M.; Bro. Cowan, Chaplain; Bro. W. Anderson, Treasurer; Bro. Alex. Scott, Secretary; and a large attendance of the Brethren. There were also present, Bro. Dr. W. S. Carmichael, P.M. 48; Bro. Geo. Borland, R.W.M. 151; Bro. D. Cameron, P.M. 429; Bro. A. D. Cairns, S.W. 392; Bro. Walter W. Mooney, S.W. 145, &c.

The following is the Programme of the proceedings: Solemn music while brethren are taking their seats, and office bearers and brethren of sister lodges enter in procession and take their appointed seats.

Dead March in Saul.

The R.W.M. then opened the lodge in the Third Degree.

Prayer.—Chaplain.

Grand Honours.

Requiem.—Harmonium.

Anthem.—Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come, who shall not glorify Thy name, for Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord.

Service with responses.—*M.* It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after death the judgment. *Response.* So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. *M.* Lord, make us to know our end, and the measure of our days, what it is, that we may know how frail we are. *R.* Behold thou hast made our days as an handbreadth, and our age is as nothing before Thee. *M.* What is life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. *R.* Therefore, whatsoever our hands find to do, may we do it with all our might, seeing there is no work, nor device, nor wisdom, nor knowledge in the grave, whither we are going.

Grand Honours.

Anthem (Luther).—Blest are the departed who in the Lord are sleeping, from henceforth, for evermore. They rest from their labours, and their works follow them.

Service with responses.—*M.* Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. *R.* God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our God even unto death.

Grand Honours.

Anthem (Kent).—O Lord, our Governor, O how excellent is Thy name in all the world!

ORATION BY BRO. GEORGE LAING, R.W.M. 160.

Brethren, not long ago, we met within this hall, in joyous festivity, to acknowledge, as best we could, the honour of receiving the first official visit paid to a daughter lodge by the M. W. the G.M.M. of Scotland, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, after his election to the throne.

The place the same, how changed the scene! Assembled as we now are to pay the last M.H. to the memory of our I.P.M., and in accordance with usual Masonic custom, it devolves on me to lay before you some sketch of the life of our departed brother, Dr. Cairns.

In the performance of that duty, I must crave

that sympathy at your hands on which I feel I can rely, for any shortcomings which may become apparent to you, and this the more readily, that it is to our deceased brother that the L.R.E. and I are indebted for being brought together.

That introduction was under circumstances of solemn sadness and mourning, through the death of your beloved and lamented late R.W.M., Bro. James Paterson, the immediate successor to Bro. Dr. Cairns, who, on the last occasion of a Funeral Lodge in your midst, though himself suffering severely under illness and physical exhaustion, so ably and so eloquently conducted those honours to the memory of Bro. Paterson, which it is now incumbent upon me to attempt for him.

Brother Thomas Cairns was born in the post town of Saline, Fifeshire, in the year 1822. The family from which he sprung had resided there through many generations, his father in his day occupying the position of builder and architect in his native town. Thomas was the second son in a family of five sons and three daughters, and although he alone ultimately turned his energies towards a professional career, all his brothers attained useful and prominent positions in agricultural and commercial life. Two brothers and two sisters now survive to mourn his loss.

After receiving the education requisite for the career intended for him by his father, Thomas was, at the age of twelve, placed behind the counter of Mr. Matthew Brady, a respectable and successful grocer in Alloa. Here he faithfully served a formal and long apprenticeship of seven years. To a mind like his, this must have been tedious training indeed, but probably not without great influence in disciplining him to toil patiently and perseveringly in acquiring those stores of highly cultivated knowledge and information in the many and varied branches which he mastered so ably at a future period.

At the age of nineteen, having completed his apprenticeship, he commenced studying with the intention of becoming a clergyman, and prosecuted those studies so earnestly and well, as in due time to be formally licensed as a preacher in connection with the Free Church of Scotland, in which capacity he officiated most satisfactorily in different pulpits in various places, Edinburgh among others. This and subsequent successful results to his labours were entirely due to his own prudence and indomitable spirit of perseverance, and from first to last carried on without any pecuniary help whatever from family or friends. Thus launched in a definite profession, most men would, under ordinary circumstances, have been satisfied with the prospects now unfolding, still more after such an achievement as his against obstacles requiring every possible exertion of prudence, forethought and care. With him, however, his course of studies and battle with difficulties were little more than begun.

From what cause is not exactly known, but shortly after being licensed as a probationer, he commenced the study of surgery and medicine, furnishing himself with the necessary means by devoting the time he had to spare to teaching classical literature, mathematics, and other branches of the higher education. Former pupils—and I believe some such are now here—bear grateful testimony to his high intellectual culture, and the great fluency he possessed in imparting instruction.

The result of his own second course of professional studies was the attainment of a degree from the R.C.P. as well as from the R.C.S., both in Edinburgh. Of his career as a medical practitioner, others could speak with more authority than I possibly can, yet this I may assert, that when death's pale peace came o'er him, many a grateful patient mourned his loss. In his application to professional duties in the hour of sickness and pain, he was thoroughly zealous—his own health and comfort the least of his thoughts. Full of earnest anxiety where danger existed or threatened, with his natural fertility of resource, if one remedy failed he had another to apply, and the performance of his professional duties was accompanied throughout, by a degree of kindly sympathy and interest, evinced in the soothing accents with which he brought hope to alarm and relief to suffering, that linked him to the affections of his patients and their friends. As an accoucheur, in the opinion of his professional brethren, he was great and successful in his art.

That he had devoted much attention to the treatment of the diseases of children was proved by his skilful practice amongst them. Of children he was naturally fond, soon gaining the affectionate confidence of the little ones who lispily welcomed the Doctor, whose visits were, in their minds more associated with gifts of barley-sugar and sweets, than with doses of medicine in the hateful forms of powders and draughts. In any address to you I need not dwell upon the social virtues which endeared him to all who had the privilege to call him friend, but personally, I must acknowledge his never-varying courtesy to myself.

* The W.M. stated later that the demolition was going on when these words were spoken.

Although his nominee in my position as your R.W.M., while his position among you was deservedly one of great influence, whether from time to time we agreed or not, as to the ideas I had in conducting the affairs of the lodge, I had always his good wishes and hearty support, and no brother of the lodge could congratulate me more cordially than he did upon the success attending its workings. His delicate and failing health precluded my asking that assistance in these labours which he was, nevertheless, willing and ready to give, and to the last, his interest in the prosperity of the L.R.E. was vividly retained, and our present mournful gathering is in accordance with one of the dearest wishes of his heart. The exalted opinion of Freemasonry which he thus evinced, was acquired by careful and persistent study of its principles, in which he gloried, ever delighting in the work of making others become participators in that he loved so well.

Freemasonry in its highest lessons, teaches men so to die, that when the shadows fall, and the earthly light for them is waning, then becomes most apparent in its brightest effulgence, the eternal light in the Eternal Lodge. Therefore we mourn our late brother as departed, not as dead. Called on as we are this evening to contemplate the valley darkened with the shadow of death, through which our brother has passed, we can see, however faintly it may be, only a single ray of the glorious light in which that valley terminates, and we have a sure confidence that this is realized in all its brightness by him whose loss we mourn. Let us, whom he has left behind, whose vision is obscured by the darkness of earth, and to whom all Masonry is but as blind groping through the mist, take comfort in the thought that that last Masonic step which our brother has taken, and in which we must so surely follow, leads to the realization of perfect knowledge from the Omniscient Fount on High.

Farewell! good friend—social companion—whose genial and well-stored mind enriched many an evening with bright and intellectual enjoyment—to whose kindness—whose generosity, and whose charity—we would now bear testimony through personal knowledge, and through grateful report!

Farewell! good, true, hard-working Mason, ever ready to promote the interests of our Craft by services so rendered as to rear a monument to your Masonic fame. May thy spirit live with us, so to move us that in our lives we may carry out the precepts you so often and so well inculcated in our own and in our sister lodges, who now gratefully sympathize with us in our time of mourning.

Farewell! but not for ever, nor for long. Over as too the shadows are fast lengthening, but in this we rejoice, that the principles of Freemasonry, practised on earth, all tend to a final re-union of the brotherhood beneath Heaven's great arch—darkness and doubt for ever passed away.

Elegy (Calcott).—Choir.

Service with responses.—M. The memory of the just is blessed. R. But the name of the wicked shall perish.

Anthem.—Behold how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Service with responses.—M. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. R. And loving favour rather than silver and gold. M. The Lord is just in all his ways. R. And holy in all his works.

Grand Honours.

Prayer.—Chaplain.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

God save our gracious Queen;
Long may Victoria reign.

God save the Queen!
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen!

Hail! mystic holy light,
Heaven born and ever bright,
Spread more and more.

Light of the bold and free,
Honour and Loyalty,
Light of Free Masonry,
Ne'er leave our shore.

The choral services were conducted by Bro. O. W. Longstreeth, and a choir of eight voices. Bro. A. G. Jameson presided at the harmonium. The choruses were most effectively rendered, and the whole ceremony was most impressive throughout.

The lodge was then closed by the R.W.M.

Freemasonry in New Zealand.

PACIFIC LODGE, No. 1229, E.C., HOKITIKA, WESTLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

The annual installation meeting of this highly prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Revell Street, on Tuesday afternoon, February 23rd. The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar, attended by his D.G.S.W., Bro. Bevan and D.G.J.W. Bro. Hudson, and other District Grand Officers were received with the customary honours. W.M. Bro. Eisfelder then vacated his seat to the R.W.D.G.M., who, with his officers presided, and then duly installed, in his well-known and eloquent manner, Bro. J. Bramwell as W.M.; Bro. Eisfelder, J.P.M.; Bro. Ramsay, S.W.; Bro. Hill, J.W.; Bro. Linnemann, Treasurer; Bro. Wales, Secretary; Bro. Benning, S.D.; Bro. Dixon, J.D.; Bro. Douglas, J.G.; Bro. Epping, Tyler. There were about twelve Past Masters, as well as a large attendance of Brethren from all parts of the Province, present to witness the interesting and time honoured proceedings, which were conducted in so able a manner as to elicit the warmest approbation.

The R.W.D.G.M. congratulated the lodge on its increasing prosperity, the zealous attention of the Brethren to their duties, and the highly satisfactory manner in which everything relating to the welfare of the craft was conducted in this important lodge—one indeed, which could well lay claim to rank foremost in Masonic circles, for he really felt proud when he heard the balance-sheet read, and shewing a credit balance of over £600, notwithstanding the large amounts of money which had been expended during the year in charity and other good works. It was therefore evident that the true spirit of Masonry was thoroughly implanted in the hearts of the Brethren, and he hoped they would long enjoy the happiness which at present surrounded them.

The usual banquet was held at 8 p.m., at which between 50 and 60 Brethren sat down. On this occasion it was held in the lodge room, which was most appropriately and tastefully laid out, everything provided being of the best description. The newly installed W.M. Bro. Bramwell, presided. After the more serious and substantial portion of the proceedings were concluded, and grace said, the W.M. proposed the "Queen and the Craft," which was most loyally, and heartily drank, followed by the "National Anthem." The "Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," was the next toast. The W.M. in proposing it, dwelt at considerable length upon the incalculable advantages which Masonry derived from such a Sovereign head, especially under the circumstances which had so unaccountably created the vacancy in Grand Lodge. He felt fully assured that, from every part of the world, our Brethren would rejoice to think that Masonry was still triumphant, that the darkest cloud had revealed the brightest sunshine, thereby portending a still greater future for Freemasonry than ever. This toast was received with great enthusiasm. The toast the "Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland" was also drank in bumpers. The W.M. then proposed the health of the "R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar," and referred in terms of much affection to the many excellent qualities of our veteran chief, who was always ready in all weathers, notwithstanding his advancing years, to devote himself to the cause of Masonry. The "R.W.D.G.M." replied in feeling and appropriate terms, and proposed the health of the W.M. "Bro. Bramwell," and congratulated the Brethren upon having elected another zealous and able Brother to preside over them, whose sole delight appeared to be in promoting their welfare, and whose energy and ability was acknowledged by all. The W.M., in a well chosen and capital speech, most suitably responded, and proposed the health of the "Past Masters of the Pacific Lodge," paying each, and every one of them well merited compliments, for their valuable aid. This toast was responded to by Bros. P.M.'s Eisfelder, Hudson and Bevan. The toast W.M.'s and P.M.'s of sister lodges, responded to by Bro. P.M. Hardcastle, and W.M. Bro. Brown. The toast the "Visitors, Mothers, Wives and Daughters of Freemasons," were duly honoured, and responded to. The "D.G.S.W., Bro. Bevan," having been entrusted with the gavel, proposed "Our Masonic Charities," and in an excellent speech, referred to the marvellous amount of good which was disseminated thereby, it being the glory of our Masonic Institution that millions of Masons were educated in this great masterwork of the Craft, raising up a fabric, the foundations of which are laid upon the rocks of truth—its glorious charter, signed by the unsullied hand, called charity.

The grand Masonic schools in England, Ireland, and elsewhere; the institutions for the aged and infirm, and the large amounts annually expended in their support, was alluded to, and listened to with wrapt attention; Bro. Bevan concluding with the following lines of his own:—

Come join me, all ye Brothers true,
A toast I will propose to you,
One that will, enraptured find,
Response in every Brother's mind,
From every purse if needed be,
For 'tis the toast of charity.

Thy goblets then I pray thee fill,
To drink the toast with right good will,
And wish the sorrows from the brow
Of him who sadly suffers now,
So that with us to-morrow he,
May drink the toast of charity.

Apron, heart and hand I give,
This will teach us how to live,
How to feel a Brother's woe,
How a kindness to bestow,
How that a gentle word may be
More lovely than our charity.

Cheer upon cheer succeeded the reception of this toast. The "Founders of the Pacific Lodge," was feelingly responded to by Bro. Nees, who after an absence of seven years, stated how proud he felt of the lodge, and although he had visited many lodges in New Zealand, San Francisco, and Honolulu, still he had seen none to win his affections like the Pacific. He also referred to the early struggles of the Craft on the then hospitable coast, and when and how their meetings were held. He missed many of his old friends, some were gone to their eternal rest; others were tossed about on the eventful sea of life, but he still rejoiced that there was yet a few of the familiar faces, "the early friends of Masonry," whose success required no comment, for their works were abundantly expressed in this their fraternal and joyful gathering.

"Our absent Brethren," "The Masonic Press" (especially the *Freemason*), were heartily proposed and received. "The Tylers" toast concluded one of the most enjoyable Masonic events ever held on the West Coast of New Zealand.

Bro. Gosson, D.G. Organist, most ably conducted the musical portions of the proceedings, and with the assistance of several good voices, greatly enhanced the pleasures of this memorable evening.

WELLINGTON, MAY 10th, 1875.—The 23rd April, 1875, was a red letter day in the Masonic calendar (locally speaking) it being set apart for the constituting of a second Masonic lodge in this city, under the English Constitution, to be called the "Wellington Lodge," No. 1521. An emergency meeting of the Pacific Lodge, No. 517, having been called for that purpose at 8 p.m. Bro. P.M. Toxward assumed "the East," and having opened the lodge informed the brethren of the purpose of the meeting. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the preliminary meetings of the members composing the new lodge, P.M.'s Charles White, Jonas Woodward, and Henry Tribe, were announced as representatives of Grand Lodge, and took their respective positions as W.M., S.W., and J.W. Bro. P.M. White, acting as installing officer, proceeded to instal Bro. McDonald, P.M., as proxy for Bro. E. D. Butts, P.M. (absent) the W.M. designate. After the usual ceremonies so well-known to every well informed Mason (and therefore not necessary to detail here), the newly installed W.M. invested his officers, and Bro. P.M. White was then assisted in the south and west by Bro. P.M.'s McTurk, and Ladd. The whole of the ceremony was conducted, and performed by the J.O. in his usual earnest and impressive manner. The musical portion of the programme was efficiently rendered by the choir, thanks to Bro. Raymond (Organist of the Pacific), who is at all times willing to give his talented services for the good of Masonry. After the closing of the lodge the Brethren reassembled in the refreshment room, and sat down to perhaps one of the most *recherche* banquets ever laid before the Craft in Wellington; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured; of course the toast of the evening, "Success to the Wellington Lodge, No. 1521," received proper attention, and the Brethren present spent a most enjoyable time.

Among northern items, I find, the Masonic Hall Company of Auckland is likely to be a great success, six out of seven lodges having subscribed by vote for a certain number of shares; already over 1,000 shares are taken. The Company intending shortly to call for competition designs, for the building, we sincerely trust the selection may be a happier one than some others that have been made in this colony, that some attention may be given to *form and situation*, and especially to points of ingress and egress.

Our Canterbury Brethren (all honour to them) are putting their theory into practice. They announce "The Second Masonic Scholarship, of the annual value of £25, tenable for three years, open to children of Masons within the province, who are under 12 years of age, on May 1st, 1875, will be competed for at the examination for Provincial Scholarships in June next."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 16, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 10.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkhouse Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, JULY 12.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, at 12. See Advt.
Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Instruction (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1172), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JULY 13.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
Supreme Grand Council 33, 33, Golden-square.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Lariham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (755), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
Lodge 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
Supreme Grand Council, 33, 33, Golden-square.
Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Grooms, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, JULY 15.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27) Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye; W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, JULY 16.

Preceptory 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.
Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Union Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Grooms, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Lariham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Head, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 17, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 12.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 5.
" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, JULY 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1350, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

THURSDAY, JULY 15.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Rungate-row, Chester, at 4.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.
FRIDAY, JULY 16.
Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 17, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 12.

Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Mumps, Oldham, at 6.

TUESDAY, JULY 13.

Preceptory, Almeric de St. Maur and Geoffrey de St. Omer; Palatine Hotel, Manchester, at 4.
Chap. 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hotel, Cheadam, Manchester, at 6.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, at 7.
" 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne, at 7.
" 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton, at 7.
" 191, St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, at 7.
" 204, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
" 277, Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham, at 6.
" 325, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.30.
" 859, Zetland, Albert Hall, Salford, at 6.
" 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 6.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 15.

Lodge 42, Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury, at 7.
" 268, Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 7.
" 283, Amity, Swan Inn, Haslingden, at 7.
" 344, Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, at 6.30.
" 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, at 6.30.
" 346, United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, at 6.30.
" 369, Limestone Rock, Swan Hotel, Clitheroe, at 7.
" 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Ascrington, at 7.
" 816, Boys, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale, at 6.30.
" 1011, Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford, at 6.
Chap. 204, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

FRIDAY, JULY 16.

Lodge 152, Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
" 993, Alexander, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, July 17, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 12.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
" 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lockwinnoch.
" 219, Star, 12, Troon-gate.
" 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
" 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
" 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
" 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Greenhill.

TUESDAY, JULY 13.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
" 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.
" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street.
" 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.
Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, JULY 15.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
FRIDAY, JULY 16.
Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
" 31, St. Mary's Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 471, St. John, Stone Inn, Shotts.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.
SATURDAY, JULY 17.
Lodge 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.
" 554, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 17, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 12.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Writers' Court, High-st.
TUESDAY, JULY 13.
Lodge 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Warriston place.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BURY.—PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the house of Bro. Handley, the Derby Hotel, on Thursday, the 1st inst. Aa has been already intimated in these columns, this lodge is at present without W.M. and S.D., through the melancholy fate which befel Bro. R. W. O'Neil (the last Worshipful Master) and Bro. R. Battersby, S.D., in Whit-week. Among the brethren present at the meeting were Bros. Henry Heys, I.P.M., of Ramsbottom; W. P. Woodcock, S.W.; Joseph T. Newbold, J.W.; John Halliwell, P.M., Chaplain, George Spurgeon, J.D.; John B. Jackson, P.M., D.C.; James Barrett, Steward; J. H. Sherbourne, I.G.; James Thorman, Tyler; Henry Maiden, (P.M. 191 and P. Prov. G.S.B. East Lancashire), Sec.; Joseph Handley, P. Prov. G.Treas., E.L., Treas.; P.M. Bro. W. Handley. Visitors: Bros. Robert Whittaker, P. Prov. G.D.C., E.L., 678 (Farnworth); H. Percival, P.M. 274 (Newchurch); G. A. O'Neil, W.M. 191; Walker, W.M. 37 (Bolton); Edmund Milnes, 1253 (Manchester); Ireland, 1129 (Rochdale); Horridge, 344 (Radcliffe); T. W. Probert, S.D. 191; and T. Barker, J.D. 42. The proceedings were opened at 4 o'clock by Bro. Henry Heys, P.M., after which the following were unanimously balloted and duly initiated into the mysteries—Mr. George Ashworth, solicitor, Waterfoot, Rossendale, initiated by Bro. H. Maiden; Mr. Geo. McCann, wine and spirit merchant, Bury, initiated by Bro. J. B. Jackson; Mr. Wm. Henry Hoyle, manufacturer, Mossfield, Bury, initiated by Bro. Halliwell; Mr. Jas. T. Milnes, manufacturer, Oaklands, near Bury, initiated by Bro. Jos. Handley. Bro. J. T. Newbold explained the working tools of E.A. to the initiates. The general initiatory working was gone through by the officiating brethren in a highly creditable manner. At 7.15 p.m. the brethren were called from labour to refreshment, which was served in a style worthy alike of Bro. Handley's repute and the prestige of the hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, "The Initiates" and "The Visitors" receiving a due share of attention. At 8.15 such of the brethren as were Master Masons were recalled to labour, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Harry Woodcock was called upon to show his proficiency in the former degrees. Having satisfied the brethren, he was duly entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Woodcock was admitted and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bro. G. A. O'Neil, the efficient W.M. of Lodge 191, and brother to the late W.M. of Lodge 1012, Bro. J. T. Newbold, a worthy support to Bro. O'Neil, explained the working tools and tracing board peculiar to the degree. On the lodge being closed to the First Degree, a most interesting addition was made to the evening's proceedings by the presentation of a complete and very elaborate set of working tools to the lodge by Bro. Henry Heys, P.M. The tools (wrought in silver) were disposed in a handsome case, and had been manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and that they were a real credit to his establishment there was a most unqualified admission. Bro. J. Halliwell, in appropriate terms, moved that a vote of thanks to Bro. Heys for this token of the esteem in which he held the welfare and interest of the lodge be passed, and recorded on the minutes. Bro. J. T. Newbold seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation. The good wishes of the several visiting brethren having been given, the lodge was finally closed at 9.30, and the brethren adjourned to a social meet. It is understood at present that the next meeting of the lodge will not be held until September or October, but, considering the amount of work in hand, with the usual contingencies, we should certainly counsel at least one other meeting before that time. That "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is very true, but it is much better to mix things a little than to have a long period of relaxation, and then find one's hands heavily weighed down with business.

TIVERTON.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 1125).—At the last regular lodge the locale chosen for the summer

banquet was Dulverton, situate about 12 miles from Tiverton, just within the borders of the adjoining province of Somerset, and the day named the 1st of July. Accordingly on Thursday morning last a party of the brethren started by "brake" and other conveyances for a charming drive along the banks of the Exe and the Barle for their destination. The richly wooded scenery of the narrow and winding vale through which they passed wore its most picturesque and luxuriant aspect, and was the theme of constant admiration, although familiar to many present. The course then diverged from the Dulverton road to Pixton Park, permission to visit which had been kindly accorded by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and the Dowager Countess, who is at present residing there. Here the brethren, alighting from their vehicles, very pleasantly passed an hour or two in exploring the beauties of the park and gardens, under the courteous guidance of the steward and head gardener, and watching the graceful movements of the numerous deer, Bro. Gill giving additional interest to the short tour by observations on the flora and topography of the district. An adjournment next took place to the Lion Hotel, where a very excellent and well appointed dinner was provided by Bro. King. The company comprised Bros. Parkhouse, W.M.; Mills, P.M., P.G.O., Secretary; Davey, P.M.; Gill, as S.W.; Crabb, as J.W.; Partridge, Charleby, Payne, H. Melhuish, J. Melhuish, Martin, Coleby, Wood, Bartlett, Snell, Shephard, Vaughan, King, Arbery, Capron, and others. The after dinner speeches were of the shortest description, and the brethren returned to Tiverton in the evening, highly delighted with their day's outing.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—Meeting for regular business at Royal Archer, Dale-street, on Saturday, July 3rd, 1875. Business commenced at 4.30 p.m. Minutes of last regular meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Kinder, P.M., then proceeded to initiate Mr. Henry James Oldham, which he did in such an efficient manner as to merit the approval of all the brethren. The Worshipful Master delivered the charge after initiation very impressively. The next business was to take the feeling of the lodge respecting the motions to be brought forward by Bro. Turner, I.P.M., the two most important being for the raising of the subscription to three guineas per annum, and also raising the initiation fee to seven guineas, including proposition fee. The one for raising the subscription was lost, and on the other being brought before the brethren by the I.P.M., Bro. Pearson, S.W., who is noted for his eloquence by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, very ably brought forward as an amendment that the fee should be six guineas, including initiation fee. On the votes being taken the amendment was carried by a small majority. The W.M. then announced that the committee appointed to lease private premises had been successful, and concluded a lease for five years of rooms at Newton Heath. This being the neighbourhood for which the warrant was originally granted, will no doubt meet with the approval of every member; the lease dates from December, 1875, to December, 1880. Business being concluded, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.30. Supper was provided by the worthy host, Bro. Potts, in his usual good manner, and thoroughly appreciated. The usual toasts having been given and responded to, the brethren separated at an early hour, after spending an evening where profit and pleasure were combined. All the officers were punctual with one exception, and the exception being from unforeseen circumstances.

EPWORTH.—ISLE OF AXHOLME LODGE (No. 1482).—The installation of W.M. and investment of officers for the ensuing year took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Epworth. The lodge has only been in existence one year, but we are glad to find that it already numbers nearly a score of brethren, and there appears every prospect of its developing into a prosperous and useful little lodge. On the present occasion we noticed several brethren from neighbouring lodges who had assembled to do honour to the W.M. elect, and to manifest their interest in the welfare of the lodge. Amongst these were Bros. F. D. Marsden, of Louth, the P.G. Secretary for Lincolnshire; F. D. Walker, W.M.; Rigby, P.M.; Bentley, P.M.; Nicholson, P.M.; and Heaton, S.W., of St. George's Lodge, No. 242, Doncaster; and Alfred Kirke, P.M., of the Yarboro' Lodge, No. 422, Gainsboro. Bro. Alfred Parkin, who as the W.M. designated by the Warrant of Constitution had filled the chair during the past year, was again elected by the brethren to that honourable position. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. Marsden, the P.G. Secretary, after which the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. These were Bros. W. E. Howlett, I.P.M.; Johnstone, S.W.; Bell, J.W.; Alfred Taylor, Sec. and Treas.; Rev. W. M. Anderson, Chaplain; John Campbell, S.W.; James Benson, J.D.; Henry Campbell, I.G.; and Naylor, Tyler. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided, to which ample justice was done. Bro. Howlett officiating as Director of Ceremonies. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour, having spent both as regards labour and refreshment a very enjoyable evening.

ROCHFORD.—LODGE OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP (No. 160).—The annual festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated by the brethren of this old and distinguished lodge at the Old Ship Inn, Rochford, on Thursday, the 24th June. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. A. Wardell, P.M. and Sec. 1000, and P.P.J.G.D., assisted by his officers. After the transaction of the usual business, the installation of Bro. Joseph Reeve as W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the ceremony being most efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. Wm. Pissay, P.M. 160, and P.P.J.G.W., assisted by Bro. A. Lucking, W.M. 1000, P.M. 160, and Prov. A.G.D.C., acting as

Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. J. A. Wardell, P.M. and Sec. 1000, and P.P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, S.W. and Chaplain; F. V. Jillings, J.W.; H. Wood, P.M. 160 and P.P.G.O. (re-elected for the twentieth time), Treasurer; G. Burgess, P.M. 160, and P.P.J.G.D., (reappointed for the twentieth time), Secretary; W. Allen, S.D.; T. W. Gower, J.D.; A. Harrington, I.G.; A. Lucking, W.M. 1000, P.M. 160, and Prov. A.G.D.C., Director of Ceremonies; A. Winnill and J. Harrington, Stewards; J. Allen, reappointed Tyler. Besides the above the following brethren were present:—Bros. W. T. Allen, P.M. 160, and P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. F. Browning, P.M. 160, and P.P.J.G.W.; F. Wiseman, P.M. 160; Edward Judd, P.M. 160, and P.P.G.R.; E. E. Phillips, S.W. 1000, P.M. Lodge of Honour, Bath, No. 379; G. Goodman, G. Gosling, W. Bishop. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Mason, J.D., Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753; W. C. Bell, S.D., St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1204; Edwin Bonner, I.G., Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95; J. H. Spencer, Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73; G. F. Jones, Priory Lodge, No. 1000. The lodge being closed, the brethren, twenty-six in number, adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Host Bro. H. D. Brown, and presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the brethren spent a very enjoyable evening, which was enlivened by some very excellent songs given by Bros. H. Wood, Hatch, Bonner, F. Wiseman, Gower, Josling, Mason, J. Harrington, and others. During the evening a telegram was received from Bro. J. W. Carr, P.M. 160, Prov. Grand Secretary, announcing that the Provincial Grand Lodge for 1875 would be held at Rochford on Tuesday, the 20th July.

TEDDINGTON.—FELIX LODGE (No. 1494).—This lodge held its meeting on Saturday, 26th ult., at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, Bro. Edward B. Grabham, W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. C. Miles, P.M. 1365, acting as S.W., in the absence of Major George Barlow (prevented by illness from attending); F. S. Knyvett, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, M.A., Vicar of Upminster, Essex, Chaplain; F. B. Archer, S.D.; W. G. Moore, J.D.; Capt. Lathbury, I.G.; E. S. Norris, Secretary. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Melville Curtis and Bro. Drew having satisfied the brethren with their proficiency in the former degree, were then entrusted, and afterwards passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Mr. Hanson, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Smith, which proved unanimous in their favour the former two gentlemen being in attendance; were then separately initiated into the Craft. This being the regular period of installation, Bro. Knyvett, J.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. R. W. Little, Prox. Grand Secretary of Middlesex, to the W.M. for installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Grabham in the most able and impressive manner, the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, being listened to with marked attention. The W.M. invested Bros. Edward B. Grabham, I.P.M.; Major Geo. Barlow, S.W.; F. B. Archer, J.W.; R. Berridge, S.D.; W. G. Moore, J.D.; and E. E. Whitford, I.G.; E. S. Norris, the able and efficient Secretary, was again re-invested, to the satisfaction of all the brethren of the lodge. The initiation of Mr. A. H. Smith was then proceeded with, and the W.M. showed great ability in the performance of the ceremony. By the unanimous vote of the lodge, it was determined to submit the name of Bro. Grabham, retiring Master, to the favourable notice of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex for Provincial Grand Office. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren retired to a sumptuous banquet, presided over by the W.M. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Health of the Grand Officers" was responded to in eloquent terms by Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., who gracefully alluded to the valued services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Grabham, whose year of office has been signalized by very great success. Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer, in responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers," congratulated the brethren in having elected Bro. Knyvett to the W.M. chair, and wished every prosperity to the lodge in the coming year. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Retiring W.M.," and in felicitous terms referred to the considerable services rendered by him during his year of office. In the name of the lodge it afforded him sincere pleasure to present Bro. Grabham with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the Felix Lodge, No. 1494, to Bro. Edward B. Grabham, P.M., as a tribute of respect for the able and courteous manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during 1874-5, being the year of Consecration of the lodge, of which he was the principal founder." Bro. Grabham, in thanking the W.M. and brethren for this mark of their esteem, assured them that it gave him great pleasure to have contributed any service to the lodge, and his assistance was always at the disposal of the W.M. and brethren whenever he might be called upon. He then took the opportunity of proposing "The Health of the W.M.," whom he had known for some years, and assured the lodge that in Bro. Knyvett they would find a Master in every respect worthy of their confidence. The W.M. having thanked the brethren, Bro. R. W. Little responded to the toast of "The Charities," and expressed his feelings of satisfaction at the present satisfactory condition of the lodge, which had recently been represented by the W.M. as Steward at the Girls' Festival. Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden returned thanks for "The Visitors," and in their name, as well as in his own, wished the lodge every prosperity. "The Health of the Officers" having been responded to by Bro. Archer, J.W., and the Tyler's toast given, the meeting separated, the visitors having expressed themselves highly pleased with the hospitality received.

Scotland.

FUNERAL LODGE IN MEMORY OF BRO. WILLIAM THOMSON, P.M. 333.

This solemn, but grand and impressive Masonic ceremony, took place in St. Mark's, No. 102, Masonic Hall, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on Friday, the 2nd inst. The late Bro. Robertson was an old member of the lodge, and ever since his connection with it had taken a very active part in the management of its affairs. He had a considerable knowledge of Masonic law; his kind disposition, his warmheartedness, and the great regard he had for the feelings and opinions of others, rendered him a most able and popular R.W.M. About seven o'clock the proceedings were commenced, with the funeral march from "Saul," the brethren forming in procession to take up their respective places in the lodge, which, along with the clothing of the brethren, was draped in mourning suitable for the occasion, Bro. Alex. Thomson, R.W.M. of St. George, 333, taking his place in the chair, and Wardens in their respective chairs. The R.W.M. was supported by Bros. Rev. Geo. Stewart Burns, of the Cathedral, Provincial Grand Chaplain; John Winton, P.M.; Robt. Adam, P.M.; J. McFarlane, D.M.; Jas. Findlay, S.M.; Thos. S. Thomson, Treas.; Arch. McIntyre, Sec.; F. Mitchell, R.W.M., St. Mark, 102; J. Forsyth, S.W.; Robt. Anderson, J.W.; Jas. Allan, S.D.; Thos. Hill, J.D. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge, and the following sister lodges were also well represented, viz.: Mother Kilwinning, 0; St. Mark, 102; St. John, Shettleston, 128; Commercial, 360; Athol, 413; Glasgow, 441; St. John, Busby, 458; St. Andrew, 465; and Clydesdale, 556. Bro. Thos. Halket, R.W.M. St. Mark, 102, presided at the harmonium, and Bro. Rankin conducted the vocal music. The lodge was opened, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in order that the ceremony might be performed in full Masonic rite.

The oration of Bro. Burns, P.G. Chaplain, was most eloquent and powerful; reviewing in graceful terms the many virtues and noble qualities of the departed brother. He concluded as follows, referring to those whom their departed brother had left so sadly bereaved:—"Let us record our sympathy with them—let us commend them to the care of Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless—to His care who blessed the little children—to the care of the Great Father, whose might is displayed alike in spreading the universe and in providing for the humblest of his creatures, and who has promised that He will never leave nor forsake any who put their trust in him." This concluded the programme of the evening, when the R.W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Rev. Dr. Burns for his great kindness in being with them to take part in the ceremony, the same to be engrossed on the minutes. Dr. Burns acknowledged the compliment. The R.W.M. then proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. T. Halket and Rankin for their musical assistance. After thanking the visiting brethren for their attendance, many of them, as he remarked, having come from a considerable distance, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place in their hall, situate at No. 213, Buchanan-street, on the 6th inst. The meeting was exceedingly well attended, even for St. John No. 34, which invariably commands a large attendance of brethren at its meetings. Bro. W. Bell, R.W.M., presided, Bro. Louttit acting S.W.; D. Horn, J.W. The R.W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. J. B. Walker, P.M.; J. McInnes, P.M. 27; J. Davidson, P.M. 360; Godfrey, Sec. 1074, E.C.; R. Dalziel, Treas.; J. Dick, Sec., &c. Bro. McFarlane, Doctor of Music, presided at the harmonium. Brethren from the following sister lodges were also present:—Mother Kilwinning, No. 0, Nos. 27, 51, 114, 194, 180, 215, 219, 275, 360, 408, 413, 441, 553. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, also those of a special meeting, which were confirmed. There were six applications for admittance into Freemasonry in this lodge, viz., Messrs. R. Pedie, proposed and seconded by Bros. Gilchrist and King; John Neilson, proposed and seconded by Bros. Bell, R.W.M., and King; H. O. B. Stevenson, proposed and seconded by Bros. Bell and Murray; Alexander Curric, proposed and seconded by Bros. Gilland and Couper; J. H. Allan, proposed and seconded by Bros. Robb and Gilchrist; Alexander Blackwood, proposed and seconded by Bros. Gilland and Couper. The ballot was found clear, when they were prepared for and received the First Degree, Bro. Bell, R.W.M., very ably working. The lodge was then passed to the Second Degree. Bros. William Graham and R. Wood McMurphy were intrusted with this degree, Bro. Louttit officiating. The R.W.M. said it gave him great pleasure to inform the members of the lodge that Bro. Rutherford had presented them with a very beautiful photograph of Roslin Chapel, as a memento of their annual excursion, and thanked Bro. Rutherford in the name of the lodge for his handsome present. He also said Bro. Rutherford had been successful in taking a good group of all the brethren present on the occasion, copies of which could be had from Bro. Rutherford. He then proposed that a vote of thanks should be given to Bro. Kerr, who accompanied them that day and described to them the Chapel, Castle, Hawthornden, and the various interesting objects in that beautiful district. Bro. Kerr, he remarked, was a great authority as an antiquarian, he had rendered valuable services to Masonry from time to time, and this was by no means the first time he had delighted and instructed the brethren of St. John, 34, on their annual excursions. He, therefore, thought they should transmit a vote of thanks to him, and engross it in their minutes. Bro. J. B. Walker, P.M., seconded this, which was unanimously agreed to. Bro. D. Horn, J.W., then proposed

that the fees of Lodge St. John, 34, be raised to £5 5s. He said the fees were, no doubt, raised last year, but they were, in his opinion, still too low. They were all striving to do what they could to maintain and elevate the character of Freemasonry, and he thought this a step in the right direction. Bro. R. Dalziel seconded this, which was agreed to. It will, therefore, come on for final decision in three months hence. Bro. Bell then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the visiting brethren for their presence with them that night, coupled with Bro. Godfrey, Sec. 1074, E.C., who returned thanks in a most graceful manner for the compliment paid to the visiting brethren and himself. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE KILWINNING (No. 4) held their regular monthly meeting in their hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 7th inst. The meeting was well attended. Bro. A. Thorburn, R.W.M., in the chair; N. S. Henderson, S.W.; Geo. Holm, J.W.; J. Currie, Sec.; Dixon, Treas., and a large number of well qualified brethren. The minutes were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Bro. Dobson, asking the use of their hall from 3 to 6 o'clock on behalf of the new Masonic Lodge "Dramatic," which was agreed to. There were two applications for initiation, viz., Messrs. H. Paterson and D. Hunter all being satisfactory, they received the E.A. Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. The lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, when these two brothers were entrusted with that degree, the R.W.M. again working. This finished the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 6th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. McDonald, R.W.M.; Bros. W. McGregor, S.W.; B. Kay, J.W.; Bannerman, D.M., Chaplain; G. W. Wheeler; T. Yuille, J.D., &c. The meeting was well attended, and a number of visiting brethren were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. The lodge then passed to the F.C. Degree, when two brothers were instructed in that degree, the R.W.M. officiating; on the lodge being raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., two brothers were intrusted with this, the R.W.M. again officiating, after which the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

SHETTLESTON.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 128).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, Shettleston, on the 7th inst.; the R.W.M., Bro. J. Campbell, in the chair; Bros. Chas. Webster, S.W.; Baird, J.W.; and other office-bearers, along with a number of well qualified brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, the lodge was raised to the degree of M.M. Bros. Alex. Murray and Ferner were entrusted with the Sublime Degree, Bro. J. Campbell, R.W.M., performing the ceremony in an able manner. This was all the business before the lodge, and it was then closed in due and ancient form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Grand Lodge Meeting of the Freemasons of the Province of Cornwall was held Thursday, 8th inst., at Callington, and the good people of that busy town shewed their appreciation of the visit by giving to the fraternity a right hearty welcome. Although Callington is so difficult of approach from all points on the Cornish Railway there was a remarkably strong muster of the brotherhood, not a few of whom came up from the extreme west of the county, and in spite of all the inconveniences the meeting was one of the most pleasant and successful that has been held for many years past.

Business was commenced shortly after ten o'clock in the National School-rooms, which the rector had kindly placed at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and which were admirably fitted up for the purposes required of them. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there were also present: Prov. Grand Officers.—Bros. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M.; R. Rogers, P.P.D.G.M.; E. T. Carlyon, P.P.G.S.W., and P.G. Sec.; Colonel Peard, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Chirgwin, P.P.G.J.W.; R. John, P.P.G.D.C.; Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B.; R. A. Courtney, P.G.D.C.; G. Roseveare, P.G.S. Works; S. Tew, P.P.G.T. of Devon; R. Rodda, P.P.G.R. of Devon; T. S. Bayly, P.P.G.T. of Devon; T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Cochrane, P.P.G.S.; I. Latimer, P.G.J.W., Devon; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks., Devon; Edward Poor, P.G.P.; J. Cardew, P.G.S.; the Rev. A. H. Cummings, P.G. Chaplain; the Rev. G. L. Church, P.P.G. Chaplain; W. D. Pearce, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Rookes, P.A.G.P.; J. B. Kerswill, P.G.S.B.; F. J. Hext, P.P.G.S.W.; Captain O'Neil, P.P.G.S.B.; the Rev. J. Sedgwick, Chaplain of Victoria Lodge, Callington, and Past Grand Chaplain of England; E. J. Worth, P.P.G.J.W.; Captain H. G. Colvill, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Kerswill, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Commings, P.G.R.; W. T. Parson, P.P.G.S.; W. N. Abbott, P.G.S.; P. Giles, P.P.G.S.; R. Rich, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Beswetherick, P.P.G.S. Works; J. Kempthorne, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Paull, P.P.G.S.D.; P. B. Clemens, P.P.G. Organist, Devon; E. M. Cock, P.G.S.; W. H. Bickford, P.G.S.D.; the Rev. A. H. Ferris, P.G. Chaplain; the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, P.P.G. Chaplain; S. Holloway, P.P.J.D.; J. Hocking, junr., P.P.G.J.D.; J. Polkinghorne, P.P.G. Tyler; E. D. Anderton, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Dinnes, P.P.G.S.; W. Guy, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Steele, P.P.G.D.C.; G. W. Trenery, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Ough, P.P.G.J.D.; G. E. Alexander, P.P.G.O., Devon; C. T. Pearce, P.P.G.S.D.; Charles Trevithick, P.G.A.D.C.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C., Devon.

Past Masters.—W. Tonkin, 977; C. Spear, 557; H. Sargent, 789; N. Henwood, 1164; G. Bate, 557; J. H. Tonkin, 282; J. Harris, 557; W. Foxwell,

1071; J. Deeble, 1071; J. Hill, 970; J. Gerry, 510; W. Hawkins, 789; G. C. Archer, 789; J. H. Filmer, 893; J. T. Brooking, 1071; W. J. Harris, 893; W. Coath, 893; J. Baxter, 954; J. Sims, 589; R. Hooper, 510; F. Thorne, 789; M. Dennis, 557; S. Seccombe, 510; W. Giles, 496; T. White, 510; T. Gill, 967; E. Scantlebury, 856; C. Trusscott, junr., 496; A. T. Grant, 318; M. Little, 75; W. Polkinghorne, 1191; T. Polglase, 75; W. H. Dunstan, also W.M. of 75; J. H. Mitchell, 589; G. Barnes, 1164; T. Hatherly, 1071; T. Goodall, 954; and J. Dampney, 1071.

Worshipful Masters.—R. Truscott, 1136; J. P. Creber, 1164; Isaac Dawe, 970; S. J. Goodman, 1071; J. Hallcombe, 967; T. J. Rowe, 121; W. Loye, 496; T. Olver, junr., 131; J. Chegwidden, 510; T. B. Richards, 557; and J. Rendle, 1247.

Besides these there was a large number of other brethren present, there being altogether about three hundred in attendance.

After the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Meeting had been read,

The Prov. Grand Master delivered a short address to the brethren, in the course of which he said:—"I must thank you for your attendance here to-day in very much larger numbers than I should have expected. I know that the situation of Callington is one very difficult of access for a great number of brethren in the county, and I regret it because I do feel that I am bound quite as much in fixing the locality for the Provincial Grand Meeting, to consider the general convenience of the brethren throughout the province as I am the claims of any particular lodge. (Hear, hear.) But at the same time I believe you will agree with me that a promise is a promise. Callington had received a promise from my respected predecessor several years ago that the next meeting should be held here. At any rate, if it was not a promise it was an understood thing, but on two occasions the brethren here expressed their willingness to waive any claims they had, on account of special circumstances which made it desirable to hold the meeting in another place. On the present occasion there was no such special reason, and therefore I thought I should only be doing what was fair and proper in holding the present meeting in this town—(hear, hear), and I think your presence in such considerable numbers shews that you are willing to support me in the course that I have adopted. (Applause.) His Lordship here made reference to the great sympathy which the Masons of the province manifested towards him in his affliction last year, but he was so greatly overcome that bursting into tears he was for some moments unable to proceed. Encouraged by the sympathetic cheers of the brethren he eventually continued:—"I would remind you of the visit which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales paid to Plymouth in August last. I feel sure that that visit was a subject of general congratulation to the province, and that the meeting was in every respect a most successful one. We can all look back upon that meeting with satisfaction, not only on account of the hearty welcome which we gave to the Duke of Cornwall, but also because of the exceedingly pleasant and harmonious manner in which the two Provincial Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall worked together on that occasion. (Cheers.) On both sides everything was done to meet the other in the most fraternal and friendly manner. It is rather an unusual thing for Grand Lodges to meet together in that way, and it must have been a matter of great satisfaction that it was so pleasantly and successfully carried out. (Hear, hear.) I believe that up to that time there had been very seldom anywhere in England so large a gathering or so fine a display of Masonry as that which took place in the Guildhall at Plymouth, and I can assure you that the Prince expressed his sense of it in the most unqualified terms. He was distinctly and unmistakably struck with the reception that he met with. The determinations of men are often regulated by an aggregate of different motives, and if we could think that the reception which the Prince had on that occasion—showing, as it evidently did, the vitality of Masonry in this part of the country and the loyalty of those connected with it—should have been one of the causes which perhaps induced him to look as favourably upon Masonry as to accept the high office which he now holds, I think that meeting will not only be satisfactory to those who attended it, but will be considered in a certain degree to have benefited Masonry throughout the country. (Applause.) I dare say, too, that there are many Masons here who were present at the magnificent ceremony which took place in London at the installation of the Prince. I believe that was quite an unprecedented demonstration of Masons, and it certainly was a most magnificent sight. (Hear, hear.) The Cornish brethren must, I am sure, have been excessively well pleased at the position they occupied in that splendid hall, and I think we must acknowledge with pleasure the indefatigable and successful exertions on that occasion of the two Stewards, Bro. John and Bro. Courtenay, who did much to facilitate the comfort and convenience of the brethren from Cornwall. (Cheers.) You have heard that three new lodges have been formed in the province. The warrants are obtained and paid for, and I trust that the consecration of the lodges will not long be delayed. I am glad to see also that the number of Masons has increased, and I congratulate the province upon the gradual removal of lodges from houses of public entertainment to private rooms. (Hear, hear.) That is a thing which cannot be done very rapidly; it generally entails expense and trouble to get a building, and in some places it is almost impossible, but it is very satisfactory to see that it is gradually being worked out. (Hear, hear.) While speaking of the increase of Masons' lodges I don't think it out of place to repeat what I said on a former occasion. It is this, that I hope very great care will be taken by all concerned in the selection of proper candidates for initiation. (Hear, hear, and applause.) I do not say this because I have any

reason to animadvert upon selections that have already been made, but the mere fact of Masonry being at the present time so flourishing in the country, and the fact of the Prince of Wales having taken such a leading part in it to make it popular and flourishing, renders it more necessary for us to be especially careful (hear, hear), for there can be no doubt that there is a temptation when we are so successful, for men to join it simply from motives which are not in the least Masonic, perhaps not decidedly unworthy motives, but still not motives that we desire to encourage. They may wish to join it because it may be likely to assist them in their business or professions, but that is not exactly one's idea of the spirit which should actuate men who desire to become Masons. We do not want a man to join because he thinks that having the square and compasses over his door will help him in his business. (Hear, hear.) In the first instance I will address myself to the Worshipful Masters, and ask them to be especially careful not to sanction the admission of candidates of whom they cannot personally approve, but at the same time, I must impress this upon you, that whilst I do not wish to encourage factious black-balling, yet there is a great responsibility resting upon the members themselves, who should be very cautious not to vote for candidates without due and proper thought upon the subject. The test which I should recommend is this—it may be thought a very high one, but still I should keep it in view—when a candidate is proposed for initiation, I should ask myself not only whether he is a man whom I should mind having in the lodge, but whether he is a man whom I should like to see as W.M. (Hear, hear, and applause.) If this were acted upon I am quite sure you would not elect those who are unworthy of it. In concluding his remarks his lordship referred in highly complimentary terms to the great exertions put forward by Bro. Hughan on behalf of local candidates for the different Masonic charities, and said he was quite sure the whole province felt deeply grateful to him for it. (Hear, hear.) He also read a letter which had been received from Bro. Metham, D.P.G.M. of Devon, thanking the different lodges for their contributions to the new wing of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke, and stating that the whole province had contributed about £150. (Applause.)

The report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer was then read, and from this it appeared that the balance in hand at the last provincial meeting was £64 13s. 2d. The expenditure during the year included the sums of £25 voted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; £20 on account of festival expenses at Bodmin; and £47 17s. 4d., a moiety of the expenses of the United P.G. Lodges of Devon and Cornwall on the occasion of the visit of the Right Worshipful Bro. the Prince of Wales to Plymouth. The principal items on the other side were £13 15s., the amount of the collection after last year's sermon; £18 18s. fees of honour, and £133 7s. 6d. lodge fees. The balance now in hand is £46 4s. 11d.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, in his report, stated that the number of lodges in the province at the present time was 27, against 24 last year, the additional lodges being the Fort Lodge, 1528, Newquay; the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, 1529, St. Columb; and the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, 1544, Camborne. The initiations in the past year numbered 177; in the previous year, 176; the joining members were 54, against 36; the members were 1009, against 929; making a total of 1240 as compared with 1141 in the previous year. The total increase of members during the past year was 99.

The report respecting the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund was read by Bro. Chirgwin. It stated that the subscriptions and donations from various lodges in the province since the 1st of January amounted to £142 10s. The credit balance at the last account was £290 5s. 6d., and the subscriptions and donations for 1874, together with interest on stocks, amounted to £190 1s. 6d., making a total of £480 7s. The cost of their various stock was £1099 1s. 6d., and this realised an annual income of £95 19s. The balance at their banker's was £261 9s., and this made their total capital account £2260 10s. 6d., against £2049 15s. 3d. last year. (Applause.)

The Committee of Relief reported that they had received two petitions from two subscribing members, and, as they had ascertained that the cases were deserving ones, they recommended that £8 be given in the one case, and £10 in the other. Other relief had been given during the year.

Bro. Hughan, in his report respecting his management of the votes for the London Masonic Charities on behalf of the Province of Cornwall, said he collected the proxies in October, 1874, and polled them on behalf of a little girl whose father had been a member of Lodge Fortitude, Truro. She was elected out of twenty-nine applicants with 778 votes, only seventy-nine of which were received from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall and subordinate lodges. An old and esteemed Master of St. Martin's Lodge, Liskeard, was amongst those elected to receive £36 per annum. He received 740 votes, and was ninth on the list out of thirty-three candidates. (Applause.) Both the girl and the indigent Mason were elected on the first application, within about six months of each other, a fact hitherto unprecedented in the West. The total votes for the two candidates amounted to 1328, of which 179 were obtained directly from members in Cornwall. The remainder he obtained by exchange, and by borrowing from other provinces. Without the large number of votes which the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir F. M. Williams always placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund and himself, for the use of the province of Cornwall (directly and indirectly), it would be simply impossible to carry the candidates who had been successful during the last seven years. The total votes so obtained annually from Bro. Sir Frederick M. Williams have amounted to at least 284. (Applause.) During the last seven years

about £2500 have been secured to the province, calculating the value of the annuities and the number of years that the children had been educated, fed, and clothed, and to secure this not one penny had been spent by the province, excepting the grants made to the institution, which had been small.

These various reports were received and adopted; the Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditors of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, the Relief Committee, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and two Auditors were re-elected; Bro. Matthew Doney, of Bodmin, secured an annuity of £20 a year for life by a majority of 508 votes to 40 for Bro. Lean, of Chacewater; and a grant of £10 was voted to the widow of the late Bro. T. Vicarey, of Falmouth.

The Prov. Grand Master next [appointed the following brethren as his officers for the coming year:—Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M.; Thomas Chirgwin, 131, P.G.S.W.; Bro. J. Peter, 557, P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Alfred Cummings, 131, P.G.S. Chaplain; Rev. J. Lethbridge, 789, P.G.J. Chaplain; J. P. Lyne, 510, P.G. Registrar; E. T. Carlyon, 331, P.G. Sec.; W. Middleton, 131, P.G.S.D.; H. Cochran, 1136, P.G.J.D.; W. H. Dunstan, 75, P.G.S. Works; Charles Trevithick, 1272, P.G.D.C.; J. Sims, 589, P.G.A.D.C.; C. Truscott, 496, P.G.S.B.; W. W. Dymond, 557, P.G. Organist; F. Dennis, 75, P.C. Pursuivant; Rookes, 331, P.G.A. Pursuivant; A. Grant, 318, T. Gill, 967; J. H. Filmer, 893; W. Polkinghorne, 1151; J. Hill, 970; J. Hawkins, 789, Stewards; R. Penwarden, 510, Tyler.

The sum of £25 was voted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London; £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and £10 10s. to the Institution for Aged Freemasons.

This concluded the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

At noon the brethren, headed by the band of the Callington Volunteers, marched in procession to church, where an admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Cummings, P.G. Chaplain, from the words "Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear God, and honour the King." The collection amounted to £11 14s., of which one-fifth will go to the rector, and the remainder to the Callington Dispensary. The sermon will be printed.

The annual banquet was provided at Golding's Hotel, and was partaken of by more than a hundred brethren, under the presidency of the Rt. W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe.

After dinner the usual loyal toasts were proposed from the chair. His lordship, in proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," said he was quite sure they would all wish his Royal Highness the most hearty success in the great expedition he was now about to undertake in that great empire of which he would one day be the ruler.

The next toast was that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge." The Prov. Grand Master remarked that both their lordships were personal friends of his own, and he was perfectly certain that as long as they wore the collars which had been entrusted to them by the Grand Master of England they would do credit to the Grand Lodge, and maintain its authority. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. the Rev. J. Sedgwick, P.G. Chaplain of England, responded.

Bro. Col. Peard, amidst loud applause, proposed "The Health of the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall." Over and over again his lordship had proved himself to be the right man in the right place, and they had great reason to be proud that he presided over the province. (Cheers.)

The Prov. G.M., who was received with hearty cheering, said it must always be the greatest possible satisfaction to him to feel, as he sincerely believed he could feel, that he had the fraternal feeling of the province with him, to assist him in the work which he had to do. (Hear, hear.) He was glad indeed that there were such cordial relations established between himself and the Masons of the province, but it would be small satisfaction to him if he thought that this was intended as a personal compliment only. He hoped those relations would always enable them to work harmoniously and unanimously for the benefit of Masonry throughout the province. (Applause.) That was the object which they all should have in view, and if they heard anything from outsiders to the detriment of Freemasonry, or if they saw anything in the conduct of Mason to justify those remarks being made, he hoped they would remember the words in Scripture which preceded the text from which such an admirable sermon was preached that morning by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, and always take care by well-doing to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. (Cheers.)

Bro. Carlyon gave "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall," and Bros. Sir F. M. Williams and R. Rogers responded.

Bro. Peters, P.G.J.W., in returning thanks for "The P.G. Wardens, and the other Provincial Grand Officers, past and present," thanked Admiral Sir Henry Keppel for having lent so many flags for the decoration of the town, the lodge room, and the dining rooms. (Applause.)

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The Visitors," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, who, he said, was not only the very essence of all that was plucky and brave, but his heart was as warm, and his hand as open to the assistance of a friend or brother, as any man in the country. (Cheers.)

Bro. Admiral Keppel, who was very heartily greeted, said it was so far east as Singapore that he was initiated into Masonry thirty-five years ago, but it was not until he came into the West of England, and mixed with the many noble fellows in Masonry in this part of the country,

that he began thoroughly to appreciate its advantages and its beauty. (Cheers.)

The Past Grand Chaplain, in returning thanks for the toast of his health, said the more he saw of Masonry the more he admired and revered it, and he added that he had travelled two thousand miles to be present that day.

The other toasts were "The Lodges of the Province," coupled with the W.M. of Loyal Victoria Lodge, Callington, and "The Masons' toast."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

Monday, the 5th inst., was a gala day at Bury St. Edmund's, which, as all the world knows, is the capital of West Suffolk—a town full of interest to the Antiquarian and Archaeologist, and therefore to the Freemason. It is said by some to have been a Roman station, and to have been the Villa Faustini of Antoninus. By the Saxons it was called Beoderic-weord, and a monkish writer, Abbo Floriacensis, states that Beoderic, the lord of the town, bequeathed it to St. Edmund the King and Martyr, from whom it acquired its present name. Siegbert, on his accession to the throne of the East Angles in 630, founded a monastery and built a church here, and after a seven years' reign he became a monk on his own foundation. King Edmund was crowned and anointed King of East Anglia by Humbert, Bishop of Hulm, A.D. 856, and was killed in a conflict with the Danes, who then mercilessly slaughtered the Saxons. On the death of this unfortunate Prince in 870, in the 15th year of his reign and the 29th of his age, the Danes it is said cast his severed head and body into the thickest part of the woods of Eglesdene, where his body was sought by an affectionate band of loyal subjects. After a sorrowful search the body was discovered very indecently interred; it was conveyed to Hoxne and there entombed; but the head could not be found. Dividing themselves therefore into small parties, the mourners searched every quarter of the wood. Terrified by its thickness and obscurity, some of them cried out to their companions "Where are you?" A voice answered, "Here, here, here." Hastening to the place from whence the sound proceeded, they found the long sought head in a thicket of thorns, guarded by a wolf, "an unkouth thyng," says Lydgate, and strange "ageyn nature." The people, almost overpowered with joy, took the holy head, which the wolf gave up, and followed them to the place where the body rested; and after seeing the precious treasure which he had with so much care protected deposited near the body from whence it had been severed, with doleful mourning, and showing no fierceness, he returned to the woods. This was about forty days after the martyrdom of the saintly King.

About the year 903 the remains of Edmund were removed to Bury, when it was found on examination to be in a perfect state of preservation, with the head united to it, which was accounted a great miracle, but which was no doubt the result of embalment by some cunning monk. That the art of embalming was very well understood in the middle ages there can be no manner of doubt, and curiously enough in the same church which was built over the remains of St. Edmund was buried Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter, son of the famous John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, an ancestor, if we mistake not, of the present Duke of Beaufort.

In the year 1773, workmen digging on the north side of the ancient church, which is, alas, no more (thanks to the dissolution of the monasteries, and the pious vandalism of the immortal and ever to be blessed Henry VIII.), came upon the leaden coffin containing the body of the Duke, which was in the most perfect state of preservation, though it had been buried 350 years.

Canute rebuilt the church of St. Edmund, and the body of the Royal martyr was deposited in a splendid shrine enriched with jewels and other costly ornaments, like the celebrated shrine of the Three Kings at Cologne.

Edward the Confessor, under whom Masonry revived, for it had been in a languishing state, frequently honoured the town with his presence, and in 1132 Henry I. repaired to Bury to perform his devotions at the shrine of St. Edmund.

A meeting of the barons was convoked here in the time of King John, when each of the nobles present went to the high altar of the church of St. Edmund, in which the assembly was held, and there swore that if the King should refuse to abolish the arbitrary Norman laws and to restore those enacted by Edward the Confessor they would make war upon him till he should comply. At first he refused, but in the year 1214 he met his barons at Bury, and with the utmost solemnity confirmed the charter of Henry I. (a copy of which had fallen into the hands of Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury), and bound himself by an oath to regulate his administration by the great principles on which it was founded. So that, equally with Runnymede, Bury is entitled to claim the honour of that celebrated Magna Charta by which the rights and liberties of England are secured.

Preston, in his illustrations of Masonry, says that when Henry VI. succeeded to the throne as a minor in 1422, Parliament endeavoured to disturb the Freemasons by passing the well-known and often quoted Act (3 Henry VI., cap. 1, A.D. 1425), "Masons shall not confederate in chapters or congregations." The act, however, was never put in force. It is said it was passed in consequence of the quarrels between Duke Humphrey of Gloucester and Henry Beaufort, then Bishop of Winchester, uncle of the Duke, who was Protector during the absence of the Duke of Bedford, then in France, Regent of the kingdom. Preston says—speaking of Duke Humphrey—"This Prince is said to have received a more learned education than was usual in his age, to have founded one of the first public libraries in England, and to have been a great patron of learned men." If the records of the society may

be relied on we have reason to believe that he was particularly attached to the Masons, having been admitted into their Order, and assisted at the initiation of King Henry VI. in 1442. Encouraged by the example of the Sovereign, and allured by an ambition to excel, many lords and gentlemen of the Court were initiated into Masonry, and pursued the Art with diligence and assiduity. Preston says the King in person presided over the lodges, and nominated William Wainfleet, Bishop of Winchester, Grand Master. In 1446 a Parliament was convened at Bury, under the influence of the Queen and Beaufort, now a Cardinal, the sworn enemy of the Freemasons, when Duke Humphrey was impeached for high treason. Preparations were made for bringing him to a public trial, but it is thought his enemies, dreading the triumph of his innocence, had recourse to another method to destroy the good Duke, as he was called. He was found dead in his bed the next morning, no doubt cruelly murdered. Cardinal Beaufort scarcely survived him two months, and after his death the Masons continued to hold their lodges without fear of interruption, and under the King, who had joined them, enjoyed great prosperity. Henry VI. held another Parliament at Bury in 1448, and Henry VII. paid a visit to the town in 1486. Queen Elizabeth, in her memorable progress through Suffolk and Norfolk in the year 1578, visited Bury St. Edmund's.

Preston says that the Masons remained without any nominal head from the death of Edward VI. till the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when Sir Thomas Sackville accepted the office of Grand Master. Lodges were held during this period in different parts of England, but the General or Grand Lodge assembled in York, where the fraternity were numerous and respectable. The following circumstance is recorded of Elizabeth. Hearing that the Masons were in possession of secrets which they would not reveal, and being jealous of all secret assemblies, she sent an armed force to York with intent to break up their annual Grand Lodge. This design, however, was happily frustrated by the interposition of Sir Thomas Sackville, who took care to initiate some of the chief officers which she had sent on this duty. They joined in communication with the Masons, and made so favourable a report to the Queen on their return that she countermanded her orders, and never afterwards attempted to disturb the meetings of the fraternity.

We think we have now said enough to show what an interesting place Bury is to us Masons, and how connected the town is in one way and another with the time-honoured Craft.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the "Ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons" for the province of Suffolk would in the usual order of rotation have been held this year at Ipswich, but as it had been held within a few years at Ipswich, and Bury had not been visited for nine or ten years, the Ipswich brethren waived their claim and relegated to the Provincial Grand Master the appointment of the place, where the Grand Lodge should be held, it being understood that the Bury Lodge was willing and anxious to receive it. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney, complying with the views of the brethren in both towns, accordingly fixed on Bury for the meeting this year, but the finance meeting, which has hitherto been held on the morning of Provincial Grand Lodges, was held the previous Monday at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich. The day for holding the meeting is always the first Monday in July, and every exertion was made by the Bury brethren last Monday to make the meeting of 1875 a complete success, and to give their companions a most hearty welcome. The Royal St. Edmund's Lodge has within the last few years increased largely, and has become one of the most prosperous in the province. From the windows of those belonging to the Craft, and from some houses whose occupiers were not Masons, there was a display of bunting; and the bells of the old Norman Tower rang merry peals during the day. The Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, which was suitably fitted up for the occasion, and the handsome furniture of the St. Edmund's Lodge was used. The banners of the several lodges of the provinces were stationed in the hall in the regular order of precedence, and under their several banners the members of the lodges assembled in full Masonic costume at the hour of "high twelve." The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney, having opened the lodge in due form, the P.G.A. Secretary, W. E. Bailey, read the minutes of the Finance Board, which showed a disposable balance of about £60, after paying the expenses of the past year. Of this they recommended ten guineas to be given to the Masonic Boys' School, and £10 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, the remainder to be kept to meet urgent cases that might arise in the province.

The report was unanimously agreed to.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master read a letter from Lord Henniker containing an invitation to all Suffolk brethren to attend the installation of the Prov. Grand Master for Norfolk by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England, at Norwich, in November next.

The roll of the lodges having been called over, and the representatives of the lodges having reported the progress of the year, which was in all cases most satisfactory, though it was remarked that several lodges were not represented as they should have been by their Worshipful Master, and in one or two instances lodges were not represented at all. In the latter cases the P.G.M. very properly directed the Prov. Grand Secretary to write to the lodges in question, and require an explanation of their absence.

The minutes of last Prov. Grand Lodge were taken as read, the proceedings having been printed and extensively circulated previously. Afterwards the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. proceeded to the investiture of officers as follows:—P.G.S.W., J. Hedley Bevan, W.M. 1008; P.G.S.D., J. B. Fraser, P.M. 376; P.G.J.D., J. Turner,

P.M. 225; P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. B. Tweed; P.G. Supt. of Works, E. J. Robertson, P.M. 959; P.G. Dir. of Cer., Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R.; P.G. Ass. Dir. of Cer., W. Clarke, 114; P.G. Swd. B., J. R. Thompson, 1008; P.G. Purs., H. Miller, 114; P.G. Stewards, O. C. Diaper, 225; W. Sewell, 555; and E. J. Griffiths, 1008.

On the motion of Bro. W. Bobby, P.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. Dr. Mills, P.P.G.S.W., Bro. Major Huddleston, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1008, was elected Treasurer in the room of Bro. Spencer Freeman, who was compelled to resign through ill health.

The R. W. Prov. Grand Master, in highly eulogistic terms, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Freeman for his long and valued services as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and expressed the unanimous feeling of regret which all the brethren felt that he was compelled to resign, and the more for the cause of his resignation. The resolution was carried most unanimously, in the manner usual among Masons.

Bro. Syer was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

Among the brethren present at the Provincial Grand Lodge were Lord Waveney, P.G.M. of Suffolk; the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, M.A., Deputy P.G.M. of Suffolk; and Bros. W. Bobby, P.G.S.W., P.M. 114; W. O. Chambers, P.G.J.W.; N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W., W.M. 376; W. Armstrong, P.G.J.D.; S. W. Prentice, P.G.P.; T. F. Lucia, P.G.S.; W. H. Lucia, P.G. Sec.; W. E. Bailey, P.G.A., Sec.; F. Spalding, P.G.S.D., P.M. 81; Dr. Mills, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Holmes, P.P.G.R., P.G.D.C.; J. P. Sorel, P.P.G.S.D.; J. F. Hills, P.P.J.G.W.; S. H. Wright, P.P.G.S.D.; W. W. Walesby, P.P.G.S.W.; W. T. Westgate, P.P.D.C.; T. J. Huddleston, P.P.G.S.W.; W. J. Jack, P.P.G.S.D.; Kent; C. J. T. Oakes, P.G.R.; J. N. York, P.P.G.S.W. Cambs.; Rev. W. W. Bird, Chap. 555; S. B. Fyle, W.M. 388; W. Clarke, S.D. 959; J. B. Fraser, P.M. 376; R. Baker, S.D. 388; J. Marjoram, I.P.M. 355; Rev. R. Evans, Chap. 1008; H. Miller, jun., S.D. 114; O. C. Diaper, I.G. 225; J. Turner, P.M. 225; A. Barber, Sec. 225; J. Clarke, Treas. 225; George Abbot, S.W. 959; E. Robertson, P.M. 959; F. Wheeler, W.M. 1224; E. M. Fyson, I.G. 1008; G. E. Jeaffreson, W.M. 555; W. J. Nunn, Org. 1008; A. Bennett, I.G. 959; H. Miller, S.D. 1008; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; F. Fearnside, S.W. 1008; E. J. Griffiths, S. 1008; J. B. Tweed, J.D. 114; G. Thompson, P.M. 1008; N. Garrett, P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. J. J. Farnham, P.G. Chaplain, Bombay; H. Goldsmith, 1008; A. Webb, 1008; J. Norman, 929; G. Roper, 936; R. Postle, 1008; A. R. Barber, 225; J. Clarke, 225; H. J. Barnard, 1273; C. Emerson, 1224; E. G. Castledine, 1008; J. G. Oliver, 1008; W. M. Neale, 1008; J. Shepherd, 1008; J. M. Harvey, 936; G. E. Jeaffreson, 555; W. J. Nunn, 1008; W. Pead, 1008; Capt. Horne, 1008; H. Thompson, 1008; J. R. Thompson, 1008; A. A. Bennett, 959; F. Bennett, 959; L. Merlin, 1118; E. Huddleston, 1008; G. Cornish, 1008; E. King, 1008; G. J. Paine, 1008; E. Fyson, 1008; W. D. Paine, 1008; P. Fitch, 1008; Rev. H. Hall, 1008; Rev. C. H. Wenn, 1008; H. Sidney, 376; A. Laughton, 1008; G. J. Keeble, 1008; F. E. Aldrich, 1008; E. J. Griffiths, Steward 1008; A. Last, 1008; T. D. Taylor, 959; W. H. Smith, 1008; T. Gardner, 1008; J. Feek, 376; T. Reed, 1224; H. Deacon, 1312; A. A. Goldsmith, 1008; P. M. Browne, 1008; H. Rolfe, 1008; F. C. Fitch, 1224; Dr. W. H. Short, 1008; C. Wing, 1008; G. F. Nunn, 1008; C. Lawrence, 88; A. Hunter, 1008; N. Garrett, P.M.; H. Luff, P.G. S. of W.; and others.

At two o'clock a procession was formed under the guidance of Bro. Emra Holmes, the Director of Ceremonies, who was very ably assisted by Bro. W. Clarke, the Asst. D.C., and the brethren were marshalled under their respective banners, and headed by Tylers with drawn swords, but without any band—none having been provided—proceeded to church. The want of a band was very much felt, and we would suggest that as music is en regle, and indeed provided for in the Book of Constitutions for public processions of Masons, it would be well if the Prov. Grand Lodge should provide a band at its own expense on another occasion, if the lodge which receives P. G. Lodge is unwilling or unable to provide one. A procession without a band is like a body without a head—and we venture these remarks for the benefit of those whom it may concern.

[The conclusion of this report will be given next week.]

DEDICATION OF THE SURREY MASONIC HALL, AND CONSECRATION OF THE SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE (No. 1539).

On Wednesday last the new Masonic Hall for the South of London was formally dedicated to Freemasonry by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. The brethren began to assemble early in the afternoon, and shortly after half-past two o'clock Lord Skelmersdale arrived. He was received by Grand Secretary (Bro. Hervey); Dr. Woodman, Grand Sword Bearer; Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Past Grand Deacon; Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Bro. F. Binckes, Bro. R. W. Little, Bro. Lariham, Bro. Ramsay, Bro. T. L. Green, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Rev. P. M. Holden, Bro. H. Burr, Pro. G. Treasurer, Middlesex; Bro. E. Clark (architect of the building), Bro. John Oliver (the builder), Dr. Goldsboro, Bro. H. C. Levander, Bro. James Lewis Thomas, and several others. His lordship immediately proceeded to consecrate the building, and a procession was formed, which conducted him to the beautiful lodge-room. Assembled there to meet his lordship was a large party of brethren from different parts of London, from the province

of Middlesex, and the province of Surrey. Lord Skelmersdale, who had appointed Bro. Little to act as Director of Ceremonies, requested that brother to open the lodge, which was accordingly done, Bro. Little taking the chair of W.M., Bro. John Hervey that of S.W., and Bro. Hutton that of J.W. Bro. the Rev. J. M. Vaughan was S.D.; Bro. Levander, J.D., and Bro. J. L. Thomas, I.G.; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford acting as Chaplain. The lodge having been opened, Lord Skelmersdale took the chair of W.M. Bro. E. Clark, the architect, then approached the W.M. with the plans, which he laid on the pedestal, and explained all the different chambers which had been provided for the convenience of the brethren, the offices, banqueting room, large hall for public use, billiard-room, kitchens, cellars, &c., and informed his lordship that the object the promoters had in view was to give lodges on the Surrey side of the water an opportunity of meeting at a place other than a tavern, but with all the conveniences which a tavern could afford. In this scheme he hoped the promoters would be successful, and that the brethren of Surrey would profit by it. Lord Skelmersdale expressed his approval both of the plans and the objects of the promoters, and handed back the plans to Bro. Clark's keeping with the best wishes for the success of the enterprise. Bro. Henry Parker, who was presiding at the harmonium, then commenced playing a march, and the procession consisted of the Rev. A. F. Woodford, with the Sacred Law on a cushion, the square and compasses; Bro. Hutton, carrying the cornucopia with corn; Bro. Hervey, with wine, and Col. Burdett with oil. Dr. Woodman, with the Sword, and Lord Skelmersdale, perambulated the room, and the formal act of dedication was performed, the Rev. A. F. Woodford concluding it with the censer. Bro. Little declared the lodge duly dedicated to Freemasonry and universal benevolence, and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford delivered the oration, which will appear in our columns next week.

After some further music, in which Bros. Farquharson and Kerr Kedge sang some beautiful anthems, the ceremony of dedication of the Surrey Masonic Hall was completed, and the consecration of the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge was proceeded with. Lord Skelmersdale performed this ceremony also, in which the Rev. P. M. Holden acted as Chaplain, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

Bro. John Oliver (Secretary) read the warrant, while the brethren named in it were ranged in the usual place. The brethren of the lodge having signified their assent to the nominations in the warrant (which was headed with the autograph "Albert Edward," Grand Master), the Rev. P. M. Holden in delivering the oration spoke as follows:—Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and brethren,—Masonry is an institution founded, not as the ignorant and uninstructed vainly imagine, on unmeaning mysteries supported by mere good fellowship; but Masonry is an institution founded upon eternal reason and truth, whose deep recess is the civilisation of mankind, and whose everlasting glory it is to have the immovable support of those two mighty pillars, science and morality. In proof of this assertion of mine permit me on the present occasion, as appropriate to our present gathering, to touch very briefly indeed upon the antiquity, the extent, and the comprehensiveness of our mystic art, concluding with a very few words upon its excellence and utility. As to its antiquity—Masons of course are very well informed from their own private and interior records that the building of King Solomon's Temple is a most important era from whence they derive many mysteries of their art. Now, be it remembered that this great event, the building of King Solomon's Temple, took place 1000 years before the Christian era, and therefore a century before Homer, the first of the Grecian poets, wrote, and five centuries before Pythagoras brought from the East his sublime system of Grand Masonic Instruction to illuminate this our western world. But, remote as this period unquestionably is, we date not from thence the commencement of our art. Though it might owe to the great and glorious and wise King of Israel some of its many mystic forms and hieroglyphic ceremonies, yet the art itself is coeval with man, with man the grand subject of it; nay, in very truth we may say that it is coeval with the Creation itself, when the Sovereign Architect raised on strictly Masonic principles this beautiful globe, and commanded that master science, Geometry, to lay the rule to the planetary world and regulate by its laws the whole stupendous system. And as Masonry is of such remote antiquity, so is it, as might easily be imagined, of boundless extent. We trace its footsteps in the most distant ages and nations of the world; we find it in the first and most celebrated civilizers of the East; we can trace it from the first astronomers on the plains of Chaldea, to the wise and mystic kings and priests of Egypt, the sages of Greece, the philosophers of Rome; nay, even to the rude and Gothic builders of a dark and degenerate age, whose vast temples still remain among us as monuments of their attachment to the Masonic art, and as signal proofs of the taste which, however irregular, must always, nevertheless, be considered awful, beautiful, grand, and sublime. In very truth, in no civilised age or country has Masonry ever been neglected. The most illustrious characters—kings and nobles, sages and statesmen, authors and artists, warriors and philosophers, have thought it their glory to advance, defend, protect, and honour it. And even at the present hour, when our brotherhood is successfully established in every kingdom on the earth, we are happy and proud to include in that list names which do honour to their own, and would, indeed, have done honour to any age. Of course, I have no time now to enumerate or to mention those names; but, perhaps, it would be inexcusable on my part did I not here mention one name, the name of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (cheers), our Worshipful Grand Master, the

bright northern star of Masonry, as we may fairly call him, and of whom we, as members of the Craft, are justly proud as a distinguished friend and lover of the art—that beautiful, honorable, ancient art, to spread and to dignify which lodges are formed in every quarter of the globe. Thus much as to the extent, and, so to speak, the universality of Masonry; and when to this is further added the comprehensiveness of the institution, the vast circle of arts and sciences which it takes in and embraces, then we shall no longer for one single moment wonder at its vast extent, but feel persuaded that Masonry must and ever will keep place and run parallel with the outline and civilisation of mankind. Nay, we may state with the greatest truth, that where Masonry is not, there civilisation will never be found. And so in very fact it appears; for in those barbarous nations and savage countries where operative Masonry never lays the line nor stretches the compass, where skilful architecture never plans the structure nor rears the well ordered columns in those uncultured regions liberal science never softens, nor does elegant art refine, beautify and embellish the mind. With these very few, imperfect remarks can any man doubt for a single moment as to the excellence and great utility of Masonry, thus deep in antiquity, boundless in extent, universal in its comprehension of every science, operative and speculative; thus as it were in its wide arms embracing the whole circle of arts and morals. Indeed, the well known and often quoted eulogy which Cicero once pronounced upon philosophy may I think with equal propriety be applied to Freemasonry. He says, "Hæc studia adolescentiam alunt, senectutem oblectant. Secundas res ornant, adversis perfugium ac solatium præbent. Delectant domi, non impediunt foras. Pernoctant nobiscum, peregrinantur, rusticantur." And for the information of those brethren whose Latin may be somewhat rusty, allow me to put that freely into English, and it reads thus, that Masonry, like philosophy, will be found eminently to be the improvement of youth, the delight of old age, the ornament of prosperity, the solace and refuge of our adverse hours: it pleases at home; it is not an incumbrance abroad; it lodges with us; travels with us; and adds pleasure and amusement to our rural retirement. (Hear, hear.) Allow me then, Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and you, most excellent brethren, to congratulate you all upon the advancement, and the present most flourishing state of our ancient, honourable, and beautiful art. Allow me more especially to congratulate you upon the dedication to-day, with solemn pomp, song and ritual, of an edifice reflecting the greatest credit upon the architect and upon the Craft. May the Craft always meet happy, safe and secure, within its walls, and may it flourish for ever like the palm tree; may private friendship and public virtue distinguish and adorn the heart and character of every Mason who shall ever, ever, form and fill the sacred and Masonic edifice consecrated to day; and while through Thy bounty, Omnipotent Parent of the world, rich and generous dispenser of every blessing, our cups overflow with gladness, may our hearts never be wanting in gratitude, and in the voice of thanksgiving, while earnestly and emphatically saying

Father of all, in every age,
In every clime adored,
By saint, by savage, and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove, or Lord;
To Thee, whose temple is all space,
Whose altar, earth, sea, skies,
One chorus let all being raise,
All nature's incense rise.

The rev. brother sat down amidst hearty applause. An anthem was then sung, another prayer was offered by Bro. Holden, another anthem was sung, Bro. Little pronounced the invocation, and Bro. the Rev. J. M. Vaughan read a portion of the Sacred Law. Lord Skelmersdale afterwards scattered the elements of consecration, pronounced the purposes to which the lodge was consecrated, and Bro. Vaughan handled the censer, the organ playing all the time, and the prayer was offered by Bro. Holden. The lodge's consecration was completed, and Lord Skelmersdale requested Bro. Little to instal Bro. Mark Samuel Larham in the chair. Bro. Little having taken the chair, Bro. E. Clark presented Bro. Larham, whom Bro. Little formally installed. The following brethren were invested with office: Bro. Ramsey, S.W.; Bro. Green, J.W.; Bro. Little, Treasurer; Bro. Oliver, Secretary; Bro. N. Bitherdon, S.D.; Bro. W. Smale, J.D.; and Bro. Gyder, Tyler. Bros. Little and John Hervey delivered the addresses, and Lord Skelmersdale was elected an honorary member of the lodge, with a wish that he might frequently visit it. Lord Skelmersdale, in acknowledging the compliment, said he thanked the brethren most heartily for their kindness, and congratulated the lodge on having such a W.M. From what he had seen of his work, he was sure the lodge would be well worked during his year, and under his auspices it would become one of the best lodge's in the district. He hoped on some future occasion to come and pay the brethren a visit, and when he should come he expected to find the lodge in a very flourishing state. (Hear, hear.)

Bros. Woodford, Holden, Vaughan, Hervey, and Hutton were also elected honorary members of the lodge, the W.M. also expressing a hope that they would come and visit the lodge as often as they could.

Bro. Woodford acknowledged the vote, and wished the brethren every prosperity. He also added that he and the other brethren just elected felt great pleasure on all occasions to do anything which would cement more and more the brethren of the Order, and to advance the good old Craft. Joining members and initiates were thereafter proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down, accompanied by Lord Skelmersdale, to an excellent banquet, which spoke volumes in favour of the culinary arrangements of the new hall.

Bro. George Bridges, of Camberwell, supplied the beautiful non-Masonic portion of the furniture and the draperies, both of the lodge and the banqueting-rooms, and Bro. George Kenning supplied the Masonic furniture. The Master and Wardens' chairs were kindly lent by the Macdonald Lodge, 1216. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, were admirable. He was assisted by Bros. Farquharson and Kerr Gedge, who sang in their best style, and gave to the dedication and consecration a finish which, it was remarked by many brethren, they had never seen before. After the banquet Bros. Farquharson and Kerr Gedge also sang some pretty songs, ballads, and trios, in which they were assisted by Miss Jessie Royd. The whole of the proceedings were highly successful, and were an admirable beginning for the new hall and lodge.

The following is a list of the brethren present, as far as we were able to ascertain their names.
Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; Col. Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex; John Hervey, G. Sec.; C. H. Hatton, J.P., P.G.D.; T. W. Goldsboro, P.P.G., S.W.; Dr. W. Woodman, G.S.B.; R. W. Little, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; F. Binckes, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Rev. P. M. Holden, S.D. 907; James L. Thomas, P.M. 142; Joshua Nunn, P.M.; H. C. Levander, P.M.; P. Nairn, P.M. 176; B. Turner, 1328; H. Parkin, P.G.O.; J. H. Hastie, W.M. 1216; N. Briges, P.M. 772, 1216; James Garner, 975; John Multon, 437; Dr. Pinder; F. Beaston; George Kenning, P.M., P.Z.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; M. S. Larham, W.M.; W. Ramsay, S.W.; T. L. Green, J.W.; R. Little, Treas.; J. Oliver, Sec.; N. Ritherdon, S.D.; W. Smale, J.D.; D. A. Ross, I.G.; F. Geider, Tyler.

Masonic Tidings.

Owing to a mistake in our last impression we give the true return to-day as regards the ever energetic province of West Yorkshire.

*Bro. Frasmus Wilson, F.R.S., is the Vice-Chairman for the Cruikshank Art Collections Fund. Bro. Wilson has also been re-elected Professor of Dermatology.

Bro. Joseph Taylor, P.M., has taken a permanent residence in Margate, where he has been appointed a Justice of the Peace.

An emergency meeting of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, will take place on Tuesday next, at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road.

An emergency meeting of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, will take place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Friday the 30th inst.

Bro. George Ward Hunt, M.P., has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the Royal Naval School on the 27th inst.

In recognition of the services rendered by Sir Knt. S. B. Ellis in the formation of the White Rose of York Conclave at Sheffield, the Grand Council have been pleased to confer upon him the honorary grades of Viceroy and Sovereign of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, &c.

ANONYMOUS CHARITY.—A roll of bank-notes, value £800, was last week left by a lady, under the initials of E.C., at the office of the Curates' Augmentation Fund.

We understand Bro. Captain Boyton intends giving a public entertainment on Wednesday next, the 21st inst., in aid of the funds of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. The entertainment will consist of an exhibition of the capabilities of his life-saving dress, with a number of amusing experiments, &c. It is hoped that the brethren in general will avail themselves of this opportunity for increasing the funds of these noble charities by attending in full force with their friends. Particulars as to the time and place of meeting will be duly advertised in the daily papers.

FREEMASONRY.—A controversy is being carried on in some of the American papers as to the propriety of invoking the name of the founder of Christianity in Masonic prayers; some prominent Masons permit such an invocation. To persons lacking the acuteness of vision which can see through a brick wall the problem must remain insoluble how a prayer can at one and the same time be undenominational (such as Masonry claims to be), and yet Christian. To ordinary minds this must appear as talking of a triangular or a circular square. But minds which can conceive Three to be One and One to be Three, and who can talk with assurance of a virgin who is a mother, though it be the mother of God, will no doubt find also the means of solving the Masonic problem. The term mystery is elastic enough for anything.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

The quarterly convocation of the above society was held on Thursday last at the Cafe Royal, Regent-street. Present: Fraters Wm. Robt. Woodman, M.D., as Master of the Temple, T. B. Yeoman, T. W. White, Rev. Church, Dewar Weaver, Stanton Jones, Foulger, George Kenning, Massa, E. Macartney, M.P., and several other fraters.

Frater Woodman, inducted Frater Weaver into the chair of Master of the Temple. Frater Weaver then appointed his officers for the year; some brethren were balloted for. The M—C—was then formed, after which the Fraters separated.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

Owing to the late hour at which we received the Stewards' Lists, several inaccuracies crept in, notably the following:—

Bro. Bingemann's (Constitutional No. 55) list, amounted to £246 15s., instead of £63.

Bro. J. H. Leggett's list (Prudent Brethren), should have been £253 5s. 6d., instead of £53 5s. 6d.

Bro. Thomas Meggy (Emulation No. 21) brought up £121 16s., and is only credited in our report with £43 1s.

The entire contribution of the Province of West Yorkshire was placed to the credit of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. The entire list of the various Stewards in this extensive province was as follows:—

LODGES.

61 Edwards, Lieut. Col. Sir Henry, Bart., Prov. G.M. (V.P.)	10	10	0
61 Scarborough, Geo.	10	10	0
61 Tasker, William, P.M.	10	10	0
139 Hayes, Simeon, W.M.	10	10	0
139 Short, William, P.M., P.P.G.D., Group of Subscribers	10	10	0
139 Morris, T. S. Ditto	10	10	0
139 Tyzack, W.A. Ditto	10	10	0
154 Simpson, Edward, S.D.	10	5	0
275 Shaw Bentley, J.P., D.L., W.P. Deputy Prov. G.M. (V.P.)	5	5	0
290 Harrop, W., W.M.	10	10	0
296 Chaundy, John F.	10	10	0
296 Edwards, Thomas Armstrong, a Lewis	5	5	0
302 Broughton, Benj., P.M. (V.P.)	10	10	0
302 Farrar, Hanson, Treasurer (V.P.)	10	10	0
306 Seanor, Samuel Exley, W.M.	10	10	0
380 Wordsworth, Capt. J., P.P.G.W., (V.P.)	10	10	0
387 Lodge Airedale, S. Warden Chair, by subscription	10	10	0
408 Lodge Three Graces, W.M. Chair	10	10	0
827 Tattersfield, Joseph	5	5	0
837 Pegler, Chas.	10	10	0
904 Fawcett, John S.W.	10	10	0
904 Perrot, Clement Hamil P.M.	10	10	0
910 Simpson, John P.M.	10	10	0
910 Tew, Thomas William, J.P., Deputy Prov. G.M.	10	10	0
971 Lodge Trafalgar, W.M. Chair	15	15	0
1018 Lodge Shakespear, W.M. Chair	21	0	0
1018 Longley, William	10	10	0
1019 Newton, George	10	10	0
1034 Eccleshill, Chaplain of	10	10	0
" Charity Steward per Bro. C. Turner	10	10	0
" Treasurer, per Bro. Chrstr. Pratt, P.P.G. S. of Works	10	10	0
" Secretary, " Ditto	10	10	0
" Organist, by subscription	10	10	0
" Master of Cere's "	10	10	0
" I.G., per Bro. Geo. Pearson	10	10	0
" Lodge Steward, by subscript.	10	10	0
" I.G., per Bro. Geo. Pearson	10	10	0
1042 Lodge Excelsior, W.M. Chair	21	0	0
1042 Beedle, Joseph, P.M.	10	10	0
Hamilton, Mrs. Lucy	1	1	0
1221 Lodge Defence, W.M.'s Chair	10	10	0
1231 Crossley, Frederick, P.M., Prov. G. Sword Bearer	10	10	0
1231 Crossley, John Edward, P.M.	10	10	0
1311 Kitchin, George, P.M.	10	10	0
1311 Turner, Thomas, P.M.	10	10	0
1311 Lodge Zetland, J. W. Chair, by subscription	21	0	0
1462 Bustard, John	10	10	0
1513 Carter, Richard, W.M., P. Prov. G.W.	10	10	0
1513 Watson, J. H.	10	10	0
1513 Beardsall, Francis Knowles	10	10	0
1522 Lodge Olicana, W.M. Chair, per Bro. John Gaunt, P. Prov. G.D.	10	10	0
1522 " S.W. Chair, per Bro. Joe Hammond, S.W.	10	10	0
1522 " J.W. Chair, per Bro. Wm. Margerson, J.W.	10	10	0
Anonymous, per F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I. Boys	100	0	0
Rhodes, C. T., Fearnley Lodge, Mark Masters, No. 58	10	10	0
W.M.'s Chair, Fearnley Lodge, Mark Masters, No. 58	10	10	0
W.M.'s Chair, Prince Edward Lodge, Mark Masters, No. 14	10	10	0
Prov. G. Lodge Mark Masters, per Bro. W. Cooke	10	10	0

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The following communications stand over.

Reports of Lodges 177, 206, 228, 673, 913, 1057, 1085, E.C.; Royal Order of Scotland; Prov. G. Lodge, Lancaster and Chester; Red Cross Conclave, 97; Newton Abbot; No. 75, Dublin; Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent; Freemasonry at Constantinople.

We have received Bro. Tew's letter, Bro. Perrot's new circular, and a letter from the four masters, but in the best interests of the Order we adhere to our former resolution of non-publication.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1875.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

We concluded our article last week with the words, "We congratulate Bro. Binckes." We reiterate them to-day. For certainly the meeting of Wednesday was a full endorsement of his views, and a complete justification of his proposals. No more thoroughly distinct expression of the approval of the Order, of his unremitting efforts for the Boys' School, ever was accorded to any of the officials of any of our institutions. Bro. Binckes may indeed feel deeply gratified with the result of the festival, and as deeply grateful for the marked satisfaction and support of the Order. We say nothing here of the munificent amount of £12,700, munificent though it in truth be, and reflecting the highest credit on all concerned. We may add "en passant," that we have some reason to be proud of our good old Craft, which in the year of grace 1875 collects nearly £27,000 for our three great charitable institutions. But putting even the almost startling climax of so many zealous labours, and doubts, and anxieties on one side, we are glad to look on the proceedings of Wednesday as a satisfactory proof of the deep interest in the Boys' School felt by our entire fraternity. It is to that, we think, that Bro. Binckes may fairly and rightly appeal as the best answer to any cavils, and the truest response to any idle complaints. The Boys' School is a necessity for the Order, a great, an abiding, a pressing necessity,

and anything which would tend to lessen its character, or to hinder its progress, is to be discountenanced and repudiated by every true Freemason. Some questions have cropped up lately, into which, for the best interests of the Boys' School and of Freemasonry, we did not think it befitting to enter in our columns, and we mean to continue our "reticence" in this respect. There were evidently personal feelings and personal controversies at the bottom, whether of letters, or pamphlets, or circulars, and we therefore decline to make the *Freemason* the medium of communication of all these untoward discussions to the brethren at large. We felt, too, as we feel still more strongly now, that Bro. Binckes might fairly claim, from us especially, fair play. He is placed in a most responsible position, he has carried through a gigantic undertaking, his labours of years alike untiring and praiseworthy have been rewarded with signal success, and he has, we do not hesitate to say, deserved well of his own committee, and of Freemasons generally. Sympathizing as we do alike with his past endeavours to promote the efficiency and enlarge the utility of the Boys' School, believing as we do moreover that there are very few of our brethren, if any, who could have done what he has had to do, often too amid severe difficulties, and heavy discouragements, we heartily rejoice in being able to offer to Bro. Binckes to-day, not only our "heartly good wishes" but our sincere congratulations. He may, and probably will, remember long with a grateful and gratifying memory, that amid the childish inculpations of our great Order, by the ignorant or mendacious, it has been given to him to evoke from our benevolent organization one of the largest contributions to Masonic charity which Freemasonry has ever witnessed. May all of success attend the Boys' School, and may the happy result of 1875 be the foundation for it of a new funded capital, and an augury of successful labours, and of a prosperous Institution.

THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

Bro. Herve, the Grand Secretary, at the consecration of the Chaucer Lodge on July the 2nd; directed most of his weighty remarks to this very important point. He said that "the Order was no doubt enjoying great material prosperity, a prosperity almost unexampled in its history, but that this very prosperity constituted both a trial and a danger. Freemasonry, owing to its large numerical increase, and the flourishing state of its institutions, had a good deal apparently to offer to some, and to promise to more. Hence, there was not only a very large number of applicants for the light of Freemasonry, but it was just possible, that, owing to various circumstances at the present time, the desire for admission would be continuous and increasing. He felt then it to be his duty kindly to point out to the W.M. and officers, and brethren of the new lodge, the necessity incumbent on them of caution and care. Not every one that asked to be numbered amongst our brethren had therefore a right to expect or claim to be received. The brethren were bound to observe a strict "surveillance" over all applicants for initiation, and unless they were persons who, by their respectability of character, and courtesy of demeanour, their general bearing, and their known qualifications, were likely to be careful and valuable members of lodges, the brethren ought to hesitate, and they ought to be on their guard against an indiscriminate admission of candidates, simply because they were able to pay their fees, and were at present in a position even of wealth and respectability. Many brethren hastily admitted turned out to be great nuisances in their lodges, and were very difficult indeed to get rid of. The brethren should remember that it was "quality" not "quantity," which as Freemasons they should most have respect to, and a lodge with a few good men and true was far better, in his opinion, than the most numerous lodge composed of indifferent or fair weather Masons. He confessed that he looked with some little apprehension on the present tendency to admit new members somewhat hastily, and he had thought it well specially to

call the attention of Bro. Sabine and his officers and brethren to a topic which, though not interesting, perhaps, and somewhat heavy, was yet of intense importance to the future welfare of the Craft. The drain on our charitable funds, and the claims on our Institutions, were very large, and rapidly augmenting, and he could not help ascribing some of the present pressure to a little laxity in regard of careful selection of new members." Our brother, the Grand Secretary, always speaks with great moderation and singular clearness, and his words always deserve, as they always receive, the attention of the brethren at large. We quite agree with all he has so opportunely said, and so well expressed, and we feel how important it is, that the lodges everywhere should weigh well these truthful statements, and this valuable advice. It is no doubt a temptation to new lodges, probably to all lodges, to increase rapidly the roll of its associates, but we venture to think, that in no case are those old words more true, than as regards Masonic Lodges, "festina lente." Let nothing tempt a lodge ever to overlook the Masonic and prudential duty of sifting and selection. Freemasonry is strong, as well in the character of its adepts as in the principles of its profession, and no more serious blow could be administered to its true stability and progressing permanency, than any relaxation of the time-honoured axioms of our Order, care and attention as regards all candidates for admission and acceptance in our venerable and worthy sodality.

MASONIC TOLERATION.

It seems almost superfluous to speak to Freemasons about Toleration, as it is in one respect, so to say, the keystone of the great Masonic arch which spans the world in which we live. But yet, as we all of us are aware, it is not always the most obvious and well-spoken truths which we accept and work out, if we may so express ourselves, in our daily practice and walk in life. Some truths are so well-known to us that we almost forget them from their very familiarity, or overlook them from their old-fashioned triteness. And though as Freemasons we often profess Toleration, and though Toleration constitutes a great Masonic grace and virtue in the eyes of the best teachers and the truest children of Freemasonry, yet we think we can trace some little "indicia" in the passing events and utterances of the day, which serve to convince us, at any rate, that some of us, whatever we may know of Toleration in the letter, have yet to learn its spirit. For what is Toleration? And what is, we may further ask, Masonic Toleration? Toleration in its essence is that active and gentle quality of the mind which is elevated above the depressing and contracting influences of party spirit, of sectarian difference, of national hatreds, and personal prejudice. Toleration accepts the differences of opinion, and the contradiction of creeds, as knowing well that they do and must exist in the world, and that as there is not a monopoly of truth, just as there is not a monopoly of anything else, people must "agree to differ." Toleration does not necessarily imply laxity of opinion, or indifference, or scepticism, or stoicism, as some hot-headed writers have often hastily argued. On the contrary, Toleration may and does exist when a person is very fully persuaded of the "faith that is in him," and when he sees very clearly in his own humble and reverent mind the way in which he ought to go, and the way, moreover, at all hazards to himself. Toleration would lift itself and us, with its kindly sympathies, above the passing differences and controversies of mankind, and would bid us all believe, in the words of the wittiest poet of the nineteenth century,

"While zealots fast and frown,
And fight for two or seven,
That there are fifty roads to town,
And rather more to Heaven."

Toleration would say to us all equally, "Judge not your brother, to his own great Master he standeth or falleth. Do not suppose that you yourself alone are right, and everybody else wrong in the world." And thus it comes to pass

that while Toleration holds its own manfully, warmly, truly, devotedly, it condemns no one else who differs or disagrees, it never desires to persecute, it never proposes to burn, but leaves every thing to that great and solemn hour when all our divisions shall be healed, all our differences adjusted, and all our misunderstandings fully understood, when truth, and light, and knowledge, and sight shall be all unclouded and perfected for evermore. And so Masonic Toleration, overlooking the peculiarities of national views, and of denominational teaching, regards every Son of Adam as a brother of the dust, denounces no man's belief, asks for no man's credentials, but accepting all who acknowledge reverently the great Creator and father of all, rejects alone from its bosom sternly the avowed Atheist, and the notorious libertine. Such is the position of Freemasonry, clear, simple, and intelligible, but, of course, open to attack from various quarters on account of this very singleness and simplicity of aim and declaration. To some, in consequence, Freemasonry is too lax, to others it is still too religious, to many it is too broad, and to others unchristian on this very account. But we believe that if some minds may object to this wide and tolerant platform, a great majority of our Order admire it and uphold it. Freemasonry knows nothing of the questions of religious controversy which often so agitate the world, and as Freemasons we have no right to pass any opinion on the dogmas and creeds, and catechisms of denominational bodies. We accept all good men and true within our pale, Church of England and Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic and Lutheran, Armenians and Copts, Protestants generally, and members of the Society of Friends, in fact all denominations "who profess and call themselves Christians," as well, let us remember, as the Hebrew and the Hindoo, the Mahomedan and the Parsee, the Druse of Mount Lebanon, and the free coloured Masons in the United States (made in a lawful lodge), since Freemasonry knows no distinction of caste or country, and, saving two notable exceptions, of conditions or creeds. If even in the heat of controversy or induced by the passing polemics of the hour, we are led any of us to give expression to our feelings as regards the religious views of others, we are overpassing, let us bear in mind, the limits of Masonic teaching, we are forgetting the truth of Masonic toleration. One of our chief opponents, the Church of Rome, is often very lavish in "piling up the agony" of epithets and abuse of anathema and ban—so be it. Let us not as Freemasons, however, return "railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing." Above all, let us always keep before us, in all our Masonic professions, and in all our Masonic speeches, that as Freemasons we are really above all such harmless diatribes, and all such illogical objections, come from what quarter they will. In our Masonic toleration we can afford to smile at the violence of such pseudo-religionists, just as we pity the folly of those who evidently seem to hold that the true outcome of religious faith is best evidenced by violence of language, or a spirit of persecution. As Freemasons we are tolerant, and we will be tolerant, even amid the intolerance of fanatical accusers, come what may.

THE FAMINE IN ASIA MINOR.

As we said last week, hardly a day passes but we have some startling exhibition of those visitations and abnormal conditions of this earth of ours, which are such an affliction to us all, and often such a scourge to humanity. The population of Asia Minor has for some time been severely suffering from a dreadful famine in which thousands have perished, some say 150,000 we see, and much commiseration has been felt for the sufferers, and considerable sums have been remitted by benevolent Englishmen to the authorities in the district where such dire distress prevails. Mr. H. R. Munro Butler Johnstone called attention to the subject in the *Times* of July 8th, in what we venture in all deference to consider a most unwise and unpractical letter. Never was Mrs. Malaprop's famous axiom, "comparisons are odorous," more fully verified than in that hasty communication. It has been observed before, how very often, even clever

men when they will rush into print, to use a common if somewhat vulgar expression, "put their foot into it." In order to advocate the claims of the Asia Minor population on the charitable sympathies of the British public, Mr. Johnstone, somewhat depreciates the French claims, and talks of "a few scores of people, &c., &c." In Verdun, we may observe, a town of ten thousand people, only three houses are left standing, and 22,000 people at the very least are houseless, homeless and all but penniless. Neither do we understand Mr. Johnstone's allusion "to the 'rich Pharisee,'" unless indeed he alludes to the parable of the good Samaritan in which Priest and Levite successively appear on the scene, but not as far as we are aware a Pharisee. This is one of the curious blunders of contemporary literature. We therefore entirely dissent from the tone of Mr. Johnstone's remarks, and regret to have read them. We feel bound to say this for our English people, that their hearts are "generally open" as "melting charity," for any well deserving case of sympathy and relief, and whatever may be the call for assistance of Asia Minor we are sure that no more righteous appeal ever was addressed to our true-hearted English people than that which comes from the fair land of France, and from our suffering and ruined fellow creatures at Toulouse. We may add that the list of calamities is not full. Floods near Buda have inflicted great injury and disasters in Hungary, and as there always is a great sympathy for the fine Hungarian population amongst all Englishmen, we think it well to allude to the subject in the *Freemason* to-day. Since we wrote this the Lord Mayor has also sanctioned a subscription for the sufferers in Hungary, to which we wish all success. We deeply deplore, as we said before, the famine in Asia Minor, and feel that English benevolence may well be extended to that far off scene of privation and misery. Very glad we shall be if the spontaneous efforts of English charitable impulse may tend to alleviate and mitigate the horrors of famine there. But having said this, we feel bound to add, that we rejoice to think that English sympathy is being warmly extended to our French brethren and sisters, and that the Lord Mayor's list is already so largely filling up with the liberal largesse of our ever benevolent countrywomen and countrymen. Madame Mac Mahon's letter and appeal, which we publish to-day, will be read with interest, and we trust will not remain unanswered.

Original Correspondence.

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

PROVINCIAL FUNDS.—II. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

(THE LEICESTER MASONIC HALL.)

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your article on the last annual balance-sheet of this province, at p. 283, ante, you have appealed to me, in complimentary terms, for an explanation of the connection of the Freemasons' Hall in this town with the Provincial Grand Lodge. This information I have pleasure in supplying. The erection of a Masonic Hall here had long been earnestly desired. Two attempts were made in the year 1824 (when a site was actually purchased), and, again in 1842, during my first Mastership of St. John's Lodge, then the only one in the town. Both of those proved failures, but a third, made in 1859, was successfully carried out by the erection of the present commodious structure, almost entirely by the contributions of the members of the two local lodges.

The intention was that these contributions should represent so many £1 shares, to be thereafter entitled, *pro rata*, as a dividend to any surplus profits which might accrue. In the then state of the law our Prov. Grand Registrar saw a difficulty in the way, and a case having been laid before Bro. Roxburgh, Q.C., he gave it as his opinion, that in order to keep the nominal purchasers of the site, &c. (the Trustees), free from personal liability, "there was no mode of carrying out legally the views suggested; that no trust could be enforced if created, and, that the subscriptions must be taken as *absolute gifts*." This was accordingly done, and up to the present time all moneys received, except the balance now in hand, have been expended upon the property (which includes an adjoining house, let off).

The total expenditure has been over £2000, a second mortgage of £350 having been paid off some years after the erection of the building, leaving the present charge of £750 still upon it.

Considerable alterations and improvements of the hall were made a year or two ago, in payment for which the surplus money and the sinking fund up to that time were applied, but it is now hoped that the debt of £750 may be gradually liquidated, leaving any surplus revenue to be dealt with as the Provincial Grand Lodge may, from time to time, decide. Since the lamented decease of the late Earl Howe, P.G.M., only myself and one other of the nominal owners of the property remaining, a new trust-deed has been executed, the following brief summary of the provisions of which will show the connection of the hall with the Provincial Grand Lodge:

- 1.—The management of the Hall to be under the control of the Hall Committee.
- 2.—The Hall to be devoted primarily to Freemasonry and kindred institutions.
- 3.—Subject to No. 2, the Hall may be let for social or religious gatherings, &c., under certain restrictions.
- 4.—Revenue to be received and applied by the Hall Committee in such manner as they shall think fit, subject, however, to the direction of P.G. Lodge.
- 5.—When the Trustees are reduced to three, the vacancies to be filled to the full number of seven, and the property transferred accordingly.

The Hall Committee consists of the five principal officers of the P.G. Lodge, the W. Master of the local Craft, and Mark Masters' Lodges, and the M.E.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter, ex-officio, together with two representatives annually elected by each of those bodies.

Should any further information on the subject be desired, I shall be happy to supply it.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM KELLY,
P.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland.

To Brother George Kenning, Proprietor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to correct one or two slight errors in your report of my "sayings and doings" last week.

In the first place, as regards the Masonic oration delivered at the Chaucer Lodge, in the 18th line from the close of the oration, page 304, "Masonic grace" should read "woman's grace," all the difference in the world. Indeed, "Masonic grace" is nonsense.

In the report of my little speech at the dinner my words were actually these:—"That though we had, as we often said, amongst us 'many members of rank and opulence,' the great majority of our Order might fairly be termed the middle-class of Freemasonry, and theirs for the most part were limited incomes. I pointed out that, whatever some of our opponents might choose to say of us in their idle and childish allegations, all of them equally absurd and mendacious, they could not accuse us of want of charity. That as regards the Boys' School, the boys educated were the sons of our own brethren, with many of whom we had happily associated in the genial hours of peaceful 'reunion' and innocent festivity. We had sat with them at the same board, belonged perhaps to the same lodge, and were members of our common Alma Mater."

I have thought it well just to call attention to these points, as no doubt in the hurry of the moment my few but simple words were a little abbreviated.

I am, yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

BRO. C. J. BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Four weeks have elapsed, and neither the Earl of Limerick, the Rev. J. R. Portal, nor any other members of the Mark Degree have thought well to come to the front in reply to my challenge, and to say why they have expelled me from that Masonic body.

I begin to see Masonry under a new phase. Hitherto I had regarded it as possessing noble qualities, chief amongst them being that charity which not only feeds the hungry, tends the sick, clothes the naked, and cares for the fatherless, the widows, and the aged, but which also thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth in the truth. I begin to regard it as a powerful engine for crushing people by calumny, secretly and widely spread. As such, I fear that it can hardly continue to be regarded, either within or beyond the Craft, as an unmixed good.

The Mark Degree has never in any manner informed me that I have committed an offence against any Masonic principle, but the first act which has signalized the reign of the present Grand Mark Master has been the expulsion of me as unfit to be associated with him and his brethren of that Masonic body.

In so doing the Mark Degree has, in my opinion, offended against the first principle of British freedom, which provides that no person can be punished without having been previously warned of the accusation against him, and heard in his defence. The Mark Degree in thus acting has covered itself with the dishonour with which certain persons desire to clothe me. It has in thus acting brought a portion of Freemasonry into discredit, but it has done me no harm except in forcing upon me, regret, which I feel sure is shared by the Craft in general, that a Masonic body can, under any circumstances, be led into an act of injustice as un-English as it is anti-Masonic.

When I was made a Mark Master Mason I was solemnly assured that whilst I continued to act in conformity with the sublime precepts of the Order, should other friends forsake me, should envy traduce my good name, or malice persecute me, should dangers, doubts, or difficulties assail me, force attempt to drive, or temptation to entice me from the right path, among Mark Master Masons I should ever find friends, who would administer relief to my distress and comfort in my affliction. Where are those Mark Master Masons?

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

"SOUTH LONDON," "P.M., &c.," AND A TEMPERANCE LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"South London" wants to be at home with his Masonic brethren in a lodge conducted on temperance principles, and asks for information on the subject. "P.M., &c.," answers his query by saying he is a total abstainer himself, and "if side by side with total abstinence in himself he can tolerate moderation in the brethren who sit beside him, he may feel at home in any Masonic lodge."

I question if such an answer will satisfy our brother "South London," or, indeed, would be such as to please total abstainers generally, or even Masons worthy of the name. "Any Masonic lodge," I think, would not suit brethren anxious to see the principles of the Craft duly observed, according to the spirit of our Order, and the cardinal virtues by which we should be distinguished. I have been in lodges where—provided the members attend the meetings regularly, and stay to the banquets, suppers, and refreshments during the year, the Dr. and Cr. account would be as follows:—

Dr. — in account with the lodge No. —		s.	d.
"Annual Banquet," &c.	12	6	
Quarterly Suppers	7	6	
"Grogg," &c., after lodge meetings.....	8	0	
Proportion of Incidental Expenses	10	0	
	£1	18	0
Cr.		s.	d.
Annual Subscription	1	4	0
Dues to Provincial G. Lodge	0	2	0
Dues to Grand Lodge	0	2	0
Proportion of Banquet (paid by each Member)	0	5	0
Balance, being loss to the Lodge Funds	0	5	0
	£1	18	0

I could mention instances where the loss to the lodge funds has been considerably more, and we know of a lodge which went considerably in debt in consequence of the expenses attending its annual banquet, and usually did so every year, the plan being to depend upon initiation fees to set them right again in a few months. Now, would such a state of things suit either of the two brethren mentioned above. Surely neither "South London," nor "P.M., &c.," would advocate the brethren who attended the banquets and "refreshments," enjoying the entertainment either at the expense of the lodge funds, or taking the subscriptions of absent brethren to balance the account?

I do not speak now of those lodges wherein the custom is to pay a much larger fee than is required for lodge purposes, so as to meet the additional expense of banquets. My statements have reference only to the lodges whose annual subscriptions for the members vary from twelve shillings to about a pound, which sums would only be barely sufficient to clear the ordinary expenditure of the lodge for rent, taxes, printing and other incidentals. I say for all such lodges the only safe and Masonic plan to pursue is for brethren to pay for whatever they may eat or drink (unless visitors), and so long as they do so Masonically we cannot complain.

I see no need for a total abstinence lodge in South London, or elsewhere, so long as there are lodges of the same constitution as the Eclectic, No. 1201, Freemasons' Hall, London, the regulations of which provide that "As this lodge was chartered by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, &c., &c.," under a proviso that no part of its funds should be appropriated to tavern expenses, or refreshments, this, the first by-law, clearly defines that no part of the moneys received by this lodge can or shall be used or spent in any other manner than the requirements of the lodge, the Order, or Charity may permit, and shall not be appropriated for tavern expenses or refreshments in any form, and that this law is irrevocable so long as the charter of said lodge exists and is in force." I am not desirous to argue the matter on total abstinence grounds at all, and although I am a life-long total abstainer from all intoxicating liquors myself, I cannot say my experience of society generally is such that I only wish to associate with total abstainers, neither do I believe that legislation for any particular class would accord with the spirit of Freemasonry. The ballot is our test of membership as respects admission to our lodges, and if a number of brethren who meet in their "sanctuaries" are in one case total abstainers, it is not likely they will admit a publican, and if, in another instance, the majority happen to be connected with the beer and spirit interests, it would be an unlikely place for a temperance advocate to be accepted; and yet both classes would be made welcome as Masons when visiting each other's lodges. "Birds of a sort flock together," and so our brother in "South London" will, doubtless, soon discover the neighbourhood that will suit his tastes, but, setting aside individual opinions, and looking mainly at the wants of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, may we not ask, is it not needful to look more after those lodges wherein the members feast at the lodge expense, and who do not pay their fair share of the expenses? Is it right that lodges, making no provision for banquets in the subscriptions, should be allowed to spend annually such large sums as several do at their annual festivals and monthly meetings? Have we not in this fact the explanation why there are so many non-contributing members, who retire from their lodges in disgust at seeing their contributions in particular, and the fund generally, so squandered.

The Temperance Lodge in Birmingham has a by-law

prohibiting the introduction of any intoxicating beverages at their festival gatherings, but that is not what I advocate. My desire is that the Grand Lodge render it imperative that the funds of the lodge shall only be used for strictly Masonic or charitable purposes, a separate account being kept for festive occasions. Our Grand Masonic Institutions have much to gain if such were made the law of the Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Freemason* for 12th June Bro. Hughan mentioned the dates of four numbers of the *Builder*, containing information as to Masonic marks, and said there was another which he had unfortunately missed, the number for 27th March, 1869, contains some hundreds of marks, and also Mr. Godwin's able article; in fact, it is simply a reprint of the sessional paper of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

HENRY T. BOBART, W.M. 1085.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my note on this subject (p. 284, ante) the residence of the late Bro. Edw. W. Shaw has, by an error of the press, been given as Tamworth, instead of Farnworth, near Warrington. From a letter which I received from Bro. Shaw, not long before his illness, it appears that the work was intended to be published by Mr. Vincent Brooks (formerly Day & Son), London, that it was to be foolscap size, with sheets of illustrations twice that size, including, in addition to the Masons' marks, "the plans of 70 Cathedrals, and the Pyramid at Gizeh, all on the scale of 100 feet to the inch, and also drawings showing the geometrical principles on which the Mediaeval buildings were designed."

WILLIAM KELLY,

P. Prov. G.M.M. Leicestershire.

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Squires's note in yours of 26th ult. is easily explained.

When His Grace the Duke of Wellington gave the reply in 1861, referred to by Bro. Squires, "that he did not belong to the Order," he was only giving a reply similar to that he had given twenty years before to Lodge 494, when that lodge applied to him to allow the lodge to be called the "Wellington Lodge."

In His Grace's reply to Lodge 414 he states his reason for refusing to allow the lodge to be so called, to be "that he had joined Masonry when a very young man, and had for years ceased to belong to the Order."

I am glad to say the old 494 bye-laws, with His Grace's signature (as given in the January Magazine) is at present in the possession of the W.M. of that lodge.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON,
M.M. 494, and P.M. 620.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the last two or three numbers of the *Freemason*, you have been drawing attention to the financial position of some of the Provincial Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom, and specially as to the sums disposed for the purpose of charity. As I think that we in the Province of Kent may justly feel proud of our position in this respect, I herewith enclose the balance sheet of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the year ending the 1st of April last, thinking that perhaps you might like to make use of it for the purpose I have named.

The total funds for disposal at our annual festival, held on the 6th inst., amounted to £436 6s. 1d. There was one lodge in default, so that in reality there was more. On that occasion we voted £320 for the purposes of charity alone; on the 1st of April we had thirty-eight lodges in the province, we have now forty. All the lodges that have been in existence six years are life governors of the three Masonic institutions, by fees paid out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund and Charity Fund. This is of course besides the private subscriptions of brethren in the province, and the subscriptions of individual lodges, and the list of Stewards appointed for the festivals of the institutions. We number about 2950, and the status of the initiates during the past year, will, I think, bear a fair criticism.

Should there be any further particulars you would like to have possession of, I shall be very pleased to inform you. I for one feel very pleased that you are bringing this matter into prominence, because, rightly or wrongly, I think the claims of the provinces or the position they occupy in supporting our noble Order are not sufficiently recognized in Grand Lodge and in the metropolitan area, in short, that they are falsely considered inferior to the metropolitan lodges generally.

I am, Sir, your fraternally,

ALFRED SPENCER,
Prov. G. Sec.

THE RYE HOUSE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A report being prevalent that the Rye House is sold, and that this is the last season;—please allow me to state, that there is no truth whatever in the rumour. The Rye House is not sold; there has not been any treaty for its purchase; this will not be the last season, and I hope to see my kind friends and patrons here a few more years yet to come.

I am, dear Sir, yours very truly,

W. H. TEALE.

BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL, 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report containing the list of subscriptions read by Bro. Binckes at the recent festival, you have placed against the name of the lodge I had the honour to represent the sum of £151 14s. 0d., including a donation of £10 10s. from His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

The total amount is correct, but His Royal Highness was pleased to place upon my list the sum of twenty guineas, not ten, as quoted.

You have also grouped the Hampshire Lodges with those of the Province of Gloucestershire.

By inserting this in your next issue you will oblige yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. HACKER, P.M. 723,
P.G. J.D., Hants and Isle of Wight.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to announce, through you, for the information of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution, and of the Craft generally, that the Rev. Dr. Morris, of King's College, London, has been elected Head-Master of this School.

I am, yours, faithfully and fraternally,

F. BINCKES, Secretary.

THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND, 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

So as to counteract certain erroneous statements which I am informed are being maliciously circulated, to the prejudice of efforts now being made by the existing Local Hospital Saturday Committees, viz., Chelsea, Hammersmith, Greenwich, Southwark, West Ham and Stratford, and Westminster and Pimlico, I beg you will permit me to state that none of the members receive, nor have received, payment for services rendered, or time devoted to this great movement. All work gratuitously, and in some instances, in addition to devoting all their leisure time, members also gave working hours for which they would have been paid by their employers; in addition, too, they freely contributed their mites to the Hospital Saturday Fund. This being so, and as we are now rapidly approaching this year's Hospital Saturday, 31st July, let me earnestly beseech those earnest working men and women, whom it is the pride of the metropolis to call her own, to put their shoulder to the Hospital Saturday wheel, so that our collection may be a worthy one. Collection sheets and books (the latter may be carried in the waistcoat pocket), will be issued on application.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

CHARLES MERCIER,
Chairman.

7th July, 1875, Council Rooms,
28, Leicester Square, W.C.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

Was Sir Christopher Wren a Freemason? At page 168 of the *Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror* for Sept. 3rd, 1859, we read:—"The Past Boy, No. 5245, from Saturday, March 2nd to Tuesday, March 5th, 1723, states:—'This evening the corpse of that worthy Freemason, Sir Christopher Wren, Knight, is to be interred under the Dome of St. Paul's Cathedral.'"

Is it true that Wren was really a "Freemason," and if so, when and where did he become one? At page 595 of the *Graphic* for Dec. 19th, 1874, we were told that the Duke of Edinburgh was a Mason, but, as has been shown, that is a mistake; consequently if the published dictum of a contemporary cannot be relied upon as regards a living celebrity, I feel justified in doubting the veracity of the 1723 oracle respecting a dead one.

W. P. BUCHAN.

MINUTE BOOK, LODGE OF INDUSTRY, GATESHEAD.

As Bro. Hughan wishes it, I give a verbatim et literatim copy of the page on which the word "Highroads" occurs, and I refer him and all my readers to the Magazines for August and September for fuller information as regards the minute book.

Brought forward 1746. (25).

Bros. Hawdon, P.G.M.; J. Hawdon, S.G.W.; J. Lawther, J.G.W.; J. Foy, Dep. G.W.M. 1746; Michael Hawdon, Particular Lodge, Master; Sen. Thomas Eccles and Jun. Thomas Liddle, Wardens; Wm. Gibson, Chris. Dod, Stewards.

Memorandum. Highroads to pay for making in that Order only 1s. 6d.:

1. Hendk. Jones.
 2. Thos. Dalton.
 3. John Emmerson.
 4. Wm. Hawdon.
 5. Robert Hawdon.
 6. James Foy.
 7. John Lawther.
 8. John Payne.
- Paid 2s. 6d., English, William Gibson,
John Hawdon,
Thos. Liddle.

Side by side with this entry occurs the following entry, "Name of the Highroads." July 1st, 1746, Enacted at a Grand Lodge, held that evening, that no brother Mason should be admitted into the Dignity of a Highroad under less than a charge of 2s. 6d., or at the Domaskin or Forin, as John Thompson from Gateside, paid at the

same night 5s. Underneath these two entries we read, N.B. The English Masters to pay for entering into the said Master'ships 2s. 6d. per majority. High order continued.—Bro. Dodd, 1; Wm. Gibson, 2; M. Eccles, 3; John Howdon, 4; Michael Howdon, 5; John Lee, 6; Thos. Liddle, 7; Wm. Hall, 8; W. Burton, 9; John Gibson, 10; Stephen Chambers, 11; Thos. Hunter, 12; Thos. Wake, 13. Account carried forward.

Over the leaf follows a list of names, one paying 2s. 6d., one paying 1s. 6d., a list of "raised members," 5 in number, in 1771 and 1772, and 7 names, June 24th, 1762, either of members of the Order, of new members, or of those present on that date. The "Highroads" seem to us to be a corruption of "Harodim," what Domaskin or Forin may be, deponent cannot even guess.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

CONSECRATION OF THE ABERCORN LODGE (No. 1549).

The consecration of this lodge and the installation of its first Master took place on Saturday, the 26th ult.

About forty brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion; among whom were Bros. R. Helsdon, P.M. 733, W.M. designate; J. W. Garrod, 435, S.W. designate; Joshua Nunn, P.M. 134, 820, 1201, P.G.S.B., J.W. designate; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., P.G., Sec., Middlesex, Sec. to the Girls' School, &c., &c., Installing Master; Chas. Neal, P.M. 889, P.G.S.D. Surrey, to whom the lodge is principally indebted for its existence; W. A. Rogers, 435; J. Tidcombe, jun., 34; W. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326 and of 1512, Pro G. Steward Middlesex; J. T. Woodstock, P.M. 749; W. L. Hoare, P.M. 1415; Thos. Mackintosh, Scone and Perth, 3; Jas. Squire, P.M. and Sec. 889, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; Thos. Long, P.M. 889, P.G.D.C. Surrey; H. Llewellyn Winter, 889; John Holden, 435; G. Townsend, P.M. 820; J. Patterson, of the Euphrates; H. W. Sinton, 889; John Garrod, 889; Osman Vincent, 571; Faulkner Lee, 404; John Martin, 733; and other distinguished members of the brotherhood.

Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the officer appointed to perform the ceremonies by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, took the chair at three o'clock, and appointed his two Wardens, Bro. Hammond, S.W., as the senior officer of the province present, and Bro. Thos. Long, J.W., the procession to the lodge-room having taken place in the usual order. The lodge was then opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony commenced with the opening prayer. The Director of the Ceremonies next placed the petitioning brethren before the chair in the order of seniority, viz., Bros. Helsdon, J. W. Garrod, Joshua Nunn, W. A. Rogers, C. Neal, J. Holden, J. Tidcombe, jun., H. Llewellyn Winter, and J. Patterson, and Bro. Little having addressed them in a very impressive manner upon the nature and object of the meeting and the important part they as the first officers of the new lodge were expected to take in the Craft, called upon the Hon. Sec., Bro. Veal, to read the Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Lodge of England, one of the earliest charters bearing the authority of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, and designating the lodge as the Abercorn, No. 1549.

The Consecrating Master then delivered the beautiful and eloquent oration, listened to with the most profound attention by the whole of the assembled brethren, in the feeling and able manner which on all such occasions ever characterises our distinguished Bro. Little.

Bro. Winter presided at the organ, and led the musical portion of the ceremony, taking also the solo part in the anthem.

The dedication of the lodge being completed by the Installing Master and his Wardens, the former pronounced the "patriarchal benediction," and the Director of the Ceremonies presented the W.M. designate, Bro. R. Helsdon, for the benefit of installation.

The Board of Past Masters having been duly formed, Bro. Helsdon, as a P.M., was at once with the accustomed forms installed as the First Master of the Abercorn Lodge, into the chair of King Solomon.

The Board of Past Masters having been dissolved, and the lodge having assumed its normal form, the brethren in ranks and degrees were admitted, when the usual salutations took place.

The First Officers and Assistant Officers were Bro. R. Wentworth Little as I.P.M., the same brother also, for the very effective services of the day, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Abercorn; Bros. J. W. Garrod, S.W.; Joshua Nunn, J.W.; W. A. Rogers, Treasurer; Charles Veal, Secretary; J. Holden, S.D.; J. Tidcombe, jun., J.D.; H. L. Winter, Org.; J. Patterson, I.G.; and J. Middleton, Tyler. Letters of apology for absence were read from a number of brethren, and one in particular from Col. Burdett, P.G.M. of the Province, regretting his absence from indisposition, having been ordered to the seaside for a change of air. A number of propositions for future work having been proposed, the lodge was closed and the brethren rambled for the next half-hour in the beautiful and well kept grounds. An elegant banquet, à la Russe, was subsequently sat down to by the greater number of the brethren present at the ceremonies. Afterwards a very enjoyable evening was spent in the interchange of thought, and those fraternal amenities only to be experienced in the brotherhood.

The various loyal and Masonic toasts were then proposed, duly honoured and responded to by the various appropriate brethren, during which it was remarked that the Abercorn might very aptly assume the motto of the noble family whose name it bore, Sola Virtute Vincit.

The meeting house of the lodge is at the Abercorn Arms, in the confines of the province, in a beautiful district at Great Stanmore, about ten miles from London, and three-and-a-half from Harrow.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTER-SHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The half-yearly communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place at the Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on the 29th ult., in the lodge-room of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, under the auspices of which the meeting was held.

The Craft Lodge was opened at one o'clock. Shortly after that time the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, accompanied by his Prov. G. Officers, entered the lodge-room and received the customary salute.

After the minutes had been confirmed and the ballot taken for several joining members and candidates for initiation, the principal event of the day, that of installing Bro. S. E. Johnson as W.M. of No. 799, took place, the office of Installing Master having been, by the special desire of the members of that lodge, undertaken by the Provincial Grand Master. It is almost needless to state that the duties of that important office, and the impressive ritual of the ceremony of installation, were performed in a very admirable and efficient manner.

The brethren, not only of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, but of other lodges also in the province, are under deep obligations to his lordship for having on several occasions fulfilled the onerous duties of Installing Master, and too much praise cannot be accorded to him for the ready and gracious spirit in which he has always been pleased to comply with the wishes of the brethren that he should undertake those duties.

On the completion of the business of the Craft Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. Grand Master, who was assisted by the following officers:—W. Bros. the Revd. J. Denton, P.P.S.G.W., as Deputy Prov. G.M.; Samuel Love, Prov. S.G.W.; E. F. Mannwatt, P. Prov. S.G.W., as I.G.W.; W. B. Smith, Prov. G. Treasurer; T. G. Tippetts, Prov. G. Reg.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Secretary; W. Johnson as Prov. G.S.D.; W. Hardy, Prov. G.J.D.; J. T. Thorp, Prov. G.A.D.C., as D.C.; R. Boughton-Smith, P.P.G.A.D.C., as Grand Sword Bearer; C. E. Stretton, Prov. G.A.P. as Grand Purs.; G. W. Statham and R. Dalgleish, P.G. Stewards; and C. Bembridge, Prov. G. Tyler.

A fuller report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The following brethren were also present:—W. Bros. Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Etherington-Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; Revd. F. S. Cuyler, 779, P.P.G. Chaplain, Bristol; J. C. Duncombe, P.P.G.D., Leicester and Rutland, and P.P.G.D. Norths. and Hunts; H. Blood, I.P.M.; S. E. Johnson, W.M.; W. S. Allen, S.W.; R. Dalgleish, J.W.; and a considerable number of brethren of No. 779. Visitors, Bros. G. A. Taverner, S.W. 353; J. Hill, 254 and 850; and D. Field, 7.

The roll of lodges and of P.G. Officers having been first called, the minutes of the last annual meeting of Prov. G. Lodge were read and confirmed.

The report of the Earl Howe Memorial Window Committee was read, announcing the termination of their labours, and thanking the subscribers to the fund for their generous assistance, by means of which a memorial highly creditable to the Craft in this province had been placed in the Church (St. Peter's) recently erected at Leicester, in memory of the late lamented and esteemed Past Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Howe. It was resolved that the report, with the statement of account accompanying it, be received and adopted.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Denton and seconded by Bro. Boughton-Smith, was accorded to the Memorial Committee for their valuable services.

W. Bros. Clement Stretton, P. Prov. J.G.W., and L. A. Clarke, P.P.S.G.W., were re-elected to represent the Prov. G. Lodge, as members of the committee of the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

Bro. Langley proposed "That when any brother who, having represented this province as Steward for two of the central Masonic Charitable Institutions, has become qualified to wear the Charity Jewel, such jewel should be presented to him by Prov. G. Lodge, and that W. Bro. Robert Waite, Prov. J.G.W., who is just completing his second year of office as Charity Steward for this province, be the first recipient of such jewel."

Bro. Denton seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Letters of apology were received from several Prov. G. Officers and others, including one from Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., and an honorary member of Lodges 279 and 523 in this province.

A hearty vote of thanks to the members of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge for the reception they had given to the Prov. G. Lodge, brought the business to an end, and the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was most admirably served by the worthy host, Bro. Love. The Prov. G.M. presided, and after the dinner his lordship proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts usual on these occasions.

The attendance, notwithstanding the very wet weather and the inconvenient nature of the railway accommodation, was extremely good, and this, the first meeting under the new arrangement for the assembling of the Prov. G. Lodge half yearly, may be considered a complete success.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly General Court of the subscribers to the Masonic Girls' School was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major J. Creaton, Vice-Patron, presided, and the other brethren present were John Symonds, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, Robert E. Webster, H. M. Levy, Edward Harris, H. Muggeridge, Thomas F.

Peacock, H. Browse, H. Massey (Freemason), and R. W. Little (Secretary).

After the formal business had been transacted, Bro. Thomas W. White said he had much pleasure in moving, pursuant to notice, that the rank of honorary Vice-Patron be conferred on Bro. T. S. Howell, the honorary medical officer of the Institution. On the 21st Oct., 1852, the committee received a letter from Bro. Howell, in which he offered to serve the Institution as its honorary medical officer. On the 13th Jan., 1853, he was appointed, and from that time downwards had most kindly and attentively acted in the capacity to which he had been chosen. The brethren would, of course, all remember the services he had rendered at the time of the outbreak of scarlet fever in the School two or three years ago. Last year, when the School was laid up with the mumps, he attended to all the girls with his usual kindness, attention, and efficiency. When Miss Jarwood, the matron, was very ill, and some of the House Committee were sent for one day, Bro. Howell's partner, Mr. Edie, saw them, and told them in case any further advice should be considered necessary they were not to wait for authorisation, but to send for it immediately. They thought it was necessary, and they sent for Mr. Hilton, whose fees Bro. Howell paid out of his own pocket. When the Committee heard of that they enquired what the amount of the fees was, and finding it was forty guineas, they drew a cheque for the amount, and handed it to Bro. Howell. He, however, returned it, and refused altogether to receive it. It had, therefore, been thought but due to Bro. Howell that he should be elected an honorary Vice-Patron, he being already an honorary Vice-President.

Bro. John Symonds said he should be very glad to second that motion. He belonged to the House Committee at the time when Bro. Howell kindly tendered his services, and had had an opportunity of witnessing the great and tender care which Bro. Howell always showed to the girls in the School. Bro. White had been able to speak for himself of the more recent period of Bro. Howell's service, but he could not speak of the much older period. He (Bro. Symonds), who was an older Mason, and a very old member of the House Committee, could speak of the early as well as the late period of their history, and he could say that whether serving more recent House Committees or the old one, or serving the interest of the School, Bro. Howell was well deserving of the compliment they proposed to pay him.

The Chairman said he also could bear testimony to the truth of all that had been said. He had been a member of the House Committee many years, and had seen that Bro. Howell had paid great attention to his duties, and had given entire satisfaction to every member of the House Committee.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Griffiths Smith rose to propose that the rank of honorary Vice-President should be conferred upon Bro. Peter Matthews. His reason for proposing it was that Bro. Peter Matthews had been the honorary surgeon dentist of the Institution for 30 or 40 years. He was now 70 years of age, and was obliged to have a carriage every time he went to the school. As he had been so many years honorary surgeon dentist to the School, it was but right that the rank of honorary Vice-President should be conferred upon him.

Bro. H. Browse seconded the motion, which was also put and adopted without a dissentient.

Bro. Griffiths Smith proposed and Bro. H. Browse seconded Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale to fill the two vacant trusteeships to the Institution, which was also unhesitatingly adopted.

The Court settled the list of candidates for next election in October. There were 30 candidates, but will only be six vacancies, to make up the number of children educated in the school to 150.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, July 12th, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Major J. Creaton, Vice-Patron, in the chair. Among the other brethren present were Bros. R. B. Webster, John Hervey, James Terry, H. Massey (Freemason), W. F. C. Moutrie, G. R. Ware, H. Browse, W. C. Parsons, W. Clifton Crick, and F. Binckes, Secretary. There was nothing but formal business to be transacted, and after settling the list of 57 candidates, nine to be elected, for the October election, the Committee adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting took place on the 14th July at Freemasons' Hall, present W. Bro. John Creaton, P.G.D., Vice-Patron, in the chair; Bros. John Newton, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, Samuel Rawson, C. A. Cotterburne, William Stephens, James Brett, H. M. Levy, William Wilson, and Thomas Cubitt. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and verified.

The deaths of two male annuitants were reported, one having received £107 and the other £159.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted, and cheques for various amounts were ordered to be signed. The Treasurer was authorized to purchase Stock for both the Male and Widows' Fund, pursuant to recommendation of Finance Committee.

Petitions were received from three male candidates. All being regular, they were directed to be placed on the list for election in May next.

Application was made on behalf of two of the newly-elected annuitants for permission to reside in the asylum at Croydon, which was unanimously granted.

The Committee very kindly granted the use of the hall for an entertainment to be given to the residents in the course of the next fortnight, similar to last year, and also resolved to defray its cost.

Some further business having been transacted, the Committee adjourned.

INUNDATIONS IN FRANCE.

The Committee of the Universal Alliance, 41, Pall Mall, London, has received the following letter from Madame la Maréchale de MacMahon, addressed to Major de Winton:—

"Versailles, 2 Juillet, 1875.

"Monsieur,

"Je vous prie de recevoir tous mes remerciements pour l'empressement avec lequel vous avez organisé à Londres une souscription en faveur des inondés du midi de la France. Je suis très reconnaissante de ce témoignage d'intérêt donné par l'Angleterre, et je vous demanderai d'être mon interprète auprès de ceux qui ont bien voulu vous seconder dans cette bonne œuvre.

"Quant aux dons en nature, les frais de transport nous obligent à les refuser, à moins que l'on ne veuille les envoyer à Paris, au Palais de l'Industrie, en payant le port.

"Recevez, Monsieur, l'assurance de mes sentiments distingués.

(Signed) "Maréchale de MacMahon."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 23, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 17.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
- " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Lion Square, Hampton (Installation).
- " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, JULY 19.

- Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Air Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
- West Kent Lodge of Instruction (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.
- Lodge 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
- " 857, St. Mark's, Half-Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
- " 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-road. (Emergency).
- Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.
- Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.
- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
- Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
- Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
- Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, JULY 22.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye; W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
- Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, JULY 23.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 3.
- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
- " 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.
- Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 24, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 19.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
- Chap. 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
- TUESDAY, JULY 20.
- Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

- Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 9.
- " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
- Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 22.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 24, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 19.

- Lodge 1030, Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton-Norris, at 6.30.
- " 1170, St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
- Chap. 210, Faith, Nottingham Castle Inn, Denton, at 6.

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

- Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley, at 6.
- " 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough, at 7.30.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

- Lodge 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, at 7.
- " 210, Duke of Athol, Nottingham Castle Inn, Denton, at 6.
- " 266, Naphtali, Masonic Rooms, Heywood, at 7.
- " 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, at 6.30.
- " 288, Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden, at 7.30.
- " 363, Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth, near Rochdale, at 7.
- " 561, Faith, Drivers' Inn, Openshaw, at 6.
- " 633, Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
- " 1161, De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Ardwick, at 6.
- Chap. 344, Beauty, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, at 6.

THURSDAY, JULY 22.

- Lodge 78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton, at 6.
- " 215, Commerce, Commercial Inn, Haslingden, at 7.
- " 269, Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn, at 7.
- " 348, St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton, at 6.30.
- " 367, Probity and Freedom, Bull's Head Inn, Smallbridge, at 7.
- " 935, Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.
- " 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton, at 6.
- Chap. 116, Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, at 6.
- Preceptory, Plains of Mamre, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley, at 6.

FRIDAY, JULY 23.

- Chap. 152, Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, July 24, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 19.

- Lodge 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.
- Preceptory, St. Mungo, Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

- Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.
- Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.
- SATURDAY, JULY 24.
- Lodge 308, St. John's Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 24, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 19.

- Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

- Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.

- " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-st.

THURSDAY, JULY 22.

- Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st.

- " 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—The summer festival of this truly united lodge was held under the happiest circumstances of weather and place, on Tuesday last. The house selected was Bro. Stone's, the Ship Hotel, Shepperton, in the midst of the most charming scenery. The brethren flocked down by rail, road, and river, and made in all a party a third larger than was looked for, but the embarrassment of the W.M., Bro. While, at having so striking a proof of his popularity was speedily relieved by finding that Bro. Host was equal to the occasion with an ample banquet for all, though one room was not large enough for the dinner party. Bros. P.M. James Terry, and Daniel Tallerman (known among his familiars as "the Baron") exerted themselves in every way to provide the company with amusement, and this was mostly found on the river by the brethren and the ladies in boating and fishing. At the dinner the W.M. presided, supported by Past Masters Crump (Sec.), Winsland (Treas.), James Terry, Bottrill, Davies, Senior Warden Griggs, Junior Warden J. Hill, the other officers being Halford, Percy, and Flaws. The usual toasts were given, and the warm acknowledgments of the party were made to the W.M., the P.M.'s, and to the officers for the happy day at this quiet limit of the world. With the J.W.'s greeting, ending with "Happy meet again," the party separated to find their various ways to London. It should be mentioned that a large party started in the morning from the Old Gate, at Clerkenwell (St. John of Jerusalem), and Bro. Gay provided an excellent luncheon for his brethren and their friends, and told them that supper would await them if they arrived within hours.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).—The members of this lodge celebrated their annual summer outing on Thursday last, the 8th inst. They were accompanied on this occasion by the companions of the Mount Lebanon Chapter (the chapter attached to the lodge). It was confidently expected that Bro. Captain Boyton, who is an Entered Apprentice in the lodge, would be present, but, unfortunately, an engagement in the provinces in connection with his life-saving dress prevented him from joining. However, he was not unkind of the brethren, he having telegraphed to the Father of the lodge, Bro. William Rumsey, expressing his (Bro. Captain Boyton's) regret that his engagements prevented his attendance. The following amongst others were present:—Bros. John Waters, W.M.; Allen R. Rumsey, S.W.; Thomas Taylor, J.W.; J. Jewitt Stephens, S.D.; W. H. Godolphin, I.G.; Grant, Tyler; William Rumsey, P.M. and Treas.; John Rumsey, P.M. and Sec.; Samuel Gamman, I.P.M.; William Coubro, P.M.; Alfred Harris, P.M.; F. G. Harrison, P.M.; Frederick Wiggins, P.M.; E. B. Barnard, P.M.; H. M. Collier, P.M.; John Stewart, P.M.; Charles T. Parsons, Thomas G. Seaborn, T. G. Steel, John Hurrell, and Watson (many of the above are companions also). Also Comps. C. G. Smithers and Moore. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. G. Seaborn, I.G. 217; Robert Brown, St. Peter's, Montrose; George L. Mustoph, 134; and A. Mellish, 188. There were, too, Bros. Toole, Abbott, Miles, Parsons, and Spicer. The majority of the brethren were conveyed in a private coach and break, drawn respectively by four handsome greys and a pair. The former were splendidly driven by their owner, and the latter by one of his servants. Some went in their own private carriages or by rail. The coach and break left town at half-past ten. At this hour the sky threatened a wet, but the weather soon cleared up, and the rain fortunately kept off for the remainder of the day. The route taken lay through all those pleasant and picturesque villages in the eastern suburbs, known and appreciated so extensively. The first stoppage was made at Bro. Barford's, the Red Lion, Leytonstone. From thence the brethren proceeded to Walthamstow, and then on to the Robin Hood at Loughton. At this stage the company, being freed for the time from the restraints of City business and professional life, and being well into the country in the bargain, saw no reason why they should not employ every innocent means coming in their way to make the outing as pleasant as possible. At this place, therefore, a man having set up the paraphernalia connected with the game of cockshying on a little bit of green hard by, where he was patiently sitting waiting for customers, a considerable stay was made, to give some of the brethren an opportunity of displaying their proficiency in this game. And an unexpected bit of luck the proprietor had for once. How is it that at cockshying the nuts perched a top of the baskets have such a pertinacity of falling anywhere but in the place where the player has a right of claiming them? One cannot but think that there must be a sort of understanding between the nuts and their owner that they are not

to part company. This idea is strengthened by the fact that the man is always willing to give a coin, and a silver one, too, for the nut when a customer has succeeded in obtaining it; rather than let it go. The Robin Hood must be a favourite centre with holiday-folk. There were crowds of them about the neighbourhood. There, too, was the usual compliment of donkeys, each bearing on his back a gentleman's and a lady's saddle comprised in one. Talk about the obstinacy of the ass, there was as determined an old fellow in front of the tavern as one would wish to see; he could not be got to move on either by blows, kicks, or coaxing. The desperate attempts made to get him away, and the persistent obstinacy of the brute in remaining, created roars of laughter amongst the by-standers. At last one of the brethren bethought him of a plan. He procured a biscuit and held it out temptingly to the animal. This proved too strong an inducement, and he was thus allured away. One doubts whether a donkey's sense of feeling is as acute as that generally obtaining in other animals, for let the blows be laid on his shaggy hide ever so repeatedly and severely he still preserves that usual stolid demeanour and dry, comic expression of countenance so characteristic of the animal. If he kicks he does so, it would appear, more from a sense of feeling an insult has been offered than from an experience of pain. On the vehicles went again through the lovely roads and lanes skirting Epping Forest. Now and then a gipsy's caravan (perhaps the most picturesque and primitive sight that can be seen) is observed pitched on the ground between the trees, and as the brethren pass out come the gipsy boys and girls indiscriminately, bodies unwashed, hair dishevelled, ragged and shoeless, dexterously throwing themselves head over heels, at the same time scampering after the brethren as the horses go on at a good round trot. A great hulk of an adult gipsy with a tiny gipsy baby in his arms, struggles hard to keep up, piteously begging for coppers. Honest labour would not be half such hard work. One feels reluctant to assist such bare-faced vagrancy, but the children persist, compassion in the onlooker ensues, and out go the coppers, the donor consoling himself with the determination that never again will he bestow alms on such folk. One does it, however, again and again, under the like circumstances, for do not the gipsy and his caravan form by no means an insignificant part in the make up of the rural scene around. Here and there along the route, and in the distance, the forest was dotted with small and select picnic parties, and as the conveyances passed greetings were exchanged between these little knots of people and the brethren, each party in dumb show (for they were too far off to be spoken to) conveying to the other the wish that a pleasant day would be experienced and enjoyed. Whilst passing through the beautifully undulating country, thickly wooded as it is with all kinds of trees and shrubs, one cannot but feel grateful for the successful attempts recently made, especially by the City Corporation, to preserve the really lovely Forest of Epping from the hands of the selfish encroacher so that it may be enjoyed as a recreation ground by the present generation, and handed down as a precious gift to future posterity. Onward the brethren went, beautiful scenery on either side. And the ferns. Oh what ferns! Beds of ferns planted and nursed by nature and growing in wild luxuriance, almost as thickly as blades of grass upon a well-kept lawn, covered many of the open spaces in the copse. It is on occasions and amidst scenes like these that one experiences more forcibly that gratitude due to the Supreme Being for the bounties existing in nature, a gratitude to be felt and not expressed. At last Theydon Bois was reached, and then over the railway and down a long lane, with hayfields and cornfields on this side, and hayfields and cornfields on that; cosy farmhouses peeping out from behind the shrubberies; lots of tall trees bordering the road, with their boughs overhanging and so near the ground as to compel a constant watch so that one might dodge at the right moment to save one's hat, and may be one's head too. Such fun! Away they go over the little rivulet and all at once draw up in fine style in front of the White Hart at Abridge. All are welcome here, for nearly every one is more or less personally acquainted with the warm-hearted host and his family. Here too a pleasing incident takes place. The same thing occurred last year and the year before too, for this route is a favourite one with the lodge, and it seems now they are never likely to change it. There is a poor but honest old man in the village known to and respected by all the inhabitants; he is lame and can do very little work, perhaps none. He knows the day and almost the hour the brethren are expected to call, for as the vehicles turn the corner of the White Hart, there the old man is leaning against the wall, apparently in the same position as when he was left this very day last year. It would seem as if the old man had not budged from the spot since. There he is, all expectancy, his good-tempered old face radiant with delight. Presently the hat goes round, and every one puts in a coin; the sum collected is handed to the old gentleman and it does one's heart good to see how he receives it. He plants his crutches into the earth as an extra support, pokes himself more stiffly up against the wall, thrusts his two hard palms forth, and the load of coppers, &c., (for there is a stray bit of silver amongst the copper), is emptied into them. Look at his watery eyes and the tears as they come trickling down his worn cheeks. These must express his thanks, and so they do eloquently, for he feels apples in his throat and he can give utterance to never a word. Never mind, the brethren will see him again next year, on the same day, and pretty nearly the same hour, if all be well. But it is high time they were starting for the King's Head, Chigwell. All mount to their seats, room is found for a much respected member of the lodge, the I.P.M., Bro. Samuel Gamman, who, at that particular moment unexpectedly turns up, somehow from somewhere, and quite accidentally of course. Farewell is

bidden the host and his family, and away they go to the goal at a spanking speed. The fine old hostelry is soon reached. A first class banquet is provided. The whole affair is divested of as much formality as possible; consequently, after the banquet only two or three of the principal toasts are proposed by Bro. John Waters, W.M., and Comp. Alfred Harris, M.E.Z. After the dinner the brethren dispersed themselves over the prettily laid out gardens attached to the house, and in the adjoining meadows. Some indulged in a game of cricket, others amused themselves in playing at quoits, whilst the more robust took to skittles, the older members sitting or leisurely strolling about here and there, watching the games of the younger, and all enjoying to the utmost the balmy sweetness of the refreshing and fragrant air, and the soft influences of the lovely summer evening. Twilight at last set in. Tea and coffee were served. All reckonings were soon made and paid, and the horses put to, and after giving the host a parting cheer at starting, in recognition of his services and geniality, the brethren were soon well on a third of their way to town. As it was now dusk, and they had some lonely lanes and roads to pass through, they unanimously concluding that a song or two, with some good choruses in which all could join would not be indecorous, enlivened this part of the outing in that way, and after one or two stoppages at old landmarks in the shape of halfway houses, the brethren arrived safely in town without having to book one mishap to mar the pleasantness of the day.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—This young and successful lodge held its first summer festival under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Jas. Willing, jun., at the Rye House, on Friday, the 9th inst., when, in spite of the most inclement weather, about fifty sat down to a most excellent banquet. Present, including officers, Stewards, &c.:—W.M., and the Misses Willing; Bro. Michael, Mr. and Mrs. H. Liston; Bro. and Mrs. John Douglass; Bro. and Mrs. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Douglass; Bro. and Miss Child; Bro. and Mrs. Kingham; Bros. Scales, J. Tims, Rapkin, and Easby; Bro. Shand and Mrs. Shand; Bro. Hatton; Bro. Page and Mrs. Page; Bro. Brumell and Mrs. Brumell; Bro. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert; Bros. Ralph, Erwood, Levy, and M. H. Levy. After the health of the Queen had been drunk, the W.M., in proposing the Grand Master's health, alluded to the intended visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to India, and hoped it would be the means of uniting the two countries in still more friendly fraternal intercourse, and be the means of enabling each more fully to comprehend and trust the other. Bro. Michael proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was enthusiastically received. He said Bro. Willing belonging to several lodges and chapters, had a deal of his time occupied by Freemasonry, but had paid such attention to the Metropolitan Lodge that it had arrived close upon the termination of the first year entirely free from debt, and over £70 paid to the Grand Lodge. The other toasts were "The Officers," responded to by Bros. Tims and Michael; "The Stewards," by Bros. John Douglass and Williams; "The Visitors," by Bro. Ralph and Richard Douglass. In proposing "The Health of the Ladies," the W.M. thanked them very sincerely for their kindness in being present in such unpropitious weather, but hoped to see them next year under more favourable auspices. The youngest bachelor, Bro. H. W. Levy, replied in a very humorous speech, and the company adjourned to the conservatory, where dancing was kept up until ten o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—FERMOR HESKETH (No. 1350).—The installation of the M.W. elect of this lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday week. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, among whom were Bros. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P. Prov. G.C.; and W.M. of the Liverpool Lodge; J. P. Platt, P. Prov. G.J.W., Cheshire; Dr. A. Stephens, P. Prov. G.J.D.; T. K. Hughes, P.M.; J. Higson Johnston, P.M.; Dr. Arthur Samuels, P.M.; Edward Harbird, P.M.; F. Day, W.M. 1013; T. A. Collinson, W.M.; the Rev. — Black, P.G.C.; Dr. Crawford, W.M. Sefton Lodge, and P.M. 1350; Dr. J. M. Bennett, S.W.; Dr. Pierce, D. of C.; the Rev. Samuel Topham, P.C.; the Rev. C. F. Mermagan, Chaplain; R. Collinson, J. W.; W. H. Cooper, Sec.; Dr. Carter, Thos. Platt, P.P.G.J.D., Cheshire; H. Gilmore, I.G., and others. At the commencement of the proceedings Bro. T. A. Collinson, W.M., took the chair, and the lodge having been opened in solemn form, Bro. J. M. Bennett the W.M. elect, was presented to the retiring Master. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bros. Johnston and Hughes. The W.M. elect appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Collinson, S.W.; W. H. Cooper, J.W.; T. A. Collinson, P.M., Treas.; J. Samuels, Sec.; Johnston, P.M., D. of C.; Dr. Pierce, S.D.; Evans, J.D.; Cooper, I.G.; Dr. Carter, S., and the Rev. C. F. Mermagan, Chaplain. The W.M. then initiated a candidate into Freemasonry, discharging that duty in an able and impressive manner. The brethren subsequently mixed together, a first class banquet being provided by Russell, of Bold-street. In the course of the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. T. A. Collinson, in recognition of his valuable services in the chair, and several Masonic and other toasts were duly honoured.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE No. 1272.—The Baroness Burdett Coutts has appointed Thursday next, the 29th inst., at 5 o'clock, to present to the members of the lodge three chairs for its principal officers, upon which occasion, by special permission granted, the brethren will meet at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, in full Masonic Craft costume. Immediately after the presentation a dejeuner will take place to which the Baroness has consented to remain. The members will be accompanied by their ladies.

ROCHDALE.—HOPE LODGE (No. 54).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th July, at the Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, and there was a very good attendance of the brethren. The officers present were Bros. P. M. Benj. Collinge, W.M. pro tem; Ab. Barker, S.W.; P.M. Wm. Davis, J.W. pro tem; Dan. Mitchell, P.M., Sec.; Benj. Collinge, P.M. Treas.; R. Collingwood, S.D.; Chas. O'Dherty, J.D.; C. H. Bintliff, I.G.; James Midgley, P.M. Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, at the hour of 6.20 p.m., and the minutes of the previous lodges were read and put for confirmation and carried unanimously, after which Mr. John Jones, chemist and druggist, was balloted for and approved; he was then admitted, and regularly initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient custom by P.M. Dan Mitchell in his usual style. There being no other business of importance, the lodge was closed at 7.40, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was provided by P.M. Wm. Ashworth and his wife in their usual elegant and neat manner, which is always pleasing to the brethren. After the cloth was removed the usual toasts were given, commencing with "The Queen," which was heartily received. This was followed by "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England." The next toast was "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master." The W.M. then gave "Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." The W.M. gave "The Health of Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, East Lancashire." The S.W. gave "The Health of W. R. Callender, Deputy Prov. Grand Master." The J.W. gave "The rest of the Prov. Officers." A number of other toasts were given amongst which was "The Health of the Newly Initiate, Bro. John Jones" who briefly responded to the same. P.M., Ben. Collinge proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren, Bro. John Ashworth, W.M. of Roys Lodge 816; Bro. John Cavanah, Cope Lodge 1357; and Bro. Wm. Fielding, Harmony 298." The W.M. called upon each brother to give his own toast which was done. The W.M. then gave the usual closing toast and the brethren separated in peace and brotherly love towards each other, after having spent a very pleasant and comfortable evening.

Scotland.

POLLOKSHAW.—LODGE ROYAL ARCH (No. 153).—This old and prosperous lodge held a meeting on the 9th inst., in their new hall, that has just been erected for them, situated in Cogan-street. They were joined by large numbers of brethren from the sister lodges in Glasgow and Western district. A procession was formed at the hall, headed by a band of music, which the deputation from Thorntree Lodge, 512, Thornliebank, had with them, and another, which the Pollokshaws Lodge had procured for the occasion. The procession started from the hall, and marched through the principal streets of the town in full Masonic array, causing no little pleasurable amusement to the inhabitants, who turned out in great force to become spectators of the demonstration. Having returned to the hall, the lodge was formed and opened by Bro. Peters, the much respected R.W.M., and his office-bearers. It was intended that the consecration of the lodge should have taken place at the same time, but this, through some unavoidable obstacle, could not take place; no business, therefore, being before the lodge but the taking possession of their new premises, and a hearty Masonic welcome by the brethren of sister lodges, the lodge was called to harmony, when one of the most happy and pleasant evenings was passed through that has taken place in the "Shaws" for a long time. Bro. Peters was in great good humour in the chair, and he was both ably and good naturedly supported by his able Wardens, Bros. W. Paton, S.W., and Jas. Black, J.W. The usual loyal toasts having been given and responded to in the usual Masonic style, the three Grand Lodges, England, Scotland, and Ireland, followed, and were alike Masonically received. The Chairman then gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrew East," which were responded to by highest honours. The R.W.M. then gave "The Lodges of Renfrew East," coupled with Bro. Scobie, R.W.M. of Thorntree Lodge. In his remarks he said the Lodge of Pollokshaws appreciated very much the high compliment the Thorntree Lodge had paid them that night in coming among them to add to the harmony of the evening, they not being content with their own talents as vocal musicians, but bringing a band of music with them to delight the inhabitants of the town. Bro. Scobie returned thanks for the compliment, remarking that what had taken place that night with the brethren who had paid a visit to the Pollokshaws Lodge was no more than an exhibition of the pleasure it afforded to one another to see each other prospering. He concluded by paying a high compliment to Bro. Peters for the able way he conducted the affairs of the Pollokshaws Lodge. The various lodges represented were severally toasted, and the representatives replying in suitable terms, the R.W.M. proposed the toast of "The Musical Choir," coupled with Bro. J. Millar, P.M. Athol, 413, who conducted the musical performances of the evening. Bro. Millar's ability in this department requires no comment, but that of the mention of his well-known name. Bro. Millar most feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid for himself and those brothers who had taken part with him. "The Health of the R.W.M." was then proposed and responded to, and "Happy to Meet and Happy to Part" being given, closed a happy night, and those brethren who had to leave for a distance went off with the firm conviction that there was not only "queer folk in the Shaws," but warm-hearted, kind, convivial fellows also. Among the lodges represented were the following:—Mother Kilwinning, 0; 4, 27, 116, 117, 142, 144, 156, 178, 128, 347, 360, 370, 377, 403, 512 556. In the intervals between the toasts a number of songs were given by

various brethren in an admirable style. Bro. Millar, and the able choir he had selected, gave satisfaction beyond all praise.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 5th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. The lodge was opened by Bros. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M.; McKirdy, S.W.; Arch. McConchie, J.W.; J. M. Innes, Sec.; J. Laird, Treas.; J. Balfour, P.M.; Wilson, Chaplain; and others. The meeting was well attended. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. There were two applicants for initiation, viz.: Mr. William Geo. Burns, proposed by Bro. J. M. Innes, seconded by Bro. J. Mitchell; Joseph Henderson Gill, proposed by Bro. J. Dale, seconded by Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. The R.W.M. put them through the First Degree with great care and impressiveness. The harmonium question was then brought up. After some conversation, it was agreed to delay the procuring of one till after the contemplated alterations in the hall were completed. The S.W., Bro. McKirdy, who was Chairman of the Annual Festival Committee, explained to the members of the lodge how matters relating thereto stood, and everything connected with it was now satisfactorily closed. The R.W.M., in answer to a question put by the S.W., said a considerable time ago a committee, composed principally of Masters of Lodges in Glasgow, was formed for the purpose of raising subscriptions to obtain a suitable place in one of the burial grounds in the city to be set aside as a "Masonic burial ground." A considerable sum of money was raised for the purpose, and was placed in the bank, and it was the pressure of other business on some members of committee that caused delay; but a meeting would be called for an early day, when he hoped the scheme would be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354) held their regular monthly meeting in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 7th inst. The meeting was well attended, both by members of the lodge and by visiting brethren from sister lodges. Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., in the chair. Bros. J. W. Stafford, S.W.; A. Ferguson, J.W.; D. Buchan, D.M.; A. A. Smith, P.M.; Colquhoun, Treas.; W. R. Dunn, Sec.; W. Bell, R.W.M. 34; J. Monro, R.W.M. 360; J. Fraser, P.M. 87; were among the members and brethren present. Upon the minutes being read, a lively and spirited conversation took place upon their correctness, the R.W.M., Bros. Smith, McKenzie, Colquhoun, Stafford, and others, taking part in it. The minutes, after some addition, were declared carried and confirmed. The appointment of Bro. Colquhoun, as Treasurer, was then confirmed, and he was installed in that office. Two applications for initiation were read, and were found acceptable, and they received the First Degree, Bro. Stafford, S.W., working that degree in a very able manner. An emergency meeting was arranged to take place on Monday, 12th inst., at seven o'clock, and the lodge was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. J. M. Olliver, S.W.; T. Graham, acting J.W.; A. Morton, I.P.M.; J. Brodie, P.M.; J. Davidson, P.M.; and a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. Monro, R.W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. After a few matters of business connected with the lodge had been brought up and discussed, Bro. J. M. Olliver proposed that the lodge present their R.W.M., Bro. Monro, with a pair of gauntlets, in appreciation of the very able and efficient manner in which he conducted the affairs of the lodge, and his kindness in general, which was agreed to unanimously. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. Couper receiving this degree in a style that reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Brodie, P.M., and Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., who officiated. On Bro. Couper retiring, the lodge was again raised to the Master Mason Degree, and Bro. Scott was raised to this sublime degree, Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., officiating in his usual efficient manner. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

GOVAN.—LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 437).—This lodge met in their hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on the 6th inst. In the absence of Bro. McFarlane, R.W.M., Bro. John Hutcheson, S.M., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. Colin McKenzie, acting S.W.; G. Wilson, J.W.; and a large number of well qualified brethren. The lodge was opened. The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. Two applicants for initiation were proposed, and found worthy, and received the First Degree, Bro. Hutcheson officiating. The lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, when two brothers received that, Bro. Hutcheson again officiating. The lodge was further raised, and two brothers found worthy were entrusted with the sublime degree of Master Mason. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S., on the 5th inst. The chairs were filled by Bros. Wm. Phillip, R.W.M.; John Howie, S.W.; Thos. Phillip, J.W.; together with a large number of well qualified brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. An application for the honours of Freemasonry was submitted from Mr. Thomas Henderson, and having met with the approval of the brethren, he was prepared for and received the First Degree, Bro. Stark, D.M. 553, officiating. The lodge was then passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, when Bro. Wm. Smith received that degree, the R.W.M. officiating. The lodge being raised to the Sublime Degree, Bros. Alex. Anderson, Jas. McCammon, Jas. Cairncross, Wm. Smith, and Thos. Waughton got that degree, the R.W.M. officiating. The business of the lodge being over, it was closed in due and ancient form.

THE NEW LODGE OF ALEXANDRA PALACE.

There have been few occasions more interesting in Freemasonry than were presented in the consecration and constitution of the new Alexandra Palace Lodge on Saturday last. Grand Secretary John Hervey was the consecrating officer, assisted by Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Secretary of Middlesex; and "other distinguished Masons," as the programme stated. The W. Master designate was Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., and Deputy Provincial G.M. for Middlesex; the Wardens designate being Bro. G. Kelly King and Bro. G. J. Palmer. Among those present were Bros. John Rowlands (Tregaron, Cardiganshire), Howel Williams, Swansea, J. While, W.M. 228; Bingemann, W.M. 55; J. Stacey, Dr. Ramsey, Major Harding, Farthing, P.M. 55; John Dodson, I.G. 55; J. W. Vickers, J.W.; Sparkes, G. Brown, Foster, &c. The new lodge room is situated in Messrs. Bertram and Roberts' suite of the Palace, and commands views over many fair counties. It was elegantly fitted, and the "furniture" was of handsome design. The brethren walked in procession to the lodge room, and Grand Secretary, who appointed Bro. Fenn as S.W., and Hansard, P.G.S. as J.W. opened the lodge in the usual form, and then addressed the assemblage on the nature of the meeting, speaking of its high and important character, and in touching upon the vast increase of the Order, he strongly urged that the utmost discrimination should be shown in the admission of new members, in order that none, if possible, but the best men should be selected as brethren. Bro. P.G. Chaplain then offered prayer, and on the brethren of the new lodge being ranged in order, Bro. P.M. Stacey read the petition for the lodge, and the warrant of H.R.H. the Grand Master. The ceremony of consecration, according to ancient form, then proceeded, a ceremony, of course, which cannot be described, but it must suffice to say that Grand Secretary gave it with all due gravity and solemnity. The prayers were read by the P.G. Chaplain, and the musical arrangements, which were of the most perfect character, were under Bro. Chaplin Henry, who was assisted by Bros. T. Baxter, G. T. Carter, E. H. Taylor, F. H. Cozens, and Theodore Distin. The ceremony of installing Bro. Parkinson was performed by Bro. Stacey, the pro. tem. Sec. of the new lodge. The other officers appointed were Bros. Magnay, Treas.; J. R. Stacey, Sec.; Spackman, S.D.; E. M. Haigh, J.D.; John Lee, I.G.; John Dyte, M.C.; &c.

The P.G. Chaplain delivered the following oration:—
W. Master, Wardens, and Brethren,—Let me heartily congratulate, in the first place, the founders of the Alexandra Palace Lodge on the auspicious event of to-day, and, in the second place, our brethren generally, on the addition of another tent to the thousands that now form the great Masonic encampment which extends over the four quarters of the world. It would be vain for me to carry back your thoughts to that remote antiquity of which Freemasonry justly boasts, and to those worthies of former days whose words and deeds shed glory on the Craft. That antiquity has been illustrated, and those noble Masons have been eulogised by poets and by sages, and are, doubtless, familiar to you all. But I would, for a moment, point to the immediate past, and to the present, and I would fearlessly ask, what body of men on the face of earth (with one exception) is more universal in its extent, higher in its aims, purer in its principles, more united in its operations, or more bountiful in its charities, than the ancient institution to which we belong—what body more zealous in promoting peace and goodwill upon earth, and even pointing the road to Heaven? It would, indeed, be strange if, in an imperfect world such as ours we claimed infallibility either for our Order or its individual members. The frailties of human nature are incident to all communities, and the ecclesiastical history of Rome, perhaps, supplies us with as sad illustrations of this fact as any that the world's chronicles can furnish, but we may safely assert that Masonry, with its sublime principles, has, from age to age, and in many a dark hour of that world's history, proved a mighty educator in the hands of the Grand Master Most High, in elevating that human nature from the dust in which it had sunk, placing it on the road to happiness, and bidding it, with a potent voice echoed through 18 centuries, "Rise up and walk." It has taken the light from under the bushel of the cloister, and put it not only in the candlestick, but on a hill, that all around may benefit by its benign rays. It has broken down the self-constituted monopolies of human selfishness, and opened out to man the power, the wisdom, the glory, and above all, the goodness of God. Can we wonder that a society of men bound together by such principles, and owning such obligations, have weathered the storms of eight-and-twenty centuries, and lives to this day, more vigorous, more numerous than ever? What wonder that legislators, nobles, statesmen, princes, and kings crowd into our ranks, and that at this moment the King of Sweden, the King of Denmark, the King of Italy, the President of the United States, the Heir Apparent to the Imperial Throne of the German Empire, and last, not least, the Heir Apparent to the Throne of England, should form a galaxy of Masonic beauty and a bond of Masonic strength unparalleled in the annals of the world. Never since the day that York gave birth-place to the first Christian Emperor, Constantine the Great, or the same ancient city was the site of Alfred's Masonic throne, has Masonry made such strides in England as at this day, and never has it held a higher character. It is ready to be tried by its own law, and I hesitate not to assert that, in proportion as it stands that test, it will "hold its own" against principalities and powers, against malicious sneers and impotent anathemas. The fierce light of public opinion beats upon us, brethren; let us come to that light and it will be felt that, not in poetry, but in fact, "there's naught but what's good to be understood by a Free and an Accepted Mason." Nor

does Masonry ignore, it points to enduring mansions and a final rest. It teaches the progressive nature of human knowledge, which we see evinced by the improvements taking place every day amongst us, but by analogy it leads us to conclude that what we see proceeding in such regular order towards perfection will not suspend its operations even when the functions of the body cease. This scene of human life, though the theatre of improvement, is far from being that of perfection. We must look through the cloud, therefore, and welcome that bright morning star, which brightens all our prospects and points the pathway to immortality. "For now we see through a glass darkly, but then, face to face; now we know in part, and then shall we know even as we are known." It is no secret that in years far back in our history Masonry was not unaffected by the customs of the times through which it was passing, and gave more attention to the social than to the intellectual, the moral, or the religious element in its constitution, that its charity was too contracted and self-contained, and that that most significant image which God has given of Himself, and to be an emblem of higher truths, was in danger of being reversed by the members, not the head, taking the uppermost seat, I trust in God, that for God's sake, for our Order's sake, for our own sakes, that this view of Masonry is fading away like a bad photograph, and that such a view is now publicly and rightly branded as a "Masonic Heresy." Let me not be supposed for a moment to contend for a real or affected asceticism, nor to disparage or discourage the fair and reasonable social intercourse that is to be found in our assemblies at the festive board, but I do say the lodge ought to stand clearly, first, the banquet second, in our estimation, and I make bold to say, that Masonry would flourish as well, and ourselves also, if the ordinary banquets in London (as in the provinces) were fewer in number, and not on so expensive a scale, as they are at present. When I speak of the lodge as standing first in our estimation I do not merely allude to the principles there inculcated, I would include the manner in which they are conveyed, the attention to details, the order maintained, the gentlemanly bearing of the officers to the brethren, and to each other, and not least, the correct, reverent, and impressive manner in which our most beautiful, solemn, and instructive ceremonies are conducted. It is impossible to conjecture the momentous effect with which this must tell upon Masonry in general or upon the lodge, or individual Masons in particular. Few scenes of my life are stamped upon my memory in deeper characters than my entrance into Masonry, and my being raised to what is called in no exaggerated language, the Sublime Degree, and why?—not merely owing to the matter, but even more to the manner in which the degrees were worked. There is another point, brethren, to which I would venture to direct your attention and my own, I mean to our noble charities. Let them be a first charge on our Masonic affections—not merely in regard to raising princely sums to sustain them—itself a glorious work—but in maintaining in them a high standard of efficiency, and of moral and religious culture. Nor should we shrink from calmly considering whether some improvements may not be made by which admission to our institutions may be made on a more reasonable, more discriminating, more economical, and more equitable basis. I should not be sorry to see it made a qualification for every London apprentice at least before he was passed to the degree of a Craftsman, that he should have personally visited at least one of our Masonic charities. Brethren, the Alexandra Palace Lodge is in my humble opinion a peculiarly happy title. The building from which it takes its name, and its elder sister on Penge Hill, owe their origin to the wise and thoughtful mind of one who for many years brought within the range of its kindly and extensive ken the interests alike of the palace and the cottage. The thoughts, the words, the life of the late good and great Prince Consort have left an indelible mark on this nation, so that the "Alexandra Palace" may fairly remind us of Wisdom, a wisdom which, whether taken in connection with the departed Prince or Masonry, is most eloquently defined in the volume of the Sacred Law to be "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy, to be entreated, full of mercy and of good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." Taking the words separately, we may in our old monarchical England consider that "palace" denotes strength, especially while the Court of our gracious Queen holds forth so bright an example in every relation of life, and while we have our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Heir Apparent to the Throne, owning the allegiance of thousands of Masons, and the regard of all good and loyal Britons; while I am sure that the name "Alexandra" calls up with electric rapidity the beauty with which our Prince and our land are adorned, not only in the person but in the character of that Princess whom the people of this country have learnt to regard as the good and fair consort of our Prince, and we, in addition, as the tender and devoted wife of our Grand Master. With such a significant title may this lodge prove itself worthy of its name. May its Masters in a long and bright succession emulate the zeal, the ability, and the eloquence of the distinguished brother who is elected as the first to fill the chair. May the foundation so admirably laid by our eminent and highly esteemed Grand Secretary be the base of an enduring monument within hail of one of our grand institutions, and finally may the founders of the Alexandra Palace Lodge raise a superstructure in wisdom, strength, and beauty, which, like the building in which it is held, or the hill on which it stands, may be seen from afar, a light to lighten all our fellow men who come within its influence, as well as a glory to our venerable Order.

The business in the lodge concluded with cordial votes of thanks being entered on the minutes to the consecrating officers, who were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, where they partook of an excellent repast, and the W.M. presided with his accustomed dignity, supported by the consecrating officer, his assistants, and by the visitors who were in the lodge room. Selections were given by the musical brethren, and the physical and harmonious feast was made one of intellectual enjoyment of no common character by the eloquent speeches which were delivered.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" of course preceded all others, and having been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales," and said it was impossible to mention the Grand Master's name, with certain debates still ringing in our ears, without wishing him "God speed" on his journey. The Grand Master would find on the monuments of India,—monuments which had come down through countless ages—symbols which would show him that nothing was clearer than that Masonic formulae were known in that country in ages long past. (Hear hear.) That nothing was clearer than this he (Bro. Parkinson) knew from his own experience; but while the Prince would see this, he would see that if the outward forms existed there the spirit of Freemasonry was entirely absent, for that natural equality and mutual dependence which ran through the mysteries of Freemasonry like a silver thread could not be found in the organization of society in India. Our well-instructed Most Worshipful Grand Master, when he saw those remarkable structures of India would deeply reflect upon the institutions of the two countries, and would turn with pleasure to his own country, where the temples were erected by the efforts of a free people, while the structures of India were cemented by the blood and pains of down trodden slaves. There could be little doubt that what the Prince would see in India would cause him to love the system of this country, and to consolidate his attachment to the Craft. (Cheers.)

The toast was fully honoured, and the W. Master proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," who, he said, was entitled to our respect and esteem, whether we viewed him as an Englishman, a Freemason, a statesman, or as a member of Her Majesty's Government. It was extremely fortunate that our Grand Master had so excellent a Mason to fall back upon as the Earl, who was a statesman whose pertinacious examination of every question made him a safe leader in the Craft.

The toast was warmly accepted, as was the next, that of "Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past." Of his lordship, the W. Master spoke in the highest possible terms, as one eminently fitted by qualities of head and heart for the high position he held in the Craft as Deputy Grand Master. The speaker mentioned the names of the G. Secretary and P.G. Chaplain, and the names were received with cheers, which the W.M. said were entirely premature, for he reserved those brethren to reply to future toasts, and he intended to couple the toast with the name of Bro. T. Fenn, the P. Grand Deacon, whose services to the Craft on a recent occasion were such as to entitle him to the lasting gratitude of brethren everywhere. (Cheers.) Bro. Fenn was one who, at a great amount of self-denial, and with a strong belief in the usefulness of the Order, gave much of his time to uphold the "working" in purity. Bro. Fenn was certainly but one of many who made these sacrifices, and but for these sacrifices, but for the practice of this self-denial, Freemasonry would hold a very different position in the world than it holds—(hear, hear)—and it was a great privilege the Alexandra Lodge had that evening in expressing, on the part of the Craft, gratitude to meet brethren who gave such services to the Craft as Bro. Fenn gave. (Cheers.)

Bro. Fenn, who on rising to reply was received with the warmest cheers, said he never expected to have to reply for the Grand Officers when he found two other G. Officers present, and both of higher position in the Craft than himself; but as he was called, by the exigencies of the time, to respond for the Grand Officers, he must say he felt proud of the duty, especially on the occasion of the position of Worshipful Master being filled by his too partial friend, Bro. Parkinson. As to the reference to the Albert Hall ceremony, he thought that individual efforts should be forgotten (No, no), for much of the credit of that great success was due to the brethren themselves, and a great disaster on the occasion would not have been a disaster to one person only, but would have been a disaster to the Craft. (Hear, hear.) The Past G. Officers, who had attained the summit of their ambition, showed that their interest in the Craft could not die out, they ever being ready to take the responsibility of work in whatever direction work might be required of them. (Cheers.) He thanked Bro. Parkinson for the reference to Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and taking a deep interest in the manner in which the ceremonies were worked, he could truly say that he thought this new lodge was fortunate in having a first Master like Bro. Parkinson, whose superb delivery gave a worthy rendering to our beautiful ceremonies, and whose example would raise up a spirit of emulation in the Masters who followed. (Cheers.) They would, however, find a difficulty in rising to Bro. Parkinson's high standard, as he (Bro. Fenn) well knew, from having to succeed him as First Principal in a chapter. Still, a high standard would be set to the lodge, and its character would be fashioned upon the traditions of the excellence of their esteemed brother whose name stood first upon its roll of Masters. (Cheers.)

The W. Master then, amid many cheers, proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer of the Day—Bro. G. S. Hervey," and said he felt he had a task of great responsibility in speaking of Bro. Hervey, whose varied accomplishments and services to Freemasonry were such as made it difficult to speak, lest the lodge should be prejudiced by the imperfect manner in which the toast was proposed. No words could express the deep debt of gratitude which the

lodge felt at Bro. Hervey's kindness—and kindness he ever willingly showed—in taking upon himself this onerous and arduous duty, and in coming to the Palace in such weather, at the sacrifice of much personal comfort, even giving up his holiday arrangements to comply with the wishes of the brethren. (Cheers.) It was with pride that the brethren that day had had the benefit of Bro. Hervey's ripe experience, his Masonic learning, and the reflected honour of his high position. (Cheers.) It was to be hoped that Bro. Hervey would accept his honorary membership as no idle compliment, for when he should be absent they would mourn his vacant place. (Cheers.)

Bro. Grand Secretary, who was received with warm applause, said it was not the first time he had had his health drank, or the first time that he had been in a lodge meeting with brother G. Officers surrounding him, but he assured them that on no occasion was he more gratified at the proceedings than he was at those of that day. It had given the other G. Officers and himself great pleasure in affording their services to consecrate that lodge, but it had, likewise, given them great pleasure to assist in the installation of a brother so respected as the excellent Master of this lodge. (Cheers.) It would be perfectly out of place to make a long speech on such an occasion as that, but he felt bound to say that the Past G. Chaplain was always ready to place his service at the call of the Craft, and his assistance was always most valuable, as it had been that day. (Cheers.) Their good friend Bro. Little was in a different position to Bro. Simpson, but still there was a similarity in the name of his vocation, for it comprised "clerical" labours of an onerous character. (A laugh.) He was always ready to place his services at the behests of the Craft, and he was always ready to undertake these duties. (Cheers.) On behalf of his brethren, Simpson and Little, and for himself, he thanked the lodge; and now he begged to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master." It was with much pleasure that he (G.S.) attended to bring this bantering of a lodge into the world, and in this short space of time it was not only brought into the world, but was a full-grown child, of such promise, too, that it would do great credit to those who had assisted at the birth. It was the more to be congratulated as it had the good fortune to have Bro. Parkinson for its Master. (Cheers.) The work which Bro. Parkinson had done for Freemasonry was such that the most glowing eulogium would not do justice to his merits, but that was unnecessary on the occasion. That he would make the lodge a good Master, and carry it through the troubled waters of early existence, no one who knew him could doubt, and it was well for the lodge that they had prevailed upon him to take the first Mastership. (Cheers.) With the toast he (G.S.) would couple "Prosperity to the Alexandra Palace Lodge," and he congratulated the lodge on the charming locale it had chosen, and upon having in its ranks a brother who could instal its first W.M. as Bro. Stacey had installed Bro. Parkinson.

The toast having been duly honoured,

The Worshipful Master rose, and was received with warm cheers. He thanked Bro. Hervey for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received it, and said if anything enhanced the pleasure he felt, it was the undoubted sincerity of Bro. Hervey, who was a man who would not flatter, and what fell from his lips were no perfunctory compliments. Of course there was a great responsibility in undertaking the chair of a new lodge—a responsibility which was felt all the more strongly the more one knew about it (hear, and a laugh), but some rushed in where other beings feared to tread (a laugh), and those who had passed through the work felt the responsibilities of the duties; but having accepted the collar, he should, to the best of his ability, work for the benefit of the lodge, knowing that in doing so he should have the hearty co-operation of the brethren. (Cheers.) He then proceeded to make observations of a general character and of a public interest, and his words were—I think it is useful, on occasions of this character, to take a brief survey of the position of Freemasonry, and to mark its progress at home and abroad; and this is the more necessary from the impotent antagonism which continues to threaten and denounce all within its pale. The triumphant installation of the Prince of Wales as our Grand Master has been followed by the usual exhibitions. His Holiness the Pope has again anathematised what he is pleased to denominate "the Masonic sect." (A laugh.) Bishop Dupanloup has honoured us by a bitterly hostile pamphlet; the organ of Ultramontanism, have declared that "the Protestant religion and Freemasonry are identical and must stand or fall together"—a proposition it is certainly not worth our while to dispute; and an elaborate volume has been published what is alleged to be the secret warfare of Freemasonry against the Church. The battle ground is not of our seeking; for we are ready to welcome, and do welcome as brothers, Roman Catholics if they are worthy recommended and if they can take our obligations and obey our laws. These indispensable conditions being fulfilled, we hail the enlightened Roman Catholic as a Mason with the same cordiality as we extend to the Jew, the Mahomedan, or the Parsee. The very first page of our Book of Constitutions states that, "let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality;" and it is this broad toleration and true Christian charity which shocks bigotry, and makes priestcraft tremble. (Cheers.) Freemasonry can afford to smile at and to pity its detractors, for since that great demonstration at the Albert Hall, and as one of the earliest acts of grace of our Royal Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Italy has been recognised officially by the Grand Lodge of England, and the Masons of Italy and the Masons of England are now linked together by the strongest fraternalities, professing the same principles and

united for the high purposes of our Craft. (Cheers.) I have been at some pains to inform myself of the actual condition of Freemasonry in Italy at the present time, and am in constant correspondence with my friends among the leading Freemasons of Rome, and I am in a position to reassure brethren who have been disposed to take alarm at the stories industriously, shall I say maliciously, circulated to the disparagement of the Italian Lodges. There are now nearly 200 of these and about 10,000 Masons working under the Grand Orient of Italy, and the officers of the Grand Orient include illustrious patriots, and some of the most distinguished names in Italy. Now whatever may have been the case in the past, and when persecution (the bayonet of foreign mercenaries, and the dungeon of home tyrants) are the fate of Freemasons in any country, is it not a sacred duty to combine for freedom? I affirm that whatever may have been the case in Italy's dark past, the lessons enforced by Freemasonry now that she is free are identical with those practised in England, and that her official recognition by our Grand Lodge was a gracious and useful act, which well becomes our Royal Grand Master, and one which furnishes the most complete answer to the heated vituperation of Pope, prelate, and pamphleteer. Our Italian brethren take pride in the position and progress of Masonry in England, and have learnt with the deepest interest of the approaching establishment of this Alexandra Palace Lodge. Here is a letter I received this morning from the Grand Master of Italy. It is countersigned by the Grand Chancellor, and bears the official seal of the Grand Oriente, and says:—

"Dear Brother Parkinson,

"On the inaugural day of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, the Grand Orient of Italy begs to offer you and the brethren its most heartfelt congratulations.

"Happy in its surroundings, where Art and Nature invite honorable industry to mental and physical recreation—happy in you, brother, its first Worshipful Master, whose trenchant vindications of the Craft, as the tried and true auxiliary of freedom, civil and religious, are nowhere more gratefully appreciated than in emancipated Italy—happy, above all in a name which at once awakens sentiments so dear to the Italian breast, Loyalty and Charity, religious toleration, and constitutional liberty, may the Alexandra Lodge, under the blessing of the Great Architect, continue long to enjoy every good and perfect gift from above, and to deserve well of the Crown, the Constitution, and the Craft.

"Accept, illustrious Brother Parkinson,

"Our fraternal salutations,

(Signed.) "GIUSEPPE MAZZONI, 33 (Grand Master).

(Signed.) "G. TAMAJO, 33, (Grand Chancellor)."

Passing by the too kind compliment paid to myself, I will say that this letter does honour to the writers, and that it indicates a conclusive answer to those who would persuade us that Italian and English Masonry are not identical. I know too, from English brethren who have visited lodges in Rome at my request, that in all essentials their working is the same as ours; the chief difference being that the ceremonies have become slightly abbreviated during the long years in which it was dangerous to liberty, and even to life, to practise them, just as the Scotch Covenanters shortened their services when Claverhouse's dragoons were seen on the hill-side. Official relations having been established between the Grand Lodge of Italy and that of England, the best answer Freemasons can make to the embittered railing of those who would, doubtless, put them to the torture if they dared, is Loyalty and Charity—Loyalty to the principles and rulers of the Craft, Charity and toleration to all mankind, including our persecutors and slanderers. A Roman Catholic poet once wrote in a purely Masonic spirit,

"For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight,
He can't be wrong whose life is in the right."

(Cheers.)

Freemasonry has nothing to do with sects or creeds, or with their professors as such. Its motto is, Liberty of Conscience, and, as William Penn said long ago, liberty of conscience is the foundation of all religion. I now thank you heartily for your good wishes, and trust with you that what we have done to-day may advance the interests of the universal Craft.

The W.M. resumed his chair amid great applause. He subsequently proposed "The Visitors," coupling the name of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, of whom he spoke in the warmest terms, and said that the fact that dignitaries of our National Church were members of the Craft, and gave their sacred culture and honoured names, was a proof of the goodness of the cause.

The toast was honoured, and the Past Grand Chaplain responded, and, speaking of the widespread and universal character of Freemasonry, told an anecdote of the meeting by travellers with a tribe of aborigines in the wilds of Australia, who refused to permit the travellers to pass until the Masonic sign was given, and then they acted "like brothers," the chiefs having recognised in the travellers friends of the dark man. The story was received with loud laughter, which was due to the exquisite manner in which it was told.

The W. Master then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and said they had done him the extraordinary compliment of asking him to be the Master when they had so many efficient Masons in their midst, and though he accepted the compliment, he did so wonderingly, and he feared not for the ceremonies in the future. He had seen a spirit of kindly self-sacrifice among the officers, and while the Senior Warden had refused the first Mastership, so had the other officers taken lesser positions than they were entitled to, a spirit, he thought, which would do much to carry on the lodge to a wide sphere of usefulness.

The toast, which was honoured by all, was responded to by the S.W., Bro. Kelly King.

The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and called attention to the noble institutions supported by the Craft, coupling the toast with the name of Bro. R. W. Little, who referred to the great progress of the charities, and expressed the hope that the Girls' School would not stand still at 150 girls, the Boys' with 177 boys, or the Benevolent with its present number of beneficiaries.

The meeting concluded in time for the brethren to catch a "ten o'clock express" from the Palace, but this never went until half an hour after this time, and then was expressed only to the next station, the effect of the railway arrangements being that the visitors were landed in the heart of the City only just before midnight, thus marring an otherwise pleasant day, and teaching the lodge that they must start home earlier, and have no thought of shadowy "expresses."

The Masonic furniture was supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

GRAND MARK LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The annual festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Mark Grand Lodge, and established four years ago, was held on Wednesday evening at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill, when a select party of brethren and ladies sat down to a choice banquet provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. The chair was taken by a very popular brother, Bro. W. Romaine Calender, M.P., Deputy Grand Mark Master, and Prov. Grand Mark Master of Lancashire. Among the brethren who supported him were Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Joseph H. Spencer, G.I.G.; D. M. Dewar, J. H. Wynne, P.G.I.G.; G. W. Verry, R. L. Sturtevant, C. Lacey, Kinnear, Nathl. Horrocks, R. Bowker, Richd. Chambers, Jno. Davison, Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. G. Treas. Lincolnshire; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; Jno. Watson, T. J. Lancashire, S. B. Ellis, Thos. Trollope, W. A. Scott, P.G. Steward; Simpson, Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; Major Geo. Barlow, P.G.M.O.; Wm. Roebuck, H. W. Binckes, Asst. G. Sec.; H. W. Massey, *Freemason*, P.G.S.; and A. Middlemass.

At the conclusion of the dinner, which was elegantly laid and admirably served, grace was sung, and the toasts were then proposed.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Queen," said that though unfortunately Her Majesty could not be a Mason herself, she had shown her appreciation of the Order by permitting the Heir Apparent to become a member of that body, and Masons welcomed that mark of her sympathy and good will with the loyalty and affection which it was impossible for them by outward signs to express.

The Chairman, in giving "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," said that although the Prince of Wales was not yet a Mark Mason, it was well known to most Masons in the room that the Swedish Constitution, under which he became a Freemason, recognised this branch of Masonic science. H.R.H. had done good service to the Craft, and no doubt from the position he held among Masons, and also as the acting and actual Grand Master of the Order, he had done good service to it, because his presence was a guarantee for that loyalty to the Masonic Constitution which no one could deny. As the Prince of Wales had many private engagements, his joining the Order was a proof that, in addition to having a mere outward existence, it was of practical benefit and of some value. He had also done good service to himself in joining the Order. No one who witnessed the magnificent assembly in the Albert Hall three months ago could deny that a meeting of the Heir to the Throne with a large body of his fellow-subjects must conduce to the linking together of all classes of society, and the securing of the prosperity, happiness, and goodwill of all persons in the United Kingdom. As regarded the other members of the Royal family, at least, they illustrated in the most striking manner some of our principal Masonic virtues. Almost within the recollection of our own time there had been circumstances which showed there were strife and unseemly divisions in the Royal family of this country; but in the present existing family there were goodwill, peace, and harmony.

The Chairman next proposed "The Right Honourable the Earl of Limerick, M.W. G.M.M.M., and the Past Grand Masters," viz., the Right Hon. the Lord Leigh, the Right Hon.

the Earl of Carnarvon, the Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., and the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P. He said all these brethren had made their mark. But they were known not only in the Masonic but in the outer world, many of them by their public acts as legislators. If any enquiry were made as to what were their abilities he would adopt the old Roman motto, and say, "If you wish a monument of their virtues, look at the position which Mark Masonry gives them." It required no great effort of memory to look back a few years, when Mark Masonry, diligently pursued and thoroughly understood by scattered societies in various parts of this country, languished for want of a common centre and a proper head; and it was thought, and wisely thought, that an effort ought to be made—he would not say to "resuscitate" Mark Masonry, but to draw together to one focus those various efforts which were being made in different parts. Those brethren who used the efforts made a wise election in taking Lord Leigh as their first Grand Master. That brother, who first distinguished himself in the Craft in his own province, had been followed by other brethren whom it would be invidious to particularize one by one, but he would refer to the exertions of Bro. Portal, by whose efforts the success of Mark Masonry was visible in a surprising degree. He was succeeded by a nobleman with whom he (the Chairman) had the honour of a personal acquaintance. Lord Percy had been very energetic in the movement, and he was now succeeded by Lord Limerick, of whom many present were qualified to speak. Speaking of him politically, he ably performed his duties in one House of Legislature, and there was no member of that House more regular than he in his attendance on the deliberations of the other House of which he (the Chairman) had the honour of being a member. Who could wish for Lord Limerick a better lot than when his time of office in Mark Grand Lodge expired he might leave Mark Masonry in the same happy state of progress as that in which it now was?

Bro. C. F. Matier proposed "The Chairman," and referred the brethren to the great popularity of that brother in the province of Lancashire, to which he (Bro. Matier) also had the privilege of belonging. He also referred the brethren to the circumstance of the concord which existed between Scotland and England with reference to Mark Masonry, and he informed them that it was in Lancashire where that good feeling was brought about, and through the exertions of the chairman. He (Bro. Matier) could fearlessly assert that it would never have been effected under a brother less courteous or less beloved. (Cheers.)

The Chairman in reply, said there was an old saying to the effect, "Call no man happy before his death," and perhaps he ought not to consider himself happy till this dinner was over, and until the brethren had had some little longer experience of whatever little ability he possessed. With regard to the position he then held, it was a very great honour and satisfaction to be present on such an occasion, and that his first appearance before a metropolitan audience was in the character of Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason of England, (applause), and in that work of charity which was so distinguished a feature with the Order. It was a matter of great regret to him that he was unable to attend the last Grand Lodge to be invested as Deputy Grand Mark Master; but it was owing to his parliamentary duties in connection with friendly societies, which might be looked upon as bearing some resemblance to Masonry, and which affected a very large number of persons bound together by somewhat similar ties as Freemasons. The Friendly Societies' Bill was then in committee in the House of Commons, and it was impossible for him to leave even for a moment. He concluded by again thanking the brethren for the toast.

Major Barlow also responded, and rejoiced, as a Grand Office bearer, that from the lodge in which he was advanced sprang this Grand Lodge of England. He was glad to see that since that time Mark Masonry had so progressed, not only in the metropolitan counties but also all over

England. (Hear, hear.) He was present at the union referred to by Bro. Matier, when England and Scotland joined. The meeting was held in Manchester, and there was left much impressed on his mind the brotherly love which was then exhibited, and which he hoped was thoroughly cemented. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman then proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the Masonic Institutions." He said—In giving you this toast I feel that no small responsibility devolves upon me, not only from the records of the distinguished members of the Order who have preceded me in the chair, but from my earnest desire that the appeal to be made to you to-night should, if possible, stimulate that feeling of sympathy with misfortune which is found in nearly every human heart. It has a special claim upon those who own a universality of brotherhood more wide-spread and ancient than any other system recorded in the history of the world. Religion, politics, or commerce, occupy the attention of large numbers of persons—probably no subjects claim so much general attention; and we can hardly wonder at this when we consider the importance of those problems which affect the relations of man with his Creator, the government of nations, and the extension of civilization. But I venture to think that the basis of religion, freedom, and morality will be found in those simple truths which are contained in our ritual, enunciated in our observances and illustrated through the volume of the Sacred Law. Every secret society, that is to say one—which affects aims distinct from the rest of mankind—has been regarded with disfavour, denounced by the despot, and envied by the ignorant. Infidelity, disloyalty, and self-indulgence have been among the hard terms applied to the members of such societies, and, making allowance for the difference of the times, I question if the persecutions of Philip the Fair were much more severe than those we have to undergo in the present day. Yet all these secret societies have been called into existence by the necessities of the times, either to avert public danger, arouse public opinion, or mitigate public abuses; and they have passed away either because they have fulfilled their work, or proved themselves unfit to do it. If our Society, the oldest of all, still remains with undiminished vigour; if it contains traces of every form of religious worship by which man has sought to recognise the duty which he owes to the Great Overseer of the Universe and his fellow men; if it affords a haven or place of concord, where those who differ on all other points can meet; if its progress at the present time is neither slow nor partial, surely—we are justified in contending that our mission is not yet completed, and that in spite of imperfections our members, both individually and collectively, are performing the work for which the Order was appointed in the earliest ages of the world. What were those objects? We can understand that the mind of man in a state of primeval innocence, expressed its predominant feelings by an act of religious worship, apart from mere creed or sect. Absence of religion is regarded as the surest test of barbarism. But as that religious feeling intensified and expressed itself in action, we find that human intellect, vigour, and skill lavished their noblest powers on those buildings intended for Divine worship, and our record of ancient nations is mainly derived from the works of ancient Masons, displayed in the erection and decoration of pyramid, temple, or pagoda. If the Masonic art culminated in the erection of the magnificent building of the Jewish Monarch, whose regal splendour and unparalleled magnificence far surpassed all imagination, he did but consecrate to the worship of the true Jehovah that Masonic skill and energy which, in partial blindness and ignorance, had previously erected those wonderful works which have survived to our own day. All that has come down to us of ancient times in architecture, sculpture, painting, poetry, and tradition, is connected with the Divine, and with the work by which the ancient Mason expressed his reverence and love. I need not remind you of the position which our Craft held in the middle ages, supposed to be days of universal intolerance and bigotry; but there is abundant evidence to show that the Hebrew race, despised and persecuted elsewhere, re-

ceived the hand of Masonic brotherhood; and it has been reserved for a Pontiff of the 19th century to excommunicate the Order which erected those magnificent cathedrals which are still the pride of Christendom. But it may be said that our Order now no longer continues to perform such work; why, therefore, should it remain? that our appearance in procession at the laying of the foundation stone of some church or school is but a relic of the gorgeous work which involved the labour of a lifetime, and would be as poor an expression of religious zeal as the annual appearance of the long-haired Merovingian monarchs was of kingly power. Why should our Order continue if it possess only the traditions of the past? How is it that our work still continues? The principles which prompted the ancient Masons still actuate our conduct, but with a change of time and circumstances we are no longer "operative, but speculative Masons;" that is to say, we seek to implant in every human heart a temple of Divine worship where the Schechinah may dwell unseen by mortal eye, but sanctifying the inner life, and guiding the outward action. If we understand the vows we have undertaken, if we are true to our professions, if we comprehend the meaning of our ritual and our observances, nothing less than this will suffice. But how is this to be shown to the outer world; how, in answer to ignorance, incredulity, and scepticism, can we offer a reply simple or easy to be understood? The occasion of our meeting to-day supplies the answer. The poor we have always with us, and Masonry affords no exemption from the common lot of mankind. Age, misfortune, and sickness have fallen, and will continue to fall, upon those who have taken the same vows as ourselves, with whom we have held friendly intercourse, and by whose counsels we have been guided and strengthened. Like the skeleton at the Egyptian feasts, our meeting to-day in health and happiness should remind us of the misfortunes and poverty of others; and that mutual dependence which has been impressed on every member of our brotherhood is with them a stern reality. We are placed in a somewhat peculiar position as regards the outer world. We are forbidden to explain, and therefore to a large extent to defend, many customs which may seem outlandish and unnecessary; but we have an opportunity, by the support of our Masonic Charities, to shew the value of the great principles of brotherly love and relief of which our Order boasts. With regard to the Institution on whose behalf we are met to-day, I need simply add that it is not founded in any spirit of rivalry to our older institutions—that it supplies an important want, and it affects a most interesting branch of our science. In conclusion, Bro. Calender appealed to the company for liberal contributions in aid of the Benevolent Fund. (Great cheering.)

Bro. F. Binckes (Grand Secretary) responded. The result of the meeting would be read out by the Assistant Grand Secretary. He (Bro. Binckes) would not take upon himself to say one word on behalf of the great Masonic Institutions, or their work, as it was before the Craft at large. It was a source of intense satisfaction that he found in the meeting of that evening that the great institutions were not forgotten which Masons so delighted to do their best to support. The work of Freemasonry was a very hard work, especially in connection with the Masonic Institutions. He would undertake to say that no body of men did so much in the cause of charity as Freemasons, for it would be found that during the present year £27,000 was the aggregate amount contributed in support of the three Masonic Institutions. With respect to the Mark Benevolent Fund, there had been this remark made, that every Mark Mason was a member of the Craft, and if in distress could appeal to the Fund of Benevolence. But Mark Masons had not done wrong in organizing their own Benevolent Fund, which was to provide for the peculiar wants of Mark Masons. Without making a remark as to the preference of one degree in Freemasonry over another, he would submit that it might just happen that a brother who had been an idle Craft Mason might have been a very energetic Mark Mason, and if his widow or children appealed for assistance to

the Craft in which he had done but little, £10 or 10 guineas might be considered enough to give them; but if he had done much in Mark Masonry, Mark Masons would do more. Not to magnify the Mark Degree too much, he thought they were doing right in taking care to have a fund such as he had described. It was a source of great gratification that these annual meetings were so substantially supported, which proved that the brethren were of this opinion. He hoped that these happy meetings would go on increasing year by year in prosperity. He was happy to say that the fund contributed to the Masonic Institutions, and that Mark Masons also supported them very liberally. It was only a fortnight ago that Mark Masonry contributed more than £50 to one of the Institutions, Bro. Binckes concluded by thanking the brethren in the name of these Institutions for their support.

Bro. Henry Binckes then read the list of subscriptions, which amounted to £175.

"The Board of Stewards" was then proposed and drunk, and Bro. Roebuck having responded, the company separated.

During the evening a splendid selection of music was performed under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells. Madame Wells, Madame Alice Barnett, and Bro. Chaplin Henry were the exponents of the vocal music; Mdle. Bertha Brousil, solo violin, and Bro. Henry Parker, pianoforte.

Poetry.

MAY GOD PRESERVE THE CRAFT.

Words and music by T. BURDETT YEOMAN, M.L. 715, 1460.

DEDICATED to BRO. COLONEL FRANCIS BURDETT, M.W.P.G.M., Middlesex.

Come list a while, till I relate
A prayer we like to hear;
'Tis gracious in its very tone,
The form of speech is dear;
And all Freemasons it receive,
With all becoming pride.
The utterance reaches ev'ry heart,
Long may it still abide.

CHORUS.

Then we will sing, our work is done,
And labor's in the aft,
Come, pleasure, come, but we will pray,
May God preserve the Craft.

II.

Within our sacred bower of blue,
And free from care's alarm,
Secluded from the world outside—
For us it has no charm.
We like the spot wherein we're found,
It is our holy land,
For there we strive to emulate
And fill our chief's command.

CHORUS: Then we will sing, etc.

III.

The outer world, our mystic rites
Can never, never learn,
Nor yet behold our Temple work
Its beauties to discern.
True Order dwells, within our realm,
The Master's word is Law.
Hush! he recites some hallow'd theme
With reverence and with awe.

CHORUS: Then we will sing, etc.

IV.

From cowans' gaze, and babblers' talk
We hold no mode of speech,
Nor care we for a mitred priest,
Whose aid we ne'er beseech.
We know our toil is labours' love,
The glory is our own,
We our Great Architect adore,
To us He gives the crown.

CHORUS: Then we will sing, etc.

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Sir James Hogg, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, accompanied by several members of the Board, paid a visit to Liverpool on Monday with the object of inspecting the water system of the town. They were received at the Town Hall by the Deputy Mayor, and afterwards had interviews with the municipal authorities, and witnessed experiments with fire-engines, one end of their visit being the extension and improvement of the hydrant system in London.

At a meeting held at the Mansion House, Bro. Alderman Sir B. Phillips in the chair, it was resolved to form an executive committee for the purpose of promoting the objects of the Congress and International Exhibition of Appliances for Saving Life, to be opened in Brussels next year.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1875.

THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW SURREY MASONIC HALL.

Our columns last week gave us a report of the Masonic proceedings at this most interesting gathering, and we recur to the subject gladly to-day. The meeting was presided over by that popular nobleman and good Freemason, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and his presence and kindness were duly appreciated by all the brethren. Several other distinguished Masons were also there, and the whole of the proceedings passed over with every satisfaction and "éclat." Not only was a new hall dedicated, but a new lodge constituted and consecrated, which, under the able presidency of Bro. Larilham, seems likely to take a prominent position in the Order. We are glad to allude to this meeting again, we said at the outset, for several reasons. Mr. Heckethorn, in his recent attack on Freemasonry, has said there is no further use for Freemasonry. We entirely disagree with him, and the longer we live the more persuaded we feel that never at any time was Freemasonry more useful or valuable to the world than at this very period. So many are the conflicts of religious and political life, so antagonistic often are the views and opinions of us all alike, that Freemasonry is a place of shelter for many, and a harbour of refuge for more. It is comforting to believe, and consoling to remember, that amidst our differences and divisions, at which the reflecting mind often gets weary and sorrowful, there is a place of meeting where, though we differ, we agree to differ, and where political discussions are unknown, and polemical controversies enter not. Believing, then, that Freemasonry is useful and valuable, per se, helpful to man and a blessing to society, we think that our brethren are wise in their generation when they seek to render its

outward manifestation as distinct, and solemn, and stately as well may be. The more that the profane world can see that we have our Masonic homes and centres, where we can work in peace and pleasantness, amid the outward and inward tokens of Masonic independence and individuality, the more is it likely to admit our claims to utility and to regard. And for ourselves the gain will be infinite. Our whole Masonic work and life will be permeated by a higher view of things and duties, a more precise measurement alike of our privileges and our responsibilities. We believe, sincerely, that Freemasonry has a great future before it in this country, if only it has learned already, "Stare super vias antiquas," if only it is prepared with unflinching courage, in season and out of season, to proclaim unflinchingly its great principles, toleration, beneficence, and brotherly love, the rights of the individual conscience and the full, fair, and impartial recognition of the great and important truth, that a man's individual religious connection is as sacred to him and to us, as are his freedom as an English subject, and his independence as a citizen of the world.

THE LAST BULLETIN OFFICIEL OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We have read for many reasons with much interest the last official publication of the Grand Orient of France. For we feel that the Grand Orient of France may fairly claim, just now, some little Masonic sympathy and good will, on many points from us in England. We are not to-day, intending to re-open the old controversies on past unwise proceedings of the Parisian Freemasons or even of Monsigneur Dupanloup's angry invectives. We have already expressed our opinion to our French brethren on the matter, and we do not suppose that we are likely ever to "envisager" things, and acts, and persons from exactly the same "point de mire." We will therefore let bygones be bygones, and look on hopefully to a better future. We think that we see, if faint, perhaps as yet, still traces, in the last "Bulletin Officiel" especially, of the prevalence at Paris of a calmer, a wiser, a more truly Masonic view of things. We note two points particularly with great pleasure. In France lodges and brethren have the right to transmit to headquarters their wishes, or "vœux," which are considered in the Conseil de l'Ordre, primarily and then finally decided in the assembly of the Orient itself. Among these "vœux," some very amusing and some a little puerile, according to our notion, are the two following, to which we call attention:—"Que la formule A.L.G.D.G.A.D.L.U. disparaisse enfin de nos circulaires et de nos planches." This modest request is made by the "Vénérable" or Master of "La Loge L'Avenir, Orient de Paris," and let us add his name, F. X. Trebois, for he deserves to be known to Masonic fame at any rate. Such an act would simply be a mournful corollary of precedent hurtful propositions and resolutions, and if sanctioned by the Grand Orient would, in our humble opinion, be the deathblow to true Freemasonry in France. Bro. Ferdeuil, who makes the report on the proposal, states, that the whole matter is now before a special commission, and meets the "vœu" by moving, that it be also sent to the special commission. He is, however met by a proposition of the "Ordre du jour" answering to our "previous question," which is carried, and which for the present is a virtual shelving of the matter. We gather from the president, Bro. St. Jean's, remarks that there is no chance at present of any definitive solution of the question, and we can only rejoice at it and say, so much the better for Freemasonry in France and the Grand Orient. Another "vœu" was, that the formula "Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité," should take the place of the customary "Vivat, Vivat, Vivat." Bro. Ferdeuil opposes the proposal on the ground that this "Trilogie" has a political as well as a Masonic Teaching. In England we know nothing of the "formula," though in the abstract "Liberty, Equality, and Brotherhood," are Masonic virtues and principles, but we have always objected to the use of this special form on account of its political use and party symbolism. The Conseil de l'Ordre rejected the proposal by passing to the "ordre

du jour." We trust therefore that a new phase of existence is beginning for the Grand Orient, when, leaving the sterile path of political complications, it will adhere to the great principles of Freemasonry, toleration, philanthropy, and fraternal benevolence. If such had been the aim of French Freemasonry alone the Bishop of Orleans would never have penned his fiery invective, nor should we have so often to regret and disapprove of the political colouring which the acts of the French Freemasons have latterly so unwisely and unmasonically assumed. We trust, sincerely, that better days are in store for the Grand Orient, and our brethren in France, and that they will not be ashamed "ferre gradus retorsum," and march henceforth within the lines of the better and older French Masonic teaching. Our hearty good wishes go with them.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.

In a recent impression we had occasion to take notice of a proposed picture of this great event, but we had then no idea that the contemplated picture had assumed such proportions. We cannot do better than just relate what we understand are the facts in connection with the picture, as they will best inform our readers, as well in England as in the colonies, of the present position of the scheme, and also what is intended. It may be remembered that our worthy Bro. Edward J. Harty, of 9, Barnard's Inn, Holborn, E.C., published a lithographic portrait of His Royal Highness, which has proved very successful, and he then conceived the idea of producing a picture of the Installation. By the special kindness of Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies, he was granted a special position in the Hall, and has drawn a picture, perfect in every respect, of the unequalled scene. It appears it attracted the attention of several of the Grand Officers at the last quarterly meeting, as it was kindly permitted by the amiable Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, to be exhibited in the Grand Officers' Robing Room. The picture thus designed by Bro. Harty, is now submitted to the fraternity by Bro. Harty, and has received the special approval of H.R.H. the Grand Master, so much so, that he has graciously consented to allow of its special dedication to himself. We think the proper course has been adopted by dedicating it to H.R.H., and we hope that the Masonic body will now do their part, and largely patronize it. Since then the Duke of Connaught, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, the Marquis of Hamilton, the Lord Mayor, also many other of the leading brethren, amongst whom stand prominently forward, Sir Albert W. Woods, Bro. Thomas Fenn, &c., have seen it, highly commended and have given their patronage to it. The scheme is now fairly launched before the Masonic world, and it rests with the brethren now to decide whether it will prove a successful one to the undertakers. That it should meet with success, must, we think be the feeling of every brother, for no event of ancient or modern times in Freemasonry has created such enthusiasm in the Craft, and we should be inclined to suppose that the great majority of those who were present, at least, would like to possess themselves of such a worthy commemoration of a sight which they will never witness again the like of. We are informed that arrangements are all but concluded with an eminent engraver, and that the impressions will be ready for delivering to subscribers at the anniversary of the installation day, viz., the 28th April, 1876. Although the beautiful coup d'œil of the Albert Hall, so strikingly delineated, would, of itself, be an historical record, the artist undertakes to produce several hundred actual portraits of the leading brethren in the positions in which they sat, thus grouping into one centre the whole of the leading Masons of the present day, and of course most prominent will be the Grand, Pro Grand, and Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, and other eminent brethren. As the undertaking is a large one, a "Royal Masonic Installation Gallery" has been formed at 213, Regent-street, W., where the picture can be seen, and those

who are desirous of having their photographs taken for the purpose of being engraved in the picture, had better call there at once. We sincerely wish the undertaking, what it really deserves, every success, the more so as it is very liberally proposed to identify the three Royal Masonic Charities with it, by giving to them equally a proportion of the proceeds. We would only add, in conclusion, that the chromo photograph which had been advertised in our columns for sometime, as intended to be produced by Bro. E. M. Haigh, the well-known photographer, we notice from an advertisement appearing in our present impression, has been given up. Bro. Haigh readily conceding that the proposed steel engraving will be a much more durable, and, probably, acceptable memorial of the occasion, but his valuable services have been retained to take the photographs required by the artist in engraving Bro. Harty's picture. We, therefore, invite the special consideration of our numerous subscribers, and friends, and correspondents to this interesting subject. We shall publish shortly a circular from the brethren who are bringing out the picture.

BRO. BURGESS'S COMPLAINT.

We published a letter last week, from our brother Major Burgess, to which we feel bound to call special attention. It appears that this brother of ours has been brought into collision with the authorities of the newly named "Priory of the Temple," and has been expelled, as we understand his statement, from that Order. We are not Templars, or Masonic Templars, and therefore we cannot go into the question, though perhaps we shall not err in expressing our humble opinion that there were probably faults on both sides, and that unfortunately the whole point at issue has turned more or less on personal feelings and considerations. But as we said before, with the Templar verdict we have nothing to do. Bro. Burgess now complains of a very different matter, and one on which we think we have a right to express our opinion calmly, carefully, and fraternally. The Grand Mark Lodge professes to be a Masonic body, and we know that several very upright men and good Freemasons are connected with it. Therefore it is that we learn of some recent proceedings with much regret, and that we consider it right in the interests of Freemasonry to give Bro. Burgess the opportunity and liberty of stating his grievances. They amount to this, the Mark Grand Lodge has, according to his statement, also expelled him, unheard—on the ground of what we believe is called the "Tripartite Treaty," which is a treaty or agreement existing between three signatories, the Grand Mark Lodge, the 33° Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry, and the Order of the Temple. Under this "treaty" a Judicial Committee of the three bodies is held, which appears to be a sort of supreme tribunal. If we understand the matter correctly, a sentence passed by one Order must be recognised by the other two, without further hearing or consideration. This view of the matter is confirmed by a quotation from a portion of the minutes of the meeting of the tribunal, 15th February, 1875, and which runs as follows:—"This court finds the said sentence lawfully passed, and affirms the same, but decrees that, as regards the Mark Degree the enforcement of the sentence be postponed for the space of twenty-eight days, during which time it shall be competent to the authorities of the Mark Degree to accept the resignation of Major C. J. Burgess. LIMERICK, † Chairman." Now here it is that we venture to express our opinion Masonically, that in such a sentence we behold a great default of Masonic justice. The primary axiom of all Masonic jurisprudence is, that every brother shall have a fair trial, that he shall have the charges made known to him, that he shall be heard fraternally and judged equitably. But what are the conditions of such a sentence as the one we call attention to to-day? The very reverse of everything we have been taught to regard as Masonic justice. The accused is unheard, he is condemned behind his back, on a statement of facts of which he knows nothing, and he is expelled from an Order against which he has committed no Masonic offence, simply be-

cause it has a "tripartite treaty" with another Order, which is not Masonic at all, and openly says so. Of all positions for honourable and fair-minded men to put themselves into, we cannot really conceive anyone so thoroughly un-English and unjust, per se, to every one concerned, and so un-Masonic! For the whole arrangement is radically vicious and unsound. Let us suppose the case of a hasty sentence and of an irritated official; we are not speaking now of Major Burgess's trial, but of an illustrative case. Suppose we say that, "ab origine," the sentence in one order is itself objectionable on account of informality, personal feelings, or some such idea as this, too prevalent just now in respect of angry charges "aut inveniam aut faciam," and to what a climax of injustice and absurdity the tripartite treaty necessarily leads its signatories. If the sentence be passed according to the letter of the enactments of any one Order, the other two are bound, apparently, to accept it, "mutatis mutandis." In this very case, as we understand originally, a point occurs of some importance for Bro. Burgess, viz., that he did not absolutely fail to attend the council of the Great Priory, Nov. 26th, 1874, but offered to attend on another day, being unable to attend on that actual day. His whole sentence is based on the fact, as we understand, of his "having failed to attend," but if he was precluded from attending and offered to attend on any other day, the original sentence may fairly be challenged. Why then is an independent body of Freemasons, like the Mark Grand Lodge simply to register and endorse a sentence of the Order of the Temple, not a Masonic body? And why too, we ask, is it not to allow the brother so arraigned an opportunity of explanation, objection, and defence? We write simply in the interests of Masonic justice, for the welfare and rights of all our brethren, and take no sides in the matter, nor express an "ex parte" opinion on one side or the other. We shall be glad to hear some explanation from the authorities of the Grand Mark Lodge in regard of these quasi judicial proceedings, and we feel bound to express a hope, that despite the tripartite treaty, the Grand Mark Lodge itself will hesitate to condemn any brother unheard, and without some definite charges against his character, profession, and duty, as a Mark Mason.

ST. SWITHIN.

It may not be perhaps generally known amongst our intelligent Order that St. Swithin was a Freemason. Preston tells us specifically that though "during the Heptarchy Masonry continued in a low state," in the "year 856 it revived under the patronage of St. Swithin." If any of our brethren ask what was this "patronage" of the good old Saint, we believe that the explanation is to be found in this, that St. Swithin was a great church builder and restorer, and may have been, and probably was, a patron of the operative guilds or sodalities of Freemasons. Probably our knowledge of St. Swithin, for the most part, takes a somewhat different turn and form. We all of us often talk about St. Swithin, and hear of St. Swithin annually on July 15th. A very strong belief and a very pious legend of our English people is, that if it rains on St. Swithin's Day, it will rain for 40 days subsequently. Well this year the watery Saint has given us a "strong order." It did rain on St. Swithin's Day, it rained incessantly for nearly 50 hours, and daily since, though we have had gleams of fair weather, we still have to chronicle rain, rain, rain. Is the old saying to be verified? How much longer is the rain to go on? Is it really going to rain more or less for 40 days? If so, what a melancholy look out for the close of the London season, for angels in pink, and angels in blue, for innumerable occasions of gay gatherings, soft words, kind looks, and pleasant flirtations! Considering moreover the deep interest which our English folk take in the weather, some one has said that it makes up three parts of our conversation, we feel that such a subject can never be unseasonable. A poet, some of us like much, has embalmed the memory of a fair partner in tender verse, who could and would only talk about the weather, and from what we read of the effects of the weather in some

localities, and in various ways; it is not, we think, too much to say, that all our readers will feel the most intense interest in this most important question. For there is a very serious side to this pressing topic of the weather; what shall we say of the important interests of our farmers? Are the fields now bright and waving with their golden ears to be prostrated by a 40 days' rain, and laid in mournful mildew? Are the hopes of many industrious workers to be blighted, and the harvest of hungry millions to be a failure? Let us piously hope not, but that for once the old saying will be falsified, and there will be at once a general revival of the geniality and good humour of society, which at present is in a dreadful condition. Indeed, we hardly like to attempt to realize what must be the inevitable condition of our young men if this influence of "Jupiter pluvialis" is to continue really for 40 days. But though we began in a somewhat jesting vein, we have yielded already to a more serious temperament. In fact, it is no laughing matter, properly speaking. The happiness of nations and the good of millions depend on fine weather and a good harvest, and in the Providence of the Great Architect of the Universe, all will yet be well, we fondly hope, with us and with our neighbours in this respect. But as we are always glad to make use of "seria mista jocis," we are glad to be permitted to call attention once more to the floods in France. This weather will, in all probability, increase the severity of the suffering at Toulouse and elsewhere, and we venture to express our confidence that our lodges will respond to the appeal of Madame McMahon, and swell our Bro. the Lord Mayor's list, which is now daily increasing. We made a mistake in our last, on the authority of our contemporary the *Graphic*, which we now correct on the same authority. Verdun is not a town of 10,000 inhabitants, but only a village of 400. Not one house, however, is left standing, and many of its population have perished in the waters. It is just possible, from some accounts from Monmouthshire, that we may have before long to make application for relief even for portions of our own country, and we shall all equally endeavour that all such claims for kindly, for needful relief, whether rising up at home or abroad, will be met at once by that liberality and large-heartedness which our English people ever evince in the hours of calamity and distress. May we be able in our next issue to announce that the legend of St. Swithin is inaccurate, that the "clerk of the weather" has thought better of it, that sunshine has returned to reward the labour of our husbandmen, and gladden the hearts of millions, and that our "gals," that next important and pleasant section of contemporary society, have returned to their normal condition of laughing faces, merry words, and contented spirits.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have received Bro. Binckes's reply to Bro. Tew's pamphlet, but, we confess, we see no use or good in publishing it in our columns. In our opinion the matter has been adjudicated upon by the only competent authority, the House Committee, and if Bro. Tew is dissatisfied with that decision, he ought to appeal to the General Committee. We confess that we sympathize much with Bro. Binckes in the matter, but we feel sure that he will give us credit for being actuated with a truly Masonic feeling, both towards the Boys' School and himself, when we decline to re-open the question in our columns, on which just now the press of matter is very great.

Original Correspondence.

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

HOW MASONS ARE MADE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the evidence brought before a Grand Jury, being entirely on the side of the prosecution, naturally paints the acts of the prisoner in the blackest light; so the letter of "L. of L.," unless replied to, would probably leave a stigma on the Lodge of Loyalty, Prescott, and its officers.

If the idea was carried out in Prescott that no one but a

resident might become a member of the lodge, the lodge would soon cease to exist, but, fortunately, many Liverpool gentlemen like the easy journey out of town, and add very considerably to its strength, and at last, through the energy of its members, there has been erected in "the old and very sleepy little town," a new Masonic Hall, where our lodge, chapter, and preceptory are now held.

I have yet to learn what objection there is to gentlemen, in every respect eligible, being initiated in, and becoming subscribing members to, "old 86," if it please the brethren to receive them. There is not a Sunday passes but what people pass by places of worship of their own religion, and go long distances to hear their favourite preacher, and Sunday after Sunday crowds cross over from Lancashire to Cheshire, and vice versa, to attend Divine worship. With regard to the circular, on which appeared the names of five candidates for initiation, I will, like "L of L," take them seriatim. No. 1 is a gentleman residing at Rainford, who, having friends in the Prescott Lodge, prefers to come the slight extra distance, although he passes through the town of St. Helen's. No harm, I venture to say, in this case! Nos. 2 and 3 come out with friends, and although they reside in Liverpool, they are not the last by a many, I trust, who will become members of our lodge. No. 4 lives at Seacombe, and as his intimate friend, Bro. R., has long been a member of our lodge, he thought it would be more agreeable to belong to the same one, and have a companion to and fro, as both reside at the same place. No. 5 seems to me the only one at all remarkable, and even this case is easily explained. One of our old Past Masters and No. 5 are directors, with several other gentlemen, of a company in the Isle of Man, and No. 5 being the only non-mason, expressed a desire to become one, when our Past Master said, "Well! why not come to our lodge?" and his name, accordingly, appeared on the circular. Simply a case of friendship! As they were workers together in business they wished to be workers together in Masonry.

The paragraph relating to black-balled candidates having been admitted at Prescott, I am unable to reply to, unless furnished with some names and dates; but I may say I have seen cases of black-balling quite unjustifiable, and only caused by business differences.

In conclusion, I cannot help thinking a strong spirit of jealousy pervades "L. of L.'s" letter, and I have little doubt much more light could be thrown on the matter, were he to sign his real name, as I now do.

Yours fraternally,
REGINALD YOUNG,
W.M. Lodge of Loyalty, Prescott, No. 86.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your excellent report in the *Freemason* of July 10th, of the proceedings at the festival of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, which took place on the 7th inst., there is an error as to the amount of the subscription on my list as Steward for the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59. The amount on my list was £63, instead of £30 9s., as stated in the *Freemason*. I shall feel much obliged by your correction of the error in your next issue.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

JOHN HWALEY, P.M. 59.

ORATION DELIVERED AT THE DEDICATION OF THE SURREY MASONIC HALL, JULY 14th, 1875.

By THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A., P.G. CHAPLAIN.

Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren,—Having been requested to deliver a short oration, as is our Masonic wont, at the dedication of this new hall, I venture, for a short space of time, to crave your fraternal attention. I think that we shall all of us agree that it is both a laudable and befitting custom, "more majorem," which requires that in such special assemblies as this, that a few words should be spoken by an appointed officer, relative to the work we are engaged in, and the ceremony which calls us together. For we are thereby afforded an opportunity of recalling to our work-day recollection the ancient lore, the long history, the great mission of our useful brotherhood. We are enabled to take friendly counsel together as friends and as brethren in lodge assembled as regards the progress of Freemasonry, and thus reminded of the past, encouraged for the present, we are cheered and prepared for the coming duties, and, it may be, the sterner struggles of the future. I also rejoice personally that we carefully preserve this good old custom of our Masonic forefathers for another reason. All work completed, some one has well said, is but an earnest of work yet to be done, and when, as to-day, we gather together to rejoice over the completion of this so far successful undertaking, we also feel and hope that this new hall may be the type and augury of many another like needed structure in many parts of our land. And the first feeling which comes before us is one surely of rejoicing! For we all feel thankful that no accident has happened to the workmen, and we congratulate ourselves that we are witnessing to-day the prosperous erection of our own hands as well in the opening of another Masonic hall. And in the next place ours must be mutual and brotherly feelings of congratulation that Freemasonry, in this important district, has received so needed and so salutary an impetus. Hence there seems to me to arise for us all alike, as Freemasons, much that is most useful to call to mind, and more that it is most important to realize. Those of us who, like myself, may be said to have grown grey in Freemasonry, and can look back to-day through many years of fair Masonic work, must be gladdened by the signs we see around us everywhere of the onward progress of our good old Craft. We can recall, going back, I am almost sorry to say, a quarter of a century—we can vividly recall to-day, I repeat, how very often our Masonic work was done in those days, as

we say, very much "in the rough." We met very often then in inconmodious rooms, surrounded by incongruous accessories, and it was often a very hard struggle, whether the customs of Freemasonry or the associations of the outer world, which had obtruded themselves sensibly into our lodge-rooms, should get the upper hand. I for one felt then, as others felt too—all of us in the full fervour of early Masonic work how much Freemasonry lost when the "locale" where we assembled was redolent of everything but Freemasonry, and where there was positively nothing suitably to impress the brethren, much less a candidate for our mysteries, with a high and reverent appreciation, of the reality, the merit, the excellency, the importance of that ancient Order into which he was seeking admission, and to which it was our great privilege to belong. Now all is rapidly changing, and happily changing, I believe, for the better. Following the current of the great stream of the epoch in which we live, Freemasonry has received a much needed impulse in respect of aesthetic improvement, and ceremonial decency, and lodge ornamentation. We have of late years, as you, M.W. Sir, well know, especially in the great province over which you so worthily preside, and in many other provinces and even in the Metropolis, been raising edifices at much cost, specially destined like this to-day, which we are dedicating in the name of God, Most High, for the uses and purposes the work, and the mysteries of Freemasonry alone. And all of us who value Freemasonry, both for what is and for what it is not, both in respect of the truth it inculcates and the brotherhood it forms, will, within due bounds always both derstood, heartily commend, and personally rejoice, at to use a French phrase, such a "changement des décorations." Some writer has said, "that we may have too much even of a good thing," and without pausing to analyze the saying, perhaps like many other sayings, somewhat questionable, I feel strongly myself that while we may fairly advance everything in favour of our increased love of lodge decoration and ceremonial attractiveness amongst us, and in our numerous lodges and halls, we should not attempt to lay down any too rigid or dogmatic a line of either an ornamented ritual or architectural buildings for our Order generally. There are many rooms for instance in the Metropolis, like one I saw the week before last, which, beautiful in themselves, and perfectly adapted to our ceremonies, enable many of our brethren on moderate terms, to meet happily, peacefully, and comfortably for all Masonic purposes and duties. While, then, I blame no brother who differs from me on this important question, while I fully admit that some may consider economy to be the crucial test of the whole question for themselves, while some may fairly prefer the old room, if not so ornamental or convenient as others, where they can recall many years perchance, of happy work and cheerful companionship, I yet feel it to be my duty, M.W. Sir, to press upon all who hear me to-day the great advisability and importance in the best interests of Freemasonry, of encouraging the building of halls and separate buildings for all our meetings. In so doing, we are but following, as I pointed out before, the taste and feelings of our own generation; we are but obeying, as I believe, and within due limits of moderation and propriety, the onward and upward movement of our age, which seeks to connect all that is necessary, all that is useful, all that is customary, with all that is becoming, all that is graceful, all that is artistic, and all that is beautiful. And not only this, but in the erection of lodge rooms, apart from the associations and drawbacks of the outward world, we shall remove many objections, and silence many opponents, whose main allegations against Freemasonry too often take the shape of a charge that it is to a great extent, from its public appearances and outward gathering, only a great and friendly but convivial association. And those of us who know well our ancient ritual, and our impressive ceremonies, know, too, how greatly they are enhanced, both in grace and solemnity, by all the proper adjuncts of a duly decorated lodge room. It was old Aske who told us so well at the beginning of this century, how symbolical all our lodge ornaments, all our lodge decorations really were; how full of meaning, beauty, wisdom, and good were all these familiar features of the lodge, which we hardly, perhaps, understand or value as we ought to do. When, then, we see to-day a Masonic Hall separated from common and profane uses, and dedicated reverently to the service and ceremonies of our useful Order, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe; when we behold around us all the appropriate emblems of our ancient Craft; when we admiringly gaze upon the good taste displayed in all that is befitting and yet attractive in lodge decorations complete and chaste—we feel at once how suitable a home Freemasonry has obtained for itself in this important district. Must we not also commend, M.W. Sir, those who undertook, the architect who planned, and those who have so far completed the goodly undertaking? And shall we not rejoice to think how becoming, and yet how effective, will be the development of our old and cherished ritual here under the auspices of the new lodge, whose constitution and consecration we shall shortly witness? For it has often happened, and I believe will often happen, that the first impressions we receive and form of Freemasonry are those which go with us during our Masonic career. Many a neophyte has been, so to say, all but turned back with an unfavourable impression, by his first reception into our Order, an impression which has never left him, and has rendered his after Masonic membership half-hearted, doubting, undervaluing. But when, as it was my privilege to be admitted into the light of Masonry 33 years ago, in the Lodge of Friendship at Gibraltar, all that was graceful and beautiful, all that was purely Masonic and intellectual, and cultivated, were the characteristics of that well ordered lodge, set apart for Masonic services alone, the feelings of wonder were soon exchanged for admiration, and admiration gave place to gratification, and gratification was followed by interest, reverence

and love. And so it is, I believe, with all. The pleasure and contentment which the admiring initiate feels, when surrounded by all the befitting ornamentation of a carefully arranged lodge room, follows him the older he becomes, and the longer he belongs to our fraternity. Warmly then do I venture to congratulate you, M.W. Sir, and all my brethren present, alike at your kindly presiding over this pleasant gathering, that so having set the seal of your official approbation to this happily achieved work, we and you, as our Deputy Grand Master, can mutually rejoice to have been permitted to take part in this appropriate ceremony, and this festive array. For here, M.W. Sir, I make bold once more to remind my hearers, in this newly dedicated lodge room it is proposed that our peaceful ceremonies should be performed amid all the reverence and propriety, that circumstances can supply, or true Masonic feeling can suggest. Here we hope that our great principles will be upheld, our venerated truths proclaimed, our benevolent and tolerant and philanthropic maxims from time to time duly set forth and lovingly avowed. Here we trust that—a band of brethren linked together by the golden chain of peace and concord, fraternal harmony, goodwill, and sympathy—we shall ever maintain in the lodge, and evidence out of the lodge, that these words on our lips are not empty professions, but regulate our actions and control our lives. Here we fondly trust, that whatever may happen in the world outside, plain dealing and sincerity will always distinguish us, and truth and honour, and right and justice, will ever abound amongst us. Here we shall learn, let us hope, to master our tempers, to curb our tongues, to repress the too common propensity to censoriousness and detraction; here we shall maintain a brother's character in his absence as we would in his presence; here we will stand by him in trial, cheer him in sorrow, befriend him in adversity, do unto him as we would he should do unto us, listen to no idle tale affecting his honour, his probity, his uprightness, but calmly practise what we have solemnly pledged ourselves to perform, never deserting the right, never truckling to what is base, cowardly, or dishonourable; but as true Freemasons, vindicating a brother's cause, and boldly repelling the slanderer of his good fame. And here, too, while we practise all the moral duties, and all the virtues of humanity, in humble dependence on our Supreme Lawgiver and Divine Protector, while we seek ever to be courteous, considerate, forbearing, tolerant, pitying, and forgiving, we shall not forget the exercise of those gentle graces, which are the practical proof alike of our Masonic profession and of the true value of Freemasonry. Open will our hands be as melting charity to all who make a proper claim on our benevolence. We shall never forget that many are the ups and downs of life, and that some who are flourishing in prosperity to-day, may be struck down by adversity tomorrow, and that while we must always act with prudence, caution, and discrimination, even in philanthropic endeavours, the abiding duty of Freemasonry is charity; that charity which "never faileth," that charity alike welcome to God and pleasant to man.

"is the Spirit that on the widest plan,

Brother to brother binds, and man to man."

So too as regards the widows and orphans of our brethren we, as Freemasons know full well, that they as such have a solemn and an enduring claim on us, not the claim of a Benefit Order, but the claim of truer and spontaneous Masonic interest and fraternal goodwill. No happier work, no better remembrance can be ours, than that we have aided to dry the widow's tears and to educate the orphan child of our brethren, and we may rest assured, M.W. Sir, that those who shall assemble within these now dedicated walls, will always bear in mind that amid all the excellent teachings of our Order, amid its great and commendable merits, there is not one which so appeals to the hearts and admiration of men, as well as to the feelings of our own benevolent brotherhood, as that which may be justly denominated its chief ornaments and its most benign, characteristic, earnest, kindly, simple-minded, large-hearted philanthropy. So Freemasonry is not, despite what some may chance to say, a mere creation of the caprice, or fashion, or folly of the hour; it is not merely a genial meeting, or a social assembly, though it partakes properly of both these characteristics, but it entails on its members high aims, moral duties, and I will add, great responsibilities. In an age of much controversy, at a time when men are often injuriously agitated by the virulence and tumults of political or polemical contests, Freemasonry has often appeared to me like an oasis in the wilderness of life, where amid the dust storms, and the mirage of the desert, the weary traveller can rest peacefully and serene, and quaff the refreshing stream, and seek an umbrageous shelter of tranquillity and repose. Over the portals of this new hall, as over all our lodge buildings to-day, are engraved the talismanic words of "Loyalty and Charity," and, universal in its scope and tolerant in its teaching, Freemasonry welcomes all good men and true within its fold, all, I say, who acknowledge and revere the Grand and Divine Master of us all above, all except the avowed atheist and the open libertine. May, then, all prosperity attend on this new Masonic Hall, and may all who enter within its dedicated walls find it to be to them a perfect tabernacle of peace and good will, of happiness and harmony, of rest and kindly fellowship to them one and all. Like good workmen, the Master still sets on the work, neither has He yet called us from labour to refreshment; but yet let us all hope that when our time of dismissal comes, having like faithful Craftsmen ascended the winding stair, and passed, under Heavenly help, through the dark valley of the shadow of death, in all the hope of Master Masons, true and trusty, by the infinite mercies of the Great Jehovah, we may be admitted to that Grand Lodge above, whose officers, to use an old Masonic illustration, are the Holy Angels, whose members are our own familiar friends, and where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns

for ever. M.W. Sir, I beg to thank you and the brethren for the kindness and patience with which you have listened to me, and must beg you, in conclusion, to permit me to tender my hearty good wishes for my brethren who shall gather together within this newly-dedicated lodge room, and for their constitutional progress and their Masonic prosperity. To use the words of a poet of our Order—

"Oh! may we,
Who wear these honour'd badges, accepted, free,
To every grace and virtue temples raise,
And by our useful lives our Order praise."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK. (Continued from Page 310).

The brethren marched from the Town Hall, down Abbey-gate-street, and across the Angel-hill to St. James's church, where, by the permission of the Rev. C. F. Wilson, the vicar, Divine service was held. There was full choral service, and the talented organist, Bro. F. Fearnside, had taken especial pains to make the musical portion of the service well worthy the occasion. The anthem was one of his own composition, on words from 1 Kings, viii 9, "I have surely built thee an house," &c., and was not only extremely appropriate, but, as a composition, is deserving of the highest praise. It was admirably sung by the choir, and was thoroughly appreciated by the large congregation who filled the spacious church. Before the service a special hymn was sung, "When the Architect Almighty had created heaven and earth," to a tune especially composed for the occasion, and full of beautiful harmony, the composer being Bro. Hedley Bevan, the W.M. of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge. A speciality of the service was that all the music used was the composition of craftsmen. Two of the psalms of the day, the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, were sung to chants composed by Bro. F. Fearnside, S.W. 1008; one of the special psalms to a chant by Bro. F. C. Atkinson, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org. West Riding of Yorkshire; the hymn before the sermon, "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see our brethren join in love to Thee," to *Lucerne*, by Bro. A. R. Gaul, Mus. Bac.; and the hymn after the sermon, "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven," to *Wolverhampton*, by Bro. F. A. Mann, of Melford, Org. 1452. The concluding voluntary was the march from *Nauman*, by Bro. Sir Michael Costa. The prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. H. Hall, senior curate, the first lesson by the Rev. R. Evans, rector of West Stow, the second lesson by the vicar, the Rev. C. F. Wilson, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. G. Moore, Prov. Grand Chaplain, from 1 Kings, vi, 7. The subject was the building of the Temple of Solomon, and the preacher dwelt upon the peculiar manner in which that wonderful structure was silently and imperceptibly erected under the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, and pointed out the lessons to be learnt from the narrative. That ancient temple was the type of the infinitely more magnificent Church which would be in Heaven hereafter, and of which they at baptism were designed each to be a living stone. The materials of the temple were all selected and prepared in a distant land and then shipped to Jerusalem, just as they were prepared on earth by God's appointed agents, each polished and shapen for his appointed place in the spiritual fabric, in order to be shipped hereafter on the rafters of the cross, over the dark waters which separate time from eternity, and fixed for ever in the proper place in that heavenly Jerusalem which should never crumble or decay. As the 3,300 overseers of old (who were compared to the Angels) tested each massive stone and stately cedar to prove that it was sound and solid to its very heart, shipping only those that were so, and rejecting all that were found otherwise, so with us, for no stone could ever adorn the temple on high which was not fitted and polished, and sound. It should be the duty of each one to see that he was not a crumbling or a rotten stone, and that all the rough outer coatings (the sins of daily life) were polished away, leaving only the genuine stone. Let them work day by day imperceptibly, as it were, to the world, thinking not time tedious, nor the battle long. Life was short, but long enough to do their work in, and the gate of life was broad enough for all to enter, though not for their sins as well. Might God's Holy Spirit dwell in all their hearts, and make them more and more as polished stones, meet to be grafted in that great cathedral of souls which in His own good time the Great Master would erect in the celestial lodge of Heaven.

The service was a most admirable one, and we only wish we could publish it in extenso for the benefit of the Craft. The offertory was devoted to the funds of the Suffolk General Hospital and the fund for relieving the sufferers from the recent inundations in France, and amounted to £13 16s. 4d.

The musical portion of the service was splendidly rendered, and, indeed, the service generally was of that thoroughly hearty character that it could not fail to be enjoyed by the brethren and the vast congregation which filled the noble Gothic Church on this occasion. The first church here was erected about 1200, by Abbot Sampson, who was dissuaded by his brethren of the Abbey from his intention of performing a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James, at Compostella, in Spain; and in compliance with their recommendation he founded this edifice in honour of the saint. The present noble edifice, though far advanced in the year 1500, was not finished till the Reformation, when Edward VI. gave £200 towards its completion. There is a magnificent nave, and the Masonic procession made a gallant show as it marched up, and the brethren took their places.

It will be many years before we shall forget that service, and we suspect there are many more like-minded with ourselves. On returning to the lodge after the service the Provincial Grand Master, in a long and eloquent speech,

dwelt upon the state of the Order in this province, the mode of conferring Provincial Grand rank, and the care he had always taken to select the best men for office. He regretted that his many public and private avocations prevented his visiting the lodges as much as he could wish. He particularly regretted that only recently he had been most unwillingly compelled to decline an invitation to attend a very interesting festival at Ipswich (alluding to the Feast of Roses of the British Union Lodge), but he trusted the brethren would understand that it was from no want of interest in the Order that he was unable to come amongst them so much as he could wish.

Speaking of the magnificent service they had just listened to, he said he should ask the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to present Bro. Fearnside to him when he had concluded his remarks.

After dwelling upon one or two other matters, especially with regard to the representation of lodges by their Masters, the noble lord sat down amidst applause from the brethren.

Bro. Emra Holmes, P.G.D.C., then introduced Bro. Fearnside, when the Provincial Grand Master informed him that as a mark of his favour for the beautiful musical service performed that day, and in consideration of his great abilities, he should confer upon him the past rank of a Provincial Grand Organist.

This announcement, which was evidently very popular, was received with great applause.

At 5 o'clock the brethren, to the number of about 90, sat down to a capital banquet served by Bro. Eny, of the Angel Hotel, but we are bound to say the waiting was not all that could be desired. Bro. Clarke proved an admirable A.D.C., and, assisted by the P.G. Stewards, did his utmost to see that the guests were well placed and properly served, but there was a lack of waiters, as there always seems to be on these occasions.

The Provincial Grand Master was supported on his right by Bros. the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; T. J. Huddleston, P.G. Treas.; J. D. Perrott, P.P.G.S.W. South Wales, and Captain Oakes, P.G. Reg.; and on the left by Bros. the Rev. J. B. Tweed, P.G. Chaplain; Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg. and P.G.D.C.; W. Bobby, P.P.G.S.W.; the Mayor of Bury, and Bro. Newson Garrett, P.P.G.R.

The banquet was served in the Athenæum Hall, which, under the direction of the P.G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia, and the P.G.J.W., Bro. W. Armstrong, had been elaborately decorated for the occasion. For the P.G.M. and the officers and visitors a raised dais was prepared. Behind the Grand Master's chair was a crimson banner bearing the Bury Arms, three pierced crowns, and the words, "Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1008," in gold letters. The panels on each side of it held the mottoes, "Audi, vide, tace," and "Faith, Hope, and Charity," in gold on crimson; and the spaces between were occupied by the square and compasses, with the letter "G" in the centre. The staircases leading to the balcony at the opposite end were draped with crimson, and bore the letters "I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.," and on the front of the balcony itself was the word, "Faith," all the letters being in blue and gold. The staircase was further decorated with the very handsome silken bannerets of the White Rose Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons, attached to the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge. They are beautifully emblazoned with emblems of the twelve tribes of Israel, and with Royal Arch symbols, and formed a very effective portion of the adornments of the hall. The east side of the hall was decorated with the square and compasses, and equilateral triangles alternately, within circles, elegantly formed of flowers and evergreens. In the centre was a portrait of the Prince of Wales, in his clothing as Grand Master of England, in a massive gilt frame. On each side were crimson cloth panels, bearing the working tools of the Craft Masonry and of the Royal Arch, and coloured engravings of the Masonic Girls' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. On the opposite side of the hall were squares and compasses formed of evergreens, and the motto put forward by the Provincial Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, as the watchword of the Craft, at the Installation of the Prince of Wales, "Loyalty and Charity." The recess, occupied by the piano and the singers, was elegantly festooned with evergreens. Outside the hall, over the entrance, was also placed the motto, "Loyalty and Charity."

During the banquet Bro. F. Fearnside and Mr. B. Fearnside played an admirable selection of music on one of Broadwood's iron grand pianofortes, which was obtained specially for the occasion; and afterwards some capital glees and part songs were sung by the members of St. James's choir, under the direction of Bro. F. Fearnside.

The toasts of The Queen; the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro Grand Master, Earl Carnarvon; and the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, having been duly honoured,

The Deputy P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, proposed "The Health of the P.G.M. of Suffolk, Lord Waveney," remarking that the toast was one which needed no great eloquence to recommend it; but he, from the position he held, had peculiar opportunities of knowing the invaluable, prompt, wise, and judicious attention which the P.G.M. at all times gave to the affairs of Provincial Grand Lodge. (Applause.) Remembering the great demands there were on their P.G.M., both in his private and public capacity, in the civil and military department, he had often had occasion to wonder that when he had been obliged to trouble him on matters relating to the province he had never delayed answering his application. (Applause.) The D.P.G.M. then read a telegram from the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., who was unable to be present, "Hearty good wishes for a successful meeting, congratulations to the Bury brethren, long life to the Provincial Grand Master." (Cheers.)

Duet, "Sul campo della gloria," Bros. Griffiths and Fearnside.

The P.G.M., in responding, said he thought the D.P.G.M. had rather exaggerated the claims he had upon their kindness. He thanked them for their willingness to accept whatever he did as being done for the best. After touching upon one or two Masonic subjects, the Chairman expressed the obligations the brethren were under to those who had so kindly contributed to the harmony of the evening by the admirable music with which they had been favoured. (Cheers.) The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M.," on whom, he remarked, a great portion of the burden of the work of the province devolved. (Cheers.) When it was his unhappy misfortune not to be able to attend the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master (the P.G.M. observed) the D.P.G.M., in spite of physical difficulty, made a point at being present. He hoped the D.P.G.M. might long remain among them, and he called upon the brothers to drink most heartily the health of as true a friend and counsellor as ever a man weighted with official responsibility had. (Cheers.)

"Blow Gentle Gales," by Bros. Nunn, Griffiths, and Fearnside.

The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the toast, said that what little he could do for Masonry he did most cheerfully. This, he remarked, was a proud time for Masonry, and the honour of holding office in the Craft was ample compensation for any exertions of his. (Cheers.) They knew that the supreme head of their Order was the Heir Apparent to the Crown; and those who had lately the privilege of being present at the most wonderful and glorious scene, he believed, that Freemasonry ever knew, would never forget the simple dignity and unaffected eloquence with which his Royal Highness went through the duties of the day. (Cheers.) Alluding to the secession of the late Grand Master, he remarked that that would serve to remind them that Masonry was free, and did not allow one brother on any occasion to pass judgement on the conscience of another. They all knew that Christian brotherhood and Masonic brotherhood were perfectly harmonious one with another. (Applause.)

The Chairman next called upon the brethren to drink "The Health of the Officers of the Province," whose merits, he remarked, were of the highest order. With the toast he coupled the name of T. J. Huddleston, the P.G. Treasurer. (Cheers.)

Song, "Excelsior," Bro. Griffiths.

Bro. Major Huddleston, in acknowledging the toast, expressed his thanks to the brethren for the honour they had done him that day in electing him to the important office of Treasurer. After alluding to the inauguration of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge ten years ago, and the success which has since attended it, Major Huddleston said if he could only discharge the duties of the treasurer as well as his predecessor he should be very well satisfied. (Cheers.)

The P.G.M. next gave "The Health of the Past Grand Officers," coupling with it the name of Bro. Newson Garrett.

Glee, "Comrades in Arms."

Bro. Newson Garrett, P.P.G.S.W., in responding, said he was a Mason of forty-two years' standing, and the more he saw of Masonry the better he liked it. The happiness of meeting his fellow Masons, year by year, as brother to brother, was one of the greatest privileges of his long life. (Cheers.) Some of his best and oldest friends he had met in Masonry, and he rejoiced in what he might call its resuscitation, when

"Kings, dukes, and lords
Lay'd by their swords,

Our mystries to put a good face on,
And are not ashamed
To hear themselves named

With a Free and Accepted Mason."

The outside world might sneer at their clothing; paraphernalia, but Masons would continue to go on in their accustomed course, holding out the right hand of friendship and advice to a brother in distress. (Cheers.) He hoped that his lordship might long rule over them, and that they might meet him on many future occasions. (Cheers.)

The Chairman then proposed "The Royal St. Edmund's Lodge," whose reception of P.G. Lodge had that day been of so remarkable a character. They were well received wherever they went, but the musical character of their reception that day had been of a most signal kind. He congratulated the lodge on its progress, and remarked that if it went on as it had begun, there was no telling where it would end. He was particularly struck with the number who rose in P.G. Lodge when the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge was called upon, and he could not but remark the great energy which the brethren of that lodge had thrown into their welcome of P.G. Lodge. The P.G.M., after complimenting the lodge not only on the magnificent room in which they were assembled, and the great taste and skill with which it was adorned, but also on the excellent dinner of which they had partaken, coupled with the toast the names of P.G.S.W., Bro. Hedley Bevan, W.M. of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, and the Mayor of Bury, Bro. Geo. Thompson, P.M. of the Lodge. Romance: "Si tu savais," Bro. Griffiths.

Bro. Bevan, P.G.S.W., expressed his high sense of the double honour which he had in being Master of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, and also of receiving P.G.L. during his year of office. (Cheers.)

Bro. G. Thompson, P.M., also expressed the pleasure with which the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge had welcomed the visit of P.G. Lodge, and in the course of his remarks said he strongly desired that the ladies should be permitted to join in these gatherings, a sentiment which was very heartily received by the brethren.

Bro. Bobby, P.G.S.W., then proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and stated that there are 200 boys and 120 girls now being educated in the Masonic Schools, and already more than 1000 had passed through each school;

and in addition to this a large number of Masons who had been unfortunate, and of Masons' widows who had been left inadequately provided for, had been cared for in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons. They had the pleasure of electing three from the county of Suffolk this year, and if the brothers had witnessed the tears of gratitude with which they received the information that they were cared for for life, they would have needed no urging to subscribe largely to charities which were doing so much good.

Bro. the Rev. J. Tweed, whose name was coupled with the toast, appropriately acknowledged it; and

The P.G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia, announced that he should represent the Province as Steward at the next Boys' Festival, and he should be pleased to have as large a subscription list as possible.

Bro. T. F. Lucia, sympathising with the views expressed by the last speakers, suggested that the toast of the Charities should on future occasions be proposed earlier in the evening, before any of the brethren had been compelled to leave to catch the trains. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Newson Garrett said he should be happy to add five guineas to the P.G. Secretary's list. (Cheers.)

The P.G.M. then gave "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Sorel.

Song, "Happy to meet," Bro. F. Fearnside.

The P.G.M. again rose, and said that although the toast he had now to propose came late in the evening, it was a most important one—that of "The Provincial Grand Secretary." (Cheers.) He remarked that it was comparatively easy to drive a locomotive, but was not so easy to put the machinery in order and to keep it in order, and that was especially the duty that their excellent Secretary most ably performed. (Cheers.) There were few persons who had occasion to employ Secretaries who had such good reason to be satisfied as he and his D.P.G.M. had in their dealings with the P.G. Secretary. (Cheers.)

"Willie brewed a peck o' maut," Bros. Nunn, Fearnside, and Griffiths.

Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.G. Sec., responded, observing that his heart was with Masonry, and if he had deserved the compliments that had been paid him by the P.G.M., and the hearty reception which the brethren had given to the toast, he had after all only done his duty towards the Craft, and he hoped he should always continue to do so. (Cheers.) He regretted there were not more brethren present, but he nevertheless was glad to say that as the result of the observations that had been made on the Charities he had received several donations, and he hoped he should be able to take up a good list for the Boys' School. (Cheers.)

The Chairman next proposed "The Ladies," and mentioned that one of the first sights which greeted him that morning at Hardwick House (where he was a guest) was a portrait of a lady of the Deneraile family, who, happening to be found within hearing of the secrets of a lodge, was initiated as a member, and was said to be the only lady who was ever so privileged.

Bro. the Rev. H. Hall, whose name was coupled with the toast, appropriately acknowledged it.

The R.W.P.G.M. then announced that the next P.G. Lodge meeting would be held at Ipswich, and shortly afterwards vacated the chair; but, under the presidency of Bro. Bobby, P. Prov. G.S.W., the convivial proceedings were continued for some time longer.

It only remains, in chronicling the great success of the meeting at Bury, in spite of the comparatively small numbers who were there, to express a hope that Ipswich, with its four lodges, will make an effort to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge in as cordial and hospitable a fashion as the brethren of Lowestoft, Aldeburgh, and Bury have done during the last few years.

On the last occasion of the visit of the P.G. Lodge at Ipswich there was a miserable service in one of the smallest churches in the town, no procession through the streets, and, of course, no band. Application was made for the use of the Town Hall, which was refused, and one of the brethren got up at the banquet and remarked how scurvily the brethren had been received. It is to be hoped that next year Ipswich and Ipswich Masons will show that they are not ashamed of the time-honoured fraternity, and that as Ipswich is one of the great centres of Masonic life she will show some evidence of it, and not be cast in the shade by towns not half her size, and containing not a tithe of her numbers of Freemasons. The handsome new state sword borne in the procession was from the manufactory of our esteemed Bro. Kenning, and was much admired.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., in Gravesend. The W.M. and officers of the Gravesend Lodge, No. 77, had done their best in the way of arrangements to make the meeting a pleasant one for their provincial brethren, and the weather being fortunately fine, the festival was of a most agreeable and successful character.

The proceedings of the day commenced with a dejeuner at the Old Falcon Hotel, Bro. Skilleter catering in his best style, and a goodly number of the Masters and Wardens of Kent lodges partaking of the hospitality of the brethren of Lodge Freedom. Shortly before noon a general move was made for Milton Hall, where, according to announcement, Grand Lodge was to be held, the head quarters of the volunteers having been nicely fitted up for the occasion.

There was a numerous gathering of brethren, the Grand Master (R.W. Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.) being in the chair, with the D.G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes, in his place.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. A. Spencer, read the minutes of the previous

lodge, and the accounts presented by the Grand Treasurer, Bro. B. Thorpe, were accepted. The following appointments were then made, the R.W. Prov. G.M. investing each officer with the insignia of office:—

Bro. J. S. Eastes	D. Prov. G.M.
" Humphrey Wood, W.M. 20	Prov. S.G.W.
" Edwin Nunn, W.M. 77	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. A. Hill (re-appointed) ..	Prov. G. Chaplain.
" Alfred Spencer (re-appointed) ..	Prov. G. Sec.
" Benjamin Thorpe (re-appointed) ..	Prov. G. Treas.
" Austen Gardner, P.M. 31, 1206 ..	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. F. Giraud, P.M. 133	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. Langridge, P.M. 874	Prov. G. Reg.
" Wm. Call, P.M. 1209	Prov. G. D. of C.
" Chas. Burley, P.M. 184	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" L. A. Hill, P.M. 1206	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. Fleming, P.M. 1174	Prov. G.S.B.
" Jas. Kennett, P.M. 558	Prov. G. Org.
" W. T. Bray, P.M. 483	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Eastley	Prov. G. Tyler.

Prov. Grand Stewards—Bros. Charles C. Patley, P.M. 1223, S.W. 1414; Charles Coupland, P.M. 193; Joseph Hazeldine, P.M. 429; John Swinfen, W.M. 503; Thomas J. Usher, P.M. 1096; Henry P. Popkins, P.M. 1208.

The following resolutions, which had been drawn up at a preparatory meeting held at Faversham, were then submitted to Grand Lodge and confirmed.

Proposed by Bro. F. A. Guage, P.M. 133, that a grant of £20 be given to the widow of Bro. G., out of the Prov. G.L. Fund.

Proposed by Bro. Dr. Marshall, P.M. 199, that a grant of £20 be given to the widow of Bro. P.

Proposed by Bro. A. Spears, P.M. 158, that a grant of £20 be given to Bro. T.

Proposed by the D.P.G.M. that a vote of fifty guineas be given to the Girls' School, to make the P.G.M. a Vice-Patron of the Institution.

Proposed by the D.P.G.M. that a vote of £20 each be given to the following lodges, to make them Life Governors of the Royal Benevolent Institution; 1174, Pentangle; 1206, Cinque Ports; 1208, Corinthian; 1209, Lewis; 1223, Amherst.

Proposed by the D.P.G.M. that a vote of twenty guineas be given to the following lodges, to make them Life Governors of the Boys' School:—150, Gundulph; 1063, Malling Abbey, 1089, De Shurland; 1096, Lord Warden; 1107, Cornwallis.

Proposed by Bro. William Page, P.G.J.W., that Rule V. of the Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-laws be as follows, viz.:—

The P.G. Secretary shall issue summonses in proper time for all meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the preparatory meeting, to the Secretary of every lodge in the Province, for distribution to all the brethren entitled to attend such meetings; he shall make minutes of the proceedings at such meetings; and under the direction of the Provincial Grand Master, or his Deputy, report the same to all the lodges in the Province; he shall transmit to every present Provincial Officer, and to the W.M. of every lodge in the Province, as soon as possible after the preparatory meeting, a printed copy of the minutes of such preparatory meeting, &c., &c., &c. The remaining portion of the rule to remain as now.

Proposed by the V.W.D.P.G.M. that Rules XIV. and XV. respectively be numbered XVI. and XVII., and that XIV. and XV. to be as follows, viz.:—

XIV.—For the purpose of organizing and concentrating the strength of the Province at the election of candidates for the "Masonic Charitable Institutions," there shall be a committee, to be called the "Charity Committee," which shall consist of the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and a member from each lodge in the Province, who shall be elected annually on the day of the installation of the W.M., and the name and postal address of such elected member shall be transmitted to the Provincial Grand Secretary, immediately after such election.

XV.—The Charity Committee shall meet (at least) twice in each year, as soon as lists of the candidates for the several Institutions have been obtained, when the Candidates to be supported by the Province shall be selected by a majority of the members present. A brother or brethren, shall also be appointed to conduct the business of the elections. The votes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and those of every lodge which have been obtained by grants from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, shall be forwarded, as soon as received, to the Provincial Grand Secretary, to be dealt with according to the decision of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee. The co-operation of the Worshipful Masters and brethren of the lodges of the Province is earnestly desired, and the assistance of the subscribing members to the various Charitable Institutions is also most desirable, that success may attend the efforts of the committee.

A slight alteration was made in the resolution proposed by Bro. Spears, in consequence of the receipt of a telegram announcing that Bro. Townsend died on the morning of the festival. It was resolved that the sum be handed to Bro. Spears for him to settle the affairs of the late Bro. Townsend.

This business being completed, the R.W. Prov. G.M. adjourned the lodge for the purpose of attending Divine service at Gravesend parish church.

During the whole of the day the bells of "Old Gravesend" rang out a merry peal, and the sacred edifice had been very nicely decorated for the occasion. By half-past one o'clock, the time fixed for the commencement of the service, the brethren were seated in the body of the church, the galleries being filled with the general public. Special preparations had been made in the way of music by the W.M. of Freedom (Bro. F. Nunn), who was assisted by Miss Grace Armytage, Mrs. E. Baynes, and Mr. H. C. Saunders; Bros. Dickenson, Keats, G. Nunn, and E.

Baynes; Mr. W. Detmar and Bro. A. W. Gee playing the organ. The following clergymen took part in the service:—Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G.C.; Rev. E. Robinson, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. R. Strong, Chaplain of Freedom; and Rev. W. Buxton, Rector of Ifield. The responses were sung to the setting of Tallis, special psalms, Nos. 15, 133, and 150 following in the ordinary course of evening service. The first special lesson was from the 12th ch. Ecclesiastes, read by the Rev. E. Robinson, and the second from the 13th ch. 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, read by the Rev. W. Buxton. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Nares in F, the solo and verse parts being taken by Miss Armytage, Mrs. Baynes, and Bros. E. Nunn, G. Nunn, and Keats. The magnificent anthem of Dr. Elvey, commencing "In that day shall be sung in the land of Judah," was given after the second collect, the solo and verse parts being allotted to the same singers. The hymn before the sermon was the one commencing "O praise our God to-day," to the tune of St. Michael; that sung during the offertory (which amounted to £20 13s.), "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see," to the tune Melcombe.

A very eloquent sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain from Exodus, ch. 35, verses 30 and 31; "And Moses said unto the children of Israel, see the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and He hath filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship."

In the course of a sermon, which dealt with the origin, and inculcated the true spirit of Masonry, the preacher alluded to the fact that fifteen years had elapsed since a similar festival was held in the town, and spoke in terms of regret of the brethren who had departed, and the many changes which had taken place during the interval.

At the close of the service the brethren returned to Milton Hall, where the Prov. Grand Master closed the lodge in accordance with ancient custom.

A considerable number of brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Assembly Rooms, provided by Mr. Hooper. The R.W. Grand Master presided, supported by several leading members of the Craft in the Province, Bros. H. Wood, G.S.W., and E. Nunn, G.J.W., occupying the vice-chairs.

The grace after meat, "For these and all Thy mercies," having been sung, the Prov. Grand Master gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," his lordship afterwards proposing the toast of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," each being duly honoured.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed in terms of eulogy the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Lord Holmesdale."

The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, referred to the changes which had taken place since Prov. G. Lodge last met in this town, and spoke of the loss the Province had sustained in the death of Bro. Wates, of Gravesend. Their numbers had considerably increased without any lowering of the standard of respectability, for if that had taken place he should have looked upon the increase as an unmixed evil. His lordship went on to say that he had already made application to have two Provincial Grand Lodges, this step being rendered necessary by the increase in numbers, and the consequent lack of accommodation. Another consideration was that they had now forty lodges in the Province, but the number of provincial honours was limited, and it was consequently becoming more and more difficult to satisfy deserving candidates for those honours. His lordship concluded by expressing the hope that they would soon see a Provincial Lodge in East as well as in West Kent.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the toasts of "The V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Bro. J. S. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," "The Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and P.G. Secretary;" Brothers Eastes, W. A. Hill, and A. Spencer each saying a few words in response.

The next toast, "The W.M., and Brethren of Freedom Lodge, No. 77," was proposed by the P.G.M., who complimented the W.M. and brethren upon their admirable arrangements, and upon the hospitality they had shown to their brethren of the Province. The toast was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bro. E. Nunn, the W.M. of the lodge.

Bro. R. Strong, Chaplain of Freedom, Bro. Relph, Secretary, and Bro. Andrews, were also called upon to propose or acknowledge toasts, the concluding one on the formal list being "The Tyler's Toast," after which the brethren dispersed.

A word of praise should be accorded in respect of the musical arrangements made for the banquet by the W.M. of No. 77, which certainly afforded great pleasure to those present. Miss Armytage sang charmingly, and secured quite an enthusiastic reception for each of her songs, and in the unaccompanied part singing of Bros. E. Nunn, G. Nunn, Keates, and Dickenson, the brethren had a treat, the novel excellence of which was duly appreciated.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Intermittent and Continued Fevers.—Dyspepsia, Heartburn, Hysteria, and General Debility, are best treated by these remedies, as they possess within themselves a gently stimulating and tonic principle, which invariably produces the desired results, they impart tone to the mucous membrane of the stomach, expel flatulence, increase the appetite, and produce a grateful sense of internal warmth, and elasticity of mind and body. As a detergent in Scrofulous and foul ulcerations, and as a healing and soothing application in burns, scalds, and excoriations, the Ointment will be found most valuable, as it promotes the healing action, and cleanses off all foul discharges and neutralizes any noxious matter, that may be present. Very plain directions accompany them.—ADVT.

Masonic Tidings.

We are informed that the three Sheffield lodges—the Britannia, 139, the Royal Brunswick, 296, and the Wentworth—have agreed to draw up a joint address of welcome to our illustrious Grand Master on the occasion of his visit to Sheffield on August 16th to 18th next. The address will not be presented in Sheffield, but will be forwarded to the Prince, the necessity of this course being obvious, for if his Royal Highness was to receive it when in Sheffield it might set (for him) a troublesome precedent. The Princess of Wales will accompany the Prince. Great preparations are being made to give them a loyal reception.

On Monday last the Prince and Princess of Wales paid a visit to Margate for the purpose of opening a branch of the London Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. On their arrival their Royal Highnesses were received by Earl Granville, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and by the corporate authorities, who presented an address of welcome. The town was gallily decorated, and the Prince and Princess were warmly cheered as they passed through the streets.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, the 26th inst., at 2.30.

The "Thanet" Red Cross Conclave was consecrated at Margate on Wednesday last. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Nearly £20,000 has been received at the Mansion House in aid of the French Inundations Relief Fund. The more recent subscriptions include one of a hundred guineas from the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec have appointed Bro. George Kenning to supply the whole of the Grand Officers with the necessary clothing and jewels. This insignia, which is of a most elaborate description, is now on view at the Masonic Depot, Little Britain.

An Emergency Meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, will be held at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville road, King's Cross, N., on Thursday next, at 5 p.m.

The will of Bro. Alexander Allan (late of St. Paul's churchyard, who died at his private residence, No. 20, King's-road, Brownwood-park, on the 20th of May last) was proved on the 21st ult., by Mrs. Annie Louisa Allan, the widow and sole executrix, to whom he leaves the whole of his property absolutely. The personality is sworn under £3000.—City Press.

LAW APPOINTMENT.—Bro. J. Perry Godfrey, S.D. Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261, a solicitor practising in Gray's Inn, has been appointed by the Right Honourable John Duke, Lord Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, a perpetual commissioner for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance.

Bro. Eugene Henry Thiellay, S.W. 145, Prudent Brethren Lodge, S.W. 1423, Era Lodge, &c., so well known in some of the higher grades of Masonry, on the recommendation for office in the Province by Era Lodge 1423, is selected for P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, for 1875-76.

By a similar recommendation from Era Lodge 1423, Bro. Henry Arthur Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M. 1326, is to be the P.G.D.C. Middlesex for 1875-76.

A report of Bro. Capt. Boyton's entertainment stands over. We are sorry to learn that it was a failure.

"ONE OF THE SIGHTS OF LONDON."—The *Morning Post* remarks: "Where shall we have our dinner? is a question which many have asked themselves despairingly when they have found themselves in London; while ladies alone have been even put to greater straits to solve the puzzle. For many years London has been deficient in accommodation of this kind. Yet it is a mere matter of fact that every day of the week many thousands of persons have engagements in town that would render some more substantial refreshment than can be obtained at the pastry-cook's eminently desirable. Consequently every effort on their behalf deserves encouragement, and it is gratifying to refer to one recent experiment, the success of which is now fully assured. After many vicissitudes a large and handsome building, having entrances in Holborn and Little Queen-street, has now become firmly established as the 'Holborn Restaurant,' and here it may fairly be said a successful endeavour has been made to combine all the best features of the highest class London and Parisian *salles à manger*. The grand salon, from its size, ventilation, arrangement, and artistic decoration, decidedly the most comfortable dining-room in London, and every preparation in the shape of toilette-rooms, attendants, &c., has been made for the comfort of ladies and children; while dinners of every price are served, from the plain fresh cut off the joint, with vegetables, &c., costing some 1s. 9d., including the charge for attendance, to the most elaborate, varied, and expensive menu. A special feature of this salon is the *table d'hôte*, served at separate tables from six to half-past eight, which, with its variety of courses, its dessert, and the excellent band, is a decidedly new and most agreeable feature. Besides the grand salon, dinners are served also in the balcony, where the tables are constructed for separate parties of three or four, while there are also additional salons for larger gatherings, a luncheon buffet, a grill-room, a smoking and reading room, and numerous other conveniences."

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Present, among others, Bros. Joshua Nunn, as President; Jas. Brett, as S.V.P.; E. P. Albert, as J.V.P.; John Savage, Joseph Smith, John Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Stephens, Bingemann, Jas. Willing, jun.; John Boyd, Sec.; Samuel May, C. F. Hogard, C. B. Payne, C. A. Cottebrune, Herbert Dickets, Henderson, J. G. Marsh, Bartlett, W. Smith, W. Mann, Wright, H. W. Hemsworth, W. T. Howe, Handles, Brown, J. E. Saunders, and Butcher.

The grants, amounting to £300, made by former meetings, which required confirmation, were confirmed. New grants were made to the amount of £237, of which the highest in any one case was £50, and the lowest £5. One £40, two £25, and a £15 were the principal of the other grants. Five cases stood over.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

Two meetings of the Most Puissant Grand Council of this degree have recently been held at the Hall of Grand Mark Lodge, 2, Red Lion Square; the first was held on the 8th inst., and the second on the 20th. At the former, Capt. N. G. Philips presided as R.P.D.G.M., Bro. Hyde Pullen as G.P.C. of W., and Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Recorder. Bro. D. M. Dewar, No. 3, and Bro. S. Rosenthal, T.I.M., No. 3, were also present. Bros. and Comps. F. Richardson, R. Graham Birch, S. B. Ellis, R. H. Thrupp, and F. H. Atkins, of Mark Lodges Nos. 7, 80, 53, 13, and 104 respectively, and of Royal Arch Chapters Nos. 3, 392, 139, 255, and 1056 respectively, were acknowledged as most Excellent Masters, received Royal Masters, greeted Select Masters, and created Super Excellent Masters. At the meeting of the 20th inst. the presiding brethren officiated, and Bros. Walter Spencer, S. Rosenthal, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and others were present. Bro. R. Kalley Miller was admitted to the several degrees, after which the Council adjourned.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 30, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 24.

Audit Committee Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1297, West Kent, Forest-hill, Ho, Forest-hill.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (830), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, JULY 26.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Greyhound Tavern, Hampton Court, at 2.30.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelalde Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gatheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JULY 27.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Tarlborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.

Lodge 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's-terrace, St. John's Wood.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.

" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court.

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

" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

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

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

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

Mount Edgecombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn Street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, JULY 29.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.

" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Haggerston.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye; W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.

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

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

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

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

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

Lodge 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. Preceptory 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.

Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 31, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 26.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

TUESDAY, JULY 27.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row Chester, at 6.30.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.

" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

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

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Mill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 29.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hotel, Widnes, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 31, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 26.

Lodge 999, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester at 6.

TUESDAY, JULY 27.

Chapter 268, Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-line, at 6.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.

Lodge 163, Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 7.

" 1083, Townley Parker, Stag Inn, Bradford, at 7.

" 1219, Strangeways, Dog and Partridge Hotel, Manchester, at 6.

" 1392, Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, at 6.30.

Mark Lodge 24 Roberts, Masonic rooms, Rochdale, at 7.

THURSDAY, JULY 29.

Lodge 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup, at 7.

" 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, at 7.

Chap. 266, Naphtali, Masonic rooms, Heywood, at 6.

Mark Lodge 32, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, July 31, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JULY 26.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-st., Kingston.

TUESDAY, JULY 27.

Chap. 27, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.

Lodge 505, Burns, St. Mary's Commercial Inn, Hurlford.

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.

Red Cross Conclave, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, JULY 29.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

Lodge 125, St. James's, Masons' Arms, Newton, Ayr.

" 153, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Pollokshaws.

" 347, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Rutherglen.

Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 31, 1875.

MONDAY, JULY 26.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Writers' Court, High-st.

" 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

TUESDAY, JULY 27.

Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

Red Cross Conclave 4, Edinburgh, Writers'-court, High-st.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.

" 112, St. John, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

Lodge 213, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-st., Leith.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BURY.—LODGE OF RELIEF (No. 42).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, on Thursday, the 15th inst., there were present Bros. E. Eccles, W.M.; A. Buckley, S.W.; J. Skerrett, J.W.; T. Barker, J.D.; S. Mosley, I.G.; E. Simpkin, Sec.; Thorman, Tyler. Bros. John Redfern, and William Hewitson were raised to the Sublime Degree by Bros. G. A. O'Neil, W.M. of Lodge 191, and J. Grime, P.M. 128. The working of these brethren was much admired. The Secretary read some minutes of a committee meeting, from which it appeared that the W.M.'s of the other lodges in the borough had expressed a wish to take an active part in promoting the fund for raising a memorial stone over Bro. J. S. Redfern's grave; that it was agreed to "circular" the various lodges in the province on the matter; and that Bro. Lawrence Booth, architect, be requested to submit a design for a Masonic memorial stone. The Worshipful Master stated that the subscription list so far had progressed satisfactorily. With regard to the widow and children of Bro. B—— (P.M.), and the widow of Bro. H——, the Secretary was instructed to make representations to the Provincial Lodge. Suitable refreshment succeeded labour, and the usual toasts were honoured, Bro. J. W. Kenyon, P.M., giving "The Newly-raised Brothers," and Bro. Peers, "The Visitors."

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The last monthly meeting before the summer recess took place at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when there was the smallest attendance of brethren we ever remember to have seen at this time-honoured and prosperous lodge. Whether it was in consequence of the wet evening, and many brethren having to come from a distance, or whether it was because the lodge, as a rule, adjourns in June, and brethren, supposing that this year would be no exception to the rule, had made other arrangements, we do not know—but we must confess our disappointment at finding one only of the seven officers who make a lodge present, and he the Junior Deacon. In the absence of the W.M., who was away from home and indisposed, the chair was taken by the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G. Chaplain, and there were present Bros. Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg. and P.G.D.C., M.C.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sec., acting J.W.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D., P.G. Chaplain; W. Clarke, P.G.A.D.C., acting S.D.; N. Tracy, P.P.G.S.W., W.M. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, acting S.W.; Geo. Abbott, S.W. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, &c. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Bowes was raised to the degree of F.C., and Bro. S. Shortridge was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. Sanderson, who was ably assisted by his officers. We never saw the Deacon's part more efficiently worked than by Bro. Clarke. During the ceremony that most beautiful and appropriate hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying" (Hymns Ancient and Modern, No. 375) was sung by Bros. Clarke and Abbott, of course leaving out the special reference to our Lord, the admission of which would not have been Masonic, and the effect was very much enhanced by this addition to the ceremony. The historical after-part was given by Bro. Tracy, who, as joint Preceptor with Bro. Sanderson, of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction, which works under the banner of this lodge, is peculiarly well qualified to work the whole of the ceremonies in connection with Craft Masonry, and who performed his task on this occasion with his usual ability. The rest of the business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. Bro. Emra Holmes, P.M., occupied the chair, and on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the customary fervour, and in spite of the smallness of their numbers a very pleasant evening was spent. In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master," the acting W.M. remarked that as

the chief of all the rites of Masonry practised in England, the Prince occupied a higher position than had ever been held before by any of his illustrious predecessors. In proposing the toast of "The Officers of Grand Lodge," Bro. Holmes, reminded the brethren that one of them, Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, was coming down to Norwich, on the 20th November, to instal the Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, and Lord Hennicker had written to Lord Waveney, the P.G.M. of Suffolk, inviting the brethren of Suffolk to attend, expressing a hope that a large number from Ipswich would be present. He (the W.M.) hoped that some arrangement might become to with the Great Eastern Railway Company, as with other companies, on similar occasions, by which the brethren might be allowed return tickets at single fares, and a special train back from Norwich. He trusted that a large number of the brethren would make a point of attending to do honour to the Norwich brethren, and the D.G.M. of England. Bro. Emra Holmes then proposed "The Prov. Grand Master, and Officers, past and present," which was responded to by Bro. Tracy, P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. Tweed, P.G.C. In proposing "The newly-raised Brother," the W.M. remarked that he trusted the ceremony through which he had gone that evening, and which had been so admirably performed, would make a lasting impression upon his mind. He would wish Bro. Shortridge and others, to remember however, that he had not got to the summit of even Craft Masonry as many supposed, and he should not rest satisfied until he had attained the Royal Arch at least. Brethren seemed to forget that in the Third Degree they only got the substituted secrets of a Master Mason, and that it was not till they reached the Royal Arch the real secrets of Masonry were discovered. He could not understand the apathy which seemed to exist with regard to the Royal Arch. He had taken the trouble to enquire as to the relative members, and he found that whilst there were some 72,000 subscribing members on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, there were only some 17,000 Royal Arch Masons. Whether this was in consequence of the high fee for exaltation, he did not know, but it was a fact which needed explanation. Bro. Shortridge, in responding, thanked the brethren for drinking his health. It was now twenty-five years ago since he was initiated into Masonry under the Scotch Constitution in Jamaica. He had taken two degrees there, but from various causes had never been able to take the third. As they were aware, there had been some trouble about this (the Grand Lodge of Scotland having given no evidence of his initiation), and he had gone through the ceremonies again. He was very much impressed by what he had seen that night, and he should do his utmost to go forward, and he hoped in time to become a good Mason. Bro. Abbott, who is the possessor of a very fine tenor voice, and Bro. Clarke contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening by their rendering of some very telling songs, "Beautiful Bells," given by Bro. Abbott, being particularly pretty. The Acting W.M. proposed "The Visitors," as a last toast, and took the opportunity of thanking Bro. Tracy for his able assistance that evening. He was a frequent and very welcome visitor at the British Union. Bro. Abbott, he believed had never been amongst them before, but he hoped that as he had now come he would often come again. The British Union Lodge was always very pleased to see visitors, especially such as they had present that evening. He thanked Bro. Abbott for his songs in particular. Bro. Tracy briefly and modestly responded, as also did Bro. Abbott, and after a pleasant social hour the brethren departed. The lodge will not meet again until October.

BURY.—PRINCE EDWIN LODGE (No. 128).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge on Wednesday, the 21st inst., there were present, along with other brethren, Bros. Warwick Wood, W.M.; W. S. Barlow, S.W.; J. Senior, J.W.; Edward Robinson, S.D.; Thomas Ramsbottom jun., J.D.; Thomas Wood, Treasurer; Jos. Wolstenholme, I.G.; Thomas Ramsbottom, sen., Secretary; W. H. Greenhalgh, Tyler; visitor, Bro. G. Brown, I.G. 1392. Mr Samuel Wrigley was balloted for and initiated. Bros. John Pilling and J. Tattersall, F.C., were raised. The working was done in effective style by the W.M. There were two propositions for initiation.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—Summer Festival.—The annual summer festival of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at Bro. Middlecott's, Greyhound, Dulwich. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. George Everett, presided, and he was supported by Bros. F. Kent, C.C., I.P.M.; A. Treadwell, S.W.; James Willing, jun., J.W.; Joseph Smith, P.M., Treas.; T. Williams, Sec.; I. Bascall, J.D.; G. Clarke, I.G.; E. White, D.C.; H. N. B. Spink, D.C.; J. McLean, A. Scard, D. Plenderleith, J. Jones, C. Serjeant, J. Willis, J. Douglass, Ralph, Beagle, Manton, Knott, Bennett, Baker, Ford, Keeble, Bird, Bell, Harris, Norris, Jennings, Richards, Ambrose, Gardner, W.M. 1381; Stuart, P.M., 141; Higgins, Morgan, and others. The company, including the ladies, numbered eighty-six, for whom the best arrangements were made by the W.M., the Stewards, and Bro. James Willing, the hon. Secretary of the festival. The weather was atrocious, but, nevertheless, it did not deter the brethren and their fair partners assembling in force. A splendid banquet was provided by Bro. Middlecott, which all the company thoroughly enjoyed, and which was made the more pleasant by the music of a capital band that played during the repast. Grace having been said, the W.M., in opening the proceedings, disclaimed any intention of inflicting upon the company long speeches; they had come there to enjoy themselves, and he desired they should do so to their heart's content; but in all well-regulated assemblages it was customary to go through a certain round of toasts, and this custom he thought a most agreeable one, as it afforded an opportunity of passing round the "cup that cheers," and brought about that conviviality which was so essential to their enjoyment on an occasion of this description. He then proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." During a long

reign her conduct had been such as to endear her to her people, and whether looked upon as a wife, a mother, or a Queen, she had set a bright example to her subjects. The toast was received with acclamation, and "God Save the Queen" was played by the band. The W.M. next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." He said the Prince was a most generous-hearted, true to the backbone Englishman; he had identified himself with all our pursuits, and everything that was dear to us, and the affable and brotherly manner in which he had carried out the proceedings at the Albert Hall on the memorable 28th April, when he was installed Grand Master, would not be easily forgotten by those who had the good fortune to witness it. He was about to visit India, and he had no doubt his journey thither would be fraught with good to both countries, and he wished him God speed. With regard to the Princess of Wales, from the moment she landed on our shores she had become a great favourite with the English people, and her amiability and goodness of heart caused her to be much beloved by all. The toast was received with great cheering, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was played by the band. Bro. F. Kent then gave "The Health of the W.M." In a kind and very able speech he eulogised his conduct as Master of the Domatic Lodge, and said it needed no further proof of his popularity than to see him surrounded by such a company as the present. He called upon them to receive this toast with three cheers, which was heartily responded to, the band playing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The W.M., in reply, said he was highly gratified at the manner in which the toast, so kindly proposed by his I.P.M., had been received. It was always disagreeable to have to speak of one's self, and he should therefore content himself by saying how highly complimented he felt at having such a company around him; and to the ladies, who had attended so numerous in spite of wind and weather, his thanks were especially due. He then gave "The Domatic Lodge and its Past Masters." The Domatic Lodge was no thing of yesterday, for it was in the eighty-ninth year of its existence, the warrant having been granted in the year 1786 by Earl Antrim, the then Grand Master; during the last few years it had made rapid strides in the Craft, and it was now one of the largest and most influential. All this was due to his predecessors in the office he now had the honour to hold, and he was proud to say they had several officers of Grand Lodge amongst them. With regard to Freemasonry, the question was often asked, What is Freemasonry? He might sum it all up in one bright word—charity. It had its Boys' and Girls' Schools, its Institutions for Old Men and Women, and last, though not least, its Lodge of Benevolence, which dispensed thousands annually to those who, from circumstances of unforeseen calamity and distress, were driven to seek its aid. The Grand Master had truly said our watchwords were Charity and Loyalty. He coupled with the toast the names of P.M.'s Kent, Foulger, and Tims, each of whom responded in suitable terms. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. John Kent, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, who ably responded. The toast of "The Officers" was next given, the W.M. paying a very high compliment to their efficiency, and stating that his success in his position of Master of the Lodge was mainly due to their kind assistance and support. The toast was received with much applause, the officers being very popular with the lodge, and Bros. Treadwell and Jas. Willing responded. "The Stewards" was then given, coupled with the name of Bro. Scard. The W.M. thanked them very sincerely, and attributed the day's success in a great measure to their kind help. Bro. Scard replied in an excellent speech. Then followed "The Ladies," whom the Master described as "the bright stars that cheer our dreary way." Bro. W. Wray Morgan replied in a happy and appropriate speech, which concluded this part of the day's proceedings. A ball and concert followed, Bro. J. R. Foulger acting as a most efficient M.C., ably assisted by Bro. Scard. Bro. John Ambrose contributed some excellent harmony, and the company separated at an early hour, evidently delighted with the day's pleasures. Cohen's Band gave great satisfaction.

BURY.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 191).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Knowsley Hotel, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. There was a very fair turnout. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. A. O'Neil, W.M.; Samuel Hamer, S.W.; William Balmer, J.W.; Samuel Barley, Sec.; T. W. Probert, S.D.; W. E. Thornley, J.D.; Alfred Hopkinson, I.G.; Hartley Bates, Tyler; Past Masters, Bros. W. O. Walker, Fred. Anderson, P. Prov. G.S.B., E.L.; J. Smethurst, and J. R. Fletcher; Visitors, Bros. Lawrence Booth, P. Prov. G.S.B.; James Barrett, 1012; Alfred Wroe, 42; and Harry Woodcock, 1012. Mr. James Cross was balloted for and duly initiated; Bro. J. C. Yule was Crafted; and Bro. W. Barritt was raised to Third Degree by Bro. Smethurst, the tracing board being explained by Bro. Walker. A very convivial meeting was afterwards held.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).—This lodge held a special emergency meeting on Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd inst., at half-past two, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., for the purpose of passing Bro. Captain Boyton to the Second Degree in Craft Masonry. It was his earnest wish that he should pass this as well as be raised to the Third Degree in his mother lodge. As may be supposed, he has in his different wanderings up and down the kingdom in relation to his entertainments in connection with his life saving dress, and since it has become known through the pages of the *Freemason* that he was an Entered Apprentice, been frequently solicited to pass his Second and take his Third Degree in lodges other than his own, but he has sedulously, and, no doubt, becomingly, declined to avail himself of such friendly solicitations. This good brother, therefore

sets a very proper example by adhering to that lodge through which he first experienced the light of Freemasonry. Most wrongly has Bro. Captain Boyton been accused in certain quarters of having an undue fondness for mere notoriety. Were this assertion correct there is no doubt he would have availed himself of some of these offers, so flattering as they are to personal vanity. Suffice it to say that Bro. Captain Boyton has endeared himself to the brethren of his lodge, and, consequently, they held themselves ready at any time suitable to the convenience of the candidate to convene another emergency lodge meeting for passing him. The lodge was convened for this unusually early hour to enable the candidate, with the brethren who could accompany him, to attend at the Crown Baths, Kennington Oval, on the occasion of the entertainments to be given in the evening in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls. Amongst the officers and brethren present were the following:—Bros. John Waters, W.M.; Allen R. Ramsey; W. H. Godolphin, I.G.; Wm. Ramsey, P.M. and Treasurer, J.W. pro tem; John Ramsey, P.M. and Secretary, S.D. pro tem; Samuel Gamman, I.P.M.; H. Collier, P.M.; John Stewart, P.M.; Alfred Harris, P.M.; E. Burnard, P.M.; Robert Bowman, John Hurrell, and Thomas Seaborn. The visitors were Bros. Captain H. H. Doty, P.M. No. 114; C. H. Smithers, P.M. 901; and R. B. Brown No. 120. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the candidate, after the necessary preliminaries, was passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Samuel Gamman, the I.P.M., in that peculiarly quiet and colloquial manner of his, so highly appreciated by the brethren. The working of Bros. William Rumsey and John Rumsey as Junior Warden and Senior Deacon respectively was admirably performed, and nothing could be more accurate. With regard to the officers, who are, by the way, much younger Masons, it may be said that they are apparently following in the footsteps of their leader. The passing having been performed, and there being no other business to transact, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then congratulated Bro. Captain Boyton upon his having now become a Fellow Craft Freemason, and promised they would (D.V.) hold another emergency meeting at the proper time to raise him to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Captain Boyton then expressed his thanks to the brethren for having again called an emergency meeting expressly for him, and for the kind promise they had made to convene a third emergency lodge meeting to raise him to the Third Degree, which degree he was most anxious to take before he left this country for the Continent. He felt very pleased that he had that day made another step in Masonry. Bro. Captain Boyton, with the brethren who could go with him, had then to hurry off to the Crown Baths, Kennington Oval, to carry out the entertainment referred to above, and a report of which appears in another column.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—One of the frequent "red letter days" in the history of St. John's Lodge in particular, and of Freemasonry generally, was chronicled on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when the annual installation and pic-nic in connection with the lodge came off with the most pronounced eclat. The weather was exceedingly favourable; the company at the "out" was as happy and congenial as pic-nickers could well be; and the whole of the arrangements, both for business and pleasure, were as complete and satisfactory as care and thoughtfulness could make them. The brethren were summoned to business at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, as early as nine o'clock in the morning, but even at this comparatively early hour there was a large assembly of St. John members and visitors from other lodges. Bro. Martin Corless, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge in due and solemn form, supported by the following strong array of P.M.'s and officers:—Bros. E. Kyle, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; J. T. Callow, P.M.; J. B. Bunting, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; H. Nelson, P.M.; T. Clark, P.M.; W. T. May, P.M.; J. K. Digges, S.W.; T. Roberts, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; S. Johnson, P.M., P.G.S., W.L., Sec.; H. Burrows, J.D.; D. Jackson, I.G.; J. Seddon, S.; R. Hulme, O.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members of St. John's who were present comprised:—Bros. L. Hennen, J. W. Grant, J. Kaye, G. E. Bruford, C. Marsh, J. Brackenbury, H. Burns, C. Ganghan, W. Braithwaite, T. Little, G. Adolph, M. Alvarez, A. Olsen, A. H. Anney, A. P. Garcia, R. Quirk, J. F. Hall, J. Harper, A. Trumbel, W. Grey, J. Farmer, J. Heggie, J. Atkinson, T. Falshaw, F. Christensen, &c. The list of visitors embraced the following names:—Bros. E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 680; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; T. B. Myers, S.W. 1182; R. Martin, jun., J.W. 1182; R. Rigby, W.M. 758; Rev. J. O. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C., W.M. 155; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; H. Jackson, W.M. 1393; W. G. Sharpe, I.G. 1086; E. O. Rothwell, W.M. 1356; W. R. Moss, I.G. 758; J. Roberts, 1393; G. H. Read, 441; E. A. Lees, 537; and W. S. Matthews, 220. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, a joining member was ballotted for and elected, and a grant for charitable relief to the widow of a deceased brother was made from the funds of the lodge. These preliminaries being disposed of, the chair was taken by Bro. Henry Nelson, P.M., W.M. 1505, who proceeded to instal Bro. Joseph K. Digges into the chair of K.S. Bro. Nelson has more than once performed the ceremony, and the very masterly style in which he again filled the post of Installing Master was worthy of the highest praise. It was quite a pleasure to hear the ceremony performed in a manner worthy of its beauty and excellence. After a board of Installed Masters had been held, and the brethren on their re-admission, had saluted Bro. Digges as the new W.M. of St. John's Lodge, the following brethren were invested by him as officers of the brave ship for the coming year:—Bros. J. Hocken, P.M., D.C.; M. Corless, I.P.M.; Thomas Roberts, S.W.;

Henry Burrows, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas., (re-elected for the tenth or eleventh time); S. Johnson, P.M., P.G.S., W.L., Sec. (re-appointed); D. Jackson, S.D.; W. Brackenbury, J.D.; L. Herman, I.G.; J. Seddon, S.S.; T. Falshaw, J.S.; R. Hulme, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the delivery of the charges the W.M. presented a very elegant and valuable P.M.'s jewel, set with a diamond, ruby, and emerald, to Bro. Martin Corless, I.P.M., as a mark of the respect and esteem of the brethren for the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the Master's chair in the lodge. Bro. Corless sincerely thanked the brethren for that token of their regard, which he would never forget, but value very highly in years to come. He would, in the future as in the past, work for the best interests of St. John's Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Bunting, P.M., seconded by Bro. Corless, I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. Nelson, P.M., and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, in recognition of the very admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master, which must have given satisfaction to every one present. Bro. Nelson briefly thanked the brethren for this unusual vote, and assured them that it had given him pleasure to perform a duty which he was sure every other P.M. in the lodge would have been glad to have undertaken. The lodge was then closed. After partaking of some refreshments the brethren proceeded to the landing stage, where, joining their lady friends, they took steamer for New Ferry, on the Cheshire side of the Mersey, with the view of enjoying the annual pic-nic. The place selected was the Great Eastern Hotel, where every arrangement was made for the comfort of the "outers." A capital banquet was supplied by "mine host," whose catering gave complete satisfaction. The menu carte and toast list combined, bearing photographs of all the officers in front, was a splendid specimen of art, and reflected the greatest credit upon the combined taste of Bro. H. Burrows, J.W., and Bro. W. S. Matthews, 220. After the repast the W.M. proposed the toasts of "The Queen," "Bro. H.R.II. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Pro G.M., Earl Carnarvon, and all other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, supreme and subordinate," the last toast being acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C., West Lancashire, in a very happy speech. Bro. I.P.M. Corless proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he responded to in felicitous terms. "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," was acknowledged by Bros. P. M. Thornton, and Roberts, S.W.; "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by the W.M., and was responded to by Bro. J. B. McKenzie, 594, 1182, 1356, &c. After "The Ladies," and "The Tyler's Toast," had been duly honoured, the company adjourned to the green, where dancing was begun, and kept up with great spirit for several hours. Bowling and other games were also in great favour, and the whole proceedings of the long afternoon passed "merry as a marriage bell." The company derived much pleasure from the help in arrangements given by Bro. T. W. May, P.M. Mr. Martin's excellent quadrille band furnished capital dance music. After enjoying one of the most pleasant pic-nics ever held in connection with St. John's Lodge, the party, which numbered about 200, returned to town at a seasonable hour.

THE HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—The third annual summer banquet and ladies' day, in connection with the High Cross Lodge (No. 754), held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. The weather was fine, from noon particularly so, and the company highly enjoyed the drive down. They went in small parties, and some of the carriages attracted marked attention owing to their superior character. The banquet was fixed for three o'clock, and it was ready to time, which does not often happen. Somewhat over fifty ladies and gentlemen sat down to a splendid repast, served in the large saloon in the grounds, the room being tastefully decorated with choice flowers. The dinner was put upon the tables in first-class style. Bro. Benningfield, the obliging host, personally superintending the entire arrangements. The viands were plentiful and of the best quality; the wines of rare vintages; the waiting perfect; and not a single hitch occurred in anything. The house selected is peculiarly adapted for such entertainments, the accommodation being sufficient to secure privacy to parties of almost any dimensions. Bro. John Maller, the W.M. of the lodge, presided, and was supported by Bros. Wells, P.M.; —Cunningham, I.P.M.; —Townsend; S.W.; —Barham, J.W.; —Dance, Sec.; Bros. Burford, Turner, Mundy, Winters, Shepherd, Cockedge, Oddy, Waud, Stevenson, Hobbs, Clements, Fowler, Grindle, Farrin, some visitors from Hertford, &c. The dinner over, and the dessert placed, the president gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with the usual enthusiasm, the band (which had performed at intervals during the banquet) giving the National Anthem. The next toast was "The M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," which was also received with the utmost cordiality, the band playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the company singing in chorus. This was followed by "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." In connection with this toast, the president referred to the Masonic Festival which had taken place at the Alexandra Palace on the previous day, mentioning that it was the most successful which had ever been held, nearly £13,000 having been collected in subscriptions. This announcement elicited considerable applause. Bro. Townsend proposed "The Visitors," and regretted that it was impossible to invite them on all occasions. Bro. J. Smith acknowledged the toast, and availed himself of the opportunity to observe that he had seldom if ever been present at a meeting which evoked so many pleasurable sensations. The President next gave "The Ladies," for whom Bro. Dance returned

thanks in happy terms, apologising for his brevity on the ground that a more attractive "dance" would follow. The remaining toast was "The Stewards and Officers of the High Cross Lodge." Bro. Wells responded; and the company adjourned to the grounds—now in magnificent condition—where croquet and other amusements were indulged in until the ball room was got ready. When this was accomplished dancing began, and was continued until the carefully prepared programme had been exhausted, when "homeward bound" became the watchword. During the evening iced drinks, fruit, tea, coffee, &c., were served; the tastes of all were studied; and, owing to the fineness of the night, the scene was charming. The greatest unanimity prevailed; every person seemed desirous to promote the happiness of the others; and when the hour of separation arrived the feeling was unanimous that, from first to last, a greater success could not have been achieved, and Bro. Maller received general congratulations.

MAIDENHEAD.—SAINT JOHN'S LODGE (No. 795).—This flourishing lodge of the Province of Berks and Bucks held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at Bro. William Deacon's, the Ray Mead Hotel, which is beautifully situated on the banks of the River Thames, at Maidenhead, and only requires to be known to be appreciated. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. C. W. Moule, the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. R. Foulger, P.M., took the chair, opened the lodge in the First Degree, when the minutes of the last meeting were read by the excellent Secretary, Bro. H. H. Hodges, P.M. and P. Prov. G.R., and confirmed. Bro. W. Deacon was raised by Bro. Foulger in his well-known true Masonic style, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, Bros. Alfred Pinto Leite, William Henry Christopher Sharpe and Thomas Slater were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for four candidates, which proved to be unanimous, and Bros. Charles Sharphouse Duggan and Thomas Bell being present, they were initiated into the Order according to ancient form, after which the brethren retired to a most recherché banquet, replete with every comfort. Bro. Gammon, P.M., presided at the banquet, and, in his usual genial expressive manner, made every brother feel happy, as is his wont to do. The usual loyal toast was given and duly responded to, and then "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," which was responded to in a genuine Masonic manner, as were also "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." "The Health of the P.G.M., Sir Daniel Gooch," was then given and heartily received, also "The Provincial Grand Officers," to which Bro. P. M. Hodges responded, and said that he and his brother officers always felt proud to meet their P.G. Master, a better working Mason could not be; he worked hard for their Province of Berks and Bucks, and did all that he could for the brethren belonging to the different lodges in that province, and he felt sure that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see them all prosperous and happy. "The W.M." was next given, coupled with the name of Bro. Foulger, who had so ably performed the duties of the three degrees and who in reply for the W.M., said, brethren, I beg to thank for the kind reception you have given to this toast, coupled with my name, I for one wish our W.M. was here to answer for himself, and I feel that I am only putting forth the feeling of you all when I say that we like to have him in his place, his innate urbanity makes us delighted with his presence, and we have the pleasure of knowing that the Great Architect of the Universe has blessed him with good health, and that he is only kept from us to night by a pressing emergency. As regards myself, if I have performed his duties in the lodge to your satisfaction, I am glad it fell to my lot to do it, I feel proud to find myself a member of St. John's Lodge, and thanks to Bro. Gammon for bringing me here. Our lodge is in a very flourishing state, and in a short time we shall bid fair to be second to none in the province, both as regards numbers and influence, our worthy Bro. P.M. Carr, has done good suit and service by introducing many of his friends, all of whom we feel proud to see amongst us, and glad to have the opportunity of receiving them as brothers. And may the great giver of all good things bless us all with health and prosperity, and enable us to meet in peace and harmony for years to come. Freemasonry is making rapid strides in this province; we find that many of the residents of Maidenhead are anxious to enter the Masonic circle, but their respective avocations prevent them meeting at the time of St. John's Lodge business, consequently are anxious to form a winter lodge, which would enable them to attend in the evening after their business hours. And I sincerely hope for the good of Freemasonry that the petition now in course of preparation to be sent to Grand Lodge will be favourably received. The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. P. M. Carr, who said that St. John's Lodge being his mother lodge he felt great interest in it, and had great pleasure in introducing his personal friends, who he knew from his long knowledge of them would make good Masons, and he hoped to see them all pass the chair in due time; he was but a young Mason himself, but circumstances had favoured him so much that he passed the chair in a little over four years from the time of joining. He thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, and hoped the lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. Bubb, P.M. 180, and Bro. Harfeld, P.M. 185, were the visitors, and in replying to "The Visitors," toast expressed themselves highly gratified with the truly Masonic reception that had been accorded to them by the members of St. John's Lodge, they had never spent a more happy day in Freemasonry. They were delighted with the working of the lodge, and the banquet gave them great comfort. Bro. Bubb said that he would take this opportunity of remarking that he had heard with surprise that a lodge bearing the name of a lady of very high rank

in society, was about to invite that lady to take part in one of their lodge banquets. He hoped that it was true, for it would be an innovation that, in his opinion, the Craft generally should protest against, and not allow the allurements of high social rank to tempt the brethren to depart from the rules of ancient custom. No brother could feel more pleasure than he did in meeting the ladies at a Masonic ball, or at our charity festival, for it was a well-known fact that their kindly influence added greatly to the charity funds, and gave éclat to those gatherings, but he could not consent to their being introduced to the regular lodge meetings. This is a great year in the annals of Freemasonry. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has just been installed as Grand Master, and he felt sure that all those who had the honour of witnessing that magnificent sight have had such an impression made upon their minds that time will not efface. We all feel proud to say that England's future King is our Grand Master, his name is music to our ears, and the sound of his gavel sends joy to our hearts. Other princes of Royal blood are now ranged under our banners, and may the Great Architect of the Universe protect them and prosper the Craft. The next toast was "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. Hubert Turner, S.W., who thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. He had been a long time a Mason, but had always found a diffidence about taking office, but having made a start, it is his full intention to go on, and he hoped that by strict attention to his duties the brethren would have sufficient confidence in him to place him in a higher position, and should Grand Lodge be pleased to grant the warrant for a new lodge at Maidenhead, he should join it, which would enable him to attend during the winter months, and thus become a good working Mason all the year round. The Tylers' toast brought the proceedings to a close, after one of the most enjoyable meetings that only Masonry can produce.

LIVERPOOL.—EVERTON LODGE (No. 823).—The annual installation meeting of this admirably-conducted and influential lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., and was patronised by a most numerous assembly of the Craft. At the commencement of the business the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Cottrell, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Boulton, I.P.M.; J. Holland, P.M.; J. R. Goepel, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. Shaw, S.W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; H. Ashmore, S.D.; J. Goodman, J.D.; S. Melikin, I.G.; J. S. Cuthbert, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; and about seventy members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; R. H. Evans, I.P.M. 1393; H. Jackson, W.M. 1393; J. Banning, P.P.G.O., C. and W.; J. W. Turley, P.M. 1035; H. Williams, P.M. 249; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. Shortes, P.M. 724; E. Dutch, J.W. 1393; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; A. C. Fabien, P.P.G.S.W. Hants, P.M. 487; G. Fowler, S.W. 216; W. Vaughan, S.W. 724; W. T. May, P.M. 673; E. O. C. Rothwell, I.P.M. 1356; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; R. P. France, S.W. 594; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673. S.W. 1505; and C. Leighton, P.M. 1325. Bro. Thomas Shaw, having been presented as the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Cottrell, the retiring W.M., proceeded to install him in the chair, the whole ceremony being performed in an exceedingly able manner. The following brethren were subsequently invested by Bro. Shaw, W.M., as his staff of officers during the coming year: Bros. Wm. Cottrell, I.P.M.; William Wilson, S.W.; John Houlding, J.W.; Wm. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; Henry Ashmore, Sec.; John Goodman, S.D.; J. S. Cuthbert, J.D.; P. W. Oglesby, I.G.; Timothy Webster, S.S.; Joseph J. Boyle, J.S.; Thomas H. Carefull, A.S.; Joseph Holland, P.M.D.C.; A. J. Fishlock, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Bro. John White, a highly-respected member of the lodge, tendered his resignation, in consequence of his shortly removing to Canada, and a minute was passed, and ordered to be entered on the books, expressing the regret which the members felt at losing a brother who was so greatly valued and esteemed. Before the closing of the lodge a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Cottrell, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren at the close of his year of office. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent repast, and during the toast-giving the most cordial wishes were expressed by several speakers for the great prosperity and happiness of Bro. T. Shaw's year of office as W.M. of the Everton Lodge. On the following day (Thursday, the 22nd) about 250 brethren and ladies crossed the river and took rail for Parkgate, where the annual picnic was held. No more pleasant day could have been found, and, as the scene of the festivities was pleasantly situated, the enjoyment was without stint. A first-class banquet was served by Bro. Acton, of the Union Hotel, Parkgate, and his catering at tea was equally worthy of praise. The sources of amusement were very varied, comprising donkey-races, biped races, boating, dancing, games of all sorts, and so on, and the party returned to Liverpool at a seasonable hour, the picnic being universally voted the jolliest and best arranged ever held in connection with the Everton Lodge.

DEPTFORD.—ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, July 22nd, at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street, Deptford. There were present Bros. S. O. Lewin, W.M., who opened and closed the lodge; G. Andrews, I.P.M., who passed Bros. J. McDonald, F. Knight, 1326, and C. Graham, 1326; and raised Bros. Grindley and W. Crush, 1326, to the Third Degree, he being one of the best working Masons in the locality. The ceremonies were rendered in a perfect manner. Bros. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec., acted as S.W.; J. J. Pakes, J.W.; G. T. Limn, I.G.; W. Myatt, P.M.; J. Hawker, P.M.; and a large number of members supported the chair. The large list of visitors, besides those named, were Bros.

Tyler, P.M. 975; D. Steinhauer, 1326; J. V. Watkins, 1326; J. Brogden, 1336; E. Larking, 1336; and others. A letter of condolence was unanimously voted to the widow of a deceased member. The petitions of a distressed provincial brother were recommended by the lodge. Notice of motion to vote five guineas from the lodge funds, to be spent in purchasing the Steward's jewel, to be presented to Bro. G. Andrews, I.P.M., for his services rendered to the lodge as its Steward at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was given. The usual number of propositions were received. The lodge was closed. There was not any banquet or refreshment.

PLUMSTEAD.—PATTISON LODGE (No. 913).—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Penfold, took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, Bro. P.M. Knight, P.P.D.C.S. for Kent, and P.M. 1107, being the installing officer. The following were among the brethren and visitors present:—G. Guard Pye, 51, P.S.O.W. Essex; G. F. Busbridge, P.G.A.S. Kent; S. Goddard, P.M. 700; S. Clark, P.M. 706; C. Norman, P.M. 700; H. Bickerstaff, P.M. 700; T. Ward, W.M. 700; and Bros. Butt and G. Crawford, P.M. 700; Waters, Senior and Junior W.M.'s 700; G. Crawford, P.M. 700; J. Carnelly, W.M. 13; C. Hobson, P.M. 700; J. Rowland, P.M. 700; F. Pownell, W.M. 1536; and the following brethren of the lodge:—Past Master C. Compland, P.G.S. Kent; N. Norman, T. Smith, P.P.G.P. Kent; J. Henderson, C. Ellis, H. Tongue, P.P.S.W. Kent; E. Denton, Sec. and P.M. 13; A. Jissup, Treas.; H. Butter, J.W.; W. G. Vincent, S.W.; T. Hayes, S.D.; W. Lloyd, J.D.; J. Chapman, I.G.; R. J. Cook, D.C.; H. Mason, W.S.; J. Jarvis, sen., J. Jarvis, jun., C. Jolly, J. Allen, T. Herne, B. Plaisted, H. Hammond, C. Feast, R. Loneragan, &c. At 1 p.m. the W.M., Bro. McDougal, proceeded to open the lodge in due form and with solemn prayer, and after the usual business matters had been carried, Bro. Capern passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony was most impressively rendered by the W.M. Bro. Knight then proceeded to the installation, and after Bro. Penfold had been properly inducted into the chair of K.S., the brethren saluted in the several degrees. Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. P.M. Knight for the brilliant and effective manner in which he carried out his onerous and solemn duty. The new W.M. then resumed the lodge to the Third Degree, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Knight for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremonies, and a valuable P.M.'s jewel was then presented to Bro. McDougal, and which the W.M. pinned upon that brother's breast amid much applause. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, where a magnificent banquet was provided for them by Bro. C. Locky, the worthy proprietor. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren. The first was "The Queen and the Craft," which was most loyally received. "God Save the Queen," Bro. Farquharson. The next toast was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," and, in putting it, the W.M. said His Royal Highness had, like many other kings and princes, not thought it derogatory to "exchange the sceptre for the trowel," but had set an example which he felt proud to say had been followed by two of his brothers, and he trusted that when his sons grew to manhood they would follow in his footsteps. Song, "God bless the Prince of Wales," (Bro. Farquharson). The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, followed, and in speaking to the toast the W.M. said, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales by appointing the Earl of Carnarvon P.G.M. had done good service to Masonry; he was essentially a man of business, and the office could not have been placed in better hands. Song, "I love my love" (Miss Alice Farquharson). The next toast was that of "Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand officers." Song, "And that's the sailor's way" (Bro. Farquharson). The W.M. then gave "The Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Lord Skelmersdale," and in so doing, said he had the pleasure and the honour of seeing his lordship at the P.G. Lodge, and all those who had been there would bear testimony to the kind and genial manner in which his lordship always carried out the duties of his exalted position, and if anything should ever happen to cause him (Lord Skelmersdale) to sever his connection with Freemasonry it would be a sad blow for Kent. Song, "Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee" (Bro. Sherman). The next toast was that of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. East, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Duet "The Masonic Lesson," Bro. and Miss Farquharson. Bro. Busbridge, D.P.G. Secretary for Kent, in reply, said he felt unequal to the task of adequately expressing his thanks for their kindness to himself and the colleagues, but as the Senior P.G. Officer present he felt it his duty to say a few words upon the matter. He felt that one of the greatest things in Masonry necessary to bind them together was unity, unity in all things, in heart and in hand, and that there should be that unity it was necessary that there should be leaders, and he felt proud to think that they had shown their respect and confidence in their leaders, the Provincial Grand Officer of Kent. As P.P. Scribe, he thanked them for that confidence. He once heard a lady sing a song about "buying a lute and buying a lyre," but he said buy something that was good and noble, and then they would be following out the true principles of Masonry. He thanked them heartily for their toast. Song, "The little fat grey man," (Bro. Farquharson). Bro. P.M. McDougal then as I.M.P.M., in eloquent terms proposed "The Health of the W.M. Bro. Penfold." He said it was the most important toast of the evening, and no one who had seen the able manner in which the various duties appertaining to those offices were filled by Bro. Penfold during his official career in the lodge, but must own with him that a better choice could not have been made for the position

of W.M., and that under his guidance the lodge would not lose an atom of its high prestige. He therefore with great pleasure proposed his health and trusted that under Bro. Penfold the lodge would go on and flourish ten-fold. The toast was drunk most enthusiastically. Song, "The pride of the Wilderness," (Miss Farquharson). The W.M. in reply said it was one of the most difficult he had yet undertaken to reply to their kind expressions of brotherly love and good feeling towards him; it was much easier to propose a toast than to reply to one so flattering as the one just coupled with his name. So far as the success of the lodge was concerned it must be remembered that it was only by the consent of the governed that they could be governed, and they might rest assured that, with their consent and assistance, nothing should be left undone that could be done by him for the continued success and prosperity of the Pattison Lodge. Duet, "The Gipsy Countess" (Bros. C. Hobson and C. Norman, P.M.'s). The next toast was that of "The P.M.'s of and belonging to the Pattison Lodge," and in giving it the W.M. spoke with great sorrow of the loss of their late Bro., P. M. Graden, who, he trusted, had gone to that Grand Lodge above, where the G.A.O.T.U. lived and reigned for ever. But, here were other Past Masters present, and among them the name of P. M. Ellis would, he felt sure, be ever welcome. It had been said by an eminent judge, "Give your judgment but don't give your reason," but he would give his reason for coupling P. M. Ellis's name with the toast, and that was because P. M. Ellis was the one who gave him the first step upon the ladder of Freemasonry. Song, "Tom, the Tinker" (Bro. Farquharson). P. M. Ellis, in response, said as the W.M. had coupled his name with the toast, and as he believed it was the duty of every soldier to obey the commands of his commanding officer, so he felt it his duty to rise and respond to the command of their W.M., who was commanding officer to-night. The W.M. had spoken of one who was absent that night, whose loss they all sincerely regretted, and had truly said of him, that he was "a true man and an honest Mason." They had heard his name (the speaker) mentioned by the W.M. as the one who had introduced him, the W.M., into the fold of Masonry, and he looked upon it as an honour to have introduced one who he felt sure in his new position, as he had throughout his whole career, would be an honour and a credit to the lodge. There were many whose names were honoured in Masonry who had come from far to give éclat to the meeting, and he was happy to see that brethren could "gather together in unity and dwell together in peace." He hoped they had all done justice to the good things provided, and that "good digestion might wait on appetite." He spoke of the respect in which the lodge was held in the province of Kent, and felt proud to see so many there from other provinces, and concluded an eloquent speech by saying that if they looked upon the past with pleasure they certainly could look upon the present with delight. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Pye, S.O.W. for Essex, who eloquently responded, and as it was now time to depart to catch the train for London the "Tyler's" toast concluded a most successful and enjoyable day. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Matthew Sherwin, and the fine singing of Bro. and Miss Farquharson was much admired and enjoyed.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby, on Wednesday, the 7th of July. Bro. Henry T. Bobart, P.P.G.S.B., W.M., presided, and the brethren present were F. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M. Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M. Sec.; J. H. Biggs, as S.D.; J. Gadsby, J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, O.G.; W. B. Hextall, F. Rippon, T. H. Hepworth, Edgar Taylor, J. O. Manton, W. Butterfield, Henry Mills, A. A. Newham, Jon. Whales, J. Parkins, jun. Visitors: Edwin Woolfe, Lodge of Israel 1474; Sharpe, Goderich Lodge 1211; Whitton, Arboretum Lodge 731. The lodge was opened in the First Degree; the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Newham was called upon by the W.M. to show his proficiency in the former degree, and having satisfied the brethren, was entrusted and he then retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Newham was admitted and raised to the Third or Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and afterward in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third time, and nothing further offering, he closed the lodge according to ancient custom and with solemn prayer, and it was adjourned until Wednesday, the 4th August.

FOREST HILL.—WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—On Saturday the 24th inst., a meeting of this lodge was held at the Forest Hill Hotel, when the W.M., Bro. John Allen, admitted into Masonry a fellow journalist, Mr. C. Basil Cooke, son of Bro. C. J. Cooke, P.P.G.W. of Kent. So many brethren being on their annual trips the attendance was not very large, but the lodge was favoured with a visit from a foreign brother, Herr Ritz, of the Lodge Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm zum Eintracht, of Bremen, who was introduced by Bro. Warren, the respected Treasurer. While partaking of refreshment after labour, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Ritz," in cordial terms, taking as the key-note of his speech the word "Eintracht" (Harmony), and hoping that that estimable and particularly Masonic sentiment might more and more pervade the Craft, and that it would be fostered by a visit paid them that evening. Bro. Ritz, in reply, expressed his acknowledgments of the fraternal reception he had met with, and said he should carry to his northern home a vivid recollection of the evening spent at Forest Hill. He should not fail to report to his own particular brethren, how well the spirit of Masonic friendship was maintained in this country.

LIVERPOOL.—NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 1264).—The members of this most prosperous and influential lodge, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, held their annual picnic on Wednesday, the 21st inst., and no more charming place could possibly have been selected for the day's "out" than that on which the choice of the selecting parties fell. Hollingworth Lake, delightfully nestling in a circle of hills, is situate a short distance from Littleborough, a few miles from Rochdale; and although hitherto little known to pleasure seekers from Liverpool it is not likely to remain so, if the experience of the members of the Neptune Lodge is to be taken as a test. The party, numbering about sixty ladies and brethren, started from the Liverpool Exchange Station shortly after nine o'clock, and after a pleasant journey, occupying about an hour and a half, they safely arrived at the pleasant little station of Littleborough, from whence they proceeded to the scene of the day's picnic. Anything more charming than the situation of Hollingworth Lake, with its picturesque surroundings, could hardly be imagined, and the unanimous opinion of the party was that the selection on the part of Bro. P. B. Gee, who was for the second time unanimously elected the W.M. of the "Neptune" a short time ago, was one of the happiest which could have been made. In this selection he was assisted by Bro. J. Healing, P.M., Treasurer, both of whom deserve great praise for their choice and general arrangements. Shortly after arriving at the Fisherman's Inn, the party sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Yarwood, the host, in a manner which left nothing whatever to be desired. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to with enthusiasm, and "The Health of Bro. P. B. Gee, W.M.," given by Bro. Healing, P.M., was received with special cordiality, his excellent services to the lodge being pointedly referred to. Bro. Gee, in responding, alluded to the pleasure which it gave him to visit that charming locality, and expressed a hope that every one present would enjoy the excursion to a place which they had not hitherto visited. Speeches being finished, the party took steamer for the opposite side of the lake, to the Lake Hotel, of which Bro. Yarwood is also the landlord, and here ample amusements were provided for almost every taste. Some took to boating on the picturesque lake, others enjoyed dancing to an excellent band, while a number of the brethren enjoyed a quiet game of bowls. The surrounding objects of interest are numerous, including an old Roman road, "Robin Hood's Bed," and many other spots which must possess the greatest interest to antiquarians; while the grounds of the hotel are so extensive and well laid out as to afford ample means of enjoyment to every one who is not disposed to find pleasure in antiquities. Tea was served at the Fisherman's Inn about half-past six o'clock, and shortly after eight o'clock the ladies and brethren left Smithy Bridge Station, arriving in Liverpool at a quarter to eleven o'clock. The whole of the arrangements were of the most satisfactory kind, the W.M., P.M. Healing, and all the officers striving to make everything as pleasant as possible; and the general opinion at the close of the long day of pleasure was that no more pleasant picnic has ever been held in connection with the Neptune Lodge. There were one or two slight showers in the early part of the day, but the afternoon and evening were bright and genial, making the "out" all the more enjoyable.

HAMPTON.—LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Saturday, July 17th. Bro. W. Hammond, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, opened the lodge. Ballots and minutes were unanimous. Bro. Dr. T. Goldsbro, P.P.G.S.W., North Wales, P.M., took the chair. He initiated Messrs. W. A. Taylor, J. Greenwood, and A. Rolington. Bro. W. Hammond, W.M., installed Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex as W.M. The officers are Bro. E. Gilbert, S.W.; C. W. Fox, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M. Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Williams, S.D.; J. Hammond, P.M., J.D.; J. W. Baldwin, I.G.; J. B. Shackleton, Organist; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; H. Gloster, D.C.; H. Cutress, W.S.; J. G. Donald, Steward; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. F. Binckes, F. Walters, and J. Terry, for which they each received a vote of thanks. A similar compliment was paid to Bro. Dr. T. Goldsbro for his doing the Initiations. Also to Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. Secretary, for his efficient services as Secretary, and his donations during the past year to the lodge of £10 12s. 6d. In lieu of a ten guinea Past Master's Jewel, was voted unanimously to Bro. William Hammond, P.G. Steward Middlesex, I.P.M., a Life Governorship of the Boys' School, for his services rendered to the lodge as a Founder, and for work done during his two years of Mastership. Bros. F. Binckes and J. Terry, the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions, were unanimously elected Honorary Members of the lodge. A joining member and several candidates for initiation were proposed to become members of this lodge. A notice of motion to vote twenty guineas to the Boys' School in the name of the W.M. for the time being, so as to secure in perpetuity a Life Governorship of that Charity. The lodge was closed. The visitors were Bros. W. B. Hughes, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales, &c., P.M., M.P. for Carnarvon Burghs; R. Watts, 201; W. Smeed, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, &c.; T. C. Walls, I.G. 141, &c., &c. The banquet and dessert followed.

LIVERPOOL.—DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE (No. 1356).—A four years' existence of this lodge has proved beyond doubt the earnestness and indefatigable spirit which characterized its founders, as it has strengthened each successive year until it has now become, perhaps, the strongest in West Lancashire. The success thus attained is highly creditable to all who have had a share in the organization and working of the lodge, and as there is now in the chair a brother who is extremely popular with every section of the brethren, there is every reason to suppose

that the full flood of prosperity will continue without abatement. The annual installation meeting of the lodge was held at 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-Park, Liverpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 14th inst., where and when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. The lodge was opened shortly before five o'clock by Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, the retiring W.M., who was supported by the after-mentioned officers and members:—Bros. T. Evans, I.P.M.; S. E. Ibbis, P.P.G.S.B., West Lancashire, P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M.; A. Winkup, P.M.; J. Bell, S.W.; T. Horne, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treas.; T. Nickson, S.D.; J. W. Williams, J.D.; E. Costigan, I.G.; R. Roberts, S.; A. Woolrich, S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; P.M. Larsen, Tyler; J. W. Johnson, J. S. Macbeth, J. Kenwright, W. Fletcher, C. Arden, W. Coates, H. Pritchard, J. Keet, H. Crowther, P. Yaust, J. R. Grant, J. Neill, J. Winram, T. Mair, W. S. Corris, J. Gilchrist, A. Gilchrist, R. Leigh, T. Maudsley, T. Bisson, F. Williams, R. Fairclough, P. S. Johnson, W. H. Thompson, H. Gribbin, G. Parry, J. B. MacKenzie, W. Jerman, T. Lloyd, W. Morris, W. Parrington, W. McVicker, W. Cave, J. Griffiths, E. George, J. J. Edwards, W. Griffiths, T. Laing. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. R. Pearson, P.M., Treas. 673; J. F. Hall, 673; R. Cain, P.M. 724; M. Corless, I.P.M. 673; W. Pughle, P.M. 1182; P. F. Buck, 673; G. Maxwell, S. 594; T. Clark, P.M. 673; A. Davies, P.M., 1264; N. Burrows, J.W. 673; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1505; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; R. Ing, P.M. 594; J. Holland, P.M. 823; A. D. Neskeith, 1182; E. Friend, P.M. 1013, 1289, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; R. W. Gow, 823; T. B. Myers, S.W. 1182; J. Edginton, W.M. 1182; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; R. Douglass, 667; A. Morrison, 594, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was subsequently performed. Bro. T. Evans, P.M., then took the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. Joseph Bell as the W.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge for the ensuing year. The whole of the work in connection with the impressive installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Evans, in a manner which left nothing to be desired, and reflected the highest credit upon his Masonic ability and competence. Bro. J. Bell, W.M., installed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. O. C. Rothwell, I.P.M.; T. Evans, P.M., D.C.; T. Horne, S.W.; T. Nickson, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treasurer (re-elected); Jos. Jones, Secretary (re-appointed); W. G. Veale, Org.; J. W. Williams, S.D.; E. Costigan, J.D.; R. Roberts, I.G.; A. Woolrich, S.S.; C. Arden, J.S.; and P. M. Larsen, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M. from all the lodges represented. There were no fewer than six propositions for initiation. A proposition by Bro. Marson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Bell, W.M., that a Royal Arch Chapter should be established in connection with the lodge, was carried unanimously, and by acclamation. The S.W. proposed that a vote of thanks should be given to Bro. T. Evans, P.M., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day. The W.M. seconded the motion, and said the way in which it had been performed had left an impression on his mind which would not soon be effaced. The motion having been unanimously carried, Bro. Evans briefly thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said the vote which had been passed amply rewarded him for his labour. The lodge having been closed, the brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent supper provided by Bro. E. George. After the repast the W.M. gave briefly the toasts of "The Queen," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Royal Family," and "Our Masonic Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate." Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, I.P.M., then said the gavel had been placed in his hands, and it gave him very great pleasure to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He was certain it would be received with the enthusiasm which it well deserved. All who had watched Bro. Bell's career would be well pleased to see him occupy the honourable position which he now did, and every one must wish that he might long bespiced to adorn the Order to which he belonged. The W.M. said he could hardly find words to express the gratitude he felt for the eulogistic manner in which his health had been proposed, and the enthusiastic manner in which it had been responded to. If his humble efforts during his year of office could in any way justify their good opinion he would use them to the utmost. His endeavour would be to further the best interests of the lodge, and promote the harmony and good fellowship of every member. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. next gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," to which Bro. Rothwell responded. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. Marson, P.M., and Bro. Evans, P.M., the latter also acknowledging "The Installing Master." "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. T. Horne, S.W., and "The Newly Initiated Brethren" and "The Visitors" by Bro. Bromley and Bro. C. Leighton, P.M. 1325, respectively. The pleasant proceedings, which closed with the "Tyler's Toast," were greatly enlivened by capital songs given by Bros. Roberts, Veale, Maxwell, and others. The annual picnic of the members of the lodge took place on the following day (Thursday), and proved, as usual, one of the most pleasant and enjoyable Masonic "outs" of the season. The weather in the early part of morning was very threatening, but fortunately, although there was little or no sunshine to give brightness to the run into the country, the rain kept off the whole of the day. Arrangements were made with the "Cheshire Lines" for the conveyance of the party to Knutsford, the scene of the day's festivities, and a little before eleven o'clock about 160 started by "special" from the Central Station. The railway arrangements were admirable, and were in striking contrast to those of the Lancashire and Yorkshire a few weeks ago. On arriving at their destination, the large party at once proceeded to the Royal George, where an excellent banquet was served to the travellers, as dining under canvas outside was out of the question, owing to the wet grass. After doing

full justice to the "creature comforts," the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. in happy terms and cordially responded to. Bro. Rothwell, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and referred to the popularity which he enjoyed and the support which he was sure to get during his year of office. Bro. Bell, W.M., in response, thanked the ladies and brethren for the enthusiasm of their reception of the toast, and assured them that he would endeavour to earn their good opinion by his future conduct. The W.M. then presented a very massive P.M.'s jewel, set with three splendid diamonds to Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem of the De Grey and Ripon members. Bro. Rothwell acknowledged the gift in sensible terms. The W.M. then gave "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. Horne, S.W., and Bro. Nickson, J.W., responded, "The Ladies," given by Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M., was responded to by Bro. Thorn, P.M. 1182. The large party then "made tracts" for viewing some of the "lions" of Knutsford, and they were considerably assisted in their sight-seeing by an admirably executed sketch of the chief points of interest, which had been kindly prepared by Bro. P.M. Marson. The "guide" was so full of interesting points as to be worth quoting in extenso. Bro. Marson says—Knutsford is so celebrated and important a little town, as to be considered by many the "capital" of North Cheshire. It possesses a handsome and convenient railway station, and the entrance into the town by the Governor's House, and Town Hall, is both striking and pleasing to the eye. Here, on the 18th October, 1832, stayed the Princess Victoria and the Duchess of Kent (the present Queen and her mother) whilst journeying from Chester to Chatsworth, and it was then that the name of the "George and Dragon Hotel" was altered to the "Royal George," which it now bears, to commemorate in some measure that never-to-be-forgotten visit. To our lady friends it may be especially interesting to know that, whenever a wedding of more than ordinary importance takes place in this good old town, it is usual for every householder to work upon the ground in front of his dwelling some pretty complimentary device or motto, in coloured sands, selected for that purpose, so that the streets and roadways may present one continuous fretwork. Pleasant walks abound in this beautiful part of Cheshire, and perhaps one of the most interesting in the immediate neighbourhood is through the fields to the site of the Old Church, the antiquity of which may be best judged from the fact that the Tower was rebuilt in the reign of King Henry VIII., and in the graveyard will be found the ancient burial-place of the Leghs of Norbury Booths, who were its patrons. Many handsome and palatial residences lay within easy access of the town. Amongst the chief of them may be mentioned—Toft Hall, with its stately avenue of Elms stretching out in triple rows, one mile to the south of Knutsford; Over-Peover Hall, about three miles distant also to the south; Tabley, about a mile to the westward, all of which possess noble parks, and last, although by no means least, Tatton Hall, the seat of Lord Egerton, with its magnificent gardens and grounds. This park, the use of which his lordship kindly offered to the members of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge for the purpose of holding their annual picnic, is only some few minutes' walk from the railway station; it is upwards of ten miles in circumference, and contains nearly 2200 acres of land, about 400 of which are covered by woods and plantations, whilst nearly 80 are by water. The committee earnestly hoped in selecting this spot for an excursion that those ladies and brethren who avail themselves of this opportunity may derive as much pleasure from the trip as they feel Lord Egerton, himself experiences in offering his grounds for their use and recreation. They also beg to mention that Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. of Cheshire, has kindly forwarded to Bro. Josh. Bell, the W.M. elect of 1356, a card of admission for himself and party to visit the Chapel Grounds, and Old Hall at Nether Tabley, upon the 15th instant, which are well worthy of inspection. The party fully availed themselves of the opportunities afforded of visiting the charming sights, and a most delightful afternoon was spent. Tea having been provided for the ladies, and dancing kept up with spirit for a short time in the ball-room of the hotel, the party started on the "return voyage" at a quarter to nine o'clock, reaching Liverpool about 10.30.

SOUTHALL.—ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).—On Tuesday, June 29th, the installation meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall. Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary, opened the lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The all important event of the meeting was instantly proceeded with, which was the installation of Bro. Charles Horsley, P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex, P.M. of numerous lodges, the well-known popular and highly esteemed brother, who had, at a previous meeting been unanimously elected to the Solomon chair. He being presented by a distinguished P.M. as W.M. to Bro. F. Walters, that old veteran, in a painstaking, earnest manner, duly installed Bro. C. Horsley, W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. C. A. Ferrier, S.W.; C. G. Rushworth, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. Treasurer; H. Kenward, Secretary; J. W. George, S.D.; C. G. C. Stalu, J.D.; W. H. Butterfield, I.G.; H. E. A. D'Arcy, D.C.; J. A. Murray, W.S.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. The customary addresses were then delivered. Bro. C. Horsley, although suffering from ill-health, in a masterly manner cleared off some of the large amount of work which was on the agenda paper. He initiated Mr. Carl Waldemer Sjöberg into Freemasonry; passed Bros. Revd. T. W. Cave, J. Scott, and E. J. Tickner to the Second Degree, and raised Bros. Revd. J. Morgan and E. Madders to the Third Degree. The work was beautifully and impressively rendered. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. F. Walters, P.G.R. Middlesex, P.M. Treasurer, for his many services rendered to the lodge as its founder, P.M., and Secretary, and

the same to be entered on the lodge minute book. Bro. F. Walters, in returning thanks for this kind vote, improved the opportunity by appealing as their Steward for the Boys' School, for aid to the funds of that Institution. He stated his list to be sixty guineas. Bro. C. G. Rushworth, J.W., was elected Steward for the Benevolent in 1876. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Banquet and dessert followed. The long list of visitors included Bros. H. Keeble, P.M., 1275-73; James Robins, 452; J. C. Allen, 4; Major Shadwell Clarke, P.M., 1383, &c.; George Clarke, P.P.G.S.W. Devon, P.M., 263; A. Stead, 1297; H. Young, P.G.S., P.M., 60, &c. &c.

NEWTON ABBOT.—MORNING STAR LODGE (No. 1396).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Room on Monday, the 12th July. The chair was taken by Bro. Francis J. Pratt, W.M., who was supported by the following brethren:—W. E. Lambie, I.P.M.; W. R. King, acting S.W.; T. B. Purnell, J.W.; J. J. Drake, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Uglov, Sec.; W. L. Pope, D. D. Chaplain, P.P.G.C.; W. B. Vennings, Steward; James Barkell, I.G.; A. Williams, Wm. Taylor, J. Weeks, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. Thomas Taylor, P.M. 318, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Stroud Short, P.M. 1443. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Proposed by Bro. J. J. Drake, P.M., and seconded by the W.M., that Bro. William Lambie, P.M., be requested to act again as Almoner of the lodge for the year ensuing. Proposed by Bro. J. J. Drake, P.M., and seconded by Bro. W. E. Lambie, I.P.M., that the W.M. be appointed to act as representative of the lodge at the Committee of Petitions. In pursuance of notice, a motion given by Bro. J. J. Drake, P.M., which was supported by the W.M., the sum of ten guineas was agreed to be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Orphan Boys. Several minor matters were discussed, which terminated the business. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form with solemn prayer.

Royal Arch.

HAMPTON.—LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 1326).—The election and installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street, Hampton, on Saturday, July, 17th. The chapter was opened by Comps. F. Walters, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; S. Wickens, H.; W. Hammond, J. The minutes, ballots, and all the elections of officers were unanimous. Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., exalted W. Mitchell, 1326. He installed S. Wickens, M.E.Z., inducted W. Hammond, H.; and H. A. Dubois, J. The officers are J. Hammond, Treas.; F. Walters, S.E.; E. Hopwood, S.N.; E. Gilbert, P.S.; Rev. P.M. Holden, First A.S. and Chaplain; W. Mitchell, Second A.S.; J. Wallis, D.C.; H. Potter, W.S. A ten guinea P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted from the chapter funds to Comp. J. T. Moss, I.P.Z., for his services rendered to the chapter. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation. The chapter was closed. Banquet and dessert followed. The visitors were Comps. W. Smeed, P.Z.; R. Watts, P.Z.; F. Binckes, P.Z.; J. Terry, P.Z.; R. W. Williams, H. J. Green, and others.

Mark Masonry.

IPSWICH.—ALBERT VICTOR LODGE.—A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, the 12th inst. Present—Bros. Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G. Chap.; C. T. Townsend, P.G.D.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Insp. of Wks., acting J.O.; George Creswell, W.M.; Geo. Abbott, S.W.; W. Clarke, J.W.; J. Rankin, M.O.; E. J. Robertson, P.M., acting S.O.; W. T. Westgate, P.M., M.C., &c. The ballot having been taken, and proving unanimous in their favour, Bros. Oliver Cromwell Diaper, of the St. Luke's Lodge; J. Ernie, of the Prince of Wales; and Henry Edwards, of the British Union Lodge, were introduced under the able guidance of Bro. Westgate, and were severally obligated, and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the ceremonies being performed with great ability by Bro. Sanderson, without doubt the ablest Mason in Suffolk. The lodge having been closed, the brethren retired to supper, when one of the pleasantest evenings we have known was spent, interspersed as the toasts were by song and recitation, in which Bro. Abbott, by the way, excelled himself as a vocalist. We have rarely heard a more beautiful tenor voice than his, and the rendering of "Oft in the still night" and the "Irish Emigrant" was really a treat. The Masons of Ipswich boast some very good singers—but none who can excel our talented brother. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Newly Advanced Brethren," remarked that he understood that one of them, Bro. Edwards, was about to emigrate to Australia, and he wished him a pleasant voyage, and prosperity at the end of it. The brethren all returned thanks, and spoke very highly of the ceremony they had gone through, and Bro. Edwards cordially expressed his acknowledgments of the W.M.'s good wishes. The officers wore, for the first time, the handsome new collars, presented by several brethren, which came from the manufactory of Bro. George Kenning, and were very much admired.

HAVANT.—CARNARVON LODGE (No. 62).—The above lodge met on Tuesday, the 20th July last, at the Town Hall. Bros. T. U. Price, W.M.; J. N. Hillman, S.W.; J. Harrison, J.W.; H. R. Trigg, P.M., Sec., and Purnell, P.M.; Clarke, and Lemmon. Bro. C. H. Liddell, was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. Bro. P.M. Hillman then brought on his motion, of which he had given notice at the previous lodge, "That this lodge exceedingly regrets that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters should be a party to a treaty for expelling its own members who may belong to Masonic Degrees that may not be approved of by the other parties to the treaty," but after some discussion, and several of the brethren being compelled to

leave by train, the further consideration of the matter was postponed till the next lodge meeting.

Royal Order of Scotland.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.
The following is the complete list of the Provincial Grand Officers invested at the meeting on the 5th July, at Manchester:—
W. Romaine Callender, M.P. Prov. G. Master.
C. Fitzgerald Matier D. Prov. G.M.
John Sutcliffe Prov. G.S.W.
Thos. Perkinson Prov. G.J.W.
John Chadwick Prov. G. Sec.
John Duffield (re-elected) Prov. G. Treas.
Capt. W. O. Walker Prov. G.S.B.
Capt. J. Watson Prov. G.B.B.
R. McDowell Smith Prov. G. Mar.
George Higgins Prov. G. Dep. Mar.
James E. Hall Prov. G. Steward
Johannes Hoffgaard Prov. G.G.
Two candidates were received into the Order, Bros. Lees and W. Marwood, who were afterwards promoted to the Knighthood of R.S.Y.C.S.

The ceremony was exceedingly well rendered by Bro. Matier, D.P.G.M., and the retiring Wardens, Bros. Brockbank and Entwisle, assisted by Bros. Smith and Hall.

After the ceremony, the Knights Companions dined together under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

RUNCORN.—ELLSMERE LODGE (No. 758).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, on Wednesday, July 14th. The officers present were Bros. Robert Rigby, W.M.; Edward Aston, S.W.; James Warburton, J.W.; William Garnet, S.D.; Charles Gerrard, J.D.; J. Fothergill, P.M.; William Wass, I.G.; George Purver, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form at 6.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, when the W.M. informed the members that Bro. Giles was a candidate for being raised, who, after giving satisfactory proofs of his efficiency in the former degrees, was entrusted and retired. During his absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, after which Bro. Giles was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a manner reflecting the highest possible credit on the W.M. The working tools, as well as the tracing board, were also lucidly explained by him, and the charge delivered with effect and impression. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree, when the W.M. informed the brethren that Mr. Couth was a candidate for initiation. The ballot was taken and was unanimously accepted. The ceremony was performed with the usual ability. Other important business being done, the lodge closed at 9 o'clock.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—WALTON CONCLAVE (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held in St. Lawrence's School-room, Kirkdale, on Monday, the 12th inst. The conclave was opened in imperial and solemn form by Em. Sir Knt. Jesse Banning, M.P.S. The minutes of the last convocation being read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Bro. Walter Milner, which proving in his favour, and he being presented, was duly installed as a Knight of this illustrious Order. Em. Sir Knt. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, V.E., was unanimously elected as M.P.S.; Sir Knt. W. Quayle, as V.E.; and Em. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, P.S., as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The M.P.S. then, on behalf of the conclave, presented an elegant Past Sovereign's jewel to Em. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, as a testimonial of their esteem, and for his untiring energy and zeal for the welfare of the conclave. The conclave was then closed, and a sanctuary of the K.H.S. was solemnly opened by the Right Rev. Prelate, Em. Sir Knt. Jesse Banning, Prov. Grand G.S.V., West Lancashire; Em. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, Prov. Grand T.B., W.L., Prior; Sir Knt. Quayle, Pro. Grand H., Senl; Sir Knt. Rev. Dr. Hyde, Sub. P.; Sir Knt. Hanmer, C. of Gds. The following approved candidates being in attendance, were duly received as Knights of this most interesting degree, the ceremonies being most efficiently rendered by the several officers—Sir Knts. Henry Gribbin, John Armstrong, Walter Milner, and Michael Williamson—they being the first candidates admitted since the Patriarchal Council of the Order visited this province.

Scotland.

PERTH DISTRICT GRAND LODGE (EAST).

By appointment with Lord Kinnaird, a deputation from Socon and Perth No. 3, St. Andrew's No. 74, and Royal Arch No. 122, met his lordship, who is Grand Master of the district, at the Salutation Hotel, on the 1st inst., to consult as to the propriety of resuscitating the lodge, which has been in abeyance for several years. Some supervision by officers appointed for that purpose, in order to revise the work of the various lodges, and to stimulate officers of lodges to a better style of work, was felt for a long time to be much needed. The following officers were nominated by the R.W. Grand Master. Bros. Morrison, of Murie, Depute G.M.; Dr. Wm. Cowen, of Perth, Substitute G.M.; Rev. Bro. Carmichael, of Perth, G. Chaplain; Sir P. Murray Thrieland, of Fingask, S.G.W.; Colonel Williamson, of Lawers, J.G.W.; Bro. R. Mitchell, of Perth, Secretary. It was intimated to the brethren by the R.W.G.M., that as soon as he had heard from several of those so nominated of their acceptance of office, he would summon the lodge together to elect the remaining officers and transact other business. The brethren then separated.

PERTH.—SOCON AND PERTH (No. 3).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at their hall, in the High-street, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 8 p.m., the R.W.M., Bro. Chalmers, presiding. Mr. Cockerell, commercial traveller, who was proposed and approved in open lodge, was prepared as a candidate for the First Degree. The R.W.M. then asked Bro. Dr. W. Cowan to take the chair and confer the Entered Apprentice Degree upon the candidate. This Bro. Cowan did in a very impressive and effective manner. There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony by the R.W.M. at 9.40 p.m.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 14th inst., at eight o'clock. Bro. D. Butler, R.W.M., took the chair, supported by his Wardens and other office-bearers. The attendance of members and visiting brethren was exceedingly good. The minutes of the previous meeting were postponed till the next meeting, on account of the absence of the Secretary. Two applications for admittance into Freemasonry were read, one from Mr. John McEwin, jun., proposed by Bro. John Scott, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. McEwin, sen.; the other from Mr. Kyle, proposed by Bro. R. Paton, seconded by Bro. John Scott. The R.W.M. said he thought the well-known names of the proposers and seconders of the candidates was a sufficient guarantee of the character of the gentlemen proposed as candidates; if, therefore, it was agreeable to the members of the lodge, he would in this case dispense with the delay of the ballot. This was unanimously agreed to. The R.W.M. paid a high compliment to Bro. McEwin, as a brother who had done good service to Masonry, whose son was one of the candidates for admittance into Freemasonry that night. To join St. Mungo Lodge was his own desire, and his father, of whom he was now speaking, had gratified his desire by introducing him to them. He had for some time back been expecting to have a visit from Bro. McEwin, and as he was with them to-night, he took the opportunity of proposing him as an honorary member of St. Mungo Lodge, in recognition of his services to the Craft. This was supported by the S.W., who also spoke in high terms of Bro. McEwin's usefulness. This was received with great pleasure by the members of the lodge, Bro. McEwin stepping to the altar and receiving the usual obligation from Bro. Bain, P.M., Lodge Union and Crown, who officiated for the R.W.M. The candidates were then prepared, and received the First Degree, Bro. John Scott, P.M., officiating in a clear and impressive manner. There being no further business before the lodge, and the night being but "young" as yet, the lodge was called from labour to refreshment, when an exceedingly pleasant time was spent, amidst song, sentiment, and compliment, after which the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

PERTH.—ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 74).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting in the Royal George Hotel, on the evening of Tuesday, the 6th inst., at 8 p.m. After the transaction of the usual monthly business, the R.W.P.M., Bro. John Young, who held the Hiram, formed a lodge of instruction. A candidate was prepared, and the Entered Apprentice Degree was given by the R.W.P.M., who was very well supported by his officers, who did their share of the work in a most creditable manner. The officers and members of this lodge have taken in hand in a most enthusiastic manner the work of instruction. It is intended that this work shall be carried out in a systematic manner, with all the degrees of Craft Masonry, and if this is done perseveringly and persistently there can be no reason to doubt, from the manner in which the first attempt at this has been affected, that the lodge will in a short time be second to none in Perth or even in Scotland. After labour the lodge was called to refreshment, when a few pleasant minutes were spent in general conversation. The lodge was then called again to labour, and closed in peace and harmony at 10.30 p.m.

PERTH.—ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 122).—Festival of St. John.—The brethren of this lodge, to the number of about forty, met in their hall on the 24th ult., to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist. Bro. George Hutton, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Thompson, P.M.; James McDuff, Depute Master; David Morrison, Substitute Master; and the Chaplain of the Lodge (the Rev. David Winter, M.A.). After the brethren had partaken of an elegant repast the lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of affiliating a visiting brother having been gone through, the brethren were called from labour to refreshment, when several toasts were drunk. In the course of the evening the Chaplain delivered an eloquent address on "Brotherly Help." The evening's entertainment was much enhanced by the rendering of some fine songs by Bros. J. Thompson, Menzies, Conacher, &c. A recitation by Sergeant Major Davidson was also much admired. Altogether, a very happy evening was spent. The viands and liquors were supplied by Bro. R. Wilson, of the Restaurant, St. John-street, and were worthy of the fame of that well-known establishment.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178) met in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 14th inst., for the dispatch of business. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. Joseph Singleton, Bro. Mathison, P.M., took the chair, assisted by the Wardens and other office-bearers. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were two gentlemen proposed for initiation into Freemasonry. The first, Mr. M. Sweeney, proposed by Bro. R. Sweeney, and seconded by Bro. J. Mathison, P.M.; the second, Mr. James Aitken, proposed by Bro. Kellen, seconded by Bro. Singleton. The ballot was found clear, and they received the First Degree, Bro. I. Mathison, P.M., officiating. The subject of new clothing for the lodge was then taken up. Samples of office-bearers' and ordinary clothing, &c., were shown from the establishment of Bro. George Kenning, which were much admired.

The office-bearers were authorised to procure what amount of clothing they might think necessary either from Bro. Kenning, or elsewhere, as they thought best. It was then agreed that in future the meetings of the lodge should be held twice in the month instead of once, as at present. The arrangements for the annual excursion were then entered into, three different places being mentioned, viz., Campsie Glen, Inverkip, and Bowling. Campsie Glen was fixed as the place of resort, and the day will be the first Wednesday after the August meeting of the lodge. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when four brothers were made F.C. of the Order, Bro. Muir, D.M., Lodge Union and Crown, officiating. The lodge being raised to the M.M. degree, four brethren of the lodge and two of Lodge Glasgow, Kilwinning No. 4, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. Muir again officiating. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Muir for his able services brought the business to an end, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

JOHNSTONE.—**LODGE HOUSTON ST. JOHNSTONE (No. 242).**—The members of this lodge met together on the evening of the 8th inst., in their lodge-room, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone, the object being to pay a mark of respect to Bro. J. F. Donald, P.M., of the lodge. A large company sat down to supper. The chair was filled by Bro. Guy, R.W.M., supported by Bros. A. Bailie Jeffray, J. Love, J. Baird, Bailie Weems, F. Goodwin, and Dr. Berry. Bros. R. Leckie, S.W., and G. Matheson, J.W., occupied the Croupiers' chairs. Besides the members belonging to the Houston St. Johnstone Lodge, the sister lodges in the province were well represented, also a number of the sister lodges from Glasgow province. On the removal of the cloth, the chairman gave the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts, which were received in the warm-hearted manner which characterises the Craft. Bro. Leckie gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrew East." Bro. O. McGregor, in a few well chosen sentences, responded to the toast. The chairman then came to the special business of the evening, viz., the presentation of a very handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Donald; this duty, Bro. Guy performed with good taste and judgment. He referred to the private character of Bro. Donald in the most kindly terms, and said that his connection with, and services to the lodge had been conspicuous not only by great ability, and an earnestness to secure and maintain its prosperity, but by a display of kind sympathy with the feelings of those over whom he ruled that made it a pleasure to all associated with him. In discharging the difficult duties of the office of R.W.M., his rule was marked with firmness, and a charitable purity of intention, that would long be remembered by the members of the lodge. Bro. Guy then fixed the jewel on Bro. Donald's breast, and said:—Do not look upon this for its intrinsic value, but as a mark of the expression of kind feelings of the members of the lodge towards you, and of their appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered them, and their heart-felt wish was that you may be long spared to wear that jewel and enjoy peace, plenty, and comfort. Bro. Donald returned thanks in a neat and feeling manner. (Bro. Donald's father held the same position in the lodge before him.) A few more toasts followed, which brought to a close a most agreeably spent evening at a timely hour.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 12th inst., at 7 o'clock p.m. The chair was taken by the R.W.M., Bro. J. Shaw, supported by Bro. J. M. Stafford, S.W.; Bro. Ferguson, J.W., and other office-bearers. The attendance of members was good, and the lodge being promptly opened was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. R. Kean, F. Menigal, W. Colquhoun, and Capt. Bonness having satisfactorily passed an examination, were obligated in this degree. The lodge was further raised, when the same brothers were entrusted with the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., Lodge Clydesdale No. 556, officiating in both degrees. Bro. Phillips's style of working showed much cleverness, and was greatly admired. After a hearty vote of thanks was given to him for the favour he had done the Lodge Caledonian Railway, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102)** held their regular monthly meeting in their lodge room, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock prompt. Bro. J. Mitchell, R.W.M., presided; Bros. F. Kerr, S.W.; J. Renton, J.W.; Thos. Halket, P.M.; A. C. Gray, D.M.; A. Paterson, Treas.; John Smith, Sec., and others. The meeting was well attended considering the season of the year. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, when the report of the committee in charge of the last festival was received in a satisfactory way. There was no pressing business before the meeting, and the lodge was accordingly closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ATHOL (No. 413).**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 13th inst., at 8 o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Wallace, the R.W.M., Bro. John Millar, P.M. presided. J. McInnes, S.W.; J. Boyd, J.W.; J. Louttit, D.M.; and other office-bearers and a good meeting of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. An application for initiation into Freemasonry was brought before the lodge by the acting R.W.M. from Mr. W. Lauder, who was proposed and seconded by Bros. Wm. Lockie and John Baikie. All present being satisfied, the initiation ceremony was given by Bro. Millar, P.M. This completed the business before the lodge, and it was closed in usual and ancient form.

Bro. Captain Boyton has made an offer to M^{de}. la Maré-chaie de MacMahon, which has been accepted, to visit Paris about the 16th of August, and give experiments with his life-saving dress, in aid of the Inundation Fund.

Ireland.

MASONIC FESTIVITY IN DUBLIN.

THE MASONIC LODGE (No. 75) held their usual summer picnic on Monday July, 12th, at the Powerscourt Waterfall. The sun seldom shone on a more propitious day, and the arrangements for the excursion were most satisfactory and complete. A goodly company, numbering about seventy, exchanged friendly and fraternal greetings. Having spent a considerable time in admiring the beautiful scenery, they returned to that commodious hotel at Enniskerry, known as the Leinster Arms, where Mr. Miller, the proprietor, whose exertions for the general enjoyment were indefatigable, had prepared a splendid dinner. The wines were fully appreciated, they being excellent in quality. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, and several excellent songs sung with good effect, the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. Robertson, proposed "The Health of Bro. Andrew Fitzpatrick," their Treasurer, after which the lodge presented him with a very handsome and elegantly-finished gold lever watch. Bro. Fitzpatrick in reply, made a very suitable speech, which was received with many demonstrations of applause. A vote of thanks having been proposed to Bro. Miller for the highly satisfactory manner in which he carried out the dinner arrangements, the company returned to town, having spent an agreeable day.

A MASONIC SWINDLER.—At Cork, Louis Desand Des-tramy was brought up at the police-office, on remand, charged with receiving money under false pretences. Mr. Henry S. Noblett deposed that in May last prisoner called at Masonic Lodge No. 1 and represented that he had been Surgeon-Major in the French army, through the Algerian, Crimean, and witness did not remember how many other campaigns; that being a native of Alsace when that province was annexed to Germany he proved obnoxious to the Prussians, being a patriot, or, as witness jokingly suggested to him, a Fenian of that place; that coming home in a carriage with his wife one day he was met by Prussian soldiers, who imprisoned him for two years in Stittin; that he was then taken away and landed at Queenstown without a farthing in his pocket; he represented himself as very poor; he proved to be a Mason, and they collected £6 for him. Witness credited his story, and was enthusiastic about him, and it was on his appeal that money was collected for the prisoner. Mr. James Barry deposed to a grant of £2 being given out of the lodge to prisoner. Mrs. Bell, of the Crown Hotel, proved that prisoner came to lodge at her place on the 2nd of May, and represented that he had been imprisoned in underground cells and treated very badly; he represented that he was limited to £700 to spend till September; one night he gave her a very hospitable invitation to go out for a drive in Dr. Tanner's trap on Sunday (great laughter); he ordered his patent boots to be done with cream, and left next day to bring his wardrobe, but never returned; he owed about 11s. The Mayor said it appeared he started on May 3rd with a bed, and wound up on the 6th with a Welsh rabbit for a 1s. (laughter.) The witness's husband proved having given credit to prisoner on the representation that he was a Mason and a gentleman; he stated to witness that he was sent to America to learn his profession during the war; witness, who was engaged in that war, found his knowledge of America accurate. Thomas Wilkinson proved that prisoner put up in his house at Queenstown, and stated that he had seven hundred pounds in the Provincial Bank; he told him on one occasion to get a champagne dinner ready, as he was going to have the Mayor of Cork and several doctors to dinner with him; witness understood the Mayor had given him money; when they found he was an impostor his son turned him out. The Mayor announced that the bench committed prisoner for trial principally in consequence of the representation that he had seven hundred pounds in the Provincial Bank, which was proved by a bank official to be false.—*Freeman's Journal*.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the paper of business to be transacted in Grand Chapter next Wednesday evening:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The report of the Committee for General Purposes to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

"The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st April, 1875, to the 21st July, 1875, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance 21st April	£810	1	6
" Subsequent Receipts.....	273	19	9
	£1,084	1	5

By Purchase of £500 Consols at 94 and Commission	£470	12	6
" Disbursements during the Quarter	158	9	8
" Balance	308	0	2
" " in Unappropriated Account.....	146	18	11
	£1,084	1	3

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Perceval, and Co., bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

"The committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

"From Companions Thomas Ward as Z., James McIntyre as H., Arthur John Randall as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, King William's Town, Cape of Good Hope, to be called "The St. George's Chapter," and to meet at King William's Town, South Africa.

"From Companions the Rev. Robert Bowden as Z., Frederick Duffy Bewes as H., Philip Dameral Micherel, Jas.

and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, Newton Abbot, to be called "The Devon Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot, in the county of Devon.

"From Companions George Davenport Pochin as Z., Carl Johann Wilhelm Gotz as H., Joseph Mackie as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Architect Lodge, No. 1375, Didsbury, to be called "The Architect Chapter," and to meet at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, in the county of Lancaster.

"From Companions William Green Brighten as Z., Charles Hammerton as H., Charles Henry Benham as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, Tulse Hill, to be called "The Stockwell Chapter," and to meet at the Swan Hotel, Bedford.

"From Companions Alexander Lodwick Irvine as Z., George Waterall as H., Samuel Harford Wagstaff as J., and ten others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, Camberwell, to be called "The Macdonald Chapter," and to meet at the Head Quarters of the 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifle Corps, Flodden Road, Camberwell.

"From Companions William Wells as Z., Butler Wilkins as H., Frank George Buckle as J., and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to St. Peter's Lodge, No. 422, Peterborough, to be called "The St. Peter's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, in the County of Northampton.

"From Companions James Dickeson Terson as Z., Edward Wickens Fry as H., William John Adcock as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, Dover, to be called "The Peace and Harmony Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dover, in the County of Kent.

"The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular the committee recommend, that the Prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN SAVAGE, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

21st, July, 1875.

From the above it will be seen that there is a growing desire to enter the ranks of the Royal Arch.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Right Hon. George Ward Hunt, M.P., was prevented from delivering the prizes at the Royal Naval School on Tuesday last, in consequence of his having to take charge of the Agricultural Holdings Bill, at the morning sitting of the House of Commons.

The total amount collected at the Mansion House, in aid of the French Inundation Fund, now exceeds £22,000.

The Supreme Council of England has sent £20, through the Supreme Council of France, in aid of the Inundation Fund.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—Presentation of Chairs by the Baroness Burdett Coutts.—A full report of the above will appear in our next.

A petition to wind up the Borough of Hackney Public and Masonic Hall Company (Limited) has been presented to the Court of Chancery.

The *Liverpool Mercury*, of Tuesday last, reports the capture of another baby shark, having two rows of teeth and of the blue species, in the Mersey.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., and the Marquis of Salisbury have been elected governors of Wellington College to fill the vacancies on the list.

The Brethren in Smyrna, Turkey, celebrated the election of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. of England, by holding a special meeting, at which congratulatory addresses were delivered in the Italian, French, Turkish, American and Greek languages, and, after a delightful evening, the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

The Grand Orient of Portugal has 48 lodges affiliated with it, some of which are located in Portugal and others in Spain.

Bro. the Viscount Rio-Branco, Minister of State of Brazil, has been re-elected Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Lavradio.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Benjamin Head, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. A. Dubois, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, H. W. Hemsworth, Thomas J. Sabine, John Boyd, H. M. Levy, H. H. Diaper, W. F. C. Moutrie, A. H. Tattershall, J. A. Tucker, Thomas F. Peacock, F. Binckes, Joshua Nunn, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little (Secretary).

After the minutes had been read, and authority had been given to the chairman to sign cheques for bills, the brethren passed a resolution to invest £3000 in three per cents., as recommended by the House Committee. They afterwards accepted two petitions that had been presented for placing candidates on list for election in October. An application for admission by purchase was refused. Notice was given by Bro. Head for motion to increase the salary of Miss Moss. The committee then adjourned.

JULY 31, 1875.

CONSECRATION OF THE LIVERPOOL LODGE.

The most notable addition to the already long list of lodges in the division of West Lancashire (of which the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, is the P.G.M.) took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when "The Liverpool Lodge" of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1547, was duly consecrated. The new lodge starts with all the elements of success, and there is no doubt that it will occupy one of the first places in the list of "locals." The brethren identified with the petition for consecration are well known in connection with West Lancashire Masonry, and the new lodge emanates from one (the Everton, No. 823) which, while giving birth to another son, will in no way suffer from the severance of the family ties. The greatest cordiality now prevails between the child and its mother, and there is no doubt that the latest addition to the list of lodges in West Lancashire will do credit to the author of its existence. The principal officers have been well tried and found trusty Masons, and therefore "The Liverpool" starts with all the impressment and vitality of a lodge which ought to make good progress.

The ceremony of consecration was fixed for three o'clock on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, where there was a very large and most influential gathering of brethren from various parts of the province.

The following brethren were present at the consecration: Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; W. Doyle, P.G.S.D.; J. W. Turley, P.G.J.D.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Wilson, P.G.S.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; the Rev. G. H. Vernon, M.A., P.P.G.C.; the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C.; Joseph Sheaf, P.G. Org.; J. Banning, P.P.G.O.; W. and C.; G. Owen, P.G.S. of W.; John Lunt, P.G.S.; the Rev. J. Hinton Black, P.P.G.C., North Wales and Salop; W. H. Ball, P.G. Tyler; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249, &c.; T. G. Bark, W.M. 1380; R. Brown, W.M. 241 (Hon. Sec. of the W.L.M.E.I.); W. Wilson, J.W. 823; W. Archer, P.M., W.M. 1086; W. Mossop, P.M. 1250; W. Cottrell, W.M. 823; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; W. Boulton, P.M. 823; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; H. Williams, P.M. 249, 1264; J. Pemberton, 1276; P.M. 1264; W. Sephton, P.M. 1086; J. Day, W.M. 1013; J. D. Crawford, W.M. 680; H. P. Price, W.M. 249; E. Gale, W.M. 178; H. Wyatt, W.M. 1473; J. Higginbotham, P.M. 317; H. Ashmore, W.M. 1325; P. B. Gee, P.M., W.M. 1264; Alderman Dr. J. Stopford Taylor, P.M. 823; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; S. Haynes, P.M. 823, 241; Henry Nelson, P.M. 673; W.M. 1505; H. Jackson, W.M. 1393; T. Shaw, S.W. 823; W. Jones, P.M. 220, W.M. 1299; J. Kenyon, P.M. 1013; W. B. Caw, W.M. 786; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1505; R. Bennett, S.W. 1299; J. Houlding, Sec. 823; J. E. Jackson, S.W. 667; J. Ellis, Sec. 667; J. Capell, S.D. 1299, P.C. 1505; W. Marshall, 667; J. Marshall, 823; J. W. Cave-Browne-Cave, 823; R. Warriner, 823; E. Walker, 823; E. Morgan, 823; W. H. Hignett, 1356; — Slack, P.M. 910, West Yorkshire; Councillor J. A. Forrest, 823; W. Ladyman, 667; C. J. Caddock, 823; F. W. Oglesby, 823; R. Foote, 1505; C. Fothergill, 1264; Charles Birchall, 823; C. W. Reid, 1086; J. Sharpe, 1473; J. C. Maguire, 823; Isaac Tyson, 1094; W. Barker, 1380; J. Duncan, jun., 1473; G. W. Chirnside, 1325; J. H. Parker, 823; J. Bentham, 667; H. J. Atkinson, 1505; T. Evans, 1023; J. Queen, 1505; J. Muir, 786; J. B. MacKenzie, 594, 1182, 1356, and others.

After the brethren had assembled in the lodge room, the chair of consecrating officer was taken by Bro. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., who was assisted in the subsequent portion of the ceremony by Bro. R. Wilson, P.G.S.D., and Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.

The solemn ceremony of consecration was very ably performed by Bro. Wylie and his assistants, Bros. Wilson and Alpass, and amongst those brethren who gave help at the chief points were Bro. T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., who bore the corn; Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249, who carried the wine; Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C., to whom was entrusted the oil; and Bro. H. S. Alpass, who carried the salt. The censer was borne by Bro. the Rev. J. M. Morgan, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, West Lancashire, Rural Dean of Aldingham and Vicar of the parish of Dalton-in-Furness. Bro. Morgan, in the course of the ceremony, also delivered the following impressive and practical oration:

Worthy and Worshipful Sir, and Brethren,—

In dedicating this lodge to Freemasonry, which, in passing, I may say has been so happily named "The Liverpool Lodge," one cannot help wondering whether the future of the lodge we are assembled to inaugurate will, in its prosperity and usefulness, prove worthy of the great city after which it is named. We can only hope that, in years hence, it may be distinguished throughout this great province, not only for disseminating the genuine principles of Freemasonry, and for having worthy, learned, and able Masons amongst its members, but for the princely liberality with which it supports and endows those excellent Masonic charities which belong to our Order. Freemasonry is well calculated to excite the sympathy and countenance of the best and worthiest of men of every age; its object is, and ever has been, to cultivate virtue in every shape and form; its antiquity has been demonstrated so frequently, and so ably, by learned brethren of our honoured Craft, who have long since passed away, that it would be presumptuous on the part of so unskilful a Mason as myself to follow in their track. We are told, that in ages long since gone by the effects of our principles were to be seen among men, in deeds of love, amity, and kindness. The basis of the Order is charity, to wipe the tear from the eye of the distressed, to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and to prevent, by anticipation, the wants of the unfortunate. It has been well said, that Freemasonry ought to be esteemed a benefit to the world, uniting as it does in

the strongest ties of friendship and affection all nations of the earth. Its language is as general as that of the eyes; and in all parts of the globe it is understood; by communicative signs it has become peculiarly valuable, and Freemasons possess what the learned have sought in vain, an invaluable cypher for general communication. Masonry has been recognised by the greatest men of all civilized ages. Kings and nobles have been proud to belong to our Order, and at no time has it ever been more prosperous or honoured than at the present. Take our own country as an instance. The head of our Order is the Prince of Wales, the future Sovereign of this mighty empire; the seat of civilization, the home of arts, and, best of all, the sacred asylum for the persecuted and the miserable. Well has the Prince deserved of our Order by his acceptance of the highest office in our gift—that of Grand Master of England. In our loved, respected, and revered and Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and our Provincial Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the cause we hold so dear must prosper and flourish; and why? Because knowledge, energy, and zeal always almost command success. I am but a junior amongst the Grand Officers of the Province, and exclude as a matter of course my own name; but there are Grand Officers and brethren connected with the province of great repute amongst the brethren of the Craft, and held in great and well deserved honour by us all. And if we turn our gaze to the gorgeous East—we may augur well for the progress of Masonry. The presence of our Grand Master in that far off land must give an impetus to the zeal of those excellent brethren under whose care it has so greatly flourished. It will be the prayer of the brethren, that our Royal Grand Master may, by the protection of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, return in safety to his native land.

Worthy and Worshipful Sir, and Brethren,—

Having said thus much about Freemasonry and its objects, I will say a few words on this occasion on that most distinguished of its virtues, Charity, because unless that social virtue is carefully cultivated in lodges it is sometimes liable to die out, and few traces of its existence are to be found in the shape of vice-presidentships and life governorships in our London charities; and so in our own province, some lodges are very conspicuous by their negligence in providing sufficient funds to enable their Worshipful Masters and Wardens to act as vice-presidents and life governors in our West Lancashire Institution, which performs so great and good a work. Charity is not properly engrafted unless accompanied by a great love for our Divine Creator; as a natural consequence, a universal love for humanity follows. Charity exerted on proper objects is one of the greatest pleasures of mankind. Who has not experienced the thrill of pleasure after relieving the sufferings and distress of some afflicted creature? The joy far outstrips any hardship or trouble that the effort has caused. Such being the feelings produced by exercising what our beautiful ceremonies say is the most distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—the exercise of charity—let me exhort the members of this lodge to inculcate this virtue to the uttermost; that they may stand forth as shining lights and patterns to older lodges who have neglected what ought to be so paramount a virtue in every Masonic lodge. Perhaps the consequence of their efforts may be that this rich province may bestir itself to wipe out a stain, which I believe at present belongs to it, of being behind other provinces, less wealthy, in the amount subscribed to the London charities. May the Great Architect of the Universe ever inspire the rulers of this lodge with understanding, with art, science, and virtue, so that its members may become more dignified, refined, and exalted, so that making the volume of the Sacred Law the never erring square to regulate their conduct; the compass within whose circle they may ever walk safely and happily; the infallible plumb line, the criterion of rectitude and truth. Enable them to fill every sphere of life with honour and credit, by bearing in mind and acting up to the principles of the Craft, brotherly love, relief, and truth; as fathers, husbands, friends, prove themselves worthy men, and worthy Masons; an honour to this lodge, and to the profession we all boast. And while through Thy bounty, Thou rich dispenser of every blessing, our cups overflow with plenteousness, and wine and oil delight and cheer our boards, may we never be found wanting in that indispensable Masonic virtue, gratitude. Quicken in us, O Great Eternal and Almighty God, that virtue, charity, so that our hearts may be softened to the cries of woe and distress, which may come to us from every being who bears Thy image, is led by Thy hand, and looks up to Thy Providence for care and protection.

The musical portion of the impressive ceremony was rendered in a most able and artistic manner by Bros. Evans, H. Ashmore, J. Queen, and H. J. Atkinson, under the direction of Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., who accompanied with his usual ability. It may be stated that, besides Bro. R. Wylie, who occupied the chair, there were in the other posts of honour Bros. the Rev. J. Hinton Black, as P.M.; E. Pierpoint, as S.W.; J. W. Tarley, J.W.; R. Wilson, D.C.; W. Doyle, S.D.; G. Owen, J.D.; J. Lunt, I.G. The whole of the ceremony of consecration was exceedingly striking and effective, and many will remember it as the inauguration of a lodge which is sure to prosper.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, Bro. R. Wylie proceeded to instal Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G. Chaplain, W.L., as the First W.M. of the Liverpool Lodge, No. 1547, and it is certain no more popular choice could possibly have been made in connection with the youngest confraternity in the West Lancashire Division. The following were the officers who were invested for the first year's existence of the lodge:—Bros. W. J. Lunt, P.M.; Councillor J. A. Forrest, S.W.; John Marshall, J.W.; J. H. Parker, Hon. Secretary; J. W. C. Browne-Cave, Treasurer; R. Warriner, S.D.; J. Duncan, jun., J.D.; Wm. Ladyman, I.G.; C. McGuire, S.S.; C. J. Caddock, J.S.; E. Walker, Org.; and P. Ball, Tyler. After a number of

propositions for initiation had been made, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a very excellent repast was served. After dessert had been placed on the table, the W.M. proposed "The Queen, the Patroness of our Order," "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Pro. Grand Master of England and the Deputy Grand Master," each of which were proposed in telling terms and responded to with the greatest cordiality. Bro. Goggin, W.M., also proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M.; the Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M.; and the P.G. Officers," and in the course of his remarks he dwelt upon the many high qualities which marked the rule of the P.G.M. and his officers. Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., in reply, said he felt the greatest pleasure in being present at Lord Skelmersdale's appointment as D.G.M., and that pleasure was greatly increased when he saw his lordship's name at the bottom of the warrant of the Liverpool Lodge in the capacity of D.G.M. They were reminded by the M.W.G.M., at his installation, that the watchwords of the order were "Loyalty and Charity," but he could hardly say that in their lodges charity was displayed to the extent in which it ought to be. He personally did not believe in any charity which did not come out of the pockets of the brethren rather than out of the funds of the lodge. He hoped the new lodge would set a bright example to others in the way of pure, personal charity. In response to "The Worshipful Master of the Liverpool Lodge," Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, W.M., delivered an excellent speech, which was received with great cordiality. Bro. Goggin gave "The Consecrating and Installing Officers," to which Bro. R. Wylie responded in an admirable speech, in which he advocated the special claims of the institution for old men. "The Officers of the Liverpool Lodge," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by the S.W. Bro. Councillor Forrest, S.W., gave "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was coupled with the name of Bro. R. Brown, the Hon. Sec. Bro. J. H. Parker, the Hon. Sec. of the lodge, proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and said he wished Bro. Cottrell's name to be associated with it as W.M. of 823, the lodge from which the "Liverpool" had derived its existence. In response Bro. Cottrell, W.M. 823, said,—Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren, I feel myself placed in an awkward position, having been called upon to respond on behalf of the visiting brethren whilst so many eminent Masons are present, but I suppose it is because I occupy the proud position of being the Worshipful Master of the Everton Lodge, which may be considered as the mother of the Lodge of Liverpool. Worshipful Master, my wish is that your lodge may prosper until it becomes such a lodge as the Everton Lodge, a lodge that never turns a case of charity away, a lodge that stands second to none in the province, and yet a lodge that knows how to enjoy itself, for we trust next week to have our annual pic-nic, the ladies being present with us. Worshipful Master, you are surrounded by as good a set of officers as you could well wish. They have been well-trained, and I hope at the end of your year of office it may be said that the Liverpool Lodge has been as well worked as any in the province. On behalf of myself and the visiting brethren, I thank you heartily for your kind invitation and hospitality.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The regular meeting of Lodge Concord No. 757, E.C., was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 19th June, 1875. Present—W. Bros. W. C. Rome, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; Bros. F. Burdett, as S.W.; G. Macdonald, as J.W.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D.; J. E. Tyers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; J. W. Scager, Tyler. Members—Bros. W. E. Craddock, J. H. Burrett, W. W. Wilson, G. F. Cardwell, J. W. Hobbs, C. J. Hall, J. Calderwood, F. H. Lean, J. Middleton, J. Holt, and others. Visitors—W. Bros. W. H. Barrow, A. Mackenzie, J. Butler, C. Tudball, C. Parker, J. Hartley, T. Counsell, J. McDougall, O. Lucas, G. Claridge, and others. The lodge was opened with prayer at 6.50 p.m. The summons conveying the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last meeting of the permanent committee were read and adopted. The ballot was then taken for Bro. William Fearn as a joining member, and announced clear. The ballot was then taken for Mr. William Wilkinson, as a candidate for initiation;—announced duly elected. As the candidate was not present, and there being no work before the lodge, the Worshipful Master gave a lecture on the 1st tracing board in a thorough masterly style, and was warmly applauded. A letter from the D.G.S. in reference to the proposed "Addenda" was then read, and W. Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., explained that the alteration made in the "Addenda" by the Right W. the D.G.M. left us in the same position as is laid down in our present bye-laws and constitutions, hence he (W. Bro. G. R. Henderson) withdrew his proposal as to the said "Addenda." One brother was then proposed as a joining member. One gentleman was then proposed for initiation. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer at 8.50 p.m.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1875.

PLACE AUX DAMES.

A movement has sprung up amongst us, which seems to be taking increased proportions daily, and which must have for Freemasonry many most important consequences one way or the other. We allude to the somewhat novel arrangement of introducing ladies at some of the social gatherings of our Order. It seems that that most benevolent lady, Baroness Burdett Coutts (whose relative, our gallant Bro. Col. Burdett, is the esteemed P.G.M. for Middlesex), is about to present three chairs to the Burdett Coutts Lodge, 1278, named after her, and which interesting proceeding will have taken place when these lines meet the eyes of our readers, but too late, owing to the peremptory condition of our printing requirements, for note or comment editorially, this week. "Taking time," then, as the Irishman once said, "by the firelock," we deem it well to anticipate some of the questions and considerations which may possibly arise out of that genial gathering. For on that occasion it is proposed, we read, that the members should be accompanied by "their ladies," and the lodge itself gives a "déjeuner" to its kindly patroness, and a select circle of male and female friends. Well, we think the movement a good one, a right one, and a praiseworthy one, and one likely to confer eventually much benefit on our Masonic organization. We have often asked ourselves the question, why have we so rigorously excluded ladies from our festive gatherings? And we feel bound to add we have never yet heard a satisfactory reply! Enjoyable as many of our goodly assemblies are, for the purposes of relaxation and refreshment, they would be much more pleasant and lively, we make bold to say, by the admission of our fair sisters. For the appearance of woman at the Masonic festival board would do away at once with a little of our ingrained lordly, and

must we not say Masonic, selfishness. The great difference between man and woman is this—the man is selfish, woman is unselfish—man thinks first of his own enjoyment, and then of others; woman, on the contrary, considers first the happiness of others, and then her own. She is always considerate and unselfish to the last. We should thus lessen the obvious temptation to somewhat of our individual selfishness. We are also of opinion that the refining influence of woman would be very appreciable, and ere long appreciated, at our greater banquets. The days, happily, of immoderate indulgence and hurtful excess are passing rapidly away, but there linger with us all a very material view of things, and a sort of intense and abiding persuasion, that the knife and fork degree is for some of us the "Summum bonum" of life. Woman is, we believe, in herself, even more intellectual than man, and we know of no society where ladies much do congregate which is not superior in taste and tone, in cultivation and refinement, to that from which woman, by some absurd prescription, perhaps of ages, is habitually shut out. In addition the presence of woman would contribute a counterpoise to our Masonic egotism. There is always a tendency amongst us all, on these our "feasts of reason and flow of soul," to say nothing of the flow of cooling liquids and aerated waters, to give way to a process of self-exaltation. We are apt to think a good deal of ourselves, our work, our claims, our merits, and the oftener we meet and the longer we work together, this pleasing self-delusion expands and increases. Hence we sometimes select such gatherings for the unfolding of our personal grievances, because we think we do not receive from our brethren all that we deserve, or because we consider we have a right to expect anything we desiderate, because our Masonic value is A1. Now, woman's presence would save us all from a great deal of this habitual self-assertion, self-laudation, and personal egotism. For our sisters would inevitably by their own kindlier and gentler attractions lighten up many a dull banquet, and enliven many a common-place assembly with that pleasantness of wit which never wounds, and that heartiness of interest which never wearies. It has been objected to Freemasons fairly enough, that though they praise women, as they do habitually, in all the warblings of the Masonic muse, though they ever profess to "adore" the better and softer sex, they manage to keep them at the greatest possible distance from Freemasonry itself. We think that the entire exclusion of ladies has lasted long enough, and that it is for the true welfare of Freemasonry to relax somewhat of the Draco-like security of our rules on this delicate and tender point. But while we say this we would not be misunderstood. We entirely approve of the new movement to introduce our sisters, like the angels "ever bright and fair," on special occasions, and on greater anniversaries. But we could not recommend that our regular private lodge meetings should follow suit, in the monthly gatherings for instance. That is alike undesirable and impossible, and even Bro. Binckes, who has so gallantly stood up for the "rights of women," and has endeavoured at the Boys' School Anniversary to deal in part with what he truly terms a "wide question," will admit, we feel persuaded, that there must be a limit even to so pleasant an innovation on the stereotyped regulations of Freemasonry. Subject to this reserve, we heartily applaud the movement, and we are glad to record the fact. We hail the presence of our sisters amongst us, which is ever one for good, and we welcome that improving and elevating influence of theirs, which tends equally to the civilization and the welfare of man. Within due bounds of moderation and common sense, we feel certain that the occasional appearance of our sisters at the Masonic "symposia" at some great and "alba Dies" of our Order, will work for the personal well-being of us all alike. Of course at present, and for some time to come, such an enlarged basis of our friendly association must be the exception to the rule, but we feel convinced that it is a very opportune reform, and one that will enhance the comfort, the enjoyment, and the happiness of all thinking and loyal Freemasons.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE ALEXANDRA LODGE.

Our issue of last week contained a report of a very interesting meeting for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge denominated the Alexandra Lodge. This new lodge, which numbers 1541, has found a "local habitation and a name" at the Alexandra Palace, and has for its first W.M. our well-known and able brother, J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. Our worthy G.S. was the consecrating officer, and was assisted by Bros. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., and R. W. Little. The ceremonies all seem to have passed over with the greatest success, and to have been performed with much impressiveness. We published last week Bro. R. J. Simpson's energetic and eloquent oration, and we have perused with much gratification the speeches so well delivered by many of our brethren on the occasion. Bro. Parkinson spoke with his customary ability, and we note the effective remarks of Bro. Fenn, and the always valuable observations of Bro. John Hervey. Bro. Parkinson especially well pointed out the true character of Freemasonry, and, in our humble opinion, took exactly the "right line" when he so eloquently demonstrated that Freemasonry can afford to laugh at all assailants and all assaults. We need no bitter retorts and no angry recriminations, we can afford to stand on our professions and our practice, and to challenge boldly all impugnors to prove one futile allegation, or to establish one hasty accusation. Bro. Parkinson tells us, and his authority is considerable in the matter, while rejoicing that the G. Lodge of England has recognised the G. Orient of Rome, that much misconception exists as to the character of Italian Freemasonry, that it is not political, and is rather basing itself on our good old English system. We think such an announcement is matter for sincere rejoicing. We, like Bro. Parkinson, never could understand why Freemasonry proper was not to flourish in Italy, or commend itself to the intellectual, art-loving, cultivated, and tolerant Italian mind. The only fear we had was lest that "bete noire" of foreign politics would intrude itself into Italian Freemasonry. Once free from such a possibility of danger, there is no reason why the Italian Freemasons should not soon occupy a very high "status" in the Masonic world. We may say that we offer to the G. Orient of Rome our fraternal good wishes, and hope that all prosperity may attend Italian Freemasonry, alike in peaceful progress, and in true Masonic labours. We think that we may derive a little moral, if after the manner of Freemasons, from our reports of repeated and largely attended consecrations of new lodges. The recent attacks on Freemasonry have certainly done us no harm, they have, we rather are inclined to think, tended to bind us closer together! Knowing our innocence and assured of our upright intentions we do not fear any opponent, and we utterly disregard the complaints of the ignorant and the censures of the unjust! The principles we advocate, and the truths we inculcate, are those which commend themselves not only to our own minds, but to the minds of our countrymen, and to the sympathies of the age in which our lot is cast. With that spirit and fearlessness which mark our Anglo-Saxon race everywhere, we as Freemasons shall not be daunted by "exparte" opinions and unjustifiable decrees. From whatever quarter the attack may come, from Romanist or Ritualist, from Baptist or Presbyterian, we shall move on believing that intellectual light and the freedom of conscience, liberty of thought and teaching, and action, moral elevation and civilizing influences, are greater blessings to humanity and are more likely to tend to the amelioration of society, than that bigotry which, though "willing to wound," is "afraid to strike," are more blessed by God and approved by man than intolerance which is always illogical, and persecution which never does succeed in the long run.

THE IRISH MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

We have read with great interest the last report of this most useful Institution, which our worthy correspondent and Bro., J. H. Neilson,

has forwarded to us from Dublin. It appears that this much needed educational charity is happily flourishing, and is largely and liberally supported by our benevolent Craft in Ireland. If some few subscribers have fallen off, there is still a goodly array of names, and as the Institution is enjoying the same kind patronage from Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, the present worthy and distinguished G.M., as it did from its old friend and warm-hearted patron, the late G.M., the Duke of Leinster, we have no doubt that any slight retrogression in members' subscriptions will soon be made up, as time passes on. The balance-sheet is a very prosperous one. The whole income, &c., amounted to £3162 4s. 5d., which is made up of the following items. Balance from last year, £747 4s. 8d.; annual subscriptions, £931 19s. 0d.; life donations, individual and official, £505; donations from lodges and chapters, £107 16s. 0d.; small donations, £15 15s.; nett receipts of annual meeting, £305 6s. 2d.; collections at Governors' banquets, £21 0s. 0d.; Grants from Grand Lodge, £169 11s. 6d.; dividends and interest, £858 11s. 7d.; in all, £3162 4s. 5d. The expenditure is as follows:—Provisions, £610 15s. 0d.; washing and repairs, £306 11s. 0d.; coals and gas, &c., £90 17s. 0d.; salaries and wages and commissions, £503 13s. 8d.; furniture and house repairs, £102 11s. 11d.; head-nurse, £34 13s. 10d.; postage and advertising, £5 9s. 8d.; printing, books, music, &c., £110 1s. 6d.; rent and insurance, £35 16s. 8d.; apprentice fees and expenses, £41 16s. 4d.; outfits for pupils leaving, £19 11s. 10d.; incidental expenses, £42 9s. 3d.; purchase of twenty Masonic Hall shares, £100; balance, £1158 5s. 11d. A question is, however, now coming before the subscribers, like a similar one which has come in times before our own great Metropolitan Orphanages, namely, the question of enlargement, and the building of suitable premises. We have no doubt in our minds, that in this as in all other matters, the simplest way and the straightest course, are the best. It is impossible in this age of improved educational arrangements to carry on efficiently the great work of useful and moral instruction, in the rooms and with the means what might have done half-a-century ago, but are now no longer up to the mark. We must bear in mind that the whole apparatus and system of scholastic administration have received a wonderful impetus, and have undergone a complete transformation since the beginning of this century, and notably within the last 40 years at the least. The houses which were rented "faute des mieux," only 50 years ago, for schools, were not originally adapted for the work of education, and are at the best but makeshifts and temporary structures. It is therefore with much pleasure that we learn that this most important question, most important for the intellectual, moral, and sanitary condition of the children, is now before the governors, and we hope that it will be solved ere long in a way which will appeal to the best sympathies of Irish, and we will add of English, Freemasons for sympathy and support. The school, we learn, is in a very good position, in respect of the acquirements and progress of the orphans, and does every credit to the managers, and the Irish brotherhood. We thank Bro. Neilson for forwarding us the report, and beg to offer our fraternal and hearty good wishes, for the present welfare and the future prosperity of this valuable and much needed institution, which though across the Channel must commend itself to the heartfelt good-will of every English Freemason.

THE INSTALLATION PICTURE.

With reference to our remarks in last week's impression respecting the above named picture, and the advertisement in connection with it on the last page, viz., "The Royal Masonic Installation Gallery Company," we are requested to state that the Company would be glad to receive the names, Masonic rank, and addresses, of intending subscribers, in order that the circular which will be ready in the course of a few days for circulation may be forwarded to them. The address of the Company is 213, Regent-street,

W., London. We most heartily commend the undertaking to our friends, and hope it will receive from the Craft that liberal encouragement which it certainly deserves.

MASONIC PUNCTUALITY.

It is said that "Parsons" are the most unpunctual of men; we are a little inclined to believe that Freemasons run them very close. After a somewhat long apprenticeship to Freemasonry, we hardly ever remember a meeting or a gathering which began at the time specified in the programme. We remember once, indeed, an old W.M. who used to say, "As the clock strikes, I open my lodge," and he was as good as his word, and it is, perhaps, that trained in that sound old school, we retain a great admiration for punctuality. We do not know anything else under the sun which so tries the temper, or affects the day's proceedings, as want of punctuality. And what makes the matter worse, some of our good brethren glory in their unpunctuality. With them, three means four, four means five, and so on. In vain, punctual and precipitate, you have reached the "trysting place." In vain have you, believing in the punctuality of others, been punctual yourself, and hurried away from duties and claims elsewhere, from the domestic hearth, from your own dear, dear wife. You said, "Freemasons are punctual, I am, my dear, always punctual, and punctual will I be." And so you haste away. Unfortunate brother, those whom you greet in the "tiring room" have no sympathy for you, not a bit. You have put them out. Your punctuality shames their unpunctuality, and you are confidently and all but reprovingly told, that "three means four, and that the brethren are not particular about half-an-hour or so." Pleasant information for you, who have donned your Masonic gear, and, like the hero of old, are ready for the "fray." Half-an-hour passes, an hour vanishes, an hour-and-a-half shortly disappears, and you who have been patiently waiting all this time, see at last, when hope was all but gone, that the real time for work was nearly an hour and three-quarters after the appointed hour. Everything is put out. The work begins late, and ends late, and you find when you reach your home Eden, that you have miscalculated your advent by nearly two hours, and that you have to deal with a somewhat suspicious, and certainly irate sister. Such is a very common condition of affairs. Can nothing be done to teach our good brethren the great advantage of punctuality? There are some people and brethren who are always unpunctual, and whom nothing will ever render punctual. Whatever the time you appoint, they will be always late, and always have the same unmeaning excuse, "I did not know it was so late," or "I did not think that you were so punctual." We once had a friend who, though indifferent to work, was particular about the refreshment hour. He was naturally the most unpunctual of men, but, somehow or the other, always managed to tumble in for that important ceremony, that final degree. One day we were late at work, and later still was the witching hour of release and "refrigerium." Great was his indignation. "Never did see such unpunctuality, such unpunctual people; bless my heart and soul, three-quarters of an hour late! The supper will be cold." Such is human nature, we fear, selfish to the bottom. He could not understand punctuality in work as conducive to the benefit of others, but he could realize personally the trial of unpunctuality in refreshment to himself. Now, we think that this little anecdote may point for us all the moral, unpunctuality is after all only selfishness personified. It will greatly add to the comfort of our brethren, and conduce to the success of our work, if we will be punctual, but it interferes with our own individual convenience in some way or other, and so we are indifferent to the claim upon us. More than one most pleasant meeting has been utterly spoiled by unpunctuality, and we cannot impress too often on all our readers, that there is, after all, no Masonic excellence so great or so praiseworthy for many reasons, as that of Masonic punctuality.

ST. SWITHIN.

We said in our last that we should recur to the subject this week, and we, therefore, feel bound to fulfil our promise. The aqueous Saint, good man, and worthy Freemason as he was, has so far made out his legend to have a sprinkling of truth in it. It has rained regularly since the 15th, despite intervals of fine weather, at some portion of the twenty-four hours. When will the rain stop? It is said that the old nursery refrain, "Rain, rain, go to Spain," is a relic of the sentiments engendered in English minds, old and young, by the memories of the Spanish Armada; but at any rate during the last week, many will probably have wished the rain either in Spain, or in cooler regions, or in some better land. We have this one consolation. Our able contemporary, the *Guardian*, ever abounding in ecclesiastical lore, gives us a calculation, taken from the *Times*, it seems, of fourteen years ago, by which it is clear that the legend is not reliable. The *Guardian* also informs us that Hone, in his "every day book," points out that dry weather followed a wet St. Swithin in 1807 and 1808. We ask our readers carefully to peruse the following statement, and we trust that the prospect before them will be much brightened by this array of statistical and indubitable facts:—"It appears that St. Swithin's Day was wet in 1841, and there were 23 rainy days up to the 24th August; 1845, 26 rainy days; 1851, 13 rainy days; 1853, 18 rainy days; 1854, 16 rainy days; and in 1856, 14 rainy days. In 1842 and following years St. Swithin's Day was dry, and the result was—in 1842, 12 rainy days; 1843, 22 rainy days; 1844, 20 rainy days; 1846, 21 rainy days; 1847, 17 rainy days; 1848, 31 rainy days; 1849, 20 rainy days; 1850, 17 rainy days; 1852, 19 rainy days; 1855, 18 rainy days; 1857, 14 rainy days; 1858, 14 rainy days; 1859, 13 rainy days; and in 1860, 29 rainy days. These figures show the superstition to be founded on a fallacy, as the average of twenty years proves rain to have fallen upon the largest number of days when St. Swithin's Day was dry." There is hope, then, for all classes amongst us, and, perhaps, another week we shall be able to announce that the weather has entirely taken up, without, let us trust, much injury to the hay, and none to the corn. If complaints have already arisen, let us hope that they are, in truth, a little premature, and something symptomatic of the excusable nervousness of our admirable rural population, as we believe that a few days of continued fine weather will put our agricultural friends into the best of spirits again.

Original Correspondence.

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

"SOUTH LONDON," "P.M., &c." BRO. HUGHAN, AND "TEMPERANCE."

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our worthy Bro. Hughan is the very last Mason with whom I should have thought it possible that I could have even the semblance of a difference, and I think, if you will grant me a little space, that even that semblance will soon disappear.

The gist of my former letter was this:—that "temperance" is one of the vital principles of Freemasonry—that inasmuch as "temperance" includes the restraint not only of our lives and actions, but also of our wishes to control the liberty of action of others, in Freemasonry, "tactotalism" (as usually understood) has and ought to have no place; that perfect freedom of thought and action being thus secured, a "total abstinence" need not find any bar to enjoyment in any lodge.

But, whilst laying down this as a principle, I by no means said that the management of every lodge was immaculate—to my sorrow I acknowledge the contrary, and, were it wise or fitting to do so here, I could name instances of men who would be good and useful Masons were they not deterred from joining the only lodge practicable to them by the very abuse to which Bro. Hughan so fitly draws attention.

In conclusion I may say, that so deeply do I feel the evil that Bro. Hughan deplores, as well as the necessity of its removal, that I will gladly go heart and soul with him in any measures by which his good object may be attained, and now offer him any small assistance that may be in my power at any time that he may call for it.

I remain, with grateful greetings, Dear Sir and Brother, Faithfully and fraternally yours,

WM. TERBS, P.M. 185,

P.P.G.C., Somerset, &c.

BRO. BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to offer my thanks for the article which appears in the *Freemason* of to-day. There is, however, a point on which you seem to have somewhat misunderstood my case, and on which it is desirable that I should make a correction.

It is true that it was impossible for me to be in London on the day selected by the "Great Prior's Council," the 26th Nov. last. But I did not suggest to the governing body of "The Order of the Temple" that I would obey its summons for any other day. I was, and am, ready to appear before it, or before any body composed entirely of Masons, who may desire to hear my views as a Mason on certain matters, on any day when I can do so, if invited. But I deny the right of "The Order of the Temple" to summon me to give explanations to it upon any matter concerning a Masonic question; and the ground on which I stand is, that having distinctly asserted itself to be not a Masonic body, "The Order of the Temple" has no power over or right of interference in any Masonic matter. Having carefully considered the position of this new Order of Knighthood, as announced by its own acts, and by the explanatory letters addressed to me and to others by Sir P. Colquhoun, I have adopted its own view, that although its members are selected from amongst Masons, it is not a Masonic body. It therefore has, as such, no authority over a Mason, as a Mason, any more than a club composed of soldiers can have authority, as such, to meddle with the regulations and orders for the army.

I had on the 8th August, 1874, severed my connection with the Masonic Degree of the Temple, a purely Masonic body, on account of the conduct of a Masonic Templar, who happens to be also, as I understand, one of Sir P. Colquhoun's "Knights." I made no charge against him, but, the facts being indisputable, I simply withdrew from continuing to be a Masonic Templar, (to which position he had introduced me), because I considered that if Masonic Templars could act as this one had acted, then it was no longer creditable to be known as one, and I best consulted my own self-respect by ceasing to be one. I informed the person, who at the time of the disappearance of the government of the Masonic Order of the Temple, was its Secretary, of my having done so. It was not until three months afterwards that, by mixing up Masonic with non-Masonic matters, and by assuming authority over me as a "Knight of the Order of the Temple" (a position which I have never held, and which, even if I had held, could not possibly entail any allegiance to the new Order), that it was sought to punish me as a Mason. The Mark Degree, a Masonic body, has been misled into a practical approval and endorsement of these tactics; and it has been so led because it has not, under the rule of the Great Prior, had sufficient moral courage to say that the treaty which, on the 13th March, 1871, the Earl of Limerick signed on behalf of a Masonic body ceased to be valid when (in December, 1872,) that body disappeared; and to declare that, if on any Masonic principles the treaty could now, as between Masonic and non-Masonic parties, be considered binding, the Mark degree, a society of free Masons and free Englishmen, declines to carry it out to condemn a brother Mark Mason unheard.

I have objected on purely Masonic grounds to the course taken by Sir P. Colquhoun and his friends during the last two years-and-a-half. This public view has caused in some quarters a personal enmity to me which is at the bottom of my expulsion from the Mark Degree, an expulsion on account of which, except for the sake of those who have procured it, I feel no shame.

I must apologise for occupying so much of your space. I am anxious that it should not go to the outer world that a Masonic body can, treaty or no treaty, rest under the imputation of having condemned unheard a Mason who has been guilty of no offence against Mark Masonry, and only asks for justice.

Faithfully yours,
July 24th, 1875.

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

P.S.—Since the publication of my letter in *The Freemason* of the 17th instant, the Mark Degree has thought it advisable to address to me a letter dated the 20th instant. If that letter be intended as an explanation it comes too late,—if an apology it has no value,—in any case it had been better for the Mark Degree not to have written it. Of the intention of the rulers of the Mark to try to damage my Masonic character by the expulsion, there is not the slightest room for doubt, seeing that my written request that the notice to Mark lodges of my expulsion from the degree might be accompanied by a copy of correspondence, showing that the expulsion was not caused by any offence against any Masonic principle, was in writing refused.

C. J. B.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The questions involved in Bro. Burgess's case are surely very simple.

1. Did he in his letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the Temple, begging to have his name removed from the roll of the Order, bring at the same time an odious charge of disgraceful conduct against another member, assigning this as his reason for resigning, and attempting to shelter himself from the consequences of his charge by heading his letter "Private?"

2. Did he take every means to prevent the official letters of the Temple authorities from reaching him? And when at last a summons to attend and prove or withdraw his offensive charge did reach him, did he neglect to attend?

3. After he had appealed to the judicial Council, (on which, out of seven members, there was only one representative of the Temple), and when he had every opportunity of defence or explanation afforded him, did he ex-

press any willingness either to prove or to withdraw his charge, even at the eleventh hour. Or was his only answer a letter couched in the most abusive and childish terms against certain authorities of the Temple, and ignoring altogether the specific charge against him—viz., having maligned a brother's character, and not coming forward like a man and a Mason, either to prove or withdraw his charge? I venture to think then that Bro. Burgess has only himself to thank for the position in which he finds himself.

The general necessity for a common discipline amongst the more select degrees arises from this, that they claim to be select; and that it is unfair to ask or expect gentlemen to meet those, whether in one degree or another of which they are members, who have been guilty of conduct which unfits them for the society of gentlemen. I fully admit that a great distinction must be drawn between what may be called mere breaches of Masonic discipline and dishonourable conduct.

In the former case, the sentence of one degree ought certainly not to be carried out in the others; and this is what the supreme court of appeal "the Judicial Council," consisting of three members chosen by each degree) was constituted to secure. Possibly it might be well to give greater security for the observance of this important distinction, by making the unanimous consent of the representatives of each degree necessary to the carrying out of a sentence in that degree. A great deal has been made of the dropping of the word "Masonic" by the Temple. I think it was ill-judged to drop it. But still it is really a perfectly unimportant matter. The word does not occur in the convention between the Mark Degree and the Temple in 1871. It has never been adopted by the 33°. It was only recently adopted by the Mark Degree, who for a long time were only "Mark Masters," and not Mark Master "Masons." And it is defined in the convention with the Red Cross of Constantine to mean "A Chivalric Order composed solely of Master Masons." I am not aware that the Order of the Temple consists of any others.

A MARK MASTER.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the letter you did me the honour of publishing in your last number there is an error in the number of subscribing members in the province. It should be 1950, and not 2950, as you have it. I also omitted to mention that a sum of over £500 has been voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund as donations to the three Masonic Institutions.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,
Maidstone, July 21st, 1875.

ALFRED SPENCER.

BRO. CAPTAIN BOYTON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Negotiations are now pending between the Alexandra Palace Company, Limited, Muswell Hill, and myself, with the view of arranging for Bro. Captain Boyton to give two exhibitions of his life-saving dress, and certain feats in connection therewith, on Saturday, the 7th day of August, the proceeds coming to our brother to be applied by him in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls, and he hopes that the members of the Craft generally will patronise these entertainments by attending in large numbers.

I am not yet in a position to say that the arrangements are completed, but as I have every hope that the scheme will be carried out, I have thought it best to call the attention of the Craft to the subject through your paper as early as possible, inasmuch as if I refrained from writing you until the matter was settled you would not be able to give much notice, as your next issue would only appear the day before the entertainments would come off.

The brethren must therefore please watch the company's advertisements in the daily papers and their posters also. Yours fraternally, W. H. GODOLPHIN, I.G. 206.

Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

WAS SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN A FREEMASON?

Bro. Buchan asks this question in the last *Freemason*, and I venture to answer it in the affirmative to-day. Independently of the statement that the *Postboy* from March 2 to March 5, 1723, as quoted by Bro. Buchan from the *Freemason's Magazine*, calls him that "worthy Freemason," proving the general acceptance of the fact, we have other evidences to the same effect. If the quotation from the *Postboy* is correct we might probably find the account of the funeral there, and I will have a search made in the British Museum. The date of the funeral is not given in Elmes's "Life of Wren," only the date of his death, Feb. 25, 1723, and the fact that he was buried at St. Paul's, and that "an assemblage of honourable and distinguished personages" attended his funeral. Elmes in his "Life of Wren," just quoted, states, though he gives no authority for it, that Sir Christopher Wren was nominated in 1666 Deputy G. Master under Earl Rivers, and "distinguished himself above all his predecessors in legislating for the body at large, and in promoting the interests of the lodges under his immediate care." Where he obtains the evidence of this statement he does not say.

He adds that he was "Master of the St. Paul's Lodge, which, during the building of the Cathedral, assembled at the Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's Churchyard, and is now the Lodge of Antiquity, acting by immemorial prescription, and regularly presided at its meetings for upwards of eighteen years."

Neither does he tell us whence he obtains these facts. Elmes is correct in saying that during his presidency he presented that lodge with three mahogany candlesticks, beautifully carved, and the trowel and mallet which he used in laying the first stone of the cathedral (June 21, 1675), and which are still highly valued by the brethren of that ancient lodge.

Unfortunately the minutes of the Lodge of Antiquity previous to the beginning of this century are lost, but the tradition is accepted and believed in at the lodge.

I feel bound to admit that in the Latin Diary, written by his son, and countersigned by himself October, 1720, three years before his death, no mention of his admission into the Fraternity occurs.

Aubrey, in a M.S. "Natural History of Wiltshire," quoted by Halliwell in his "Early History of Freemasonry in England," declares distinctly that Sir Christopher Wren was "enrolled among the members of the Fraternity," as Halliwell puts it. But he fixes the date of admission on May 18th, 1691, the Monday after Rogation Sunday, and says he is to be "adopted a brother."

This date, of course, is entirely opposed to Elmes's statement, and to that of the whole of our Masonic historians. The fact, however, remains, that on non-Masonic evidence the reality of his initiation is affirmed, and when we add to this the Masonic tradition, there can be no valid reason for doubting it or questioning it.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

I have before me, as I write, a Masonic token, which differs in some minor particulars from that described by Bro. Hughan in your issue of 12th June last. I should therefore feel obliged if that brother would examine his token again, and compare it with the following description of the one which is temporarily in my possession:—It is slightly smaller than a halfpenny of the old copper coinage, but not so heavy, and is therefore a little larger than Bro. Hughan's. The arms on the obverse are somewhat different from the arms of the Mason's Company (which I believe were those used by the "Moderns") a blazon of which appeared in the *Masonic Magazine* of September last. The arms on this coin may be described as follows:—Field Gules, a Chevron (query colour?) between three Castles (query colour?); on the Chevron I think there is a pair of compasses. The Crest is a globe surmounted by a dove, with wings closed. The supporters I believe to be leopards. The motto is "Amor honor et justitia." The inscription is "24th Nov., 1790, Prince of Wales elected G.M." The reverse corresponds exactly with Bro. Hughan's description, except that the article he takes to be an hour-glass I think is a bible; at the feet of the cupid are also a mallet and trowel. The letters on the rim are as sharp as the day they were stamped, and read as follows:—"Halfpenny, payable at the Black Horse, Tower Hill." This sentence differs materially from that on Bro. Hughan's, and Bro. Burdett's coins, on the former of which it is believed to run thus:—"Masonic token, Schichley, Feit, 1794," and on the latter "Masonic halfpenny token, Schichley, Feit, 1794." The date 1794 upon both somewhat puzzles me. Why should they not have been made until 1794, seeing that the Prince was elected in 1790?

I have been thus careful in describing my friend's token, for it would be interesting should we obtain proof that there were at least three different issues of it. Will Bros. Hughan and Burdett therefore be good enough to look at their coins again, and communicate to this column of the *Freemason*?

A may add that the halfpenny I have described appears so fresh that I cannot help concluding it was withdrawn from circulating immediately on its issue, probably by the owner's great-grand-father, who was a distinguished Mason of the last century, and in whose family it has no doubt been handed down from father to son to the present time.

There are two Masonic medals belonging to the same family, which I hope to describe in the next issue of the *Freemason*. E.S.

Can you, or any of your readers, tell me the registered number of the Sussex Lodge, or of the assembly of Masons at the Sussex Arms, at Kensington Palace, in the year 1841? ALPHA.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the "Corn Exchange," Rochford, on Tuesday, (20th inst.), under the banner of the Rochford Lodge, No. 160.

Every lodge in the county was represented, with one exception only, that of the "Star in the East" of Harwich. It was much to be regretted that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, R. J. Bagshaw, Esq., was unable to be present at the meeting, owing to a severe illness from which he has been suffering, it is stated, for several months past. The duties of the chair, however, were most efficiently carried out by Bro. Clark, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, who is well known throughout the province to be as staunch a member of the Craft as he is generous and kind-hearted. After the banquet, which was excellently served in the grounds of the "Old Ship Hotel," at which upwards of 100 brethren did duty in a most praiseworthy manner, the brethren repaired to their lodge room, where they were entertained with some charming part songs and solos, under the direction of Bro. T. Lawler, jun., assisted, amongst several others, by Bros. G. T. Carter, and Lawler, sen. A name in connection with the arrangements, must not be omitted, it is that of Bro. J. A. Wardell, whose strenuous efforts to give general satisfaction were, we are happy to say, crowned with well-deserved success.

THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

A most successful meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Monday, at Hampton Court,—successful both as regards the numbers attending, and the weather which greeted the brethren on their visit to the country. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, opposite to the favourite palace of William of Orange, who, Masonic history states, held a lodge within its lion-guarded walls, and practised the mysteries of the craft with his faithful Dutch friends as a relief and pastime when not engaged in campaigns with Louis, "Le Grand Monarque," or in overthrowing the plottings of Jesuitical Jacobins. Monday's meeting was held under happier auspices, and the Royal Lodge within the walls of Hampton Palace 180 years ago would have been disposed to envy, if it could have conjured up a view of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, the peace, almost verging on dulness, of the times in which the brethren of to-day pursue the even tenour of their Masonic way.

The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Burdett, at the opening of the lodge was supported by Bro. S. Rosenthal, S.W.; Bro. Angelo J. Lewis, J.W.; the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, and the Rev. P. Holden, Chaplains, the other officers being R. Wentworth Little, J. T. Moss, G. Kenning, Cubitt, P.G.P., Buss, Davison, etc. There were also among those present Captain G. A. Smith, Major Harding, Colonel Peters (P.M. Thames Valley), J. Savage, Major Creaton, the Rev. W. F. Reynolds (Apollo and Carnarvon), J. Terry, D.C. of the P.G.L. of Herts; J. White, W.M. 228; H. Phythian, W. Hammond, J. Lewis Thomas, Hastings Miller, Howe, Still, W. H. Thompson, Dr. Joseph Sharp, Muggeridge, Towell, etc.

The business of the lodge commenced with the election of Treasurer, and Bro. Buss, who had held the position from the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was, on the nomination of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, unanimously re-elected.

Bro. Little then read a report on the progress and present position of the province. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex had progressed greatly, for the number of Lodges was increased from 8 to 20, and the brethren from 200 to more than 1000, and this, too, by the introduction of brethren who were prepared to fulfil their obligations to the full. The statement urged lodges to be earnestly discriminating so as to keep the order's high character. That the brethren in the province acted truly on the Masonic principle was seen in the fact that £1,160 had been subscribed to the Masonic charities, besides the large sums given by some of the brethren as members of London lodges.

Bro. Davison said, amid the assenting applause of the brethren, that the report was a most satisfactory one, and he moved that it should be printed for circulation among the brethren connected with the province.

Bro. Rosenthal seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Provincial Grand Master, in proceeding to appoint and invest his officers for the year, said that the lodge had had the benefit of the services of excellent officers hitherto, and he had much gratification in acknowledging the benefit the lodge had thus received. It was most satisfactory for the lodge, and was, indeed, a mark of its flourishing condition, that the officers whom he had selected would follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded them in maintaining the high position the lodge had attained in the craft. The officers whose services the lodge had had deserved well of the brethren, for they had had many difficulties to overcome—for difficulties must always attend the establishment, on so firm a basis as this lodge now stood, of any new organization, such as a Provincial Grand Lodge, especially for an important province like that of Middlesex. (Hear, hear.) The brethren who had discharged the duties of officers to the lodge were actuated with the best and most unselfish feelings, and as an instance he would mention that Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who had worthily filled the office of Dep. P.G.M., and was well known for the great work he had done in the craft, as well as for his vindication of its principles (cheers) had set an example of unselfish feeling by sending in his resignation of his office in order that some other brother might enjoy that position. (Cheers.) This was an excellent precedent, and it would be a beneficial precedent to follow in the future—that all offices should be resigned year by year, in order that the P.G.M. should have the opportunity of re-investing the brother, or of appointing a successor. It was with much pleasure that he nominated Bro. Sir George Elliot, M.P., as Dep. P.G.M. (Cheers.) The other officers whose names would be stated as the officers for the year would give equal pleasure, not only to the brethren present, but to all who knew them, for they would be found

to be all worthy and hardworking members of the order. The brother to be nominated as S.W., was one who was acknowledged to be one of the hardest working Masons who could be named, and, indeed, the high position the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex held in the order was greatly due to his activity, zeal and efficiency—he referred to Bro. Little (loud cheers)—upon that brother he now bestowed the collar and office of S.G.W. of the province.

Bro. Little was then invested and conducted to his position amid the loud cheers and congratulations of the members.

The P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following other officers:—Bros. Joseph Sharpe, L.L.D., as J. W.; the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, and the Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplains; W. H. Thompson as Registrar; H. Phythian as Secretary; Colonel Peters as S.D.; W. Hammond as J.D.; J. Lewis Thomas as Superintendent of Works; and Bros. Still, J. H. Thompson, Hastings Miller and Howe to the junior offices.

The P.G.M. warmly thanked the past officers and stewards for the manner in which they had performed their offices during the year, and then moved that the sum of ten guineas be given out of the Benevolent Fund to the Girl's School; the like sum to the Boy's School, and £10 to the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Davison seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The P.G.M. then adjourned "sine die" the subject, which had been referred to a committee, of the appointment of P.G. officers in the province, and the lodge closed in the usual form.

The brethren then proceeded to Hampton Church to hear a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden. Whether they were startled by the appearance of the Rev. Bro. in a Romish biretta, or preferred the walk through the Park to the road, it must be said that few selected the narrow way which led to the church by the river. There was a fair muster of the brethren in the church clothed in the orthodox black coat and white gloves, and showed their connection with recognized religious ceremony by attending public worship. There was an assemblage of the general public who appeared rather startled at finding that the Freemasons were much as other people, and were not given to any extravagance of demeanour in or out of church. The service was in the pleasant old English form, in all things being what any sincere lover of worship to God would esteem, the form in which public worship should be. The preacher, on ascending the pulpit, turned to the east, and uttered an invocation to the Trinity. He gave as his text the 11th verse in the 4th chapter of the 1st Epistle general of St. John, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." The sermon was marked by great force in parts, but in the endeavour of the preacher to identify the craft as belonging to one particular system of religion, there was much room for criticism. This point was urged, and extremely broad references were made to the ceremonies of the craft.

The banquet was held at the "Greyhound," and a very large party sat down, including Bros. Sir G. Elliot, M.P.; J. C. Parkinson, F. Binckes, and many others who had not been present at the lodge or the sermon. The toast of the "Queen and the Craft" was received with the customary enthusiasm, and the National Anthem was well chanted by the vocalists under Bro. C. Coote, P.G.O., the *artistes* including Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bro. George Perren, and Bro. H. Lazarus.

The P.G.M., in proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," said this was a toast which would be received with the utmost enthusiasm, for not only did it relate to the heir to the throne, but to the G.M. of England, who was installed amid the hearty rejoicings of Freemasons over the world. (Cheers.) The Prince had been in the craft for some time, and he had the good of Freemasonry at heart, as all who saw the interest he took in the craft knew, and there was not one who felt other than proud that the future king of this great empire reigned over the English branch of the craft as its Grand Master. (Cheers.)

The vocalists sang the quartette, "Cambrian Plumes" (by Brinley Richards), in a manner which elicited loud applause.

The P.G.M. then proposed the "Health of the Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," and said he was sure the name would be received with sympathy and respect—(cheers). The craft had seen his lordship perform the duties of D.G.M. for a number of years, and his elevation to the position of Pro-Grand Master was hailed with rejoicing by all the brethren—(cheers). All knew of the great loss which befell his lordship not long since, and those who saw him at Albert Hall could not but admire the noble fortitude he showed under his deep sorrow—(hear, hear). They could not, too, but see that he put by his grief to serve the craft, and every one in the hall on that occasion grieved with him as

a brother at that deep and terrible loss—(hear). Very recently, too, his lordship had again showed how deep was his interest in the craft, by exercising his influence for the Boys' School, in presiding over the annual festival at the Alexandra Palace, when the proceedings were so successful that the amount of contributions obtained was the largest ever received at any festival of any one of the charities—(cheers). Bro. Binckes, the secretary of that institution, must have been a very proud man to stand at the top of the tree with so noble an array of subscriptions; but large as was the amount gathered at the Alexandra Palace, it was to be hoped that it will be eclipsed next year by the other charities, and that each would thus go on from year to year increasing in substance and usefulness—(cheers).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Lazarus gave some charming airs on the clarinet.

The P.G.M. then proposed the "Health of the Dep. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said he could not find words to express his true feelings in regard to the Grand Officers, so highly did he esteem them. Lord Skelmersdale was a nobleman who had lately taken high office, and all who had had to do with G.L. had seen the great trouble he had taken to discharge all the duties of his office. Even in the midst of great anxieties his lordship went to the opening of the new Camberwell Hall, and he went simply because he felt himself under an obligation not to disappoint his brethren, and he would not permit his private troubles to intervene between him and what he considered his duty to the craft—(cheers). It was a pleasant thing for the brethren of the Prov. G.L. of Middlesex that they had that evening among them their well-known friend and brother, Bro. Parkinson—(cheers)—whose exertions on behalf of the province and the craft they all knew—(cheers)—and Bro. Cubitt, both representatives of the Grand Lodge of England. (Cheers.)

The song, "Come into the garden, Maud," was sung with fine force by Bro. George Perren, whose performance was warmly cheered.

Bro. Parkinson, in responding for the Grand Officers, said it was fortunate for the Grand Officers that from the constitutional character of our Order, their position was but representative, as otherwise they would have considerable difficulty in responding to the toasts which their brethren were on these occasions in the habit of giving in their favour. On behalf of his brother Grand Officers he begged to assure the members of the craft that they highly valued their positions, particularly as the positions gave them the opportunity of responding to the kind wishes expressed by the brethren towards the rulers in the craft. For Lord Skelmersdale, whose winning manners and amiable character had won for him the esteem of all men in public as well as in private life, he had great pleasure in responding, and it was indeed a privilege to answer for his lordship on such occasions (cheers). With reference to the services which the Provincial Grand Master was pleased to say he (Bro. Parkinson) had done for Freemasonry, he for his part begged to express his gratitude to the brethren for the kind courtesy they showed towards him while acting as the Deputy of the Provincial Grand Master. While holding the delegated authority of the Grand Master of the Province, it was his desire to fill the position with credit. He felt that he had but one chance, and that was by concealing his disagreeable qualities as much as possible, and to put on an air of amiability, in fact to resemble Colonel Burdett. (Laughter and cheers.) If he (Bro. Parkinson) had succeeded in winning the favour of the brethren, it was simply by his imitation of their Provincial Grand Master, by following whose manners and ways had proved the best passport to their favours. (Cheers.) It would be but reciprocating the kindness of Col. Burdett to ask the brethren to drink to the good health and prosperity of their beloved chief in the Province. (Cheers.) Middlesex, as a Province, had not had a Grand Lodge long, for it was so merged into the capital, that it was hard to say where the capital ended and the Province began, and thus the Provincial Grand Lodge had its difficulties; but when the Provincial Grand Lodge commenced, it had the singular good fortune to find a brother who was a Past Grand Warden of England, who for thirty years had devoted himself and his great talents to the best interests of the craft, and thus, when it commenced its career with a brother like Colonel Burdett, it would have been easy to prophecy that success would attend a Grand Lodge thus inaugurated. Had such a prophecy been made, that day would have seen its fulfilment, for the province had made such rapid strides as had placed it in the front rank—(cheers). When a ship made a good voyage there was, without doubt, the assurance that she had a good Captain, and how the good ship the Prov. G.L. of Middlesex has made so good a voyage it must be allowed that much credit is due to Colonel Burdett—(cheers). It would not be well, perhaps, to say all they felt in regard to their Prov. Grand Master, but it must be

allowed that he was not a Tycoon—(a laugh)—or like that Indian God who was always contemplating his own perfections—(laughter)—but he was one with whom to be associated was an honour, and to know to esteem—(cheers).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The P.G.M. responded to the toast, and then proceeded to speak of the gratification with which he had placed Sir George Elliot in the position of Deputy Grand Master. He spoke also of the assistance he had received from Bro. Little and the other Prov. G. Officers, and concluded by proposing the toast of Sir Geo. Elliot's health.

Sir George Elliot, M.P., the D.G.M., in response, thanked the brethren, and excused himself from further addressing them, on the score of being recalled to his duties in the House of Commons.

The other toasts, given in a greatly lessened company, for many had to leave to catch trains for town, were, "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," "The Provincial Grand Stewards," and concluded with "The Tyler's" toast, given by Bro. Gilbert, who, it may be added, was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held under the banner of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., of Halifax, and there was a very large gathering of Masons from every district of West Yorkshire present, as well as a number of visitors. After the transaction of some provincial business, and it having been determined previously to make some recognition of the Provincial Grand Lodge's application of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.D. of England as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for eleven years,

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards offered on behalf of the lodge for the acceptance of Bro. Shaw, a magnificent piece of plate with appropriate inscription and emblems, as a substantial and permanent proof of the brethren's affection, esteem, and regard, and sincere regret at his voluntary retirement. In offering the plate,

The R.W.P.G.M., Sir Henry Edwards, after a few preliminary remarks, said: Brethren,—If you refer to the summons convening this meeting you will observe that one of the most pleasing duties which it is possible to fall to the lot of any living being, now devolves upon me, in presenting to our much esteemed Bro. Bentley Shaw, the piece of plate which you have provided for that purpose. I sincerely congratulate myself on being selected to discharge this pleasant duty, inasmuch as it enables me, whilst speaking your sentiments, to express my own sense of the great and lasting obligations which Bro. Shaw has laid upon us all by the manner in which he has discharged his various and important duties whilst holding the position of D.P.G.M. of this province, during the period of 11 years just expired. Any words of mine are inadequate to the faithful description of the feelings of respect and admiration with which we all regard Bro. Shaw; and the only circumstances of regret with which the assumption of my present office was associated was the fact that those services found to be so useful and valuable to my predecessor could not be continued to my advantage. Bro. Shaw's exertions in promoting the best interests of our noble institution are well-known, both in the province and in other parts of England. During the 11 long years he has exercised his fraternal—nay, even paternal—supervision of the business of this great province, he has seen the lodges and the members thereof increase in numbers and influence. He has also aided and directed the great current of practical charity, which has so greatly increased the means and spheres of usefulness of the several charities of our order, and it is no figure of speech, nor unwarrantable statement of facts, to say that on all these great movements the name of Bro. Shaw has been indelibly impressed, to be admired by the present and future generations of the brethren of the craft. Bro. Shaw, permit me, therefore, to tender for your acceptance this token of the respect and admiration in which the brethren of this province desire to confer upon you; and also permit me to say, on their behalf that, beautiful as it is as a work of art, it possesses a far higher value than its material worth ten thousand times told—in being the freewill offering and also the symbolical expression of the affectionate regard of a body of men intimately and agreeably associated with you in the business of the province, and whose only regret while making this presentation is that they will, in the future, lose the advantage they have long enjoyed and appreciated in the past of working

under the influence of your general character, and conduct as their D.P.G.M.

Bro. Tew, the D.P.G.M., cordially responded to the sentiments expressed by Sir H. Edwards, paid a high compliment to the indefatigable zeal of Bro. Shaw, and intimated that no fewer than 59 lodges in the province of West Yorkshire had voluntarily subscribed to the gift of which Bro. Shaw was the recipient.

Bro. Bentley Shaw, who was visibly affected on rising to respond, after the cheering that greeted him had subsided, said: Most Worshipful Sir and Brother-officers,—You have heard my voice; often have I had the privilege of addressing you, but I have never had so much difficulty before the present time in making my sentiments known to you. Your generous gift—your generous memento of my connection with the Masons of West Yorkshire has almost overwhelmed me. You must not measure my thanks by any words I may use, as I feel unequal to the task. I have often asked myself, What have I done to deserve this signal of your favour? I have often asked, What have I done to warrant such a proof of your love and esteem? All the answer I can find is, that, while I had the approval of my conscience and of my God, I have striven to do my duty and all I possibly could to preserve Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Yet I feel how utterly unworthy I am to be the recipient of such a mark of your favour. (No, no.) I never dreamed of it. I may truly say that I never worked for this beautiful piece of plate; and in answer to the many questions which I have this day put to myself, I can find but one reply, and that is—a deep consciousness that I am unworthy of it. (No, no.) But let me endeavour to thank you for the valuable present you have given me—a present which is a beautiful work of art. I shall always value it—not only for its worth, its classic, and at the same time chasteness of design, its rich ornamentation and its general beauty, but more than this, I shall value it because of the genuineness of feeling you have displayed towards me. I cannot fail to value it because it is an expressive symbol of generous hearts, for yours and mine are

"Hearts bound up together,
Firm bound in fraternal love,"

and it will help me to think of the 11 years' connection with you. It will also assist me in making me do my duty. My family will always prize it for my own sake as well as yours. (Cheers.) I shall take care that it is handed down as a sacred heirloom. I take the liberty here of thanking the committee of selection for the handsome present; and yourself Most Worshipful Grand Master, as well as Lady Edwards—(cheers)—who if I am correctly informed, have greatly assisted the committee in their choice. (Hear, hear.) I desire to say here that it is a matter for congratulation that the present has been made to me in the good old town of Dewsbury—(cheers)—the town where Dr. Fearnley, my predecessor, lived, was loved, was honoured, and died. I am glad, too, that it has been your province, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to present me with this handsome gift; for eleven years ago, I well remember, when your Right Worshipful's predecessor conferred the honour of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, you, sir, were on my right hand. I am glad that you are present to day. I accept the gift with gratitude and deep humility. I trust that, as Sir Henry Edwards has said, I shall never cease to promote Freemasonry until my heart has ceased to beat and my life has left me. Let my last words be that you will show affection to the Grand Master of England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—(cheers)—to Sir Henry Edwards—(cheers)—and to his coadjutor, Bro. Tew. May this great and influential province of the West Riding ever stand first and foremost in all that is beautiful and good, useful and happy in Freemasonry. May that noble column, symbolised by wisdom, strength, and beauty, whose pedestal, shaft, and capital have been founded, upraised, and crowned by the indomitable skill, energy, and self-denying efforts of her numerous sons stand inviolable amid the raging billows and rude rocks of time, seeing that it has now its foundations, as I trust it ever will have, in heaven-born and heaven-approving charity. Bro. Shaw, who at periods evinced great emotion, and consequently was but indistinctly heard, then resumed his seat amid immense cheering.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master announced that Bro. Bentley Shaw had received from the Grand Master of England a patent appointing him a P.G.D. of England—a remark which elicited a hearty issue of cheering. Some routine business having been transacted, the Prov. Grand Lodge and the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles were closed.

After the conclusion of the lodge business a banquet was given in the Church of England Schoolroom, and after the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The gathering was a highly successful one.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Grand Lodge of the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled at the Town Hall, Ryde, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when there was a large attendance of past and present Prov. Grand Officers, and representatives from nearly all the twenty-eight lodges of the province, including Bros. T. Diver, 757; M. Alex, 130; J. Wallingford, 903; T. Best, 1373; G. S. Lancaster, 487; J. Naish, 76; Major Shadwell Clerke, 1383; J. Fardell, 12; H. Cante, 342; H. Ward, 112; Col. the Hon. S. Calthorpe, 175; H. Ford, 257; J. H. Palmer, 698; W. Edmonds, 309; J. Dew, 694; F. F. Hare, 394; E. B. C. Churchill, 903; E. Nepean, 1373; M. E. Frost, 487; J. E. Le Feuvre, 130; F. Newnan, 175; J. H. Scott, 271; S. Brown, 175; S. P. Everett, 96; H. Hacker, 723; Capt. Richardson, R.E., 1331; H. P. Aslatt, 394; W. Furber, 394; P. Keane, 130; H. Abraham, 130; S. Brown, 175; B. Pinniger, 175; H. J. Guy, 342; H. T. Bath, 319; J. McWilliam, 195; G. H. Burtenshaw, 359; E. S. Main, 903; J. Maltby, 487; H. Sleeman, 903; J. Wilson, 903, &c., &c. The Town Hall was admirably arranged for the occasion; and shortly after the appointed time—12.30—the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was received at the entrance by his officers, and escorted to his chair in the large room with the usual masonic honours. The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Hickman, as P.G.S., submitted the report of the committee for auditing the treasurer's accounts, and also that of the committee for managing the P.G.L. funds. The latter recommended grants of £12 to Bro. Dawkins, for many years P.G. Tyler, who is now incapacitated by age and infirmity; £15 to Mrs. Cohen, of Winchester; £20 to Mrs. Bradshaw; and £20 to Mrs. Stebbing. The Treasurer's account showed a balance in hand of rather more than £300; and Bro. Le Feuvre suggested that a larger sum should be contributed by the province to the Masonic charities. The committee for raising a fund for the widow of the late Bro. Stebbing reported that the total sum amounted to about £430, and it was probable that the subscription of the Southampton Chamber of Commerce might be merged in it, the intention being to purchase an annuity for Mrs. Stebbing's benefit. The report of the Charities Committee was also brought up and approved, the several committees were appointed, and a series of resolutions were adopted impressing upon Masters of lodges and Masons generally the importance of exercising the greatest care in regulating admissions to the Masonic body.

The Prov. G.M. said, when they assembled last year it was under a deep sense of the loss which had been sustained by the death of W. Bro. Stebbing, who had so ably filled the position of Deputy Prov. G.M. The feeling then manifested showed how completely he had ingratiated himself into the hearts of all the brethren of the province, and the warmest testimony to his merits as a Freemason was expressed on every hand. He (the P.G.M.) felt that it would be a very difficult thing to supply his place; and that, seeing how long and eminent had been his services to the craft, anyone who succeeded to his position, in order to fill it properly must possess undoubted qualifications. He (the P.G.M.) felt that it would be only respectful to the memory of their departed brother not to be in a hurry to fill up the appointment, but to let a reasonable time elapse before doing so, and he trusted that in adopting this course he had met with the approval of the brethren (hear, hear). The time had now arrived when he could no longer defer making the appointment; and he was very pleased to be able to select a brother who had rendered very great and efficient service to Freemasonry, not only in this province but in other parts of England, having been selected by the Grand Master of the Order to fill an office in G.L. Bro. Hickman—(applause)—had served the office of Prov. G. Sec. for many years, and any who reflected upon the extent and character of the duties involved in that office, must be sensible that it was no light service he had rendered to the province—(hear, hear). When they thought of the numerous list of lodges ranging under the banner of that Prov. G.L., it must be at once apparent that the office of G. Sec. was no sinecure—(hear, hear); and while all the brethren were indebted to Bro. Hickman for the manner in which he had discharged his duties, he (the P.G.M.) had special reason to thank him for the able and efficient assistance he had rendered to him in carrying out the responsibilities devolving upon him as G.M. of the province. It was essential that he should be supported by officers who were capable of assisting him in the details of his work; in Bro. Hickman he had met with one who was both able and willing to render that assistance—(hear, hear); and it now gave him great pleasure to offer him the office which had been so long vacant, knowing as

he did that the Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight looked up to him with esteem and affection, and entertained a confident belief that he would most worthily and efficiently discharge the duties of the high office which he (the P.G.M.) now conferred upon him.—(applause).

The Dep. Prov. G.M. was then inducted into office in the usual way, and having subscribed the obligation, was duly invested by the P.G.M., and saluted by the brethren. He then thanked the Prov. G.M. most sincerely for the high and distinguished honour he had been pleased to confer upon him. He had been for many years connected with Freemasonry in this province, and had received great assistance in the office which he had just vacated from the brethren of the province. He was sure, therefore, that it was unnecessary to ask them to continue that assistance and co-operation in the distinguished office which had just been conferred upon him—(hear, hear). He appreciated very much the distinction which the P.G.M. had been pleased to bestow, and while most heartily and sincerely thanking him, he could assure him that any assistance it was in his power to render him in discharging the important duties devolving upon him as G.M. of the province would be most cheerfully and cordially rendered.—(applause).

The P.G.M. then nominated the various officers of the province, the principal being—P.S.G.W., Bro. S. Forbes, Portsmouth; P.J.G.W., Bro. Fardell, Ryde; P.G. Chaps., Revs. Messrs. Churchill and Thoys; P.G.T., Bro. M. E. Frost, Portsmouth; P.G. Reg., Bro. Lillywhite; P.G. Sec., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Southampton; P.S.G.D., Bro. J. B. Thomas, Southampton; P.J.G.D., Bro. W. Stickland; P.G.S.W., Bro. T. Giles; Tyler, Bro. Biggs.

In appointing Bro. Le Feuvre as P.G. Sec., the P.G.M. alluded to the fact that he had already had experience in the office, having filled it in conjunction with Bro. Hickman; but as the G.L. would not sanction the appointment of two P.G. Secs., they were obliged last year to restrict it to Bro. Hickman. Bro. Le Feuvre was well known to them as a most efficient Mason; and as the duties of the office were by no means light, it might perhaps be advisable hereafter to appoint an assistant secretary, although he could not be included among the officers of the G.L.—Bro. Le Feuvre, in accepting the office, said he would consider the suggestion, and communicate with the P.G.M. on the subject.

The P.G.M., before closing the lodge, remarked upon the indications which came to him from every hand of the growing interest taken in Masonry, and the progress now being made throughout the province. It was also satisfactory that there was an increasing desire to maintain the status of the craft, and to admit none to participation in its privileges who were not true and worthy citizens. It was very gratifying to him that they were able to meet in that magnificent hall, and that such a hearty welcome should be extended to them by the Isle of Wight. When he was appointed to the office he now held, it was the wish of the G.L. that the Isle of Wight should cease to be a separate province, and that he should preside over the interests of Freemasonry both in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as one united province. He felt that the brethren in the Island might not like to surrender their separate existence, and that they should be permitted to continue as a province of their own. Representations to this effect were made to G.L., but the Grand Master decided that the provinces should be united in one under his rule, and therefore he had no alternative but to loyally recognize the authority thus expressed. The P.G.M. expressed his appreciation of the ready assistance accorded to him by all the brethren of the province.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed, under the presidency of the P.G.M. The usual loyal, masonic and complimentary toasts concluded the proceedings.

Bro. W. Hickman, the newly-appointed D.P.G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, is a solicitor at Southampton, and an alderman and late mayor of that borough. He was initiated in the Royal Glo'ster Lodge, No. 130, in the year 1857, and afterwards became W.M. of that lodge. He has also been W.M. of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, for two years successively. He has been First Principal of the Royal Glo'ster Chapter (two years), Chapter of Concord on two occasions, and of the New Forest Chapter. He was first appointed Prov. G. Sec. in 1860, and has continued in that office to the present time, except for one year, when he was appointed P.S.G.W. He has held the appointment of Asst. G.D. of Cer. in the G.L. of England. He is Dep. Prov. G.M. in Mark Masonry; an officer in the Great Priory of England of K.T.; and is of the 31° in the A. and A. Rite of Rose Croix.

CHIVALRIC MASONRY.

MARGATE.—*The Thanet Conclave of Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine*, No. 121.

The inauguration of this Conclave took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, under the most favourable auspices. The enthronement of the M.P.S. Sir Kt. Mannering W. Bolton, as First Sovereign, and the consecration of the V.E. Sir Kt. T. M. Compton, as First Viceroy, the dedication of the Conclave, and the installation of many eminent brethren as Companions of the Illustrious Order, were intrusted to the superintendence of Bros. the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, P.G.S.G., G.T., &c.; the Ill. Sir Kts. H. A. Dubois, A.G.T.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.S.; J. L. Thomas, P.S.; Percy Leith, P.S.; E. H. Thielay, P.S.; John Thomas Moss, P.S.; and the Ill. Sir Kts. George Kenning, P.S., and T. Hancock, M.P.S., who had kindly come from London and Essex to conduct the ceremonies; and great was the delight expressed by the Sir Kts. of the new Conclave, and the brethren of all Orders of Freemasonry who were present at the masterly and finished working of the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, as Enthroning Sovereign, and the grand oratory of the Ill. Sir Kt. the Rev. P. M. Holden, as High Prelate. The attention of the newly installed Sir Kts. was particularly attracted by the sacred character of the proceedings of the Ancient Order in which they had enrolled themselves as Companions, for in this most solemn grade of Christian Masonry worked (as it was upon this occasion by such able exponents) they could not fail to be sensible of the truth of the principles that had been taught them at their initiation into the Craft—that Freemasonry is indeed "a peculiar system of morality," &c.

Many were the expressions of regret from brethren high up in Craft Masonry, who were this day installed as Sir Knights, that they had not long ago availed themselves of the opportunities offered to all M.Ms. of joining this interesting grade of Chivalric Masonry, and all were determined to pursue their researches still further into the Science.

The following brethren were installed, and each Sir Kt. had his stall allotted to him in the new Conclave:

Bros. H. W. Charrington, P.M., Royal Alfred Lodge, Guildford, 777; Henry Bolting, P.M., and W. Wells, P.M., and present W.M. of the same lodge; H. C. Fuhr, P.M., Lodge of Peace and Harmony, Dover, 199; Geo. Hills, Lewis' Lodge, Ramsgate, 429.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and completed by the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, and the V.I. the Rev. Sir Kt. P. M. Holden, in a manner worthy of the highest praise, and the beautiful processional music was performed by the able organist of the Conclave, Sir Kt. A. Aubrey. At its close a Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John was opened, and this grade was conferred upon all the Royal Arch Masons present.

The Eus. Sir Kt. Mannering W. Bolton, M.P.S. Designate, and the V.E. Sir Kt. T. M. Compton, Vy. Eus. Designate were then duly enthroned and consecrated by the presiding principals, and were welcomed to their exalted positions by the general acclamations of no less than thirty Sir Knights from all parts of England, who were present as companions and guests of the new Conclave.

The M.P.S. Sir Kt. Mannering W. Bolton, is evidently a deservedly popular favourite amongst the fraternity at Margate, and there is little doubt of his making the Conclave one of the most successful in the provinces.

The following Sir Knights have been duly installed by him, and in addition to the five Sir Kts. installed by the Enthroning Sovereign, make the total number of nineteen Knights already enrolled in the lines of the Conclave:—Sir Knights T. M. Compton, Vy. E.; W. Seales, S.G.; H. Spurrier, J.G.; W. H. Henna, H.P. and Choir Master; J. Bristed, Treasurer; F. L. Silani, Recorder; J. W. Smith, P.; G. Hills, S.B.; A. J. Cave, Herald; W. K. Treves, D.C.; J. McCubbin, 1st Aide; H. E. Davis, 2nd Aide; A. Aubrey, Organist; H. C. Fuhr, Steward; R. J. Feakins, Sentinel.

Other eight brethren have been duly balloted for and elected, and will attend for installation at the next meeting.

The M.P.S. then closed the Conclave, and the Sir Knights and their illustrious guests adjourned to their Refectory, at the King's Head Hotel, where an elegant and sumptuous banquet was served (à la Russe) by Bro. J. Smith, of which they partook.

The usual Chivalric toasts were then given and responded to, such as Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (who is the Chief of Christian Masonry), and the Grand Officers, past and present, to which latter compliment the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little replied in a courteous manner, and highly complimented the

founder of the Conclave, Sir Kt. Mannering W. Bolton, and his collaborators on the zeal they had displayed in its formation, and felt sure that the Thanet Conclave under their care would become very prosperous.

The health of the M.P.S. was then proposed and seconded by the V.I. Sir Kt. R. Wentworth Little, and the V.I. Sir Kt. J. L. Thomas, in very appropriate and eulogistic speeches, and was received by the company with great applause, and he responded in a manner that showed he felt duly sensible of the honour that had been conferred upon him by the position in Christian Masonry he now held from the Grand Council; and also that he would expound to the Sir Kts. Companions under his sovereignty the mystic rites and solemn ceremonies of the Order, with a thorough knowledge of their import. He kindly thanked the M.P.S. of the De Shurland Conclave, Sheerness, 92, the Ill. Sir Kt. John Hancock, and his officers Sir Kts. A. Ingleton, Recorder, and T. Penney, Standard Bearer, who were his guests, for the great assistance they had afforded the Thanet Conclave in assisting him in obtaining its Charter, and in lending him their beautiful paraphernalia (supplied by Sir Kt. George Kenning) for the consecration ceremony.

The health of the V.F. Sir Kt. T. M. Compton, Vy. Eus., was then proposed, and responded to by him in an effective manner.

The next important toast was that of the newly installed Sir Kts., and each in turn made neat speeches, and those from Guildford expressed themselves warmly in favour of the selection of their sovereign, as they were P.M.s of the lodge in which he was now S.D., and were gratified to see him make such laudable progress in Masonry. They also stated that they hoped to be able to establish ere long a Conclave in their own town. Sir Kt. J. McCubbin, P.M., 948, Linslade, similarly asserted that he would endeavour to form a Conclave in Berks and Bucks.

The M.P.S. then gave the toast of his officers, thanking them for their aid, and they each replied that they would continue it with fervency.

The visitors' healths were drunk with acclamation, and Sir Kts. Little and Thomas tendered their acknowledgments for the kind reception they had received; and after the Sentinel's toast had been proposed and responded to, this very delightful day's enjoyment of Masonic companionship was brought to a close with mutual congratulations on the undeniable success that had attended the inauguration of the Thanet Conclave.

LIVERPOOL.—*Liverpool Conclave*, No. 35.—An assembly of the above Conclave of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 22nd inst. The principal business was the enthronement of Sir Knight J. E. Jackson, M.P.S. elect, the investment of officers, and installation. The throne at the opening of the Conclave was occupied by G.M. Sir Kt. T. Clark, M.P.S., and the other officers and members present were, Sir Kts. G. Turner, Int. Gen., W.L.; H. Molyneux, P.S.; J. R. Goepel, P.S.; J. G. Jackson, S.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; R. Brown, Rec.; J. Skeaf, Org.; P. Ball, Sentinel; T. McWean; H. James; R. Pearson; H. Burrows; I. W. Robinson, and R. Young. Sir Knt. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, V. 97, was the only visitor present. After the transaction of some routine business, Em. Sir Kt. J. E. Jackson, was duly enthroned M.P.S. of the Conclave, by Ill. Sir Kt. G. Turner, Int. Gen.; and the following officials were subsequently invested:—Sir Kts. G. H. Turner, Viceroy, R. Brown, S.G.; J. Capell, J.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; R. Young, Rec.; H. James, S.P.; H. Burrows, J.P.; R. Pearson, S.B.; J. Skeaf, Org.; P. Armstrong, Orator; T. McWean, Herald; J. R. Goepel, P.S., D.C.; and P. Ball, Tyler. It was resolved that the future meetings of the Conclave should be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The assembled Knights subsequently adjourned to tea, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Obituary.

BRO. R. BATTERSBY, BURY.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 21st instant, while the steamer "Nelson" (Captain Roskell) was returning from Morecambe to Blackpool with excursionists, an object resembling a human body was seen floating below the mouth of the river Lune, some three or four miles from shore. A boat was at once lowered, and Captain Roskell and two of the crew proceeded to the spot, and succeeded in recovering what the Captain had good grounds for believing to be the body of Bro. Richard Battersby, late of Parson's-lane, Bury, aged 27 years, who, along with Bro. R. W. O'Neil, lost his life while yachting in Morecambe Bay, on the afternoon

of the 20th of May last. A reward of £50 had been offered for the recovery of the body, and we need hardly say that the seafaring folk along the coast of Morecambe Bay and its approaches had long kept a sharp look out. The body when picked up, was enveloped in a mackintosh, which he wore when he fell overboard with Bro. O'Neill, that had no doubt tended to preserve it. From personal acquaintance with the deceased, Captain Roskell had no doubt it was the body of Bro. Battersby, the long submersion in the sea not having altogether obliterated the means of identification, and on examination of the deceased's clothes subsequent to the landing of the body at South Pier, Blackpool, there were such evidences found—cards, envelopes, &c., bearing his name and address—as left no room for any doubt on the point of identity which might have previously existed. Mr. J. T. Newbold, The Springs, Bury, hearing of the discovery of the body proceeded to look at it and was enabled (though not without some difficulty) to identify it by the features as the body of Bro. Battersby. All doubt, therefore, being removed, the family of the deceased at Bury were communicated with, and due preparations made for handing the body over into their charge.

Although the body had been over sixty days at sea, it was in a fair state of preservation when found. The pockets of the mackintosh were turned inside out, but none of the other pockets appeared to have been disturbed, and the watch, notes, and loose cash that deceased had taken out with him were all found; likewise the ring he wore when the accident occurred. The body was picked up some five miles from where the accident happened, and there is reason for supposing that it has never been washed out of the bay into open sea. It is thought that the body had floated only the day on which it was picked up—the features being then quite white—and that up to that period it had either been sanded over or entangled among the sea weed, which on breaking up had released the body.

An inquest was held on the body of the deceased on the following day, a verdict of "accidentally drowned" was returned.

The funeral of deceased took place on Saturday last, in the family vault at St. Paul's Church-yard, Bury. The late Bro. Battersby being at the time of his death S.D. of the Prince of Wales' Lodge No. 1012, Bury, of which his equally unfortunate companion Bro. O'Neil was W.M., invitations were sent out to the brethren of various local lodges to attend the funeral, and there was a tolerably fair muster on their part. Mr. A. Mallilien, and Mr. W. P. Mather, of Manchester, who was with the deceased when the accident happened, were present at the funeral, and accompanying them were Mr. John O'Neil (father of the late Bro. O'Neil), and Bro. G. A. O'Neil, W.M. of St. John's Lodge No. 91. Among the brethren preceding the corpse to the churchyard were Bros. Henry Maiden, P.P.G.S.B., East Lancashire, secretary; James Barrett, steward; J. M. Whitehead, P.P.G.S.B., and Henry Heys, P.M., all of Lodge No. 1012; Edmund Eccles, W.M., Lodge No. 42; J. B. Champion, P.M., No. 934; Amos Stott, P.M., Lodge No. 363; S. Bailey, P.M.; W. Balmer, J.W.; Thos. W. Probert, S.D., and A. Hopkinson, I.G., all of Lodge No. 191; James Hill, P.M.; John Grime, P.M.; E. P. Robinson, S.D., and Joseph Wolstenholme, I.G., all of Lodge No. 128; Harry Grundy, I.P.M.; J. W. Crossley, P.M.; Cornelius Warburton, P.M., and Thomas Barker, J.D., all of the Lodge No. 42; J. Metcalf, J.W., and W. Burgess, S.D., both of Lodge No. 1392. The bearers (all members of Lodge No. 1012) were Bros. J. Halliwell, P.M.; William Handley, P.M.; John Rothwell, P.M.; Harry Woodcock, Org.; Dennis Hardman; Ralph Newbold; W. H. Hoyle, and J. T. Milnes. Bro. the Rev. J. Chell, Vicar of St. Paul's, followed in the rear of the general body of processionists. Bro. J. W. Kenyon, P.M., Lodge No. 42, acted as director of ceremonies. The streets were lined with throngs of spectators, and many blinds were drawn and places of business either partially or wholly closed out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The burial service was very impressively gone through by Bro. Chell. On the funeral party entering the church, Bro. J. R. Fletcher, P.M., Lodge No. 191, played Mendelssohn's funeral march on the organ, and as the coffin was carried out, he played the "Dead March" in Saul. Just before the coffin was lowered to its last resting place, Mr. T. Battersby, brother to the deceased, laid a floral cross on the lid, and handsome wreaths were placed thereon by Bro. G. O'Neil and Mr. J. H. Openshaw.

BRO. ISAAC TOWNSEND.

On Tuesday morning, the 6th July, died suddenly of paralysis, Bro. Isaac Townsend, P.M. and late secretary of Adams Lodge No. 158, Sheerness, P.P.G.S. of W., P.P.G. Reg. of Kent, and P.Z. of

Adams chapter No. 158, one of the oldest Masons of the United Kingdom at the advanced age of 82 years.

FUNERAL.—The brethren in full Masonic costume assembled in their Lodge Room in the Masonic Hall, Sheerness, at four o'clock p.m., on Saturday the 10th July, where they were joined by the W.M., Officers and Brethren of De Shurland Lodge No. 1089. The two lodges numbered 60 brethren.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Firminger, W.M., who, in a few appropriate remarks, alluded to the circumstance which had caused him to invite them to meet him that day, and after reading the dispensation for a Public Masonic Funeral (which had been granted by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes), he appointed Bro. A. Spears, P.M. and treasurer of Lodge No. 158, and P.P.G.O. to perform the funeral ceremony.

The Brethren were then formed into order of procession by Bro. W. T. Carpenter, P.M., of Lodge No. 158, acting as Director of Ceremonies, and proceeded to the residence of the deceased in Edward-street, where the funeral procession was formed with the Masonic Brethren preceding the hearse; after the brethren of the Lodges De Shurland and Adams, came the W.M. Bro. W. Bourne and officers of De Shurland 1089; following them Bro. Bagshaw, P.M., and secretary of Lodge No. 158, and Bro. Darley, P.M. of 158, as S.W. and J.W. with their columns; then a M.M. carrying the volume of the Sacred Law, supported by Bros. Watts and Nunn, the two Deacons of Lodge No. 158. The W.M. of Adams Lodge No. 158, followed by Bro. T. M. Rigg, P.M., of Lodge No. 1089, and P.P.G.R. of Kent, and Bro. W. Ord, P.M. (Irish Constitution); then came the hearse with the four oldest P.P.G. officers of Kent as pallbearers, viz., Bro. A. Spears, P.P.G.O. with Bro. W. Pannell, P.P.G.S. of W. on the right, and Bro. G. Beckwith, P.P.G.S. of W. with Bro. J. R. McDonald, P.P.G.A.D.C. on the left side; following the hearse the family and friends of the deceased. On arriving at the cemetery the brethren opened out for the hearse mourners and friends to pass, when the mortuary chapel was soon filled. The beautiful and solemn burial service of the Church of England was impressively performed by the Rev. Bro. G. Bryant, Incumbent of Holy Trinity Church, of which the deceased was a member. When the service of the Church was ended, Bro. A. Spears called on the brethren to surround the grave, when he delivered an address peculiarly Masonic and befitting the solemn occasion.

The procession was then reformed and proceeded to the lodge, where the beautiful and impressive service was completed by reading the XII. Chapter of Ecclesiastes, singing the 100th Psalm and prayer.

Before separating, Bro. Darley paid a tribute of respect to the deceased, whom he said he had known for upwards of 30 years, and who, though holding an humble position in society was superior to it in his general mode of life. The Craft appreciated it, and raised him to a superior station in its ranks. He was kind in manner, firm as a friend, and in the accomplishment of a good purpose a decided enemy to infidelity, a kind father and a general lover of Freemasonry. In conclusion, Bro. Darley said, in order to be good Masons the brethren must be good men, and exhorted them to study, to honour God, to do good, and show sympathy for the bereaved, and cherish the hope of meeting their departed Bro. in an upper and better world. The lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

TRANSLATION

From the German of Bro. Dr. B. Blancke, Orator of the Lodge, "Zu den 3 Cedern," Stuttgart, for the Feast of St. John, 1875. In the "Bauhütte," of July 24th, 1875.

My brethren, at your friendly feast assembled,
The goblet fill with rapturous shouts to-day,
My toast, the dear ones, man's heart companions
Along this dark world's often stormy way.

Those friendly sisters, when care is close at hand,
Uncloud the brow, exhilarate the road,
And if man in life's battle sternly rages,
Give peace and rest to his dear home abode.

The toast concerns their beauty brightly gleaming,
The eye, the cheek, rose-painted soft and fair,
That sweetness which, like the fragrant violet,
With scent divine pervades the ambient air.

Where grace and sweetness in dear union live,
Goodness of heart will a third guest appear,
To twine that chain which for all coming time
Links fast two souls in joy and sorrow here.

Then quick, my brethren, in union dear and free,
Upraise the beaker with its foaming tide;
To all our sisters, gentle, fair, and charming,
The mother, and the wife, and loving bride.

July 26th, 1875.

A. F. A. W.

BROTHER CAPTAIN BOYTON.

As notified in the *Freemason* of last week, Bro. Captain Boyton gave his entertainment in connection with his Life Saving Dress at the Crown Baths, Kennington Oval, S.W., on Wednesday the 21st. It was expected, as Bro. Captain Boyton had intended, that the proceeds of the exhibition should be, after payment of the actual costs in getting it up, such as the charges for the baths, the band, and advertisements, &c., handed over in equal shares to the respective Treasurers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Girls, to be by them applied for the benefit of these charities, that there would be a full muster of the general public, and of the members of the craft. However, unfortunately, the results did not nearly justify the anticipation which Bro. Capt. Boyton entertained, as also those immediately concerned with him in getting up the exhibition. As great publicity had been given respecting the entertainment and the mode in which the receipts were to be applied, the writer is bound, much against the wish of Bro. Captain Boyton, to confess that the money taken at the doors and elsewhere did not represent one-fourth of the actual cost incurred. One is hardly justified in attributing the want of success to a lack of charitable feelings on the part of either the public or the members of the craft, but as somebody or something must be blamed for the consequences, it must be put down to the weather. To be sure there was very little time afforded to bring the affair properly before the public, as it was only settled at midday on Friday last where the exhibition was to take place. Nevertheless, no time was lost, and several hundred big bills were posted up in all directions. At least a couple of thousand handbills were distributed in frequented places within the vicinity of the baths, and the usual complement of advertisements duly appeared in the principal daily papers, and circulars were sent out in all directions. Masons holding high positions in the craft were seen upon the subject, and by the kind permission of the Lord Mayor, two big posters were for two consecutive days, Tuesday and Wednesday, hung up in front of the Mansion House announcing the exhibition and the mode of dealing with the proceeds; and also a slip was prominently placed upon the bills, which stated that tickets were to be obtained at No. 40, Cheapside. And yet with all this the result is as recorded above. The proceedings commenced at half past 6, for at 6, the hour advertised, there was scarcely a soul in the building. Bro. Captain Boyton did not in any way curtail the entertainment on account of the smallness of the number present, but performed his varied feats just as he would have done if the baths were crowded from floor to ceiling. Amongst his other performances he made his raft, and his fire on the top, and then cooked his meal of fish. This done he ate it up, and apparently with as good relish and comfort as if he were sitting at a table in a cosy dining room or breakfast parlour.

The excellent band of the St. George's Rifles was by the permission of Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Charles Hugh Lindsey, and under the direction of Mr. Phasey, the band master in attendance. At the termination of the proceedings, Bro. Captain Boyton gave a commission that another entertainment should be given for precisely the same objects as those for which the present one was got up. This truly energetic Mason can neither be disheartened nor disappointed, and he yet confidently expects to be in a position to hand over a good round sum to the Orphans, as he persistently denominates the inmates of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Prominent notice will be given on the next occasion, and it is hoped that the brethren will generally co-operate with Bro. Captain Boyton in carrying out in a proper manner his philanthropic intentions. It is only due to Bro. Captain Boyton to say that he personally bears the whole of the expenses.

[We would suggest that on future occasions, those who get up such Masonic undertakings, should not altogether leave an old friend like the *Freemason* "out in the cold."—Ed.]

ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY.

The following appears in the Correspondence of the *Masonic Record of Western India* :—

As the antiquity of Freemasonry is a dogma which the Craft inculcates with truth, the study of its history, and the landmarks of its early existence, form an interesting subject for the enquiring Craftsman; more conspicuous amongst these is certainly the name handed down to us of our Grand Master, Hiram Abif, which was ably discussed in a valuable contribution to the *Freemason* some time since; but which would have been more lucid had it not been so encumbered with extracts from Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

The matter may be briefly put thus—The Hebrew Bible says that Hiram, King of Tyre, sent to Solomon for his chief workman on the Temple, Hiram Avii. II. Chron. ii. 12 in the Hebrew, but ii. 13 in the English version; or, as written in another place, Hiram Aviv. II. Chron. iv. 16, and called Hiram in I. Kings vii. 13.

The first translation of the Hebrew Scriptures known was made by the Seventy into Greek; and they translated the first two Hebrew words by Hiram my father. This shows how the passage was understood two centuries before Christ.

The earliest standard version of the Old and New Testaments into Latin was made by Jerome, in the fourth century of our era; and that followed the Greek by rendering the words "Hiram my father." This version, the Vulgate, is still of equal authority with the original in the Romish Church, and was used by all Christendom till the Reformation.

When the English version was made the passage was rendered "of Hiram my father," and the second form, "Hiram his father," following in the latter instance the Vulgate.

Modern criticism however has shown that all these renderings are wrong, and that the errors have arisen from the mistake of translating as a significant word, a form which is really a proper name, and should be "And now I have sent a cunning man endued with understanding, Hiram Abif," and instead of Hiram his father make, Hiram Abif make.

But while Hiram Abif or Hiram Abif is a name new to Biblical critics, it is old to Masons, having been used by them from time immemorial, thus showing that they had the true interpretation of the old Hebrew Scriptures among them so far as this passage is concerned, while the un-masonic world was floundering among such meaningless renderings as "Hiram my father," "Hiram his father," and of "Hiram my fathers."

The first translator who got at the true rendering was Luther. He wrote Hiram Abif, and that he owed his correct version to Freemasonry rather than to his study of Hebrew is highly probable, from the fact that he used the final *f* peculiar to Masons, while the name in the Hebrew Bible has a final *v*. This is clear from De Wette's accurate version. He does not follow Luther and write Abif, but adheres closely to the Hebrew form and writes Abiv.

That Freemasons have always possessed the correct name of Solomon's Master Builder is now generally admitted; they must have obtained this name originally either from the Volume of the Sacred Law, or Tradition; but as it was not to be found in the Bible from the time the Septuagint was written, so they must have got it from the Bible at some period anterior to the second century before Christ, or from Tradition, because at that period the true interpretation was lost. That they never obtained it from the written text at all seems almost certain; because if they had, the name in use now would be Hiram Abiv, and not Hiram Abif, which appears to have come down by tradition as the original pronunciation.

So one marked evidence of the antiquity of our Order, together with the traditional integrity of the Sublime Degree, is "Hiram Abif."

FREEMASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The monthly meeting of Oriental Lodge 687, was held in the Masonic Temple, Pera, on Thursday, June 24th, at 8 p.m. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. B. Atkinson, and that of I.P.M. by Bro. John Wetherill, P.M. 166, D.J.G.W.; Bros. Ernicombe, S.W.; Harvy, J.W. (act.); Mountain, P.M.; D.S.G.W. Treas.; Swiss, Sec. (act.); Botteler, S.D. (act.); Wren, J.D.; Lingford, I.G.; and Giggill, Tyler. There were also about twenty members of the lodge present, the W.M. being well supported by P.M.'s H. Arnold, L. Hamley (*Levant Times*), H. Temple, Henry Wetherill, R. Hammond (M.D.). The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous evening confirmed, the circular convening this meeting was then read, the business being to ballot for Messrs. D. James and D. Bellis, and to present a testimonial to W. Bro. Wetherill, I.P.M. The candidates being duly accepted, were admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. then called the attention of the brethren to the great loss the Oriental Lodge had sustained by the sudden death of our late Bros. Scilly and Green, both P.M.'s. W. Bro. Mountain, after a very lengthy and minute address upon the good qualities of our late brethren, moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the families of the deceased brethren, whom, he was sure, would feel that while consolation from any quarter was acceptable, it would be doubly so coming from the lodge. The W.M., before closing the lodge, said that he had a most pleasant duty to perform, which was to present W. Bro. John Wetherill, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, as a token of respect and esteem for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. of the Oriental Lodge for the year 1874. W. Bro. Wetherill then, in a very able manner, thanked the brethren for the honour they had been pleased to confer on him. The lodge was then closed, to be opened on the first Friday in October, 1875.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, August 6, 1875.

SATURDAY, JULY 31.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec. Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor. Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor. Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7. Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelalde Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor. British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8. St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor. Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors. West Kent Lodge of Instruction (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8. Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

Cononial Board at 3. Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. " 1473, Henley, Three Crowns, High-street, Woolwich. Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington. " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor. Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Layham, Precep. Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor. Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor. Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor. Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor. St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor. Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W. Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30. Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor. Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

Grand Chapter, at 7. Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road, Holloway. Mark Lodge, Old Kent, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue. Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noker, P.M., Preceptor. Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor. New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8. Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec. Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor. Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor. Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park. Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E. United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor. Mount Edgumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor. THURSDAY, AUGUST 5. Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules' Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor. Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye; W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor. United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor. Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor. Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8, Bro. S. T. Finch Preceptor. Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor. Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank. Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor. The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30. High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham. Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

Lodge 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood. " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls-Pond-road, N. Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors. St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich. Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor. Panmure Lodge of Instruction (730), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8. Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor. Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor. Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep. Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor. Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8. Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor. United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor. St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor. Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor. Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor. Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor. St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W. Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8. Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 7, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston. " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham. " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6. Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6. Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone. " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool. Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. Mark Lodge 161, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale. Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley. " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6. " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan. " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh. Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead. Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8. De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

- Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 3.
 " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.
 Lodge 375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.
For the Week ending Saturday, August 7, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

- Lodge 37, Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, at 6.
 " 381, Harmony and Industry, New Inn, Over Darwen, at 6.30.
 " 1009, Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
 " 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hotel, Blackley, near Manchester, at 5.
 " 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

- Lodge 1134, Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.
 " 1322, Waverley, Church Inn, Hurst Cross, near Ashton-under-Lyne.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

- Lodge 298, Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale, at 7.
 " 645, Humphrey, Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
 " 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, at 6.30.
 " 992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, Manchester, at 6.
 " 1144, Milton, Ryecroft Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 6.

- Chap. 126, Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley, at 5.30.
 " 221, St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 7.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

- Lodge 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 7.
 " 317, Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
 " 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Swan Hotel Padiham, at 6.30.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

- Lodge 44, Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.
 " 219, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden, at 7.30.
 Preceptory, Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 6.30.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.

- Lodge 1458, Truth, Royal Archer Inn, Dale-street, Manchester, at 4.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, August 7, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

- Lodge 20, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Lesmahagow.
 " 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
 " 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
 " 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
 " 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
 " 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, Freemasons' Masonic Hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

- Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.
 " 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.
 " 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
 " 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
 " 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmeilington.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
 " 443, St. Thomas, (Ril), Dalmeilington.
 " 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

- Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.
 " 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.
 " 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.
 " 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.
 " 166, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 360, Hope-street.
 " 442, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.
 Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

- Prov. Grand Lodge of the Royal Order for the West of Scotland, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

- Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.
 " 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
 " 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.
 " 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
 " 202, St. Clement's, Traids Tavern, Kilmarnock.
 " 320, St. John Royal Arch, Saltcoats and Ardrossan, Masonic Hall.
 " 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.
 " 465, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garngad-road.
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.
 Lodge 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 135, St. James', Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
 " 156, St. Barchan, Masonic Arms Inn, Kilbarchan.
 " 175, Greenock, St. John's Hall, Greenock.

- Lodge 217, Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
 " 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnstone.
 " 244, Union St. John, Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse.
 " 248, Lockhart St. John, Masonic Hall, Carnwarth.
 " 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st, Calton.
 " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 459, Kilburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Millport.
 " 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.
 " 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.
 " 554, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.

- Lodge 458, St. John's, Wilson's Hall, Busby.
 " 544, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 7, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

- Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

- Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.
 " 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

- Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.
 " 97, St. James, St. James' Hall, Writers'-court.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

- Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

THE HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260) held their usual summer banquet on Wednesday, July 28th, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. The sun seldom shone on a more propitious day, and the arrangements for the excursion were most satisfactory and complete. A goodly company, including many relatives and friends of the brethren, numbering about sixty, were assembled and exchanged friendly and fraternal greetings. Having spent a considerable time in admiring the beautiful grounds attached to the commodious dining hall, where Bro. Benningfield, the proprietor, whose exertions for the general enjoyment were indefatigable, had prepared a sumptuous repast, to which one and all did ample justice. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, and several excellent songs had been given by Miss Lincoln, who bids fair to become a very accomplished vocalist, the W.M., W. Bro. J. Hogg, P.G.D., in proposing "The Health of Bro. G. King, jun., P.M. and Sec.," alluded to the very earnest manner in which that brother undertook any of the duties that were involved in his position, and in proposing "The Healths of the S.W., Bro. Harrison, and J.W., Bro. Southwood," thanked them in the name of the company present for their very appropriate presents to the banquet in the shape of illuminated menu cards and splendid artificial bouquets of flowers for each lady. The company then dispersed while the room was prepared for the dancing which although not prolonged to "the wee sma' hours," was sufficiently enticing to detain both young and old "till night's dark mantle had covered all." And then with hearty hand shakings, hats and cloaks were donned, and some returning by rail and others preferring a ride home by road, there parted a company who were unanimous in wishing success to all connected with the Hervey Lodge.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The second emergency meeting since March was held on 29th of July, at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville Road, N. Present:—Bros. Willing, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Berrie, J.W.; Child, S.D.; Kingham, J.D.; Fowler, D.C.; Scales, Steward; Douglass, I.G.; Daley, Tyler; Rose, Secretary; Tims, P.M. 177; Treasurer; also Bros. Stiles, Easy, Saintsbury, Shand, Side, Carter, Gilbert, and Brede. Visitors:—Bros. Savage, W.M. 1425; Graham, P.M. 475; Berrie, J.W. 1293; Buscall, J.D.; Wicks, 813; Ormiston, 262; Jordan, 511; Musgrave, 1399, Org. Business transacted:—Bros. Read and Brumell, raised. No passings. Messrs. Little, Erwood, Sayers, J. Levy, and Rogers, were balloted for and impressively initiated. Baron von Tittenborn duly elected joining member. Bye-laws read, several new propositions made, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M.; T. C. Chapman, S.W.; H. Lister, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas.; N. Green, Sec.; J. B. Shackleton, S.D.; J. Symes, J.D.; Robinson (Lodge 177) as I.G.; Gilchrist, Tyler; and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bros. Dallas, Watson and Alford were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The lodge was then closed to the Second Degree, when Bros. Brasted and Harding were passed. Lodge being then resumed in the First Degree, Mr. F. A. Kelly, who had been previously proposed, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, Bro. Lee very ably performing the ceremony. Bro. Howe, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1445, proposed that the lodge should present the W.M. with the Steward's jewel, commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., which was agreed to unanimously. Notice of a motion, to be brought forward at the next meeting, was then given, for the initiation fee to be raised. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of a slight repast, the chair being occupied by the W.M. After ample justice had been done to the good things, the chairman, in appropriate terms, proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiate." Bro. F. A. Kelly responded. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Lee, who coupled with the last the name of Bro. Howe, P.G. Purst. Middlesex, P.M. 1445, to whom he expressed his great pleasure at seeing present. This

toast, which was very cordially received, Bro. Howe responded to, in a very effective speech. Bro. Howe then proposed the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms. The W.M., in his reply, thanked Bro. Howe for his kind remarks, and the brethren of the lodge for the manner in which they had drank his health, and he also thanked the brethren very warmly for the Steward's jewel which they had that evening awarded him. Several other toasts were given, and the brethren soon after separated.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540) held an emergency meeting at the Bridge House Hotel on Thursday, July 29th. There were present Bros. T. J. Sabine, W.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., &c.; J. C. Mason, S.W.; E. S. Stidolph, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; Rev. D. Hatch, Chaplain; W. J. Kemp, S.D.; C. Hudson, J.D.; H. Faija, I.G.; A. J. Hawkes, D.C.; A. P. Stedman, W.S., &c. Ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of fifteen joining members. Five gentlemen were initiated, viz., Messrs. Pierce, William Crosbie, Richard Henry Willats, Elliott Emanuel, Joel Emanuel, and John Worster. Each candidate was introduced separately, and in a most impressive manner initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The Reverend Bro. Hatch, in a beautiful style, gave the all-important charge to the newly-initiated brethren. Some important private business having been disposed of, the brethren separated after the lodge was closed, partaking of a slight refreshment after labour. A very large number of visitors were present.

PROVINCIAL.

WARRINGTON.—LODGE OF LIGHTS (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult. The W.M., Dr. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., Past Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland, was supported by Bros. W. H. Robinson, S.W.; Thomas Tunstall, J.W.; Jos. Pickthall, S.W.; John R. Young, J.D.; C. E. Hindley, I.G.; W. Sharp, P.M., Treas.; W. Mossop, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; W. Richardson, P.M., W.M. No. 1250; G. A. Clark, John Dimmelow, Charles Crozier, J.W. No. 1250; W. Crompton, Jabez G. Hughes, Mos. Jones, John Armstrong, James Hannah, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. P. J. Edelsten, M.W. 1134; J. R. Tomlinson, W.M. 368; J. W. Sanders, 1219; J. H. Galloway, 1250. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. James Paterson claimed advancement, and having sustained his claim was entrusted. On re-admission Bro. Paterson was raised to the Sublime Degree in ample form by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, when the following gentlemen, who had already been approved, were separately introduced and initiated by the W.M., viz., Messrs. S. E. Johnson, A. Peake, and B. L. Pierpoint. Bro. Robt. Vawser, C.E. and Thos. Sutton were proposed as joining members, and a gentleman as a fit and proper person. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

GARSTON.—LODGE OF HARMONY (No. 220).—There is no more popular suburban lodge in the neighbourhood of Liverpool than the old "Harmony," and its annual summer festival meeting is, therefore, always enjoyed with the greatest zest. That for 1875 was no exception, and although there was a little hitch in the even tenour of the afternoon's proceedings, owing to an unexpected delay, everything passed off smoothly and pleasantly. The annual meeting took place on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Garston Hotel, Garston, a few miles from Liverpool, where the lodge was opened by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. John Evans, who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. W. Baker, P.M.; Dr. J. V. Worthington, I.P.M.; W. Jones, P.M.; R. Jones, P.M.; C. Leedham, P.M.; J. Hughes, S.W.; T. B. Tellett, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.M., Treas.; C. Humphreys, P.M. 1013, Sec.; J. Clark, Org.; J. Tickle, I.G.; J. Tewkesbury, S.; W. Price, S.; J. Robinson, Tyler; M. A. Lovelady, W. Guest, W. Morrison, A. Sharples, W. Lawson, S. Chambers, T. Wainwright, H. Hatch, R. Pink, J. Robinson, F. Ratcliffe, J. T. Bullock, J. Cave, J. Jarvis, J. Thompson, W. Newall, and W. Troughton. The visitors present were Bros. H. Davies, 1356; W. G. Sharpe, I.G. 1086; T. Roberts, S.W. 673; W. G. Veale, Org. 1356; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; C. Leighton, P.M. 1035; J. Bramham, 1298; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; and W. T. May, 673 and 1393. As the closing act of his year of office, Bro. J. Evans, W.M., initiated Messrs. Croft and Crowther into the mysteries of the Order in a very efficient manner. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M., who installed Bro. John Hughes as the W.M. of the lodge in the masterly style so well known in the province. The following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. J. Evans, I.P.M.; T. B. Tellett, S.W.; S. Tickle, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.M., Treasurer; C. Humphreys, P.M. 1013, Secretary; J. Tewkesbury, S.D.; G. Price, J.D.; W. Lawson, I.G.; James Robinson, S.S.; A. Sharples, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The brethren afterwards banqueted, and as many had to return to town, the after dinner loyal and Masonic toasts were given briefly but pointedly by the W.M. and other brethren.

RADCLIFFE.—LODGE OF FAITH (No. 344).—On Wednesday morning, the 28th ult., a party of the brethren belonging to the Lodge of Faith, 344, with their wives and friends, numbering altogether about thirty, left the Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, (East Lancashire), in an omnibus to which was attached four greys, for Altrincham and Tatton Park, proceeding by way of Cheetham Hill, where they changed horses. The subsequent route was via Chester Road, through Stretford, where a short stoppage was made at the house of Bro. Edwards. They then drove on to the Unicorn at Altrincham, where an excellent lunch awaited them, and which was thoroughly enjoyed. After spending an hour or two in the vicinity of Altrincham, they proceeded to Tatton Park, by

way of Rosterne Mere and Rosterne Old Church, which was visited by part of the company, and an inspection made of the memorials of the Egerton family, and which, as works of art, are said to be some of the finest in England. From the churchyard one of the finest views in the vicinity of Manchester is to be obtained, embracing the Mere, the Downs, and the village of Bowdon. The party continued its journey to Patton Park, and having obtained permission to inspect the gardens and grounds, they spent a few hours there both profitably and pleasantly. About four o'clock the party returned to dinner at the Unicorn Inn, at Altrincham, after partaking of which, another hour or two was spent in social enjoyment, and some very good songs were sung and recitations given.

DALTON.—BALDWIN LODGE (No. 1398).—The members of the Baldwin Lodge met in the Castle, Dalton, on Thursday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master, and investing the officers for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Francis Henry Clark was duly elected and installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. R. Pearson, I.P.M. 995, and Provincial Grand Registrar of West Lancashire, in a very able and impressive manner, for which Bro. Pearson is so well and deservedly famed. Bro. Clark afterwards invested his officers as follows for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Bell, Senior Warden; John Walton, Junior Warden; J. Postlethwaite, I.P.M.; R. Hosking, Treas.; R. Blake, Sec.; Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chaplain; T. Grieve, Org.; W. Dalzell, Senior Deacon; C. Godby, Junior Deacon; F. Atkinson, I.G.; T. H. Hosking and A. Gracie, Stewards. There was a considerable number of members and visiting brethren present. After the interesting ceremony had been gone through the brethren retired to the house of Bro. Bell, Wellington Hotel, to partake of the banquet, and amongst those present we noticed the following, in addition to the officers aforementioned:—Members of 1398—Bros. J. Garden, P. Wurzbacher, W. H. Fox, T. Tremlath, E. B. Mitchell, J. T. Lawn, R. Townley, J. T. Scott, A. Slater, and J. Hardy. Bros. R. Pearson, I.P.M. 995, and P.G.R.; H. Purdue, Ranelagh Lodge, 834, London. Bros. M. Haslam, W.M.; R. T. Taylor, S.W.; Jos. Huartson, J.W.; R. A. Brooke, P.M. 774; all of Hartington Lodge, 1021, Barrow. Bros. H. Pickavance, W.M.; James Hunter, J.W.; J. Bland, M.M., of Hindpool Lodge, 1225. Bros. H. Waitling, Sec., Whitwell Lodge, 1390, Millom. After all had done justice to the really splendid and ample spread provided by Bro. Bell, who seems on every occasion to excel his past efforts to please (if it were possible to do), the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen," after which the "National Anthem" was sung. Next followed the toast of "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers," with honours. Bro. Blake was next called upon for a recitation, entitled "The Accepted Mason," which was rendered in his usual effective style, followed by the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers." The W.M. in all cases commented in appropriate terms on the various persons connected with the toasts, this one being coupled with the name of Bro. Pearson, I.P.M., who replied to the same. Bro. Purdue being called upon, responded in a very pleasing manner with the song "Tis but a Little Faded Flower." Bro. Postlethwaite, I.P.M., in proposing the next toast, "The Worshipful Master of Baldwin Lodge," spoke very highly of Bro. Clarke's abilities as an efficient officer, who had laboured hard in the cause of Masonry, and fully deserved the high honour that day conferred upon him. This was followed by Bro. E. B. Mitchell's song, "The Rhine Wine." Bro. Clarke, in replying to the toast, thanking all for the honour conferred upon him, said he would take that opportunity of presenting to Bro. Postlethwaite, on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his term of office, hoping that he would be long spared to wear the same. This was followed by the hearty approval of the brethren in the usual Masonic style of applause. Duet, "Pining Away," by Bro. Walter Bell and Bro. Purdue, which was exceedingly well rendered. Bro. Postlethwaite responded in feeling terms to the kindness of the brethren, expressing his regret that business engagements had prevented him from doing as much in the lodge as he could have wished. Bro. Whiteside, I.P.M., proposed the toast of Past Officers in fitting and highly complimentary terms, which was responded to by Bro. F. Bell, S.W., followed by a song, "The Union Jack of Old England," by Bro. Jos. Huartson, J.W. 1021, in that happy and effective manner for which he is so deservedly noted. "The Installing Master" was ably responded to by Bro. Pearson, who, in thanking the brethren for the honour done him, said it was always a labour of love for him to take an active part in Masonry, and especially in the Baldwin Lodge, for he had taken so active a part in its formation that he should always feel very interested in the lodge. He urged at some length that greatest of all Masonic virtues, "charity," commending to the notice of the brethren those grand and noble institutions for the destitute and needy of the Order, which had been so blessed in their philanthropic endeavours to relieve and assist the children and widows of Masons, and strongly urged them to ever have their claims in view, and heartily respond to the calls upon them for our sympathy and support. Song, "The Englishman," by Bro. J. Huartson, followed by the toast of "The Clerical Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. J. M. Morgan, Provincial Grand Chaplain, when the W.M. expressed the high honour we ought to feel in having so many provincial Grand Lodge Officers amongst us as members of our local lodges. Bro. Morgan replied in his usual worthy and appropriate style, giving much valuable and instructive information to the brethren, and strongly supporting Bro. Pearson in his remarks, urging upon the brethren to always give such noble institutions their best support, as they were some of the great ornaments of our Order. "The Visiting Brethren" was

next given, coupled with the name of Bro. Brooke, I.P.M., who responded. Thus the programme of one of the most pleasant ceremonies and proceedings was brought to a close, in a manner highly satisfactory to all who had the pleasure of being present.

GREAT STANMORE.—**ABERCORN LODGE (No. 1549).**—The first regular meeting of this newly-consecrated lodge was held on the 6th ult., which promises well for future prosperity. The lodge was opened at 4.30 by the W.M., Bro. R. Helsdon, P.M. 733, with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meetings having been read and confirmed, the ballot was unanimously taken in favour of Mr. R. Beet and Mr. H. W. Swatton, of Bushey, and also of Mr. J. Felton, of Stanmore, and they were separately initiated to the end of the obligation by Bro. C. Veal, P.M. 889, P.G.S.D. Surrey, who, as Hon. Secretary, and founder of the lodge, was honoured with this portion of the first ceremony, the conclusion, with the explanation of the working tools, being taken by the W.M., and great impression was evidently made by their efficient performance. The ballot was also unanimously taken in favour of Bro. William Boydell as a joining member. Three new candidates and one joining member having been announced for the next meeting, the W.M. gave instructions for a lodge of emergency on the first Tuesday in August, at 3 p.m. The usual business was then disposed of, and the lodge duly closed, the brethren adjourning to a satisfactory banquet, provided by mine host, Bro. Veal, and the evening was finished most harmoniously. At the ceremony of consecration we must record the omission of a letter having been read from the S.G.W., Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton (from whose family the lodge takes its title), regretting his inability to attend, and his lordship was thereupon unanimously voted an honorary member of the lodge. The lodge-room is very effectively arranged, the furniture bearing the well-known name of Bro. George Kenning.

Royal Arch.

JERSEY.—**ROYAL SUSSEX CHAPTER (No. 491).**—The convocation of this chapter, now very prosperous, held on Monday, July 19th, at the Masonic Temple, had more than ordinary attractions, for it was selected as a fitting opportunity to acknowledge the long and faithful services of one of its oldest members, Comp. A. Schmitt. The chapter was opened by Comps. R. Barrow, Z.; J. Oatley, P.Z., as H.; E. Martel, J.; supported by Comps. A. Schmitt, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., E.; Gen. Thos. C. Kelly, C.B., N.; P. W. Benham, P.Z., Treas.; P. Binet, P.Z.; J. O. Le Sueur, Asst. S.E.; F. P. Le Marquand, P.S.; and several others. Amongst the visitors were Comps. G. J. Renouf, Z. 590; A. Viel, P.Z. 590; Jos. O'Flaherty, J. 590; Capt. J. Williams, Treas. 224; and others. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. drew the attention of the companions present to the important fact of presenting a tangible mark of respect and esteem to M.E. Comp. A. Schmitt, P. Prov. G. Sec., P. Prov. G.S.W., President of the Local Board of General Purposes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., for his arduous services rendered to the chapter as P.Z., and also as Scribe E. Comp. Schmitt has devoted the best part of his life to our noble institution, and in fulfilling the duties of S.E. for the last sixteen years, the chapter has thought proper to evince their appreciation of such unwearied zeal and assiduity by presenting that esteemed and honoured companion with a gold jewel (of Prov. Grand S.E.) of exquisite beauty. The following is the inscription:—"Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 491. To M.E. Comp. A. Schmitt, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., &c., in affectionate recognition of valuable services.—Jersey, July 19th, 1875." After having decorated the recipient, the M.E.Z. added:—"May it please the G.A.O.T.U. to bless you, Comp. Schmitt, with health to enjoy long the esteem of the brethren and the respect of all good men. And as a proof of the popularity of that companion, the Yarborough Chapter, No. 244, deputed E. Comp. P. W. Benham, P.Z., to present him with an apron and sash of Past Principal, as a token of their love and respect, in kind acknowledgment of services rendered to the Yarborough Chapter, as P.Z., and S.E., during a long period of years. This last present came quite unexpectedly to Comp. Schmitt, and caused him such an agreeable surprise, that for the moment it required all his self-possession to collect himself, and in thanking the Sussex and Yarborough Chapters for their fraternal and sympathetic kindness he assured them that the memory of this important event would never be effaced from his mind, that he would still continue for the future, as he had done for the past, to be a worker in the busy hive of Masonry, and would use his utmost endeavours in promoting its best interests, and, after a lengthy speech, concluded by saying that a society encouraging such kindly feelings of love, relief, and truth, must certainly find an echo in every conscientious mind. At this period of the evening a letter was read from M.E. Comp. W. J. Hughan (of Truro), P.Z., and P.G. Senior Deacon of England, honorary member of Lodge and Chapter "La Césaire," No. 590, expressing his high approbation at the judicious course the ArchMasons of Jersey had manifested in acknowledging the valuable services of his honoured friend, Comp. Schmitt, and stated that it was with the deepest regret that he was debarred from being an eye-witness to the ceremony. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the evening. After the closing of the chapter, the companions adjourned to the festive board, where plain but substantial fare was provided. On the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was accepted with the utmost loyalty, and after the usual Masonic toasts on these occasions, the toast of the evening, viz., "Our esteemed Comp., A. Schmitt," admirably proposed by the Chairman, was received with rapturous applause, and feelingly acknowledged by Comp. Schmitt.

Comp. P. W. Benham proposed a special toast, "Comp. W. J. Hughan, of Truro," which was received with a thunder of applause, for although that esteemed companion is personally known but to a few in the province, his writings and literary Masonic works have made him the bosom friend of every Mason. Such demonstration of friendship and admiration naturally demanded a reply, Comp. Schmitt warmly acknowledged the compliment so gracefully paid to his absent friend in justly and deservedly eulogizing the Masonic worth and literary labours of that distinguished companion. The companions separated, highly delighted with the day's proceedings.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly communication of the P.G. Lodge of Glasgow took place on Thursday, the 29th ult., in Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. The P.G.M., Walter M. Neilson, presided, and was supported by Bros. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; W. Bell, acting P.G.S.W.; G. McDonald, acting P.G.J.W.; J. Gillies, P.G.S.D.; James Balfour, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; John Fraser, P.G. Assistant Marshal; W. Phillips, P.G.S.B., and A. A. Smith, P.G.I.G., as office-bearers. Among the members of P. Grand Lodge present we noticed the following:—J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. 332; Alexander Thomson, R.W.M. 333; W. Harper, R.W.M. 408; J. Singleton, R.W.M. 178; D. Reed, R.W.M. 465; John Campbell, R.W.M. 28; J. S. Scott, R.W.M. 419; John Lockhart, R.W.M. 510; D. McLachlan, J.W. 510; J. Simpson, J.W. 419; J. Forsyth, S.W. 333; R. Hepburn, J.W. 178; D. Peacock, S.W. 117; Andrew Angus, J.W. 117; D. Ronald, S.W. 275; John McInnes, S.W. 408; J. Howie, J.W. 556; Robert Gardner, S.W. 178; J. B. McNaught, S.W. 556; W. Bisland, J.W. 408; W. Finlay, J.W. 75; J. Clarke, J.W. 465; Colin McKenzie, S.W. 413; James Booth, S.W. 87; &c., &c.

The meeting was exceedingly well attended. The P.G. Sec. read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed; as also were the minutes of the P.G. Lodge Committee.

The business before the meeting was of a miscellaneous character, the most important part of it being the resignation of Bro. F. A. Barrow as P.G.D. Master, of which he had previously given notice. Bro. Barrow has had, for a considerable time back, a great deal of work thrown upon him, in consequence of the duties involved by the numerous offices of importance to which he has been appointed, not the least important of which is that of the superintendence of the P.R.A. Chapter of Glasgow, and Bro. W.M. Neilson, P.G. Master for Glasgow, having for a considerable part of the year been unable to attend to his duties as such, through ill-health, these have also devolved upon him. He was, therefore, to some extent justified in his wishing to retire. However, after Bro. Neilson had, in the most humorous and kindly persuasive manner, requested Bro. Barrow to reconsider his resolution, he (Bro. Barrow) felt that the great love he had for the Order, and his anxiety to see its usefulness and prosperity extended, had caused him to make up his mind to withdraw his resignation for the present, hoping, at the same time, that the Craft would look out for a suitable successor. He thought he had some claim to seek retirement after fifteen years' service. The next business of importance was that a petition from Dramatic Lodge for a charter, which was favourably entertained, and remitted to Grand Lodge for completion. A question of discipline, in reference to some irregularity of a brother, was then satisfactorily settled. This left little business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (No. 67).**—This chapter held the regular monthly meeting on the 27th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, 22, Struthers-street. Comp. James Duthie, Z., presided. Among other companions present we observed Comps. D. Ronald, H.; J. O. Park, Z. 122; J. de Neef, Third Soj. 122; J. Scott, H. 122; G. B. Adams, 50 (Freemason); and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then intimated that he had received a letter from the S.E., resigning his appointment as S.E. of the chapter. He said this was an unfortunate occurrence so close upon the annual election of office-bearers. Comp. Ronald suggested that Comp. Mason, S.N., might possibly be able to undertake the duties of S.E., in addition to those of his own office, until the annual election. Comp. Mason not being present, Comps. Duthie and Sloan offered to wait upon him with a view to secure his services. Comp. Duthie said that, in the event of both duties being too much for Comp. Mason, he himself would be most happy to assist him in any way. This was met with a hearty vote of thanks from the companions present, and satisfied them that the work of the chapter would be efficiently carried through. After some other general business was got through, the chapter was called to harmony, when a pleasant and profitable hour was spent by the companions assembled. The chapter was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).**—A special meeting of this lodge took place on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, for the dispatch of business. The meeting was very well attended; among others were the R.W.M., W. Harper; Bros. John McInnes, S.W.; William Bisland, J.W.; J. Gordon, D.M.; D. Downie, P.M.; J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. 332; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; G. B. Adams, 360 (Freemason), &c., &c. The R.W.M., who was suddenly called away upon pressing emergency, requested Bro. T. Gordon, D.M., to take the chair and carry on the business before the lodge,

which he performed in an able and satisfactory manner. An application from Mr. Donald McBain for admittance into the Order was laid before the lodge, and met with approval. The First Degree was given to him in a full and able manner by Bro. Gordon; as he will shortly have to proceed abroad, it was agreed to give him the F.C. Degree also, his instructors having agreed to get him prepared to receive the M.M. Degree at the next regular meeting of the lodge. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**COMMERCIAL CHAPTER (No. 79).**—The monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 30th ult. Comp. J. Brodie, M.E.Z., presided, and was supported by Comps. J. Duthie, M.E.Z. 67; J. M. Oliver, acting S.E.; J. Crabb, P.Z. 50; E. B. Adams, 50; R. Brodie, 79, and others. The meeting was well attended although not large. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The principal business before the chapter was a motion by Comp. J. Monro, S.E., seconded by Comp. J. M. Oliver, H., viz., "That the bye-laws be altered as follows:—That the office-bearers meet annually on the second Friday of August to select for nomination their successors in office, so as to enable them to lay the names of the companions so selected before the regular meeting of the chapter in August; the companions so recommended, and any others that may then be duly proposed and seconded, will be held as nominated. In the event of more than one candidate being nominated for one office, the one commanding the majority of votes shall be declared duly elected." This was unanimously agreed to, and the chapter was closed in usual form.

GLASGOW.—**THETIS CHAPTER (No. 122).**—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 35, St. James-street, Kingstown, on the 26th ult. The meeting was well attended for the season of the year. Comp. J. O. Park, M.E.Z. (who was well supported and assisted throughout the evening by Comp. J. Duthie, M.E.Z. of Chapter 67), presided, and conducted the business of the evening. Among others present we observed Comps. Quigley, S.E., in his own place; J. Scott, H.; A. McFarlane, N.; John Hampton, of the Kimberley Concord Chapter, No. 153, South Africa; J. de Neef, acting 1st Soj.; G. B. Adams, acting 2nd Soj., &c., &c. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Applications for further advancement in Freemasonry were read from Bros. Robt. W. Merriam and Herman Wilhelm Strahlendorf, their proposers and seconders being Comps. Park, Dobie, J. de Neef, and Wilson. The applications being approved of, the two brothers received the Mark Master Degree; the lodge was then raised to that of Most Excellent, when that degree was conferred upon them, after which a R.A. Chapter was held, and they were admitted companions of the R.A. A vote of thanks to Comp. Duthie for his able assistance brought the business of the evening to a close. Comp. Hampton, who took great interest in the ceremony, will, no doubt, carry away with him to South Africa a pleasant recollection of the night's proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire was held on Wednesday, 28th July, at the Town Hall, St. Alban's, under the banner of the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479. The R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided. He was supported by about seventy brethren. Among those present we noticed M.W. Bros. H. C. Finch, P.G. Reg.; W. Wilson, P.G.J.W.; T. S. Carter, P.G.S.D.; E. Lacey, P.G.S.D.; F. H. Wilson-Iles, P.G. Sec.; the Rev. Lewis Deedes, P.G. Chaplain; J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; M. Heywood, P.G. Org.; H. Campkin, and E.R. P. Francis, P.G. Stewards; J. R. Cocks, P.P.G.J.W.; S. Austin, P.P.G., Sup. Wks.; W. H. Rowe, P.P.G. Sup. Wks.; R. A. Wright, P.M., 504, P.P.G. S.D.; W. Cutbush, P.P.G. Sup. Wks.; J. Lewthen, I.P.M. 1479; Laxton, W.M. 404; E. Palin, W.M. 404; Hayward Edwards, W.M. 1385; J. P. Priott, S.D. 1479; G. Askew, W.M. 1479.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last P.G. Lodge held at Hertford were read and confirmed. The accounts presented by Bro. A. J. Copeland, P.G. Treas., were passed. The P.G. Lodge Laws were then considered and adopted.

The following appointments were then made by the P.G. Master:—

J. Sedgwick, P.M. 404 (re-app.)	.....	D. Prov. G.M.
J. Lowthin, P.M. 1479	.....	P.G.S.W.
J. Copestick, W.M. 869	.....	P.G.J.W.
Rev. Burchell Heme, 404	.....	P.G. Chap.
Rev. C. E. Mayo, 869	.....	P.G. Sec.
F. H. Wilson-Iles, P.M. 404 (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Sec.
A. J. Copeland, P.M. 404 (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Treas.
E. Palin, W.M. 404	.....	P.G.S.D.
J. W. J. Gifford, W.M. 409	.....	P.G.J.D.
Hayward Edwards, W.M. 1385	.....	P.G. Sup. Wks.
J. Terry, P.M. (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Dir. Cer.
Young, 1327	.....	P.G. Ass. Dir. Cer.
Paterson, 1385	.....	P.G. Org.
Yolland, 1385	.....	P.G.S.B.
Laxton, W.M. 504	.....	P.G. Purst.
Godson, 1479; J. N. Edwards, 1479;		
Blenkinsop, 504; Sheldon, 1327;		
Foster, 504; Gilbert, 1327	.....	P.G. Stewards.
Thomas, 404 (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Tyler.
Wright, 403 (re-app.)	.....	P.G. Tyler.

The following sums were voted from the P.G. Lodge Funds:—£20 to the Boys' School, £10 to the St. Alban's Abbey Restoration Fund, £5 each to Bros. Wilson-Iles and

T. S. Carter, to purchase the Prince of Wales's installation jewel, they having served the office of Stewards for the Province at the Albert Hall in April last. A vote of thanks and £5 5s., to purchase a jewel to Bro. W. Wilson, P.P.G. Dir. Cer., he having so efficiently acted in that capacity for several years.

The brethren afterwards dined together in the Assembly Room, and spent a most pleasant evening.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A quarterly communication was held at the Alfred Masonic Hall, I.C., Waymouth-street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 7th April, 1875. Present—The Right Worshipful Arthur Hardy, Esq., J.P., District Grand Master in the chair; Worshipful Bro. P.D.G.S.W. Wicksteed, as Deputy District Grand Master; Bro. Sawtell, P.M. 598, as W.D.G.S.W.; W.D.G.J.W.; D.G. Chaplain; W.D.G. Secretary; W.D.G. Steward Bright, as W.D.G.S.D.; W.D.G. Dir. Ceremonies; Bro. R. Davis, W.M. 842, as W.D.G.J.D.; W. Dist. Grand Sup. Works; W.D.G. Organist; Bro. J. Eunson, J.W. 583, as W.G. Pursuivant; D.G. Tyler, W.D.G. Steward, F. C. Smith. The visitors were Bros. Horsfall, 584; Deslands and N. Johns, 598; Thomson, 423, and Ferguson, 842.

The D.D.G.M., D.G. Treasurer, D.G. Registrar, D.G. Assist. Dir. Ceremonies, D.G. Sword Bearer, D.G. Pursuivant, D.G. Steward Burton, were excused.

The lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The balance sheet for 1874 was taken as read (copies having been distributed) and adopted. The report of the General Committee for the past quarter was read and adopted, and copies distributed in the room.

"The following report of General Committee was presented to the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge.

Your Committee lay before you the balance sheet for the year 1874.

Since the last meeting of this lodge the regulation postponing (under certain conditions) the meetings in January and July, passed July 1st, has been approved by the Grand Lodge of England, and was acted on last January, every member receiving due notice by circular.

Steps have been taken to form a library, in confirmation of resolution passed October 7th, 1874, and the committee appointed to carry out the scheme hope to report more fully at the next meeting.

A dispensation having been granted to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1172, to appear in regalia on December 11th, 1874, they opened the lodge and received the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. A. Hardy; W.D.G.M., Bro. H. E. Downer; with the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. H. Read, M.A.; and nearly all the D.G.L. Officers, and numerous members of the city lodges. The D.G.L. was opened and a procession formed, and the stone of the Mount Barker Institute laid by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. A. Hardy; an address was delivered by the W.D.G.S.W., His Honour Judge Gwynne; the trowel with the R.W.D.G. Master's crest and suitable inscription was presented to him, and the brethren returned to the lodge room and closed the Grand Lodge.

On Friday, January 15th, 1875, the foundation-stone of the Masonic Hall, Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1252, at Moonta, was laid, a dispensation having been granted, the W.D.D.G.M., Bro. H. E. Downer, the W.D.G. Chaplain, Bro. H. Read, and several District Grand Officers and brethren attending. After the lodge No. 1252 was opened, the D.G. Lodge was received, and the procession was then formed, and the stone laid, and an address delivered by the W.D.D.G.M.; a massive and elegant silver trowel, supplied by Mr. Mannheim, with an inscription surmounted by the W.D.D.G. Master's crest, was presented to him; the brethren returned to the lodge room and Grand Lodge was closed."

Bro. P.M. Saul Solomon stated that the places of meeting of the lodges in South Adelaide having been found inconvenient they had resolved to take rooms at the Eagle Chambers, lately erected on the corporation acre, and that they would be ready for occupation in about two months.

It was resolved—That it be left to the General Committee to make arrangements for the future meeting of the District Grand Lodge.

The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

MASONIC PIC-NIC AT SUNDERLAND.

The eighth annual pic-nic of the Freemasons of Sunderland was held on Wednesday, July 21st, at Helmsley, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and proved a greater success by far than any of its predecessors. In order that ample provision might be made, the committee were obliged to stop the issue of tickets a week previously, and many brethren who had not obtained them before the specified time found themselves too late in making application, and were consequently doomed to disappointment. When it is remembered that the arrangements to be made included a ninety miles' journey, each way, by rail, the supplying of luncheon, &c., to four hundred people at one time in a small country town, and other things necessary for insuring the enjoyment of so large a party, the wisdom of the committee declining many late applications will be readily seen and admitted. The party journeyed by a special train of thirteen carriages, provided by the North Eastern Railway Company, and leaving Sunderland a few minutes past six o'clock in the morning, reached its termination shortly before ten o'clock. The monument erected in the market place of the little Yorkshire town, the church with its fine specimens of carved woodwork, the old thatched and white framed houses of the Elizabethan period, were the

first objects to attract attention. At eleven o'clock the whole party, numbering rather over four hundred, sat down to lunch in a spacious marquee, which has been erected in what is known as Castle Hill, where are some extensive ruins of the old castle at Helmsley, once the residence of the celebrated George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham. The chair was taken by Bro. A. J. Turnbull, W.M. of St. John's, No. 80, who was supported by Bros. J. H. Coates, P.M. 949 (Hon. Sec. to the Pic-nic Committee); W. Liddell, P.M. 749, P.P.G.D. (Treasurer to the Committee); W. G. Laughlin (agent to Earl Feversham); and others. Bro. Turnbull was faced by Bro. T. Riley, W.M. of 1389, and the other vice-chairs were filled by Bros. F. Surtees, W.M. 94; F. Younger, W.M. 97; and A. Gray, W.M. 949. The other members of the committee present, viz., Bros. J. Mitchison, S.W. 80; D. P. Huntley, J. W. 80; J. D. Todd, J.W. 94; H. Fryer, S.W. 97; A. Currie, J.W. 97; J. Eccleston, S.W. 949; G. B. Hall, J.W. 949; and F. Maddison, S.W. 1389, also occupied prominent positions at the tables, and did good service in promoting the comfort of those present. Justice having been done to the substantial fare which had been provided by Mr. T. Wright, of the Black Swan Hotel, Helmsley, the chairman briefly submitted the usual toasts, which, having been duly honoured, the whole party adjourned to the Bowling Green, where an excellent photograph of the group was obtained by Bro. Paul Stabler, of Sunderland. Shortly after half-past one dancing commenced on the green sward, Bros. F. Maddison and A. Currie officiating as M.C.'s, being "led off" by the former and Mrs. Godfordson, the wife of the old and respected Treasurer of No. 80, and was kept up with great spirit during the afternoon and evening. At four o'clock an adjournment was made for tea, which was of the same substantial character as the luncheon. An excellent band discoursed sweet music during luncheon and tea, and also supplied the music for the dancing. During the day numerous parties visited Revaulx Terrace, with its temples, one of which contains some really fine fresco paintings; the ruins of Revaulx Abbey, and the valley overlooked by the terrace; the seat of Earl Feversham at Dunscombe Park, inspecting the collection of paintings by the old masters, and the rare pieces of statuary which the hall contains; the conservatories, the gardens, the Home Terrace, and other objects of interest in the neighbourhood. The day was exceedingly fine, and the whole arrangements were carried out to the satisfaction of all present. Every credit is due to the committee and to its Secretary (Bro. Coates) for the careful and complete manner in which every want had been anticipated, and to Mr. T. White, of Helmsley, for the liberal manner in which he catered. Bros. W. G. McLaughlin and G. Frank were also very active in promoting the enjoyment of their "visiting brothers." The return train left Helmsley at a quarter-past seven in the evening, and reached Sunderland safely at half-past ten, every one delighted with the day's outing, and looking forward to the "next merrie meeting."

FREEMASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The usual monthly meeting of Lodge Caledonian, No. 489, S.C., was held in the Temple Haskien, on July 22nd, and as there was rather an unusual assemblage present on this occasion, even for us of the Orient, and knowing not a few on Albion's coasts interested in our proceedings, it occurred to the writer to speak to the brethren through their Masonic medium, the *Freemason*. All eyes to the east then for a brief period. The officers present were Bros. Wm. Dorrell, W.M.; G. R. Warren, P.M., acting D.M.; R. Jamieson, S.M.; A. Noble, I.P.M.; H. T. Rand, S.W.; J. Noble, J.W.; Wm. Morrison, S.D.; J. Lindsay, J.D.; G. Sutherland, I.G.; A. Scott, Tyler; the duty of Organist being admirably discharged by Bro. T. Tucker, while the not altogether dispensable members of the mystic cabinet of 489, Treasurer and Secretary, were represented by Bros. Chalmers and Frayer. Opening ceremonies over (1st degree) and minutes confirmed; visitors were admitted, Bro. Wm. Ife, W.M. No. 166, I.C.; Bro. F. J. Hammond, P.M. No. 630, E.C., a brother recently arrived in Byzantium, where he intends to reside, practising as M.D. Next was admitted brethren from H.B.M.S.S. "Antelope" fine specimens of those who go down to sea in ships, and see wonders in the great waters; then another stranger, Bro. Botelar, 687, but "Hold enough," nay! "Still they come." Strangers indeed, and yet brethren true and tried, sons of Israel from Smyrna, and Crete, and the isles around, while they spoke the silent language of Craftsmen, as Craftsmen, they also found brethren who could converse with them in the idiom of their fathers, for be it known that we "Caledonians" are linguists from Sclavonic to Gaelic. The labour was initiation, the neophyte an intelligent Armenian, who in addition to his ommelokit's (country's) language can fluently speak and write English. The Apprentice Degree was ably enjoined and imparted by Wor. Bro. Dorrell, but although the lodge was fenced in the First Degree, the glass atmospherically indicated 74°, a shade or so too tall for hard work, and, although more labour was announced, it was deemed advisable to close. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a social hour in unity and harmony, thus rehearsing our joys in 489. It may not be uninteresting to mention one sorrow, fraught with kindly remembrance. Bro. Geo. Pollock, Teacher, and a member of the lodge, was entertained to supper, principally by fellow-craftsmen, a week or two ago, on the eve of his return to Scotland; the repast served up by Bro. J. Rawe was recherché, the speeches choicer, and the harmony dulcer. Bro. Pollock has the goodly wishes of many here, and the hope that new and old friends gave him a hearty welcome, "Where the heather is blooming, And the eagles are free."

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

On the 24th June, being the festival of St. John, the Freemasons of Kimberley mustered in strong force, and the Temple being too small for the accommodation of the brethren, the Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 1409 was compelled to meet in the Kimberley Hall (Theatre Royal), which was specially prepared for the ceremony of installing officers, &c. The stage was fitted up tastefully for the W.M. and the other rulers of the Craft entitled to sit in the East. Shortly after twelve o'clock the lodge was opened in form by the Worshipful Bro. Spence Britain, the outgoing W.M. All present were dressed in evening costume, and wore the aprons, sashes, collars, and jewels of their respective Degrees. There were Royal Arch Masons, Masonic Knights Templar, Rose Croix Masons, and others whose rank our reporter did not learn. When all were seated it was announced that the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master of South Africa, His Excellency R. Southey, C.M.G., demanded admittance. He was received with grand honours, according to ancient usage, and conducted to the throne by the Stewards and Past Masters, and the following anthem was then sung with instrumental accompaniment, the brethren all standing:—

Hail, Eternal, by whose aid
All created things were made,
Heaven and earth thy vast design,
Hear us, Architect Divine!
May our work begun in Thee,
Ever blest with order be,
And may we, when our labours cease,
Part in harmony and peace!
By Thy Glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

This was given with telling effect, and the lodge was then called up to the Second Degree, when the first portion of the installation ceremony was gone through. Finally a conclave of actual and Past Masters were formed, all brethren who had not passed the chair previously retiring, with the exception of the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Day Atkins, who remained for installation. That worthy brother was then placed in the chair of K.S., the ritual being solemnly rendered by Bro. Britain. The conclave being closed, the M.M. in attendance were re-admitted and in procession saluted the new Master. Subsequently the brethren not in possession of the Masters' degree entered and joined the others in saluting. The following was then sung:—

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky;
The spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim;
The unwearied sun, from day to day,
Doth his Creator's power display;
And publishes to every land
The work of an Almighty hand.

The W.M. then announced that the Cosmopolitan Lodge had elected Bros. Haarhoff, Rorke, and Shaw, to act as Treasurer, Secretary, and Tyler, respectively, for the ensuing Masonic year. He himself desired to appoint, as was his privilege, Bros. Graham and Peggs as Wardens, Rink and Girdlestone as Deacons; De Beer, Bryant, and Abrahams as Organist, Inner Guard, and Masters of the Ceremonies, respectively; and Hallyburton, Druce, Bodley, and Chivers as Stewards. These announcements gave great satisfaction, the appointments being highly approved of.

The W.M. with the assistance of other brethren then formally installed the following officers, delivering the ancient charges to each as he invested them with their collars:—

Bros. Spence Britain, I.P.M.; W. T. Graham, S.W.; J. H. Peggs, J. W.; Dan. Haarhoff, Treasurer; J. Rorke, P.M., Secretary; H. Rink, S.D.; N. Girdlestone, J.D.; J. H. De Beer, Organist; T. Bryant, I.G.; Charles Shaw, Tyler; J. Abrahams, M.C.; G. Hallyburton, J. J. Druce, J. Bodley, J. Chivers, Stewards.

The new officers having been conducted to their places in the lodge and saluted, the anthem from Addison's beautiful ode on the Creation was sung:—

Soon as the evening shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And, nightly, to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth;
Whilst all the stars that around her burn
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

The lodge was then called off to refreshment, and the brethren went in procession to attend Divine service at St. Cyprian's Church.

The procession was headed by a band which, during its progress by New Main, Reitz, Main, Stockdale, and Market streets played a slow march. The various lodge and Royal Arch Banners gave the column a gay appearance, and the brethren marched in even time. Arrived at the church an avenue was formed by a double line of the members of the Order, through which the District Grand Master and the new Master of the Cosmopolitan passed, the others following in reverse order to that in which they had approached the building. The evening service was choral, and at the end Bro. the Rev. E. W. Stenson preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, taking for his text Proverbs III. v. 32, "For the froward is an abomination to the Lord; but His secret is with the righteous." The discourse was listened to with very marked attention, and with evident pleasure by the members of the Craft present. The procession being reformed, all returned to the Kimberley Hall, the band this time playing "The Entered Apprentice," the quaint air composed for the song of Dr. Anderson in 1721. When all were within the building, the

lodge being called from refreshment to labour, a collection was made as an offertory for the church, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy.

The festival passed off very happily, there not being a single incident to mar the proceedings. There were several sharp showers in the early morning, but long before noon the clouds had disappeared, and the day was in every way suitable for the pageant. Those who know how good and charitable are the principles inculcated by the ancient and most honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons must indeed have been gratified to find that the fraternity numbers so many adherents in Gt. Britain and West. Still one looks for practical beneficence, and not merely sentimental utterances, and it is therefore much to be regretted that the brethren of South Africa cannot boast of the institutions which are found connected with Freemasonry in other parts of the world. "Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth," is indeed a noble motto to have adopted, but its very grandeur makes the neglect which we refer to the more glaring and blameable on the part of the Brotherhood. We saw by announcement in recent issues of the *Argus* and the *News* that earnest men occupying high positions in the Order had taken the matter in hand, and were endeavouring to procure the co-operation necessary to bring about a better state of things. We are pained to learn that their efforts have not received in this province the encouragement that was deserved. This is worse than mere apathy; and so long as the brethren here fail to make provision for the orphan, their claims to be regarded as a benevolent society will by the outsider be deemed untenable and groundless.—*Mining Gazette*.

THE BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278.) PRESENTATION OF CHAIRS BY BARONESS BURDETT COUTTS.

On the 29th ult., a special meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of receiving at the hands of the Baroness Burdett Coutts the gift of the three principal chairs for the Master and Wardens. At the consecration of the lodge six years ago her ladyship, then Miss Burdett Coutts, presented the lodge with a handsome copy of the Sacred Law, and since that time she has never forgotten the lodge which bears her name.

The additional presentation of chairs was indeed a welcome gift, not only as a valuable accession to the furniture of the lodge, but as showing the excellent feeling which the Baroness entertains towards the body of Freemasons. In her mind at least there is nothing in the principles of the Order repugnant to religion, morality, or loyalty; and we suppose no one in the world will question the sincerity of the Baroness either as a religious, moral, or loyal lady. Coming from such a quarter the support of the Craft has a powerful significance, and we trust that such support may long be extended to this valuable institution.

The ceremony of presentation was concluded in the Zeland Room, in which the brethren of the lodge and a strong contingent of ladies were assembled. The Baroness was accompanied by her old friend, Mrs. Brown, Countess Beauchamp, Lady Augusta Paulet, Lady Charles Wellesley, Miss Wellesley, Mr. and Mrs. Otway, the Hon. H. Ryder, Bro. J. K. Aston, Professor Tennant, Mr. W. H. Wills, and Bro. G. C. Silk. Bro. James Terry, Prov. G. D.C., Herts, the first W.M. of the lodge, presided, and among the other brethren and ladies present were Col. Burdett, P.G.M. for Middlesex; Mrs. and Miss Burdett; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas. Middlesex; Major Cretton, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, A.G.P.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward; Thos. Lloyd, jun.; W. H. Gathercole, &c., &c.

The chairs were not occupied at first, but Bro. Terry stood on the left of the W.M. chair. The Stewards for the occasion were Bros. J. G. Harris, W.M.; W. J. Crutch, S.W.; W. Toye, J.W.; Jas. Terry, P.M., Treas.; G. Ward Verry, Sec.; C. K. Crouch, S.D.; W. Christian, D.C.; A. Lazarus, I.G.; Wallington, and Cambridge. While the procession was entering the room the organ was played by Bro. Miller, Prov. G. Org., Middlesex. When the procession had entered, the Baroness was placed on the right of the Master's chair, after which Bro. Terry informed the company that they were assembled on a very special occasion in the annals of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, viz., to receive first of all the lady after whom the lodge had the honour of being named, and in the next place to receive from her hands the three chairs which then adorned the room. He then called upon the brethren to sing a hymn, which having been done, the Baroness said she begged to present the chairs, and trusted they would be always occupied by brethren as true as those who had already presided over the lodge. Her ladyship added that she was glad to see on the Master's pedestal the volume of the Sacred Law which she had given them in 1869. Bro. Terry replied, that on behalf of the Burdett Coutts Lodge he formally accepted the noble gift, and he could but reiterate the wish she had just so kindly expressed. Then seating himself in the W.M. chair, he called on the Wardens to take possession of the other two. This having been done, he called on the Secretary to read the address the lodge wished to present to the Baroness. Bro. G. Ward Verry thereupon read the following address, which had been written by Bro. Crouch:—

"To the Baroness Burdett Coutts.—Madame,—The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons desire to express their thanks for the interest which your ladyship takes in the lodge, and the patronage which you have extended to it. We thoroughly appreciate your goodness in having conferred upon us a splendid and costly copy of the 'Law of the Lord,' which is 'light to our feet and a lantern to our way.' We also gratefully acknowledge your more recent benefaction of three beautiful chairs for the official use of the principal officers of the lodge. To your ladyship acts of benevolence are customary and constant, and

we trust that you will never have cause for regret for this new direction which you have given them. It affords this worshipful lodge the highest satisfaction to find that a lady of your rank and intelligence is able to set aside the prejudices which so many entertain towards a society the most powerful and benevolent, as well as the most honourable and ancient, in the world. We desire to express the hope that the example that your ladyship has set in this respect will be followed by other good and kind ladies as it has in so many other particulars been happily imitated. As the Bible always remains open in a Freemasons' lodge we shall be reminded of you by the most sacred associations, and, as our officers fill those chairs and ensure law and order, we shall naturally remember how much you have done to harmonise all classes of the people with lawfully constituted authority and in peaceful social fellowship. We sincerely pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may build up for you great happiness, and that He who is 'Light' may illumine your path and conduct you to the world where the sun of His glory never sets."

The address was engrossed, and had been placed in a handsome album.

Bro. Crouch, who had written the address, and Bro. Lloyd, the two Deacons, then presented the album to the Baroness, who replied as follows:—"Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren,—In tendering you my sincere and hearty thanks for the address you have just read, I must avail myself of the opportunity offered to express the grateful pleasure I feel, as the daughter of a Mason, that in the lodge which you have wished should bear my name there will remain embodied the memory of my loyal, true-hearted, single-minded father, so long the representative of the liberties of the city of Westminster. In receiving the Bible for the table of your lodge, and in the chairs which I now present for the use of the officers, you have also conferred a favour upon me; though, like skilled craftsmen in the art of kindness, you have made the recipient appear the donor, and the courtesy and hospitality you extend to me and my friends to-day is one more of the many illustrations of the law of kindness which rules your beneficent and ancient society. I earnestly reciprocate your wishes for myself, and that we may rest in Him who is 'Shadow as well as light; for the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord will give grace and glory, and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.'"

A formal motion having been carried that the address and reply be entered on the minutes of the lodge, another hymn was sung, and Bro. Verry having read letters expressive of regret for inability to attend from Lord Skelmersdale and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford the proceedings terminated. The whole party then adjourned to an elegant déjeuner at Freemasons' Tavern, at the conclusion of which the loyal toast was first proposed by Bro. Terry, who presided. After the toast of the M.W.G.M., Bro. Terry proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, &c.," for which Colonel Burdett replied, and Bro. Terry then proposed "The Health of the Baroness Burdett Coutts." In doing so he said that he felt a great responsibility attached to him as the representative of the lodge in endeavouring to give utterance to all those kind wishes and good feelings which the brethren had towards the lady who was their guest, and if he failed adequately to do so they must attribute it to the want of power on his part and not to that of will. He would ask them to drink "The Health of Baroness Burdett Coutts, a lady whose name was known throughout the length and breadth of Christendom. Wherever Christianity was, or where a good act had to be carried out, there had been found the name of the Baroness Burdett Coutts. They all remembered that unparalleled act of generosity of her ladyship when she gave to one of the bishops a blank cheque, with a request that he would fill it up for any amount he might think fit. Hardly any other lady would have done such an act. By the papers it appeared the great consideration Lady Burdett Coutts was giving to the welfare of poor dumb animals, and a kind feeling or true heart could not be more clearly exhibited than in pleading for those who could not plead for themselves. If he were to take up the time of the brethren for a long period he could do no more than say, that in the Baroness Burdett Coutts seemed to be summed up all that was holy and good in womanhood, all that was pure, and that tended to elevate mankind generally. As our Most Gracious Sovereign had been pleased to confer, in the plenitude of her wisdom and power, the dignity of a peeress of the United Kingdom on her, it was a circumstance that Masons rejoiced in, and the brethren were proud that their lodge, which received from her its volume of the Sacred Law, bore her illustrious name. He would only say, that had it not been for the honour conferred on Baroness Burdett Coutts by her Majesty, the Burdett Coutts Lodge might not at this time have had the honour of entertaining her. He would not detain the company further: he was not paying any fulsome compliments on their guest, for everything he had said of her was well deserved; but he would call on all the company present to drink with heartiness and sincerity, and with every good wish and feeling, "Long life, health, and happiness to the Baroness Burdett Coutts."

The toast having been drunk with the greatest enthusiasm,

Col. Burdett, who was deputed by her ladyship to respond for her, thanked the ladies and brethren for the very handsome manner in which her name had been received after the flattering way in which it had been proposed by Bro. Terry. Her ladyship was much gratified at the style in which she had been received in the lodge-room, and at the lodge's acceptance of the three chairs. She was also pleased that her gift was acceptable to the brethren. She remembered that it was not the first present she had made to the lodge: it was one she had given with good will; and she felt that the precepts of the volume were followed by the brethren. She, however, wished him to state that

whatever generosity Bro. Terry had credited her with she had never yet given a blank cheque to anybody that they might fill it up with what amount they pleased. (Laughter.) It was an entire mistake, which had arisen from certain circumstances that occurred some years ago. He knew the statement had not been made wilfully by Bro. Terry, and she wished him to correct it, because she had no desire that her generosity should be magnified. The Baroness also desired him to state that she was pleased at allusion having been made to the subject in which she took peculiar interest, kindness in the treatment of dumb animals. She was president of the Ladies' Committee of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in which cause she had exerted herself in every way she could. She desired to press this subject on the brethren, and she felt she would have their support. Col. Burdett then thanked the brethren on behalf of the Baroness for the address which they had presented to her, and again thanked them for the reception she had met with.

The Baroness and party then left, escorted by Bro. Terry and the Stewards, and on the return of these brethren to the room, Bro. Terry informed the brethren that her ladyship had invited them all, with the ladies of their families, to her garden party at Holly Lodge on the following Monday. (Cheers.)

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. The arrangements for the successful performance of the whole ceremony reflected great credit on those by whom they were managed.

LODGE LIBRARIES.

The following appears in the correspondence of our newly-established contemporary, the *Masonic Chronicle*, of New York:—

I have often been surprised at the lack of interest in Masonic libraries, knowing as I do that Masonry has a literature of its own, second in interest only to that of the Christian Church. I can only account for this from the fact that the collectors of the libraries—if they are entitled to that name—seem to have had no definite idea of the object sought to be obtained, further than securing a large collection of miscellaneous publications, without order or arrangement, to be placed upon their shelves for the admiration of visitors. We think, however, if the following plan were adopted by lodges, we would guarantee that every working member would become interested, not only in collecting, but make himself familiar with the contents of each volume added to its number.

Start with the determination to secure a complete collection of every Masonic publication of historical importance known to have been published within the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge. This will interest every member, and, at the same time, render him familiar with the history and progress of the Craft, not only at home, but much of the same relating to other jurisdictions. The continual discovery, and bringing to light old and forgotten documents, creates an interest in all, and an incentive to further exertion which can scarcely be comprehended; and many a valuable document or manuscript will be gathered from the waste-basket or the paper-mill, which, when properly applied to its legitimate place, will supply and repair many a broken link in the chain of the Masonic history of the State. As the various transactions of the day make up the history of a nation or a community, so the various transactions of a society make up its history. These, to the actors and participants familiar with them, are often lightly estimated, and too frequently thrown aside after their first perusal; and thus is lost much of the most valuable matter necessary to fill up and perfect a history, of not only Masonry, but every society or association that has ever been instituted since civilization began. We would lay down a few rules for action in the collection and arrangement of a lodge library.

First.—To collect complete files of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Second.—The same of the constitutions adopted at different times.

Third.—All pamphlets issued by the Grand Lodge on the subject of Masonry within its jurisdiction, also all edicts emanating from the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, as well as all circulars from the same and subordinate bodies in any way connected with the Fraternity.

Fourth.—Complete files of all Masonic journals, papers, and magazines.

Fifth.—Works on Masonic history, philosophy, law and jurisprudence, works on the ethics, symbolism, and dogmas of our institution, as well as the various monitors or manuals that have from time to time been compiled and arranged by many of the brightest members of the Craft, and numerous other works on Masonry of a miscellaneous character.

Sixth.—All "Anti-Masonic" publications. Although the last-named may not be entitled to the name of Masonic literature, still they are a part of the history of the times, and often illustrate the particular phase of society at the time better than could be obtained from any other source.

If, as will undoubtedly be the case, duplicate works are brought to light, they should be carefully preserved until exchanged for others needed for the library. All this can be done with comparatively small expense, if the brethren of a lodge can only be made to feel an interest in the matter, as almost every brother has something in his possession which he might spare for the purpose of making up a library, whereby not only the brethren might be entertained and improved, but his own opportunities for the use of Masonic literature greatly increased.

ANTIQUARY.

We most heartily endorse all that our correspondent has said, and feel that we cannot too strongly recommend the careful consideration of the subject of Masonic libraries, not only for lodges, but for private use.

GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of Grand Chapter was holden on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when Comp. Samuel Rawson presided as M.E.Z.; Comp. Frederick Pattison as H.; and Comp. Major Creaton as J. The other companions present were John Savage, as S.E.; Percy Leith, as S.N.; Robt. Gray, as P. Soj.; Capt. Platt, as First Assist.; Joshua Nunn, as Second Assist.; J. C. Parkinson, Swd. B.; J. Smith, Benj. Head, H. Browne, Edward S. Snell, J. Brett, W. R. Woodman, D.C.; N. Bradford, and others.

The paper of business, printed in the *Freemason* of last week, was gone through, and the charters granted for all the chapters named therein.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

Review.

"Monumental Inscriptions of the British West Indies, from the earliest date, &c.," chiefly collected on the spot, by Captain J. H. Lawrence Archer.—London: Chatto and Windus, 1875. Demy 4to, half Roxburghe; price, 42s.

This valuable historical work, by Bro. Captain J. H. Lawrence Archer, contains the most interesting records of members of the Craft that have succumbed to the pestilential climate of the West Indies, and is commended to all by the modesty with which a really great and enduring contribution to literature is described by the author in his preface. The work as an example of printing and illustration is simply superb, and by doing honour to the producer reflects a credit on the Craft, and does justice to our talented and indefatigable brother.

Obituary.

BRO. DAVID BRANDWOOD, RADCLIFFE BRIDGE.

The remains of this brother, a P.M. of Lodge of Faith, 344, Radcliffe, near Manchester, were interred at St. Thomas's Churchyard, in that town, on Sunday afternoon. A considerable number of brethren preceded the corpse to the burial ground, Bro. R. Whittaker, of Farnworth, P. Pro G.D.C., East Lancashire, acting as G.D.C. The deceased brother was fifty-one years old, and up to about a year ago held the post of manager and secretary to the Radcliffe and Pilkington Gas Co., failing health leading to his resignation.

Masonic Tidings.

An electric clock has been placed in front of Bro. Sir John Bennett's, in Cheapside, and it attracts almost as much notice as the celebrated automatic figures did formerly.

Bro. Francis Trott, for thirty-two years with Messrs. Brook and Son, Poultry, and latterly with Mr. W. Connell, Cheapside, died on Thursday, the 29th ult., at his residence in New-cross.

The Great Eastern has been chartered to run between Liverpool and Philadelphia during the Centennial.

A telegram dated Scilly, August 3, 3 p.m., states, "Divers have recovered two kegs of treasure from the wreck of the Schiller."

It is estimated that over 100,000 persons entered the Alexandra Palace and Park on Monday last.

A full report of the Recreation Banquet of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, will appear in our next issue.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas Street, Woolwich, on Friday, the 27th August, by Bro. David Rose. The lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

We understand, that a marriage will shortly take place between his Imperial Highness Prince Demétrius, Grand Master Mason and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, in Greece, and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, for Scotland, &c., and eldest son of his Imperial Highness Prince Rhodocánakis, of Rhodocánakis Castle, in the Island of Ohio, and Kathleen, eldest daughter of Captain George Newcomen, R.N., of 33, Queen's-gate, South Kensington, and Feltwell Lodge, Norfolk.

FELTOW & SONS' 'SPECIALITE' SHERRY.—"This wine is a particularly wholesome one. It has a smooth, dry flavour, and is remarkably free from the heat and acidity so usually found in all but the very finest Sherries. We are quite confident that for a wholesome stimulant this Sherry can hardly be surpassed."—*The Chemist and Druggist*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Summer weather brings with it many risks and many diseases, the blood becoming often overheated and the circulation of it increased in rapidity, renders it a susceptible receptacle for poisonous emanations and infectious processes. Fevers are often generated in this manner, and sometimes lie lurking in the system in a latent form, until some accidental exciting cause calls the disease into activity. Premonitory symptoms such as Nausea, Headache, pains in the back, shivering, &c., and such admonitions should be disregarded by none. Early attention to them will often ward off impending danger, and stifle the disease in its infancy. Holloway's remedies afford the best means of doing this.—*Advt.*

Poetry.

LINES READ BY A M.M. AT 332, LODGE OMAGH, IRELAND, ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN.

I would I had the ready Speaker's tongue,
And then the thought, a sublime theme to suit!
'Tis MASONRY—so oft well said and sung:
A tree, still flourishing and bearing fruit.
What time, and where 'twas planted, none need know.
Enough it is, it rises, branching yet
Its fadeless foliage, towering o'er the snow
Of wintry clime, and 'neath the summer's heat
It stands, so firmly rooted nought can bend
If from its purpose true—to shelter all
Who would fair Charity with Friendship blend,
And living, die to hear the Master's call.
To live so that, amid this world's wiles, each
Disseminates the truths locked in his breast.
The key is Love. Oh! may its uncton reach
To North, to South, to East, to farthest West;
To die in perfect trust it is God's will
That when this life be past new life's begun,
If, hearkening to the voice so small and still,
Each earnest effort make to earn "Well Done."

Death has been busy in our ranks since last,
We held high anniversary, and feast of love.
How many of our friends are 'mong the past,
Called from us here to the Grand Lodge above.
The ancient Geraldine, the tried and true,
And our own Thompson, eminent 'mid men,
And other brethren true of Three-three-two;
And Walmsley—worthy wielder of the pen.
I, too, bewail a brother of my kin
As lost to sight, to memory ever dear;
A place high up, abroad, he sought to win,
Hope at the helm, his onward course lay clear,
A worthy brother,—he now rests from work
His labours ended, in the East he lies,
He owned the claim of all men—Jew or Turk,
Who sought a Father in the great All Wise.
We trust that those departed ones have met
With their reward on Iligh, and now we turn
To gratulate ourselves that we have yet
Rare reinforcements 'stead of those we mourn.
With Albert in the chair (the son of him,
'Yclept the Good), our Craft and Nation's hope;
With Edinburgh and Connaught's Duke and slim
Young Leopold, who'll with us care to cope;
With Abercorn, whom all justly own
Erin's Chief in wisdom and in worth,
The Craftsmen crowded lately round his throne,
With pride beheld the Chosen of the North.
Our Worshipful we gladly see, just where
We wish him, with his laurels richly won
At 'Baldoye brilliant'—his Turquoise was there,
And shone right glorious, showing how to run,
Another gem is added to his crown.
He is the Victor still at every meet,
We give him joy of his deserved renown,
And gladly cry "The Murphy's can't be beat."
Though absent oft our Master never dies,
He revels in the West, and well he may,
There sets the Sun, but as it sinks to rise
With promise of a brilliant coming day,
So rests our Master on our Brother West.
Full well he knows him whom he leaves behind,
And tells us when he goes that we are blest
In miracle of manhood, memory, and mind.

In duty bound, we welcome foreign friends,
The members of our sister lodge we prize,
We hail with joy each brother who attends,
For brethren all we be—all bound by loving ties.

Whom have we got—new workers? let me see!
There's Law and Physic very, very strong.
Whilst Commerce and the Banking interest be
Both bulwarks. Brother Treasurer, am I wrong?
Another of our bulwarks, "One of us,"
And of a corps, I think they call a "crack."
At rifle drill, or rifling of a "bus,"
Who can compare with our good brother Jack?
'Tis not an omnibus of which I speak,
'Tis something gained in giving back again.
'Tis rifle practice near allied to cheek,
'Tis practice ne'er confined to riflemen.

'What's in a name?' 'tis said. I say there is.
See, here are three of our John's sons to night.
Whilst all are proud of being sons of his,
We must admit those sons by double right.
Here's Agriculture, feeder of us all,
But for the farmer we might starve almost,
Whilst his works follow him ne'er to the wall.
We'll come, but plenty have to boil and roast.
Oh! bless us, but the clergy do wax strong,
I crave their pardon, and I don't forget
They come in crowds to see we do no wrong.
We neither "hinder" them, nor do we "let."
Some of the genus say they'll put us down,
We cannot help their bluster and tirade
But while four sons of Her who wears the crown
Be with us, brethren, be ye not afraid,
And though illiberality protest,
And suasion seek to sever brotherhood,
This to the zealous worker adds but zest
To labour on—because the cause is good.

F. S. GORDON, 332, Concord.

FREEMASONRY.

TRANSLATED FROM "LE NOUVEAU MONDE" OF MONTREAL.

Despite the condemnation which the chair of Saint Peter has hurled against this Society, many people still hesitate to look upon it as the declared enemy of Christianity. The following facts, reported by the American correspondent of the "Monde," and which he vouches for as authentic, are of such a nature as to dissipate the illusions of those who look upon Freemasonry as merely a philanthropic society.

"In the month of August, 1862," writes Mr. J. E. Martin, "I made the acquaintance of an old monk of the Order of Passionists, at Hoboken, opposite New York. In the course of a conversation on the subject of Freemasonry, he related the following anecdote:—

"I was called, a few days ago, to administer the last sacrament to a dying man at Brooklyn: he was a German whom I had happened to meet once or twice. His only daughter, an excellent catholic, warned me that her father was a Freemason, and that it would be necessary to make him recant.

After having heard his confession, I asked him if he did not belong to some secret society.

"Yes, father: I am a Freemason; but you know, in America, there is no harm in being one."

"You are wrong," I said, "Freemasonry is condemned wherever it exists; I call upon you to retract any oaths you may have taken, and to give me up the insignia of your Order."

The dying man objected strongly; but he was still a catholic, and so signed the recantation which I dictated to him. I then had fresh trouble to obtain from him his scarf, silver trowel and square, his kid skin apron, and his book of ritual, which were locked up in a chest near his bedside. I left the room with these 'spolia opima,' happy at having snatched a soul from the clutches of the devil. His daughter was waiting for me in the passage. 'Well?' said she, 'has my father given you everything? has he made his peace with God?' Yes, daughter, see here, and I showed her the articles in my possession.

She took them up, one after the other, and then said, in a sorrowful tone, "No, this is not all; my father wore these badges when he went to his lodge, and on grand occasions. It has not cost him much to give you up these. The book, which is peculiar to his degree, was of more value to him. But there is something more."

"What is it?"

"A written document, of the contents of which I am ignorant. My father has ordered me to take it, unopened, to the Master of his lodge, after his death. It must be some important secret."

I went back to the sick man, and said to him "Why have you deceived me? You are about to appear before the tribunal of God; do you think you will escape his justice? You still have something to give up to me." He appeared astonished. I noticed the pallor of his face, and the troubled look in his eyes; then he said to me, with a certain amount of hesitation. "No: you have taken everything away. I have nothing more to give up to you."

"No. There is a written document, such as all Freemasons have."

"You are wrong father; I have nothing of the kind." I redoubled my persuasion, but all was in vain; the devil was on the point of triumphing. I employed every means that I thought might be of use in such a case. All was useless. The dying either denied or remained silent, when his daughter opened the door, and threw herself on her knees by his bedside. "Oh, papa! for God's sake save your soul! Your daughter is wretched. You say you love me; prove it to me now."

The dying man was not prepared for such an attack; the kisses and tears of his daughter, as she lavished upon him the most affectionate caresses, moved him; she spoke to him in the kindest manner of the heaven that he was throwing away, but he still replied, "You know I have nothing hidden." His daughter, in an inspired manner, exclaimed "Father, do not lie; you have always been honest and truthful: do not let me have to blush for your memory. Give the Holy Father the document you have bidden me take to the Master of your Lodge." At these words, the sick man uttered a cry, and then with an effort, said, sighing, "No, my girl, you shall not have to blush for your father. Take this key which hangs round my neck, open that drawer, and give the Holy Father the paper you will find in it." He then fell back, fainting. His daughter executed his orders as quick as lightning, and gave me a sealed and folded paper, exclaiming, "Victory! my father is saved: he has thrown up the poison!" (Il a vomie le poison.)

This scene had touched me deeply, the girl's courage reminded me of the early Christians. The sick man lived for a few hours, and his last words were an expression of contrition as well as of faith and hope. I opened the sealed paper in his daughter's presence; it was an oath, signed with blood!

I had heard of these documents as common among the chiefs of Freemasonry, but when I read this paper, I could not believe my eyes, it was a declaration of an endless, merciless war against the church, the papacy, and kings, with the most fearful curses upon any one who should violate the oath.

I gave the paper to the archbishop in order that he might be enabled to appreciate the infernal malice of Freemasonry as well as I myself."

Such was the tale of the passionist father, and it has remained engraved on my memory. It is only one of the thousand proofs that Freemasonry is the same all over the world.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 7, 1875.

THE BURDETT COUTTS LODGE.

The proceedings at this interesting "reunion," which we give in another column, will, we think, be very gratifying to all our readers. For not only do we as Freemasons gratefully acknowledge the kindness evinced to our Order by that estimable and benevolent lady who was present on the occasion, but we think the tone of the proceedings was most thoroughly in accordance with the spirit of Freemasonry from first to last. Lady Burdett Coutts called attention we are glad to perceive, to the open Bible in the lodge, her own kindly gift. We are always pleased to point to the fact, that English Freemasons still preserve in their lodges, and still revere in their minds, the Best of Books. The address of the lodge was, we think, both in good taste, and entirely Masonic in expression and utterance, and equally do we feel bound to commend Lady Burdett Coutts's reply, and trust that this friendly interest of hers in the Burdett Coutts Lodge may continue unabated on her part. Under the energetic presidency of Bro. Terry, and aided by the zealous assistance of the Stewards, the gathering appears to have been a great success, and despite lachrymose complaints and petty jeremiades at such revolutionary proceedings, we congratulate the brethren of the Burdett Coutts Lodge on the fair assembly which responded to their invitations, and smiled on their pleasant hospitality. Such occasions as this, and certain great and high days of our Order are, we venture to repeat, most suitable occasions, when we can properly invite and approvingly hail the presence of our fair sisters amongst us. Such days may be fairly called our Masonic Red Letter Days, when woman's kindness may animate, and woman's grace may delight, and when the monotony of our custo-

mary assemblies may be advantageously varied by the introduction of that most potent charm of earthly life, the influence and personality of the ladies. Amid those mysteries of dress which puzzle us "outsiders," lords of the creation though we call ourselves, amid the genial and enlivening flow of female conversation, which is often most prolonged and animated, amid those charms of bright eyes and waving locks, and warm hearts, and unselfish wills, by which woman so attracts and impresses our often harsh and doubting sex, we can well fancy how this successful gathering pleasantly passed off, and has left many vivid memories behind it. We wish that all success may attend on the Burdett Coutts Lodge, and that this assembly of Craft Masons will not be the last which will unite their benevolent patroness with them, in mutual feelings of truly Masonic esteem, respect, and good-will.

MASONIC ELOQUENCE.

We called attention some time back to "after-dinner speeches," and we feel it to be our duty to-day to enlarge on the subject of Masonic Eloquence generally. It is, as Bro. Binckes said at the Chaucer Meeting, a "very wide subject," when speaking of the admission of ladies to the Boys' Anniversary. We accept his words to-day, as exactly descriptive of the matter on which we are now treating. If we are to believe Mr. Heckethorn and numerous other profane "ansers," whose cackling may be constantly heard, and in respect too of subjects of which they are utterly ignorant, Freemasonry just now has neither literature nor writers, speeches nor speakers, utility nor mission at all. Pace, however, Mr. Heckethorn, and all the "vulgar profanum," we are prepared to contend, as we contended before, that Masonic Eloquence has increased greatly latterly amongst us, and is every now and then of very high "calibre," and for the most part "above the mark," that is to say, above the average eloquence of the British public. It is true that every now and then some erratic speaker lands himself and us in a dreadful "corner" or "hole," and boggles out of his ill-timed words with the greatest clumsiness, and the worst possible grace. It is a fact that here and there you may still have to listen to lugubrious specimens of that turgid nonsense, of that "high falutin" which seemed at one time to be the necessary accompaniment of Masonic meetings, and the unvarying characteristic of Masonic oratory. Men are still men; Freemasons are yet human; and to suppose that simply because they are Freemasons, they are not likely to be betrayed into frailties, or to display inanities, or to commit a "betise," is neither reasonable, nor is it even the way of the world. For if there be one thing the longest experience of time would teach us all, it is this, that we all of us need, and all of us should make, many allowances here for the inevitable foibles, the uncontrollable "nial-series" of our race. That all Freemasons talk sense we do not aver; that no Freemason ever talks nonsense we do not say; but this we do affirm, that in our opinion latterly the eloquence of Masonry has been marked by careful abstinence from its ancient besetting faults, "tall talk," empty phrases, and wearisome repetitions. And we think that we note a decided improvement in the character of Masonic orations and addresses, and even of the dinner speeches generally. Some of us who are now "getting on in years," and remember old meetings and old friends, can vividly summon up before us to-day the old fashioned speakers with their stereotyped formularies of Masonic eloquence at ancient gatherings. Their history was shaky, their chronology was defective, their views of Freemasonry proper hazy in the extreme. You were taken back to Noah, and Nimrod, to Babylon and Bacchus, to Grecian mysteries, to Egyptian pyramids, to the Druids, as a matter of course, with an amount of confidence which was somewhat startling, and a calmness of assertion which left no doubt or reply possible. We were told that Freemasonry was ancient, and social, and benevolent, undeniable truths, and that it possessed great and invaluable privileges, and that we were all "jolly good fellows," and that we were a

loyal, a moral, and a friendly Order. Such was the address we heard over and over again, with no variation, made up moreover of a little of Anderson, of a touch of Hutchinson, more of Preston, and a good deal of Oliver. Now we do not deny that there may be, and there most probably is, a substratum of truth in all these claims and asseverations, more or less, but boldly spoken they do not commend themselves to the fair criticism of the outer world, or even of the Masonic student. Surely we have changed for the better. Masonic investigation has opened the chained-up gates of Masonic Archæology, has stirred the dust of centuries, has put Dryasdusts and Fabulists to flight, and has offered to our Order a critical and a reasonable account of our organization. We say nothing here of those great rhapsodical utterances which are termed, "proposing the ladies," as we prefer dealing with what is real and prosaic even, rather than with what is purely sentimental. Masonic eloquence has become, we think, more natural, more reliable, and more accurate, and generally more intellectual, since the days of its old hyperbole are over, and what may not unfairly be called "Masonic swagger" charmeth us no more. But after all is said and done, the orator like the poet, "nascitur non fit." Masonic eloquence to be truly effective must come from the intellect as well as from the understanding, from a knowledge of the subject, as well as from an "artificial memory." We may make up a speech, we may string together facts and statistics, we may indulge in Masonic glorification and familiar commonplace, but unless the spirit of eloquence be there, it falls at once into the ruck of ordinary and factitious speaking so prevalent amongst us. It is given to few, we may however well remember here, "the applause of listening senates to command," and it is the lot of very few indeed of the more gifted of our species to attract attention and to retain interest. So long as we can boast amongst our Order one or two really eloquent orators we should be quite content. They are in truth "rare aves in terris," and perhaps it as well that they should be so. Too many eloquent speeches would make some of us become like Simeon Stylites, or an Eremita in the loneliest wilderness. If then our average Masonic eloquence is as a rule above the mark,—above, that is, the common level of the great river of human verbosity,—if it keeps equally at a distance from politics and religion, from hopeless vapidness and "bottled moonshine," if it be fair and reasoning, calm and courteous in tone, true and tolerant in assertion, if it seeks to allure and to attract instead of dogmatizing, and denouncing, we may rejoice to think that our lot is cast in these days when we are not forced to listen to reiterated absurdities, or to "didactic twaddle." A clever speaker once said, that the "truest eloquence is that, which is contained in the fewest if most forcible words." And many of us will remember how in "auld lang syne," some of the "doctors" of our "Israel" alike charmed us and warmed us up, alike encouraged and directed us, with words sparkling like brilliants, and with scintillations fresh from the anvil of genius. Their speeches were neither too long nor too short, neither too learned nor too sentimental, but memory lingers by them yet, as delivered in all the pure simplicity of our Anglo-Saxon vernacular, with all of heartfelt admiration, saying to us gratefully, if regretfully "Adveniant utinam sic mihi sœpe dies."

THE FLOODS IN FRANCE.

The report of its two delegates, Mr. John Furley and Captain Kennick, has been received by the Executive Committee formed in the City of London for the relief of the distress caused by the recent inundation in the South of France, and which committee is, as most of our readers know, presided over by our worthy and benevolent Bro. the Lord Mayor. Most sad is the report. They say that they have travelled over 800 miles of country, and the following is their description of what they have themselves witnessed. Although the country in the immediate neighbourhood of Bordeaux bore evidence of having been more or less inundated, they observed no traces of exceptional damage until they

reached Barsac. Thence, as far as La Réole, the whole valley had suffered severely, and hay, straw, and various kinds of debris in the branches of the trees which bordered the fields showed the height the water attained. In that district the greater part of the loss sustained consisted in this year's crops, and, with few exceptions, it was probable that even the vintage was not entirely destroyed. At La Réole the damage done commenced to be more apparent, and thence to Agen the destruction caused by the floods could scarcely be exaggerated. Dams had been swept away, and in several places the railroad had been broken up, and rails and sleepers had been thrown to a distance of 30 or 40 yards, while portions of the embankment had disappeared altogether. Over some fields a thick alluvial deposit had been left by the water, which, although it had destroyed this year's harvest, would doubtless prove to be of great value hereafter, but where a coating of sand or stone had been deposited the damage done to small proprietors was almost irreparable. Fortunately, the high hills on each side of the valley formed some protection and lessened the loss in cattle, which otherwise would have been much greater than it was. At Agen the destruction was quite beyond description. In places the torrent had trenched the ground to the depth of several feet, houses had been completely swept away, and scarcely a vestige remained of the beautiful public gardens and promenades which ornamented the quays on the right bank of the river. Clothing was very much wanted, but it was useless to send anything but under-clothing to the peasantry, as they were too proud to wear cloth clothes which could be recognized as being the gift of charity. The workmen in the towns made no such objection, and gladly accepted garments of every description. Agricultural and other tools and implements were much needed, but they must be of the same style and pattern as those to which the workmen and peasants were accustomed, or they would not be appreciated. Cattle were also wanted, but an English cow would only be acceptable to a rich proprietor, as the small farmers used even milch cows for draught purposes. The part of that department (Lot et Garonne) which was not inundated was quite able to supply the number of beasts which were lost. And then they go on to-day; on arriving at Toulouse they at once proceeded to the Faubourg of St. Cyprien. No description in words, no series of sketches or photographs, not even the most vivid imagination, could picture the terrible scene that once thrived place, which was lately occupied by from 18,000 to 20,000 inhabitants, now presented. What St. Cyprien must have been in the last days of June it was too horrible to conjecture. No bombardment ever wrought such complete and general destruction. Nothing was too great or too strong, nothing too insignificant, for the invading flood of waters which between the morning of the 23rd and that of the 24th rose between 30 and 40 feet above its usual level, and overwhelmed that extensive tract, destroying the lives of some hundreds of men, women, and children, and leaving behind it nothing but ruin and misery. Most of the houses were knocked out of all shape, the majority of them being nothing more than a chaotic heap of bricks, slates, tiles, and pipes, while the few walls that were left standing were propped up on all sides with timber. In some places the walls had been undermined by trenches from six to ten feet in depth. The large suspension bridge called the Pont St. Michael had been literally torn away, and some of its strong wire cables were lying along the banks of the river, with large trees and portions of the former planked roadway tightly held within its strands. In Toulouse itself but little damage had been done, except at St. Michel and in the Quartier des Amidonniers—two districts forming the extremities of the city on the right bank of the river. The latter quarter was covered with mills and manufactories, all of which had been more or less injured, while some had been totally destroyed. As a consequence of that a large number of artisans had been turned out of employment. In the village of Les Sept Deniers the fruitful gardens which helped to supply the city were utterly destroyed, the houses had fallen, and the inhabitants were dispersed. They might also mention the case of

Fernouillet, a village lying at a distance of six miles to the north of Toulouse. That commune was one large garden, cultivated by an industrious population. Now in many cases it was impossible to distinguish the boundaries which formerly existed between the different little properties. Of 223 houses in the village, only eight were now standing, and of these few scarcely one was at present habitable. Fortunately precautions which proved successful were taken in time, and of the 950 inhabitants all were saved excepting two. In the department of L'Ariège, the village which had most suffered was Verdun. During the night of the 23rd of June a landslip is supposed to have happened from one of the hills; that blocked up the bed of the torrent, forming a sort of dam, which retained the waters until they had acquired such volume and weight as to burst it. Sweeping every obstacle in their downward course, the pent-up flood rushed upon the village, burying under its ruins about 82 persons, 147 horned cattle, and over 600 sheep and pigs. The extent of the catastrophe might be imagined from the fact that 300 soldiers were engaged in clearing the ground, and they have not yet succeeded in discovering all the bodies. Upon these indubitable facts they base the following propositions:—That it is only necessary to include four departments in the division of the fund—namely, La Haute Garonne, Lot et Garonne, Tarn et Garonne, and L'Ariège. In coming to that conclusion they had been guided by the decisions of the Conseil Municipal of Paris and the Alsace and other committees. The order in which they had placed those departments was based on the following figures:—La Haute Garonne stood first, as having suffered more severely than any of the other departments. Its loss amounted to no less than 32,215,800fr. Lot et Garonne had sustained losses estimated at 24,200,000fr.; Tarn et Garonne, 13,650,000fr.; and L'Ariège, 7,446,966fr. By a comparison of the total of losses they beg to suggest that the following partition should be made of the Mansion House Relief Fund:—La Haute Garonne, 4-10ths; Lot and Garonne, 3-10ths; Tarn and Garonne, 2-10ths; L'Ariège, 1-10th. That those sums should as far as possible be spent in the purchase of those articles which have been already mentioned—namely, strong iron bedsteads of simple form, blankets—coarse linen for sheets and shirts, flannels, wool, len stuffs for women's clothing, and in "bons" or orders for artisans' tools and farming implements. But, inasmuch as there was a difference in the actual requirements of the sufferers in each of the four departments, and gifts in kind were more serviceable than gifts of money, they would strongly urge on the committee the desirableness of their being represented by two delegates, one of whom should be at Paris in communication with the Central Committee, and the other in the South of France to act in concert with the Departmental Committees. If that suggestion should be adopted, the wants of the sufferers and the wishes of all parties could be met without wounding national susceptibilities; and at the same time, if gifts in kind should be sent to France, such delegates, acting in concert with each other and with the Central and Departmental Committees, would be in a position to judge of the quantities respectively required, and the ports and railway stations to which the objects should be addressed. Such a plan would also insure economy both in time and money, while it would be in accordance with the wishes expressed by the French authorities. A tabulated statement appended to the report showed that the entire losses were estimated at 99,849,919fr., thus enumerated:—Farms, mills, and manufactories, 22,671,345fr.; furniture, merchandize, and stock-in-trade, 14,783,545fr.; land 18,213,297fr.; crops, 25,635,737fr.; and cattle, 2,446,000fr. Seventeen communes had been totally and 260 partially flooded. And the final conclusion to which these two worthy delegates come to in their most lucid report is, that the distribution had better be left to the Central Committee, presided over by Madame McMahon, instead of to special English agents. We, ourselves, fully concur in the conclusions of this just and admirable report, and, to say the truth, we never could understand why any doubts should be entertained as to any want of

fairness on such a matter by the Central Committee, and least of all can we comprehend the action of the Mayor of Birmingham in the matter. Why a French committee, in the presence of such overpowering calamities, should be supposed more likely than an English committee to be actuated by unworthy motives we cannot possibly realize, and we think such a view unfair, both to the Government and the People of France. We trust, therefore, that the London committee will accept the conclusions of their able delegates, as, on calm reflection, such a conclusion will be that, we feel sure, of all English contributors. The fund, so far, may be said to reach to something like £25,000 in round numbers, but it is clear, if our aid is to be commensurate with the exigencies of the case, a larger amount must be raised. The total loss sustained by the French people is over four millions, and many years must elapse before these fertile districts can again be what they were once, if ever they entirely lose the traces of this great disaster. We beg, therefore, to commend this fund to the notice of our lodges. We trust sincerely that in the spirit of fraternal philanthropy all our lodges may send a contribution, be it large or small, to the Lord Mayor's Committee, and we shall be most happy to announce, in a special column, all such amounts forwarded to the committee of which we shall receive notice. Indeed, we may add, that if any of our lodges or brethren prefer to forward such subscriptions to our publisher, Bro. George Kenning, he will have the greatest pleasure in personally paying the amount over to the Mansion House Executive, and acknowledging the same in the *Freemason*.

WHAT NEXT?

A rumour comes to us, on ecclesiastical authority, moreover, which seems to us both a little strange and startling. There is, in the glorious fane of Winchester, dear as well as glorious to all old Wykehamists, specially from pleasant memories of other days, a well-known slab, said to cover the bones of St. Swithun, or St. Swithun. Of course this fact, like many other similar facts in the world, is said by some to be a fiction. St. Swithun was, according to his own wish, originally buried outside the church, at a spot where what Rudborne calls "modica cupella," a little chapel, was raised over his grave. About 100 years afterwards St. Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, translated his remains with great pomp into the Cathedral. St. Ethelwold was succeeded by St. Elphege, who was martyred by the Danes, and who was translated as Archbishop of Canterbury from Winchester in 1006. He took with him, Osborne tells us, the head of St. Swithun to Canterbury, and from this relic William of Sens, the Master Mason of Canterbury, took a portion to Sens Cathedral. It is upon these facts that many writers declare that the slab covering St. Swithun does not represent truly his place of sepulture. It was opened in 1797, when the bones of a person buried in a black serge cowl were found. It was felt that they were the remains of a person of note, and Milner suggests of the famous prior Silkesteade, whose actual burial place is, we believe, unknown, though probably in his own chapel, as it is called. Knowing how, in old days, people were proud, and inclined to boast of relics, we are led to believe that the remains discovered in 1797 were actually those of St. Swithun, probably re-interred when the shrines were broken up, and removed at the Reformation. Now it seems that a tomb is about to be raised to Bishop Sumner, and that this old slab is to be disturbed to make way for it. We object to such a proceeding in toto, as a proceeding of modern iconoclasm and of barbarism. Whether the slab covers the remains of St. Swithun or Silkesteade matters little; like Archytas, it may say to the executors of Bishop Sumner, or his injudicious friends:—

"At tu vagæ ne parce malignus arenæ,
Ossibus et capiti inhumato."

Or, as Francis translates it:—

"Nor thou, my friend, refuse with impious hand,
A little portion of this wandering sand,
To these my poor remains."

Surely the authorities of Winchester Cathedral will feel how proper and needful it is "quiescent movere." We hope that some true Freemasons and worthy archaeologists will be found in the good old city of Winchester to lift up their voices against this far too common practice of these restoring days, to destroy and erase what is old because it is old, to make way for a new specimen of statuary, or a burnished piece of lacquer work. It is altogether a false proceeding in the interests of art and ecclesiastical archaeology, and we protest against it, wherever it is attempted to be carried out. Surely some befitting place may be found for a stately memorial of Bishop Sumner without drawing on the projectors of this destructive perversity, if the report be true, the curse that William Shakespeare pronounces against all who irreverently move or interfere with the bones of the great, the good, and the departed. Surely we all shall say "quiescent in pace."

BRO. MAJOR BURGESS.

We are induced to call attention again to this controversy, in consequence of the clear and pointed letter signed "A Mark Master," which appeared in our last issue. We leave out all the personal questions at issue between the controversialists—unfortunately the whole matter is a personal one—and we turn to the general principles laid down by our correspondent, "A Mark Master." If we understand his words right, in his opinion it does not make any difference whether all the signatories are Masonic, for though he does say he understands the Chivalric degrees to be composed solely of Master Masons, yet we apprehend that under the novel form of the Priory of the Temple such a qualification is no longer a *sine qua non*. At any rate, we should like to have this point clear. The Scottish Templars do not admittedly require a Masonic qualification, and if such now be the actual status of the "Priory of the Temple," we feel strongly that "A Mark Master" has put forth a somewhat startling proposition. Because if his argument be good for anything, it must amount to this, that the Mark Degree has a right to make a "concordat" with any grade or Order, Masonic or non-Masonic. He seems however to feel the incongruity of such arrangements on Masonic grounds, and he therefore skilfully makes a distinction between breaches of Masonic discipline and dishonourable conduct, implying thereby that Bro. Burgess's case comes under the latter category, whereas in truth it appears to have been a pure case of Templar discipline from first to last. And we would ask "A Mark Master," how can the Order of the Temple and the 33rd be judges in a case of Masonic discipline which can properly only be adjudicated on by a purely Masonic body, which neither of these distinguished Orders admittedly are? The dilemma in which the Mark Degree now finds itself is very remarkable and clear. By the tripartite treaty it virtually hands over its members to the decision of an alien and non-Masonic tribunal, as more or less a supreme court of appeal, so that if a Mark Mason is found guilty, being a Templar, and of the 33rd, of some disciplinary delinquency, he is "ex necessitate," suspended from his functions and privileges as a Mark Mason, though he is utterly guiltless of any breach of Mark Masonic law. This is so serious a position for all Mark Masons, that we cannot believe, on the principles of Masonic equity, it will be sustained by the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. If it is, we are very sorry for it and them. We say nothing about what our able correspondent terms the "more select degrees," because we utterly deny the assumption and the claim, as we do not consider that there is, or can be, any superiority or distinction of any kind between the Christian bodies, or the Mark Degree, and Craft Masonry. We would venture to suggest a practical conclusion of this painful controversy. Let a committee of four, two to represent Bro. Burgess, and two to represent the higher grades, be appointed amicably, the four to select a chairman, and let their award be accepted as "amici curiæ" to settle a very difficult and intricate matter, which threatens to develop into a long and most useless logomachy.

THE PICTURE OF THE INSTALLATION.

We call attention to a circular which we give below, emanating from the company which is placing this welcome memorial of a great event in English Freemasonry before the Craft and the world. We recommend that circular to the careful perusal of all our readers, and we trust sincerely that those who are bringing out this artistic and valuable souvenir will receive, as they deserve to receive, the support and sympathy, the encouragement and patronage, of our numerous, and intelligent, and loyal Order.

THE INSTALLATION PICTURE.

We have been requested to publish the following:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, &c., &c., &c., having been graciously pleased to accept the special dedication, a splendid historical steel engraving will shortly be published, of the Royal Installation on the 28th of April last, in the Royal Albert Hall.

By special arrangements made previous to the Installation with the R.W. Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter King-at-Arms, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, the artist, Bro. Edward James Harty, S.D., No. 1201, was granted a special position in the hall, and has been successful in drawing a picture so unique in its conception, comprehensive in design, and faithful in detail, as to have received, after careful inspection, the gracious approval of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the following distinguished brethren:—M.W. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; R.W. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Junior Grand Warden; also R.W. Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter King-at-Arms, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies; R.W. the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, M.P.; R.W. Rev. John Hayshe, P.G.M. Devonshire; R.W. William Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire, &c.; R.W. Hugh D. Sandeman, D.G.M. Bengal; R.W. Colonel A. W. Adair, P.P.G.M. Somersetshire; R.W. R. Scott, D.G.M. Trinidad; R.W. Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; R.W. the Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, Member of the Irish Deputation; R.W. the Hon. W. T. Mercer, P.D.G.M. China; V.W. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; V.W. Aeneas John McIntyre, Grand Registrar; V.W. John B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes; V.W. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; V.W. Rev. Charles John Martyn, P.G.C.; V.W. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; W. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; W. John Anthony Rucker, P.G.D.; W. William Hickman, P.A.G. D.C.; W. J. Daniel Moore, P.G.S.B.; W. Charles Banister, P.G.S.B.; W. John Boyd, P.G.P.; W. John March Case, Installation Steward; W. H. Dicketts, P.G.S.; W. John Coutts, P.G.P.; W. Fredk. Whitaker, P.P.G.J.D.

To render this work a historical, authentic, and interesting record of the greatest of Grand Lodges, it has been resolved to introduce portraits, wherever possible, of the most prominent of the brethren, and especially of Grand Officers and Grand Stewards, Present and Past, Members of Deputations, &c., and to more fully carry out which arrangements have been made with the eminent photographer, Bro. E. M. Haigh, P.M., P.G.S., of 213, Regent-street, to photograph, free of expense, such brethren in the exact position and pose at present represented in the original drawing, for the use of the engraver, and each of whom will be entitled to a proof copy on the terms mentioned on the order sheet sent herewith.

Arrangements have also been concluded with the eminent engraver, Mr. Charles George Lewis, for the execution of the work on steel, and he has already commenced on the plate.

The order sheet gives the prices which have been fixed for the various descriptions of impressions, and Grand Officers are particularly requested to take notice that the number of portraits which can be engraved being necessarily limited, applications will be registered in priority of date, and that the accomplishment of the undertaking may be completed and ready for delivery by the First Anniversary of the Installation, it is earnestly requested that brethren who are desirous of having their portraits engraved will at once return the order sheet filled up.

To the brethren under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England the Royal Installation on the 28th of April must ever be a red letter day in their Masonic career. Unparalleled in importance, and the grandest in accomplishment, it is admitted that the picture correctly delineates the unequalled scene, and the noble proportions of the Royal Albert Hall are also faithfully portrayed, the whole forming a coup d'œil of surpassing splendour. And whilst it will be universally taken by lodges as an adornment to their temples, it must command a prominent position in the galleries of princes and nobles, as well as in the drawing rooms of the wealthy and the halls of the multitude of that class who form the basis of society; and to all brethren of whatever Grand Lodge, constitution, country or clime, throughout the globe, it is intended that this historical representation of the Installation of our most illustrious Prince should be a fitting and worthy memorial of the greatest and grandest Grand Lodge of Freemasons ever assembled.

The M.W. the Pro Grand Master remarked "that never in the whole history of Freemasonry had such a Grand Lodge been assembled," and His Royal Highness the Grand Master confirmed this, saying, "That such an assemblage in Grand Lodge had never been before known," adding, "When I look round this vast and spacious hall

and see those who have come from the north and the south, from the east and the west, to be present on this auspicious occasion, it is, I trust, an omen of good."

To perpetuate this to generations of our noble Order yet unborn has been one of the conceptions of the artist, and will be the duty of the engraver to carry into effect.

And bearing in mind the further eloquent remarks of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the watchwords of our ancient and noble Order are "Loyalty and Charity," it has been determined, should the Picture meet with encouragement from the Craft, that a portion of the proceeds shall be divided equally between the three Royal Masonic Charities—viz., The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows.

The prices of impressions are as under, and for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, include the expense of the photograph and the impression. One moiety payable on subscription and the balance on the delivery of the impression.

As a proper accompaniment to the Picture each subscriber will receive, with his impression, a key, containing the full name and Masonic rank of all the brethren whose portraits are engraved.

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Original Correspondence.

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

BRO. MAJOR BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
"A Mark Master" should perhaps have signed his letter as "A Colquhoun Knight." When he has courage enough to make under his own name a statement of fact, instead of anonymously asking questions with the object of conveying insinuations, I think it will be time enough for me to reply to him. If he will even repeat his questions, in his own name, I shall be happy to answer them.

Faithfully yours,
London, 31st July, 1875.

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

WAS SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN A FREEMASON?

Post Boy, No. 5245, March 2nd—March 5th, 1722.—"This evening the corpse of that worthy Freemason, Sir Christopher Wren, Knight, is to be interred under the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral."

Post Man, March 5th—March 7th, 1723.—"Last Tuesday night the corpse of Sir Christopher Wren was carried from his late dwelling-house to be interred in the vault under the dome of St. Paul's; the hearse was preceded by a handsome cavalcade, and followed by fifteen mourning coaches and six, as well as by several gentlemen's coaches."

Post Boy, March 5th—March 7th, 1722.—"The following plain inscription is engraven on the plate upon Sir Christopher Wren's coffin, viz.—"Christophorus Wren, Eques awratus, hujus Ecclesiæ Architectus, obiit Feb. 25, Anno Dom. 1723 ætat. 91."

I cannot discover any further account. But, please, observe the difference in dates, to be accounted for by the old and new style.

The *Post Boy* of March 5th, 1722, prints an inscription that says Sir Christopher Wren died Feb., 1723. The *Post Man* of March 5th—7th, 1723, says Sir Christopher Wren was buried last Tuesday night. "Such is the result of the search in the British Museum."

A MASONIC STUDENT.

I have read the remarks by "A Masonic Student" at page 338, but although he answers the above question in the affirmative, he brings forward no real evidence in support of his view. The idea that the use of the words, "that worthy Freemason" by the *Post Boy*, proves the general acceptance of the facts scarcely the sort of Masonic evidence that I would put much weight upon. The only real piece of evidence that I have yet seen, so far as I can at present judge, is the quotation from Aubrey's *Natural History of Wiltshire*, but that quotation does not state that he was enrolled among the members of the fraternity, if merely states that on May 18th, 1691, he is to be adopted a brother. Consequently, as "there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," and as "is to be" and "was" are not exactly equivalent expressions, I venture to consider it possible that Wren never was adopted at all. Of course we read in Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry*, that Wren got on to be a Grand Warden in 1663, and a Deputy Grand Master in 1666, but as both of these dates occur a considerable time previous to May 18th, 1691, when even his adoption was still in the womb of futurity, it follows that, to say the least, the evidence as to Wren's Masonic career is somewhat conflicting, not to press the facts that it would appear that no such Masonic

"Grands" were in existence in 1666. As to the value of Elmes' statements, that is seen to be very small indeed when he quotes as a fact the imaginary 1666 Deputy Grand Mastership of Wren. Then as to the notion that the connection of Sir Christopher Wren with Freemasonry caused it to be so popular that even William the Third of England joined the body in 1695, we find Bro. Hughan in the *Masonic Jewel* for April, 1875, saying: "Neither is there a scrap of evidence that Freemasonry was popular from 1691, because of Sir Christopher Wren's admission into the fraternity, or, in fact, that the fraternity was at all popular from 1691 to 1721!" The question is still an open one yet, I think—"Was Sir Christopher Wren ever adopted at all?" W. P. BUCHAN.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

The Schichley Masonic token which came into my possession about eight months ago differs, if any, very slightly from Bro. Hughan's. The inscription on the rim is "Masonic token, I. Schichley, fecit 1794." The initial letter "I" has not been mentioned by either of your correspondents; what Bro. Hughan calls the hour-glass appears to me more like a book. I cannot discover the mallet, but have an idea, if it is on my token, it is near the supposed book; the trowel is placed between the left foot of the figure and the plumb.

The coat of arms as described by E. S., page 338, is the same, but I cannot discern the compasses on the chevron, but they may be worn off, though the motto is very plain; and the supports are intended for "beavers," not "leopards," the first-named being operative builders.

Aug. 3rd, 1875.

T. F.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL AT TARBOLTON.

On Saturday, 24th ult., the memorial stone of the new public school buildings in course of erection at Tarbolton was planted with Masonic honours, under the auspices of St. James Kilwinning, No. 135—the lodge in which Burns

"Oft, honour'd with supreme command,
Presided o'er the sons of light."

In the absence of Colonel Mure of Caldwell, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, the ceremony was performed by the Senior Provincial Grand Warden, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Proxy P.G.M. of the West India Islands, etc. He was accompanied by Bros. Robert Wylie, J.P., Past Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire; John Whinton, P.G. Treas.; the Rev. John W. Ritchie, of the Old Kirk Mission, Edinburgh, Acting P.G. Chaplain; John Baird, P.M. 3 bis, Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, P.S.W. 488, Tobago, etc. There was a numerous attendance of the Craft, representing the following lodges, viz., Mother Kilwinning; St. Cutbert Kilwinning, Kirkcudbright; Navigation, Troon; Kilwinning, Ayr; St. Mungo, Mauchline; St. Paul, Ayr; St. Barnabas, Cumnock; St. John, New Cumnock; St. Thomas Kilwinning, Dalmellington; Govandale, Govan; St. John, Catrine. The strongest deputation (numbering 70, including musicians) was that led by R.W.M. Chambers, of Ayr St. Paul. In addition to these were the members of the Tarbolton Lodge in great force, bearing the flag, now sadly dilapidated, under which the poet had walked in "grand procession" through the village, with the minute-book and other documents containing his signature—the jewel which had hung on his breast while presiding in the Orient being worn by the Acting P.G.M. Two very old Craftsmen honoured the ranks with their presence, viz., Alexander Murchy of Mockton (now Troon) Navigation, aged ninety-three, and John McMillan of Tarbolton St. James, aged eighty-nine years—the former having been initiated in 1802, is believed to be the oldest Freemason in Scotland. Among the onlookers we observed two brethren whose past Masonic services entitle them to this recognition, viz., Bro. James Brown, merchant, a Past Master of St. James, and Bro. John Sloan, of St. David (Burns' mother lodge).

Starting from No. 1 Public School, where it was marshalled by Bro. Charles Sneddon, and headed by the Ayr Volunteer Artillery Band, with the Annbank and the Mauchline brass bands stationed for effect at different points, the procession moved towards the new buildings, where they were received by the following members of the School Board, viz., Bros. the Rev. David Ritchie, A.M., Established Church; the Rev. William Young, Free Church; John Gray, Tongue. The R.W.M., Neil Murchie, and the principal officials of the Tarbolton Lodge—Bros. James McCosh, Peter Barclay, Edward Dodd, James Cree—also appeared on the platform. The vacant space around the building was densely packed with spectators, and by the time the brethren had assembled every available spot for witnessing the proceedings was crowded. The ceremony began with prayer by the acting Provincial Grand Chaplain. A bottle containing coins, copies of newspapers, &c., having been deposited, the memorial stone was lowered to its bed, and having been tested by plumb, square, and level, corn, wine, and oil was poured upon it, and with three taps of the mallet it was declared to have been duly laid according to the rules of Masonry. The ceremonies were interspersed with appropriate music. The choir of the Established Church, under the leadership of Bro. David Petticrew, occupied a place on the platform, and sang the Old Hundredth Psalm and other sacred pieces with admirable effect.

Bro. Lyon, in addressing the assemblage, said—"The business for which we have been convened, and which has been done in due and ancient form, recalls to mind the passing away of that system of education for which during several centuries this country has been famous, and under which have been educated some of the brightest men of genius of which Scotland or the world can boast. Let us hope that the new system may prove a worthy successor to

the old, and eventually realise all that is expected of it. Some years ago the educational wants of this village were met by the erection of a subscription school—a step which was honourable alike to its originators and those who aided in carrying it out; and it is a matter of congratulation that the School Board should, in the erection of this other seminary, have afforded still greater facilities for educating the youth of the parish. (Applause.) My limited acquaintance with Tarbolton precludes me from presenting a retrospect of its educational history. "Death and Dr. Hornbook" has immortalised the parish schoolmaster of the time; but farther back on the roll of those who have held that office stands the name of one whose godly life and devotion to Presbyterianism in the persecution which preceded the Revolution has earned for him an exalted place in our national history. That man was Alexander Peden. (Applause.) And standing as it were under the shade of those woods where

"Summer first unfaults her robes," does not "Mary's Thorn," with its tender memories, and "The Castle of Montgomerie," stir up recollections of Burns's intimate association with this district? So does the appearance of St. James Kilwinning Tarbolton at the head of the procession to-day; for it was to the brethren of that lodge he addressed the "heart-warm fond adieu" which has imperishably associated the poet's name not with that particular lodge only, but with Masonry itself. (Applause.) Burns was strongly attached to the principles of Freemasonry, and shared in its labours—and it was to his relationship to the Craft that he owed his introduction to the brilliant circle of literary and scientific men whose acquaintance he made on his first visit to the Scottish metropolis, and who did so much to spread the fame of his poetical genius. In referring to Burns and his connection with Tarbolton, I am reminded of the fact that this parish was the birth-place of Thom, the sculptor of the statues illustrative of a scene in the tale of "Tam o'Shanter," which have been admired by thousands of visitors to Burns's Monument at Alloway. In modelling as well as in cutting these and other figures the sculptor had an apt assistant in his brother Robert. The presence of that gentleman in the Masonic ranks is a pleasing feature of this day's proceedings. (Applause.) In many respects this locality is rich in its associations. Here it was that, at a remote period of our country's history, the invading Britons were successfully resisted by the Scots and Picts, whose victory was rendered complete through the death of the enemy's chief. A green mound within a few hundred yards of this spot is still pointed to by tradition as the last resting-place of "Auld King Coil." In pre-Reformation times, this neighbourhood was the seat of a monastery, but little is now known of it or its occupants, save that the convent was founded in the middle of the thirteenth century, and that

"The Friars of Fail drank berry-brown ale,
The best that e'er was tasted, . . .
And they never wanted gear enough
As long as their neighbours' tasted."

But, brethren, believing that you will be better employed in viewing the scenery amid which this village is embosomed than in listening to any further remarks of mine, I shall conclude by thanking you for your attendance here to-day, and the builders of this edifice for the excellence of their arrangements. (Applause.)

The Acting P.G.M. having also expressed his acknowledgements to the members of the School Board present for their courtesy in connection with the proceedings on this occasion,

The Rev. Mr. Ritchie begged, in his own name and in the name of the other members of the School Board, to express their deep sense of their obligation to them for their attendance on that occasion, and the important work which had been so well performed by the Grand Master.

The Rev. Mr. Young also made a few remarks. After the ceremony the Lodge St. James entertained the Acting Provincial Grand Master and other gentlemen to dinner in the Crown Inn.

CELEBRATION BY BLACKHAWK LODGE OF HAMILTON, U.S.

Blackhawk Lodge No. 238, A.F. and A.M., of Hamilton, celebrated St. John's Day, Thursday, June 24th, on the island between Hamilton and Keokuk in an appropriate manner.

The procession was formed at Masonic Hall in Hamilton, at 10 o'clock, and proceeded from thence to the grounds, where the usual order of exercises was observed.

Music by the Keokuk Cornet Band.
Chorus by Male Quartette, composed of Theo. English, Dr. C. H. Winslow, Dr. G. S. Fuller, and G. O. Hilton, of Keokuk.

Oration, by Hon. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk.
Chorus—Male Quartette.
Call off for refreshments, &c.
Music—Band. Chorus.

Original Poem—Composed for the occasion by Iowa's gifted poetess, Kate Harrington. Chorus.

After the delivery of the poem the steamer Jennie Brown, accompanied by the band, left the landing for a two hours excursion on the Rapids.

The site selected for the celebration—the island directly opposite the city—is a convenient, accessible and inviting one. It is covered with a beautiful blue grass sod, abundantly shaded, and has a good landing on the river front for steamers and sail boats. There was free access to the grounds.

All friends of the Order were invited to be present and participate in the celebration, and there was a large attendance from Keokuk city.

The reputation of Black Hawk Lodge for getting up enjoyable entertainments, is sufficient guarantee that the celebration was a success.—*Daily Gate City*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 13, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec. Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4. Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Hotel, Kennington. "1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall. Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor. Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor. Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7. Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (957), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor. British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8. St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor. Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors. West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8. Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. "548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford. Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor. Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor. Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelane, Preceptor. Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor. Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor. Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1217, Preceptor. St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshea, Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. 180, Preceptor. Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Wind-rail-street, W. Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30. Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor. Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3. Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonsotne. "1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall. Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor. Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor. New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8. Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec. Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor. Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor. Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park. Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E. United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn-Street, St James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

K. T. Precep. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel London Bridge.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye; W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.

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

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

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

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

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8, Bro. S. T. Finch Preceptor.

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.

Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Brcs. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 14, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston

" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 5.

" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

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

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.

" 580, Harmony, Wheat-sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.

" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.

" 950, He-keth, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.

" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.

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

" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1213, Bridgwater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 14, 1875.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale, at 7.

" 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne, at 7.

" 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton, at 7.

" 204, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

" 277, Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Oldham, at 6.

" 325, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.30

" 852, Zetland, Albert Hall, Salford, at 6.

Chap. 298 Unity, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale, at 7.

Mark Lodge 142 Wike, Church Inn, Whitefield, near Manchester, at 7.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

Lodge 283, Amity, Swan Inn, Haslingden, at 7.

" 816, Royds, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale, at 6.30.

" 854, Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham, at 8.

" 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hotel, Cheetham, Manchester, at 6.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, August 14, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

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

" 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.

" 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

" 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.

" 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

" 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

" 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.

" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

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

" 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.

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

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.

" 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 313, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Kilwinning Mission Hall, Dumbarton.

" 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Hotel, Leven.

" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusna then.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 14, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Writers' Court, High-st.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterlooc-place.

" 17 Ancient Brazen, Town Hall, Linlithgon.

Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 8 Journeyman, Freemasons' Hall, Blackfriars-st.

" 270 Thistle, Masons Hall, West-Calder.

" 272 St. John's, Calder Hotel, Mid-Calder.

" 392 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—An emergency meeting of this well established and prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, August 5th, at the Bridge House Hotel, High-street, Borough. There were present Bros. C. Deakin, W.M.; J. Ruse, S.W.; F. A. Smith, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P. Prov. G. P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; W. Batchelor, S.D.; J. Stock, as J.D.; F. Garbett, I.G.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; and many others. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. J. Savage and E. Morley, as candidates for initiation, and Bro. J. McIntyre, St. John's Lodge, 73, Ireland, as a joining member. The work done was raising Bro. R. Sparks to the Third Degree; passing Bros. J. K. Deakin and S. E. S. Shaw to the Second Degree; initiating Mr. J. Savage and Captain E. Morley into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. F. H. Ebsworth, P.M. and Treas., did the raising and passings, and Bro. C. Deakin, W.M., did the initiations. All the work was beautifully rendered and solemnly done, each candidate being done separately added to the impressive nature of each ceremony. The usual five guinea Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted from the lodge funds. The other business on the agenda paper being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and is adjourned until Thursday, September 2nd. Slight refreshment followed the hard labour so well done.

PROVINCIAL.

LIVERPOOL.—ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 667).—The members of this ancient and honourable body Masonic, which holds its meetings in Liverpool, had their third annual "garden party" in the pleasant gardens and grounds of the Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on the 28th ult.; and as the weather was delightful, the company of the most brotherly and sisterly character, and the arrangements quite up to the "Alliance" mark (which is saying a great deal), the enjoyment of the large merry gathering was general and complete. The festival originated with, but was not confined to, members of 667, and therefore other lodges were well represented, there being altogether about 120 present. The committee consisted of Bros. H. Gregory, W. Doyle, H. Firth, A. Morrison, E. Carter, W. Brittain, R. Douglas, H. Eve, and Dr. Joyce, the office of Hon. Sec. being admirably filled by Bro. A. Bucknall. The fête was of the most enjoyable kind, and proved even more successful than its two predecessors at Roby. Dancing to Martin's quadrille band, croquet, bowling, and other games formed the bulk of the afternoon's amusements, and the catering was most satisfactory there was all the greater enjoyment. Besides the members of the Alliance Lodge, there were numerous visitors, including Bros. H. Nelson, W.M. 1505, P.M. 673; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; R. Brown, W.M. 241, Hon. Sec. W. L. Masonic Educational Institution; J. Skellicom, P.M. 667; A. P. Fabian, P.M. 48; P.P.S.G.W. Hants; A. Strother, 823; W. Nash, 823; Gallagher, P.M. 1011, Salford; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; Widdows, I.G. 673, &c. After a pleasant "garden party" the company returned to Liverpool by special boat at eleven o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—DERBY LODGE (No. 724).—The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. The chair was occupied and the lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Ballard, W.M., and amongst the officers and "privates" present were Bros. W. Vaughan, S.W.; G. Beecken, J.W.; Thomas Chesworth, P.M., Treas.; A. Hart, Sec.; McSwiney, S.D.; Crisp, J.D.; M. Hart, I.G.; H. Trevitt, S.S.; Armstrong, J.S.; Williamson, Tyler; J. Davison, I.P.M.; W. Shortis, P.M.; Cain, P.M. Bro. Ellis, Jacobs, Marcus, Gordon, Hawksworth, Geves, Sherrington, Ellison, Evans, and others. The visitors for the evening were Bros. T. Shaw, W.M. 823; W. Cottrell, I.P.M. 823; J. Holland, P.M. 823; W. Lunt, P.M., P.G.S. Cuthbert, 823; Somers, 1502; Bryan, Org. 1035; G. Maxwell, S. 594; and others. The minutes were read and passed, and the ballot for a candidate being carried, he was solemnly initiated. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Gordon and Hawksworth were examined and found "efficient." The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, these brethren were duly and impressively raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The working of both degrees was done in a truly masterly style by the W.M. The lodge having

been closed to the First Degree, Bro. J. W. Ballard, W.M., rose and said that he had a pleasing duty to perform, in presenting a testimonial to Bro. Thos. Chesworth, P.M., Treas. The lodge had voted a sum of money for the testimonial, and the brethren had supplemented it with further subscriptions for the purpose of doing justice to the presentation to such a worthy brother as Bro. Chesworth. The brethren were aware, he said, of the various offices Bro. Chesworth had filled. He was for two years its Master; and at a time when the lodge was not in affluent circumstances he, together with the other P.M., had worked laboriously to retrieve its fortunes. He was happy to say that its present flourishing condition was in a great measure due to the untiring exertions of Bro. Chesworth, who had held the responsible office of Treasurer for about six years. The testimonial the committee agreed upon was a piano, which he (the W.M.) had now great pleasure in presenting in the name of the officers and brethren of the Derby Lodge, 724; and he hoped that Bro. Chesworth would long live with his wife and children to enjoy its melodious tones. Bro. Chesworth said he had not sufficient words to thank the members of the Derby Lodge for this token of appreciation of the few services he had rendered to the lodge. And other brother who might have been placed in the same position would have acted in a like manner. He was glad to state, as Treasurer, that the lodge was in a very flourishing condition, mainly due to the affability and influence of its members, and hoped that it would long continue to enjoy the appellation it had achieved outside the building amongst those who visited it, viz., that of the "Happy Derby Lodge." So long as he had health and strength, he would continue to act with the same zeal for the lodge as he had hitherto done. After some propositions for initiation, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then proceeded to refreshment, and the usual toasts were given. The musical portion of the evening was pleasantly furnished through the exertions of Bro. Jacobs, M. Hart, Ellis, Cottrell, Shortis, and others. Bro. Bryan presided at the instrument, in the absence of Bro. Veale, the Organist. The piano which was presented was a splendid walnut cottage, by an eminent maker, and attached to it was a suitable inscription.

JERSEY.—ST. AUBIN'S LODGE (No. 958).—This flourishing lodge assembled on Tuesday, the 20th July, in great force at the Masonic Temple. There was, as usual, a numerous attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. Ed. Martel, W.M., supported by Bros. A. Dawson, S.W.; H. W. Chapman, J.W.; J. Oatley, P.M., &c., &c. Amongst the visitors were Bro. A. Schmitt, P.P.G.S.W.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M., P.G. Sec.; C. Kingsnorth, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Thos. Shattock, W.M. 322; J. B. Pickford, P.M. 491, P.G. Treas. (Monmouthshire); F. P. Le Marquand, P.M. 491, P.P.G.D.; Dr. Thos. Aubin, J.W. 491; Gen. Thos. C. Kelly, C.B., J.W. 877; Ed. Gilley, W.M. 491, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, Bros. Fox, Riddle, and Dolbel were examined as to their proficiency and retired. During their absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the candidates were duly received and raised. The whole of the ceremony was most impressively rendered by the W.M., and in that peculiarly quiet manner of his so highly appreciated by the brethren. Bro. J. Renouf, after the necessary preliminaries, was passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree, Bro. John Oatley, on rising, said:—W.M.—In conformity with the resolution unanimously passed in open lodge, I feel much satisfaction in presenting you on its behalf this gold Secretary's jewel, as a small token of how much we all appreciate your zealous endeavours towards the progress and advancement of the lodge, you have evinced in your faithfully and earnestly discharging the duties of Secretary during a period of three years, as to your indefatigable exertions the concord and prosperity of the lodge are mainly owing; and may your zeal still continue in favour of our fraternity. The inscription is as follows:—"Presented by the St. Aubin's Lodge, No. 958, to Bro. Ed. Martel, W.M., P.M. 491, P.G.D.C., in recognition of his unwearied, valuable, and faithful services, both as its Secretary and Preceptor." The worthy recipient, upon rising to return thanks, was received with a burst of applause. He was evidently much affected, and expressed himself in truly appropriate Masonic terms that will not be forgotten by those who had the pleasure of hearing them, especially dilating on the unity and concord existing between St. Aubin's Lodge and all her sisters in the Province. The brethren adjourned, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The toast of the evening, proposed by Bro. A. Schmitt, "Bro. E. Martel, W.M.," was warmly received and effectively acknowledged. The brethren separated about eleven o'clock, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 4th of August, the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall. The brethren present were: Bros. Henry T. Bobart, W.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; James Worsnop, P.M., Secretary; Thos. Gadsby, J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; Jos. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slinn, Tyler; J. M. Moore, P.M.; Jos. Shaw; J. W. Shepherd, J. H. Biggs, J.D. 802; J. H. Hepworth, Edgar Taylor, J. O. Manton; visitor, Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 253. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 7 p.m. The circular convening the lodge was read, and also the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. The sum of five guineas was voted to be presented to Bro. Stone on retiring from his duties of Tyler to the lodge, as a small token of appreciation of the zealous manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of the office for so many years. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the usual quarterly supper, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to by appropriate speeches.

PAIGNTON.—TORBAY LODGE (No. 1358).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the lodge-rooms, Town Hall, Paignton, on Monday, 2nd inst., when Bro. W. E. Warren, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Rev. R. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G.C.; the Board of Installed Masters comprising Bros. J. T. Goodridge, I.P.M. 1358; S. Cash, P.M. 328; T. Oliver, P.M. 328; J. C. C. Piller, P.M. 1358; Jas. Greenfield, P.M. 328, 1358, P.P.G.J.D.; Harland, P.M. 328, P.P.G.J.D.; Dr. Colston, I.P.M. 248, P.G.S.; Law, 1358, P.M., P.P.G.S. W. Herts. There was a numerous attendance of the lodge members, among whom, in addition to those above mentioned, were Bros. Couldrey, Pope, Chinnock, T. Tozer, W. Windram, H. Jackson, Hunt, King, Palk, Crute, Evans, Gordon, Campbell, West, Bridgeman, Brooks, Bovey, and Rev. N. Platt. The visitors were Bros. Hurrell, Hawley Lodge; Dr. Colston, 248, and Harland, 328. Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. Bowden for the effective manner in which the ceremony was performed. After the usual salutations, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers, viz., Bros. J. T. Goodridge, I.P.M.; J. Couldrey, S.W.; T. Pope, J.W.; Jas. Greenfield, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; W. Windram, Sec.; Rev. N. Platt, Chaplain; Jas. Chinnock, S.D.; T. Tozer, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; C. H. Law, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; Brooks, Org.; Maunders and Evans, Stewards, and Tozer, Tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Gerston Hotel, and, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., partook of a magnificent banquet, provided by the manager, Mr. Codner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to by the brethren, the reply of Bro. Colston to the toast of "The Visitors" being an eloquent outburst of Masonic feeling. After one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent by this young lodge, the brethren separated early, expressing themselves much delighted with the day's proceedings and with high hopes of the ensuing year being equally as prosperous as the past.

DAWLISH.—SALEN LODGE (No. 1443).—At the last regular meeting of this lodge there was one passing and two raisings. The ballot was taken for one joining member, which proved unanimous. Bro. W. Ball was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. S. Whidborne, the Treasurer, and Bro. Haggarty, the Tyler, were also elected. The banquet will take place at Bro. Ball's on August 18th, at 6 p.m. The installation will take place at the Town Hall, at 3 p.m. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, an hon. member of the lodge, took part in the proceedings.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—The members of this lodge held their regular meeting at the house of Bro. Potts, Royal Archer Hotel, Dale-street, Manchester, on Saturday, the 7th August. Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. Henry Smith, W.M.; Charles Pearson, S.W.; Charles Joel Kent, J.W.; John Knider, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Tyers, P.M. Treas.; Jno. W. Turner, I.P.M. Visitors: John Croll, 25; Daniel Lomas, 823; John H. Walton, 412, Oswego, United States America; R. Dottie, 1161; J. Pierpoint, 645; John Hey, S.W. 387. Business commenced by punctually opening the lodge at 4.50 p.m. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. Oldham to the Second Degree. Business being concluded the lodge was closed in the two degrees, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The cloth being drawn the W.M. proceeded with the Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically responded to. Bro. Turner, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said on that occasion he was especially gratified to have that toast entrusted to him by the W.M., as he had two intimate friends there, in Bro. Jno. H. Walton from America, and Bro. John Hey, S.W. 387, from Bradford, the first of whom had rendered them assistance during the formation of the lodge, and to whom it would be a special pleasure to see them so prosperous and happy. Respecting Bro. Hey, he (the I.P.M.) said he was proud to have him for a friend, knowing him to be such a good and conscientious Mason, and one who had made his position in Masonry by his abilities and perseverance. In responding Bro. Walton said it was a very great pleasure to him to be amongst them that evening, and the greatest pleasure he had enjoyed for a very long time to see the members work in unison with each other, and vie to make every one happy amongst them. Bro. Hey also congratulated the members on the prosperous appearance of the lodge, and said it had certainly been a great pleasure to be amongst them, and he should carry into Yorkshire the kindest feelings for his reception that evening. The other visitors responded in suitable terms to the toast and expressed their pleasure at the efficient working and brotherly reception. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in glowing terms by Bro. Tyers, P.M. The W.M. responded by expressing his wish to be of more service to the lodge (which was not necessary as all the members are aware of his anxiety for their comfort and the prosperity of the lodge). After the toasts of "The P.M.'s and the Officers" had been responded to, the S.W. and J.W. were called upon for their respective toasts, and the brethren separated about 9 pm., after spending an entertaining and agreeable evening.

Knights Templars.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF LANCASHIRE.

By command of Sir Knight Albert Hudson Royds, Provincial Prior, all Preceptors, P.G. Commanders, and such companions as were entitled to be present, were summoned to attend the meeting of the Provincial Priory of Lancashire, on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, and in reply to the invitation there was a large gathering of the Knights of the Order. The Provincial

Preceptory was held under the banner of the Alpass Preceptory.

The Alpass Preceptory was opened at one o'clock, by Sir Knight W. Doyle, E.P. of the Alpass Preceptory, and shortly afterwards the Provincial Officers entered in procession, and were received under the arch of steel.

The Provincial Priory was then opened in form by Em. Sir Knight A. A. H. Roysds, Prov. Prior. The Registrar then called over the muster roll of Prov. Officers and of the Priors in the province, when it was found that only one preceptory (the Plains of Tabor, Colne) was unrepresented. The Chancellor's report was read and confirmed, and the accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, which had been audited, were passed. Sir Knight Birch, was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and Sir Knight Lawson, the P.G. Equerry. The Committee of General Purposes was re-elected, with the exception of one member who retired, Sir Knight W. Doyle being substituted in his place.

The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Sir Knights A. H. Roysds, Prov. Prior; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Sub. Prov. Prior; J. B. Phillips, Prelate; W. Ashworth, Chancellor; W. Doyle, Constable; J. A. Hall, Marshal; Birch, Treas.; J. Chadwick, Registrar; S. H. Smith, Sub-Marshal; T. Clark, Herald; T. H. Jenkins, Warden of Regalia; J. Greaves, Almoner; C. Jones, 1st Standard Bearer; J. Worsley, 2nd Standard Bearer; J. E. Hall, 1st Aide-de-camp; J. B. Carr, 2nd Aide-de-camp; J. W. Taylor, Captain of Guards; J. E. Jackson, Sword Bearer; J. L. Goodwin, Org.; J. K. Smith, 1st Purs.; H. Thomas, 2nd Purs.; G. Turner, Vice-Chancellor; J. Lawson, Equerry.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Oldham. The sum of £10 was voted out of the Almoner's fund for the Masonic charities, the division being left in the hands of Prov. Prior, Treas., and Almoner.

A vote of thanks was cordially passed to the Provincial Prior (Sir Knight A. H. Roysds) for the great amount of labour he had used in promoting the interests of the Order. In acknowledging the vote the Prov. Prior thanked the Sir Knights for the support he had received in connection with his office, and trusted they would continue to render him the same warm and continuous support in the fulfilment of his duties.

The Provincial Priory, was then closed, and the officers retired under the arch of steel. The E.P. of the Alpass Preceptory afterwards closed that encampment in due form.

The hall was beautifully and most effectively decorated with flags and banners, including three very large Grand Lodge, Knight Templars, and Red Cross flags, sent from the well-known establishment of Sir Knight G. Kenning, the general arrangement being under the superintendence of Sir Knight J. Wood, who is at the head of the Liverpool section of the business. The banners of many Sir Knights gave increased and striking effect to the tout ensemble.

A banquet was, after business, served in the large banquet hall of the Masonic Temple, the chair being occupied by Sir Knight A. H. Roysds, Prov. Prior. After banquet he gave the toasts of "The Queen, Patroness of the Order," "Their Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales, and the Rest of the Royal Family," "The Prince of Wales, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master," and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, the Very High and Eminent Great Prior of England." Sir Knight Captain T. Berry, P.G.C., proposed "The Very Eminent Prior of Lancashire, Sir Knight A. H. Roysds;" and Sir Knight Pierpoint, "The Eminent Sub-Prior of Lancashire, Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds." The Sub-Prior gave "The Very Eminent Priors and Officers of the Neighbouring Provinces;" and Sir Knight R. Brown, Reg., "The P.G. Officers of Lancashire, Past and Present," which was responded to by Sir Knight J. A. Hall. The P. Prior proposed "The E.P. of this Preceptory," which was responded to by Sir Knight Doyle, E.P.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST.

A communication of this lodge was held in Paisley, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Bro. Col. Campbell, of Blythswood, the Provincial Grand Master, presided; Bro. James Caldwell acted as S.W., and Bro. James Gilmour as J.W. The lodges represented were—Royal Arch, Rutherglen, 116; St. Mirren, Paisley, 129; Royal Arch, Pollokshaws, 153; St. Barchan, Kilbarchan, 156; Prince of Wales, Renfrew, 246; Renfrew County, Kilwinning, Paisley, 370; and St. John's, Rutherglen, 374. The Grand Master made a statement in connection with the meeting, and thereafter installed Bro. James Gilmour into the office of J.W. of the lodge. It was arranged that the consecration of the new hall for Rutherglen St. John's Lodge take place on the 5th of November prox. A conversation took place regarding the consecration of the Pollokshaws Lodge, but no definite resolution was come to, though it was understood that the ceremony would take place shortly before or after the consecration of St. John's.

NOTICE.—The memorial stone of the new public school at Old Cummock, Ayrshire, will be laid with full Masonic honours by Bro. Col. Mure, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire, on Thursday, the 19th inst.

The brethren are to assemble in the Black Bull Hotel at a quarter-past one o'clock p.m.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire will be opened in the lodge room of St. Barnabas, Old Cummock, at half-past one o'clock precisely.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this most ancient and flourishing lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glas-

gow, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. J. B. Young, S.W.; Bro. D. Horn, J.W.; with a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. Among the visitors were Bros. George Kenning, 30° E.C. (proprietor of the *Freemason*); W. H. Bickerton (*Freemason*); J. Wallace, R.W.M., Lodge Athole, and others. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. William Bell, and the Secretary, Bro. John Dick, read the minutes of the last regular meeting, also of an emergency meeting. The minutes of the emergency meeting brought up a discussion as to whether it was not detrimental to the Order to get up these hurried meetings, after which the minutes were confirmed. The lodge was then raised to the degree of F.C., when the following brethren were passed to that degree, viz., Bros. Peddie, Neilson, Blackwood, Clark, and Allan, Bro. John Dick officiating. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts given and responded to, "The Queen," and "Three Grand Lodges," by the R.W.M., Bro. Bell; "The Prince of Wales," by Bro. J. B. Young, S.W.; "United Brethren," by Bro. D. Horn, J.W.; and "Sister Lodges" by Bro. G. Park, P.M. The R.W.M., in proposing "The Three Grand Lodges," called upon Bro. George Kenning to respond on behalf of England. Bro. George Kenning rose and spoke at length, and in the course of his remarks alluded to the various Masonic Charities they had in England, also to the different working, and that it would give him great pleasure to see the brethren putting their shoulder to the wheel, and have something to show for Freemasonry in Scotland in the way of a home for decayed Freemasons, their widows, and orphans; also that he should like to see those hurried initiations and emergency meetings done away with, for, as the Senior Warden, Bro. Young, had justly remarked, it was detrimental to the Order. Before sitting down he would thank them kindly on behalf of the English Constitution for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to. Bro. Wallace, R.W.M., Lodge Athole, in responding for the Sister Lodges, said:—In respect to what Bro. Kenning had said respecting Masonic charities, and the system of hurrying the degrees, he was sorry to say it was the truth, and a disgrace to Scottish Freemasonry, and hoped that the brethren would start with heart and will at once, and see whether they could not, like other countries, show what the beauties of the Order were in the way of Masonic institutions for the aged, the widow, and the orphan. After a few remarks from several of the brethren, the lodge was called to labour, when Bro. Horn, J.W., reminded them of his motion for raising the fees. The R.W.M. said, before closing the lodge, he had a pleasant duty to perform, that of proposing a worthy and highly-esteemed brother, who had come amongst them that evening for affiliation into this lodge, Bro. George Kenning, proprietor of the *Freemason*. Bro. Park seconded the proposition, which was received by all with acclamation. Bro. W. Bell, R.W.M., performed the ceremony of affiliation. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE KILWINNING (No. 4).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 4th inst. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. S. Henderson, S.W., presided, and was well supported by the other office-bearers present. There was very little business before the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting, also of an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Currie, Sec., read a letter from the widow of the late Bro. Capt. F. Elliott, who, it appeared, was not in pleasant circumstances, her eyesight failing, and her means being scant. After a conversation among the brethren present, it was agreed, on the motion of Bro. Adams, that the R.W.M. and his Wardens lose no time in making the necessary enquiry into the case, they having the authority of the lodge to grant immediate assistance until proper arrangements can be made for her support. Bro. Henderson then intimated that as soon as the summer holidays were over the usual fortnightly meetings for instruction would be commenced, which he hoped would be well attended. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE (No. 73).—The monthly meeting of this old lodge was held on the 3rd inst. in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st. The R.W.M., Bro. G. McDonald, presided, supported by his Wardens, Bros. W. MacGeorge, S.W.; J. F. Hanbridge, J.W.; James Bannerman, D.M.; J. S. Ampleford, Sec., &c. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, when the lodge was passed to the Square Degree. The Secretary said that he would have a proof of the new bye-laws to submit to the lodge for approval at next meeting. It was then agreed to order 1000 copies. The R.W.M. then said he had seen one of the very old members of the lodge, who, he was sorry to say, was not in the most prosperous circumstances. He, therefore, took the liberty to ask the brethren present to vote some assistance to him to help him over his present difficulty, which was at once done in a handsome manner. The lodge was then raised to the Sublime Degree, when Bros. McLeod and Cameron received that degree, Bro. McDonald officiating with his usual ability. While the candidates were being prepared for the Third Degree, Bro. McDonald read a circular from Bro. G. Kenning, of London, Liverpool, and Glasgow, which had been handed to him by Bro. G. B. Adams (of the *Freemason*), who was present. It referred to a new work being brought out by Bro. G. Kenning, viz., a new Masonic "Encyclopaedia," which he recommended to their favourable consideration. Brethren could get forms for intending subscribers filling up from Bro. Adams, or at the establishment of Bro. Kenning, 9, West Howard-st. The lodge was then reduced to the degree of E.A., and applications from two gentlemen were read, craving admission into the Order, viz., Mr. John Thomas Crome and Mr. Joseph

Solomons. They were proposed and seconded by Bro. C. T. Owen and R. McKean. They were approved of, and received the First Degree, Bro. McDonald officiating. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street. The meeting was very well attended. Bro. James W. Burns, R.W.M., took the chair and was supported by Bros. J. Booth, S.W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; John Miller, P.M.; John Fraser, P.M. (acting Sec.); Arch. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Sec.; Thos. Paton, Treas.; Walter Stewart, S.D., &c., &c. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. John Kirkland and David Marr, both of Lodge Baron of Paisley, No. 114, were affiliated members of Lodge Thistle, No. 87, Bro. A. McTaggart performing the ceremony in his usual minutely correct way. The office of J.D. having become vacant, Bro. Fraser, P.M., proposed that Bro. McLauchlane be elected to fill the duties of that office. This was seconded by Bro. Wilson, and unanimously agreed to, and he was declared elected, and was installed into office by Bro. McTaggart. No business of further importance being brought up, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

RUTHERGLEN.—LODGE ROYAL ARCH (No. 116).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Rutherglen, on the 6th inst. Bro. W. Ferguson, R.W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. McGaveny, S.W.; Jas. Gilmour, J.W., and a large number of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. The R.W.M. said that the widow of the late Bro. A. Park was in very straitened circumstances, and he called the earnest attention of the brethren to the case. After some little conversation it was resolved that, in the mean time, a sum of money be granted from the lodge funds, and his case brought up before the Provincial and Grand Lodge Benevolent Committees, the R.W.M. undertaking to see this done. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

SHETTLSTON.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 128) held its monthly meeting on the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, at Shetlston, the R.W.M., Bro. Campbell, presiding, supported by Bros. C. Webster, S.W.; Jas. Miller, J.W.; and a large number of well qualified brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Geo. McLeod called the attention of the brethren to the fact that it was now nearly twelve months since the last picnic of the lodge took place. Many of the members of the lodge thought that now, when we had splendid weather, was the time to arrange about the getting up of one. He would therefore propose that the 28th of August be fixed as the day for that purpose, and the place of resort be "Barr," a beautiful spot of romantic verdure. This was seconded by Bro. John Allan, and supported by the brethren present, and a committee appointed to see the arrangements completed. After some further business of the usual character, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 2nd inst. The attendance of members was very good indeed, but the attendance of visiting brethren was much more than an average. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, was unable to be present on account of the quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland being held on the same evening, which he had to attend, in Edinburgh. In his absence Bro. Mitchell, P.M., took the chair, and was very ably supported by many brethren of ability and popularity. Among those present were Bros. Murray, acting S.W.; A. Conachie, J.W.; John McInnes, Sec.; J. Balfour, P.M.; J. Laurie, Treas.; Thomson, R.W.M. 333; Forsyth, S.W. 333; R. Andrews, J.W. 333; R. Campbell, St. John's, New Brunswick, No. 22; J. Stewart, 360; James Crabbe, 242; Jas. Wilson, 169, and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no more business in this degree the lodge was passed to the F.C. A request from the R.W.M. of Lodge Union and Crown, 103, to pass a brother of that lodge to the Fellow Craft on their behalf was at once complied with. Bros. W. G. Burns and J. H. Gill, of Lodge Union, and Bro. John Campbell, Lodge Union and Crown, then received that degree; it was most ably given by Bro. Mitchell in his best style, and was much admired by the brethren present. This finished the pressing business before the lodge, and it was called to harmony under the care of the J.W., when a really pleasant and profitable hour was spent. Bro. Mitchell, who was in excellent form for the chair, brimfull of good humour and common sense, gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were loyally and Masonically responded to by the brethren. He then in a most able and eloquent speech gave "The Press," passing a high eulogium on the manner in which the press was conducted in this country. Touching on the Masonic press, he paid a high compliment to the energy, great ability, and perseverance of Bro. G. Kenning, proprietor of the *Freemason* and *Masonic Magazine*. He said the endeavours of Bro. Kenning to meet the wants of the brethren were beyond all praise, and he hoped soon to see the circulation of these papers multiplied a hundred fold. Bro. Stewart replied for the Local Press, and Bro. Adams for the Masonic. He next gave the toast of "The Visiting Brethren." He said it afforded him much pleasure to see so many present; it was at all times pleasant and profitable to meet together, and hoped the visiting brethren had all enjoyed their visit to the Union Lodge that night. Several brothers replied on behalf of their own lodges, Bro. J. Wilson, 169, remarking that though he might be the oldest Mason among them, he was no speaker; he would therefore only thank them for the kind reception he had met with. After a few remarks from Bros. James Crabbe, 242; Thomson, 333; Robt. Campbell, St. John's, New Brunswick, warmly

thanking the Union Lodge for the kind reception they had met with, "The Health of the Presiding R.W.M." was given, and warmly responded to. Bro. Mitchell, in reply, gave some interesting information about lodges in Canada and the States while he was visiting them some years ago. He concluded by saying he had not yet lost taste for Masonic working: although he had six sons Freemasons, four of them holding office, he must say he still felt at home when he was in the chair of a lodge. "Happy to meet and happy to part" brought the night to a close. All went away pleased.

RUTHERGLEN.—**LODGE ST. JOHN** (No. 347).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in Read's Hall, Rutherglen, on the 30th ult. There were present in their respective places, the R.W.M., the Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and a number of well-qualified brethren to constitute and a lodge, which was opened in the E.A. Degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed. An application for admittance was read from Mr. Thomas Brown; this was favourably entertained, and he received the First Degree. Bro. John Templeton, a member of Lodge Commercial, No. 180, Oben, was then affiliated as a joining member of St. John's Rutherglen, No. 347. The lodge was passed to the F.C. Degree, when Bros A. Robertson and Dougald McLarplan were instructed in that degree. The lodge being raised to the Sublime Degree, the same brothers received that, the R.W.M. officiating through the three degrees. After an intimation that the next meeting would be held in their new hall, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY** (No. 354).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 6th inst. The R.W.M. was in the chair, supported by his Wardens and other office-bearers, together with a goodly number of brethren. The only business was the reading of the minutes, which were confirmed, and the installation of Bro. Colquhoun as Treasurer, which was done by the R.W.M. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE COMMERCIAL** (No. 360).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at 30, Hope-street, on the 23rd ult. The object of the meeting was to confer the Sublime Degree upon those brethren who were prepared to receive it, so as to leave the business before the next regular meeting no more than what can be got through in one night. The lodge was opened, Bro. Monro, R.W.M., presiding, aided by Bros. J. M. Oliver, S.W.; Reid, acting J.W.; together with a sufficient number of well qualified brethren to constitute a lodge. There was only one brother forward for the Master Mason Degree, viz., Bro. Brash, who received it, Bro. Monro officiating in his usual able manner.

The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 6th inst., in their lodge-room, 30, Hope-street. The meeting was well attended by members and visitors, among whom were the following:—J. Monro, R.W.M.; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; T. Graham, acting J.W.; Dr. Alex. Morton, I.P.M.; J. D. Porteous, P.M.; J. Brodie, P.M.; J. E. Spiers, S.M.; S. J. McGeorge, P.M. 241, E.C.; James Wilson, 915, E.C.; J. W. Burns, R.W.M. 87; and others. The minutes of the previous meetings being read and confirmed, a conversation took place regarding some diplomas, which appear to have been so carefully laid past, that they cannot now be found; but no doubt they will turn up after another careful search, which was ordered to be made again. A pretty lengthy correspondence ensued between Bros. Lamb, Treas.; P. M. Sage, and Monro, R.W.M., ancient the Cummings testimonial. After various brethren having expressed their opinions upon it, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with Bro. Sage, and request him to be present at the next meeting, in order to get the matter satisfactorily arranged. The lodge was then raised to the Master Mason Degree, when Bro. Cooper was raised to that degree, P.M. J. Brodie working the First Section; Bro. Monro, R.W.M., the Second, which work was gone through in excellent style by those two able brothers. This finished the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. ANDREW** (No. 465) held their regular meeting on the 5th inst., in their hall, Garnad-road: present, Bros. Read, R.W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Davidson, J.W.; W. Campbell, Sec.; &c. The meeting was a large one. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. An application for Freemasonry was read from Mr. Daniel McMaster, which met with the approval of the assembled brethren, and he received the First Degree. The lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, when Bros. Milliken and Davidson received that degree. When the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bros. Davidson, Milliken, Wilson, and Steward, were completed in their Masonic desires. It was then proposed by Bro. Charlton, and seconded Bro. Herron, that Bro. Rotheram receive honorary affiliation into St. Andrew Lodge as a mark of their appreciation of his services to the Craft, which was agreed to, he stepping to the altar and receiving the usual obligation. Bro. Read, R.W.M., went through the work of the evening in capital style. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. VINCENT** (No. 553).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Kent Road, on the evening of the 5th inst. The R.W.M. was in his own place, supported by Bros. J. B. McNaught, S.W.; J. Best, J.W.; R. Bell, R.W.M. 34; Dick, Sec. 34; Lamb, D.M. 360, &c. The meeting was well attended by the members of the lodge, and a considerable number of visiting brethren were present. The lodge was opened, when, as usual, the first business was the reading of the minutes. Besides those of the regular meeting, there were some emergency meetings, all of which were approved and confirmed. The bye-law question was then brought up for settlement. The R.W.M. said he had a proof copy, but, as the three degrees were to be worked that night, it

was resolved to have a special meeting that day fortnight, to settle that and any other business standing over. There were two candidates for the First Degree, which was very cleverly given by Bro. D. Lamb, D.M. 360. When the lodge was passed to the Second Degree three brothers appeared for that degree, which was given Bro. Bell, R.W.M. 34, in his usual solid way. For the Sublime Degree four brethren were presented. In this degree, Bro. Lamb again was placed at the altar to officiate, his exertions in this giving evident satisfaction to the brethren present. This young lodge has been working very hard since its establishment. Its members seem to be endowed with a great deal of Masonic enthusiasm. We trust its office-bearers will take advantage of this, and by their smoothly working together they will "flourish like a green bay tree." The business being ended, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire Freemasons was held on Tuesday, August 3rd, at the Victoria Hall, Exeter, the Right W. Brother, the Rev. J. Huyshe, Prov. Grand Master, presiding. Amongst a large attendance of brethren were the following:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.—L.P. Metham, P.G. Deacon of England, and D.P.G.M. of Devon; H. W. Hooper, P.P.G.R.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G.T.; Rev. T. Lemon, P.G.S. Chap.; Rev. W. Whitley, P.G.J. Chap.; W. Browning, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Way, P.P.G.T.; the Rev. W. Langley Pope, D.D.P.P.G.C.; H. Welch, P.G.P.; Walter G. Rogers, P.G.S.W., and P.G. Sec.; W. Trevena, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Aubrey Thomas, P.G.S.D.; G. N. Burden, P.G.S. Works; J. Gambell, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. T. Maynard, P.P.G. Treas.; J. R. Price, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Bartlett, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. F. Hiffley, P.P.G.A.D.C.; C. J. Harland, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Easton, P.P.G.S.W.; John Rogers, P.A.G. Tyler; the Rev. J. Dickenson, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Chapman, P.G.J.D.; W. H. Reed, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Cann, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Ingram, P.D.G. Steward of Malta; R. Rodda, P.P.G.R.; H. B. Stark, P.P.G.O.; C. H. Law, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Leigh, P.P.G. Sec.; J. A. Orchard, P.G. Steward; G. Bignell, P.G. Steward; J. Greenfield, P.P.G.J.D.; Attwood, P.G. Steward; J. Gould, P.G. Steward; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; M. C. J. Harris, P.P.G.J.D., Somerset; Rev. T. Russell, P.P.G. Chap. Oxon; W. B. Hamby, P.G. Treas.; V. Bird, P.P.G.T.; E. A. Davies, P.P.G.S. Works; Isaac Watts, P.P.G.T.; The Rev. W. H. Carwithen, P.P.G. Chap.; J. H. Westlake, P.P.G.S.; J. Du Pre, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Miller, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Stone, P.P.G.J.W.

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.—T. Goodall, 954; J. E. Curteis, 189; J. H. Blackell, 1099; A. Thomson, 39; S. B. Harvey, 1255; J. H. Warren, 1254.

PAST MASTERS.—E. Roseveare, 1099; H. Minell, 202; W. T. Pilditch, 156; H. Dubose, 156; H. Davey, 1128; W. Amery, 159; J. J. Shapland, 421; W. Joll, 230; W. Quicke, 39; J. May, 223; J. P. Phillips, 223; H. Cole, 1091; W. Dodd, 1194; G. Hilson, 105; P. D. Michelmore, 1138; Alfred Bodley, 39; G. E. Stentiford, 159; J. H. Tonkin, 282; J. Page, 39; J. S. Short, 1443; J. J. Drake, 1396; A. Wolf, 223; W. S. Passmore, 444; T. W. Caird, 444; H. A. Pattinson, 1181; T. G. Sutton, 847; G. Evans, 1181; J. Chadwick, 444; T. Freeman, 106; G. P. Allen, 100; S. Willoughby, 1099; J. Bristow, 106; Bishop, 106; P. Sherwin, 106; W. Cumming, 710; R. Brewin, 112; C. Stribling, 70.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.—T. Higgs, 106; W. Fowler, 1212; F. Hall, 156; W. B. Maye, 710; S. P. Anniss, 233; T. Parkhouse, 1125; S. Loran, 1443; W. E. Warren, 1358; E. A. Collings, 303; F. J. Pratt, 1396; W. R. King, 1138; F. Sowdon, 372; J. J. Avery, 70; W. Salter, 1181; A. R. Lethbridge, 159; J. Norman, 954; W. Moore, 202; A. F. Luke, 112; A. Latimer, 189; J. Murch, 1099; H. Woodgate, 847; R. G. Bird, 550; J. Rendle, 1247.

SENIOR WARDENS.—E. Patten, 223; J. H. Toms, S.W.; C. S. Richardson, 1212; E. Hawke, 159; H. W. Thomas, 70; C. Pinn, 1284; E. H. Edmonds, 444; W. H. Terrell, 202; J. Gould, 1099; J. Walke, 109; B. Barber, 1254; J. S. Hearle, 1255; J. C. Fly, 1247; J. S. Smith, P.S.W. 1125.

JUNIOR WARDENS.—H. Bailey, 203; W. Boon, 223; W. Glover, 1205; O. Stephens, 954; F. Pollard, 1284; J. H. Keats, 1247; T. B. Purnell, 1396; S. D. Nicholls, 282; G. Huxham, 1254; J. Woodman, 444; J. Pearse, 1255; C. Adams, 39; J. H. Stephens, 159; J. P. Rogers, 1550.

After the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed,

Bro. Rogers read the Secretary's report, which showed that returns had been received from all the lodges in the province, and that the total amount of dues was £278 19s.

Bro. Hambley read the Treasurer's report. The balance in hand from the last account was £209 9s. 8d. The fees of honour amounted to £27 10s.; the dues from lodges, as stated above, £278 19s.; dispensation, 10s.; proportion of expenses received from Cornwall on account of the visit of the Prince of Wales, £47 17s. 4d.; total £563 13s. 1d. The expenditure included £15 to the widow of a deceased brother; £105 to the Female Orphan Asylum, Stoke; £50 to the Fortescue Annuity Fund; £10 to the Torbay Infirmary Fund; £95 12s. 9d. expenses incurred in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales; £19 10s. 8d. for printing and advertising; £49 14s. 6d. dues in respect of the Fortescue Annuity Fund; £15 voted by the Committee of Petitions, and other smaller items. The balance now in the hands of the Treasurer is £176 5s. 7d.

The reports were received and adopted.

Bro. Gover brought up the report of the Committee of Petitions, which was as follows:—The Committee of Peti-

tions beg to submit to the Provincial Grand Lodge a statement of their proceedings for the past year. In the first place, they have pleasure in reporting that by the exertions of the committee, and by the kind assistance of Bro. H. Dubose, the election of a widow as a pensioner on the Widows' Fund was secured. By the power vested in them the committee voted £5 to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 39, Exeter, and they further recommend that £10 be voted by the Provincial Grand Lodge; also £5 to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 156, Plymouth, and recommend that the Provincial Grand Lodge grant a further sum of £5. £5 was voted in aid of the education of a daughter of a late brother of Lodge 282, Tavistock. £5 was contributed for the relief of a member of Lodge 112, Exeter, to assist him in his serious illness—and the Provincial Grand Lodge was recommended to grant a further sum of £15,—to be given through the Provincial Grand Secretary: the committee further recommend that the sum of £5 be granted to the widow of a deceased brother of Lodge 223, Plymouth, to be expended at the discretion of the clergyman of her parish. Also a sum of £5 to a member of Lodge 106, Exmouth. The committee very much regret that they have failed to secure the election of their candidates for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. This is the more to be deplored, from the fact that there are several strong and deserving cases waiting their turn to be placed on the list of candidates. The committee cannot disguise from themselves, and cannot too strongly impress upon the Provincial Grand Lodge, that every year brings with it a greatly increased difficulty in obtaining successful results in the Masonic charity. They are willing to believe that this is owing to the increased interest felt by almost every other province, as shown by their entering the lists in the laudable effort to provide for their destitute brethren, their widows, and orphans. This is peculiarly the case with regard to the Boys' School, to ensure success in which double the number of votes are now required than were necessary only two or three years ago. It is the duty of the committee to point out this difficulty. It rests with the Provincial Grand Lodge to provide the remedy. Its influence may possibly avail to induce a larger and more earnest support of the Masonic charities by the lodges in the province, and greater unanimity in co-operating to secure the election of the candidates selected by the committee. (Applause.)

Bro. Metham proposed the adoption of the report, and in so doing he congratulated the Provincial Grand Lodge that during the last year, through the agency of the Committee of Petitions, more good had been done than had formerly been the case. Cases had been brought before them of a most distressing character, and he knew that great judgment had been exercised in apportioning relief to them. He called attention to the proposal which he made some years ago, that a Provincial Masonic fund should be raised for the purpose of educating the children of deceased and needy Masons in the province. The proposition was then overruled, but he was still convinced that it was the right thing to be done, and would yet be done, and whoever brought it forward at a future Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, would receive his most cordial support (hear, hear), for the scheme which he had proposed would, he was sure, be the only cure for the present evil.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund was read by Bro. Rogers. There is a balance in hand of £48 7s. 6d. The fund is made up as follows:—Invested in Consols, £928 15s., and a further sum of £185 15s.; Devon and Exeter Club, £400; in Savings' Banks, £215 9s. 4d.; due on Williams' Mortgage, £140.

In accordance with a notice of motion previously given, Bro. S. Jew, P.P.G. Treasurer, moved the following alterations in the bye-laws:—

"That every brother, on his appointment to either of the following offices, shall pay towards the fund of General Purposes the undermentioned sums, viz.:—D.G. Master, £8 8s.; G. Wardens, each £4 4s.; G. Chaplain, £2 2s.; G. Treasurer, £2 2s.; G. Registrar, £2 2s.; G. Secretary, £2 2s.; G. Deacons, each £2 2s.; G. Sup. of Works, £2 2s.; G. Director of Ceremonies, £2 2s.; G. Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies, £2 2s.; G. Sword Bearer, £2 2s.; G. Organist, £2 2s.; G. Pursuivant, £1 1s.; G. Stewards, each £1 1s. That every brother who may be promoted from an inferior to a superior office, or re-appointed to office in the Provincial Grand Lodge (except the Provincial Grand Secretary) shall pay the full fee as provided for in Law No. 2. Except also in the cases of Provincial Grand Pursuivant or Provincial Grand Stewards, who shall only pay the difference between the fees due in the office which they leave and that to which they are advanced."

In proposing this motion, Bro. Jew said it had long been before the province, and therefore it was not necessary that he should enlarge upon it, but he wished to point out that from the year 1860 to 1871 there were twenty-two re-appointments. This he had discovered while examining the Treasurer's books to ascertain the names of those who had not paid the augmented fees of honour. It would be observed, therefore, not only that twenty-two brethren were deprived of provincial honours, but that a loss accrued to the province of £71 8s. But that was not all. As well as he could remember, from 1868 to 1874, about the same number of reappointments were made, and he should imagine that about the same amount of money was lost to the province. Thus, forty-four brethren remained undecorated who should have possessed purple collars, and the province had lost within the last fifteen years about £140 or £150 simply by re-appointments. He thought it was enough for so many brethren to bear with the loss of a much coveted honour, without the funds of the P.G. Lodge suffering also. (Hear, hear.) If the whole of the offices were filled (excepting that of Secretary, who was a permanent officer), by new appointments, including the two P.G. Chaplains, only fifteen brethren could obtain Pro. honours, exclusive of the

stewards who did not carry past rank, and there being forty-six lodges in the province, only one-third could obtain purple collars in face of the fact that there were in the province about two hundred brethren eligible for them. When calls were made upon them for charity those calls were always responded to in no ungrudging spirit. (Hear, hear.) As an instance of this he would mention that when, two years ago, the P.G.M. went up to represent the aged Freemasons they gave him the sum of £100, and last year they gave to the D.P.G.M. a hundred guineas for the Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke. (Applause.) But in order to sustain this it was necessary that the fees of honor should be paid in full, and he therefore hoped that his proposal would be carried without opposition. (Applause.)

Bro. LEIGH said he should be quite willing to second the motion if the D.P.G.M. was excepted from it. He quite thought that if a brother was promoted from a lower to a higher office he should pay the full fee.

Bro. METHAM explained that he held his office by patent from the Grand Lodge of England, and therefore was unaffected by the proposition.

Bro. RONDA supported the motion, which, after a short discussion, was carried.

Bro. ROGERS moved for £50 for the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which was allowed.

Bro. JONES moved for fifty guineas be given to the Devon and Exeter Hospital.

This was opened by Bro. WATTS and other brethren, and an amendment was removed to reduce the sum by twenty-five guineas. Bro. Watts contended that it was not Masonic to give money to instances that were in no way connected with Masonry.

Bro. METHAM protested against this remark, and argued that it was essentially Masonic. It was their duty, as Masons, to first take care of the household of their own faith and then to carry comfort and consolation to others. (Applause.)

The proposition of Bro. Jones was carried by a large majority.

Bro. W. S. Passmore, of Lodge 444, was elected as Treasurer for the coming year.

The P.G.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M.; Lord Charles Beresford, W.M. of 1205, (Metham), P.G.S.W.; the Rev. T. Russell, 489, (Bideford), P.G.J.W.; the Rev. W. Whitley, 156, (Plymouth), P.G.S. Chaplain; the Rev. C. H. Deshon, 303, (Teignmouth), P.G.J. Chaplain; W. H. Barker, 847, (Honiton), P.G. Registrar; W. G. Rogers, 112 (Exeter), P.G. Secretary; W. H. Hancock, 164 (Sidmouth), P.G.S.D.; H. Dubose, 156 (Plymouth), P.G.J.D.; G. C. Bignell, 105 (Plymouth), P.G. Supt. Works; J. Gould, 444 (Starcross), P.G.D.C.; J. Redgate, 1212 (Stoke), P.G.A.D.C.; S. Willoughby, 1099 (Stoke), P.G. Sword Bearer; J. S. Short, 1443 (Dawlish), P.G. Organist; D. Attwood, (Ilfracombe), P.G. Pursuivant; J. H. Tonkin, 282 (Tavistock), P.G. D. Michelmore, (Newton); J. Harper, 251 (Barnstaple); S. B. Coulston, (Brixham); and H. M. Body, 1332, Prov. Grand Stewards.

At the conclusion of the business of Grand Lodge, a number of the brethren dined together at the New London Inn, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following brethren have been appointed office-bearers under District Grand Lodge of N. S. Wales (English Constitution):—

Arthur T. Holroyd, P.M. 656, District Grand Master; Ernest O. Smith, P.M. 556, Deputy District Grand Master; Frederick W. Elliott, P.M. 868, Senior District Grand Warden; John Gray, P.M. 1169, Junior District Grand Warden; Rev. W. Begg, M.D., L.L.D., M.M. 390, District Grand Chaplain; W. H. Simpson, P.M. 390, District Grand Treasurer; S. O. Evans, M.D., P.M. 868, District Grand Registrar; A. Gardner, P.M. 1169, President Board of General Purposes; R. Leworthy, P.M. 817, District Grand Secretary; W. H. Becke, P.M. 556, Senior District Grand Deacon; Thomas Chapman, P.M. 656, Junior District Grand Deacon; J. F. Marshall, P.M. 390, District Grand Superintendent of Works; A. Berney, P.M. 556, District Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Thomas, P.M. 1169, Assistant District Grand Director of Ceremonies; M. D. Mitchell, W.M., District Grand Sword Bearer; J. E. Graham, W.M. 655, District Grand Pursuivant; S. A. De Lissa, P.M. 655, District Grand Tyler; Jno. S. Gordon, W.M. 556; J. F. Passau, S.W. 656; F. Harper, W.M. 868; W. G. Beverley, W.M. 937; N. J. Robinson, W.M. 1169; G. W. Davies, W.M., District Grand Stewards. C. H. May, P.M. 1169; F. Harper, W.M. 868, Auditors.

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES:—President—A. Gardner, P.M., Zetland Lodge, 655. District Grand Master, Ex Officio, Deputy District Grand Master, Ex Officio, District Grand Senior Warden, Ex Officio, District Grand Junior Warden, Ex Officio, District Grand Treasurer, Ex Officio, District Grand Secretary. J. F. Marshall, P.M. 390; Jno. Gray, P.M. 1167; W. G. Cassidy, W.M. 817; Thomas Chapman, P.M. 656; M. Medway, P.M. 656; F. Senior, P.M. 655.

COMMITTEE OF BENEVOLENCE:—President—Frank Senior, P.M., Zetland Lodge, 655; M. Medway, P.M., Cambrian Lodge, No. 656; F. Senior, P.M., Zetland Lodge, No. 655; J. F. Marshall, P.M., Australia Lodge, No. 390; T. Chapman, P.M., Cambrian Lodge, No. 656; W. D. Banks, P.M., Cambrian Lodge, No. 656; Jno. Gray, P.M., Unity Lodge; W. H. Simpson, P.M., D. G. Treasurer, Ex Officio, No. 390; R. Leworthy,

P.M., D.G. Secretary, No. 817; and all Masters of Contributing Lodges.

FREEMASONS' ORPHAN SOCIETY.—President,—The District Grand Master. Vice-Presidents,—Deputy District Grand Master, W. Bro. W. H. Simpson, W.M., Lodge of Australia, No. 390; W. Bro. W. H. Cassidy, W.M., Robert Burns Lodge, No. 817; W. Bro. H. Westcott, P.M., Unity Lodge, No. 1169. Committee,—Life Governors, Masters of lodges, and First Principals of chapters contributing, Trustees, Treasurer, and Secretary. Trustees,—District Grand Master—John Taylor, P.M., Lodge of Australia, No. 390; Henry Westcott, P.M., Unity Lodge, No. 1169. Treasurer,—District Grand Treasurer, W. H. Simpson, Lodge of Australia, No. 390. Secretary,—District Grand Secretary, R. Leworthy, P.M., Robert Burns Lodge, No. 817; and all Masters of lodges contributing to the fund.

FREEMASONS' HALL COMPANY.—Chairman,—James Murphy, P.M., Lodge No. 656. Directors,—A. T. Holroyd, P.M., Lodge No. 656; W. H. Simpson, P.M., Lodge No. 390; J. A. Robinson, P.M., Lodge No. 267; George Talbot, Secretary,—R. Leworthy, P.M., Robert Burns Lodge, No. 817. Bankers,—Joint Stock Bank.

FURNISHING COMMITTEE.—Chairman,—T. S. Bullard, P.M., Harmony, No. 556. Ernest O. Smith, P.M., Harmony Lodge, No. 556; F. Wyatt, P.M., Lodge Australia, No. 390; W. Webster, P.M., Unity Lodge, No. 1169. Treasurer and Secretary,—F. Wyatt; and the Masters and Wardens of lodges, and First Principals of chapters meeting in Freemasons' Hall.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

(From our Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, June 7th, 1875.

A very melancholy event had occurred previous to my last letter, but the particulars did not reach me in time for the mail—I refer to the suicidal death by poison of Mr. Lansigne, of Dunedin, long and favourably known in business circles as a wool-broker, and in society generally as a warm-hearted and kindly gentleman. The news of his death (and by such means) cast quite a gloom over the commercial community in the city. But acting this way on society generally, the feeling was intensified among the Masonic fraternity, with whom he was an especial favorite. He was one of those who had "put his principles in some measure to the test" being a Frenchman, and naturally, you may say, a Roman Catholic, the time came when he had to choose between Romanism and Masonry. He, without hesitation, held firmly to the latter, and laughed to scorn the excommunication the Church pronounced over him. By his death Scottish Masonry has lost a zealous workman; he was a P.M. of the Otago Kilwinning, and Grand Secretary of the Prov. Grand Lodge of New Zealand, S.C., he also held office in the Prov. Royal Arch Chapter S.C.. The last time I saw him was in the discharge of his duties as Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies at the installation of Bro. John Hislop as Prov. G.M. for New Zealand, S.C., a work which he got through with great satisfaction, although the number of Masons assembled (about 350) was probably the largest ever before seen in any hall in the colony, then in excellent health, and spirits; a few short months have passed, and he has launched his frail bark on the river of death, gliding onwards to the deep and unfathomable ocean of eternity. That he should have taken his own life, all must deeply deplore, but that it was done in a fit of insanity few that knew him will doubt. Between the cares of business and the recent loss of a dearly loved child his brain became impaired, reason lost her seat, and what had a short time previously been to him a world of life and of hope, became a black gulph of despair. Being of a peculiarly sensitive disposition he concealed his feelings, from even his intimates in Masonry, and those who saw him, at the opera, with his daughters, the evening previous, in more than his usual high spirits, little dreamed of finding him next day a corpse. Bro. Lansigne's life was insured for a thousand pounds, which, it is satisfactory to know, was promptly paid by the Government Life Assurance. Bro. Lansigne was buried with Masonic honours, a large number of brethren, of six Craft lodges, and one R.A. Chapter, being in attendance.

Turning to a more cheerful theme, I have to record a special meeting of the Reelton Pacific Lodge, No. 1453 (Province of Nelson, South-west), to present Bro. P.M. Gessing with an illuminated address, expressive of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and their regret at his departure from among them (on a visit to England). There was a large muster of the brethren, including Bro. Millar, F.S.A., Grand Superintendent of Works, Prov. Grand Lodge Otago, S.C.; and Bro. P. M. Broad. The W.M., Bro. Carreras, presented the address in a very effective speech, and Bro. Gessing, who was much affected, gave a feeling reply. Thereafter, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and to wish, Bro. Gessing "God speed."

I have come across an extract from the *Australian Freemason*, and I think it worth recording. "A new lodge called the 'Manoah,' holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was inaugurated at Sydney on the 12th of April last. During his address the R.W.M. referred to three characteristics in the principles of the lodge. 1. The abolition of all dues. 2. No spirituous or intoxicating liquors whatever shall form part of the lodge refreshment, all the promoters being teetotalers, and so strict is this principle held, that the clause of the by-laws embodying this point cannot be altered under any circumstances. 3. That there be a yearly settlement of the lodge funds, and it is provided that no Master allow himself to be reinstated or surrender the chair to his successor until the profits (if any) have been distributed pro rata amongst members who comply with a certain by-law." This is the first time I have heard of a lodge in

the colonies having no dues; as a rule, dues are too high, and the result is that some pay, but by far the larger number fall in arrears, and eventually disappear from the lodge-room, if not from the lodge books.

The Nelson Mark Masonic Lodge, No. 57, has closed, and the warrant has been returned to Grand Mark Lodge.

The annual meeting of the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 997, E.C., was held at the lodge-room, Invercargill, on May 19th, at noon, for the purpose of installing Bro. David Macrorie as Worshipful Master; the Installing Officer was Bro. Wade, P.M. After the ceremony, the W.M. appointed, and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. G. Fox, S.W.; A. C. Henderson, J.W.; W. J. Moffet, Treasurer; W. B. Scandrett, S.D.; J. Hamilton, J.D.; Heywood, Steward; Sugar, Tyler. After the usual salutations from the brethren, and "the hearty good wishes" of the visitor, the lodge was closed in due form.

FREEMASONRY AT THE RIVER PLATE.

A Mount correspondent writes as follows:—

The 24th (St. John's day) passed off very quietly, different in every way to the time when we as youngsters looked forward to it with an object of amusement. This was a cold, a bitter cold day, and but few people ventured into the streets, much preferring a warm fireside, or, perhaps, a warmer bed, to rambling about town. The only people who appeared to be on the alert were the Freemasons, and under many a topcoat a pair of black unmentionables, or a glimpse of a swallow-tail, denoted the wearer's occupation of the day. The installation of the W.M. of the Acacia Lodge took place at the usual hour, and for the ensuing year our old and esteemed friend Chevalier John Oldham holds this position; the Masonic banquet was held at Dr. Fleury's mansion, and at it several most eloquent speeches were made.—*Buenos Ayres Standard*.

Mulum in Barbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

In the *Freemason* of 31st July I described a Masonic token under this heading; and I have since been much puzzled to discover the event which a silver medal, belonging to the same brother, was intended to commemorate. The following is a description of it:—It is a little larger and a little heavier than a half-crown. In the upper portion of the obverse is a conventional sun, under which is No. (the number has however never been added), under this again has been engraved the name of a gentleman who was one of the permanent Grand Officers of the "Moderns" during the latter part of the last, and for the first decade of the present century. I may mention that he is described as Mr., the term brother being much more sparingly used than than now, particularly when there was a possibility of its being seen or heard by the outer world. The inscription is FREE.MASONS.HALL. The obverse contains the square, level, plumb-rule, compasses, and sword, fastened together by a ribbon tied in a triple bow. The inscription is VIDE.AUDI.TACE. The medal is in perfect preservation. A very distinguished brother, to whom it was shown recently, thought it must be a pass of some kind, from the fact that the owner's name was engraved upon it. I believe this suggestion was not far from the truth; for having occasion to refer to Preston's Illustrations (11th edition, 1804) on another subject, I found (page 289) that it was resolved at the Grand Lodge, in June 1779, to raise a loan of £2000, without interest, to pay off the debts upon the hall. No subscriptions of less than £25 were to be received, and there were not to be more than 100 subscribers. "It was also determined that an honorary medal should be presented to every subscriber, as a mark of respect, on account of the service which he had rendered this society, and that the bearer of such medal, if a Master Mason, should have the privilege of being present at, and voting in, all the future meetings of the Grand Lodge." One can hardly resist the conviction that the foregoing extract refers to the medal described above, although the absence of a date upon the medal must be borne in mind. E. S.

Having read the many letters which appeared in the *Freemason*, relative to a token in commemoration of the Installation of the Prince of Wales in 1790, it will give me much pleasure to send you one for your inspection (if you have not already seen one), on which you can make your own comments. I knew I had one when some time ago it was spoken of in your paper; but could not then put my hand upon it. The date, you will see, on the face is 1790, but on the edge 1794. The arms much resemble those of my mother lodge. I do not think the animals leopards, as stated in your issue of the 31st, but beavers. Should any brother wish to possess it, they can have it for a consideration. I came by it thus. About seven years ago I purchased some fruit in the Bristol Market, and that token was among the coppers as change. Should you desire to see it, if you will kindly tell me how I can send it, the same will be instantly forwarded.

Yours fraternally, WM. HAZARD,
P.M. 103, Senior Tyler No. 8.

HUGHAN'S MASONIC TOKEN OF A.D. 1794.

I have again examined the token, and this time with extra care, so as to clearly establish the fact that the different issues of the little copper coin differ only in minor details.

The one mentioned by Bro. E. S. varies a little from mine, and the others mentioned in the *Freemason*, but the obverse and reverse of the coins are in agreement. The arms, crest, and motto are alike in each of the tokens; so

also the inscription. The supporters are in all probability beavers, though they might do for a mild form of leopard. Bros. E. S. and T. F. think the Bible (or a book) is represented on the reverse, and not an hour-glass, as I fancied. They may be correct, but really it almost does for either equally well.

On the rim of my coin is "Masonic Token, I. Schichley, Feit, 1794." In my former communication the prefix "I" to Schichley was omitted. Bro. Colonel Burdett's issue has "Masonic halfpenny token" on the rim, whilst the one alluded to by Bro. E. S. has "Halfpenny, payable at the Black Horse, Tower Hill."

It is evident, then, that the inscription on the rim of the different issues of the token varied according to the fancy of the customers who ordered them, and so we may take it for granted that virtually all the coins refer to but the one original, with slight variations.

The size of the one in my possession is exactly one inch and one-eighth in diameter, and weighs a mere trifle over a quarter of an ounce.

Although H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was elected Grand Master 24th Nov., 1790 (as the inscription on the token states), the installation did not take place until 2nd May, 1792.

The arms on the obverse were those adopted by the Grand Lodge of England ("Moderns") until A.D. 1813, when, the "Union" being consummated, the United Grand Lodge of England has since been distinguished by a blending of the arms which severally distinguished the "Moderns" and "Ancients" before that period.

W. J. HUGHAN.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN A "FREEMASON."

I do not see any reason to doubt the fact that Sir Christopher Wren was a "Freemason," and that his admission occurred on May 18th, 1691, when Aubrey stated it was to take place.

There does not, however, appear to be any evidence of Sir Christopher Wren's connection with the Lodge of Antiquity prior to 1720, and even if the three candlesticks were presented by him to the lodge in 1675, it is not at all likely such a presentation was made during his presidency, for his initiation (or adoption) was not to take place until 1691.

Sir Christopher Wren may have made the gift to the Master or President of the lodge in 1675, who may have officially taken part, with other old lodges, at the laying of the first stone of the cathedral, or he may not. In the absence of the evidence, our speculations are of no value.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ALPHA AND THE "SUSSEX LODGE," 1841.

Cannot "Alpha" communicate a few more particulars as to the lodge about which he desires information. Was it called the "Sussex Lodge," and did it meet in Kensington Palace? If so, why refer to the Sussex Arms. I shall be happy to search any calendars in my possession, and will communicate the result, provided I have some certain data to go by before commencing the search.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Review.

"The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite." Illustrated. By Bro. J. T. LOTH, P.H. Dr.

We have received this handsomely got up book with much pleasure, and looked through it with much interest. For those who belong to the A. and A. Scottish Rite, as it is called, this work will be a sort of *vade mecum*, as regards grades and blazonries. Bro. Loth must have taken the greatest pains in its preparation and publication, and we are pleased in the interest of archaeology, and of all that tends to illustrate and adorn the somewhat barren path of the literature of the Craft, and of the high grades, to note the fact, and to commend this work to the approval and patronage of our many readers. All such efforts we think deserve encouragement which serve to prove even to the outside world, too ready to scoff at Masonic literary endeavours of any kind, that whether it be in respect of Craft Masonry proper, or what may be fairly termed the Christian Grades, we have amongst us those whose Masonic knowledge, and whose archaeological attainments, are worthy of much admiration. We therefore heartily welcome Dr. Loth's book, and we trust that, unlike Masonic litterateurs generally, he may not experience the result of many Masonic sufferers in the cause of literature, discouragement, apathy, and loss. We trust to hear "au contraire" that his "labour of love" has been a thorough success. One point, in the interests of Masonic history and correct archaeology, we wish to call attention to. Of course the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite," though very interesting to its own adepts, ought not, and indeed cannot, be looked upon as a representative of Freemasonry proper. It is in fact a system of its own, modern as regards date, and purely Christian as opposed to the universal teaching of Craft Freemasonry. At present it consists of thirty-three degrees, but was previously of twenty-five, and first of all—if the "Rite Ecossais" is the child of the Chevalier Ramsay's fertile imagination—three, Scotch Master or Scotchman, the Novice, and the Knight of the Temple, which may be perhaps called the "Rite de Bouillon." The Rite de Bouillon is probably of date about 1728. The present French Rite Ecossais is nearly analogous "nominatim" with the Scottish Rite, though why it is called the Scottish Rite we know not, as until Ramsay's manipulations no one had ever heard of the "Rite Ecossais," or of the "Rite Ancien," or of the "Maçonnerie de Perfection," which were all supposed to be, as a French writer puts it, "grades originaux d'Edinbourg." Various attempts have been made from time to time to reduce the "Rite Ecossais." Le Chevalier de St. Martin is said to have reduced it to ten degrees, and

another form of it is composed of seven, the last four being Ancient Master, Elect, Scotch, Kadosh. The Rite Francais, "ou rite moderne," which may be said probably to date from about 1786, consists of seven grades, the three Craft, and Elect, Scotch, Knight of the East, and Sovereign Prince Rose Croix. But the basis of all these rites is our ancient Craft system, more ancient than any other, and whether those brethren were right who, not content with the Spartan simplicity of our forefathers, grafted these mediæval, mystic, and Knightly grades on to the old parent tree, must be left to the individual judgment of the educated and expert Freemason. As a literary effort we congratulate Bro. Loth on his work.

W.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 11th August. Present:—Bros. Major Creation, Chairman, H. G. Warren, R. Spencer, J. A. Farnfield, J. G. Stevens, A. H. Tattershall, L. Stean, W. Stevens, James Brett, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, I. Newton, Thomas Cubitt, W. Hilton, Prof. Erasmus Wilson, and Jabez Hogg. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Wardens' Report stated that the entertainment kindly voted at the last meeting was held on the 30th ultimo, and gave great pleasure to the inmates assembled. The death of two annuitants was reported. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for payment of annuities due 1st September. One candidate was placed on the list for election in May next, and permission was granted to an annuitant to reside in the Asylum at Croydon. Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Griffiths Smith, for drawing up agreement, and to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Subscribers to this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. G. Chancellor, V.P., in the chair. The other members of the Committee then present were Bros. Henry Browse, Benj. Mallam, John Symonds, Richard Spencer, S. Rosenthal, W. Roebuck, W. F. Moutrie, H. Dubosc, J. W. Dosell, Hyde Pullen, George J. Palmer, and F. Binckes, Secretary. Bro. Binckes announced that the result of the late festival was a list of subscriptions amounting to £12,704.

It was then resolved that £500 be transferred from the General to the sustentation account, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for house bills amounting to £2,775 3s. 3d.

One petition was afterwards accepted, and the Committee then adjourned.

Poetry.

WHAT MASONRY IS.

Walter Scott well defines Freemasonry when he says:

It is the secret sympathy,
The silver link, the silken tie,
That heart to heart and mind to mind,
In body and in soul can bind.

And Prior, who said:

It is like the ladder in Jacob's dream,
Its foot on earth, its height above the skies.
Diffused in its virtues; boundless in its power;
'Tis public health and universal cure,
Of heavenly manna, 'tis a second feast,
A nation's food, and all to every taste.

MASONIC EPITAPH.—

Be this alone my epitaph,
When life has closed its span,
"Beneath this stone a Brother sleeps
Who loved his fellow man."

"There is a world where all are equal,

We are hurrying towards it fast—

We shall meet upon the Level there, when the gates of death are past;

We shall stand before the Orient, and the Master will be there,

To try the blocks we offer, with His own unerring square.

"Let us meet upon the Level, then, while labouring patient here;

Let us meet and let us labour, though the labour be severe;

Already in the western sky, the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square."

Michigan Freemason.

SONNET.

O'er Nature free, 'mid her green hills and plains,
Or link'd to art in gardens neatly trim'd,
The wild bee, golden-strak'd and hairy-limb'd,
With ceaseless joy and ceaseless toil and pains,
A pleasing task, embraces close and drains
The deep contents of flow'r-cups honey-brim'd.
Nor quits his hold of each bright chalice rim'd
With glowing hues till not a drop remains.
His is a jocund, yet a busy life,
That workman blythe, the devious-roaming bee,
Nor with one health glad pledg'd, though largely rife
With heav'n's nectarous sweets, content is he.
But like a bard he all the smiling day
In endless feast of Nature's charms doth stray.

M. GORDON.

Masonic Tidings.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction on Friday, the 27th of August, by Bro. David Rose, P.M., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich (not at the Earl of Chatham as previously announced). The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock sharp.

An alarm, which threatened serious consequences, took place in the Pavilion on Hastings Pier, a groundless cry of fire having been raised. By the presence of mind of Bro. Marriott, the conductor of the band, the fear of the visitors was allayed, our brother quietly sitting down to the piano, and thus arresting the attention of the alarmed people.

A PRESENT FROM THE QUEEN TO THE BRIGHTON AQUARIUM.—A gigantic turtle, from the Island of Ascension, weighing over 3 cwt., has been presented by the Queen to the Brighton Aquarium. It is considered the finest specimen ever seen alive in this country. It will be exhibited in a temporary tank in the Central Hall during the preparation of a tank for its permanent reception.

Friday, 6th inst., being the birthday of Bro. the Duke of Edinburgh, was observed at Windsor with the customary honours. His Royal Highness was born at Windsor Castle on the 6th August, 1844.

Tuesday night's *Gazette* contains an announcement of the promotion of Bro. the Duke of Connaught of the 7th Hussars from the rank of captain to that of major, with seniority from that day.

The Earl of Rosslyn, of Easton Lodge, Essex, acting as representative of the Manor of Walthamstow, has succeeded the late Mr. E. Warner, M.P., of Higham Hall, as a vice-president of Forest School.

The circulation of the Bible in Turkey has now been authorised by the Porte.

The Lord Mayor has left London for the vacation.

The Earl of Carnarvon has left town for Cowes, and will take a short cruise in his yacht.

THE VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO INDIA.—"According to present arrangements," says the *Times of India*, "the Prince of Wales will, after remaining in Bombay for a short time, go on to Ceylon and thence to Madras. From Madras the Prince goes by sea to Calcutta, and, as it has been arranged that he is to arrive there on Christmas-day, there will be a considerable interval to dispose of in the neighbourhood of Madras. Probably Bangalore will be visited, and Mysore elephants hunted; and it may be that Hyderabad may be looked in upon. Preparations for the forthcoming visit are also being made in Calcutta. The East India Railway Company are constructing a royal train to consist of five carriages, one of which is to be a State reception saloon, one a sleeping carriage, two carriages for the staff, and one for the personal attendants of His Royal Highness. The reception saloon and sleeping carriage are being furnished and upholstered in a very elegant style. Extensive alterations and improvements are also being effected at Government House. The Public Works Department are busily engaged renovating the whole building, and making alterations where needed. A suite of apartments in the S.W. wing are being fitted up especially for the Prince's private use, the old throne is to be replaced by an elegant structure, the drapery of which will consist of the finest crimson velvet trimmed with gold and emblazoned with the Royal Arms. It appears that the Nizam's Government are making preparations on a munificent scale for the reception of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the capital of the Deccan. Very costly furniture has been ordered through a European firm in Madras, to grace the Royal Banqueting Hall to be fitted up for the occasion." The *Bombay Gazette* says:—"Now that the day has been fixed on which the Prince of Wales may be expected to land in Bombay, the leading native gentlemen of the city evince considerable interest in the coming event, and there can be no doubt that the reception of His Royal Highness will be very cordial."

DALRY GRAVITATION WATER WORKS.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE WITH MASONIC HONOURS. Monday, the 2nd inst., will henceforth be regarded as a red letter day, and one that will not soon be forgotten in the history of the parish. The day was one of autumn's loveliest, and the occasion of the demonstration was the laying of the foundation stone of the Gravitation Water Works at Wee Auldmuir, near to the Auldmuir Burn, in the valley between the first-named place and the Baidland range of hills. Monday being "St. Margaret's Day," which is an annual fair holiday, the public works were closed, and the inhabitants, in holiday attire, turned out en masse to witness the ceremony. The members of Dalry Blair Lodge, 290, joined by deputations from Mother Kilwinning, Royal Blue (Kilbirnie), and St. John's (Kilmarnock), assembled in the lodge-room, and proceeded thence to the more capacious F.C. school-room previous to forming into marching order.

[A detailed account of the proceedings will appear in our next.]

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUG. 14, 1875.

ANOTHER RITUALISTIC ATTACK.

The Ritualists, like the Romanists, seem to be in a state of great exacerbation as regards Freemasons and Freemasonry. It is to them apparently just now like the bit of "red rag" to the stamping bull, and has the same effect apparently both on their tempers and their feelings! We deplore the fact exceedingly, but we can do no more, as veracious chroniclers and careful observers of the way of the world, than note it for the information of all whom it may concern. There is not much in it perhaps one way or the other, but in this hot weather unnecessary agitation and nervous excitement are equally to be deprecated. The meeting for the consecration of the Alexandra Lodge, and the speeches then delivered, seems to have stirred up the bile of a correspondent of our juvenile contemporary, *The Church Herald*, who rushes into print with a childish volubility and inexperience which would be amusing were they not somewhat distressing. We wonder that our contemporary admits such a very slip-slop bit of writing in its ornate pages, but as not so long ago we read a very unwhorled and unfounded attack on our Order in the *Church Herald*, we do not wonder when we behold the following weak and silly ebullition which appeared in the issue of August 4th. We give the letter in extenso for the benefit of our readers.

"MASONIC INFIDELITY."

"Sir,—Let me call your attention to a speech recently delivered at the Alexandra Palace by Mr. J. C. Parkinson, a well known authority in Freemasonry, and one who has done more than any man living to show how thoroughly hostile are the principles of the Craft to all that Christians and Churchmen hold dear:—

"I think it is useful, on occasions of this character, to take a brief survey of the position of

Freemasonry, and to mark its progress at home and abroad; and this is the more necessary from the impotent antagonism which continues to threaten and denounce all within its pale. The triumphant installation of the Prince of Wales as our Grand Master has been followed by the usual exhibitions. His Holiness the Pope has again anathematised what he is pleased to denominate 'the Masonic sect.' (A laugh.) Bishop Dupanloup has honoured us by a bitterly hostile pamphlet; the organ of Ultramontanism has declared that 'the Protestant religion and Freemasonry are identical and must stand or fall together'—a proposition it is certainly not worth our while to dispute; and an elaborate volume has been published on what is alleged to be the secret warfare of Freemasonry against the Church. The battle ground is not of our seeking; for we are ready to welcome, and do welcome as brothers, Roman Catholics if they are worthily recommended, and if they can take our obligations and obey our laws. These indispensable conditions being fulfilled, we hail the enlightened Roman Catholic as a Mason with the same cordiality as we extend to the Jew, the Mahomedan, or the Parsee. The very first page of our Book of Constitutions states that, 'let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order provided he believe in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality; and it is this broad toleration and true Christian charity which shocks bigotry, and makes priestcraft tremble.' (Cheers.)

"Mr. Parkinson next exulted at the official recognition of the Freemasons of Italy by their brethren in this country, and quoted a glowing letter from the Grand Orient to himself thanking him for his 'trenchant public utterances' on this subject. Finally he remarked:—'Official relations having been established between the Grand Lodge of Italy and that of England, the best answer Freemasons can make to the embittered railing of those who would, doubtless, put them to the torture if they dared, is Loyalty and Charity—Loyalty to the principles and rulers of the Craft; Charity and toleration to all mankind, including our persecutors and slanderers. A Roman Catholic poet once wrote in a purely Masonic spirit,

"For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight,
He can't be wrong whose life is in the right."

Here we have an authoritative definition of Loyalty and Charity—Loyalty to principles opposed to the Church—but Mr. Parkinson did not end here. As if to defy decency and proclaim the absolute indifference of Freemasonry to the vital truths of Christianity, this arch apostle of latitudinarianism ended his speech with this abominable sentence:—'Freemasonry has nothing to do with sects or creeds, or with its professors as such. Its motto is Liberty of Conscience.' And this profession of negation was received, according to the report, with loud and enthusiastic cheering from an assembly which included many of the chief Freemasons of England. Surely, Sir, after this we shall hear no more of men who profess themselves Christians belonging to this wicked, secret organization.

"I see that the name of an English priest, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the Rector of St. Clement Danes, was given as present at this orgy of infidelity, but I cannot believe this without corroboration. Is not the reverend gentleman's diocesan the proper person to appeal to?

"A CHURCHMAN."

What do our readers think of this very foolish attack by this anonymous and intolerant "Churchman" on our two worthy Brothers J. C. Parkinson and R. J. Simpson? The suggestion in the P.S., that our good brother the Rector of St. Clement Danes has rendered himself amenable to his diocesan by advocating toleration and friendliness, loyalty and charity, is really almost too delicious, and shews to what lengths the spirit of persecution, whether in Ritualist or Romanist, will lead some people! We on the contrary fully endorse all that was said by Bro. Parkinson and Bro. Simpson, and for this controversial sciolist to seek to brand the expression of such philanthropic and kindly addresses as Masonic infidelity, is an insult alike to truth, to religion, and Freemasonry. Can we induce

such obtuse, though perhaps honest writers, like "A Churchman" to think? If so, he will perhaps be ready to admit, that because we proclaim an open platform to be the basis of our Order, it does not take away from us our individual belief in any degree. Out of the lodge we may be earnest Roman Catholics, members of the Church of England, or of any denomination, and zealous in our own measure and degree for what we believe conscientiously to answer the query, what is truth? But in the lodge we know nothing of religious disputations, differences, decrees, or dogmas; we accept all good men who believe in the Great Architect of the Universe, and revere the Revelation which he has given us. This position seems to some inconsistent, but it is not; it is both very simple and very distinct! Indeed, it seems to us a waste of time to argue the point, as, after all, the Ritualists in this, as in other things, have only borrowed the "old clothes" of the Roman Catholic arraigners of Freemasonry. The letter of "A Churchman" is in one respect a simple impertinence, though we may fairly allow something for a very hazy understanding, while in another it is as jesuitical a production as we have ever perused. Despite "A Churchman," (we doubt such being a fitting appellation for the writer of so much intolerant bombast) we cordially accept Bro. Parkinson's definition of our principles, just as we entirely assent to what our good Past Grand Chaplain said on that interesting occasion.

PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

We are glad to be able to transcribe from the *Edinburgh Courier* of Friday, July 23, the following remarks on Scottish Freemasonry, which we have read with pleasure, and which we think our brethren will be glad also to peruse. These words were penned with reference to Rev. Dr. Loth's recent work, which we have reviewed elsewhere, but they are in themselves both kindly and weighty, and represent, we believe, fairly and truly, what is the actual position of Freemasonry among our warm-hearted fellow-countrymen, under the auspices of the Scottish Grand Lodge. We also think well to call attention to them, because they contain some statements and suggestions, which it will do our Scottish brethren much good to ponder over and follow out.

"FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND."

"In this country Freemasonry is making gigantic as well as rapid strides in our day. It is in the fashion at present, as every social institution is sure to be at any time when Royalty comes to the front of it, taking a lead in the control of its affairs. It would be interesting to learn the number of Masons who have been made since the day of that splendid gathering—a *durbur* of more than Oriental magnificence—on which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was inaugurated as the Grand Master of English Masons. But nobody knows. It is disappointing when one begins to enquire about the numerical strength of this, the most powerful social organisation, next to the Church, in the country, to find that there are no reliable statistics bearing on the question. In Scotland very few lodges could inform the public of the number of their own members. Any of them could give you the names of all who have paid their subscriptions for an indefinite number of years. The minute-book records the names of those who attend the meetings for labour and recreation. But how about the scores or hundreds connected by Masonic generation with each lodge who never attend and have given over paying their annual tribute? A man is made in a lodge, and his name remains on its books; he may discontinue attending its meetings for any of an unrecordable number of reasons: he may get tired of them, may shift his residence in the city, may go to another town, go abroad, or he may die, and all the time his name is on the books. When the Earl of Rosslyn mounted the Scottish Masonic throne he proposed certain financial reforms, which, if they had been carried, would by-and-bye have helped to supply the item of information here desiderated; but they were not carried. In England matters are on a slightly better footing. There, when a man leaves a town, he is supposed to take away with him a certificate of member-

ship from the lodge he was connected with, and by receiving this certificate he ceases to be a member of it. Each lodge, when this rule is attended to, can tell the number of its living members; for a Mason in connection with a lodge is not allowed to die and be buried like a dog. But does the brother who leaves the town join another lodge? Are all the Masons in any town members of lodges? Not at all. It is but a very small fraction of the men who could work their way into the mystic presence of a Right Worshipful Master.

"It is mere guess work, but some who have the means of making a very good guess estimate that in England, Ireland, and Scotland there cannot be less than three millions of living Freemasons. Happily it is a fundamental principle of their organization not to meddle with politics in any of the protean forms of that practical study. If it were otherwise the results would be very bad for either the country or Masonic Craft. All would depend on the strength or weakness of the force of cohesion among the members of lodges and between the lodges. As it is, Freemasonry exercises an untold control over hundreds of thousands of our countrymen. This is not a suitable occasion for referring to its influence all over the world. In that respect it is powerful enough to render the head of the Roman Catholic Church uneasy about it in the countries where he is supposed to be regarded as a Pope—a father in religious reality. But in our own country the social influence of Masonry is immense, and as things go, is mainly for the good of its members. It promotes personal intercourse and kindly feeling. It brings men together who would otherwise remain not only strangers but aliens to each other. The genialities of our nature find a free scope and cordial greeting in a Masonic lodge—so testify many of the wisest and best of men."

We agree with the writer. We believe that Freemasonry has a great future before it among the Scottish people, if only its Grand Lodge can muster up courage to tighten, up so to say, the private lodge system, which, in our opinion, is in Scotland greatly behind ours in England. Many Scotch brethren are sensible of the fact, many Scotch lodges are moving on in a right direction; but three points press upon them, and hinder their reforms and impede their advance. The first is the lowness of the initiation fee in many lodges, the second is the want of a greater interval between each degree as the normal regulation of the Scottish lodges, and thirdly, the want of a compulsory subscription in every lodge, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Were these reforms at once carried out, the status of Scottish Freemasonry would be immediately raised, more so we believe, than many of us even suppose. But we do not want to seem to be too dogmatic, and we rather, following in the wake of the *Edinburgh Courant*, support the very intelligible points and suggestions of a "Scottish Brother," and we shall be glad to insert any letters on the subject, which, moderate in tone, and fraternal in spirit, seem to merit the consideration and perusal of our numerous readers.

A MIGHTY COOL SUGGESTION.

We find the following striking little article in the *Weekly Examiner and Ulster Observer*, a Roman Catholic journal, published at Belfast, of July 24th. We have thought it well to transfer it to our columns, as it may interest some of our readers.

"The question of Freemasonry in the Royal Irish Constabulary has been dealt with already by one of the Dublin journals. Freemasonry is undeniably present in the ranks of this force, and it is important in proportion to the duties of the body in which it is noticeable. The Prince of Wales is the Grand Master of the Freemasons, and he is the coming King. The King can do no wrong, but a policeman can do wrong. He is the immediate guardian of society, and as such should preserve the confidence of society's humblest member. By binding him up with a small section of the people, Freemasonry must have the effect of lessening the confidence of the great mass in the individual. Confidence is also

shaken in the entire constabulary. We do not mean to say that Freemasonry is, at present at least, of much political significance or power in this country; but it is well-known that the Society of Freemasons is a powerful political organisation in other countries. We have admitted the thin end of the wedge, and the Prince of Wales has assisted his own and his house's downfall. There can be no doubt that the diametric opponent of Freemasonry is the Catholic Church. The Society of Freemasons is a secret one, bound by oaths, and the members of which owe implicit obedience to the chiefs of the Craft. The Catholic Church is open, and proclaims its objects on its banners and from its lips. No Catholic can be a Freemason. He puts off his Catholicity as soon as he puts on its badge and learns "the grip." It is said that there are 17,000,000 Freemasons. There are 200,000,000 of Catholics in the world. Which is likely to win—the secret society or the frank and open presence of the Catholic Church? It is not too much to say that even already English Masonry has begun to assume the aspect of that foreign branch of the society from which the Bishop of Orleans stripped the veil in his "Etude sur la Franc Maçonnerie." A good deal of light has been let in by the publication of a little book by a German author, which has now been translated into English, entitled "The Secret Warfare of Freemasonry against Church and State." Yet even if Masonry in the police were of no actual danger, the force ought to be, like Cæsar's wife, above suspicion, and in a purely Catholic country like this the people ought not to be made distrustful by the committal of their persons and property to the care of men whom they believe to be secretly banded together in hostility to the great institution to which they belong. We are sure that the matter has only to be brought under the notice of the authorities, when it will be as compatible to be a policeman and a Freemason as it now is to be a Catholic and a Freemason."

Is it not almost pitiable to see to what lengths so called religious fanaticism and unreasoning intolerance will lead rational beings? Here is a writer not probably unkind or unbrotherly in private life, pointedly putting forth in type the most cruel and unthinking theories of deliberate persecution. He has nothing to allege against Freemasonry. It is too absurd in Great Britain to talk of Freemasonry as having anything to do with politics, and this writer therefore can only appeal to that sectarianism which is always deplorable, and to that want of charity which is always hurtful. Because the Pope has condemned Freemasonry "proprio motu" unheard, and undefended, because the present possessor of the "Chair of St. Peter" has suddenly evoked from the dust of years the allocutions of Clement and Benedict, which some Roman Catholic authorities have held are obsolete, all Freemasonry is to be condemned. In Great Britain, in England, and Ireland, the Masonic body is undeniably composed of most respectable, religious, loyal citizens, and despite their social position and their benevolent undertakings, they are to be held up to the religious (?) hatred of all firm Roman Catholics, because former Popes condemned the Carbonari, and Pio Nono, has excommunicated the Communists! The best of the joke is, that in all probability the good old Pope himself is a Carbonari. He was in his "hot youth" a great friend of Mazzini and Co., and all the stories current about his being a Freemason probably resolve themselves into this, that when an ardent Liberal, and opposed actually to the then Papal Government, he was admitted into the "Carbonari" or "Madre Natura." Surely it is time that Roman Catholic scribes, like this ardent young man in the columns of the *Weekly Examiner*, &c., should give up attacking alike the religious and the loyal character of Freemasons. It says a great deal for the cool assurance, and not a little for the extreme violence of the Ultramontane party, that they should venture to put forth openly such a demand, or even make such a suggestion. Let us hope that the Irish Government, happily presided over by our noble brother, its most distinguished head, will, on the contrary, turn a deaf ear to all similar requests, whether

proffered with unadulterated "cheek" or genuine "blarney," and refuse in the slightest measure to interfere with the sacredness of liberty of conscience, or by unwise concessions pave the way for universal religious persecution. Everywhere the Church of Rome, just now supposed to be wise in her generation, in her attacks on Freemasonry, and especially in Great Britain, is demonstrating to all clear-minded observers how unchanged she is, and that, despite her profession of liberal ideas, she has "rien appris" and "rien oublié." Her voice may perhaps be heard in favour of what she terms toleration and religious freedom, but her acts too clearly evince, that still before her glowing mind are looming in the distance visions of delightful "Auto-da-Fès," and of those better and happier days when the brave, the faithful, the virtuous and the chaste, were at the cruel mercies of the familiars of the Holy Inquisition. However, save the mark! Let us hope that a brighter future is in store for poor "ould Ireland," and that Irish Freemasonry, despite its intolerant opponents and vilifiers, may "go on and prosper," upholding manfully the rights of conscience, proclaiming peace and toleration, loyalty and charity, and demonstrating even to its bitterest and most foul-mouthed opponents, that its great abiding anthem is "Glory to God" in the highest, and "on earth" "Peace and good-will towards men."

CREDULITY.

What a wonderful history is that of the human race. As we look back on the fact to-day, and study the veracious annals of history, notwithstanding Sir R. Walpole's condemnatory dictum, we see how each successive age has been marked in many things by a spirit of hopeless credulity. Men have believed without thought, without reason, and without logic, alike the assurances of the charlatan, and the announcements of the impostor. The most idle stories have been propagated by the perverse or the fanatic, the most ridiculous allegations have been made by the interested or the "intrigant," and have found favour with that countless horde of "gobemouches" of all ages, lands, and tongues, which has thronged the Vanity Fair of life in past ages, and is neither fewer nor less credulous in every pathway of public and private life to-day. And one of the most painful facts connected with this apparently inherent, may we not say innate, propensity of mankind, is that religion has sometimes called in the spirit of credulity to foster fanaticism and encourage persecution. As Freemasons, we are not justified in dealing with the creeds or practice of religious denominations, quæ creeds and practice, but only as facts of history to point the moral or illustrate the argument. Thus we may fairly instance lying miracles and idle legends, by whomsoever invented, as proofs of credulity in past ages, even alas! in our own, just as we turn to such hopeless impostures as the "Liquifaction" of St. Janarius, and the Greek fire at Jerusalem, with a sigh, nay, a tear, as we realize what startling evidence they afford us of the continued credulity of our fellow-creatures. Now, just at this moment, the credulity of a large number of Roman Catholics and Ritualists, and of other denominations, and even Protestants professedly, by the way, is most remarkable in respect of Freemasonry and Freemasons. Urged only by their spiritual guides, who ought to know better, and do, we believe, really know better, a great many worthy and religious people have the most extraordinary notions concerning our peaceful Order. Nothing is too bad for some to say, nothing is too bad for others to believe, or profess to believe. We published in our last impression a story taken from a Canadian Roman Catholic paper, *Le Nouveau Monde*, Montreal, and forwarded to us by a responsible correspondent, which serves to show what people can say and what people will believe of us wicked and dangerous Freemasons. Yet can any one credit the statement of the sealed paper? or the sanguinary oath? Can any one even believe in the existence of the good "Passionist Father," whose kindly feelings were so dreadfully hurt, by this too fearful confirmation of his

doubts and dread of Freemasons? The whole story is, we fancy, a "pious fraud," and though it may suit the warm imaginations and susceptible emotions of Roman Catholic religionists in Canada; it will not meet the requirements of our more sifting and careful criticism in England. We believe the whole story to be a pure myth, even the good old monk to be a figure of speech. It is a very pretty story, the agony is piled up wonderfully, and does Mr. J. Marshall, the American correspondent of the *Monde*, infinite credit. Who is this eloquent writer? As the conclusion is that "Freemasonry is the same all over the world," the clear object of this veracious anecdote is to make the credulous believe what the writer himself knows to be a lie—we can use no more polished word—that in England, or the Canadas, or the United States, Freemasonry has anything whatever to do with politics. The hero of the story, if it be not Mr. Fitz Marshall himself (see *Pickwick* *passim*), is a German, and we can say at once, on behalf of our good Teutonic brethren, that such a proceeding is a mendacious burlesque on German Freemasonry. We can only deplore deeply the bitter intolerance of such writers, and look with heartfelt regret on this fresh chapter of the history of the hurtful credulity of mankind.

MASONIC ENTHUSIASM.

We confess that we like a little enthusiasm in all things of earth. Enthusiasm is, however, not the feature of the hour which is most conspicuous. Indeed, the very reverse is the case, and in most of worldly ways, and even in religious duties, we constantly hear complaints of the coldness of the age, and the want of some little enthusiasm. Mr. Anthony Trollope, in his clever contemporary satire of many prevailing weaknesses, and much existing "basesse," puts in the mouth of "Marie Melmotte" the statement that she does "not care for swells," that they "don't mean what they say," that they are "generally half asleep, and don't care for anybody." It must be feared, we admit, that our youth do not shew much enthusiasm for anything, except it be Hurlingham or Newmarket, and that just at the present hour society is in the greatest need of a little enthusiasm. In all this we say nothing of the ladies, who, in their higher natures, keep alive any enthusiasm which still exists for anything in the world. But we live professedly in a cold, a cautious, a prosaic, a doubting age, and we can hardly expect to find much enthusiasm for anything. Like Mr. Sam Weller, the general theory of us all, apparently, just now, is to eat our "melting pears," to ask for no "names," and to get on "pretty well." Voila tout! And the spirit of the world re-acts upon Freemasonry. When the world was social Freemasonry was social, when the world was reforming Freemasonry was reforming, when the world "rests" and is "thankful," Freemasonry becomes contented and prosperous, and, like the world, deprecating any evidence of too much zeal, and averse to enthusiasm. Of course there is a good deal of common sense in all this, a proof of that hard practicality which is the boast and pride of our Anglo-Saxon family. And to some of us, no doubt, the days of enthusiasm are over in most things, and even in Freemasonry time has destroyed our illusions and thinned our friends; age has made us old and wheezy, gouty and irritable. No "couleur de rose" appears on the scene for us now; all is dry and dusty, and brown and withered. What charmed us once charms us no more. What once was the delight of our eyes has passed away in the finished record of our being. And so there has come upon us a numbing of interest and a quenching of enthusiasm. Anticipation and realization are two very different things. The promises of youth have faded before the stern advances of years. We shake our heads to-day at the eager impetuosity of youth; we are no longer enthusiasts, we deprecate enthusiasm, we condemn sentimentality, and we denounce impracticality. Those of us who began our Masonic career some years back may remember early days of Masonic enthusiasm. And, to say the truth, the experience of onward "lustra" has not really diminished

our love for the good old Craft. If we are a little more measured in our words, a little less high-flown in our theories; if we keep before us ever that Freemasons are but men, and that we cannot expect impossibilities, we still have lost nothing of that enthusiasm for our Order which led us to make many sacrifices for it, and to give much time, and care, and thought to it, a long, long time ago! It is still, despite some drawbacks, what it always professed to be. It is still, despite some weaknesses and defects, a great, a useful, a beneficent Order; and if, following the colder current of the great gulf stream of the world and society, we are less enthusiastic in speech and estimate, we do not the less undervalue its claims, or deny its mission in the world. Never does a thought come over us of deserting its honoured flag. To us that flag seems floating out high and full, and under it we are happy to march, and for it we are ready to fight. It will not be pulled down by us. Other hands may seek to do so, enemies and calumniators may arise, but we shall never let go our loyal adherence to that old Brotherhood of whose great name we are proud, and for whose principles, let the world say what it will, we are still enthusiastic.

Original Correspondence.

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

MINUTES AND THEIR CONFIRMATION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As there seems to be a considerable and important divergence of opinion upon this subject, perhaps you will kindly grant me a little space in order that I may draw the attention of your readers to it; and if I should succeed, as I hope I shall, in enlisting the sympathy of some of our working brethren, an official declaration in the matter may be the result, followed (if necessary) by an alteration of the existing mode of procedure. Indeed, I go so far as to hope that you, Sir, may lend the weight of your editorial opinion upon the disputed question.

The conflicting opinions, then, upon this subject, briefly stated, are these:—

1. The confirmation of minutes is merely the affirming the clerical correctness of the report of what took place at a former meeting.

2. That by the formal confirmation of the minutes of a previous meeting what was then done receives a formal sanction, without which such former action is void and of no effect.

Now, Sir, I have been greatly astonished to find that the latter opinion is held to be the correct one, by some of the officials at Freemasons' Hall, upon some portions of our working; for instance, the election of W.M.; indeed, in a recent issue of your paper (June 12th), by a letter on "Precedence," signed "Hadley," it seems that this view was actually carried out.

Now, Sir, I trust that I shall be able to show, firstly, that this view would be very inexpedient, if it were the correct one, and therefore demands alteration; and secondly, that the view is not correct.

Firstly, then, with regard to the inexpediency of the course in question:—When a matter, of which due notice has been given to all the brethren of a lodge, has been once voted for and carried, it can be neither right nor expedient that the next lodge, consisting probably of entirely different brethren, should have the power to arbitrarily reject a deliberate vote of the former one, and that without any notice whatever, or that the former supporters of the measure, knowing nothing of the fate awaiting their already (supposed) settled action, may not even be present to again support it. Again in the case of election of W.M., what a door it opens to pique and spite, as in the instance quoted above, where the W.M. elect, having offended certain brethren by the premature announcements of his appointment of officers, had his election cancelled by the non-confirmation of minutes.

Secondly, I cannot think that such a course is even legal, for what is a "minute"? Simply the record of something that has been done. What is the "confirmation of this minute"? Simply the asserting at a subsequent meeting that this something done has been correctly reported.

Now let us see what the "Constitutions" say with regard to the election of W.M. In section 1 "Of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges" (p. 56) it is laid down that "Previously to the installation of the Master, the minutes of the preceding meeting of the lodge must be read and confirmed, so far at least as the election of Master, after which, &c."

Now this may seem perhaps to give colour to the view that I am opposing, but does it do this in reality?

The true spirit of any passage is always obtained by comparing it with the context, let us, therefore, turn to section 2 "Of Private Lodges" (Cons. p. 62), and we there find, "At the next meeting after his election, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be duly installed," almost the same statement, yet sufficiently differing from the former as to give us an explanation of the true meaning.

Now in the latter passage it states that the W.M. elect shall be installed at the next lodge, i.e., the lodge "when" (in the ordinary course of things) "the minutes are confirmed." Nothing with respect to the validity of the election, therefore, depends upon the confirmation of the minutes, but the words are simply used as a true qualification or description of the proper degree of installation; had the other course have been intended the wording would not be "when the minutes are confirmed," but "when the minutes shall have been confirmed."

The latter clause of section 1 on page 76 then comes in to direct that in case of the non-confirmation of the minutes (i.e., if it be decided that there is not a proper record of the former proceedings, notice shall issue for a new election.

This same section further directs that, although "no Master elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed," yet "that he may in the interim rule the lodge," and this, mark you, as a right, and with no restrictions as to absence of P.M.'s, or the like. Surely it would be a gross absurdity to allow a brother to assume a position of absolute authority, and others at the very next meeting take it from him by reversing his election.

I may add, Sir, that I think my view is strengthened by the fact that no corresponding difficulty can occur under the "R. A. Regulations" with respect to the election of the three principals, who are considered "jointly as the Master, and each severally as a Master" (sec. 7, p. 15).

And, yet once more, how would such a cause of repudiation of a W.M. elect have been possible "in ancient times," when "no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected" (not installed) "into the chair of a lodge" (Ant. Ch. iv.).

In conclusion, Sir, I would ask you, and through you the Craft at large, whether it would not be better for the powers that be to settle this much-vexed question, which has, ere now, disturbed the tranquillity of even Grand Lodge, by a definite statement as to the effect of confirmation of minutes generally, appending, if needs be, directions that, in certain cases (such as election of W.M.), a vote given at one lodge must be ratified at the next by a more formal procedure than a so-called confirmation of minutes; but, in such case it might be well to expunge the permission of his taking up a rule that he may be so summarily deprived of.

With fraternal greetings, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

WM. TEBBS, P.M. 285,
P.P.G. Chaplain, Somerset.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE, AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to a report of the late meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 31st. ult. I do not know who is responsible for the report, but the selection of names of those present has been made with a degree of partiality, which is, in my opinion, highly reprehensible. From my lodge, the oldest lodge in the United Province by many years, five brethren attended, three being Past Masters, while from the Albany Lodge, No. 151, at Newport, the attendance was much more numerous; yet in the published list the presence of members from No. 35 and No. 151 is systematically ignored. I venture to think, Sir, that persons who presume to write reports of Masonic meetings should either omit names altogether, or else make their selection in such a manner as to avoid the accusation of partiality; and more especially was such caution necessary in this instance, since, although the Union of the Isle Wight with Hampshire has been frankly and loyally accepted by the Island Masons as a body, there yet remains a feeling that we were not fairly dealt with, and a feeling of that description is not likely to be allayed by our presence at a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge being quietly ignored. Understand, Sir, that I am not complaining of the omission of my own name, because I was not present, having been prevented at the last moment, by unavoidable circumstances, from putting in an appearance. Nothing could have been more appropriate and courteous than the remarks of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Beach, when he alluded to the union of the two provinces, and I am quite sure that no sentiments actuate him, but those of perfect fairness and impartiality, but your report, as it stands, leaves this impression—that although a Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Isle of Wight, not a single member from the two senior lodges in the Island was present. I protest most emphatically against such garbled reports, and I say that whoever wrote the report in question ought to have been better informed.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

T. W. FAULKNER, W.M. No. 35,
Past P.G.J.W., Isle of Wight.

PAPAL POWER IN TEMPORALS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The "Crusader" Organ of the "League of St. Sebastian" for July has an article "Chivalry—the trumpet of Rebellion inciting Latin Papalists to declare war against our ally the King of Italy and the inhabitants of Rome!" Some M.P. ought to stand up in his place in Parliament, and ask, "Are English subjects rightly members of the League, under the direction of the Jesuits, who have no legal existence in Britain?" The Papal Guards are members of the Ultramontrane League. Private persons, British subjects, must not do hostile acts

against the King of Italy, our ally. A deputation should wait upon the heads of the League and say:—

We come to be informed by yourselves what the conditions of that league must be. When foes combine friends must unite. Germany and Britain must continue their amity in spite of the truculent trumpeters of the "Crusader."

The League wants temporal power restored to the Popes? On what, then, do they found this claim? On the pretended grant of Constantine, which has been proved to be a forgery. We are told that Silvester, the Bishop of Rome, healed Constantine of the leprosy—making him out to be a second Naaman; and that the Emperor, moved by gratitude to his priestly physician, made over to him Rome, Italy, and the provinces of the west. On this grant, which was never made known till some centuries afterwards, we are required to believe in the supremacy of the Pope over all Christendom. Of the forged decretals, too, on which so much power was assumed, I need not say a word. Phocas again, in the 7th century, murdered his Royal Master, Mauritius, Emperor of the West, usurped his throne, and was confirmed in it by the Pope, with the understanding that Phocas would recognize and support him as universal bishop, which he did. So the temporal power of the Pope comes from a murderer and usurper, an abandoned Zimri who slew his master. Spiritual power thus accrues to the Popes from one of the worst of men, and is the result of his wickedness. Pepin again, mayor of the palace to Childeric, King of France, got the Pope's leave to dethrone his master on the promise of receiving many provinces, which he did in return for his atrocious villainy. Charlemagne also, Pepin's son, added many further grants, thus increasing the Pope's territorial rights and also his spiritual power. These transactions remind one of Satan's proposal to Jesus to give him all the kingdoms of the world on the promise that he would fall down and worship him. The spiritual power of the Pope has been gained in these exceptionable ways, and therefore on how sandy a foundation it stands! Any donations from a temporal prince or emperor clearly set them above the Popes, since they who give authority are clearly above him who receives it, and Constantine presided at the Council of Nice.

I am, yours faithfully,
Bristol, 7th Aug. 1875.

A FREEMASON.

BRO. BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although I have declined to reply to the anonymous attack by a "Mark Master," I think that, since you have, in the interests of Masonry, now proposed an inquiry by a committee of Masons, it may be well for me to overlook the nature of a "Mark Master's" attack, and to reply to his questions.

1. I have already stated that the person to whom I communicated the fact of my ceasing to be a Masonic Templar was the gentleman who at the time of the disappearance of the Government of Masonic Templars was its Secretary. That letter to him was not a private communication, and he sent me an official acknowledgment of its receipt: the enclosure with it was a private communication, and was intended to be a detailed explanation to him of the cause of my ceasing to be a Masonic Templar, after having so long struggled for the restoration of that Order. I wished it to be private because I had no intention of bringing any charge, because I was heartily ashamed, for the sake of Masonry, that a Masonic Templar could act as one had acted. It is not true that I wrote a private letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the Temple and made in it a false charge, and marked the letter "private" in order to avoid the consequences of so doing.

2. One morning in November last a letter was brought to me on which I had to pay ninepence postage; observing that it came from the spurious "Order," I wrote to Mr. Tinkler, saying, that I should receive no more letters from that source; it seemed to me to be a poor kind of practical joke to have to pay ninepence for suffering an impertinence, and that I was justified in taking steps to prevent its repetition. I have previously stated that I could not be in London on the day arbitrarily fixed by the Temple. It has indeed occurred to me that such time was fixed upon because some of the Knights knew that I was unlikely to be able to be in London then.

3. "A Mark Master" says that only one representative of the Temple was present at the Judicial Council on 13th February last. No doubt, "A Mark Master" was present, but he forgets that I was there also, and the persons whom I saw there sitting at the judicial table were the following:

1. The Earl of Limerick (Prior of the Order of the Temple) in the chair; 2. the Rev. G. R. Portal; 3. General Clerk; 4. Major Clarke, (Sub Prior of the Order); 5. Lt.-Col. Chas. Hutton Gregory, (Masonic Templar); 6. Earl Percy; 7. Mr. Beach, M.P.; 8. Sir P. Colquhoun; 9. Mr. Tinkler; 10. a person with a strong Irish brogue, name unknown to me. Thus, instead of the case being as "A Mark Master" puts it, it was precisely the reverse; for there being only one Masonic Templar present, there was consequently only one upon whose sympathy I could reckon. As to the proceedings of the so called "Judicial" body, the less attempted to be said, in their defence, the better. The Earl of Limerick, who presided, ruled that notes of proceedings could only be taken by one of those present, and refused me the services of a shorthand writer, whom I had employed to render to me a true and complete account of the whole proceedings. Of the charges brought against me by the Irishman prompted by Sir P. Colquhoun I know but little; the matter for discussion on which I had asked for the meeting to be held was not allowed to be discussed; but having a hurried opportunity after the rising

of the meeting of reading the charges, I learned (the only one that remains in my memory) that I was accused of "insubordination to my superior officer." Who that officer is I did not discover, but I understand by such charge being made, that this new order of knighthood assumes to be organised under the provisions of the Mutiny Act and Articles of War, clearly proving that it is not a Masonic body. "A Mark Master" has not a good memory. He has omitted to state that whilst denying the right of the Temple to summon me at all, I offered to that body, in writing, before the "Judicial Council," to place myself in the hands of two Masonic Templars, and to abide by their decision, on the understanding that their finding, and the whole of the evidence, should be published by "the Order of the Temple" in the *Freemason*, and read out in each preceptory in England and Ireland. For some reason—perhaps considering this "childish"—the "Order" has carefully avoided any acceptance of the proposal; but the fact of my having made it, and of the Temple having avoided accepting it, places upon my not withdrawing the statement of the real cause of my ceasing to be a Masonic Templar a very different construction from that insinuated by "A Mark Master."

In November, 1873, an official complaint of slander and falsehood by a certain "Knight" was made to the Council of the Great Prior, signed by Lord Eliot, the Rev. G. R. Portal, Sir E. Lechmere, Mr. R. Woof, and other Masons. The council declined to inquire into it. When this "Knight" was appointed by the Rev. G. R. Portal (on the recommendation of Lord Limerick) to office in the Mark Grand Lodge, I on that account resigned the post of member of the general board of the Mark Degree, and subsequently that of Grand Register of Marks. How comes it that the Temple refused to notice that official complaint, but became so angry with me when an unproved offence of a similar nature was alleged against me. Can "A Mark Master" explain the apparent inconsistency?

The further my case is inquired into, the stronger will be the proof of the correctness of the view taken in your article of this date, that there is at present no safety for Mark Masons—that, in fact, Sir P. Colquhoun, not, so far as I am aware, himself a member of the Mark degree, is its absolute and irresponsible Master.

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There are two points which require to be cleared up in the above case.

1. A Mark Master who happens to be a Templar or a member of the 33° is not "necessitate handed over to the decision of an alien and non-Masonic tribunal." The Judicial Council consists of Masons, as both the Temple and 33° consist solely of Masons, and it includes, out of its nine members, three Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree. I admit that I think it would be well if these three were required to be unanimous before the sentence of the court were carried out in the Mark Degree.

2. Major Burgess's case is emphatically not a case of "pure Templar discipline from first to last." His conduct in making a disgraceful charge against a brother Mason, a gentleman of high character and social position, and refusing when called upon either to withdraw or prove his charge, is not a matter of "discipline" at all.

It is conduct which would make me, and others in the Mark Degree as well, refuse to meet him in lodge or private society. Major Burgess denies that he made any charge against the brother in question, I will therefore ask you to print his letter, and then I will leave the matter, regretting that there should be any difference of opinion among Masons as to what is honourable conduct, and what is not.

"East Maccall, Old Charlton, Kent, S.E.

"8th August, 1874.

"Dear Sir,

"In consequence of the conduct of the Hon. —, as a Masonic Templar, I have resigned membership of that body.

I shall be obliged by your informing me whether I owe any dues to either the Faith and Fidelity or New Temple Encampments, in order that they may at once be paid.

"Yours faithfully,

"W. Tinkler, Esq."

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally.

A MARK MASTER.

[We have omitted a passage in Bro. Burgess's letter, as it does not affect the question in any way, and we think it a paragraph we ought not as Freemasons to publish to the profane world.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your being the Editor of the principal organ of the Craft, of which I have the honour of being a poor member, leads me to believe that when I state my case you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you.

I was initiated, passed, and raised in Loyalty Lodge, No. 243, in the Island of Guernsey.

I am a government writer, and as the hours of employment are very short (being paid by the hour), my earnings are very small. My object, therefore, in troubling you, is to try and obtain your assistance in the way of an introduction to some brother, who would kindly give me some writing (law, ornamental, or otherwise) to do in my spare time. By doing so, you would confer on me a benefit for which I would be ever grateful.

I tried an advertisement in the *Freemason*, but it met with no response, and I have adopted this course.

Trusting that you will forgive me if I have intruded on

your valuable time, and hoping that you will give my case your favourable consideration,

I beg to remain, Sir, your obedient humble servant,

ROBT. S. R. B.

[We shall be very happy to put any brother in communication with our correspondent.—Ed.]

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE JONES OF CIRENCESTER.

From the *Wills and Gloucester Standard*.

We have to announce the death of a well-known and respected inhabitant of Cirencester, and one who was in the prime of life and with his powers for usefulness unimpaired—Bro. George Jones, of Dyer-street. The deceased had for many years been town-surveyor, and in this capacity he had been a most valuable public officer. In no particular, probably, was his fitness for the post more conspicuous than in the question of flood-water, which had always at certain seasons inundated the cellars of parts of the town. He was also inspector of nuisances both under the urban and rural sanitary authorities, and the energy and ability with which he prosecuted his arduous duties were all that could be wished. In addition, Mr. Jones was an auctioneer, and, as our advertising columns have lately shown, possessed the confidence of some of the leading landowners in the district. On Saturday morning, after giving instructions to his men with regard to certain obstructions in the river Churn, he started off on a journey on the business of his inspectorship, pausing at various points on his way to notice the current of the river, &c., in connection with the subject which mainly engrossed his attention. On his return in the evening he put his horse in at the Three Horse Shoes Inn; transacted business with the landlord, and mentioned that he was trying another means of getting rid of the water out of the cellars, which he hoped to find would be effectual, and left for home. This was near six o'clock. On his way down Dyer-street he met a police-constable, and passed on in the direction of his house. From this time all is conjecture as to his movements, but, thanks to the earnestness with which Mr. Superintendent Wood conducted his inquiries, we are able to say that the deceased gentleman, instead of going indoors at once, went direct to the bridge a little lower down, to see if his instructions had been complied with, and their result. There is a stone near the bridge, by which he could tell the height of the water in the stream, and as this place is the only outlet for the water which flows through the town, it was his custom early and late to visit the spot. It was very dark, and he must have knelt on the bridge to look over, and by some sad fatality slipped, falling into the shallow stream on his head, and before regaining consciousness he was drowned.

The shocking tidings quickly spread over the town, and a feeling of gloom pervaded all classes of the inhabitants. The deceased leaves a widow and nine children to deplore the loss of a kind husband and parent. The inquest was held on Monday, at the Bull Inn. The unanimous verdict of the jury was "That the deceased, George Jones, while engaged in the performance of his duty as town surveyor was accidentally killed by falling from the bridge over the Churn, either by injuries in the fall or by drowning and suffocation, and the jury deeply lament the loss of a faithful public servant."

His daughter is a candidate for the next election of the Girls' School, and her case is supported by a number of influential brethren.

BROTHER E. H. FINNEY, JUN., P.M.

A large number of our readers will hear with regret of the death, at the early age of 27, of Bro. E. H. Finney, jun., the only son of Bro. Major E. H. Finney. His health gave way seriously last autumn, and for the greater part of the winter he was confined to his bed-room, but he so far rallied recently as to give his friends grounds for hoping that the improvement would be permanent. Indeed, when the writer met him a month ago he appeared to have thoroughly recovered. On Sunday, the 25th of July, he dined with some friends, and seemed in good health; but a sudden change for the worse took place on the Tuesday, and he expired on Sunday, the 1st of August. He was interred on the following Friday, and had it not been for his father's wish that the funeral should be strictly private, many brethren would have testified their respect to his memory by attending.

At the time of his decease he was I.P.M. of the United Service Lodge, No. 1361, and H. of the Hope and Unity, Chapter, No. 214. He also filled the office of Assistant S.E. of the Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, although his failing health prevented the companions seeing him amongst them during the last session. He was a member of, and held corresponding office in, each of the "High" degrees.

In conclusion, we are sure that all who knew him will feel the sincerest sympathy for Bro. Major Finney in his bereavement.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—During hot and sultry weather all persons who are afflicted with Bad Legs, Ulcerations, Varicose Veins, and cutaneous inflammations, suffer much more severely from their effects than at any other season of the year. Such persons will derive incalculable benefit from the assiduous use of these remedies, for by the local sedative influence of the Ointment on the blood vessels and nerves of the skin and subjacent structures, the congested condition of the former is subdued, and the irritated state of the latter calmed and mollified, and at the same time the internal use of the Pills in alterative doses cools the overheated blood and subdues the inflammation; these combined effects are soon productive of ease.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 20, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16.

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Rishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Perey Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 8; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

General Committee of Grand Lodge, and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.

" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho., Wandsworth.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

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

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havlock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

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

Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.

" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.

Chap. 742, Crystal Palace Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.

" 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Lion-sq., Hampton.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye; W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.

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

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

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

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

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 3.

Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 21, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

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

" 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

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

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

" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, at 6.

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

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 9.

" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.

" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

Chap. 86, Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott, at 6.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

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

" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.

" 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 4.

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

" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1181), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, August 21, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 556, Clydesdale, Freemasons' Masonic Hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S.

St. Mungo Encampment, Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

Lodge 437, Govandale, Masonic Hall, Portland Buildings, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

Lodge 117, Partick, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Partick.

Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 167, Free Operative, Masonic Hall, Biggar.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.

" 306, St. Thomas, Larkhall, 90, Wellgate-street, Larkhall.

" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.

" 471, St. John's, Stane Inn, Shots.

" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21.

Lodge 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.

" 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 21, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall, George-street Edinburgh.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

Lodge 181, Hopetown, Masons' Hall, Bathgate.

" 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

Lodge 85, Kirknewton and Ratho, Masons' Hall, Ratho.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL.

RUNCORN.—ELLESMERE LODGE (No. 758).—This prosperous lodge held the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 11th. The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. with solemn prayer the officers present being Bros. R. Rigby, W.M.; Edward Aston, S.W.; J. Warburton, J.W.; Charles Gerrard, J.D.; J. Fothergill, P.M.; W. Wass, I.G.; J. W. Lightburn, Org.; G. Purver, Tyler. Visitor: Joseph K. Digges, W.M. of No. 673. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Couth was passed to the F.C. Degree. The ceremony was beautifully and impressively rendered. The First Tracing Board was fully explained and delivered in a masterly and creditable manner by Bro. Edward Aston, S.W., after which the lodge closed in due and ancient form at 8.30 p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE (No. 1356).—The usual monthly meeting of this excellently conducted lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., at the hall, 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool. Although the Master has only been a month in the chair, two emergencies have already been held, and as there were no fewer than six candidates on this occasion for admission into the Order, these facts will show how "prosper the art" is abundantly illustrated in the De Grey and Ripon Lodge. Bro. Joseph Bell, W.M., occupied the chair in the East; and amongst those present were Bros. S. E. Ibbs, P.M.; T. Evans, P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M.; T. Horne, S.W.; T. Nickson, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treas.; Jos. Jones, Sec.; M. Williams, S.D.; C. W. Costigan, J.D.; R. Roberts, I.G.; A. Woolrich, S.; C. Harding, S.; P. M. Larsen, P.M., Tyler; J. Winram, T. Williams, W. McVicker, M. Major, P. Askew, W. Andrews, H. Pritchard, W. Evans, J. Casement, W. Parrington, W. Brown, H. Buchanan, J. W. Johnson, W. Heath, H. Williams, T. R. Cooper, E. George, T. Lewis, P. Faust, T. Williams, J. Kenwright, W. Brough; with Bro. Owen Lewis, 1264, and Bro. J. Williams, 149, as visitors. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate the following six candidates into the ancient order:—Mr. E. Pauli, Mr. H. G. Stafford, Mr. Hugh R. Parry, Mr. Henry Leech, Mr. G. F. Penny, and Mr. Edward Sandson. Bro. Pritchard was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The working in both degrees of Bro. Bell, the W.M., was of the most admirable and masterly character, and he was ably assisted by his principal officers. On the motion of Bro. T. Evans, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas should be voted from the funds of the lodge to the Mott Testimonial Fund, which has now reached a goodly sum. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1182).—The largest gathering ever secured in connection with any meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., when the brethren met for the annual installation of the W.M. The lodge has recently been removed from suburban quarters at the Coffee House, Waverley, and is now located at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Upwards of 100 members and visitors were present. The brethren were summoned to assemble at half-past four o'clock, and shortly after that hour the lodge was opened by Bro. J. E. Edginton, W.M., who was supported by Bros. P. R. Thorn, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M.; J. W. Williams, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; T. B. Myers, S.W.; R. Martin, jun., J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; T. Davis, S.D.; G. Musker, J.D.; A. Vaughan, I.G.; W. Thomason, S.; T. Snelson, S.; P. M. Larsen, P.M., Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. L. Wood, R. Mugford, H. J. Hughes, A. D. Hesketh, J. O. Rea, H. Sawyer, T. Hunt, J. Cleworth, C. Llewellyn, W. H. Spring, J. Thompson, F. J. Parry, W. C. Wiggins, R. Stirzaker, T. Curlender, W. Guyler, P. S. Macdonald, J. H. Wilson, L. B. Macdonald, James Thompson, S. A. Romain, C. Williams, A. Barclay, B. Thornton, J. Haslem, C. Jones, T. Dutton, G. Marsh, J. C. Brew, J. N. Parkes, G. Collings, J. Cleworth, J. Weston, R. Baines, J. Sale, B. Wilson, J. B. MacKenzie, R. Pennock, S. Newbold, R. Jones, W. Graves, D. Buchanan, R. Hargreaves, G. Baldsall, D. Kaye. The list of visitors included Bros. W. Healing, S.W. 1094; B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356; J. Bell, W.M. 1356; J. Jacobs,

724; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. G. Hartley, 594; J. W. Johnson, 1356; W. Morris, 673; J. Penney, 1393; F. Day, W.M. 1013; C. Humphries, P.M. 1013; J. Leeming, 667; E. Kyle, P.M. 673; E. Johnston, W.M. 203; J. Mercer Johnson, P.M. 155, 1094; R. P. France, S.W. 594; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; J. L. Houghton, 594; C. Costigan, J.D. 1356; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; G. G. Walmsley, 292; T. Roberts, S.W. 673; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; J. Garratt, 823; T. Whitfield, 594; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D.; B. L. Johannesen, 594; T. Whitfield, 203; H. Brunsgaard, 5; A. Morrison, 594; J. H. Gregory, 667; D. Jackson, S.D. 673; A. Gilfillan, 1393; J. McBenett, W.M. 1350; W. S. Foster, 484; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; A. Woolrich, 1356 and 241; A. Bucknall, 667; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; W. Savage, 241; R. Pearson, P.M. 673; H. Nelson, W.M. 1505; R. Douglas, 667; J. Jones, 605; J. H. Martin, 594; F. W. Durrans, 1094. The lodge having been opened by the retiring W.M., the minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356, who proceeded to install Bro. T. B. Myers as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, the presentation being made by Bro. J. E. Edginton, I.P.M., and Bro. J. Thornton, the oldest P.M. of the lodge. This is the first time Bro. P.M. Marson has performed the ceremony of installation, and the remarkably impressive, complete, and efficient manner in which he went through the whole ceremony delighted and astonished every brother present. It is long since a Masonic treat of this character was afforded to the brethren, and the repeated commendation which Bro. Marson received during the evening was but an evidence of the universal opinion of the great merits of his working. We hope soon to see him again performing like duties. The following brethren were invested officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. J. E. Edginton, I.P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M., D.C.; R. Martin, jun., S.W.; J. Williams, J.W.; W. Brown, Treasurer (re-elected for the seventh or eighth time); T. Davis, Secretary; G. Musker, S.D.; W. Thomason, J.D.; C. Williams, Org.; A. D. Hesketh, I.G.; T. Snelson, S.S.; J. Barclay, J.S.; J. Curlender, A.S.; and P. M. Larsen, P.M., Tyler (re-elected). A candidate was subsequently initiated by the new W.M. in an exceedingly able and telling manner. The I.P.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Marson, P.M. 1356, for the exceedingly impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation; and he further moved that the same should be recorded on the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. W. Williams, P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Marson, in acknowledging the compliment, said it afforded him the greatest pleasure to install Bro. Myers that afternoon, and he must thank the P.M.'s of the lodge for withdrawing their claims, and allowing him to do the pleasant work. It would ever be a pleasant remembrance in his heart to know that in the lodge where he first saw the light he had had the privilege of first performing the ceremony of installation. The lodge was closed after four guineas had been voted to help the widow of a deceased brother. The brethren then retired to the large dining hall, where a very excellent banquet was served by Bro. Eve, 667. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and Bro. J. W. Williams, P.M., the toast of "The Masonic Charitable Institutions," which was coupled with the name of Bro. G. G. Walmsley, 292. Bro. J. E. Edginton, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and Bro. Myers, in responding, expressed his thanks for the cordiality with which the toast had been proposed and received, assuring the members of the lodge that he would do his best to fulfil satisfactorily the duties of the high office to which he had been appointed. The W.M. then gave "The Visiting Brethren," which was acknowledged by Bros. W. Healing, S.W. 1094; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1505; T. Dilcock, W.M. 594; and C. Leedham, P.M. 220, each of whom referred to the admirable manner in which the installation ceremony that afternoon had been performed. Bro. Larsen, P.M., Tyler, also returned thanks on behalf of Bro. Brunsgaard, of Lodge 5, a Norwegian captain, who was present, but unable to speak English fluently. Bro. Thorn, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and in doing so said that as an old Mason of seventeen years' standing he could safely say that he never saw the ceremony of installation more effectively performed. Bro. P.M. Marson thanked the brethren sincerely for their kind expressions of approval, and said he hoped they would all be able to build up living temples as noble in plan and grand in design—as noble and massive as their brethren in antique times. He hoped the W.M. would have health and strength to fulfil his duties. "The Worshipful Past Masters," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. P.M.'s Edginton, Thornton, Thorn, and Williams. The other toasts were "Our Newly Installed Brethren," "The Officers," responded to by Bro. R. Martin, jun., S.W., and Bro. J. Williams, S.W.; and "Poor and Distressed Brethren." Excellent songs were given by Bros. Parry (whose "Holy Friar" was greatly appreciated), Gilfillan, Jacobs, Edginton, and others. On Friday morning about 130 ladies and brethren started from Lime-street Station by first-class special for the Overton Hills, near Frodsham, where the catering was capably done by Mr. Rigby. There were one or two showers, but on the whole the weather was good, and every one present thoroughly enjoyed the "out." During the day a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. E. Edginton, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem of the brethren.

NEWPORT.—ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, LODGE (No. 1429).—The ceremony of installing Bro. John Gristock Huxtable, P.P.G.A.D.C., as W.M. of the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Lodge, took place on Thursday, at the Masonic Hall, Newport. The lodge was opened in due form at 2.30 p.m. by Bro. Wm. Watkins, the retiring W.M. He was supported by a numerous assembly of the

brethren, not only of his lodge, but also representatives of each lodge in the town and province of Monmouth. Shortly after the opening Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, A.G.D.C. of England, and D.P.G.M. of Monmouth, entered the lodge, preceded by his Sword Bearer, Bro. Wickey Homfray, W.M. Isca Lodge, and followed by Bros. B. Lawrence, W.M. Silurian; Dr. Morgan, John Middleton, and a number of other brethren, members of the Grand Lodge of the province. The formal business having been disposed of, the deeply interesting ceremony of installing Bro. Huxtable was conducted with much skill and ability by Bro. Charles Rowe, Prov. G.S. of Monmouth. This having terminated, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wm. Watkins, I.P.M. and P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. Whitehall, S.W., P.G.St.; F. Orders, J.W.; J. W. Bebell, Sec., P.G.S.Wks.; J. Horner, sen., Treas., P.G.D.C.; J. James, S.D.; W. Twist, J.D.; E. W. Perren, Org.; W. M. Locke, Supt. Works; C. Rowe, D.C., P.G. Sec.; J. Horner, jun., I.G.; J. Poole, L. Hermessen, H. Richards, S. Brukewich, Stewards; H. Fletcher, Tyler; W. Hopton, Asst. Tyler, &c., &c. Subsequently the accustomed votes of thanks were passed, and appropriately acknowledged in a manner peculiar to the Craft. The lodge was closed in due form, and then the brethren repaired to the Westgate Hotel, where the annual banquet took place. Bro. Hallen, as he invariably does, placed upon the tables a provision of unusual excellence, and his arrangements were such that the requirements of his guests were attended to in the fullest and most ample manner. Bro. Huxtable, W.M., presided, and was supported at the banquet by the following brethren, covers having been laid for 60:—S. George Homfray, A.G.D.C., and D.P.G.M., Mon.; Wm. Watkins, I.P.M. 1429, and P.P.G.S. Wks., Mon.; W. H. Wickey Homfray, W.M. 693, and P.P.G.S.B., Mon.; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 683, and P.P.G. Sec., Mon.; Chas. Rowe, P.M. 471, and 1429, and P.G. Sec., Mon.; John Middleton, P.M. 683, and 1098, P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Jones Davies, 471; Thos. Boswell, 1429; W. Milton Locke, S.Wks., 1429; T. Frederick, 1429; D. L. James, 471; C. M. Venri, 36, 1133; R. G. Shaddick, 1429; F. Orders, S.W. 1429 and 471; John James, S.P. 1429 and 471; Henry Evans, 1429; W. Welsford, 1429; E. W. Perren, Org. 1429; J. A. Seys, 1429; Samuel Davies, P.P.G.S.B., Gloucester, P.M. 1363 and 270, 471, 1429; James Horner, jun., I.G. 1429; John Randall, 1429; J. W. Bebell, Sec. 1429, P.G.S.Wks.; Jacob Berlyn, 471; Hartley Feather, Prov. G. Purst, and Secretary Kennard Lodge, 1258, Pontypool; James Stallard, 1429; John Sims, 1429; Simeon Wyatt, 147; John Hooper, 251; John Neck, 201 and 1429; Wm. Kinsey Morgan, 1429; John Summers, 1429; James Horner, P.D.A.D.C., Treasurer 1429 and 471; S. Brinkewick, Std., 1429 and 471; Wm. Twist, 471, J.D. 1429; F. J. Hey-byrne, 1429; John Summers, 1429; J. Evans Thomas, 1429; Henry Richards, S. 1429; Alfred Taylor, 471 and 1429; Isaac T. Dando, 683; Henry Fletcher, A.P.G.T., 471; Wm. Hopton, Assistant Tyler 1429. On the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proceeded with the toast list, proposing in the most loyal terms, "The Health of the Queen and the Craft." The toast was drunk right loyally, and "God save the Queen" sung by the brethren, Bro. Perren skilfully presiding at the pianoforte, as he did throughout the entire proceedings of the evening. The W.M. next gave "The W.M. the G.M. of England, H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G." He spoke befittingly of the illustrious head of the Masonic Order, and of the joy and gratification he experienced in being present to witness the grand ceremonial of the installation of H.R.H. There could be no higher honour conferred upon the Freemasons of this kingdom than to have His Royal Highness to preside over them, and no greater honour could be conferred upon a Prince than to be the chosen head of such a body of men as were the Freemasons of Great Britain. Never should he forget the words spoken by H.R.H. at the time of his installation, viz., "Loyalty and Charity." These were the grand principles that bound Masons together in one individual band of brotherhood. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Twist sang the air and the brethren joined in the chorus of "God bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Viscount Skelmersdale, and Officers of the Grand Lodge of England." He pertinently alluded to the high qualifications as well as the social rank and position of the brethren who composed the Grand Lodge. Great benefits must necessarily follow to the Craft when noblemen and gentlemen of such high renown were leaders in the movement. Bro. S. G. Homfray, as one of the Grand Lodge Officers, acknowledged the toast. It was the first time that he had had the extreme pleasure of appearing in any lodge with the new and valuable insignia of office which had been presented to him by the Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire. He felt extreme pride in being amongst them, and could not but feel proud at the honour of receiving the appointment which he held, and to which he had been raised by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. So far as the province was concerned, as so far as he was able, nothing should be lost to strengthen and uphold the genuine tenets and principles of Freemasonry. Bro. Middleton proposed "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lyne." He regretted his absence, through indisposition. On that account, however, he could speak the more freely on his merits, and distinguished position as a Mason, as a citizen, and as a public man. The W.M. gave "The V.W. the D.P.G.M. for Monmouthshire, Capt. S. G. Homfray, A.G.D.C. of England, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire." Bro. Homfray responded to the toast at length, and thanked the brethren most sincerely for the manner in which they had received his name. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than being amongst them that evening, and the brethren of the Albert Edward Lodge might rest assured that all he could do to further their interests would be most readily and heartily done.

He congratulated them on the sound and vigorous condition of their lodge. Bro. Watkins rose to propose the next toast, and called upon the brethren to drink in a bumper "The Health of their W.M., Bro. J. G. Huxtable." No one was more pleased or gratified than he to see the W.M. installed into the chair of King Solomon. He was one of the founders of the lodge, and he yet hoped to see other brethren who had assisted in its formation occupy the distinguished position to which he had attained. The W.M. responded, and thanked them most sincerely for the kind manner in which they had proposed and drunk his health. He felt proud of the position to which he had been elected. Advancing in years as he was, he felt that his memory was not so clear or so active as in days gone by, but he promised them that he would do his best to carry out the important duties of his office faithfully and honourably. Whatever defects they may see in his efforts he trusted to their generosity and leniency, and he promised to do all in his power to hand down the warrant which had been entrusted to his keeping that day as pure and untarnished as he had received it from the hands of their late W.M., Bro. Watkins. He felt he should need the aid of his officers and brethren, and particularly that of his I.P.M. and Bro. Charles Rowe, to whom they were all so much indebted. After alluding to the formation and progress of the Prince of Wales Lodge, he expressed the belief that in quality as well as numbers it would bear comparison with any lodge in the province, and concluded by again thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by placing him in so proud a position as that which he now occupied. (Applause.) Bro. Homfray proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Watkins, P.P.G.S.Ws.," and in the course of his observations took occasion to invest Bro. Watkins with a valuable P.M. jewel on behalf of the lodge, referring to the meritorious Masonic career of the recipient, and expressing the hope that he may long be spared to wear the jewel on his breast (loud and prolonged cheering). The jewel was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, and the inscription was as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Wm. Watkins, P.M. 1429, and P.P.G.S.W., Mon., for valuable service rendered the lodge, August 12th, 1875." Bro. Watkins, in appropriate and feeling terms, acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him, not merely in drinking his health, but in presenting him with so valuable a jewel. To adequately thank the brethren for their kindness and manifest appreciation of his services would be one of the most difficult tasks he had been called upon to perform since he had been in the chair of this lodge. He had ever aimed at doing his duty, and he now began to think that to some extent, at least, he must have succeeded in that direction. (Applause.) His aim would still be to labour to promote the interest of the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Lodge, so that it should stand second to none in the province. The W.M. gave "The Installing Master, Bro. Chas. Rowe, P.G.S." Long may he live to be an honour to the province. Bro. Rowe acknowledged the toast in suitable terms. The remaining toasts were, "The Visitors," "The W.M.'s and Brethren of the Silurian and Isca Lodges," "The Other Lodges of the Province," "The Officers of the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," "To all Poor and Distressed Masons." These were acknowledged respectively by Bros. Capt. G. Homfray, A.G.D.C. of England, and D.P.G.M. of Mon.; Wyatt, Heath, Wickey Homfray, W.M., Isca Lodge; Hartley Feather, Pontypool; F. Orders, and Bro. H. Fletcher, Tyler. The entire proceedings were characterised by the greatest cordiality and harmony. The brethren separated at an early hour.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN.—THE KING HAROLD LODGE (No. 1327) held its usual monthly meeting at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, Herts, on Tuesday, the 17th of August. Bro. Charles Lacey, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Herts, the W.M., presided, supported by Bros. West, P.M. and W.M. 1437, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; Young, I.P.M., P.G.A.D.C. Herts; Tydeman, P.M. 1437, P.G.A.P. Essex; Reilly, J.W.; Barwick, Treas.; Malcolm, Sec.; Jacobs, acting as S.W.; Tydeman, P.M. 1437, P.G.A.P. Essex, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; Fisher, acting as I.G.; Steedman, P.M., Tyler. There was a good muster of the brethren. The lodge was honoured by a visit from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Hertfordshire, Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Herts. The business of the evening was to pass Bro. Taylor; to ballot for four candidates for initiation, viz., Mr. John William Newman, Mr. James Bull, Mr. G. T. Ridley, and Mr. C. Fuller. The ballot was unanimous in favour of these gentlemen. The W.M. then presented a suit of P.G. Lodge clothing to the I.P.M., Bro. J. K. Young, P.G.A.D.C. Hertfordshire, which was purchased by the members of the King Harold Lodge in recognition of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Young to the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Lacey, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him in being the medium of conveying to Bro. Young the feelings of fraternal regard entertained for him by the brethren, and concluded by investing Bro. Young with the clothing. Bro. Young thanked the W.M. and brethren in a suitable manner, saying that it was the happiest moment of his life. The business of the evening being concluded, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony with solemn prayer, after which the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. Bro. Dr. Iles, replying to that of "The Provincial Grand Officers of Hertfordshire," said he was very pleased to see the very able manner in which the W.M., Bro. Lacey, and his officers worked the ceremonies, and also the cordial and harmonious feeling that existed between the King Harold and the Gresham Lodges, both being situated in close proximity at Waltham. The evening was enlivened by some very good harmony, rendered in excellent style by Bro. Malcolm, Sec., 1327, and Bro. Goggs, from London; and, after thoroughly enjoying themselves, the brethren broke up at an early hour.

CHISLEHURST.—CHISLEHURST LODGE (No. 1531).—An emergency meeting of this young lodge was held on Saturday, August 14th, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst. Bro. J. Coutts, P.G.P. P.M., W.M., presided, and in an able, proficient, and impressive manner passed Bros. Wain, Hooker, and Luck to the Second Degree, and initiated Messrs. Gerard Humphreys and George Benjamin West into Freemasonry. The candidates were introduced separately, which added to the importance of the ceremonies. There were present, Bros. Hutchings as S.W.; W. Kipps, J.W.; J. Griffin, P.M. Sec.; J. Mason, S.D.; H. Gloster, J.D.; W. Hardman, I.G.; Hunt, Skinner, and others. There was only one visitor present. Bro. Robert Russell, P.P.G.D.C., Kent, P.M. 299, was unanimously elected a joining member, and acted as Past Master. Bros. G. F. Guest, S.W., and F. Walters, P.P.G.P., Midx., P.M., were absent from circumstances beyond their control. A very good banquet followed.

Mark Masonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORK-SHIRE.

The regular half-yearly meeting of this Prov. G. Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at Eastwood, near Todmorden, by invitation from the W.M. and brethren of the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14. A lodge of Mark Masters having been opened by the W.M. and officers, the Provincial G.M.M. (R.W. Bro. Thomas Perkinson, Past G.S.O.) entered the room, accompanied by the following officers:—

John Wordsworth	D.P.G.M.
W. F. Wilkinson	P.S.G.W.
John C. Taylor	P.J.G.W.
T. S. Higgins, P.P.G.M.O., as	P.G.M.O.
Alfred Scargill	P.G.S.O.
E. Hartley, P.P.G.J.O., as	P.G.J.O.
E. Sewell, M.A.	P.G. Chap.
G. Normanton	P.G. Treas.
R. Williamson	P.G. Reg.
William Cooke	P.G. Sec.
W. S. Wade, M.D.	P.S.G.D.
J. Holroyde, P.P.S.G.D., as	P.J.G.D.
W. Roberts, P.P.G.M.O., as	P.G.D. of C.
W. Tasker	P.G.I. of W.
H. W. Wrigley	P.G.S.W.B.
W. White	P.S.St.B.
C. F. Unna	P.G. Org.
J. S. Seanor	P.G.I.G.
Hy. Beaumont	P.G. St.
Geo. Marshall as	P.G. St.
J. Greenwood	P.G. Tyler.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then duly opened, and prayer offered by the P.G. Chaplain. The roll of lodges was then called, and also of the P.G. officers, past and present. The minutes of the Prov. G. Lodge, holden at Bradford in February last, were then confirmed; after which the P.G. Sec. read letters of apology from various brethren who had been prevented from attending the meeting. The remaining business (which was of a formal character) having been transacted, and an invitation from the W.M. of the Lodge of Truth, No. 137, having been given the Prov. G.M.M. to hold the February meeting at Huddersfield, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed. The brethren, at 4 p.m., retired for refreshment, and afterwards spent a very pleasant evening, there being a good attendance from Rochdale, Todmorden, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Huddersfield, Wakefield, and Sheffield.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—ST. ANDREW'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 69) met on the 10th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. Comp. T. M. Campbell, P.Z., presided, and was supported by Comps. J. Duthie, Z. 67, acting H.; J. O. Park, Z. 122, acting J.; J. M. Oliver, S.E.; J. Gibson, S.N.; W. Thomas, Treas.; J. Balfour, P.Z. 73, acting 1st Soj.; G. B. Adams, 50, acting 2nd Soj.; Geo. Heron, H. 69, acting 3rd Soj.; Thos. Halket, Z. 113; W. Dotie, P.Z. 119, and others. There were two aspirants for Royal Arch honours, Bro. Wm. McMillan, M.M. of Mother Kilwinning No. 0, and Bro. Wm. Jones on behalf of the Thetis, R.A. Chapter No. 122. A lodge of M.E. Mark Masters was opened, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and that degree given to the candidates in Comp. Duthie's best style. In the R.A. Degree Comp. T. M. Campbell displayed rare ability, and familiarity with this beautiful degree of Masonry; throughout he was ably assisted by the companions taking part in the work.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE (No. 73).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 9th inst., at three o'clock. Present—Bros. Geo. McDonald, R.W.M.; G. Weston, P.M., acting S.W.; J. F. Hanbridge, J.W.; J. S. Ampleford, Sec.; and others. Two gentlemen were instructed in the First Degree of Masonry, who were proposed and seconded by Bro. Chas. T. Oliver and Robt. McKean, the R.W.M., G. McDonald, performing the ceremony. At the next regular meeting they will be prepared to be advanced further. The lodge was then closed in usual form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. Bro. J. Singleton, R.W.M., with his Wardens, Bro. B. Gairdner, S.W., J. W. Hepburn, J.W., conducted the business before the lodge, which consisted of initiation and F.C. Degree, one candidate for each being presented. The office of I.G. having become vacant, Bro. B. McDonald

was proposed for that office and elected. After some further business of an ordinary character was got through the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 9th inst., and was exceedingly well attended. The R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, presided; Bro. Renton in the S.W. chair; Bro. Kerr in the J.W.; and there were present Bros. T. Halket, P.M.; A. C. Lindsay Gray, D.M.; W. Westerton, S.M.; A. Paterson, Treas.; J. Smith, Sec.; W. Bell, R.W.M. (31 St. John's); H. McMillan, J.D.; Fenfar, D. of Music, presiding at the harmonium; F. W. Louch, P.M. 738, E.C. (Port Natal); F. Marshall, of Lodge Avalon, No. 776, E.C., St. John's, Newfoundland; J. Booth, S.W. 87; G. B. Adams, 360 (Freemason), and others. The minutes of the previous meetings (two) were read by the Secretary, found to be correct, and confirmed. An application for admittance into Freemasonry, through St. Mark's Lodge, from Mr. Joseph Cotter, was submitted to the brethren. The ballot was found clear, and he received the First Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. The R.W.M., thinking this was a case where the discretionary power allowed him by Grand Lodge laws in the case of a candidate leaving the country might be used, the brother was passed through the F.C. Degree, and raised to that of M.M., Bro. Mitchell performing the work in a style marked by masterly carefulness. The R.W.M. then said, if it was agreeable to the lodge, he would take this opportunity of conferring upon Bro. Bell, R.W.M. of the St. John 34, the honorary membership of this lodge, as a mark of their sense of his worth as a brother. This was unanimously agreed to, and that honour was conferred upon him. Bro. Bell replied that the honour from a lodge of such high standing in the Craft as St. Mark's was no ordinary mark of respect. The R.W.M. then referred in the most kind and feeling manner to the character and career of the late Bro. Huggins, who was an old and esteemed member of this lodge. By his death Masonry had sustained a severe loss, and this lodge, in which he took such a deep interest, would hear with sorrow and regret the news of his death. He would take the liberty of asking the office-bearers and members of the lodge to join him in sending a letter of sympathy and condolence to his sorrowing widow, and that the same be recorded in the minutes of the lodge. The Treasurer then gave notice of a motion for next meeting, viz., that the attention of the members of the lodge be called to the recent conduct and language of a brother; at that meeting he would lay the case fully before them, and propose what course the lodge ought to adopt in reference thereto. This finished the business of the lodge, when it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. GEORGE (No. 333).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Bro. Thomson, R.W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. J. Forsyth, S.W.; R. Andrews, J.W.; McIntyre, Sec.; and others. The lodge was opened with the usual fullness, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, and after being raised to the Sublime Degree, the work before the brethren was that of conferring the Master Mason Degree upon Bros. R. Mitchell, John Teiman, and W. McLeish. This being satisfactorily accomplished, a letter from Bro. Stewart was read, intimating the accidental death of Bro. Dougald Paterson, who has left a widow and family to mourn his loss in adverse circumstances. It was arranged that proper inquiry be made into the matter, and, if necessary, pecuniary assistance given to the widow. The R.W.M. then read a circular he had received from Bro. G. Kenning, calling attention to a "Cyclopedia of Freemasonry" he is about to publish. He said the well-known character of Bro. Kenning was sufficient guarantee that the work would be no commonplace concern, and he himself, with confidence, could recommend it to them. He called upon Bro. Adams, of the *Freemason*, to explain the nature of the work, which he did, the members expressing themselves satisfied, and some of them becoming subscribers to the work. This finished the business, and the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. CLAIR (No. 362) met in their hall, situated at 25, Robertson-street, on the 9th inst. A considerable number of brethren were present at the meeting. The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Hogg, took the chair, the S.W. chair being filled by Bro. Adam Rutherford, the J.W. by Bro. Callen Galletlay. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, which finished the business on this degree. The lodge was then passed to that of F.C., when Bro. Michael Jones was instructed in this degree, Bro. Thallion, P.M., officiating. The lodge was then raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bro. Jones was duly made M.M., Bro. Wm. Hogg, R.W.M., officiating with his usual clearness. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOL (No. 413).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. Bro. J. Wallace, R.W.M., presided, and among others present were Bros. J. Louttit, D.M.; C. McKenzie, S.W.; D. Leeds, J.W.; J. B. McNair, R.W.M. 332; A. Bridges, P.M. 291; E. C. R. Mitchell, P.M. 332; J. McInnes, S.W. 408; J. Dick, Sec. 34, and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, when Bro. John Kelly, who had made application to the Lodge Union, No. 332, to be admitted into the Order, received the First Degree on behalf of that lodge, Bro. McNair, R.W.M., No. 332, officiating. There was no more business of importance before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GLASGOW (No. 441).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Lodge, 21, Struthers-street, on the 10th inst. Present—Bros. John

Tullock, R.W.M.; Jas. Woods, S.W.; Geo. Muir, D.M. 103, acting J.W.; and a large number of brethren, including members of the lodge and visitors. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Applications for admittance into the Order were read from the following gentlemen, viz.:—Capt. George Coates, Alex. Caldwell, Robert Thomson, Gavin Hamilton, and William Thomson. These gentlemen being proposed and seconded in the usual way by two members of the lodge, were found clear by the ballot, and received the First Degree, Bro. David Ronald, S.W. 275, officiating with great ability and clearness of style. This was all the business before the lodge, when it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE MARYHILL (No. 510).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Maryhill, on the 11th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. John Lockhart, presided; Bro. Wm. Carey, S.W.; Bro. Jas. Kay, acting J.W., together with a large number of well-qualified brethren, supported him in that position. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when the lodge was passed to the F.C. Degree. Bros. John Gibson, Robert Pollock, George Scott, George Fleming, George Finister, William Rintoul, and Robert Adams, were found worthy to receive that degree, and were put in possession of it, Bro. Alex. Nevay, S.M., officiating. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 50).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on the 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. In the absence of Comp. Miller, Z., Comp. J. Duthie, Z. 67, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, but no other business of importance was before the chapter. After a little instructive conversation, it was closed in usual form.

GLASGOW.—ST. ROLLOX CHAPTER (No. 144).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Gargad-road, on the 13th inst. Present—Comps. J. Annand, Z.; J. McLeish, H.; J. Booth, S.E.; Mills and Morrison, Soj.; J. Duthie, Z. 69; D. Gilchrist, P.Z. 73; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following brothers were made Royal Arch Masons:—James Fletcher and Sampson, J. S. Allan, Alex. McAllum, and Archd. Stevenson; Comp. Duthie officiating. There being no business of further importance, the chapter was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire took place at Monmouth on the 13th inst. The brethren assembled in the lodge room, 457, at High Noon, shortly after which the Grand Lodge was opened with due ceremony by the Right Worshipful Colonel Charles Lyne, Prov. G.M., supported by the Worshipful S. George Homfray, Esq., A.G.D.C. of England, D.P.G.M., and the Right Worshipful J. A. Lloyd Phillips, Prov. G.M. of South Wales (Western Division). There was a numerous assemblage, most of the leading brethren of the province being in their places.

Bro. Charles Rowe, P.G.S., read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed.

The Prov. G.T., who (being abroad) was represented by Bro. Watkins (1429), Prov. G.S. Wks., presented the annual balance-sheet. The accounts were subjected to a slight criticism. They showed that the province, financially speaking, was in a sound position, there being a considerable balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The accounts were unanimously passed.

Bro. Pickford, P.G. Treasurer, was re-elected unanimously, and thanked for his past valuable services for upwards of 23 years.

Bro. Preece was re-elected Prov. G. Tyler, and owing to the onerous and increasing duties devolving upon him, Bro. Henry Fletcher was elected Assistant P.G.T.

The following were appointed and invested by the Rt. Worshipful P.G.M. as officers to constitute the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in addition to the Prov. G.M. and D.P.G.M.:—

Charles H. Oliver.....	Prov. G.S.W.
R. J. Chambers.....	Prov. G.J.W.
W. Davies.....	Prov. G.S.D.
B. D. Thomas.....	Prov. G.J.D.
H. Feather.....	Prov. G. Purst.
W. B. Broad.....	Prov. G. Org.
J. W. Bebell.....	Prov. G.S. Wks.
Coates.....	Prov. G.D.C.
James Horner.....	Prov. G. As. D.C.
Charles Rowe.....	Prov. G. Sec.
George Gould.....	Prov. G. Reg.
W. Pickford.....	Prov. G.T.
J. W. Osman.....	Prov. G. Chaplain.

Fees of honour were duly paid by all the Prov. Grand Officers.

The returns from the different lodges of the province were handed in by the Prov. Grand Registrar.

The Rt. Worshipful P.G.M., addressing the brethren, said he was about to perform a most pleasing and highly gratifying duty, viz., that of presenting for the acceptance of their D.P.G.M., the insignia of office as the Assistant G.D.C. of England, for which high and distinguished position he had been selected from a great number of eligible brethren by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Applause.) In felicitous and most appropriate terms he complimented the D.P.G.M. on his exalted and distinguished position among Masons, and he likewise congratulated the Province of Monmouth on having so able and efficient a brother as Samuel George Homfray (renewed applause) raised to such an honourable and distinguished office. He, therefore, had the greatest pleasure in presenting and investing him with the insignia of

his office, on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Monmouth. (Applause.)

Bro. Homfray suitably acknowledged the valuable gift. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the high estimation in which he was held by them, and pledged himself to do in the future as he had done in the past—all he could to promote the interests of Freemasonry in general, and the Province of Monmouth in particular. Another opportunity would be afforded to him of addressing the brethren, when he hoped to be able to express to them more fully that which he now felt in his heart and was unable to express. (Applause.)

The business of the lodge having been disposed of, the brethren formed themselves into a procession, clothed in their regalia, and carrying the banners of the various lodges comprising the province. The band of the Royal Monmouth Militia headed the procession, which proceeded en route to St. Mary's Church.

On arriving at the entrance to St. Mary's Church, the brethren opened out to right and left, and thereby inverted the order of procession, allowing the Prov. G. Master to pass up the centre, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearer, the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren closing in from the rear and so proceeding into church, the well-known hymn (385 Ancient and Modern selection), "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was being sung by the choir, under the direction of Bro. W. Broad, the newly appointed Prov. G. Organist. The brethren having taken their seats joined with the choir in rendering this remaining portion of the hymn, which produced a very pleasing effect. Bro. the Rev. J. W. Osman preached the sermon. The rev. gentleman selected his text from 1st Epistle to Corinthians, 14 c., 1 v.: "Follow after charity." He said: Dear Brethren,—Happily the principles of our ancient and honourable Craft suggest many subjects to which we may with profit direct our thoughts, especially on such an occasion as this, when we are assembled in the temple of the Great Architect of the Universe for prayer and praise in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. From these principles I select brotherly love. This lifts up our devout contemplation to Him who is the perfect type of brotherly love; yea, manhood's true perfection. His religion is a religion of love. Its origin is love—love in the heart of God towards mankind. "Herein is love," writes the beloved disciple, "not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins." And when Christ's redeeming work was done, and He had ascended up far beyond all heavens to the eternal throne, and the twelve men whom He had called and ordained were evangelising the world, we find that this great principle of brotherly love was everywhere and without ceasing taught by them, insisted upon, enforced! What an instance we have of this in the chapter immediately preceding the text; the text being the practical lesson derived from it, "Follow after charity." In the Church of Corinth at this time many of her members, both clerical and lay, possessed the extraordinary gifts of the Spirit—such as working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues, the interpretation of these different kinds of languages. The possession of these gifts had led certain who possessed them to overlook, to lose sight of charity, love, brotherly love. Hence, their unchristian conduct towards one another, their strife, their connivance at the sins of fornication and glorying in the transgression, as illustrating what they supposed their free liberty to indulge in it or not, just as they pleased. The apostle, using means to correct the disorder which had followed upon such views and conduct, calls their thoughts to the superiority of charity over the gifts they were so proud of, and which, through their folly and want of usefulness, had been the means of leading them into dangerous delusion and open sin. "Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies they shall fail; whether there be tongues they shall cease; whether there be knowledge it shall vanish away." How weighty are these words! The writer had the gift of prophecy and the power of working miracles. He "spoke with tongues more than they all." His knowledge of eternal things was far greater than any among them possessed; through him they had been put to the knowledge of truth. He was their father in Christ, yet to them his children he shows the inferiority of these gifts; he declares they will fail, will all vanish away; whilst charity, the greatest, the mightiest operation of God's spirit in a renewed soul; charity, which they had for ever in the paradise of God. Brethren, are not we in danger of losing sight of charity while we exalt, and very properly exalt, faith? Do we not too often leave charity in the background while we lay undue stress upon happy frames of mind and glowing Christian experience? Is it not the object of the enemy to keep our thoughts as much as possible from that which is the unfailing proof, the sure evidence of life of God in the soul, "Charity out of a pure heart, as the result of faith unfeigned? Faith may be wrong in its nature, or as to its object. It may be the faith which, as St. James tells us, the devils have faith, that is to say, which acknowledges the existence and attributes of Almighty God, which leads man to tremble at the thought of Him and of judgment to come;" but yet tends to no change of heart, no holiness of life. Or it may be wrong as to its object, faith, i.e., which leads men to rest for acceptance before God in Christ partly upon the merits of the Saviour, partly upon their own good works, and which is, therefore, inasmuch as it leads not to entire dependence upon the Redeemer's finished work, utterly opposed to the spirit and teaching of the New Testament. And then in reference to hope. Though called Christian it may be unscriptural hope—hope that the Most High will show mercy at the hour of death and at the judgment, though the whole life is wilfully, rebelliously spent in pursuit of the pleasures of sin. But it is not so easy for any evil influence to usurp the place of Christian charity. And in that respect also it is greater than faith and hope; Charity will never fail on earth.

Prophecies, tongues, and knowledge such as that which is spoken of in the 13th chapter were necessary during certain periods of the world's history, but as soon as the necessity for them ceased they passed away, but the bond of peace and of all virtues is as necessary now as at the beginning. And this holy bond will make all believers in one body until the Lord's coming again! Secondly—Charity will never fail in the family of the redeemed in Heaven. One step taken into the eternal world, and the accidents of our earthly state, the surroundings of our lot here, will have passed away with the earthly life. The prestige and local influence we lay so much stress upon now; wealth, territory, names, rank, titles, power, learning, will be useless then. Every circumstance of worldly advantage and temporal distinction, viewed in the light of the eternal world, will sink into insignificance and obscurity. The race for wealth, the plotting and scheming, the labour and toil, the reckless speculation, and fierce contention to attain the pleasant things this world can give, will have ceased. Ah! in how many cases leaving behind a ruined soul, an outcast from Heaven, wandering over the plains of immortality, an heir of utter misery and irretrievable woe. But when all are gone, and every one failed, "Charity faileth not." The faithful soul walking with God in peace and holiness, will lose faith in sight, the pilgrim's toil gone, the days of mourning ended, temptation's power no more, the warfare accomplished, rest come, the glories and joy of immortality in possession! Every characteristic of the time—state, save one, gone, charity, that remains! Hope, scriptural hope, real hope, which used to cheer in "life's long day," and which, most of all, lit up the dark valley, showing in the far distance the portals of the heavenly home beyond; hope, which kept up the fainting heart in duty's path, in times of conflict which spake a brighter day, and whispered glorious things of a coming future; hope, the sweet companion of life's pilgrimage, is lost in possession, but charity finds her rest, her home, her eternal home, where all is love, all is holiness unto the Lord for ever. Does it not follow, brethren, that it is the best spiritual possession which is in the power of us all to attain unto? You can, by abundant charity, glorify God far more than he does who, possessed of more brilliant gifts, like the Corinthians, falls short of this, the recognised expression of "the life of God in the soul of man," may possess the gifts which attract the notice and command the admiration of their fellow-men, but which, after all, are only of secondary import in the sight of the Most High. Great faith, unclouded hope, clear testimony of acceptance before God in Christ, may not fall to the lot of all, but every believer, however weak and humble, can, by abounding charity, adorn the doctrine of Him who calls us to glory and virtue, and thus show forth His praise for calling us out of darkness unto His marvellous light. It is charity which ennoble the meanest, enriches the poorest, exalts the most lowly, blesses the most uncleaned of all who call upon God. How earnestly the Redeemer presses the cultivation of charity on all who are called by His holy name. In the last hours of His earthly life, when His violent and cruel death was at hand, it lay very near His heart. With one glance sweeping through the long intervening ages, between His ascension into heaven and His coming again to judge mankind, He saw how little, comparatively, this blessed fruit of the Spirit would be sought after, realised. He saw the contention and strife that would separate one from another—many who profess love and service to Him; and hence He prayed that all who professed to follow Him, "May be one, as Thou," He saith, "O Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." Then He charged all who believed on Him, and all who would hereafter believe on Him to the end of time, to love one another, saying, as His last commands before His voice was silent in death, "A new command I give unto you, that ye love one another." If, therefore, we desire the best gifts with that earnestness, intense earnestness, we should desire and seek to possess the gift of charity, abundant, ever increasing charity, which is most excellent of all! With what care and diligence should we every day and every hour of life, cultivate this distinguishing grace of God's Holy Spirit. In the 13th chapter, which, I doubt not, is familiar to you all, you will see how it operates in the daily walk and conduct. Frequently study that short sketch of its operation and its blessings. Make it the ground of self-examination and prayer. Are the workings of brotherly love seen in our intercourse with all men, more particularly with those whom we are bound by Masonic obligation to uphold in the practice of all that is good and true, and to defend, as far as in us lies, from unfriendly attack in daily life? In our spirit towards the brethren and towards all men? In our way of thinking and of speaking of them too? Are we thus under the influence of the chief grace of the Blessed Spirit? Has our conduct reference by means of this to the life which, after rising from the tomb of transgression, we hope to attain unto? Follow, "we beseech you, brethren, after charity;" her home is heaven, her lustre brightens ever step taken in the way leading to it, her path is peace, her sweetness, blessing, and joy gladden every pilgrim pressing forward in the shining pathway of the just. Yea, "follow after charity." She is the safe guide, the soul's friend, leading onward and upward to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, where "the builder and maker of all things" lives and reigns for evermore. Unto which, in His mercy, may He bring us all through Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord. Amen.

A collection was then made on behalf of local and Masonic charities.

The benediction having been pronounced, the congregation began to disperse, as the organist played the concluding voluntary—"Grand Offertorie"—Lefebvre—Wely.

The procession was re-formed, and, headed by the band, proceeded by another route to the lodge-room, where

the remaining business was quickly gone through. It consisted chiefly in passing the usual votes of thanks to brethren who had served in office during the past year.

The Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. closed the lodge in ample form, and

The Prov. G. Chaplain pronounced the benediction.

The majority of the brethren then proceeded to the banquetting hall, the spacious borough court having been lent and decorated for the occasion. Bro. Jno. Thomas, the respected proprietor of the King's Head Hotel, was entrusted with the catering, and he prepared a sumptuous repast, not merely in an unexceptionable, but highly creditable manner.

Right Worshipful Colonel Lyne, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported right and left by S. George Homfray, A.G.D.C. and D.P.G.M., Mon.; J. A. Lloyd Phillips, Provincial Grand Master South Wales (Western Division); Shadwell H. Clerke, P.M. 349, and P.P.S.G. Warden, Devon; Alfred T. Perkins, W.M. 446, Wells, Somerset; D. G. Davies, Chaplain, 457; W. L. Stradling, P.M. 336, and P.P.G.C. Western Division, South Wales; T. J. White, P.M. 464, P.P.G.W. Western Division of South Wales; R. B. Evans, P.M. 471, P.P.G.S.W., Mon.; Henry J. Gratte, P.M. 473, P.P.S.D., Mon.; George Gould, P.G.R., Mon.; W. H. Wickey Homfray, P.P.G.S.B., Mon., and W.M. Isca, 683; Walter West, J.W. 683, P.G.S., Mon.; R. J. Chambers, P.M. 683, P.G.J.W.; G. Haskins, 471, P.G.S.; Chas. Rowe, P.M. 471 and 1429, P.G. Sec.; J. Horner, P.G.A.D.C. 471, Treas. 1429; Wm. Kinsey Morgan, 1429; Alfred Williams, 683; Samuel Fisher, M.M. 213, Perseverance; Jas. Horner, jun., Steward 1429; Benjamin Lawrence, W.M. 471, P.P.G. Supt. Works; John Griffiths, P.M. 471, P.P.G. Supt. Works; S. H. Hallen, Silurian; Thos. John Davies, 471; S. Davies, P.M. 1363, P.P.G.S.B.G.; Hartley Feather, P.G. Pursuivant, and Secretary of Kennard Lodge, 1258, Pontypool; J. W. Bebell, Sec. 1249, P.G. Supt. Works; Oliver Dillon Thomas, 1258, P.G.S.B.; William Bunning, W.M. 1258; John Rees, Chaplain 1258; Charles Wilson, 457; W. B. Broad, 457, P.G.O.; T. J. A. Williams, 457, S.; T. R. Hyam, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. V. Salmon, 457; W. Welsford, 1429; H. P. Prosser, 457; Wyndham Vaughan, 457; John G. Huxtable, W.M. elect, 1429, P.P.A.G.C.; W. Watkins, W.M. 1429, and P.P.G.S. Wks.; Charles H. Oliver, P.M., and P.Z. 471, P.G.S.W.; Edward D. Thomas, S.W. and Treasurer 818, P.G.I.D.; Crawshaw Bailey, W.M. 818, P.P.G.S.B.; V. O. B. Horsford, S.D. 818; James Howard, 818; H. Jenkins, J.D. 818; W. Tucker, 818; G. H. Gorin, J.W. 818; Jos. Coates, W.M. 457, P.G.D.C.; Wm. James, P.M., Treasurer 457; G. Higgins, P.G.W. 457; John A. Tipples, 457; Matthew Jones, S.D. 457; William Lloyd, P.M., 1258, P.P.G.R.; Dr. W. H. Tucker, 818; James Straker, P.J.W. 818; John O. Marsh, 818; W. S. Hadley Pain, 818; Thomas Hartry, 818, P.P.G.S.; H. R. Barrett, 818, I.G.; John Watkins, 811; Robert Davies, 818; Thos. Lewis Preece, P.M. 457, P.G.T.; John Rashleigh Banfield, 457; Thos. Sykes, 1004; William Coles, 457; William Mills, 457; P. James, 471; Wm. Needham, 461; Charles Cooper, 457; William H. Price, 457, P.M.; Thos. H. Clark, 457.

TOAST LIST.

The following was the toast list:—

"The Queen and the Craft."

"The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G."

"The M.W. the Pro. G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy G.M., the Viscount Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge."

"The E.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lieut-Col. Charles Lyne."

"The V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, A.G.D.C."

"The Visitors."

"The W.M. of the Loyal Monmouth Lodge," No. 457, Mon.

"W.M.'s of other lodges, and Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Lodges of the Province."

"The Masonic Charities."

"To all poor and distressed Masons, &c."

The band of the Royal Monmouth Militia performed a choice programme of music at intervals throughout the evening, and the proceedings passed off with the greatest harmony.

Obituary.

BRO. W. H. GRESHAM.

An emergency meeting of the Sandridge Marine Lodge, E.C., was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sandridge, Victoria, Australia, on Monday, 29th ult., when a solemn mortuary service was held, in memory of the late Bro. William Hutcheson Gresham, one of the founders and members of the lodge. The handsome hall belonging to the lodge had a very sombre appearance, in consequence of the furniture and the brethren's regalia and jewels being draped in crape. There were about eighty brethren present, including many visitors of Masonic note. After the W.M., Bro. M. Goldstein, had explained the reason of holding an emergency meeting, he delivered an appropriate address, and the following funeral service was commenced by one of the members of the lodge choir singing "Rest in the Lord," after which a Masonic Litany was read, with the choir chanting the responses. The Rev. Bro. F. C. Platts, who officiated as Chaplain, offered up an earnest prayer for those nearest and dearest to the late departed brother. Bro. Edward Clark, P.M. and W.M. elect, then gave an oration in a feeling and most impressive manner, several passages of which we quote, and regret that want of space

precludes us from publishing it in its entirety:—"The sad, sudden, and shocking disappearance from our midst of our lamented brother Gresham, who was one of the first members of this lodge, is an event which should awaken in the hearts and minds of every true Mason sorrow and sympathy of the most genuine kind. Sorrow for the loss we, in common with the rest of the fraternity have, thus sustained, and sympathy with those more immediately connected with our late brother by ties of kindred and intimate friendship, for whenever the King of Terror does strike, whether the young or old, the depths of every heart are for the time being stirred to the utmost, and those emotions which the Great Creator has implanted within us spring into fullest and freest action. The sigh, the tear, cannot be withheld. Sad, indeed! Think of the circumstances surrounding it. Here was our unfortunate brother in the full vigour of manhood, in the eager pursuit of his lawful avocation, actuated by the laudable desire to repair his shattered fortunes, wishful by the exercise of persevering energy to once more raise himself and his family back to the social position they formerly held, and pressing on like a brave man, seemingly blind to impending danger, trusting himself and his two equally unfortunate companions in a light skiff, on a dark and stormy morning, with strong and variable winds about him, and heavy, restless, uncertain waters below him. Starting with hope and enterprise, battling with surrounding difficulties, and thinking, no doubt, to surmount them all and come back successful and victorious, until alas! in a fatal moment, unseen by helpful neighbours or friends, away from any possibility of rescue, the tiny mast and sail break from the thwarts and cords which held them, and the unhappy occupants of the all too frail bark are hopelessly engulfed in the waters of the bay, never apparently again to be seen by mortal eye till the resurrection morn. Sad, sad indeed! What thoughts of home, of wife, of children of friends, of books, ambitions, of the chequered scenes of former life, and a thousand and one various ideas, may have flitted through his mind in the interval between the first shock and the final loss of mortal consciousness. Let us hope that when the last fatal struggle was over he was permitted by the Great Giver of Life to enter into that inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, and which will eternally compensate him for all mere earthly loss. Sad, sad indeed! Of him and his companions we may exclaim with Miranda—

'Poor souls! they perish'd.

Had I been any god of power, I would

Have sunk the sea within the earth, or e'er

It should the frail boat so have swallow'd, and

The fraughting souls within her.'

What is death?—that unsparing tyrant, that comes 'now with measured steps and slow,' and now with lightning-like velocity; who, whether slow or swift, never misses his aim, but with unerring precision strikes down his victim, and bears away from earthly gaze the best, the bravest, the most beautiful, equally with the worst, the vilest, and the most craven. What is death? Primarily the antithesis of life. It is that which is in constant antagonism to growth, progress, development; which seems to blast all hope, which dashes the most brilliant prospects to shivers, and seems to close all avenues to what is brighter and better. We look back and seem to hear the never ceasing tramp of endless troops of men coming and going, living and struggling, loving and hating, hoping and rejoicing, and then drooping and dying. The place that once knew them now knows them no more, the last atom of the earthly forms in which once dwelt their souls faded out of sight and mingled in one common ruin with the very dust and ashes of the earth. Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death has fed upon them, and the grave is an habitation to every one of them. Certain it is that the doing what is good, and right, and just, and true can never fill us with regrets, and if there be any period of our career when the mind and heart should be freed from the burden of regret, it should be at that peculiar moment when we are called upon to 'shuffle off this mortal coil.' The wish of every good man and every true Mason doubtless is, 'Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.' How is this to be brought about? Let each one ask the question to himself, ponder on it, and look to the G. A. O. T. U. to help him to find the true answer. Thus have we endeavoured to extract comfort and consolation from this melancholy event which has brought us here together, and aided by the power of the great and Everlasting Spirit, whose all-seeing eye beholds us, and who is ever near us; to lift our contemplation from the sombre grave to the light, and life, and liberty beyond, and, imitating afar off the glorious luminary that enlightens the world from east to west, from north to south, to extract from death and corruption new life and energy, and to surround ourselves with a brighter, a purer, and a more refined moral atmosphere. And now farewell! a long farewell to thee, our brother. May we all be permitted to meet thee at the last in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's G.A. lives and reigns for ever. Farewell! farewell!"

At the conclusion of the oration the funeral service, according to ancient custom, was proceeded with—the choir giving several selections of appropriate music. The Chaplain, Bro. F. C. Platts, then gave a short address and offered another prayer. After a few remarks from the W.M. the solemn and impressive ceremony terminated.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—No family should be without these Pills when hot and sultry weather predisposes to fevers of all kinds, more especially remittent typhus, typhoid, or, as the last is now newly named, enteric fever. Their long tried efficacy in removing indigestion, stimulating the bowels and purifying the blood, has secured for them imperishable praise throughout the globe. Whatever the disease, a few doses will remove the more urgent symptoms, and thereafter control all disordered action, rouse the torpid liver, empty the engorged spleen, cleanse the obstructed kidneys, assimilate the food, improve the blood, and thereby confer on the brain, and every function, healthful vigour, natural activity, and wholesome regularity. In trying seasons this medicine will save many lives.—ADVT.

Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN A "FREEMASON."

At page 359, our highly esteemed Bro. Hughan says that he does not see any reason to "doubt the fact" that Wren was adopted in 1691, but so far as we have yet seen, the statement has not risen to the dignity or position of a "fact." So soon as it does so then there will be no sensible reason for doubt.

I see Bro. Hughan states that "There does not, however, appear to be any evidence of Sir C. Wren's connection with the Lodge of Antiquity prior to 1720." May I ask why he says "prior to 1720?" Is there proof that Wren was a member of the Lodge of Antiquity in 1720? I cannot at present remember what Bro. Hughan may be referring to, but perhaps he will kindly explain.

So far as the mere adoption or non-adoption of Wren in 1691 is concerned, it matters little in connection with the history of Freemasonry, as he would only be one of many; but admitting that 1691 is the real date of his adoption, what about the grand Masonic career given to him by Preston, and others long before then?

W. P. BUCHAN.

MASONIC HALFPENNY TOKEN.

The various letters which have appeared on the subject of this token have induced a brother to send two more of these coins to me for comparison with the first I described. As far as the coin itself is concerned, it is evident they are all from the same die. The words on the rims of the two fresh ones are alike; but differ from the first. One has been very clearly stamped in the centre of the rim, the words being, "Masonic token J. S. Schley fecit 1794;" in the other the letters have not been stamped so carefully, and consequently the name might easily be read "Schichley." They are both in very good preservation, the compasses on the arms being quite distinct on each; and there can be no doubt that the article on the reverse, which we have had difficulty in describing, is a Bible. Unquestionably the supporters to the arms are beavers, not leopards as I conjectured, and I thank Bro. T. F. for the correction.

I hope to refer to the arms on this coin on a future occasion; they differ from those of the Masons' Company, as I have already pointed out, and also from the arms of the Craft, as given in Mackey's Lexicon of Freemasonry (Griffiths and Co., London); but possibly some brother who is better informed in heraldry will trace the various changes in the arms of Masonry in this country and give our readers the benefit of his researches.

As pointed out by Bro. Hughan in the *Freemason* of the 14th August, we have now clearly proved that there have been three different issues of this token; the obverse and reverse being the same in each instance, the distinction being in the inscription on the rim. The question now is, have there been any more issues of it? E. S.

PUNJAB MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A general meeting of the members of the Institution was held in Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Tuesday, the 13th April, 1875. Present—R.W. Bros. Major M. Ramsay, President; Major G. N. Money, Major A. Stewart, W. E. Ball, Major W. H. Mackesy, George Davies, C. W. Calthrop, M.D.; Henry T. Tanner, John Goldney, C. H. Chetham, Captain Lewis, James Wilkinson, W. Walter Adlard, Hon. Sec., and a large number of brethren.

The Honorary Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of the Life Governors, showing the state of the funds on the 6th April, which after examination was accepted by the general meeting as correct.

Right Worshipful Bro. M. Ramsay then informed the meeting that with much regret he had now to inform the brethren that Worshipful Bro. Adlard, the Honorary Secretary, had placed his resignation before the meeting. He made this intimation with extreme regret, but as Worshipful Bro. Adlard adhered to his desire to resign they had no option but to accept it. He took advantage however of this opportunity to express his sense of the zeal and untiring energy displayed by Worshipful Bro. Adlard as Honorary Secretary, extending over a period of more than three years, during which time he had lost no opportunity of promoting the interests of the Institution, and the result of his labours was most satisfactory. When the Institution was formed it had Rs. 4000 only in hand, and now it had an actual invested fund of Rs. 14,800, with an increasing subscription list. Surely such a result was most praiseworthy; and although the money had been subscribed by the Masons of the district, yet, all must allow that without untiring zeal and an earnest spirit on the part of the Secretary, in bringing the claims of the Institution to notice, these splendid results could never have been attained. He felt that they should express their sense of the services rendered by the Honorary Secretary, during these three past years, in a form that will remain amongst them; he proposed, therefore, that the sum of Rs. 500 be invested in Government paper, and he put aside as a scholarship to be denominated the "Adlard Scholarship," and to be assigned in such manner as may be determined upon hereinafter.

Worshipful Bro. A. Stewart seconded the proposition with great pleasure. All knew how thoroughly he was one in spirit with the Punjab Masonic Institution. The services of Worshipful Bro. W. Adlard were too patent to all to need comment, and after what had been said by the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, he felt nothing more than a cordial approval of the proposal was needed from him.

Worshipful Bro. W. Adlard then addressed the meeting to the following effect:—

"Right Worshipful Sirs and Brethren,—I cannot express to you how grateful I am for the kind things you have said of me. When you tell me my efforts have met with your approval, when you recognize that I have to the utmost of my power served the Institution faithfully and with all my heart, you pay me the highest compliment I ever coveted. It has been a labour of love. My whole heart has been in my work, and in resigning the Secretaryship, I feel as if I was putting away from me a part, I was going to say a vital part, of myself. It is a noble mission to labour in the cause of education. I cannot realize any more gratifying position than that of being the servant of an Institution like this, providing as it does the means of earning a livelihood in this world. Indeed more, for we place such an education within the reach of our adopted sons, that they may, if they strive, win a foremost place in the race of life. Without such an institution what would be the fate of the children of our indigent or deceased brethren? Right Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, think of it for a moment, we have colleges and high standard schools for natives, but for the European simply no provision whatever. If it is intended therefore, that our boys are to hold their own in the battle of life, it is absolutely essential that they should be educated, and it is to provide this means of competing with the natives of the country, to meet the pressing want of the age, that this institution has been formed; and it has been to attain this end that I have laboured during the past three years. It has been earnest service, and I am more than delighted to find that it has been approved service. I find I now need rest, I must, therefore, make over my duties to some one else; but by and by, when our newly elected brother finds himself in my present position, I need not say how delighted I shall be if you will permit me then to resume my old position as your Secretary. And now, R. W. Sir and Brethren, you have been pleased to recognize my services in a way most pleasing and congenial to myself, but will you allow me to add one word to it. I am now a Vice-President, will you allow me to add my Rs. 500 to the Rs. 500 you have granted, and make it Rs. 1000, to be used in the way already proposed? Only one word more. Do not I beg of you suppose that I am severing my connection with the Institution, but rather consider me as an invalid in hospital, husbanding strength for future efforts in support of this monument of Masonic love in the Punjab."

Before the R.W.D.G.M. had time to put the proposition of Worshipful Bro. Adlard to the vote it was carried by acclamation.

The R.W.D.G.M. then proposed Worshipful Bro. George Davies, D.G.S., as Honorary Secretary to the Institution, which, being duly seconded by Worshipful Bro. W. E. Ball, was carried unanimously.

There being no more business before the meeting it was declared closed at 7 pm.

ROMAN CATHOLICS AND FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

On this subject the "Englishman" says:—

Some sensation has been caused during the week by a harmless onslaught by Father Lafont on the ancient Craft of Freemasonry. The influence of Freemasonry, at least in England, has always been so entirely social in its nature, the conduct of the Craft is so non-aggressive, and it has in modern times so completely got rid of the odium that might once have attached to it as a secret Society, that it is difficult to understand the motive which could have dictated such an attack so late in the day. It may have been, that, the elevation of the Prince of Wales to the Headship of the Order in England has conferred on Masonry a prestige intolerable to the Jesuits; or it may have been, that the offence was the exclusion of the Head of the Roman Catholic Church from the lodge, of which, under a different name (*sic dicunt*), he was once a member. At any rate, a large multitude, impelled in most instances, no doubt, by that curiosity which the supposed mysterious character of Freemasonry excites in the vulgar, and naturally expecting that a man who had undertaken to prove its impiety would have something more than the outside world knew to tell of its esoteric character, repaired to St. Thomas's to hear the Rev. Father's Philippic. Never were expectant hearers more disappointed. Instead of having any secrets to impart to them, Father Lafont candidly confessed, that he knew nothing more of the Craft than that it inculcated morality on independent grounds. His address is a unique specimen of illogical and uncalled for ecclesiastical literature. Doubtless the brotherhood, whose eight million members, according to Father Lafont, are distributed over our planet, and almost all of whom, he tells us, are blue, will be made considerably bluer by the attack of this clerical Don Quixote. They will feel, that what the combined strength of the Popes could not achieve in past centuries, a simple and very foolish discourse, delivered in a Calcutta church, is certain to accomplish immediately. The result, so desirable for the future progress of mankind, will be the speedy decay of the Craft, and the abandonment of lodges for the bosom of the Mother Church.

McNEIL GREIG'S PATENT SANITARY TRAPS.—Amongst the many inventions of late years for the improvement of sanitary matters in connection with buildings we may mention the trap patented by Bro. Greig, which for excellence of construction and completeness of action stands unrivalled. By its appliance to closets and sinks all noxious smells are at once stayed, and so typhoid fever and other deadly diseases are eradicated. Another important item in connection with this trap is its simplicity of construction, combined with its cheapness, which brings it within the reach of every household. No mansion is to be considered perfect without this sanitary arrangement.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck-street, Calcutta, on Thursday, the 24th of June, 1875. Present: W. Bros. John B. Roberts, Past Dep. D.G.M., as District Grand Master; F. Jennings, Past Dep. D.G.M., as Dep. District Grand Master; W. B. Mactavish, D.S.G.W.; J. L. Taylor, P.D.S.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; W. H. Fitze, Offg. D.G. Treas.; W. C. Bonnerjee, D.G. Regr.; D. J. Zemin, Past D.G. Regr.; H. H. Locke, Past Dep. D.G.M., as D.G. Sec.; W. Girdling, Past D.G. Dir. of Cer., as D.S.G. Deacon; A. LeFranc, D.J.G. Deacon; C. H. Wilson, Past D.G. Dencon; J. Blackburn, Past D.G. Supdt. of Works; Jas. Watson, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; P. C. Dutt, D.G. Assist. Dir. of Cer.; J. H. Turner, Past D.G. Sword Bearer, as D.G. Sword Bearer; C. H. Compton, Past D.G. Organist, as D.G. Organist; W. H. T. Ayres, D.G. Pursuivant; Bros. G. Kemp, of Lodge 756, D.G. Master's Banner Bearer; C. F. Egerton Allen, Bar-at-law; H. M. Rustomjee, J. L. Anderson, Lieut. B. D. Hayes, Robt. Monk, G. Alexander, and D. G. Tyler, D.G. Stewards.

There were also present representatives from Lodges Star in the East, No. 67; Industry and Perseverance, No. 109; True Friendship, No. 218; Humility and Fortitude, No. 229; Mariue, No. 232; Anchor and Hope, No. 234; Courage with Humanity, No. 392; Harmony, No. 438; St. John, No. 486; Excelsior, No. 825; Star of Orissa, No. 1106; Temperance and Benevolence, No. 1160; Sandeman, No. 1374; and Pioneer, 1490.

The visitors were Bros. J. W. Browne, P.M. 218; G. H. Matlin, 229; G. Kemp, 756; J. Giles, 1374; H. J. Walker, 1374; and F. Fletcher, 1490.

District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 6.45 p.m. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 20th March, 1875, and of a Special Communication held on the 15th April, 1875, having been printed and circulated, were, on the motion of W. Bro. W. B. Mactavish, D.S.G.W., and P.M. 109, seconded by W. Bro. P. C. Dutt, W.M. 234, and D.G. Assist. Dir. of Cer., taken as read, and W. Bro. P. C. Dutt further moved that they be confirmed. The motion was seconded by W. Bro. W. H. Fitze, P.M. 218, and Acting D.G. Treas., and on being put to the vote was carried.

The District Grand Master in the Chair addressed the District Grand Lodge as follows:—

I think it right to address a few words to you—in fact you will, I have no doubt, fully expect that I should do so—on the subject of the intended visit of His Royal Highness our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The interest which this visit of our beloved Queen's son, the Prince of Wales, has awakened among all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this land, must undoubtedly be stronger and warmer among those to whom His Royal Highness stands in the double relation in which he does to all who bear the honourable name of Freemasons.

"I speaking for myself, feel more than a glow of the old ardour for Masonic work—nay, I mean not the old, but the young, bright ardour of nearly three years decades gone, now dimmed, perhaps, but as yet unbroken—and altogether confident am I that the members of the Craft in Bengal (to speak now only of the Province with which I am more immediately connected) will desire, perhaps will even demand, that so important and so interesting a landmark in the history of Masonry in India, as the actual presence among us of our Queen's son, the Grand Master of our Order, should not pass by unheeded or unhonoured.

I hasten, therefore, to assure the Craft in Bengal, how completely alive I am to the great responsibility devolving upon me, and upon District Grand Lodge, in respect to meeting what are certain to be the views and wishes of the brethren generally upon this important matter; and as a first step towards considering with you the ways and means by which these may best be accomplished, I will proceed to sketch those broad outlines of the question as they have presented themselves to me.

It appears then to me, in the first place, that at every town or station at which His Royal Highness may stop, even for a short time, the lodge, if there be a lodge there—whether a large one or a small one, will desire to come forth, as a lodge of Benevolence should, and meet their Grand Master with the homage due to him; and I am disposed to think that the Grand Master, beset though he is sure to be with many scores of public bodies and distinguished individuals desiring to approach him, will yet, nevertheless, as far as it may be possible to him, accord the opportunity for every lodge thus lying in the path of his tour, to present itself before him for the expression of those sentiments which so rare and gratifying an occasion must infallibly call forth.

[The report of the proceedings will be continued next week.]

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, and was one of the most numerous attended ever witnessed. Although the board-room in which the lodge is held is very large and lofty, owing to the great number of brethren present it soon became insufferably hot. The three chairs were occupied by their appointed holders, Bros. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., president; Joshua Nuan, P.G.S.B., S.V.P.; and James Brett, P.G.P., J.V.P. Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. P. Albert, A.G.P.; H. Bartlett, Joseph Smith, Wm. Smith, C.E.; W. T. Howe, P.M. 1445; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. Rawson, Dist. G.M. China; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; H. W. Hemsworth, W. Clifton, Crick, James Wright,

G.P.; R. Scott, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Æ. J. McIntyre, G.R.; H. Maudesley, P.G.S.D.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; James Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.;—Ward, T. H. Waterworth, E. Wits, J. Bingemann, J. M. Stedwell, J. A. L. Barnard, L. Keays, H. T. Wood, Francis Buckland, Charles Horsley, C. Driver, J. Kennett, James Willing, jun., J. Austin, F. Binckes, H. Smith, W. Ashworth, J. Oak, D. Betts, H. I. Gardner, C. T. Dorey, C. Wise, M. S. Larham, M. L. Alexander, J. Gingle, W. R. Marsh, R. Mansfield, G. A. Rooks, W. Pennedather, J. Jones, J. J. West, W. V. Bedolfe, M. L. Hayward, H. Massey, and Robert Ayton.

Nine petitioners were relieved by the board with £103; 2 were recommended to the G.M. for £60; and 3 to Grand Lodge for £300, making altogether £463. Two cases were deferred, and the lodge was closed.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. William Worrell, secretary of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, has been robbed while bathing at Brill's Baths, Brighton. His watch and chain, his return ticket to London, and some money were taken from his pocket, his loss altogether amounting to £25. Other robberies at the baths have been reported.

Sir Frederick Gooch's Coralie won the Southampton Yacht Club cutter match on Saturday last, although she lost her topmast early in the race; the Bloodhound, belonging to the Marquis of Ailsa, taking second.

The preparations for the reception of the Prince of Wales in India continue on a grand scale. The Bombay Municipality has requested the Government to permit it to spend fifty thousand rupees towards the suitable reception of his Royal Highness. Lord Northbrook will meet the Prince at Bombay, and accompany him to Calcutta, via Madras and Ceylon. Already Colonel Earle, military secretary to the Viceroy, is in Calcutta superintending the preparations for the reception of the Prince. The investiture of his Royal Highness with the Grand Cross of the Star of India is fixed for the last day of the year.

Our Glasgow correspondent telegraphs that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold intends honouring Bro. Colonel Campbell with a visit to Blythwood House, near Glasgow, on 21st September. Preparations are about to be made for the Royal visit at the Mansion House. The Prince will probably remain at Blythwood for several days. His Royal Highness has long been intimately acquainted with Bro. Campbell's younger brother, Mr. Walter Campbell, while studying at Christ Church College, Oxford.

M. Desanges has had the honour of submitting to her Majesty a portrait of the Prince of Wales, painted by him for the Grand Lodge of Freemasons.

The Ecuador authorities profess to expect an attack at Guayaquil by an armed force organised in Peru. It is asserted that Urbini, the leader of the movement, has obtained the funds for the expedition from the Masonic brethren. This is, however, believed by some parties to be merely a ruse of Garcia Mouno to send a strong force here until after his reinstatement by the Senate.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—The Royal Infirmary for the Diseases of Women and Children, situated in the Waterloo Road, of which the Prince of Wales is patron, and which in 1810 was founded by his late grandfather, the Duke of Kent, is built on a plot of land the property of the Duchy of Cornwall. This was up to a short time ago held by the Council of the Institution on a 35 years' lease at a ground rent of £40 per annum from the original lessee. Considerable inconvenience having arisen, the committee purchased the lease for a sum of £800, and then communicated with his Royal Highness, who, on the representation of that body, generously sold them the freehold for £1000 (being only about a third of its value). The hospital authorities are now engaged in enlarging the hospital, at a cost of £3000, and propose to double the bed accommodation of the institution.

Bro. ex-President Andrew Johnson was buried with "Masonic honours" and amidst popular demonstrations of respect and sympathy at Greenville, East Tennessee, on the 3rd inst. In pursuance of a wish expressed by him some time back the body was wrapped in the national flag, and a copy of the United States Constitution was placed between his hands. In obedience to an executive order issued from Washington and signed by President Grant all the public offices were dressed in mourning for several days before the funeral, and the War and Navy Departments paid "suitable honours on the occasion to the memory of the illustrious dead."

The annual fête of the Foresters took place on Tuesday at the Crystal Palace, and was as successful as beautiful weather, a full programme of amusements, and large crowds of visitors could make it. Nearly fifty-four thousand persons were present.

The Earl of Carnarvon, accompanied by the Countess of Portsmouth, has arrived at Highclere Castle, near Newbury, from Cowes.

Bro. Ward Hunt and some of his colleagues at the Admiralty have been to Portsmouth, but not on an official visit. The Admiralty yacht Enchantress is to be sent to Devonport to be repaired for the reception of the Duke of Connaught, who is about to proceed to Gibraltar.

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FOUNDERS.—Is there such a thing known in Freemasonry as a founder or founders of a lodge?—**ENQUIRER.** [There is no provision for any such person or persons in the Book of Constitutions. But Masonic custom, which is a law to our lodges in many things, permits and encourages the reservation of a name or names in our lodge records as the founder or the founders of the lodge. The founders, properly speaking, are the names recited in the warrant.]

ERRATA.—"Minutes and their confirmation" (p. 362 of col. 3), lines 6 and 7, for "a true qualification or description of the proper degree" read—"a term qualifying or descriptive of the proper day." Line 31, for "cause of" read "course as."

The following stand over:—

"An absent W.M.," Bro. George Burgess, The P.G.S., Hants, J. Smith.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

COPE—BROCK.—On August 12th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Isle of Guernsey, by the father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Dallas O. Harrington, B.A., and the Rev. H. Castle Floud, B.A., vicar of All Saints', Alton, Hants, the Rev. Alfred Davies Cope, M.A., Wadham College, Oxford, Headmaster of the Andover Grammar School, to Marion Olivia (Minnie), daughter of the Rev. T. Brock, M.A., vicar of St. John's.

DEATH.

WHITAKER.—On the 12th inst., Rebecca Ann Charlack, wife of Bro. Frederick Whitaker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. West York, of St. John's Halifax, aged 38.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUG. 21, 1875.

IRISH MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have to thank Bro. J. H. Neilson for the seventh annual report of this valuable little institution, which we have read with all interest. We are glad to note, as in its kindred and sister charity, a prosperous balance sheet. The whole receipts for the year amounted to £2,322 4s. 5d., which is made up in the following manner:—Balance from last account, £367 6s. 5d.; donations, £556 os. od.; annual subscriptions from brethren, £600 10s. 6d.; and from lodges, £101 1s. od.; collections, £4 19s. 6d.; bequest

from Lord Kingston, £500 os. od.; dividends on stock, £191 18s. od.; in all £2,322 4s. 5d. The expenditure is as follows:—Maintenance, education, and clothing of pupils, £810 os. od.; outfits and extra clothing, £10 13s. 9d.; expenses, £109 os. 5d.; invested, £994 10s. od.; balance in bank, £396 16s. 6d. The institution has £7,787 12s. 1d. of invested capital. There are now twenty-one elected orphans, all under the care of Bro. the Rev. S. S. Skeen, at Adelaide Hall, Merrien, and one, George Macartney, who, for special reasons, is educated and taken care of elsewhere. The boys have passed an examination before some very able examiners, the Rev. Professor Haughton, F.T.C.D.; Rev. S. S. Gray, F.T.C.D.; Hugh Holmes, George V. Hart, and the Rev. B. Gibson, who have all reported most favourably of the education which the boys have been receiving, and of their attainments in the several branches of study in which they were examined. The committee are strongly of opinion, in which we heartily concur, that despite this satisfactory state of things financially, such a position does not after all in any way represent the amount which might be expected would have been subscribed by the Order in Ireland, prosperous as it is, to carry on this good work. Like the committee, however, we trust "that in time," we hope also like them, "not far distant," this posture of affairs may be remedied, and that all Irish Freemasons will unite in one effort to render assistance to the orphans of their deceased brethren, and make the Irish Masonic Orphan Boys' School a credit to the Order. We also have the same pleasant anticipation, and feel sure that future enlarged usefulness and increased means of doing good await the managers of this needful and excellent institution. We thank Bro. Neilson for calling our attention to the subject.

SERMONS AGAINST FREEMASONRY.

By a statement published in another column it will be seen that, not content with denouncing and excommunicating Freemasons, some foolish persons are preaching against Freemasonry. We have heard of this recently in America, and even in Great Britain, though we cannot fancy a greater waste of a preacher's time, and a more deplorable infliction on a suffering congregation. Still, such is the energy of fanaticism when once it is roused, that it will lose no opportunity of imparting its own burning ideas and suggestions to others. We do not deny that preachers may, in the exercise of the liberty of the pulpit and of the ministry, dilate upon such a subject—we concede fully the right abstractedly; practically, the exercise of it, as an act either of duty or wisdom, is more than doubtful. A true preacher has many more important matters to address his congregation upon, and we are inclined to think that he must be either a very weak or a very perverse person who wastes his golden season of pulpit ministration by denouncing our harmless, loyal, and religious order. It seems that a Father Lafont, at Calcutta, has been drawing large congregations by denouncing the Freemasons. But as he could not tell his audience anything new, it did not, to use a slang phrase of the day, "rub in well." Our readers will be glad to know, on the authority of the editor of the "Masonic Herald" of Calcutta, that the kind father's attempt was, in fact, a "fiasco." This is what he says:—"Father E. Lafont, of Calcutta, desirous of gaining popularity among his flock, has thought proper to attack Freemasonry, and so much had he to say about it, that he had set aside three Sundays to prove that Freemasonry is 'eminently un-Christian and impious.' The preacher candidly acknowledged at the commencement of his tirade that he knew something of Freemasonry, but not everything, and the little that he knew he picked up from a spurious ritual. Father Lafont has evidently received his inspiration from 'The Irish Ecclesiastical Record' for April, published under the sanction of Cardinal Cullen, which contains an attack on Freemasonry; for he quotes the very words of the 'Irish Record,' that there are no less than eight millions of Freemasons in the world, of which number only five hundred thousand are active members; while the truth is that there are about one million of active members, and

about as many more unaffiliated. Father Lafont has certainly failed. It was too comprehensive for him to have grappled with. Apart from a legal or moral view of the question, logically and historically, the failure has been signal. This we expected at the beginning when we read his first sermon—*Ex pede Herculem*—and the end has verified that expectation. Better if he had not entered the arena than to have entered it to expose his weakness rather than exhibit his strength; since he has proved no point and effected no purpose. His 'labour of love' has indeed been 'love's labour lost.' Let us all rejoice. If these reverend assailants of Freemasonry want to preach against our Order let them borrow the old sermon in the British Museum, "*Freemasonry, the Way to Hell*," as we are quite sure they can say nothing new or better, and the fanaticism of the past may, perhaps, be somewhat more reasoning, it cannot be less logical or offensive, than the blatant vulgarity of the intolerant of various so-called religious bodies in respect of Freemasonry at the present hour. But such attacks do Freemasonry no harm; they only recoil on its maligners.

"THE UNION REVIEW."

The "Union Review" is an Anglican Ritualistic Magazine, has reached its 73rd number, and is published by John H. Batty, 2, Bedford-street, Strand, also the publisher of the "Church Herald," from which we quoted last week. This review contains in its August number an article on Freemasonry, like its contemporary the "Church Herald," highly incriminative and utterly unjust. The article professes to review a work originally published in Germany, anonymously it is said, in 1873, but now translated into English, and issued by Burns, Oates, and Co., Roman Catholic booksellers, this year. The original work was termed "The Secret Warfare of Freemasonry against Church and State," and as it was unknown to us previously, we shall, when we have duly perused it, take the liberty of calling our readers' attention to it again. The principal charges brought by the writer in the "Union Review" against Freemasonry are as follows, serious enough if seriously made. 1st. That its secrecy and alleged secret obligations are proofs of concealed evil of some kind, and the writer actually brings the well known Louis Blanc to strengthen his own argument. Happy and holy alliance! One would have thought, *prima facie*, that the writer had heard of "unnatural coalitions," but no, the good man is most impressive with his new and strange ally. It would be amusing, were it not saddening to the thoughtful mind, to observe how greedily Ultramontane and ritualistic writers, to-day, universally catch at any "straws" to prop up a desperate cause, and make use of allies of whom Cardinal Wiseman would have been ashamed, and whom no true son of the Church of England would own. We say nothing against Bro. Louis Blanc, as his views are his own, but it is too ridiculous for a ritualistic controversialist to quote him on a subject of which, to speak frankly, he knows but very little. Bro. Caubet has already shewn that his views of Freemasonry are altogether erroneous and unreliable. Bro. Louis Blanc will, however, be astonished, we feel sure, to find himself in such peculiar company. The second charge is indifference to Christian Truth, which charge is founded on Anderson's Constitutions, and on the speeches of one or two German brethren, H. C. F. Krause and Dr. Herz. The argument is absolutely beneath notice, just as the statement hardly deserves a moment's consideration. It is too ridiculous. The third charge is that of discrediting the principles of Christianity by the careful avoidance of all Christian symbols. This charge is supported by the fervid oration of a Hebrew brother at Frankfort-on-the-Maine. But we in England know that a class of writers, with Oliver at their head, has always existed, and always will exist, which finds Christian teaching in many symbols, and Christian doctrines in many portions of our oral ritual. The two views of the Universal School and the Christian School of Freemasonry are both clearly within its comprehensive and tolerant limits, and they will long so remain, as

we believe that there is room for both, and both may find much to uphold their dogmata in the ancient symbolism and teaching of Freemasonry, as preserved in Anglo Saxon lodges everywhere. A fourth charge is the open opposition to the Christian doctrine of the Trinity by our use of the formulary, "In the Name of the Great Architect of the Universe." This charge is based on a work professedly by "Maryale Reghelin de Schio," and on a letter said to have been written in 1816 by Prince Frederick of Orange. This letter we have never seen, and if it is genuine has nothing to do with Craft Masonry. It relates to the Rose Croix Grade and teaching alone. We need only add that such a charge is too puerile and illogical to require the trouble of confutation. The fifth charge is that of the "blankest infidelity," because, forsooth, a German writer of the well-known name of Eckert has put forward some peculiar Eckertian views, but which are not, never were, and never will be Masonic. The sixth charge is opposition to the Church generally, made out by the speech of a Bro. Bello, very fit name for a combatant in this intereojne controversy, by an unwise remark of "Edgar Quinet," by an oration of our very worthy brother the Lord Mayor, as well as by an after dinner address delivered by our worthy Bro. J. C. Parkinson. We believe that the writer has completely misunderstood the purport of both these speeches, which merely went to prove that the present claim of the Roman Catholic Church to condemn Freemasonry everywhere is alike irrational and untenable, and that the principles of ultramontaniam were—who can deny it?—opposed alike to liberty and to peace, to the rights of conscience, and the well being of this or any other land. The Lord Mayor is we know a loyal member of the Church of England, but we are not aware of Bro. Parkinson's religious opinions. Sure we are that two more tolerant brethren do not exist anywhere. The writer goes on to say that the constitution of Freemasonry is democratic and its operations revolutionary. These two last charges are entirely founded on foreign periodicals, and on an oration of a Bro. Peigne. Such is the attack. With us in England it has after all only a partial concern, as it is mainly foreign Freemasonry which is thus inveighed against. These accusations of irreligion and revolution can only raise a smile in the Anglo-Saxon fraternity, as no more religious or loyal body exists than the Masonic body in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Dominion of the Canadas; and no more God-fearing or law-abiding one than in the United States. We regret to read such deliberately continued attacks upon our Order, because they too evidently display the real animus alike of Ritualist and Romanist, that virus of intolerance and persecution which still lingers in the latter powerful organization, and forms part of the programme of its ritualistic imitators, in everything great and small, mighty and mean. It is a proof of what both would do if only they could do it, and we fear that all this vituperation and violence against our loyal and religiously minded brotherhood fully justifies those, who look on the Church of Rome and the ritualistic party in the Church of England as inimical to progress, liberty, and religious toleration. "Una est injusti cæcula forma maris," sang the poet of old, and here is the Church of Rome, "semper eadem," at home and abroad, in all climes and continents, ceaseless in her opposition to everything which tends to advance universal toleration, and to acknowledge the sanctity of the religious conscience; while the Ritualists, following blindly her dangerous dogmas, seem even to be out-Heroding Herod in the violence of their language, and the childishness of their denunciations. Freemasonry has, however, nothing to fear from such animosity or such accusations, but goes on its way like Una, strong in its innocence, its humanity, its utility, its charity, and its truth.

BRO. CAUBET'S REPLY TO THE BISHOP OF ORLEANS.

We have perused this pamphlet with much interest, not only on account of the controversy itself, but because our worthy Bro. Caubet is a

Freemason of long standing and much eminence, the able editor of the "Monde Maçonnique" and is the highly respected Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of France. We wish, however, that we could fairly say, that his skilful defence is a full and satisfactory reply to his vivacious opponent. But interesting as it is in itself, and clearly stated, and admirably expressed, it fails, we think we are bound to say, as regards the main allegations of the Bishop, though it undoubtedly has shaken the effect of the whole attack considerably, by some very effective rejoinders on sundry points and topics. For instance, we think that Bro. Caubet clearly proves, that Monsignor Dupanloup has misunderstood the quotation he adduces from the "Monde Maçonnique." Bro. Caubet undoubtedly demonstrates that the expression "would cover them with honte," of which the Bishop makes so much, does not refer to the affirmation of Deism, but to the exclusion of the "Non-contents" from the Grand Orient. The Bishop may say, "This is after all quite a minor point," and so relatively it is, but still it is one scored to Bro. Caubet. Bro. Caubet points out also clearly, that happily Felix Pyat is no Masonic authority, being an irregular Mason, and that Louis Blanc's views of "hier," are not necessarily those of "lendemain." We greatly admire Bro. Caubet's eloquent and appreciative view of the true position of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, for which we cordially thank him. Bro. Caubet also successfully invalidates the Bishop's argument against Freemasonry generally, by pointing out how he condemns 10,000 lodges, according to his own statement, for the offences of 350, plus 16 in Belgium and France, and he has therefore argued from a particular to an universal, a great "lâches" in so skilled a controversialist as Monsignor Dupanloup. We called attention to this very weak point in the Bishop's "Etude" originally, and we are glad Bro. Caubet has treated it so lucidly and so incisively. We are also of opinion that Bro. Caubet is fully justified in protesting, that the views of "le Loge l'Avenir" are not those of the Grand Orient of France, and also against the Bishop's habit of making individual opinions and individual speeches the representation of Freemasonry proper in France or Belgium. Freemasonry, like all other human institutions, has its "weak brethren," its perverse speakers, and its perverse adherents, but Freemasonry can only be fairly judged by its authoritative explanations, and its official documents. But when we have said this, we feel bound to add, if sorrowfully and regretfully, that we fear Bro. Caubet has not essentially shaken the Bishop's position in respect of many unwise, irreligious, and political speeches, by several individual Freemasons in both countries. We in England cannot have, and should not have, the slightest possible sympathy with the expressions and addresses as regards religion and politics to which the Bishop calls attention. They are entirely opposed to all our traditions and all our teaching in England. We cannot therefore deny the right of the Bishop of Orleans, or any one else, to call attention to such published evidences of the opinions of some Freemasons, though they be only those of individuals, and in no sense are calculated to bind or to compromise the Grand Orient of France or Belgium. But with these evidences of indiscreet partizanship before us, and of unsound, most unsound, teaching professedly from Freemasons, we can only as "amici curiæ" advise the French and Belgian Freemasons to fall back within the old lines of French Freemasonry, which were both theistic and non-political. Let them give up at once any tampering with the strictness of true Masonic teaching, let them eschew once and for all alike political and religious questions. If they would only devote themselves to the pressing claims of Masonic Benevolence in various forms and institutions, they would have no more time for these sterile discussions, which are a burlesque on the principles and injure the fair fame of Freemasonry. Owing to some unfortunate influences Freemasonry in France and Belgium has latterly more or less identified itself with, "La Morale Indépendante," and the views of modern doubt and unbelief, as if characteristic of freedom of the mind, and an exemption from "faiblesse." Hence many of

the addresses are dreary repetitions of a semi-Atheistic creed, the mournful utterances of a polished paganism. As we read some modern funeral orations in both countries, we are reminded of the lugubrious heathen cry "Valeas in æternum." Such principles and such views must soon bring down Freemasonry anywhere. We wish that we could have more completely identified ourselves with Bro. Caubet in his able defence, but as we believe nothing is ever gained by a "suppressio veri," so we feel sure that we are right in upholding our Masonic dictum, that plain dealing, and fair speaking, and simple sincerity should always distinguish Freemasons, and, above all, those who write in the interests of absolute Masonic truth, justice, honour, and right.

THE CLOSE OF THE LONDON SEASON.

London is looking empty, the streets are thinning, the legislative bodies have separated, and the Ministers have mostly departed for the grouse and their "otium cum dignitate." A very large portion of our fellow citizens, male and female, is wending its way in various directions, some to Brittany, some to Switzerland, some to the Tyrol, some to the Rhine, some to the healing springs of Kissingen or Marienbad, and a still greater section is crowding to the bathing places and seaside localities of our own pleasant land. The London season is therefore over for 1875, and for some time this great metropolis will have lost that sense of ceaseless crowds, and that block of thronging carriages, which has marked the brief season which has now past and gone. Some writers who are fond of moralizing on all occasions, or, as Mr. Sam Weller remarks, giving "advice gratis," are always down upon the London season, and its waste of time, money, health, and even talents. Nothing, they contend, is worse in any way than that mass of assembled frivolity and extravagance which a London season displays each succeeding year. People seem just now in a morbid state of mind, perhaps it is the heat of August, for nothing apparently goes right either with their tempers or their digestions. Our contemporary, "The Times," which is evidently displeased with everybody and everything in this sultry weather, so much so even as to run a muck, quite hopelessly however, at the most genial of Premiers, has recently made a great and alarming discovery, like the Eastern Potentate, that the women are the cause of everything that is bad, are at the bottom of all the criminality, all the bassesse all the extravagance, the Bohemianism of the hour. The writer of this remarkable suggestion, evidently a married man, bases this most serious charge on the unconquerable love of dress, and show, and expense displayed by the "weaker vessels." Oh! most clear-sighted and just of mentors! That women like dress and show, and are not averse to expense, who denies? but to heap on their devoted heads the criminalities, and follies, and parade of the hour is too unjust, and too preposterous. Women are, in our humble opinion, for the most part what men make them, and if we see a general tendency to fastness, or undue expenditure, or license in any portion of the feminine world, we may feel assured it is because, and only because, the habits of the male section of society are re-acting injuriously upon them. For what can we say of our "nova progenies," of horse-racing, pigeon-shooting, absinthe-imbibing, masculine youth? To note the general decadence in manners and habits, to observe how the taste, the dress, the language of the ring have deteriorated the fine character of Englishmen, to realize their intemperate ways, their irregular habits, and, above all, their debased views of things generally whether of duty or responsibility, is somewhat saddening to the sympathising and the sober-minded. The attempt of "The Times" to make women responsible for the questionable habits and unworthy tone of modern society is as ungenerous as it is unfair. We, therefore, do not take the same mournful view of the London season that many pseudo-critics do just now. It is, we believe, neither better nor worse than the majority of the past. It may display more "nouveaux riches," and may see more "roturiers" within its mystic circle, but it is pretty much what it al-

ways was and will always be. In this, our great metropolis, the London season is an absolute necessity for a large number of industrious tradesmen, and affords the means of living to many useful dependants, and it therefore seems to us the excess of moralizing bathos, to denounce what is alike needful and inevitable, especially when it is more than doubtful if that high moral tone which some assume so readily to-day may not be, after all, the result of conventional criticism, and even of sanctimonious hypocrisy.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT TO A YACHT.

Our always loyal brotherhood will feel deeply with the Queen, affected as she was with this mournful accident. Had the position been reversed, as the "Times" well puts it, what grief and regrets would have been ours. As Freemasons we shall deeply sympathise with our inestimable Sovereign, and with the suffering family left to mourn so great a calamity.

THE ADDRESS OF THE SHEFFIELD FREEMASONS TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The following address from the Freemasons of Sheffield, richly illuminated by Mr. H. J. Jones, and handsomely bound in brown morocco, ornamented with Masonic emblems and the arms of Sheffield in heraldic colours, by Messrs. Pawson and Brailsford, has been transmitted to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, through the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., J.P.:

"To the Most High, Most Puissant, and Most Illustrious Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., K.P., K.T., G.C.B., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasonry in England, whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve.

"May it please your Royal Highness.

"In anticipation of the visit of your Royal Highness to Sheffield on the 16th day of August, we, the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the Britannia No. 139, Royal Brunswick No. 296, and Wentworth No. 1239, lodges of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, beg to express the great delight with which we shall welcome the presence of your Royal Highness, and that of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, to this seat of manufacturing industry, in the province of West Yorkshire.

"We embrace this opportunity of assuring your Royal Highness of our warm attachment to the Queen, to yourself, and the Princess of Wales, and of our steadfast loyalty to the Throne and Constitution of these realms.

"We desire also to express our unfeigned gratification at your recent installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasonry in England. We rejoice in the possession by your Royal Highness of the position so long and so worthily filled by your illustrious relatives the late Dukes of Sussex and Kent, and we acknowledge with pride and gratitude our fraternal attachment to your person, as well as our loyal obedience to you as the recognised head of our ancient and honourable institution.

"We fervently pray that your Royal Highness may be long spared to rule and govern the Craft, and that its fundamental principles of 'Brotherly love, relief, and truth,' may take deep root, not only in the hearts of all Masons, but in the hearts of all men.

"Commending your Royal Highness to the protection of the Great Architect of the Universe, we are, in the name of the Craft of Sheffield, your Royal Highness's most devoted and faithful servants,

"SIMON HAYES, W.M. Britannia, No. 139.

"HENRY PAWSON, W.M. Royal Brunswick, No. 296.

"F. M. TINDALL, W.M. Wentworth, No. 1239.

"Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, August, 1875."

Original Correspondence.

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

BRO. MAJOR BURGESS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the interest of fair play, I have reason, I think, to complain of your suppression of the most important part of Major Burgess's letter to Mr. Tinkler, which I sent to you last week.

So far from the passage which you thought fit to omit "not affecting the question in any way," it is the very passage which contained the gravest and most offensive accusation which one Mason, or indeed one gentleman, can bring against another. And this you ought, I think, to have stated, as the fragment of the letter which you have published does not contain the offensive charge at all, to prove or withdraw which Major Burgess was summoned before the authorities of the Temple.

I never stated that there was only one member of the Temple present on the Judicial Council. All present were members of the Temple—one only "represented" them—viz., Lord Limerick. General Clerk, Major Clerke, and Colonel Hutton Gregory represented the 33rd; Earl

Percy, M.P., Mr. Beach, M.P., and the Rev. G. R. Portal represented the Mark Degree. Neither Sir P. Colquhoun, nor Mr. Tinkler sat at all. The former was present in the room as prosecutor while the charge was being made, the latter was Secretary to the Judicial Council, and took notes of the proceedings.

I again repeat (as the fragment which you have printed of Major Burgess's letter shows) that the reason assigned by that brother for his resignation of membership with the Temple was the alleged disgraceful conduct of another Templar. This charge, affecting the honour of the Order, and of the brother in question, Major Burgess is summoned to prove or to withdraw. He does neither, either then or before the Judicial Council to which he appealed. For this, which is a matter of honourable conduct, and not of "discipline" at all, he has been most justly removed from a society of honourable men.

Yours fraternally,

A MARK MASTER.

[We disagree with our worthy correspondent on two points. First, we feel sure we are right in not yielding to this hyper-publication of Masonic formulae, and this discussion publicly of points only to be discussed in lodge. The same rule applies to the high grades. And secondly, we look at the whole matter as simply a question of discipline. We may be wrong, but such is our honest opinion, and we feel bound to say so.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to suggest that all writers upon this question should sign their real names to their letters. At present we have nameless individuals bandying innuendos calculated to take away a man's character, whilst talking childishly about the select aristocratic exclusiveness of the "Mark" Degree, mere moonshine, and having no real foundation in fact or history. I should like to know what has become of the good old-fashioned theory that in Masonry the prince and the peasant are equal.

There is, I understand, some threat of legal proceedings, which prevents my mentioning names; but I have to ask this "Mark Master" whether his Grand Lodge did not last year expel a brother Mason (one of the most worthy gentlemen and Masons I ever knew), who, to my certain knowledge, and, I doubt not, that of "Mark Master's" also, had resigned all connection with "Mark" exclusiveness (!) many years ago. Did they do so or not?—the Mark Degree having no charge against him save that, although he did not belong to the Mark degree, he did belong to orders outside genuine Craft Masonry of which this un-Masonic alliance did not approve. Where, then, is our freedom?—honesty already has fled.

One thing is quite clear, and that is that peace has for ever departed from all the combined tripartite-treaty bodies, and dissolution or suppression must necessarily soon follow if there is still, as I believe, much true Masonry left outside them. Therefore, although I know nothing of the pretty quarrel which is now progressing, I suspect the worst, and hope that you will allow me a word of warning to innocent brethren, and a caution that they be not misled by the clap-trap of an organization which has been working all along under false history. Let us, then, have the truth or nothing, under real names.

I remain, yours truly,

JOHN YARKER.

DEVON PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with much interest in your last paper the report of the above lodge meeting at Exeter, particularly the motion made by Bro. Jones to give 50 guineas to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, which was opposed by Bro. Watts and other brethren, who contended that it was not Masonic to give money to institutions that were in no way connected with Masonry. I am one of the "other brethren" who supported Bro. Watts. Bro. Metham protested against this remark of Bro. Watts, and argued that it was ostensibly Masonic. I shall be very much obliged if Bro. Metham will refer me to the page and paragraph in our Book of Constitutions that warrants him in so saying, for by that book, and by that book alone, we are governed, and not by the dictum of Bro. Metham.

I am, Sir, your faithful Brother,

AN OLD P.M., ONE, &c.

MINUTES AND THEIR CONFIRMATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit an old Mason who has had some experience in the administration of our laws to endeavour once for all to put right a matter which, however simple in itself, seems to have sorely exercised some of our brethren? I refer to the question again raised in your last issue by Bro. Tebbs, P.P. G. Chaplain, Somerset, in regard to "Minutes and their Confirmation." Had I not received several letters asking for information on this subject, from brethren who I had imagined must have known the law, I could hardly have believed that so much misconception could have existed on the matter.

Let me state the case as I believe it has always been stated by the executive, and as it has been declared more than once in Grand Lodge.

The Constitutions provide that certain matters shall not be binding, unless they have been proposed, seconded, and carried at one meeting and have been confirmed at the next ensuing meeting (see p. 28, sec. 8). The matters stated to require confirmation are few but important, and it is from their very importance that they are made to require confirmation—e.g., the election of Master from the Grand Master downwards, grants of money beyond a certain amount, the making of a new law, or the alteration or repeal of an old one, &c., &c., &c. These all require a second, separate, and distinct action at

an ensuing lodge before they become valid. This second and separate action is called confirmation, and without it the first act, namely, that of carrying the motion, is null and void.

I cannot agree with Bro. Tebbs in his views of our laws, nor in thinking that at a lodge meeting where the brethren meet for the purpose of confirming the minutes as to the election of W.M., the members present will be found to "consist probably of entirely different brethren." I should have thought that it would not be so in most lodges; be that however as it may, it is the evident intention and spirit of the law that all the brethren should at each of the two meetings, viz., that for the election of W.M. and that for confirmation of his election, have the opportunity of voting for or against him. This provision is made not only for the purpose of assuring time for due consideration of so important a matter, but that every member may have an opportunity of recording his vote at, at least, one or other of the meetings.

I have referred to some of the matters which require confirmation. There are others, and they are a large majority, which do not require confirmation, but are acts done and accomplished in full by one vote of the lodge, such as, in private lodges, the election of a candidate or joining member, the resignation of members, &c., &c.; in Grand Lodge the grant of money below a certain amount, the appointment of boards or committees, the reception of reports, &c., &c.

It may, I think, be laid down as a general rule that nothing requires confirmation at subsequent lodge to make it valid except such cases as are provided for by the Book of Constitutions, or by an approved bye-law of a lodge.

Why then, it is asked, are all minutes put for confirmation? The answer is simple. Minutes are put for confirmation for two, I may say for three, reasons. 1st. That any previous acts therein recorded, and which require confirmation, may be confirmed. 2nd. To show that all acts done are correctly recorded; and 3rd. For the information of those who were not present on the last occasion.

Upon the minutes being put for confirmation, it is competent to any brother to move the non-confirmation of any resolution passed at a previous meeting, provided that such resolution is one which the Constitutions, or an approved bye-law of a private lodge, state shall require confirmation—if the notice for non-confirmation be carried the previous act of the lodge becomes null and void; but in any other case it is not competent to a brother to move the non-confirmation of the previous resolutions of the lodge; he can object to the accuracy of the record, and may move to have it amended, i.e., he may alter the description, but he must let the fact alone.

Yours fraternally,

P.G.W.

Review.

"The Union Review." J. H. BARRY, 2, Bedford-street, Strand.

It seems somewhat odd, perhaps, that an Anglican Ritualistic Review, the "Union," which calls itself a "Magazine of Catholic Literature and Art," should be reviewed in the "Freemason," but as it has been specially forwarded to us, we feel bound to make some allusion to it. Probably the reason why we have received it is, that it contains a very laboured and, we must say, unfair article on Freemasonry. For all such writers do not deal with Freemasonry fairly. They take a part for the whole, and argue from a particular to an universal, or they rely on the angry compilations of some hot-headed fanatic, with more zeal than brains, who by the use of manipulated selections of garbled passages, and of unauthorised documents, seeks in unseemly haste to make out a case against Freemasonry, nearly always, let us observe, from an Ultramontane point of view. And, therefore, from isolated speeches, and individual opinions, the illogical writer condemns all Freemasonry and all Freemasons. He does not even take the trouble to point out the great difference between continental and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, but as he unhesitatingly brands the former as irreligious and revolutionary, so he brings the other without the shadow of excuse for his unreasoning folly under the same fell charge. There is nothing in the article which has not been repeated over and over again, "usque ad nauseam," and even if the writer could make good all his allegations, which he cannot, we in England have happily nothing to do either with the attack or the defence! The matter does not concern us. But with somewhat of Jesuitical finesse, though the writer does not directly attack Freemasonry in Great Britain, he evidently wishes his readers to infer, that Freemasonry is the same everywhere, and that Freemasons are a "deuced bad lot." One remark of his however, seems to affect us as much as our continental brethren, and therefore we think well to notice it. The universal formula of Freemasonry, "In the Name of the Great Architect of the Universe," is made a distinct charge of heresy against all Freemasons. Because, says this careful reader of Old Aldrich, because the Freemasons put this at the head of their circulars, they are pure Deists, they deny and antagonize the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Most logical of accusers! Yet our good friend's argument is alike unsound in its premise, and untrue in its assumption. We can well fancy the surprise and alarm which many of our worthy and most orthodox brethren will experience when they hear that this well-known and most innocent formula is a proof of their flagrant heterodoxy. As a rule we Freemasons object to have anything to do with anybody else's "doxy," but we fancy that the great majority of Freemasons out of the lodge are as respectable Christians and as orthodox believers as the most advanced of Ritualists, perhaps even somewhat more orthodox. This formula is well known to be one of universal compre-

hension, but in no way affects or excludes the individual faith of the individual Freemason. It would be quite as reasonable to allege that because we say "Our Father" we cannot therefore be Trinitarians. The truth is, the whole argument is based simply on an outburst of Ultramontane and ritualistic impertinence. We can quite understand, indeed, how such an allegation would delight an inquisitor, and how such a distinct proof would satisfy the Holy Office, but no one else in the world! Is it not most melancholy and humiliating for all who believe in the upward tendencies of the human mind, to note where unbridled fanaticism and overbearing arrogance are leading this new school of thought and "pose" to-day? And here we stop. We do not see that any good can come to anybody by reviewing at large this reiterated attack on our Order. It is not likely to be read by many, it is excessively dull and heavy, and marked by "awful prejudices," and we wish that we could think it was the result of careful thought or honest study of the subject. It is entirely based, as we said before, on an anonymous German work published in 1873, and translated and issued by Burns and Co., Roman Catholic publishers, this year of grace, and as it is simply an emanation of Ultramontane Roman Catholic thought and Jesuit views, it really has no claim whatever on the attention of any cultivated or tolerant Freemason. W.

DALRY GRAVITATION WATER WORKS.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE WITH MASONIC HONOURS. Monday, the 2nd inst., will henceforth be regarded as a red letter day, and one that will not soon be forgotten in the history of the parish. The day was one of autumn's loveliest, and the occasion of the demonstration was the laying of the foundation stone of the Gravitation Water Works at Wee Auldmuir, near to the Auldmuir Burn, in the valley between the first-named place and the Baidland range of hills. Monday being "St. Margaret's Day," which is an annual fair holiday, the public works were closed, and the inhabitants, in holiday attire, turned out en masse to witness the ceremony. The members of Dalry Blair Lodge, 290, joined by deputations from Mother Kilwinning, Royal Blue (Kilbirnie), and St. John's (Kilmarnock), assembled in the lodge-room, and proceeded thence to the more capacious F.C. school-room previous to forming into marching order. On leaving the school-room the procession, headed by the Largs and Fergushill instrumental bands, proceeded through the town and via Broadley-road to the centre of attraction at Auldmuir. Parties desirous of having a good view of the procession took up a position on the mounds that here and there lined the route. At Bradley Smiddy, and at Reddane Row, the "goodly dames" and their following came flocking out to witness the procession, which, enlivened by the spirited music discoursed (in good time and tune) by the bands, moved slowly up the hill past Mr. Livingstone's farm of Broadley, and through the finely-wooded grove that leads to the Flashcoat-road. At this point many left the line of procession, choosing to continue the march by the old and rugged Broadley-road, which is wooded to the summit of the hill, and which, besides shortening the distance to be travelled, afforded protection from the intense sun-heat that prevailed. On reaching Wee Auldmuir farm, the pedestrians took up positions on the surrounding heights commanding a good view of the works. Soon after the main body of the procession reached the scene of action.

Amongst the many present we observed—J. M. McCosh, Esq., of Merksworth; Theophilus Paton, Esq., of Swinlees (chairman of the Works' Committee); R. Wylie, Esq., J.P., and Secretary to Mother Lodge Kilwinning; A. B. Aitken, Esq., Carshead; —Bicket, Esq.; Thos. Biggart, Esq., Bridgend Mills; —Gray, Esq., Stanley Bank; —Patrick, Esq., Greenbank; John Gow, Esq., Bridgend Mills; —Mr. Comrie, inspector; Mr. Alexander, Dalry; —Craig, Esq., Fleshwood; —Wylie, Esq., Holmbyre; Mr. Walker, merchant, Dalry; Mr. Willison, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Allan of Munnoch. Also, the Misses McCosh and party; the Misses Aitken and party; the Misses Allan and party, &c., &c.

The Masonic brethren, headed by Bro. J. M. McCosh, R.W.M., of Blair Dalry; Bros. R. Wylie, Past G.M., of Mother Kilwinning; J. Caruthers, A.D.M.; John Johnston, S.W.; James Gibson, S.W.; John Tweed, Proxy Junior Warden, Grand Lodge, Edinburgh, and of Mother Kilwinning; D. Brown Past Master; and Bro. Graham, D.M. of Blair, Dalry, having taken up their position on the platform, the band played the "Queen's Anthem," after which the Chaplain of Blair Dalry Lodge, Bro. Burt, engaged shortly in prayer, asking that the blessing of Almighty God might attend the work about to be entered upon, even till its close, and greatly bless the undertaking.

Band—Old Hundredth.

Bro. McCosh then called upon the Treasurer to place the casket in the cavity of the stone. The casket contained copies of the Glasgow daily and other local papers, the "Western Supplement," Sketches of the County of Ayr, and also the current coins of the realm. The inscription on the plate, which was placed face downwards on the stone, is as follows:—

Dalry Gravitation Water Works,
FOUNDATION STONE
Laid with Masonic Honours

BY
JAMES M. McCOSH, Esq.,
R.W.M. Dalry Blair Lodge, 290,
August 2nd, 1875,
And Year of Light 5879.

The Depute-Master, Bro. Graham, then presented the R.W.M. with a handsome silver trowel, remarking that, small in value though it was, he might accept of it as a pledge of the goodwill that was borne him by the brethren, who hoped that he might be long spared to them, and that he might enjoy every other needed comfort. (Applause.)

The trowel bore the following inscription:—

Presented

TO
JAMES M. McCOSH, Esq.,
R.W.M. Dalry Blair Lodge, 290,
ON THE OCCASION
OF his Laying the Foundation Stone
OF
Dalry Water Works,
2nd August, 1875.

Year of Light, 5879.

The R.W.M. then spread the lime; and the stone being lowered into position, the various Wardens were called upon to do their duty. The plummet, the level, and the square having been applied to the stone as is customary in Masonry, and all pronounced right, the R.W.M. finished the work with three distinct knocks, saying, "May the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice, of which we have now laid the foundations, with every success."

Three hearty cheers were given, and the band played the National Anthem.

Bro. McCosh, again advancing, to the stone, strewed a handful of corn thereon and poured out wine, ascribing praise to the Lord, who supports the pillars of nations, and maintains in harmony surrounding worlds, and implored His aid; also, that the Almighty Ruler of events might direct the hands of their Sovereign, and bless all her people.

Bro. Wylie applied the match, and burned up the corn and wine, and so ended this ceremony or rite of the ancient use of Masonry.

Band—The Merry Masons.

R.W.M. Bro. J. M. McCosh then addressed the assemblage as follows:—Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Masters of lodges, and brethren, ladies, and gentlemen,—To have been permitted to officiate upon the present occasion has afforded me great pleasure, and I feel proud, indeed, of the honour. To many, the laying of the foundation or memorial stone of an important building or work with Masonic honours may seem meaningless; but those acquainted with the tradition of our Craft are at no loss to comprehend, not only how significant, but also how becoming and proper is the observance of this time-honoured ceremony. It is now four years since the Craft were engaged in a similar duty in this parish. Most of us remember the laying of the memorial stone of the new Parish Church by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Ayrshire, Bro. Colonel Mure of Caldwell, who acquitted himself on the occasion with a grace and dignity worthy of his ancient and honoured name. The erection of the church was in many respects a most important work for the parish. Happily, the building was carried through and completed without a single accident. The workmanship, in every department, is perfect, and the finished whole reflects the greatest credit on all concerned—the architect, the contractor, and the committee of management alike. Indeed, I venture to say there is scarcely a person connected with the parish who does not feel proud of the church. At present it is the only object of architectural interest in the neighbourhood that we can take a stranger to see. When, however, the work in which we have to-day been engaged is completed, this will no longer, I think, be said. I believe I am safe in predicting that Dalry people will have as much credit and as much pride in their water works as in their church. Let us just look around for a moment. Behind us are the grand slopes of the Baidland Hill; below us there lies, so to speak, spread at our feet, all that is historical or romantic in Ayrshire. The eye takes in the land of Bruce, of Wallace, and of Burns. (Applause.) We have before us the Carrick coast, with Turnberry in the far distance; the Barns o' Ayr and Craighie; and Barnweil; with its Wallace Tower, the low thatched "Cottage," "The Auld Brig," and the "Bonnie Doon." And to our left, again, we distinguish Loudoun Hill, and the land of the Covenanters. In the fore-ground we see Eglinton Castle and the old house of Blair; while, in addition to the spires of half a dozen towns and villages, we behold the whole valley below us teeming with the evidences of industry, prosperity, and wealth. The situation is a magnificent one, and when the reservoir is completed I make no doubt but it will be a favourite resort, and even out-rival the church as a place of attraction for visitors. The propriety of the selection of the ground as the site for a reservoir must, I think, be evident to the eye of the most inexperienced. There is nothing on a higher level but trap rock; there is green grass, with scarcely an acre of arable land; nor is there the most distant chance of there ever arising any contingency whereby the "catchment" or drainage area, may be injuriously interfered with or the water supply diminished. Indeed on the contrary, I believe that both the "catchment" and the reservoir may at any future time be immensely increased at a comparatively small cost. The piping leading to the town I am informed, through the generosity of one of the committee, whom we are proud to own as a Craftsman and a member of our lodge, been laid down of such a capacity as will supply the requirements of the district, even should these come to exceed the capabilities of the seemingly very ample present reservoir. That the works may, like the church, be carried through and completed without accident to life or limb I am sure every one present sincerely trusts. We hope and believe, too, that when finished the whole will be found as complete and satisfactory in every respect. Indeed, we cannot for a moment entertain a doubt on the subject when we consider to whom we have to look for the completion of the work. The engineers are, I have no hesitation in saying, second to none in their profession. The contractor, Bro. Scott, has already given ample evidence of his abundant energy and thorough knowledge of his work. Then he is followed every-

where by the jealous eye of Bro. Young, the master of works, who possesses all the qualities, experience, prudence, and firmness necessary, for the discharge of his important trust. Of the Local Authority Committee I would simply say that it was a most responsible charge they undertook; and since their appointment they have devoted the greatest attention to the work entrusted to them. Each member of the committee has endeavoured to be more zealous than the other, and the time and anxiety they have both individually and collectively given to the different details will, I fear, never be fully appreciated. Without for a moment wishing to be invidious, I would desire just to refer to the enthusiastic, efficient, and unselfish services of the chairman, who has, besides, most generously promised to erect a fountain in the court-yard of the West-End Public School—a fountain which will not, however, rival the very handsome one which is to replace the old parish pump at the Cross, for which the inhabitants will be indebted to the liberality of that other member of committee to whom I have already alluded, Bro. Biggart. In connection with the labour of the committee, I must notice the handsome conduct of the landed proprietors in giving their lands voluntarily at a valuation, namely—Mr. Wylie, of Little Auldmuir; Mr. Motion, of Thirdpart, who gave the land for the reservoir; and the Earl of Glasgow, the land for the filters and cistern at Flashwood. (Applause.) I might enlarge on the advantages likely to accrue to the community from the completion of the works were time and place suitable, but I will merely remark in a word that, according to modern ideas of sanitary requirements, and indeed, of domestic comforts, a supply of water by gravitation has become an indispensable necessity. Before closing, I would acknowledge with thanks the courtesy and kindness of the Provincial Lodge, in ceding to Dalry Blair Lodge the place of precedence on this occasion. I have also to thank for their attendance the deputation from Mother Kilwinning, and to thank the deputations from the different sister lodges, and the various visiting brethren who have honoured us with their attendance and support to-day. We are also indebted to the Water Committee for their courtesy in connection with this day's proceedings; and to the contractor for his excellent arrangements for those engaged in the ceremony. To those ladies and gentlemen who have graced the occasion with their presence we feel deeply grateful, and I would conclude with asking them to join us in again wishing that every success may attend the completion of the undertaking. (Applause.)

Theophilus Paton, Esq., of Swinlees, said—Right Worshipful Master and Members of the Masonic Brotherhood,—On behalf of the local authority of this parish, I beg to express our gratification at the fit and solemn inauguration of this important public undertaking. In the ordinary intercourse of life formalities are essential. They are expressive of common interests, and are the cement which binds society together. Upon an important occasion, such as this, it is fitting that an imposing and suggestive ceremony should widen our sympathies, smooth down asperities, and mark an epoch in our lives. To your ancient Order such duties have long been delegated, and although the full import of the mystic ceremony may not be recognized by those outside the pale of brotherhood, it is not difficult to perceive that at least a sympathetic approach is being made to unseen things in the mystery of creation. Gentlemen, in the present state of the works everything is necessarily crude and chaotic; but a few months will effect a great change; and as nothing has been neglected which can add to their efficiency, we can safely assert that when completed they will be found perfect in every respect, and be a source of continual pride and gratification to the inhabitants of Dalry. (Applause.)

The brethren were then called from "labour to refreshment," after which they returned in inverted order to the hall of the Blair Dalry Lodge, about 5 o'clock, and the R.W.M., with the assistance of his Wardens, closed the lodge in ample form.

PAPERS ENCLOSED IN THE CASKET.

"This foundation stone was laid with full Masonic honours on the second day of August, A.D. 1875, and Year of Light 5879, by James Manson McCosh, Esq., Right Worshipful Master of Dalry Blair Lodge, No. 290, at the head of the members of the lodge, in presence of a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, and deputations from sister lodges of the province; also in presence of the committee appointed by the local authority of Dalry for carrying out the works, and a numerous assemblage of the inhabitants of the town and district."

"The Dalry Blair Lodge, No. 290, was instituted on the 7th day of May, and consecrated on the 21st day of December, 1821, by the celebrated Sir Alexander Boswell, of Auchinleck, who composed a favourite inauguration song for the occasion."

"The first Master was Colonel William Blair, of Blair, which family, as will be seen from the annexed list of Masters, afterwards frequently honoured the lodge by holding that office. The lodge has prospered, and has added no fewer than 680 members to the Craft. The office-bearers for the current year are James M. McCosh, Right Worshipful Master; James Little, Depute Master; Robert Graham, Past Master; Thomas Hawthorn, Senior Warden; James Archibald, Junior Warden; William Burt, Chaplain; Thomas Steen, Treasurer; James Muir, Secretary; William Oliver, Senior Deacon; James Baxter, Junior Deacon; William Logan, Senior Steward; James J. Hunter and Thomas Dixon, Assistant Stewards; Thomas Wylie, Junior Steward; James Ritchie, Inner Guard; Hugh Logan, Outer Guard; Thos. Steen and W. J. Hunter, Decorators; and Jas. Watson and Robert Young, Auditors."

"The want of an abundant and pure supply of water has been long felt in the Town of Dalry, the inhabitants hitherto having been mostly supplied from wells sunk in the immediate neighbourhood of dwelling-houses. The

waters of many of these wells, on analysis, were found to be defective in quality, and in some cases so tainted as to be altogether unsuited for domestic use.

"After considerable discussion as to the best method of supplying Dalry with water, the parochial board of the parish, as constituted local authority under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, resolved, on the 4th day of December, 1873, to provide a supply of gravitation water according to a scheme proposed by Messrs. J. and A. Leslie, civil engineers, Edinburgh, whereby the waters of the south-western slopes of Baidland Hill should be impounded and stored in this reservoir, which is formed partly on the lands of Thirdpart, belonging to James Motion, Esq., Hapland, West Kilbride; and partly on the lands of Little Auldmuir, the property of William Wylie, Esq., of Doggartland. This reservoir is capable of holding about twenty million gallons of water. From the reservoir the water is to run in iron pipes through the said lands of Little Auldmuir and the lands of Bendlavo, the property of Theo. Paton, Esq., of Swinlees, to the parish road at Baidlandhowe, thence down the side of the old parish road to filters and a covered store cistern on the lands of the Earl of Glasgow near Flashwood. From the store cistern the water will be conveyed by an 8-inch iron pipe to the town, and distributed in pipes of various sizes throughout the water supply district.

"The works were commenced in the beginning of March, 1875, and are expected to be completed early in the spring, 1876. The expense of the works will be about £8,500, and it is supposed they will provide an ample supply of water for the district for many years to come.

"The following are the names of the committee of the local authority charged with the execution of the works:—Theophilus Paton, of Swinlees, Dalry, chairman and convener; Thomas Biggart, of Baidland, Dalry; John Gow, of Highgate, banker, &c., Dalry; Andrew Blair Aitken, of Carshead, Dalry; Robert Gray, of Keyshill, Stanley Cottage, Dalry; and William Alexander, merchant, Dalry. Engineers—Messrs. J. and A. Leslie, Edinburgh. Contractor—John Scott, Middleton, Dalry. Inspector of works—Walter Young, Edinburgh.

"A description of the town and parish of Dalry appears in the Sketch of Cuninghame, deposited herewith.

"Sealed with the seal of the lodge, and subscribed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and also by the clerk of the local authority, Brother Alexander Comrie, this second day of August, 1875.

(Signed) "J. M. M'COSH, R.W.M.
ALEX. COMRIE,
Clerk to Local Authority."

The advantages offered by the National Safe Deposit Company, 1, Victoria-street, Mansion House, cannot be too overrated. To the brotherhood it not only offers absolute security for jewels, lodge property, &c., but also affords protection from burglars and fire for general securities and valuables. Travellers, and families leaving home for a season, can do so without anxiety. This massive building, completely isolated, is the most perfect of its kind.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 27, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21.

Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Lion Square, Hampton.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.
Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

Lodge 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 28, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row Chester, at 6.30.
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
De Gray and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1181), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28.
Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, August 28, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

Lodge 505, Burns, St. Mary's Commercial Inn, Hurlford.

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

Lodge 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

Lodge 118, St. Bride's, Masonic Hall, Douglas.

" 125, St. James's, Masons' Arms, Newton, Ayr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28.

Lodge 305, St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Hollytown.

Chap. 143, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Hollytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 28, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23.

Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Freemasons' Hall, Blackfriars-street.

Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.

" 13, Torphican Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Bathgate.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

Lodge 223, Trafalgar, Freemasons' Hall, Salamander-street, Leith.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—The members of this lodge paid a visit to St. Albans, on Thursday, and passed a thoroughly enjoyable day. The brethren assembled at the Abbey at noon, when Bro. Chapple, clerk of the works, who is a member of the lodge, proceeded to give them a historical and architectural description of the building, beginning in the one instance with the foundation of the church by Offa, King of Mercia, in 796, to the building of the great monastery by Abbot Paul, and continuing the history of its career, its splendour, its vicissitudes, and its struggle to maintain its position until the present day; ending with an account of the late proceedings, in Parliament, establishing a new bishopric. The architectural features were then dilated on, commencing with those of the Saxon period, passing successively through the Norman, early English, decorated, perpendicular, and subsequent styles, illustrated in every instance by the magnificent arches and mouldings on the spot. Many of the brethren being of the architectural or engineering profession, they entered into a critical examination of the executed works, and expressed their appreciation of the means taken to save the great central tower, as by so doing all the eastern arm of the church was undoubtedly saved from destruction. The Lady Chapel restoration was an object of great interest; so much having been rescued from almost total destruction, the Ante-Chapel especially having been almost in the last stage of decay. Bro. Wood, manager to Sir Gilbert Scott, R.A., fully explained the state of dilapidation, and the means taken to repair the whole building. The beautiful fragments of Roman tiles, mouldings, and sculpture exhibited in the south transept occupied a large share of attention, illustrating as they do the work of eighteen centuries. The party then proceeded to inspect the ruins of Verulam, the broken dyke, the Roman wall and fosse, and minutely examined the sections here laid bare. The Earl of Verulam had kindly placed Gorbamby Park at the disposal of the lodge, but the inspection of the Abbey occupied so much time that a visit to the ruins of Lord Bacon's house was abandoned with regret. At 5 o'clock the members of the lodge, and a few visitors, sat down to an excellent banquet at the Peahen. The chair was taken by Bro. Oliver, W.M., supported by Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, P.M.; Hyde Pullen, and S. Larham, W.M. 1539; Secretary Bro. Thomas, P.M., F.R.G.S., F.S.A.; Muggeridge, S.W., and others; the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. West, J.W., supported by Bros. Payne, J.D.; Chapple, and others. "The Healths of the Queen and Royal Family" were drunk with enthusiasm, as well as those of "The Prince of Wales, G.M.," "The Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M.," and "The Various Lodge Officers;" also that of "Bro. Chapple" for his services. At the close of the banquet a conversation took place relative to the Granite Lodge leaving at the Abbey a memento of their visit, and it was resolved that an early meeting be called in London, with the view of raising a fund to repair a special portion of the fabric, so that a distinctive mark may be left in remembrance of a day happily and pleasantly spent, which was also mingled with a high degree of satisfaction from the circumstance that it was felt by all much instruction had been derived from such an architectural and archaeological investigation.

PROVINCIAL.

UPTON.—UPTON LODGE (No. 227).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton, on Thursday, the 19th August. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Levic, W.M., at four p.m., who was assisted by Bro. Holtham, S.W., W.M. Elect; Bro. Slec, J.W., and other officers. There were also present Bros. Picking, P.M.; Bolton, P.M.; Bratton, P.M.; and several members of the lodge. Visitors:—Bros. Lattrel, Gathercole, Lazarus, P.P.S.G. Warden, Wilts; and others. Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in Second Degree. Bro. Alfred Holtham was presented for instal-

lation. Having given assent to the ancient charges, the lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the non-qualified brethren retired. A board of Installed Masters was opened, when Bro. Holtham was duly installed into the Eastern chair, in the presence of nine P. Masters. The board and lodge closed in succession to the First Degree. The W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, according to ancient custom. Bro. Dr. Levic was the installing officer. The W. Master appointed the following his officers:—Bros. Slec, S.W.; Posener, J.W.; Brown, S.D.; Page, J.D., Treas., re-invested; Picking, P.M., Sec.; and the usual junior officers. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree, when a brother was passed to a F.C. Business over, the lodge closed in peace and harmony. As usual, refreshment after labour. An excellent banquet was provided, to which the brethren did ample justice, after which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given in appropriate terms by the W.M., and very cordially responded to. Bro. Dr. Levic proposed "The Health of the W.M." in very glowing terms, and, as a matter of course, it was received by the brethren most heartily. The W.M., in reply, said that I.P.M. Levic had spoken in too high terms of himself, much more than he was entitled to, but he would endeavour to merit those kind expressions by a faithful discharge of his duties, and hoped, when the time arrived for him to vacate that honourable position he now held the brethren would have no reason to regret having placed him there. "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the Master, who expressed the pleasure he had in seeing so many distinguished brothers present, and gave them a hearty welcome. Bro. Lazarus replied on behalf of the visitors and himself, and expressed the great pleasure they had received in witnessing the efficient manner in which the lodge was worked, which augured well for its future prosperity, by having such an excellent staff of officers. "The P. Masters" was responded to by the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Levic, who was invested by the W.M. with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. for the past year. The junior officers were honourably noticed and acknowledged. The brethren separated at ten o'clock, highly delighted with the proceedings of the day.

PETERBOROUGH.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 442).—The Craft in general will learn with much regret of the death of Bro. W. Strickland, P.M., P.P.G.S. Norths. and Hunts. The melancholy event took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Bro. Strickland was well known as a worthy member of the Order, having the welfare of his brethren always at heart. His kind and generous disposition will long be remembered, and his loss is deeply felt in the mother lodge, and throughout the province. The funeral took place in the cemetery at Peterborough on Saturday, the 14th inst. A number of the brethren of the province followed (as personal friends) the remains of their lamented brother to their last resting-place.

BARNES.—ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE (No. 975).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart, Barnes, on Friday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of Bro. G. J. Edmonds, W.M., assisted by the following officers:—Bro. E. W. Clarke, S.W.; W. H. Lee, (W.M. 1524), J.W.; J. H. Tyler, P.M.; C. A. Smith, P.M. and Treas.; G. H. Wigglesworth, J.D.; J. Gamar, I.G.; Gilbert, Tyler. The only business was the passing of Bro. Childs to the Second Degree, which ceremony was performed by the W.M. in his usual able manner. It was proposed by Bro. Smith, P.M. and Treas., seconded by Bro. Gamar, I.G., and carried unanimously, that the cost of the Steward's jewel worn by the W.M., commemorative of the Installation of the M.W. Grand Master, be defrayed from the lodge funds. There was no banquet. Visitors: Bros. D. Hinton, P.M. 360; H. Lister, J.W. 1524; W. W. Fawn, 1505.

HAMPTON COURT.—BURDETT LODGE (No. 1293).—This lodge met at the Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 24th July. The brethren present were Bros. Frederick Keily, W.M.; D. W. Pearce, S.W.; S. W. Berrie, J.W.; R. W. Little, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., Treas.; H. G. Buss, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; E. Southall, S.D.; D. Bindoff, J.D.; Rev. D. Shaboe, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; C. Coote, Org.; R. L. Sindall, I.G.; T. E. Woollard, Steward; Henry Phythian, P.M.; E. Baxter, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; and several other members of the lodge, Col. Burdett, the Prov. G. Master, being unavoidably absent on military duty. The visitors were Bros. Grabham, P.M. 1494; W. Stowen, 15; G. P. Gillard, 657; Rev. W. F. Reynolds, 708. The lodge was opened in the several degrees, but only routine business was performed, there being no candidates present. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Sadler, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, enlivened by a few songs by Bros. Coote and Baxter, and the brethren retired at an early hour.

HAMPTON.—LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—The last regular meeting of the season was held on Saturday, August 21st, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M. 1423, the W.M., was absent through the sudden death of his eldest sister, which melancholy event took place on 20th inst. Very great sympathy and condolence was expressed by the members of the lodge when it was known the great loss the W.M. had sustained. J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 1423, I.G., opened the lodge. The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, July 17th, were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots taken separately were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. James Triptree, of Woolwich, as a joining member, and all the candidates for initiation, Bros. Fletcher, Knight, Charles Graham, and W. F. Davis, 1423, were raised. Bros. J. T. Adams and J. Greenwood passed. Bro. W. Hammond, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, I.P.M., took the chair, and presided over the meeting for the remainder of the evening. He initiated Messrs. J. Hernaman and W. T. Crout into Freemasonry. The ceremonies were all very well rendered and impressively done. On the motion of

Bro. F. Walters, P. Prov. G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec., the sum of two guineas was voted from the charity fund, and given to a distressed member of the lodge, whose case had been helped at Lodge of Benevolence on previous Wednesday with ten pounds. Twenty guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be spent in purchasing a life governorship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in the name of the W.M. for the time being. Both amounts were carried unanimously. On motion, duly made and seconded, the petitions of the widow of a deceased member were duly recommended by the lodge. It was also unanimously resolved that Bro. E. Gilbert's name be sent up to the R.W.P.G.M., Col. F. Burdett, as the member whom the lodge would like to see selected for a Provincial Grand Steward. Some joining members were proposed, and candidates for initiation. Business being ended, the lodge was closed until next regular meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 20th, 1876. Refreshment followed labour. There were present, besides those named, Bros. E. Gilbert, S.W.; C. W. Fox, J.W.; F. Walters, P. Prov. G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Williams, S.D.; H. Potter, W.S.; H. Gloster, D.C.; J. B. Shackleton, Org.; H. Cutress, Assistant Steward; D. Steinhauer, R. J. Richards, J. Lawrence, W. Mitchell, W. Prattent, J. R. Croft, W. Crush, W. Middleton, J. Brogden, and several others. The visitors were Bros. C. Horsley, P. Prov. G.R. Middlesex, P.M., P.Z., &c.; M. Scott, P.M., Hon. Sec. 765; J. W. Halsey, P.M. 134, P.Z.; F. J. Davis, 1423; and others.

PLUMSTEAD.—UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1536).—The first meeting of this lodge since its consecration took place on Friday evening, the 13th inst., at the new hall, specially erected for it, adjoining the "Sir Robert Peel," Anglesea Hill, Plumstead. There was a large number of members and visitors present, including the following:—Bros. C. Norman, P.M. 700; C. Hobson, P.M. 700; T. Ward, W.M. 700; C. Jolly, 913; C. Cooke, 13; E. W. Fisher, 700; J. Nutton, 13; W. McCoy, 700; W. Allen, 434; W. G. Pinkney, 913; B. Blaisted, 913; C. Morris, 1331; W. Busby, 1260; C. Hulce, 1331. The following officers of the lodge were present:—F. Pownall, W.M.; Col. A. H. King, acting I.P.M.; W. Weston, S.W.; G. Spinks, J.W.; Murphy, Treas.; T. Cooper, Sec.; W. G. Picken, S.D.; H. Shaw, J.D.; Rev. E. L. Walsh, Chaplain; J. McCaffrey, Steward; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The lodge having been duly opened, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were formally passed. No less than forty-two joining members were then called and admitted, after which five of a large number of candidates were initiated by the W.M. in a most impressive and eloquent manner. Several other candidates were proposed, all of whom were, by the constitution of the lodge, military men above or having the rank of sergeant or staff sergeant in either of the Queen's corps. The lodge was then closed, and the visitors were cordially invited by the W.M. to join the lodge at refreshment. The whole of the ceremonies and working was satisfactory. The brethren being seated, the first toast was, of course, "The Queen and the Craft." "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," was then most loyally received. "Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers" was duly honoured. In giving the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Kent, Lord Holmesdale," the W.M. spoke highly of his lordship's ability and energy in the cause of Freemasonry, a like compliment being paid to the D.G.M. and the rest of the officers of the province. Bro. T. Ward, W.M. 700, having had the gavel placed in his hands by permission of the W.M., proposed his (the W.M.'s) health in eulogistic terms, and said the manner in which he (the W.M.) had carried out the business of the evening was both a credit to the lodge and Craft in general. He wished him a happy and prosperous year of office, and that under his guidance the lodge would so flourish, that it would be second to none in the Province of Kent. The W.M., in reply, thanked them for their kind expressions of regard, and especially his old friend Bro. Ward, for so feelingly uttering them. He desired to do his duty, and trusted it would be by him so carried out, that when he left that chair he should have done it to their satisfaction, and that they would never regret the confidence reposed in him. Bro. Richmond replied for himself and brother initiates. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and in testifying to the great pleasure he had at seeing so many visiting brothers present, spoke highly of the many kindnesses he had received from the officers and brethren of the various lodges in the neighbourhood, more especially from Bro. Penfold, the W.M. of the Pattison, 913, who he said had recently initiated him into the mysteries of their Provincial Grand Lodge; he felt proud to see present members of the Union Waterloo and Nelson Lodges, and he could assure them the United Military Lodge would be happy at all times to welcome them to its gatherings. He begged to couple the toast with the name of Bro. Ward, W.M. of the Nelson Lodge. Bro. Ward and P.M. C. Hobson, 700, responded for the visitors. Bro. Weston, S.W., returned thanks for the officers of the lodge. Bro. C. Jolly, 913, responded to a very flattering notice from the W.M., of the "Masonic Press," and Bro. B. Plaisted, the esteemed host, for a cordial vote of thanks for his exertions in getting ready their new room, and general efforts for their comfort. Nor must we conclude without giving Bro. C. Cooke, 913, our meed of praise for his excellent and gratuitous services at the harmonium, which he kindly lent for the occasion. Altogether a most interesting and enjoyable Masonic evening was spent in brotherly love, and the Tyler's toast brought the business of the meeting to a conclusion.

DAWLISH.—SALAM LODGE (No. 1443).—The installation of Bro. W. Ball as W.M. of the above lodge took place at the lodge-room, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. W. Bro. John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, P.G.D. England, was introduced by Bro. J. S. Short, P.M., G.P.O., and after his reception with Masonic honours, and the usual lodge business over, the distinguished officer installed the W.M. with

great ability. The W.M. elected the following brethren as office-bearers for the ensuing year:—S. Loram, I.P.M.; G. B. Avant, S.W.; J. S. Whidborne, J.W. and Treas.; W. H. Discombe, Sec.; H. L. Friend, S.D.; T. D. Smith, J.D.; J. Horsham, I.G.; B. Ferris, S.S.; H. P. Hatcher, J.S.; J. Chinnock, Org.; J. Haggarty, Tyler. Among the brethren present were:—H. W. Hooper, P.P.G.R., P.M. 1254, I.P.M. 444; F. C. Hallett, P.M. 303; G. N. Burden, P.M. 303; H. A. Corneek, Com. R.N., P.M.; S. H. Douglass, Com. R.N., P.M.; W. Gray, 474; Herbert Monckton, 197; J. Foot, P.M. 1091; F. Stephens, 1443; J. W. Peyton, 1443; R. Williams, 1443; A. M. Dallas Hill, 944; Geo. Gordon Johnston, W.M. Elect 1402. At the close of the lodge the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet at the W.M.'s, 16, Strand. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received with true Masonic enthusiasm. An interesting ceremony in connection with the banquet was the presentation of a handsome jewel to Bro. S. Loram, the W.M. for the past year, which was suitably acknowledged by the worthy recipient.

LIVERPOOL.—**LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 1502).**—This lodge, during its nine months' existence, has greatly prospered, thanks to the zeal, ability, and conscientiousness with which the W.M. and all his officers fulfil their respective duties, and there seems every likelihood of 1502 becoming one of the first in the largest province in the kingdom. The usual monthly meeting, held on Monday evening, the 16th inst., was largely attended. Bro. Ralph Robinson, W.M., was in his place, and the officers and "privates" present were Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, J.W., acting as S.W.; J. de Frece, Treas.; M. Hart, Sec.; Professor Prag, Chaplain; A. Jones, S.D., acting as J.W., in consequence of the absence of Bro. M. de Frece, S.W., from indisposition; B. Woolf, I.G.; A. Hart, S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; D. L. Marcus, J. R. Grant, Dr. W. Stern, J. Frank, A. Rabow, S. Waring, S. J. Henochsberg, L. Hart, G. Somers, L. Wagner, J. Taber, H. Lumb, H. M. Silver, A. Saqui, B. Levy, J. Goldberg, and H. Liebschutz. The visitors present were Bros. P. Barnett, 223; H. Vaughan, S.D. 86; B. Wohlgemath, 203; H. Horspool, 1924; L. B. Goodman, 594; R. C. Yelland, W.M. 1094; W. Jones, W.M. 1229, P.M. 220; J. B. MacKenzie, 1356; and others. Bros. S. J. Henochsberg and B. Wohlgemath, of Lodge 203, having proved proficient, were entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The work was admirably performed by the W.M., the working tools being given by the J.W. in a very effective and masterly style. The brethren subsequently supped, and at the conclusion of the repast, which was capably served by Bro. Fairhurst, the W.M. (Bro. Robinson) gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with great point and in excellent taste. "The Chaplain," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Professor Prag. "The Worshipful Master," given by Bro. Henochsberg, J.W., was responded to by Bro. Robinson, W.M., who next gave "The Newly Passed Brethren," acknowledged by Bro. S. J. Henochsberg. "The Officers" was replied to by the J.W., and "The Visitors," given by the W.M. in a warm-hearted manner, was responded to by Bros. Hart, W. Jones, P.M. 220; H. Vaughan, S.D. 86; R. C. Yelland, W.M. 1094; J. B. MacKenzie, and B. Wohlgemath, each of whom spoke in the highest terms of the working of the lodge. The proceedings were greatly enlivened by some capital songs given by the W.M., Bros. Veale, M. Hart, W. Jones, and others.

GREAT STANMORE.—**ABERCORN LODGE (No. 1549).**—This prosperous new lodge held a meeting of emergency at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 3rd inst., for the purpose of forwarding the lodge business before the season became too far advanced; Bro. Robt. Helsdon (P.M. 733), W.M., in the chair, supported by all the officers. The lodge having been duly opened with solemn prayer, and the usual preliminary business disposed of, Bros. Best, Swatton, and Felton were passed. On the lodge being resumed to 1°, the ballot was unanimously taken in favour of Mr. W. Eversden as a candidate for initiation, which ceremony was also performed by the W.M. in his usually effective manner; the ballot was also favourable for the admission of Bro. W. H. Linton, M.M. 889, as a joining member. The lodge was closed at 6 p.m. in solemn prayer. The evening was passed in the usual harmonious manner; the banquet, combined with the superior musical talent of several of the brethren, giving general satisfaction, the usual loyal and fraternal toasts meeting with a hearty reception. The next regular meeting takes place on the 7th prox., when three more candidates are announced for initiation.

Royal Arch.

HAMPTON.—**LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 1326).**—The final regular meeting of this prosperous chapter was held on Saturday, August 21st, 1875, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. The chapter was opened by Comps. M. Scott, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; J. W. Halsey, P.Z., as H.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E., as J. The companions were admitted. The minutes of the convocation held on July 17th were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of Comp. E. H. Thiellay, 145, as a joining member, and all the candidates for exaltation. Bros. W. Prattent and J. R. Croft, both from 1326, were introduced and exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The ceremony was beautifully rendered and most impressively performed. Comp. C. Horsley did the work of the J. chair. Comp. W. Hammond, the H., presented the chapter with three splendid and expensive candlesticks for the greater lights. A special vote of thanks was given him for this munificent present. These members were unanimously recommended by the chapter as those whom they would like to see selected for Provincial Grand Chapter honours, namely, Comps. W. Hammond, F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, and E. H. Thiellay.

Some candidates were proposed for exaltation. The chapter was closed until Saturday, June 17th, 1876. The visitors were Comps. C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. Midx., P.Z.; M. Scott, P.Z. 176; J. W. Halsey, P.Z. 507; R. W. Williams, 79; J. W. Baldwin, J. 73, and others. Refreshment followed labour.

Red Cross of Constantine.

JERSEY.—**CONCORD CONCLAVE (No. 8).**—A special assembly of the conclave was held on Friday, the 13th of August, at the Masonic Temple. It was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Immediately after a Mount Horeb Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John the Evangelist were opened by Sir Knt. A. Schmitt, acting M.E.C., assisted by Sir Knts. P. W. Benham, Jn. Oatley, and several others, when the minutes of the preliminary Sanctuary and Commandery, held on the 15th of April, were read and unanimously confirmed. At this stage of the proceedings, the Ill. Sir Knts. R. Wentworth Little, Treas. Gen.; and E. H. Thiellay, Knt. Commander of Mount Carmel Commandery, were announced, admitted, and most enthusiastically welcomed. The M.E.C., acting, now informed the Knights that the prayers of their petition to the Patriarchal Council were granted to work those degrees, and in virtue of his being duly authorised to that effect, he proceeded at once to install Sir Knts. C. P. W. Benham, the First Prelate and Commander (nominate), Jn. Oatley, the First Seneschal and Deputy Commander (nominate), into their respective offices, and they were proclaimed and saluted as such by the Knights present. The following approved candidates, R.A.M.'s, being in attendance, were duly received and proclaimed as Sir Knights of those degrees:—Jn. Blampied, F. F. Amy, Wm. H. Chapman, and L. Blanchard. The following Sir Knights were then elected and invested office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Ed. Martel, Prior; A. J. Boullier, Sub-Prior; Jos. O'Flaherty, C. of the G.; A. Schmitt, Registrar; Jn. Blampied, Treas.; Ph. Binet, Hospitaller; F. F. Amy, First Lieut.; L. Blanchard, Second Lieut.; Wm. H. Long, G. of the S.V.; Wm. B. Payne, S.B.; Ph. J. Boudier, Z.B.; Wm. Metherell, Verger; and Wm. H. Chapman, Warder. A hearty vote of thanks to their distinguished hon. member of the conclave, R. Wentworth Little, for his presence on that occasion, was cheerfully carried, and on the proposition of Sir Knt. A. Schmitt, seconded by the M.E.C., it was also resolved by acclamation "that the Ill. Sir Knt. R. W. Little be elected an honorary member of the Mount Horeb Sanctuary and Commandery," who courteously and gracefully acknowledged that mark of esteem and fraternal amity thus evinced towards him by the Knights. The Commandery was then closed according to ancient custom, and the Knights adjourned to the refectory, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, peculiar to the Order, were proposed. The special toast of the evening, "The Health of Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little," was duly honoured, and Sir Knt. E. H. Thiellay responded for "The Visitors." A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 19th inst., D. Butler, R.W.M., presiding, supported by G. McDonald, R.W.M. 73, acting S.W.; J. Burns, R.W.M. 87; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; J. Law, R.W.M. 570; D. Lamb, D.M. 360; Wm. Brown, 33; G. Stevenson Greenock, St. John's, 175; and others. The lodge was opened. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. An application from Mr. H. L. Craig (which was supported by Bros. H. Hay and Niven, Sec.) was entertained, and he received the First Degree, Bro. G. McDonald officiating. The lodge was then passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, when seven brethren received that, one being on behalf of the Thistle Lodge, 87. This being all the business before the lodge, it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 18th inst., when Mr. James Brooke, who was proposed by Bro. J. Burns, R.W.M., and seconded by Bro. John Miller, P.M., received the First Degree of Masonry. Bro. J. Booth, S.W., officiated at the altar in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself, and gave great satisfaction to the brethren present, among whom were J. Burns, R.W.M.; John Miller, P.M.; D. McDougall, Sec.; A. A. Smith, P.M. 354; J. Balfour, P.M. 332; G. B. Adams, 360; S. McPhee, and others.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE DRAMATIC (No. 571).**—The first meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 18th inst., at three o'clock. The petition of the promoters of this lodge has been before the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow and the Grand Lodge of Scotland for some time; being now granted, their first meeting was held on the above date, when a large number of the members and office-bearers of the lodges in the province were present to welcome them as the last chartered lodge. Among those we observed Bros. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G. Master; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Sec.; J. Balfour, P.M. 332; J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. 102; John Wallace, R.W.M. 413; J. Annand, R.W.M. 465; J. Love, S.M. 242; J. Booth, S.W. 87; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; R. Ronald, S.W. 275; R. Morrison, 27; Auld, 27; J. Whitehead, Treas. 556; Hardie, 102; Thos. Marshall, St. John, 776, North Brunswick; Reid, R.W.M. 465; J. Peterkin, 219; Edmonds, 129; Kelly, 87; G. B. Adams, 360 ("Freemason"). The following office-bearers for the lodge were elected and installed:—W. Dobson, R.W.M.; Jas. Houston, D.M.; W. S. Vallance, S.M.; H. W. Jackment, S.W.; Siewwright, J.W.;

Barbow, Treas.; D. Campbell, Sec.; McGregor, S.D.; R. Smyth, J.D.; J. Hay, I.G.; Mills, Tyler. The lodge was opened, when the R.W.M., in most graceful terms, thanked the brethren present for their kindness in coming to assist at the opening of this lodge. The following brethren were then proposed as honorary members of the lodge, viz.:—John Fraser, P.M. 87; J. Booth, S.W. 87; Mitchell, R.W.M. 102; A. Thorburn, R.W.M. 4; Annand, 465; D. Reid, R.W.M. 465; and A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; the R.W.M., Bro. Dobson, officiating at the altar. Bros. Fraser and McTaggart returned thanks for themselves and those who had received honorary affiliation, assuring the members of the Lodge Dramatic that any assistance they could give them would be most freely granted. Applications from three gentlemen were laid before the members of the lodge, who desired to become members of the Craft through the Lodge Dramatic, W. Forsyth, D. Noble, and C. H. Bayles. The three gentlemen were found clear by the ballot. Messrs. Forsyth and Noble, who were present, received the First Degree, Bro. Reid, R.W.M. of 465, officiating. The meetings of the lodge have been fixed for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, at three o'clock.

GLASGOW.—**ST. MUNGO ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.**—A meeting of this encampment was held in St. Mark's Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 16th inst. Among others, there were present Sir Knights Bell, McKenzie, Jas. Smith, H. T. Shiells, R. Campbell, J. McLeish, G. B. Adams, J. Johnston, Hallady, Gilchrist (acting Sec.), McDade. A great deal of business was placed before the meeting for arrangement and settlement, prominent among which was the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year. It was therefore agreed upon to continue the meeting till that day week, the 23rd inst., when a larger meeting and more of the office-bearers would be present, and business could be settled in a full and satisfactory manner.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

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But even though every lodge in Bengal should in this way be able to present itself before His Royal Highness—(which of course will not be the case)—it is naturally in Calcutta, not only as the Capital of India, but as the Headquarters of the oldest of the five District Grand Lodges which India and British Burmah now possess,—the oldest in fact, and the largest, among all the District Grand Lodges in the East—it is in Calcutta alone that anything like a really adequate ceremonial, a Masonic State reception,—if I may use the words—of our Grand Master, can, and should, take place.

This brings me to the first point for consideration by our Mofussil Lodges:—What arrangements can each lodge in Bengal make to send their Masters and Wardens, or other representatives, to Calcutta, to be present at an especial Grand Lodge, or other fitting ceremonial, for the reception of our Grand Master?

It is, of course, impossible to name any precise date now, but it would probably be about the middle of December."

The next point we have to think about is the question of expense. Without any attempt on my part to describe to you the various details of expenditure which must arise, it will be evident to all of you, that in the preparation and proper execution of such a ceremonial as the province, unless I am much mistaken, will desire should be compassed on such an unwonted occasion, a considerable expenditure will be inevitable.

The funds of District Grand Lodge (notwithstanding their present prosperous condition for ordinary needs) will certainly not suffice to bear the whole strain, though of course all that it has will be at the disposal of the occasion.

I am disposed to think we shall need to raise at least Rs. 2000.

Considering that the brethren in the Mofussil (at any rate those who come down to Calcutta) will have to bear expenses which will not fall upon those who are resident in Calcutta, it appears to me that if the eleven Calcutta lodges would raise among them Rs. 1000 and the sixteen Mofussil lodges the remaining Rs. 1000, it would be a very fair division of the burden of expense.

Will you then, Worshipful Masters of Lodges, both in Calcutta and in the Mofussil, take this subject of ways and means into your consideration, and will you kindly let me know what your views and feelings about the matter are, and how far your respective lodges will be able to contribute either in purse, or in person, or in both, towards attaining to a successful accomplishment of what is before us.

My words now are merely with a view to inviting you to consider the matter carefully in all its aspects—I refrain purposely from entering into minute detail—I speak simply as it were to introduce the subject, and I would ask you to send me your own opinions upon it freely and candidly—and as early as you can.

There is, however, one suggestion which I cannot abstain from bringing forward. Is this not a fitting time to make a final and determined effort, distinguished from the tantalizing and unsatisfying projects of the past, for the erection of a Freemasons' Hall in Calcutta, worthy of the fraternity in this ancient Province of Bengal? Are we ever, do you think, likely to have again such a favourable opportunity of bringing the undertaking (so often begun, but to be abandoned) to a successful issue? Is there any sort of ceremonial which we could organise for the Masonic reception of our Grand Master that could compare with one of which a portion should be his laying the first foundation stone in the N.W. corner of a Freemasons' Hall, which should, let us say, bear his name and be the lasting memorial of his visit to the Metropolis of India, and the oldest and largest of the Eastern Provinces of his Masonic rule?

Brethren, think well of this suggestion, and if the thought you will give to it is masculine, and the expression masterly and of the true stamp, your answer will unanimously be, "Let it be done, if it can be done." Phrases engrave themselves on memory. It can be done, I think, and the ways (for there is more than one way) of doing it are the following:—

1st. If the brethren in Bengal, numbering little short of 700 (not counting the many scores, I fear I may even say hundreds, who, representing the "ungarnished increment," do not subscribe to any lodge) can raise by debentures a sum of Rs. 70,000 or 80,000, i.e., a little over Rs. 100 each, not as a gift, be it understood, but as a loan—a loan too, at handsome interest, say 6 or 7 per cent.

2nd. It can be done, if not in the best way as first proposed, by getting (and he can be got) a capitalist to build for us a Hall at such a cost as we may determine, we paying on the capital expended a given rate of interest, on the understanding that we can, by any instalment we think fit, pay off the debt, the interest payable being, of course, on the balance due.

You know, brethren, how I have fought for the secure investment of the surplus of our several Charity Funds, and though I objected to the loan of these moneys to District Grand Lodge without security, I should favour a loan secured by a mortgage on the proposed Masonic Hall, and receiving good interest. There are some brethren who think that the rents collected by District Grand Lodge from the Craft will not suffice to pay the interest; but it should be remembered that we need not at first have a building of greater extent than will just answer our requirements, adding to it from time to time as money comes in; and money will come in, brethren, as surely as it is coming in for the Bengal Masonic Association, and, may be, by bequests, perhaps not very large, but likely enough to be many.

But of this I am assured, that the time for beginning is now—that we may be ready for the laying of the foundation stone by the M.W.G.M., if he will graciously be pleased to perform that duty.

To-day we must do something, and that is to appoint a committee, to report by the 31st July to the Dist. Grand Secretary, so that the District Grand Master may decide whether it would be well to summon an emergent meeting of Dist. Grand Lodge, to consider or to act upon the report.

I will ask some brother to propose at a later part of this evening the names of the brethren who should constitute this committee.

I referred parenthetically to the "ungarnished increment" in Masonry. To those brothers who have made a break in their Masonic career I would put a question, and follow it up by exhortation for the future, "to keep the covenant, as the stars keep their courses."

Demitted brothers—Is it not now the time for you to rekindle "the light that none but Craftsmen ever saw?" and with lamp full of the oil of gladness appear in close allegiance to, and alliance with, the M.W.G. Master, who so lately declared that to be a Freemason was to be a loyal and peaceable subject, and a charitable man.

Numbers unprecedented have entered our Order, numbers more are at our portals seeking admission. What will the Masonic world think of me for my seeming impertinence when I say, "Reflect on what you are doing?"

Brothers—quit now and for ever the cave of Adullam. You have rested on your oars more than long enough, take (not a spurt) but a steady pull in the Ancient Craft, and be no longer content with half lights.

To return to the subject of our preparations for our Grand Master's visit; it has occurred to me that Freemasons' Hall, or a portion of it may be used as a club for the convenience of the brethren who may come to Calcutta for the purpose of being present at the Masonic reception of the Prince of Wales. Possibly we might also be able to make arrangements to secure a suitable house, or houses, for dormitories; a troublesome business no doubt—but it may be done if we are very much in earnest (and I think we are) and if we take the field early.

However, as I said when beginning, it is not my intention to go into details now. These must be dealt with hereafter, though soon, and by the committee which we shall I trust, see appointed this evening.

I regret to have to report to you the exclusion from their lodges for non-payment of dues, of two brethren, namely, Bro. Peter Peterson, from Lodge True Brothers, Dinapore, and Bro. Archibald Paxton from Lodge Temperance and Benevolence, Calcutta.

A report of proceedings at a meeting of the Committee of General Purposes, held on the 31st June, having been printed and circulated, was, on motion made by W. Bro. W. B. Mactavish, D.S.G.W., and P.M. of Lodge 109, seconded by W. Bro. Bonnerjee, D.G. Registrar, and W.M. of Lodge 67, taken as read, and W. Bro. A. LeFranc, D.J.G. Deacon, and W.M. of Lodge 229, moved that it be adopted and recorded. Seconded by W. Bro. Fitz, acting D.G. Treas., and P.M. of Lodge 218, and carried.

A report of proceedings of the Committee of General Purposes, at a meeting held on the 7th June, having been printed and circulated, W. Bro. Beer, W.M. 218, and Past D.G. Organist, moved that it be taken as read. Seconded by W. Bro. Girling, W.M. of Lodge 232, and Past D.G. Dir. of Cer., and carried.

W. Bro. Bonnerjee, D.G. Registrar, and W.M. of Lodge 67, moved that the accounts as exhibited in the abstracts contained in said report be accepted as correct and passed. W. Bro. Turner, Past D.G. Sword Bearer, and P.M. of Lodge 1374, seconded the motion, which was carried.

W. Bro. Zemin, Past D.G. Registrar, and P.M. of Lodge 229, moved that the recommendation made by the Committee of General Purposes in the third paragraph of their report of the 7th June be adopted. Seconded by W. Bro. W. Girling, Past D.G. Dir. of Cer., and W.M. of Lodge 232, and carried.

W. Bro. LeFranc, D.J.G.D., and W.M. of Lodge 229,

moved that the report of the Grand Committee of the Fund of Benevolence (from the 18th March to 14th June, 1875), having been printed and circulated, be taken as read. Seconded by W. Bro. Fitz, acting D.G. Treas., and P.M. of Lodge 218, and carried.

W. Bro. Blackburn, Past D.G. Superintendent of Works, and P.M. of Lodge 218, moved that the report referred to in the foregoing resolution be adopted and recorded. Seconded by W. Bro. Dutt, D.G. Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies, and W.M. of Lodge 234, and carried.

The District Grand Master in the chair said, with reference to the next business upon the agenda paper, viz., "to elect a brother to act as Treasurer during the absence of W. Bro. W. H. Jones, or until the period for the next annual election," that, as many of them knew, the D.G. Treasurer (W. Bro. W. H. Jones) had a short time since left Calcutta for England, and it had accordingly become necessary that he (the District Grand Master in the chair) should, until the next meeting of District Grand Lodge, appoint a brother to act as Treasurer. He had appointed W. Bro. Fitz, having the fullest confidence in that brother's special qualifications for the office, as well as in his general worth as a man and as a Mason—a confidence which was the fruit of many years of close acquaintance. W. Bro. Fitz had taken over charge of the books and moneys from W. Bro. Jones on the 1st May, and since that date had acted as District Grand Treasurer. His appointment however was valid only for the purpose of carrying on the current work until a meeting of District Grand Lodge should take place; and it would now be for District Grand Lodge either to confirm W. Bro. Fitz in the appointment of Treasurer, or elect some other brother thereto.

W. Brosunno Coomaz Dutt, D. Assist. G. Dir. of Ceremonies, and W.M. of Lodge 234, moved that W. Bro. William Henry Fitz, Past Dist. Grand Deacon, and P.M. of Lodge 218, be elected to fill the office of District Grand Treasurer during the absence of W. Bro. William Henry Jones, or until the period for the next annual election. Seconded by W. Bro. James Blackburn, Past D.G. Supdt. of Works, and P.M. of Lodge 218.

The District Grand Master in the chair enquired if any member of District Grand Lodge had any other nomination to make. None being proposed, W. Bro. Dutt's motion was put, and was declared to be carried unanimously.

The acting District Grand Secretary having announced that the next business standing on the agenda paper was a notice of motion by W. Bro. Major Young, on the subject of the transmission of a memorial from this District Grand Lodge to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our M.W.G.M., praying him to appoint our W. Bro. Roberts to be his District Grand Master for Bengal.

The District Grand Master in the chair expressed his desire to retire while this portion of the business of the evening was under consideration, and called upon W. Bro. Frederick Jennings, Past Deputy District Grand Master, to take the chair.

W. Bro. Roberts then handed the Hiram of District Grand Lodge to W. Bro. Jennings, and left the lodge-room, duly attended to the ante-room by the Dist. Grand Deacons and Dist. Grand Stewards, under the orders of the District Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Pursuant to notice duly entered on the agenda paper, W. Bro. Major Thomas Newton Young, W.M. of Lodge Sandeman, No. 1374, P.M. of Lodges 552, 836, 988, and 1065, and Past D.G. Superintendent of Works of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, then moved that the following memorial be sent from this District Grand Lodge to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:—

"The Most High, Puissant and Most Illustrious Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew, and Lord of the Isles, Great Steward of Scotland, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight of the most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, and Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

"The humble memorial of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, and of twenty of the daughter lodges thereof, working under the United Grand Lodge of England:—

Sheweth—that upwards of two years have now elapsed since the departure, from this country, of District Grand Master Hugh David Sandeman. That during this time the province has successfully been under the rule of, and District Grand Lodge has been presided over by, Past Deputy District Grand Masters Kennedy, Locke, and Roberts; the last appointed Deputy (W. Bro. Murray) having left India even before District Grand Master Sandeman himself did. That your memorialists have no desire to complain of, or feel the smallest dissatisfaction at, the manner in which the important responsibilities connected with the care and charge of the province have been discharged by the aforesaid Past Deputy District Grand Masters; on the contrary, your memorialists are anxious to declare, and would hereby record, their full sense of the services rendered to Freemasonry in Bengal by the Worshipful Brethren above-named, whereby the Craft is at the present moment in a condition certainly not less prosperous than it was at the time of, and previous to, the departure of the District Grand Master. That your memorialists however are of opinion that any further delay in the appointment of a regular and resident successor to R.W. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, as District Grand Master for Bengal, cannot but be exceedingly prejudicial to the best interests of Freemasonry in this large and ancient province. That the aforesaid District Grand Master Sandeman did announce to the province, in District Grand Lodge assembled, on the 27th day of December, 1872, that he had tendered to

the M.W. the G.M.] the resignation of his high office—and your memorialists have since learnt, from the said District Grand Master Sandeman himself, that it is not his intention to return to India. Wherefore your memorialists, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, do now humbly pray that it may please your Royal Highness to appoint a trusty and expert brother, of fit station and of due worth and knowledge, to be your Royal Highness's District Grand Master in, and for, Bengal.

"And this Memorial further sheweth—that having ascertained what the wishes of the lodges in the province are, with respect to this appointment, your memorialists humbly venture to approach your Royal Highness with the following recommendation:—

"That your Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to appoint to the office of District Grand Master for Bengal of the under-mentioned W. brother, to wit:—John Blessington Roberts, of Calcutta, Esquire, Superintendent of Her Majesty's Indian Stationery and Stamp Office, Justice of the Peace, &c., &c., &c.; a Master Mason of nearly thirty years' standing, a Past Master in the Craft, who has held almost every office in this District Grand Lodge up to that of Deputy Grand Master, which he filled nearly ten years ago, and who is an able, worthy, and high-minded brother, in whom your memorialists can confidently pray your Royal Highness to repose full trust.

"That your memorialists are in no wise forgetful that the appointment of District Grand Master is wholly and entirely a prerogative of your Royal Highness's exalted office as Grand Master of the Order, and that your memorialists have, as of use, wont, or right, no voice, vote, or choice whatever, but your memorialists venture to believe that, having regard to the great distance which separates this province from your Royal Highness, you will be graciously pleased to permit and suffer your memorialists to offer this humble declaration of their opinions and desires, and to accord to the same your Royal Highness's gracious and valuable consideration.

"And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray."

In moving his resolution, W. Bro. Major Young said he felt that he need have no hesitation in urging its adoption. The name of W. Bro. Roberts was so well known, his Masonic reputation had extended so far and wide, the unanimity shown by the lodges in favour of his appointment as head of the province had been so marked, that it needed no words from him to recommend the resolution which he had the honour to move. The unanimity regarding it which he had referred to was in itself a convincing proof, if any were needed, of the high consideration and esteem with which W. Bro. Roberts was universally regarded by the Craft in Bengal.

W. Bro. Bonnerjee, barrister-at-law, D.G. Registrar, and W.M. of Lodge 67, said he concurred in every word W. Bro. Young had uttered, and most heartily seconded his motion.

The District Grand Master in the chair, in putting the motion, said it must be generally felt that the step proposed to be taken was one of the highest importance to Freemasonry in this province. It surely could not be beneficial to the interests of the Craft that the province should be left virtually without a responsible ruler for an indefinite time, and he was glad that District Grand Lodge had decided to recommend to the M.W. the Grand Master, for appointment to the high office of District Grand Master, a Mason so able, and so experienced, as W. Bro. Roberts. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The District Grand Master in the chair then desired the D.G. Dir. of Cer. to proceed with the Dist. Grand Deacons and Dist. Grand Stewards to the ante-room, and to beg W. Bro. Roberts to return to District Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. Roberts having re-entered, and re-assumed the Hiram, W. Bro. Jennings reported the resolution which had been passed in his absence.

W. Bro. Roberts thanked the brethren for the mark of their confidence, and said, that whatever might be the result of the resolution which they had just recorded, his best services would always be at the disposal of the Freemasons in Bengal.

The Acting District Grand Secretary reported the receipt of apologies from the several brethren for unavoidable non-attendance that evening.

The Acting District Grand Secretary moved, that the Committee for considering, and reporting upon, the means by which a Freemasons' Hall may be erected in Calcutta, and for managing all arrangements in connection with any Masonic ceremonial that may take place on the occasion of the Prince of Wales's visit, be constituted as follows, namely, the present Committee of General Purposes, with the addition thereto, by the Acting District Grand Master, of such brethren as he may think likely to be able to assist in the work. The Committee to report on the subject of the Freemasons' Hall by the 31st July. Seconded by W. Bro. J. L. Taylor, Past D.S.G.W., and P.M. of Lodges 392 and 1374, and carried.

There being no further business to be brought forward, the usual collection was made for the Fund of Benevolence; the amount was announced to be Rs. 87-12.

District Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

THE POSITION OF MASONRY IN THE YEAR 1875, AND ITS NOBLE CHARITIES.

This year has no doubt been a year "par excellence" for Masonry, as far as Great Britain is concerned: we have seen our future King devoting himself to our interests, coming amongst us at a critical moment to work with us, and assist us in building up the great Masonic edifice of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Yes, my brethren, a new stone has been laid, on which, I trust, a superstructure will rise worthy of its builder. The stone has been laid and the key-note struck, and already numbers are flocking to our gates, seeking admission to

what before they thought of no account, but now worthy of their special notice.

Another stone has been laid in the unprecedented amount of donations to our three noble charities, as I read over £27,000 for this year. Our brethren have indeed acted well and truly; they have done their duty nobly.

There remains for us now matter of deep consideration, calling forth our utmost energy. "We must be careful who we may admit out of the numbers seeking admission." A moment of prosperity is with us! it depends on you, my brethren—aye, all of us together—to use this prosperity that it may last for ever.

The tide and the breeze are with us; with a flowing sail we joyfully career on our course, we see not the dangers before us; but the sentry on duty, the watchman in the fore-castle, suddenly cries "Breakers ahead." All is confusion, but the craft is sound, the officers able and efficient; the danger may be and can be avoided, with due care and a sharp look out. Breakers are indeed ahead of our good old Craft!—breakers of indifference! breakers of misrule! breakers of self-indulgence, self-love, self-seeking.

On what is Masonry founded? A pure system of morality! What are its objects? To love the Lord our God with all our hearts, our neighbours as ourselves, and to be in charity with all men! These are great lessons, which are practically evidenced by an observance of the three great Masonic characteristics, viz., Faith, Hope, and Charity. How can we gain this strict observance? Only by following the details of Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, and Justice.

To be a Mason in name is one thing! to be a Mason in deed is another! It is not quantity that we require, but quality. Now, my brethren, do you see the breakers ahead?

Among the numbers seeking admission, we may (nay, I may say shall) find those who, having gained the portals of our Order, from incapacity or other causes may become indifferent.

How many now have we in our Order who are ignorant of our deep mysteries—who, in fact, never practise charity? Others again there will be of good intentions, true and honourable men, who, from want of temper, or other unhappy qualities, will for ever be causing disunion in the lodge! others again who, having passed the portals, seek only the convivial, to the detriment of the business department of the Order! In fact, I have heard it related, that certain brethren, who were always late at business (event when their attendance was necessary), coming in for the convivial, and, business not being concluded, complaining, aye, complaining bitterly, that dinner or supper should be delayed because the working brethren had commenced late! Other breakers there are ahead! viz., those who, having joined Masonry, seek not its high aims, but their own aggrandisement, or their own self-advantage.

These are the breakers that have ever and always will be ahead of the true Craftsman, and what fitter occasion than the present can there be to lay down the *chart* (not a new one) of the real duties of a true and worthy brother?

But you may say, why bring forward these difficulties now, if they always have and always will exist? Why? Simply because now, with the plethora of applications for admission, we must duly and truly discriminate as to who are fit and worthy candidates for admission to our Order. We know that Masonry is now the fashion, many prompted by this, many by vanity, may come before us: we must reflect, we must discriminate, that in the future no evil shall come on the Craft. In the words of Holy Writ, then, on which we work and have our being, again I say "Watch."

Brethren of the Craft, you have numbers seeking admission; eschew haste, enquire diligently into the moral and actual life of aspirants to our secrets! Consider their capabilities! Keep not out the poor for the rich; there are equally good candidates in both degrees! Seek only excellence, and one stone will be well laid.

I have already mentioned our three great Masonic characteristics, viz.: Faith, Hope, and Charity; our Faith will consolidate our true character, and lead us to carry out in our lives and actions our two great duties to God and our neighbour; Hope will encourage us; and in our Charity we can prove for ever our due and earnest endeavour to do our duty as true men and Masons.

Charity comprises the whole, as we find in Scripture: but what is charity? Charity, says the inspired apostle, "thinketh no evil, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." Our neighbour is as ourself! We cannot judge him, only the great God alone! Human words are inadequate to truly designate charity; the glowing words of St. Paul to the Corinthians must serve me; "that though you may give your goods, though you may offer yourself as a sacrifice, and have not charity, it profiteth nothing." Away, then, with pride and envy; be charitable and forgiving; seek not your own good but that of others; serve your Creator; your neighbour as yourself; and do your utmost to fulfil the duties which as a denizen of this life you are called upon to perform.

I now come to the second question, viz., our charities and institutions. I have already mentioned that over £27,000 has this year been contributed to these good works in England, besides other amounts given in the provinces and privately. The statistics have been published, so I need not discuss them. Even in this case there are breakers ahead, and what time can be more fitting than the present to enlarge upon them.

We have an axiom in Masonry, "that we should give our utmost to charity without detriment to ourselves or our families." It may be answered, we do so! but how many of those who have given—aye, willingly while their means lasted—have thought on this subject; have they not often given too much; while the callous, the indifferent, and the negligent have been looking on doing nothing. Who are those that give? I can answer on behalf of my brethren who these are. They are those who knowing their

duty, have done it. These good men think no evil; they think not of themselves; they see the suffering and the destitute before them; their large hearts are opened, and they give freely: I speak of the good and true, whether rich or whether poor—those I maintain are those who have given and do give either of their abundance or of their penury; but what proportion of our Order belong to this class? If all our brethren were actuated by these feelings our returns would be twenty, aye, fifty, times greater. Look at the statistics and you will see how few, how very few, contributors we have in proportion to our recorded members. Let us mark this era in Masonry by laying another stone by inciting the indifferent, the callous, the negligent to come forward; then we may feel that we have one and all done our duty. How many have refrained from giving in this and previous years? how many have been callous and half-hearted? Come forward then, ye erring brethren; help in the great work! Your institutions are before you! They are well carried, on as their success shows. This is no new call I make upon you; remember your admission into Masonry and do your duty.

It is an acknowledged fact that Masonry in Great Britain is in the ascendant, I therefore implore the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Craft to exercise due care as to what candidates they admit, and when admitted to teach them thoroughly their Masonic duties, to urge them to seek deep into our mysteries, and to inculcate the practice of charity. This would be a fitting tribute to our Royal Grand Master, and make his reign one of the greatest eras in Masonry. I appeal to you now, my newly-initiated brethren, seek information from all zealous and well-instructed Masons, and, above all, cultivate charity, charity of mind, charity of feeling, and charity of action! God the Creator has blessed your store, give freely and ungrudgingly what you are able.

I now appeal to all in England, Ireland, and Scotland. The two first nations have grand institutions for the orphans, the widows, and aged. Scotland will, I trust, soon answer to the call. In fact, I know that a grand institution there is now being promoted, and gaining support far and wide among all classes of the brotherhood. Think, my friends, of the good that is done. The widow's heart cheered in her misery, children lamenting their parents supported and educated, aged and destitute brethren relieved. Think of the hearty prayers offered up by the fatherless and widows; think of the blessings invoked daily—nay, hourly—by those poor sufferers on the heads of those good and true Masons who have come to their support.

Another acknowledged fact. The contributions in England have this year reached no less a sum than £27,000.

You who are half-hearted, you who are negligent of your Masonic duties, you who, in fact, from various causes have resigned active participation in our mysteries, surely you cannot withstand the cry of the helpless; your hearts cannot be so hardened. Show that you are men and Masons. Freely ye have received, freely give.

Have I not now proved that there are "breakers ahead?" have I not proved that, spite of the large donations, we should do yet more? We must, one and all of us, help to put our house in order. This present prosperity may make or mar our institution.

We must not relax our endeavours for good, but press forward anxiously in our calling. Care, forethought, attention to our duties, industry will swell the tide of prosperity. Negligence, apathy, carelessness, will destroy the work of centuries.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE GRIMSBY MASONIC HALL.

Monday, the 16th, was probably the most important, and more deserving to be remembered, of any day in the modern history of Grimsby Freemasonry, for seldom indeed is it that a public demonstration of the character and ceremonial surrounding the proceedings that then took place is witnessed in this town; and though much of the extraordinary interest manifested in the events of the day arose from curiosity, yet the magnificence, combined with the solemnity of the display, lent its peculiar attractiveness to the occasion. The "Pelham Pillar" Lodge was established at Chapman's Hotel in September, 1859, and having been for three years conducted at that house, the lodge was for various reasons, and during the Mastership of Bro. Whalley, removed to premises in Bullring-lane, where it is still held. It was in 1867, when Bro. Copeland was Worshipful Master, that the necessity for having a Masonic Hall was first mooted, but at that time the site required could not be obtained, and the question laid dormant until a fresh movement was started in 1873 by Bro. Hadfield, who was then the Worshipful Master, and who manifested a special interest in the matter. Since then the proposal has gained in strength, until a few months ago the "Pelham Pillar" Masonic Hall Company was formed, the chief promoters being Bro. Hadfield and the other P.M.'s. The site of the proposed hall is at the junction of George-street and Osborne-street. [On this site, as many old inhabitants of Grimsby will remember, stood a hawthorn tree, in whose branches the school boys of bygone years have disported themselves. Additional historic celebrity will henceforth attach to this tree, now removed, in the fact that the working tools, and the box containing them, used in the stone-laying ceremony of Monday last were manufactured out of it. The brethren on this occasion permitted the uninitiated in Masonic mysteries to be present, and for the special convenience and accommodation of ladies a platform was kindly provided, from which about 300 fashionably attired ladies viewed the proceedings, adding a charm to their picturesqueness and brilliancy. A profuse display of flags also enlivened the scene. The hall is estimated to cost £2835. Mr. T. G. Barker is the architect, and Mr. Thomas Drew the builder. Mr. Hasten Clark has been appointed secretary to the company, and Mr. A. Bates solicitor. A glass jar deposited in a cavity cut in the stone

contained copies of the "Grimsby Observer, News, and Herald," a memorandum of the articles of the company, a programme of the day's proceedings, and some current coins of the realm.

After a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency had been opened at the Mechanics' Hall, the brethren formed and marched to the site of the proposed building.

The procession was a very large one, and had an impressive and imposing appearance.

Arrived at the entrance to the site, the brethren divided to the right and left, facing inwards, leaving an avenue for the Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, the Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. Sutcliffe, and the deputy of R.W. Prov. G.M., who passed up to the foundation stone, followed by the officers of Prov. G. Lodge and other acting officers. The inscription is as follows:—"This stone was laid by Bro. John Sutcliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., August 2nd, 1875." The officiating brethren having duly taken their positions round the stone, the Prov. Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing on the undertaking, the Chaplain and brethren alternately reciting the psalm, "Except the Lord build the house," &c. The R.W. D.P.S.M., Bro. W. H. Smyth, having read his dispensation appointing Bro. John Sutcliffe to officiate in laying the stone according to ancient Masonic custom, Bro. Sutcliffe stated that they were assembled to lay the corner or foundation stone of a building to be hereafter erected, and which was specially intended to accommodate Masons, the Craft in Grimsby having made great progress, and their numbers and importance now rendered a Masonic Hall desirable and necessary. The superintendent of works then presented the plans of the proposed edifice to the officiating officer, who after examining, approved and returned them to the superintendent. The Secretary (Bro. H. Clark) next read a copy of the document placed in the phial deposited in the cavity of the stone.

The officiating officer having spread the cement, the stone was slowly lowered to its bed, the band playing "Rule Britannia." A flourish of trumpets then indicated that the stone was placed on its base. "God bless the Prince of Wales" was then played. The officiating officer then directed the bearers of the plumb rule, the level, and the square to the performance of their respective duties. The first declared the stone to be perfect and trustworthy, the second well founded, and the third that it was true. The O.O. "having full confidence in their skill in the Royal art," proceeded to complete the work, knocking the stone thrice with a mallet, and declaring it properly laid in accordance with the ancient rules of architecture. After a performance by the band, corn in a cornucopia, wine in an ewer, and oil and salt in vessels, were handed in turn to the O.O., and poured by him on the stone. In doing so he said:—"I scatter corn upon this stone as an emblem of plenty, and may the blessings of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and may our hearts be filled with gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts."—"I pour wine upon this stone, the emblem of joy and gladness. May our hearts be made glad with the influence of Divine truth, and may virtue flourish as a vine."—"I pour oil as an emblem of peace. May peace and harmony, goodwill and brotherly love, abound amongst us all."—"I scatter salt, the emblem of purity, of hospitality, of fidelity, and of friendship; and I dedicate this building to the peaceful pursuits of Freemasonry."—After each of these formalities the Chaplain read an appropriate text of Scripture, and concluded with a brief prayer.

The Treasurer (Bro. M. Dawson) placed some current coins of the realm in the phial, which he deposited in the cavity of the stone, which the officiating officer saw properly secured with cement. Bro. Acey's band was in attendance and played a solemn dirge whilst the stone was being lowered by three distinct drops, the last leaving it suspended about 10 inches from its bed.

Bro. John Hadfield, advancing to the officiating officer and presenting him with a beautiful silver trowel, said: Right Worshipful Sir, you are very well aware that the room in the old Masonic lodge in Grimsby has now become far too small to accommodate the brethren; therefore we propose to erect this building in order to make room for more gentlemen who wish to become members; and I, being chairman of the company who are about to erect this hall, have been requested by my brother directors to present you with this trowel for the purpose of laying the foundation stone. In presenting you with this trowel I am simply paying you the compliment which the brethren of the province think you deserve, knowing as they do how long you have been a good and faithful Freemason (hear hear), how long you have fought the battles of the Craft, and how long you have always done your best to assist the suffering widows and orphans. In presenting you with this trowel, and in wishing you health, long life, and prosperity, I am sure a responsive throb of joy will emanate from every Mason in this assembly. (Applause.)

The trowel, which was supplied by Mrs. Webber, widow of Bro. Webber, bore the inscription—"Presented to Bro. John Sutcliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall, Grimsby. Monday, August 2nd, 1875."

Bro. Sutcliffe then addressed the assembly, saying: Brethren, ladies, and gentlemen—We have met here to-day for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new house in which the Freemasons of this town and ancient port may assemble. It has devolved upon me—unworthy though I am—as the oldest Freemason in the town, to discharge this duty. This must be to me a very proud day, and one which I shall ever remember with gratitude to my brethren for their selection of me to perform this office. In the outer world the principles of Freemasonry are a good deal criticised by men who do not thoroughly understand or even know our precepts or our practices. We are generally described as a party of men who meet together for social enjoyments. Admitted we do, is there anything improper in that? I say no. But we have higher, higher

motives than that of occasionally meeting together for social pleasure. We meet for the promotion amongst ourselves of brotherly love and charity and assistance to all—more especially our brethren perhaps—but to all who may require it outside the pale of our association. (Hear, hear.) I think I may safely say there is never any great national calamity arises but you see the Masons assisting the helpless and the sufferers. (Hear, hear.) We have amongst us high educational institutions. We care for the aged and infirm brethren and their widows, and find a home, education, and clothing for the orphans of our deceased brethren and sisters. In many places schools are maintained by the Masons of a province. In addition to them we have those grand institutions—an asylum for aged and infirm brethren and our magnificent and splendid schools for boys and girls. Upwards of 200 aged Freemasons, and the widows of brethren, now receive very handsome annuities from the fund which is devoted to that purpose. In this province there are several widows—I don't know exactly how many—who receive an annuity of £26 per annum, and brethren who receive an annuity of £36 per annum. These allowances must be a great assistance and comfort to them in their old age. Then we have a school for girls, in which 150 daughters of decayed Freemasons are taught, educated, and clothed, and after they leave school respectable positions are found for them. At present this province of Lincolnshire has 4 children in the Girls' School. But we have another institution of which we all feel proud—prouder almost than of any other institution connected with the Craft—I mean the Boys' school. (Hear, hear.) In it 178 orphan boys—children of deceased Masons—are educated and clothed, and a very excellent and superior education is given to them. These three institutions are supported by the voluntary contributions of the Masons of England, and during the past year no less a sum than £27,000 has been subscribed towards their maintenance. (Applause.) There is not another order, I believe, in this country that can boast such noble subscriptions. To the Boys' School alone the subscription was nearly £13,000, and that is unprecedented I believe, in the annals of almost any charitable institution. (Hear, hear.) The outer world has thought proper within the last two or three years to attack us, more especially one class or clique of men, who charge us with being irreligious and disloyal. This charge is made against us by a leading member of that party who said his second loyalty is due to the Queen of this country, but his first loyalty is due to the potentate of a foreign land. I leave you to judge whether that charge of disloyalty comes with good grace from men of that character. As to our being irreligious, why whenever we assemble the volume of Sacred Law is laid open, and it guides and rules all our actions and proceedings. (Hear, hear.) Thus much for their charge of irreligion. I think the public do not think we are such great hypocrites as to meet in this manner, if we were not really sincere in our principles. As to the charge of disloyalty, coming from a class of men who say their second loyalty only is due to this country, and that their loyalty is firstly due to a foreign potentate, I think the lie has been crammed down their throats by our Her Apparent to the Throne having taken the office of Grand Master. (Applause.) But before he came into that position he knew and had studied the principles of Freemasonry. He came to the fore, and gave the lie to scandalous, libellous fellows. (Hear, hear.) I have now only to say that we have placed this stone here to-day for the erection of a Masonic Hall for the purpose of affording more accommodation to the members who are crowding to our craft. I have been a Mason over twenty-three years. At that time we had only 600 lodges on the grand roll of England. Now the number has greatly increased, and we can count 1500 lodges, showing that in twenty years the number has more than doubled. The increase has been going on more rapidly during the past three years than during any previous period. We do not go hawking about the streets, in all the highways and by-ways, what we do, but our principles only want to be known, I am quite sure, to be admired. (Applause.) Turning to the ladies' platform, Bro. Sutcliffe said:—I thank you for the great compliment you have paid me and the Craft by gracing with your presence the ceremonial of to-day. (Applause.)

The Masonic version of the National Anthem was then sung, the air being taken by Bro. Copeland. With this the ceremony terminated, and the procession re-formed in inverted order. The brethren walked back to the Mechanics' Institute, where Grand Lodge was formally closed.

The banquet held in the evening in the large room at the Town-hall was presided over by Bro. John Hadfield, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. for Lincoln, as chairman of the Masonic Hall Company, Bro. and Mrs. Sutcliffe occupying the post of honour. There was a large attendance of Masons, the board being graced by the presence of their wives and daughters. Amongst the brethren present were the following guests of Bro. Sutcliffe:—W. H. Radley, Boston; Wm. Watkins, Lincoln; Rev. Dr. Ace, Loughton; W. J. Bland, Boston; W. G. Moore, Grimsby; E. J. Cullen, Lincoln; A. Kirk, Gainsborough; R. Goodmann, Gainsborough; Thos. Slaton, jun., Boston; J. A. Thomas, Boston; Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, Thornton-le-moor; C. M. Nesbitt, Louth; F. O. Marsden, Louth; T. W. Thimbleby, Spilsby; Alfd. Parkin, Doncaster; Wm. Pooles, Boston; Geo. Nelson, Limber; Wm. Swallow, Barton; Jno. Barnclough, Lincoln; J. W. Palmer, Boston; W. B. Bratley, Boston; Wm. Sissons, Barton; Thos. Fryer, Brigg; G. G. Birkett, Louth; H. C. Chambers, Market Rasen; Rev. R. T. Ward, Salmonby; Martin Kemp, Hull; R. W. Vivian, Hull; F. Binckes, London; W. Pallitt, Manchester; J. Spink, F. Phillipson, Smith, Terry, and Little, Grimsby. A sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. W. H. Roberts, of the Yarborough Hotel. Mr. O'Connor, fruiterer, of Victoria-street, supplied the excellent dessert, and tastefully adorned the tables with flowers and plants.

The Chairman gave the three loyal toasts in enthusiastic terms; followed by Bro. Radley (Boston) with "The Bishop and Clergy," to which Bro. the Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, P.G.C., responded. Bro. Thomas proposed the patriotic toast, coupled with the name of Capt. Garvey, who returned thanks for the three services; after which several official healths were honoured.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of Bro. John Sutcliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and acting D.S.G.M., on laying the foundation stone." (Applause.) He invited the company to drink the health of Bro. Sutcliffe in a bumper, observing that it was needless for him to dilate on the many excellences of that gentleman, many of which, however, he dwelt upon, and thus called forth an exuberance of cheering.

Bro. Sutcliffe thanked the company most sincerely and heartily. He felt that he should retire from the position he held in Masonry, and make room for a younger man. ("No.") There were as good fish in the sea as ever were caught. He had taken a prominent position in Masonry because he loved it, and because he thought it was the finest institution in the world. It inculcated brotherly love, and they were enabled to look more generously upon the little failings of a brother than upon those of the outer world. He then alluded to the charities which the brethren upheld, and proceeded to remark upon the growth of the Craft in numbers and strength.

The Chairman next proposed "The Visiting Brethren," for whom Bro. McMurchie, Bro. Swallow, and Bro. Nelson responded.

Bro. Sutcliffe proposed "The Chairman and Directors of the Pelham Pillar Masonic Hall Company, Limited, and success to the undertaking." In doing so he remarked that the perseverance which their chairman had displayed in the matter was admirable (hear, hear), and he was to be congratulated upon the result of his exertions.

The Chairman, in responding, stated that the total cost of the building would be £3000, towards which not a single gift would be received. The capital would be subscribed by Masons in £1 shares, and £1700 worth had been applied for.

Bro. Vivian proposed "The W.M. of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, and the W. Masters of our Lodges present."

Bro. W. Marshall (Vice-Chairman) acknowledged the compliment paid him.

Bro. A. Bates gave "The Masonic Charities" in a speech full of kindly sympathy.

The remaining toasts were "The Ladies," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons throughout the world," responded to by Bro. Collinson.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st September, 1875.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd June for confirmation.

2. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The widow of a brother of the Union Lodge,
No. 129, Kendal..... £50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Acacia Lodge,
No. 1309, Southall..... 100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298,
Rochdale..... 50 0 0
A brother of the Westminster and Keystone
Lodge, No. 10, London..... 150 0 0
3. The Report of the Board of General Purposes to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that the subject of wearing special or commemorative jewels unauthorized by the Most Worshipful Grand Master having been brought under their notice, they have considered it desirable to direct the Grand Secretary to issue a circular to the Provincial Grand Secretaries and other Masonic authorities, requesting them to warn the brethren under their several jurisdictions against wearing any such jewels, except those which have previously received the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

(Signed) PETER DE L. LONG,
Vice-President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 17th Aug. 1875.
To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of August inst., showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3481 10s. 7d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

4. The Annual Report of "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," dated the 21st May, 1875, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW SCHOOLS AT OLD CUMNOCK.

On Thursday afternoon the usually quiet little village of Old Cumnock was the scene of an event of considerable interest, namely, the laying of the memorial stone of a public school in course of erection there. The building, which is situated on the Barrhill Road, in close proximity to the old graveyard, is of the Gothic style of architecture. It is a handsome structure, similar to the other School Board schools, and, being designed to accommodate upwards of 800 scholars, will supply the requisite school accommodation for the children residing in the district. It has been erected at a cost of nearly £4000, and will supply a want in the locality which has been felt for some time

past. To witness the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the school the inhabitants turned out en masse on Thursday. In the forenoon contingents from Kilmarnock, Ayr, Troon, Catrine, and a number of other Masonic lodges began to arrive, and by mid-day the streets of the village were crowded with visitors. Shortly after two o'clock the procession, headed by a brass band, left the Black Bull Hotel for the new building.

"MASONIC INFIDELITY."

[We extract this choice little bit of nonsense from the "Church Herald."]

SIR,—It seems to me "Mr. Dore" is more bold than wise, when he affirms that "Freemasonry is essentially a religious and Conservative institution." Will he have the kindness to explain what he means by a religious institution? We are told by a Masonic writer that "according to Freemasonry it belongs to reason to create not the form alone, but also the substance of religion." The last efforts made to uphold ecclesiastical Christianity occasioned its complete expulsion from the realm of reason. . . . However, reason became aware of the irreconcilable enmity existing between its own teaching and the dogmas of the Church."

This is quoted from a Masonic book, at page 208, of "The Secret Warfare of Freemasonry." (Burns.) Again, as to its Conservative character, (page 93), "The Secret of Freemasonry consists in these words, equality and liberty; all men are free, all men are equal." Though this book has been noticed publicly by Freemasons, I have nowhere heard of their attempting to deny the accuracy of its information, and I am sure no thoughtful Christian can read it without being convinced that Freemasonry is essentially anti-Christian and Socialistic.

A TORY LAYMAN.

Masonic Tidings.

The Inauguration Banquet of the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction No. 1228, will take place on Tuesday, September 7th, at the Red Lion, Leytonstone, at half-past eight precisely. The Lodge of Instruction will meet at the Red Lion on every succeeding Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN.—The balance-sheet submitted by the directors of the Freemasons' Tavern Company to the shareholders shows a deficiency in the trading account for the past year, which is attributed partly to the cost of repairs and furnishing, and partly to special competition encountered by the company; but a hope is expressed that certain alterations at present under consideration will have the effect of bringing about a more satisfactory state of things.—"City Press."

Prince Leopold has been admitted a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrew's.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon has left Highclere Castle, Newbury, and rejoined his yacht at Cowes.

At a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ulster, held on Thursday, the Right Worshipful W. E. Scott, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presiding, an address was read to be presented to his Grace the Lord-Lieutenant, hailing with satisfaction his accession to the office of Grand Master of the Order in Ireland. A deputation of the Provincial Grand Officers was appointed to attend on his Grace at the Palace, and present the address, which was subsequently done. The Duke read a gracious reply.

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, which was to have been held at Bangor on the 27th instant, has been indefinitely postponed. The abandonment of the lodge has been a great disappointment, not only to the brethren, but to the townspeople generally, as the arrangements had so far progressed that a full choral service was to have been held in the cathedral, and a special sermon preached by the Bishop of Bangor.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught left on Wednesday, Aug. 24, for Krauchenwies, on a visit to the princely family of Hohenzollern. His Royal Highness then proceeded to Darmstadt. He will take his departure for Gibraltar during the second week in October, and will return to England early in the spring.

The Rev. Basil Wilberforce, of Southampton, who is one of the leaders in the Church of England Temperance movement, has received a letter announcing that his Royal Highness Prince Leopold will become president of the Oxford branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.

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The following stand over:—

Report of Lodge Concord, 757, Mazagon. Report of the Grand Chapter Rose Croix in Ireland will be given next week. "Minutes and their Confirmation." "Masonic Medals and Tokens." "T. Burdett Yeoman." "Yama."

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DEATH.

STRICKLAND.—At Peterborough, on the 10th inst., Bro. W. Strickland, P.M., P.P.G.S. Norths. and Hunts., aged 69.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUG. 28, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER AT SHEFFIELD.

We congratulate the Craft on the happy and glorious reception of our Grand Master in the good town of Sheffield. We have never been among those who doubted the loyalty and true-heartedness of the Hallamshire Boys and the "Sheffield Blades." We know better than most people the real worth and sterling merit of warm-hearted Yorkshiremen generally, and even amid the smoke and din of Sheffield there were, we felt sure, as "leal" and as sympathetic hearts as in any other portion of the realm of England. We therefore congratulate alike our Grand Master and the Sheffield people on this auspicious event, and trust that the marked feelings of admiration and gratification may never be forgotten on either side. Sure are we that old and young will long remember the visit of our Royal and genial Grand Master, the winning presence of his charming consort, and all those loyal and bettering emotions which such happy meetings are calculated to produce among all classes of English citizens. Sheffield seems to have done nobly. All the arrangements were fault-

less, and the fact that that mighty mass of people were so easily controlled and so admirably behaved may teach other localities a lesson, and proves, we think, that the "residuum," as someone has foolishly termed a section of our countrymen, is going ahead, and is moving up. The Freemasons in Sheffield, always zealous, have presented a most appropriate address to the Grand Master, which expresses the feelings well of all Yorkshire and English Freemasons. The Mayor, who has shown himself to be of first-rate "metal," has, by his philanthropic gift to his toiling fellow citizens, and the felicitous manner in which he has offered the civic hospitality to his august visitors, gained for himself the golden opinions of all. We know of no brighter page in our recent annals than the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Sheffield.

OUR QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS.

The published quarterly balance-sheet is a very prosperous one, and seems unmistakably to point to great material well doing. Indeed, if the present position of our Order in England can be fairly gauged by the Grand Lodge financial quarterly statements, as must we apprehend be the case, never at any time in our history had we so many tokens of a flourishing, nay of an increasing, fraternity. The Fund of Benevolence starts with a balance for the quarter of £1124. It has received on dividends (representing investments to the amount of £35,200) £397 14s. 11d. for the half year, £12 12s. for dispensations, contributions of lodges £2705 6s. 11d.; in all £4369 19s. 10d. The quarter closes March 31st, commencing January 1st, 1875. The Fund of Benevolence has paid for the relief of Masonic distress to our brethren and their widows during that period £1378, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £200. It has made an investment of £931 5s., leaving a balance to the good of £1860 13s. 10d. A very satisfactory return. We beg, however, to call attention to the fact, that the quarterly amount of relief reaches to the large sum of £1378, moving onwards rapidly to an expenditure of £6000 per annum. The return for the Fund of General Purposes is equally striking and improving. It began the year with a balance of £1195 11s. 7d. During the first three months of 1875 it received from Mr. Bacon for rents £89 5s. net; contribution from Grand Chapter, for Salaries £84; from the Tavern Company, Limited, for one quarter's rent to Christmas, net, £347 1s. 8d.; Rent of lodge rooms during the quarter, £378 16s.; sale of Book of Constitutions, less discount, £94 8s. 6d.; Dispensations, £21 18s. 6d.; Rent for the three Masonic Institutions, £27; Insurance for Tavern Company, £19 10s.; and Contributions of Lodges, £3014 7s. 6d.; in all £5271 10s. 1d. The expenditure has been as follows:—Annuity to Bro. Farnfield, £62 10s.; Salaries, £462 8s.; Servants' Wages, £96 15s.; Postages, £36; Coals, £26 8s.; Fire Insurances, £78 2s. 6d.; Government Licenses, £1 16s.; Parochial Rates, £145 17s. 3d.; Repairs, £177 16s. 1d.; Gas and Coke, £32 1s. 3d.; Certificates, £98 3s. 10d.; Reporting, £4 13s.; Small Expenses, £31 1s. 6d.; Water Rate, £9 3s. 6d.; Stationery for half-year to December, 1874, £10 0s. 7d.; Cleaning Windows for the year, £31 5s.; Printing, £71 15s. 4d.; Petty Disbursements, £80 6s. 7d.; Casual Relief, £5 0s. 6d.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £37 10s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £37 10s.; Purchase of Consols, £1862 10s.; Balance, £997 15s. 6d. Thus the whole amount received by the two funds conjointly is £10,141 8s. 11d., while the sum actually expended is £4489 4s. 7d., conjoint investments amount to £2793 15s., and conjoint balances to £2858 9s. 4d. That this prosperous state of affairs is a continuing one is evident from the further fact, that on the 13th August the conjoint balances amounted to £3842 10s. 7d., besides £75 for petty cash and £96 15 for wages in our excellent brother the Grand Secretary's hands. Such, as we have said above, are our quarters' accounts ending March 31st, this year of light and grace, and we beg unfeignedly to congratulate our readers on these unmistakeable proofs of the soundness of our financial arrangements,

and the great material prosperity of our good Order. We cannot conclude this short resumé without expressing what we know to be the general feeling of the Craft, warm and grateful appreciation of the long and most important services of our very worthy and zealous Grand Treasurer.

THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY.

Freemasonry has many friends, but, strange to say, it has also many enemies. We have not in the progressive march of religion and civilization and culture, outlived, alas! the animosities of mortals, or the love of slander. Hence, despite many distinct evidences of the truly religious spirit which ever makes our Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry noteworthy, and its numerous works of admitted utility and benevolence, it has pleased some envenomed writers to term Freemasons unbelievers, infidels, revolutionists, and to give them many other agreeable names, and even to describe them as utterly irreligious, and distinctively atheistical. Such charges are openly made by professedly God-fearing people, and are eagerly caught at by the credulous, and hastily handed on by the inconsiderate. One great authority terms our Masonic Lodges "Synagogues of Satan," and ourselves "children of the Evil One," pleasant appellations for our peaceful and religious Order. It only serves to prove, if, alas! such a matter required proof, the inveteracy of intolerance, and the violence of the "odium theologicum." That such diatribes should be issued at all is very distressing, but that they should be promulgated for the glory of God, and in the name of Christianity, is alike an awful paradox, and a humiliating verity. And the hard part of the whole affair is, that, so far from our Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry being irreligious or infidel, it is really a religious Order, and we believe positively as orthodox as any sucking Ritualist, or as Pio Nono himself. It is true that Freemasonry does not deal with dogma quâ dogma, neither does it lay down articles of agreement, or creeds, or catechisms. Freemasonry is not religion—it is not a Church—it is not a dispenser of doctrines or sacraments. It is not an abstract religious organisation, with the tests and privileges of faith for its own people, but it is still, despite what it is not, a very religious body. All such matters and questions are not of its domain, and it leaves them entirely to the ministers of religion. For Freemasonry, though carped at by some, and misunderstood by others, and condemned by more, has an individuality of its own. It ignores the contentions of conflicting denominations. It may be wrong in doing so, but it does so, and its teaching may be paraphrastically in this respect put as follows: "Commend me or condemn me, it matters not, here I am, whether you like it or not, and you cannot 'root me out.' I hold out the hand of friendship and fraternity to all who acknowledge the Supreme Creator of all, and accepting the moral law of God, or the moral law of Nature (as in the case of non-Christian Masons), are willing to work together, in labours of humane sympathy, for the honour of God, the good of the brotherhood, and the welfare of mankind." It is impossible but that such teaching as this must antagonise many prepossessions, and impinge on many denominational views. The ardent Romanist or Ritualist, the pious Churchman or Nonconformist, may say, "Why, you deny the foundation of Christianity, you do not recognise the claims of the Church, general or individual, you are really nothing but Deists, or Theists, or Voltairians, or even Pantheists." This is what now has been actually quite recently said, and by those who ought to know better. And the reply of Freemasonry is very simple. "It is untrue to say that, because we take so wide a platform, we are, therefore, irreligious or anti-Christian. Such is not a logical case of 'sequitur.' We do not oppose or deny Christianity or antagonize any body of Christians, and we do not profess to decide your difficulties and disputes, we leave all such 'vexatas quaestiones' to your own divines. We are friendly to all, we quarrel with no man's views or opinions, and such 'latitudinarianism' as you consider it, and so it may appear to some, is, in our opinion, not only needful amid the acknowledged schools of

thought and dogma to-day, but constitutes a very good and useful basis for our world-wide Order. We are, despite our refusal to mix up in the controversies of men, a very religious body. We begin and close our meetings with prayer. The open Bible is seen in every Anglo-Saxon lodge. We have many most worthy brethren, our good Chaplains, and we often attend public worship as Freemasons. Though we do not dispute, we believe most firmly in, and we seek to regulate our lives by, the precepts of the Best of Books. We labour actively in the cause of kindness, sympathy, charity, and brotherly love. We educate, and clothe and feed the orphan, we aid the widow, we care for the old and infirm. What more can we do? If we are not religious who is in this world? Such is the fair and simple ad hominem appeal of our maligned brethren to-day. Who can gainsay it? Like a great many other cruel insinuations, vile charges, and lying slanders just now, such crude and irrational assertions of hasty religionists must be left to silence and contempt. Though we are said not to be religious, our religion has taught us this, not to return railing for railing, but to bear the unjust attacks even of the most violent of our adversaries, in a spirit of patience and peacefulness. They cannot crush Freemasonry. "Nonostante il nuove."

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

We have before us the twelfth report of this very useful provincial institution. We are happy to say that though comparatively a young plant in the great forest of Freemasonry, it is rising to strength and usefulness, and is flourishing more and more with each succeeding year of existence. Its balance sheet is a prosperous one. It began the year with a balance of £251 15s. 10d. It has received during the past twelve months for fees from lodges and chapters, by its special provincial arrangements, £43 2s. 6d.; donations from lodges, chapters, and brethren, £144 12s.; subscriptions from lodges and members, £91 0s. 6d.; by special donations from Lord and Lady de Tabley, £7; from the Stockport brethren, £5 5s.; by dividends, £95 0s. 5d.; and by the repayment of a Mersey bond, £200; in all £737 16s. 3d. It had last year £1995 3s. 10d. invested capital; it has this year £2216 11s. 2d. Its expenditure is as follows:—Payments for education of twenty children, £127 12s. 1d.; payments for advancement of two children, £8 3s. 6d.; by expenses of all kinds, £28 13s. 6d.; purchase of stock, £303; and total balance £370 1s. 2d. Such is the satisfactory balance sheet of a useful little institution, and one that does much credit to the Cheshire Freemasons. We are inclined to think that such institutions as these are alike Masonic and meritorious, and may fairly be considered as "succursales" to the two great Metropolitan Institutions. For though the Boys' School can soon be adapted to receive many more inmates, the Girls' School is full, and cannot, we believe, without very great expense, be further enlarged. Hence it is just possible, as the needs of our Order increase, that these provincial institutions will afford a very helping hand to many a poor orphan, in the greatest of all needs, education. We do not say that such institutions do everything for our orphans that they could do, or that the mere payment of school dues is a discharge to us of our duties and obligations towards our deceased brethren's children. But they are good as far as they go, they afford a valuable help, gratefully received by many, and we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that, though not everything we can desiderate, they are certainly useful and benevolent, and seem to call out much local interest and liberality. As we said before, we deem it not improbable that, seeing how many candidates there are, and how many disappointed ones, our good brethren in the provinces may follow in the wake of Lancashire and Cheshire, and establish similar institutions, constituting to some, no doubt, a half way house to the greater institutions in London. We congratulate our Cheshire brethren on the success so far attendant on their useful educational charity.

ALLEGED MASONIC INFIDELITY.

"A Freemason" has written with reference to this ridiculous charge of the correspondent of the "Church Herald," and disposes of it "more suo." He seems, however, to be somewhat dissatisfied with our remarks on the same subject, and points out what he conceives to be a difference of statement between Bro. Parkinson and ourselves. He also seems to find fault with our expression of the "revealed word of God," and brings in, much to our astonishment, the foreign argument of the Hindoo, Mussulman, &c., &c. We wish, then, to point out that there is no real difference between Bro. Parkinson and ourselves. We both express the same teaching, though in a different way of putting it. He makes the universality of Freemasonry to consist in all who accept the Great Father, and Maker, and Ruler of the world and of men, and obedience to the moral law; we put it as expressing those who acknowledge the Great Architect of the Universe, and accept his revealed word, which, as the basis of the moral law, includes it as the greater does the lesser. Our authoritative teaching terms the "practice of every moral and social virtue," the "solid foundation" of Freemasonry, and hence Bro. Parkinson was using the well-known words of our English ceremonial. But we are also taught to give our "most serious contemplation to the volume of the Sacred Law," and we are charged to "consider it as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate our actions by the divine precepts it contains, since therein we shall be taught the duty we owe to God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves." This is a paraphrastic way of putting what we said, as if it is "unerring" it is divine, and if it is divine, it is revealed to us from God. The argument with respect to the Mahomedan and Hindoo, &c., has nothing to do with this question: that is an entirely different matter, and stands independently on its own basis. We accept all, as we said before, into our lodges who accept the Great Architect and Father of the Universe, and in the way most binding on their religious consciences, and, of course, in the case of non-Christians, they are governed by the moral law of natural life. But the Bible, nevertheless, the revealed and inspired word of God Most High, remains in all our lodges, by the fundamental rules of our Order, as an emblem of that deep and true religious reverence and simple unostentatious piety, which ever characterizes Freemasonry. Having said this, as far as we are concerned, the subject must drop. It is not one, which by its discussion tends to edifying, and we have no intention of turning our unpoetical "Freemason" into an arena of theological discussions. One thing is clear, the Bible is inseparably connected with English Freemasonry; it is alike the "decus tutamenque" of its great system—and long may it so remain. Nothing has so tended to make our English Masonic system what it is as its loyal and unwavering acknowledgment of the binding obligation of God's revealed word, and God's moral law, and we may ask to-day, who will venture to take it from our lodges? quis separabit us and it? We think it is a pity that "A Freemason" has raised such a question at all, but having replied to his letter, we shall not re-open the discussion in our columns, as we are quite sure, with all deference to him, that it is neither good for religion, nor for the Craft.

THE "FREEMASON."

Like persons of sound business habits we think it well from time to time to "take stock," and to impart the result to our readers. We are happy in being able to announce that very prosperous is the condition of the "Freemason." We have to thank, and we do warmly thank, a large and increasing circle of readers, increasing weekly, for all their good wishes and kindly support. Our publisher has indeed good cause to feel satisfied, and even proud, of the result of his many years of sacrifice and waiting. The tide at last has turned, and is coming in with ever augmenting strength. At this moment the "Freemason" is most truly cosmopolitan. It has readers in all portions of the known and habit-

able world, and from all we have frequent assurances of approval, sympathy, and encouragement. And yet when we say this, we feel bound to make a little qualification. A good correspondent of ours wrote to us the other day, saying, "I should like to take the 'Freemason,' but I see no Irish news in it." Like the Frenchman of old we may say "A qui la faute." The Irish Grand Lodge authorities have set themselves against all Masonic publications, and even their late lamented Grand Master, the Duke of Leinster, with all his courtesy and "bonhomie," would give no patronage to the Masonic Press. Yet let us see how the system works, and to what a "reductio ad absurdum" the argument and practice of the Irish Grand Lodge authorities, all good fellows, have come to! They forbid all authorized publication in Masonic papers, and we can receive no official tidings, and as a rule little Irish intelligence. All that we do receive we owe to the Masonic feeling and liberal views of some warm-hearted Irish brethren from various parts of Ireland. But though the Irish Grand Lodge will not allow us to receive official reports, or encourage us in any way, long reports of their Grand Lodge proceedings appear in "Saunders' News Letter," and other Irish papers, and it has more than once come to pass that we have been actually compelled to copy from an Irish non-Masonic journal the account of the Irish Grand Lodge proceedings! If any of our friendly brethren across the Channel will think, they will see that such a position is neither consistent with Masonic principles of justice, nor conducive to the honour and dignity of the Irish Grand Lodge itself. Indeed, the fact that such reports do appear, and will appear, is a proof how idle are such "sumptuary" regulations, how vain are the precautions of "Green Tape," how hopeless is the effort, to repress a legitimate aspiration for Masonic intelligence, and lawful reports of the proceedings of the Irish Grand Lodge, and the Irish Craft generally. We ask then the Irish officials to-day, to relax a little of this needless strictness, and to depart from this unwise distrust of the Masonic Press. We are not appealing for favour, or partiality, or patronage—we simply beg for Masonic fair play. If the Irish Grand Lodge, under their most distinguished Grand Master, will depart from this uncalled for reticence, if they will within due bounds allow the "Freemason" to publish from time to time such reports as they themselves even deem fitting to be published, a great gain will accrue to Irish Freemasonry we feel sure, and to Irish Masonic literature. As it is, there is hardly any Masonic literature in Ireland, except, to use a bull, what comes from England! So we hope for better things! In the struggle that is going on with the Ultramontane party, the Irish Freemasons are not and cannot be a purely passive body; they must sympathize with our efforts to uphold the dignity of our Order, and to protect it against mendacious statements and intolerant persecutions. We trust then that we may receive in the future more fraternal support and encouragement from the Irish Grand Lodge, and Irish lodges and brethren. We shall always be most happy to give prominence to Irish reports, and anything that can advance the interests of our Irish brethren and the Grand Lodge of Ireland will have our hearty and zealous co-operation.

Original Correspondence.

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I was sorry to see by a letter in your last issue that the selection of the names of those present at our late P.G.L. meeting at Ryde, as published in your paper, did not meet the approval of one of our brethren.
I think I cannot do better than plead guilty of the responsibility of forwarding you the names, and in so doing I am certain all who know me will believe that nothing could be more repugnant to my feelings to do any act which might have a tendency to interfere with the unanimity of

feeling happily existing between the brethren of Hampshire and those of the Isle of Wight.

The fact is that from the signature book, containing 200 or 250 names, I selected all the Provincial Grand and Past Provincial Grand Officers; this resulted in the publication of 37 names, 7 of which represented lodges in the island, in which there are 4 working lodges, the remaining 30 names representing lodges on the mainland, where they number in all 23.

In the hurry of copying out these names I did not notice that the P.G. Officers of the Cowes and Medina Lodges had either unfortunately not been able to attend, or had omitted to sign the attendance book.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. G. LE FEUVRE,

P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE M.W.G. MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Several portraits of our M.W.G.M. being published, and in course of publication, in which different jewels are exhibited on his breast and hanging from his neck, I should like to know the actual jewels (both Masonic and otherwise) that he wore on his installation, as some I have seen on the portraits are those belonging to Masonic Orders not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN SMITH, 1257.

THE POWERS OF W. MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall feel greatly obliged if you could in your next issue give me your opinion as to the extent of the control which a W.M. possesses over his lodge, and what constitutes incapability of discharging the duties of his office other than by death or removal—see Constitutions, Art. 6, of Masters and Wardens of Lodges.

It often happens, I imagine, that a Master is temporarily absent from his lodge on account of sickness or other pressing emergency, and what I want to know is whether such absence deprives him of all power and authority over his lodge. Has the lodge, for instance, any right to refuse to obey his directions that he should be regularly furnished with a copy of the summons for each meeting, and a report of the proceedings thereof, in order that he may be kept acquainted with all that was going on during his absence. The length of the term of such absence would not, I apprehend, affect the question in the least degree, for if absence at all deprives a Master of authority over his lodge, he would lose it as much by one day's absence from the place where the lodge meets as by an absence of several months. And if a Master's absence is so fatal to his authority, it follows, I think, that all the W.M.'s of provincial and foreign lodges who attended H.K.H.'s installation as M.W. Grand Master in April last lost all control over their respective lodges during their absence from the places of meetings of their lodges, and their wishes and instructions would therefore be necessarily disregarded!

Yours fraternally,
18th August, 1875.

AN ABSENT W.M.

[A very difficult question to answer.—Ed.]

GRIMSBY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the 2nd inst. I was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby, and from the large gathering together of P.G. Officers, and several noted members of the Craft, I quite expected to see a full account of that most interesting ceremony in your paper, and looked forward with impatience for this last week's number, and I was somewhat disappointed at not even a word being mentioned, even to say that the ceremony had taken place, especially when the stone was laid by one who had done so much for our province and for the Craft. I now beg to furnish you with one of our local papers, and beg that you will give room in your valuable paper for at least a moiety of the report.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THOS. FRYER,

W.M. 1282, P.G.S. of Lincolnshire.

[We only received the account on Friday, nor had we any intimation from any brother of what was going to take place. We publish the report in this impression. Brethren who ask for reports to be inserted should attend to the notices, and not blame us for their own carelessness.—Ed.]

MASONIC INFIDELITY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read your criticism on page 360, but while cordially placing myself upon your side, I am not sure that the small heart and weak brain of "A Churchman" were really worthy of the rubbing down you give them. I have no doubt but that this innocent genius imagines that he can reckon up the history of our globe upon his ten digits—thumbs included—in five minutes. The idea that rises up before my mind is that, having expended the large sum of sixpence sterling upon a pocket telescope, he has lately taken to studying astronomy, and upon directing his gaze to the stars, with the big end of the said telescope next his eye, for a better view, of course, he imagined himself to be a second Archimedes, and that with his pen for a lever, the telescope for a prop, and himself the power, he could easily overturn the world, especially the Masonic portion of it. I fear, however, he will not effect much, as the tools are too soft.

Leaving "A Churchman" to digest his "abominable sentence," and finish his work at his leisure, I would re-

spectfully call attention to the various renderings given by Bro. Parkinson and yourself of what is requisite in a candidate for Freemasonry. Bro. Parkinson says "Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality." You say, "In the lodge we know nothing of religious disputations, differences, decrees, or dogmas; we accept all good men who believe in the Great Architect of the Universe, and revere the Revelation which He has given us." Now, I would ask, Why this difference in the latter clause? So far as I can Masonically judge, the words, "and revere the Revelation which He has given us," are an interpolation. Bro. Parkinson does not use them, and I do not see how you could have penned them in a Masonic article unless through inadvertence. Were they intentionally included I would feel inclined to say that their insertion caused the one part of the sentence to be contradictory to, or inconsistent with, the other part. We are told that a Mahomedan may make as good a Freemason as a Christian, but as "the Revelation" of the one is not "the Revelation" of the other, it follows that the less said about Revelation the better for Masonic consistency, and for their standing as Freemasons. If it were not for the cursed selfishness that makes a political tool of it, Religion would be left more to the private home than it generally is. The world, however, is not yet old enough for that, hence the need of Freemasonry.

Yours fraternally,

A FREEMASON.

[The words animadverted upon are our own. See our leader.—Ed.]

BRO. MAJOR BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I find that in my last letter I omitted, under paragraph 3, to say that of the persons there enumerated as forming the "Judicial Council," Nos. 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10, are all, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in addition to Nos. 1 and 4, "Knights of the Order of the Temple," so called. It seems important, as touching "a Mark Master's" remarkable statement about that Council, that this fact should be stated.

"A Mark Master," apparently retreating from the position, that I wrote a letter making a false charge, and marked that letter "private" in order to avoid the consequences of so doing, now says I have made "a disgraceful charge," and "against a brother Mason." I ask your readers, before they accept his statement, to require of him good proof that my retirement from being a Masonic Templar (a point proved by my letter to Mr. Tinkler, which he aids me by publishing), on account of certain conduct by a Masonic Templar, was merely a pretence and was not a bona fide step on my part, sincerely taken by me on Masonic grounds, and in as a quiet a manner as was possible consistently with the circumstances.

I have not, as "A Mark Master" alleges, "refused to withdraw or prove," to any Masonic body competent to deal with the matter, the true statement of the true cause of my retirement as a Masonic Templar. But I have refused, and I do refuse, as a Mason and on Masonic grounds, to enter into any discussion respecting a Masonic matter with a body which has openly avowed itself to be not a Masonic body; and from this position I have no intention of retreating.

The charges brought against me by "A Mark Master" are new evidence of the use of the weapon misrepresentation by "the Order of the Temple." Until the close of the meeting of the "Judicial Council," and afterwards, I was not aware that I had been charged by the "brotherhood of gentlemen" with ungentlemanlike conduct. The gushing virtue of "A Mark Master," which prevents him from meeting me in "society," is it is sad to think, unlikely to be put to the test; and, as a comment upon his fear of contamination, I may add, that since the meeting of the "Judicial Council," which in February last went through the farce of trying me, I have had the pleasure of meeting, and also of corresponding, with more than one of the seven "Knights" who, with three other gentlemen, composed it, and their greeting has been as warm and as friendly as of yore. Further than this, let me ask, if my conduct as a man and as a Mason has been such as "A Mark Master" wishes to make it appear, how comes it that, not daring to make a public statement of truth under his own name, in the cause of virtue, he takes refuge under a series of insinuations made anonymously, and with evident intention? How comes it, too, that if my conduct has been such as "A Mark Master" insinuates, his Mark brethren, the three Past Grand Mark Masters who sat on the Judicial Council, acquiesced in its decision, which, as far as the Mark Degree could, upheld me as against the Temple by allowing me a month in which to retire from the Mark Degree? Why did not these three gentlemen, careful of the honour of the Mark Degree, insist upon my sham expulsion by "the Order of the Temple" being then and there carried out, as regards the Mark Degree, against me? How comes it that, with a month allowed me for retirement, I have declined for a single moment to entertain the notion of obligatory retirement from a body against which conscience accuses me of no offence?

My case is in truth a simple one, but it is not what "A Mark Master" wishes the Mark Degree to believe it to be. It is simply this, that since December, 1872, when "The Order of the Temple" came into existence, I have, as a loyal subject, objected to it as a sham and unauthorised Order of Knighthood, and I have, as a Mason, objected to Masonry being used as a foundation for any such thing. If I had supported the new "Order," would you have ever heard anything but good of me from "A Mark Master" and his friends? I guess not. The "Order of the Temple" is, self-acknowledged, not a Masonic body. It has, how-

ever, been glad enough to allow me and a large number of Masonic Templars to attend its meetings, no doubt thinking thereby to establish a claim of allegiance upon those who may be weak enough to admit it. As a non-Masonic body it cannot be a party to a Masonic treaty; and if the Mark Degree had not been under the rule of the ruler of the Temple no Grand Mark Master Mason would have dared to say that such a treaty could validly exist.

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is amusing to see how gallantly our good Bro. Buchan rides his hobby, though in this instance he seems to be riding it literally to death.

He will not have the pre-1717 Freemasonry at any price, and will shut his eyes to the facts of indubitable history.

I ask him again the question he has left unanswered, and to which, if he declines to reply, as far as I am concerned, and I believe, as far as Bro. Hughan is concerned, the discussion must be closed in the "Freemason." The question is this:—If your theory is correct, how do you get over the evidence of Dr. Plot, a non-Mason, and of Elias Ashmole? I confine myself to-day to these two points. Take Plot first of all. In the last quarter of the seventeenth century he states that Freemasonry had existed for many years in Staffordshire, that gentlemen and operatives belonged to it, practically, very much the same as it still is, and that he had seen a parchment roll, no doubt one of our MS. Constitutions. He was not friendly altogether to the Craft; to use a French word, he seeks to "persuade" its pretensions to long antiquity, he criticizes its chronology, but of the fact of its existence, and that long prior to 1682, he has no doubt. Is he speaking truth? Could he be mistaken? If it must be admitted, as I believe it must be, that he is speaking truth, and that he cannot be mistaken (he had no motive to be so) on such a subject, what becomes of Bro. Buchan's theory? There is so little difference between Dr. Plot's description of the Staffordshire Freemasonry and our own even to-day, "mutatis mutandis," that it is quite clear to any fair reader of his book that the order he alludes to is the same as our own. So, too, as regards Elias Ashmole. "Society of Freemasons." It is quite clear that the Freemasons to which he belonged were not the London Masons' Company. It was an independent organization, and the meeting in Basinghall Street was a meeting, in all probability, as Bro. Hughan suggests, of the actual body from which the Lodge of Antiquity descends. If so, I ask again, where is Bro. Buchan's theory?

There are many other points and evidences which might be adduced to prove that a society did exist akin to our own altogether, and the fact that Freemasonry is alluded to as a secret institution in a public magazine quite early in the eighteenth century is, in itself, utterly fatal to Bro. Buchan's elaborate argument. I await his reply. With regard to Sir Christopher Wren, I do not lay so much stress on Aubrey as some do, but accept his evidence as non-Masonic corroboration. I am somewhat inclined to believe that Sir Christopher Wren was a member of our Order earlier a good deal than Aubrey puts it, and that our histories are correct, and for this reason. Anderson in 1738 states the fact distinctly, though I admit not so clearly in 1723, and as Sir Christopher Wren only died in 1723, there must have been many living who knew the fact to be as Anderson stated it or not. It is hardly likely that if Anderson had stated a deliberate untruth some one or other of the eager assailants of Freemasonry then would not have controverted his statement. Pace Bro. Buchan, I am inclined to accept Anderson's statement, though I think we may yet find better evidence of the fact.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY, GATESHEAD.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the "Masonic Magazine" for this month, I see a notice with several extracts from an old minute book of the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead, No. 142, and amongst those extracts I see that several persons signed the rules from 1732 to 1773. I presume the lodge was then located at Swalwell, a village about 4 miles from Gateshead, at which place it was supposed to have been founded by some of the operative Masons brought from the South of England by Sir Ambrose Crowley, who established large ironworks there, and at Winton Mill and Winton villages, near Swalwell. Can you tell by the old minute book if anyone of the name of "George Heppel" was amongst the number of the persons who signed the four columns in the book? He was residing either at Swalwell or Winton Mill about that time, and was manager for the ironworks of Crowley, Millington, and Co. He is an ancestor of mine, and am anxious to know if he was a Mason, as I think it is very likely, being one of the most influential men in the village at that time.

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. ANDERSON, P.M. 1046.

[In answer to Bro. Anderson, I am happy to inform him that the name of George Heppel occurs twice. June 24th, 1756. Enters George Heppel, and his name also is found among those who became a "Highroadman," June 23rd, 1759.]

A. F. A. WOODFORD

MINUTES AND THEIR CONFIRMATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The view taken by our Bro. P.G.W. in the "Freemason" of 21st August is not only legal but rational, viz., that the minutes of previous meeting are put for confirmation "that everybody may have an opportunity of record-

ing his vote on one or other of the meetings." The Book of Constitutions undoubtedly gives this privilege, in the case under discussion, as to the W.M. elect of a lodge being disqualified for re-installation by the non-confirmation of the minutes—it is distinctly laid down that "Should the minutes of the election of Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren were again to proceed to elect a Master." This appears to me so clear that it should satisfy even Bro. Tebbs, who thinks it not necessary to confirm the minutes of a previous meeting, but simply to record that they are correctly entered. Again, with respect to an elected Master ruling the lodge, Bro. Tebbs says, in his letter published the 14th August, that it is a gross absurdity to allow a brother to assume a position of absolute authority, and others, at the next meeting, take it from him by reversing his election. True, Bro. Tebbs, it would be if such were the correct reading, but it means, without doubt, that he may rule the lodge as an elected Master after the confirmation of the minutes, i.e., providing for any hitch in the installation, by the absence of the Installing Master, or of the W.M. elect, on the day of confirmation of the minutes.

Yours fraternally,
MAGNUS OHREN,
P.P.G.W. for Surrey.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry to have to call attention again to the no doubt unintentional slight offered to this distinguished province by the Mark Masons.

Last year they termed their meeting "The Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire." This year they repeat it.

It is true that you, Sir, careful as you are, head the column "Mark Masonry," but they simply term themselves "Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire."

I venture to think such an usurpation of the honours of others is very "bad form," and very un-Masonic. The proper heading is The Mark Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.

I will not be invidious or carping enough to ask "cui bono" such an assemblage? for that may be a matter of opinion or of taste, but I wish, as an old Provincial Officer of West Yorkshire, to repeat that there is only one Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, presided over by our distinguished brother, Sir H. Edwards. Some people may say, What's in a name? but, curiously enough, there is often a good deal in a name, and in such matters we cannot be too accurate. Many of the brethren, named and present, I know personally, and worthy men and Masons they are, and I hope they will admit that my letter is just, and that they will be more careful in their nomenclature for the future.

Yours fraternally,
A. W. Y. P. G. OFFICER.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC DRINKING MUG.

I was lately shown a pint drinking mug, of good delf, apparently of the last century, on which, between two pillars, and under ordinary Masonic emblems, was the following inscription:—

"Friendship is Love, benevolent, sincere,
'Tis such as Masons do to Masons bear;
This gift divine the power supreme bestows,
To aid their joys and dissipate their woes."

Can any of the readers of the "Freemason" tell me the author of the lines, and when, where, and by whom these Masonic mugs were made?

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL, Stockport.

HIGHRODIAMS.

I shall be obliged to any brethren who will throw a light on the meaning of this word. Bro. W. J. Hughan objects to my suggestion that it is a corruption of "Harodim," though I confess I think it is more likely than anything else. Bro. Findel suggests that it is a corruption of "High Order." But as we have the word "Highrodiam" twice in the same page, as also the words "High Order," and all in the same handwriting, that can hardly be.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Review.

The "Secret Warfare of Freemasonry against Church and State. Translated from the German." Burns, Oates & Co., Portman-street.

We have perused this somewhat portentous and pretentious work, which in its bright cover and 288 pages might be better worth reading! It is translated from the German, no doubt carefully and skilfully enough, and harmonizes wonderfully with the Ultramontane and Ritualistic view of the hour, a view we believe equally unfair and intolerant. As if to add fuel to the flames of suppressed inquisitorial emotion, the editor gives us a little preface of his own, which is most conspicuous for its proof of his utter incompetence to deal with the subject he professes thus to give to the world with the sanction of a scholar, a thinker, and a gentleman. What can we reckon of his accuracy when he tells us boldly that Freemasons number above seventeen millions of members? Ex hoc disce! His 63 pages of preface are all what may be fairly called "padding," and only demonstrate conclusively that the editor's acquaintance with the matter is second-hand, that he is working as it were on a given

theme, and that he writes the preface, because he must say something. But we are unable to discover in his somewhat "feeble forcible" expressions anything like originality of thought, or accuracy of statement. He is in fact but a copyist of other men's conclusions, a retailer of other men's thunder.

He has taken up the stereotyped opinions of all extreme fanatics at the present moment, who seem to think that they can crush Freemasonry by the violence of their language, and the vehemence of their accusations. The "Saturday Review" has, no doubt, thought well to say that the "Roman Catholic condemnation of Freemasonry is after all not unnatural, and that the Roman Catholics are justified, on their own principles, in their hostility to Freemasonry." But while we have never denied the abstract right of the Roman Catholic Church to forbid Freemasonry to its own people, though we believe its fear of Freemasonry utterly chimerical, even if real, we object to the Church of Rome branding Freemasonry generally as disloyal and irreligious, and making use of the virulent abuse respecting all Freemasons she has thought proper to do. When we turn to the pamphlet we see at once that it is composed by a very ardent Romanist, or a follower of the Ultramontane school, probably an affiliated of the Jesuits. He has been at infinite pains to collect the rubbish of the past century, not forgetting the Abbi Barruel, and he has diligently put together all the speeches and acts which seem to give to Freemasonry in France, Austria, Belgium, and even Germany, the aspect of a pure political confederation, animated by the secret aims of the Illuminés, or directed by the teaching of the International. Well, we meet him at once and join issue with his premise.

His argument is as follows, put syllogistically:—The views of the Masonic body are avowedly revolutionary and irreligious. Freemasonry holds these views, therefore Freemasonry is revolutionary and irreligious.

Now he has put a part for the whole, and is arguing from a particular to an universal.

That some Freemasons have made foolish and irreligious speeches, and committed absurd acts, we do not deny, but if any body is to be judged by the speeches and acts of individuals, we know no body which must be so condemned as the Church of Rome.

All that the writer can fairly assert is what we do not controvert, that individual Freemasons in those countries have at times been very weak and very perverse, but we are not aware that any of the foreign Grand Lodges, to which this writer alludes, have ever endorsed the theories to which he calls attention, and the assertions of which he so loudly complains.

In Germany, for instance, whatever may have been the views of particular writers, or even passing epochs, with very few exceptions, the German Freemasons now are a loyal and religiously minded fraternity of good men and true, and keep themselves, like ourselves, aloof from religious discussions, and political disputes. It is idle, then, for Ultramontane writers to "hark back" to the past. The real question is, what does Freemasonry profess avowedly to-day? We have already admitted that much may be said for individual wrong teaching, but the Order is not to be condemned for the unauthorized addresses or acts of individuals. This carefully compiled work, so lauded by the "Union Review," does not touch the fringe of English Freemasonry, so to say, at all, though the writer of that review, with the peculiar display of illogical argument common to many acolytes of that school, quietly takes the part for the whole, and condemns English Freemasonry on the ground of the alleged misdoings of Foreign Freemasonry, and, also, in consequence of the Papal allocutions.

It is hopeless to attempt to argue out the question with persons who take such a ground. We are not on equal terms. They are building up their position on the fact of the decrees of an infallible Pope; we are simply seeking to meet them within the lines of human reason, as well as of fallible judgment. We cannot discuss the subject fairly with such opponents, and, therefore, we think it well to leave the matter where it is. In Great Britain and the United States the Order is known to all men, by its peaceful habits, loyal disposition, law abiding teaching, and religious sympathies, by its deeds of benevolence, and its labours of love. What matters to it, therefore, these foolish and heated attacks, all proceeding from the same one "fiery furnace," all marked by the same condemnatory spirit of hatred and ill-will, persecution and intolerance? We think, on the contrary, that such attacks will do us, in the long run, good rather than harm, and we await with calmness and confidence the judgment of our fellow citizens. When we have seen the German original we shall recur to the subject.

RESIGNATION OF BRO. SUPERINTENDENT FOWLER, OF PRESCOT.

For some time it has been supposed likely that Bro. Supt. Fowler, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, who for so many years has had charge of the police force in the Petty Sessional Divisions of Prescott and Childwall, would resign his office and retire into private life. Mr. Fowler's resignation has been sent to the Chief Constable, and will take effect from the end of September. During the long time that Mr. Fowler has had command of the police force in Prescott, near Liverpool, and neighbourhood he has enjoyed the respect and good will of the inhabitants. He has well earned the right to spend the remainder of his days in rest and quietness.

It is proposed to present Bro. Fowler with a testimonial prior to his departure from Prescott. To this end a committee has been or is in course of formation, and we understand that Mr. Evans, J.P., the Rev. L. W. Sampson, M.A., and other influential gentlemen have expressed their approval of the proposal, and their intention to sub-

scribe to the testimonial. Mr. F. Smith, coroner for the manor of Prescott, has consented to act as honorary secretary to the committee.

Bro. Fowler joined the Metropolitan police force at the age of 21 years, on December 23rd, 1834, and was attached to the C or St. James division. He was transferred at his own request to the B or Westminster division, on the 4th July, 1836. On the 20th of July, 1839, he resigned office in the police force, having obtained, through the interest of Mr. D. Gregory, stipendiary magistrate, Queen's-square Police-office, the office of 1st class turnkey in the new Tothill-fields prison, Westminster. On the 25th May, 1840, he resigned the office of turnkey, having obtained the appointment of sergeant in the Lancashire County Constabulary, just formed. He arrived in Preston a few days afterwards and was sworn in, and attached to the Garstang division, of which Mr. Jordan was superintendent. On the 14th June, 1840, he was seriously wounded with a knife in the right hand, which rendered it useless for some time, by Edward Connell, in a riot at Garstang amongst a number of Irish navvies, who were employed in cutting the line of railway between Preston and Lancashire. On the 16th June, 1841, he was violently assaulted, with several constables, in a disturbance which took place at Eccleston fair. On the reduction of the constabulary, in 1841, he was transferred, with Mr. Supt. Jordan, to the Prescott division, and posted to the Toxteth Park section. In 1842 he was removed from the Toxteth to the Prescott section. In the same year he was promoted to the rank of inspector, and posted to the Kirkdale division, but at the express wish of the magistrates, and by an authority signed by them in petty sessions, he was retained in the Prescott division. In the same year he was violently assaulted about the head, body, &c., in company with several constables, in a riot at Roby wakes amongst the Knotty Ash carters and farm servants. His right hand was seriously injured, so much so as to render it nearly useless since, but more particularly in damp and cold weather. The effects of the injury to his head he feels to the present time. In August, 1843, he was savagely assaulted and injured about the head, body, &c., by a man named William Lyon, a bricksetter, when apprehending him under a warrant for a breach of the peace. In December, 1843, Bro. Fowler was promoted to the rank of superintendent, and posted to the Middleton or Rochdale division, which then included the towns of Rochdale and Heywood. In June, 1844, he was thrown from his horse through a dog running at it whilst on his way to Oldham to attend petty sessions. In 1849 he was transferred to the Warrington division, which then comprised the present Warrington and Wigan divisions. In the same year he was badly assaulted, with another constable, when apprehending a notorious character named James Seddon, a collier, for being drunk and riotous in the public street, on a Sunday evening. In April, 1855, in consequence of declining health, brought on entirely by downright hard work and rough usage, he was, by the kind permission of the chief-constable, Captain Woodford, transferred to the Prescott division.

We may add that during his long connection with Prescott he has proved himself an able, zealous, and trustworthy Mason, and his connection with the "old Lodge of Loyalty" has been to it an immense boon, as well as a source of help to the brethren, who desire him health, long life, and prosperity in his retirement.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. H. W. NICHOLAS.

Many brethren in the Province of West Lancashire will regret to hear of the death of Bro. H. W. Nicholas, a member of the Mariner's Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool, who, although never holding any prominent office in the craft, was universally esteemed and admired. His death took place somewhat suddenly at 66, Cable Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. His genial wit and humour were greatly appreciated in local lodges, and his topical song, "In a Quiet Sort of Way," which always embodied something bearing upon the meeting, was greatly relished. Bro. Nicholas had a happy knack of impromptu verse-writing, and he never failed to make his talent tell. In every good work he was always willing to give a helping hand, and in many a charitable scheme his presence will be missed. Our dead brother, who was forty-nine years of age, was interred on Saturday last at St. James's Cemetery, and the funeral was attended by upwards of 100 brethren and friends. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. Banister, B.A. Amongst those present were Bros. H. P. Price, W.M. 249; J. Hayes, I.P.M. 249; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. and Treas. 249; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; W. Crane, P.M. 249; E. Hughes, P.M. 249; C. Leighton, 249, P.M. 1325; J. Wood, 249, ("Freemason"); W. B. Jennings, 249; T. Joseph, 249; S. Kirkpatrick, 249; J. W. B. Brunton, 249; E. Gamble, 249; W. H. Ball, 249; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., P.M. 216; F. Lilly, P.M. 251, P.P.J.G.D., E.L.; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; H. Ashmore, W.M. 1325; H. Scott, P.M. 86; W. Matthews, 220; J. F. Hall, 673; D. Frame, 220; W. Burnett, J.W. 1013; J. Twist, 1325; J. Hamer, P.M.; J. Jones, 667; E. Barlow, 216; Goodman, J. Atkinson, Jacobs, Neale, C. Campion, and others. The general mourners included Mr. R. Pearson (nephew of the deceased), Mr. W. E. Hanner, Manchester; Mr. Walter Hildyard, and others; and the musical friends present, besides several already named amongst the brethren, were Mr. Hugh Shimmens, Mr. Robert Crompton, Mr. A. Child, Mr. J. Austin, and Mr. E. Foulkes.

BRO. CAPTAIN D. C. LOVERDO.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Bro. Captain Dionysius C. Loverdo, of Zante, Ionian

Islands, on Sunday morning, the 15th inst., at Addlestone Hill, Surrey, the residence of Dr. Chaldecott, his father-in-law. Brethren who had the good fortune of visiting his native island during his most distinguished and useful Masonic career there need hardly be reminded of the courteous hospitality with which he received them, both at the lodge and under his own roof. He leaves an only child, Bro. John D. Loverdo, F.R.S.L., &c., who is well known in English and continental literary circles as the author of some fine poems in Romaic, which were reviewed in our impression of the 25th January, 1875.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS are informed that acknowledgements of remittances received will in future be published in the first number of every month.

NOTICE.—It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 3, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec. Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30.

Red Cross Conclave, Premier, Masonic Hall, Regent-st. Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.

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

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

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for p.m.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

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

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

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec. Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

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

Mount Edgecombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Lodge 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.

" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.

" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.

" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

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

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 4, 1875.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.

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

" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.

" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.

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

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

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 3.

" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.

" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.

" 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

" 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 4, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.

Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-st., Kingston.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

Chap. 73, Caledonian of Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.

" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.

" 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.

" 117, Partick, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Partick.

" 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

" 161, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 442, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

" 571, Dramatic, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, at 3.

Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, Masonic Hall, Tron-gate.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Prov. Grand Lodge of the Royal Order for the West of Scotland, Freemasons' Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.

" 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.

" 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.

" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.

" 202, St. Clement's, Traids Tavern, Kilmarnock.

" 220, St. John Royal Arch, Saltcoats and Ardrossan, Masonic Hall.

" 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.

" 465, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garngad-road, at 7.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Lodge 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

" 135, St. James', Crown Inn, Tarbolton.

" 156, St. Barchan, Masonic Arms Inn, Kilbarchan.

" 175, Greenock, St. John's Hall, Greenock.

" 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathavon.

" 217, Cumbernauld, Kilwinning, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.

" 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hotel, Johnston.

" 244, Union St. John, Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse.

" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st, Calton.

" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 451, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Millport.

" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

" 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

Lodge, 458, St. John's Wilson's Hall, Busby.

" 554, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 4, 1875.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

" 97, St. James' Operative, Writer's Court.

" 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, Register-street.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Chap. 56, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.

" 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S EXHIBITION.

BAKER STREET.

PORTRAIT MODELS of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M. of Freemasons, the Emperor and Empress of Russia, Emperor and Empress of Germany, King Alfonso XII., Victor Emmanuel, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Sir Garnet Wolsey, and Dr. Kenealy, M.P. Costly Court Dresses, the complete line of British Monarchs, and 300 Portrait Models of Celebrities.—Admission, 1s.; children under twelve, 6d.; extra rooms, 6d. Open from ten a.m. till ten p.m.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—A very agreeable day was passed by the brethren of this young lodge on the 26th ult., for whom a picnic party to Burnham Beeches was designed and carried out by the W.M., Bro. W. Stephens, and several of the leading members. Accompanied by Mrs. Murlis, and Miss Stephens, Bros. Hanney, W. Grist, W. Kennard, S. Smout, sen.; J. Glaskin, H. Morrey, Cockburn, and H. Massey, ("Freemason"), proceeded by Great Western express train from Paddington at 10.30 a.m. to Slough, where they were joined by Bro. John High, and several other brethren, including the Secretary of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, and conveyed by carriages to Bro. High's pretty residence at Farnham Royal. Here they were welcomed by Mrs. High, and conducted to a liberal lunch before proceeding to the Beeches. The weather was delightfully fine, and there was every promise of a pleasant day for the party. After dispatching the lunch the brethren and ladies, whom Mrs. High then joined, drove to Burnham Beeches, and in a remote part of that retired spot drew up, and had the cloth spread on the green sward for dinner. While these preparations were going on the brethren amused themselves with different games, and when the hour for dinner arrived disposed of the repast with well seasoned appetites. There was but one toast proposed "Success to the Lodge, and many similar pleasant meetings," and when the cloth was removed, for which operation, however, there was no hurrying, the brethren and ladies surveyed the beauties of the scenery and inspected the many natural curiosities with which Burnham Beeches abound. As there was more amusement still in store the party did not remain late at the Beeches, but drove by a different route back to Farnham Royal to Bro. High's, where they were to partake of tea. Having alighted from the carriages and walked about the grounds, they were conducted by Bro. High to the church, for the building of the steeple of which Bro. High has the contract, in addition to large works which he is executing in the neighbourhood for Lord Cholmondeley. After viewing and admiring the beautifully executed porch, the company returned to Bro. High's, where tea was provided *à fresco*, and here they remained till half-past ten o'clock at night, engaged in singing, conversation, and amusing tales. At half-past ten they repaired to the carriages, after wishing their host and hostess a hearty good-bye, and with recollections of a very pleasant day, and hopes for many similar days in future, took their journey Londonwards.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—The second meeting of this lodge since its foundation and consecration was held on Saturday, at the Palace whose name it bears. This out-of-town season, as might be expected, was not conducive to a large gathering, and several of the officers had to make great sacrifices in order to be present—the Senior Warden, and W. M. Delegate, Bro. Kelly King, having had to travel straight from Cheltenham; and Bro. J. R. Stacey, the Secretary, returned expressly from the Hibernian capital to be present. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the W.M., was unavoidably absent, and letters were read excusing absence on the part of officers and brethren, some giving as a reason their presence in the far north, and one, a family bereavement. The lodge was opened with Bros. Kelly King, as W.M.; Dyte (D.C.), as S.W.; J. Willing (visitor), as J.W.; J. H. Dodson, S.D.; W. W. Snelling, J.D.; J. Lee, as I.G.; and J. While, (W.M. 228), as I.P.M. The ballot was taken for Bro. John Dodson, of 55, as a joining member, and it was unanimous. The ceremony of initiation was then performed, Mr. Jesse Edmund Ward and Mr. Webster Dennison being the initiates. Bro. Kelly King presiding as Master, and the efficiency of the officers greatly heightened the effect of the ceremony. The Mastership was again put into commission, Bro. J. R. Stacey occupying it to perform the next ceremony, that of passing the five brethren initiated on the first regular meeting of the lodge, and these were Bros. Larchin, Daniel, Chapman, Ken-

sington, and Matthews. The ceremony was, it need scarcely be said, performed in the perfect manner for which Bro. Stacey, as the Preceptor of at least two Lodges of Instruction, has made himself famous. The bye-laws of the lodge were then presented and forwarded a stage, and the lodge then dealt with a notice of motion proposed by Bro. Kelly King, the S.W., to have as the meeting days of the lodge the last Saturdays of the spring and autumn months, in place of the last Saturdays of the summer months. This motion was proposed to meet the convenience of the Palace authorities, who, joined with the founders in the privileges of the lodge in being named as officers, have found that the days of meeting originally proposed would interfere with the work of the Palace, and have unfortunately not taken their assigned parts in the lodge owing to this cause. The motion was carried, and the wish was expressed that this concession would meet the convenience of the Palace authorities. Several propositions for joining members and of gentlemen to be initiated were made, and among the latter was a proposition by Bro. Rowlands, and most cordially received by the lodge, of the name of the well known "Red Spinner" of the "Gentleman's Magazine" the author of several works, the latest being the pleasant piscatorial volume entitled "Waterside Sketches." There can be no doubt from the reception the name received, the Master in the chair seconding the motion, that this popular brother of the angle and pen has been marked by those of the Craft who have the pleasure of knowing him as one whom they could welcome in the brotherhood of the "Mystic tie." The business ended, the brethren dined together, not en loge, the uncertainty as to numbers, and other circumstances, preventing that, but at the "table d'hôte" of the Palace they enjoyed a corner by themselves, and the toasts of "The Initiates," "The W.M.," "The Officers," and "Visitors," were none the less cordial if given without the usual ceremonies accorded under riled circumstances. The visitors were Bros. Boys (Lodge Camden); W. M. Styles, W.M. 177; H. Ralph, 177; H. Thompson, P.M. Great City; H. Potter; J. W. Berry, 1185; C. Scales, W.S. 1507.

PROVINCIAL.

WARRINGTON.—LODGE OF LIGHTS (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening last, at the Masonic Rooms. The W.M., Bro. Bowes, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G. Reg., Cumberland and Westmoreland, was supported by his officers and a large number of brethren and visitors. After the minutes were read, Bros. Johnson, Peake, and B. L. Pierpoint claimed preferment, and having sustained their claims, were entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the three brethren were re-admitted and passed by the W.M. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, when Dr. G. W. Joseph, who had been previously ballotted for and unanimously accepted, was duly and solemnly initiated by the W.M. The working tools were presented by the J.W., Bro. Thomas Tunstall, and the charge was delivered by Bro. P. J. Edleston, W.M. 1134. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

ECCLES.—VICTORIA LODGE (No. 1345).—The usual monthly meeting of this highly prosperous and well-conducted young lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 18th ult., in the lodge-room at Bro. John Pearson's, the Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles. The lodge was opened at 4.30 with solemn prayer, the officers present being Bros. William Wright, W.M. (now residing at Crewe, but formerly of Salford); C. Rudman, S.W.; J. S. Ballard, acting J.W.; V. Holt, J.D.; V. Shaw, S.D.; J. Pearson, I.G.; J. Buxton, P.M., Treas.; J. Barker, P.M., P. Prov. G.T.E.L., Sec.; J. C. Gillman, P.M.; Geo. Mountain, P.M.; J. Brooks, P.M.; Thomas Lee, P.M.; and a number of other brethren and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the admittance into Freemasonry of Mr. James Chadwick Mather, of Patricroft, which proved unanimous. Bros. T. Hile, E. J. Collins, and G. K. Ashton were passed, and Bro. H. Ainsworth raised, the ceremonies being performed in a masterly manner by the W.M. and Bros. P.M.'s Barker, Brooks, and Gillman. The lodge was presented with a valuable copy of Bro. Spark's well-known "Masonic Music" for the use of the lodge by P.M. J. Buxton (the founder of the Victoria Lodge), who has already done so much for Freemasonry in West Lancashire. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to P.M. Buxton for his valuable present, on the motion of Bro. Pearson, I.G., seconded by P.M. Barker, Sec. There was no other business of importance before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

Royal Arch.

BARNSTAPLE.—CHAPTER OF LOYALTY AND VIRTUE (No. 251).—A quarterly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday last. Present: Comps. Willshire, Z.; Ebsworthy, H.; Britton, J.; Shapland, P.S.; J. Hancock, A.S.; Oliver, Scribe E.; T. Hancock, Scribe N.; List, Treas.; Nicklin, Org.; W. Hancock, and other companions. Bro. Wm. Young was exalted, and other business transacted. Comp. Shapland impressed on the chapter the necessity of the members meeting punctually at the time mentioned in the summons, so that one should not be kept waiting for another, thus causing the loss of much valuable time. All business being ended, the chapter closed at 9 o'clock p.m.

Mark Masonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held on the 26th

ult., at the Town Hall, West Cowes, presided over by the Rev. G. R. Portal, the M.W.P.G.M.M. of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Bros. W. Hickman, D.P. G.M.; T. Best, P.G.S.W.; Capt. Hooper, P.G.J.W.; H. R. Trigg, P.G.M.O.; A. Cudlipp, P.G.J.O.; W. C. Redward, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec.; J. N. Price, P.G.I. Wks.; J. Purnell, P.G.S.B.; H. J. Guy, P.G. St.B.; M. E. Frost, P.G.I.G.; J. Harrison, P.G. Steward; T. Giles, W.M. 140; J. H. Wallace, P.M. 140; O. Haxthansen, S.W. 140; J. H. Smith, J.W. 140, P.G.D.C.; H. Cawte, J.W. 2; G. E. Parnell, J.W. 62; W. Court, J.W. 2; J. C. Airs, J.O. 140; E. Bunting, Sec. 17; G. F. Lancaster, S.D. 2; G. W. Munt, S.D. 140; J. Watson, P.G. Tyler 17; J. Luter, Tyler 140; E. W. Wyatt, J.D. 140; W. H. Holmes, 140; W. Payne, 2; W. S. Weeding, 140; J. Dew, 37; H. R. Fox, 140; W. Poland, 140; H. Sothcott, 140; J. C. Stroud, 63; P. Warren, 63.

The usual business having been transacted and officer appointed, the brethren dined together at the Fountain Hotel. The following is a list of the officers appointed:—
W. Hickman, 63 Prov. D.G.M.
M. E. Frost, 17 Prov. S.G.W.
R. L. Loveland, 63 Prov. J.G.W.
Thomas Giles, 140 Prov. G.M.O.
Hy. Cawte, 2 Prov. G.S.O.
John Purnell, 62 Prov. G.J.O.
B. Wilberforce, 63 Prov. G. Chap.
W. C. Redward, 2 Prov. G. Treas.
A. L. Emanuel, 62 Prov. G.R. Mks.
J. E. Le Feuvre, 63 Prov. G. Sec.
Hy. Whale, 52 Prov. G.S.D.
J. Harrison, 62 Prov. G.J.D.
G. F. Lancaster, 2 Prov. G.I. Wks.
A. Penton, 140 Prov. G.D.C.
R. H. C. Udsell, 17 Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. R. Willson, 2 Prov. G.S.B.
J. C. Stroud, 63 Prov. G.St.B.
R. Osborne, 17 Prov. G.O.
E. W. Wyatt, 140 Prov. G.I.G.
P. Warren, 63 } Prov. G. Stwds.
E. Bunting, 17 }
A. Ridell, 2 }
John Watson, 17 Prov. G.T.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—A meeting of the Original, or Premier Conclave of England, was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Monday last. V.E. Sir Knight Thomas Burdett Yeoman, M.P.S., in the chair. Present, Sir Knights R. Wentworth Little, Hubbard, Mason, Marsh, Rev. P. M. Holden, Thielay, Hows, Amphlett, Levander, Kingston, Parker, Green, Townsend, George Kenning, and others. Some routine business being transacted, the conclave closed. The Sir Knights dined together at Challis's Hotel, Rupert-street.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER FOR LANARKSHIRE.

The quarterly meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on the 27th ult. Comps. J. Miller, acting Z.; J. Duthie, acting H.; G. W. Wheeler, acting J.; John Fraser, acting S.E.; J. Brodie, First Soj.; J. Balfour, Second Soj.; G. Thallon, Third Soj.; and others. Letters of apology had been received from several of the office-bearers, explaining the cause of their absence. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. Among the other business to be settled was that of appointing Auditors to examine the books of the chapter. Comps. J. Duthie and G. W. Wheeler were chosen for that duty. Comp. Duthie then called the attention of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter to the want felt in the Province of Glasgow of a chapter of instruction. He pointed out the great results that would flow from such a chapter in a clear and able way. Comp. Wheeler followed with some very practical and judicious remarks on the subject. After a lively and interesting conversation, the desirability of having such a chapter was agreed to. No business of further importance. The chapter was duly closed.

CAMBUSLANG.—LODGE ROYAL ARCH (No. 114).—A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by the brethren of this lodge on Saturday, the 21st ult. They assembled in the lodge-room at half-past two o'clock, and, after some necessary arrangements, formed themselves into procession, and, headed by the Cambuslang instrumental band, marched first through the village, where they were joined by their wives and sweethearts, then to Dechmont, the place appointed. Deputations from St. John Operative Lodge, 347, Rutherglen, and Lodge St. Andrew, 524, East Kilbride, were present on the occasion. On reaching the hill the R.W.M. pronounced the blessing, after which each one was supplied with bread and milk. Various games were indulged in, and a few dances got up and gracefully gone through. The weather during this part of the day was all that could be desired. The prospect from the summit of the hill was delightful (for a view of landscape, beautiful and extensive, Dechmont will vie with many of the hills in Scotland). Before leaving, three ringing cheers were given for the Duke of Hamilton, and the Duke's chamberlain, for their kindness in granting them the privilege of getting on to the hill; also three hearty cheers to Mr. Park, of Dechmont, for giving them one of his fields in case the hill should be refused, and three merry cheers to the R.W.M. of the lodge for the worthy manner in which he had conducted the proceedings of the day. After singing "Auld Lang Syne," they wended their way

down the hill, and made for home. They escorted the Rutherglen brethren to the station, and then returned to the lodge, all highly pleased with the afternoon's outing.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 26th ult. Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. M. Oliver, S.W.; G. B. Adams, acting J.W.; R. Brodie, J. Thomson, and others. Bro. Monro said he had called this meeting to get through with the business before the lodge that was pressing. Applications from three gentlemen wishing to join the Order were submitted, viz., Wm. Thomson, Robt. Wilson, and Murdoch McLean; they were proposed by Bro. John Cummings, and seconded by J. Monro, R.W.M. They were found worthy, and received the First Degree, Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., officiating, and the R.W.M. delivered the charge with his usual ability and impressiveness. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ROSE CROIX OF IRELAND.

In the circular letter by which this convocation was announced, it was stated that on this occasion I would present a report of the progress and present condition of the Rose Croix Order in Ireland. It has hitherto been the duty of the Vice-President—not of the Sovereign of the Order—to present the triennial report to the convocation; but I am departing from that rule to-day in order to preserve the spirit of it; for, although I now have the honour of being Sovereign of the Order, I was myself the actual Vice-President until very recently. So that I hope I may not be deemed to have overstepped my proper limits, or intruded upon the province of my friend who has kindly accepted from me the office of Vice-President.

It was not without reluctance that I commenced my present task. Not to speak of the impossibility of accomplishing it without repeating much of what I have already said in my former reports, it is a painful thing to review the transactions of even a few past years, at a period of life when each additional year must bring its share of sadness, as friends drop away faster and faster, and energy and activity decline. What was once an agreeable exercise of the mind then becomes a laborious effort. But as there is no necessity to occupy your attention long, I may be brief, and I need not apologize for brevity, or waste time by trying to excuse what is inevitable.

I could not address the first convocation which has met since the death of the late Duke of Leinster without mentioning that venerable nobleman, whom I served, as Vice-President of this Order, for eighteen years; but I will merely acknowledge the respect and affection we all feel for his memory. The language of eulogy has been exhausted; our expressions of regret, however sincere, are idle and unavailing; and I do not ask you to listen to a funeral oration: we meet here for a more profitable purpose. Let me, however, be excused for dwelling for one moment on the name of one who also, very lately, held a high place amongst us, and was deservedly respected and esteemed—the late Major-General Dunne. We all felt sincere sorrow at his unexpected death; none more deeply than myself, for he had been my friend for forty years. He was indeed a noble gentleman, worthy of his ancient and high lineage, a man who had served his country in high and responsible stations, both military and civil; a true Mason, whose personal character was an example of the qualities on which our society boasts itself to be founded, and whose exertions and influence were always cheerfully and ably employed for its advancement.

I now proceed to the main objects of this address. On looking to my former reports, which contain the statistics of our Order since 1854, I find that the number of its members has been actually doubled within the last twenty years: the increase has been at the average rate of ten per annum. In 1854 there were 144 subscribing members of the Rose Croix Chapters of Ireland; there are now 290. If we analyze that sum total, we shall find it composed of 197 members of Dublin chapters and 93 of provincial chapters. This striking difference is accounted for by the fact that of the 73 chapters now held in Ireland, 8 are in Dublin. All the 13 chapters appear to be in full work.

As I stated here in 1872, the increase of this Order may be either a subject of congratulation or very much the contrary. It is true of it as of the human frame,—the cessation of its growth may be taken to indicate the first beginning of its decay,—yet it may grow too fast or grow too large to be in a perfectly healthy condition. But when we remember how greatly the general Masonic fraternity has increased in number and importance during the last twenty years, in spite of those allocutions and ecclesiastical fulminations by which it is periodically denounced, we cannot say that our own branch of it has become disproportionately extended. I do not think it would be just—indeed I do not think it would be possible—to prevent the extension of the Rose Croix Degree while the general Masonic fraternity continues to increase in numbers; but I think it both just and possible to preserve the present high character of our own Order by regulating its extension judiciously. Its numbers declined between 1847 and 1854, and between 1857 and 1860; they have ever since been increasing. No doubt they may decline again; but I think it improbable. We had but seven chapters in 1854, whereas we have now thirteen. The more warrants that are issued the more Prince Masons we shall have, and again, the more Prince Masons, the more likelihood that new warrants will be sought for; as we frequently have seen new lodges spring out of those which have become very numerous. As no warrant has been issued for since 1872, we may be satisfied that at least quite enough of them have been issued for the present.

The warrant we had in Lisbon for many years is extinct and has been returned by the brethren who held it; they are now subject to the United Grand Lodge of Portugal, as stated to the convocation of 1872. At present we have no warrant in any foreign country. I do not like the affectation of quoting myself; but as I cannot mend what I observed at the last convocation, on the establishment of new chapters, I will, for convenience sake, repeat it now. I said, "I cannot lay down a hard and fast rule to guide you in matters of discretion, on which it is not easy to form a fair opinion; but this I may say—I would have you grant new warrants with a very cautious hand, having regard to a great many circumstances which would not be taken into account if you were to grant them merely to gratify a few individuals, however estimable in character or anxious for the extension of the Order. We must not either withhold promotion from men who deserve it, nor make promotion too cheap, too easily had, too common to be thought very well worth having. I have stated thus much for your consideration, knowing, as I do, that I incur the risk of displeasing many who may hear me, because it is my duty to point out a danger, and it will be yours to avert it, if you can, by good sense, discretion and circumspection." The exercise of that discretion in the granting or refusing of new warrants is plainly one principal way in which the extension of this Order is to be regulated; the approval or rejection by the Grand Chapter of individual candidates is another. On the latter point I would observe, that the Grand Chapter having now become a numerous body, and being generally well attended, I think it not improbable that in a short time some attempt may be made to have some of its business intrusted to a committee. To that I see no objection; but I hope that in any event the important trust of passing candidates will never be thus delegated. The experiment has been tried already, although it may not be within the memory of many here, and it proved a signal failure; in fact it placed, as I may say, the very existence of the Order in the hands of one or two men, until the Grand Chapter, finding how matters were going, wisely took back the important function into their own direct administration, in which I hope it will ever continue. The Grand Chapter is not infallible; but although in this or that instance it may have made a mistake—sometimes on the score of strictness, sometimes of indulgence—I believe that in the great majority of cases its vigilance has been rightly exercised, and I am certain it has always been exercised honestly and honourably. We have done a great deal in preserving, as we have hitherto done, so high a character for so numerous a society. And how have we done it? By each member of the Grand Chapter requiring to be reasonably satisfied, as if we were solely responsible for the result, respecting the character and fitness of every person for whom his vote is sought. I hope I may not be misunderstood, as if I meant to imply any distrust of the subordinate chapters. It rarely happens that they offer a doubtful name. Rose Croix Chapters are not at all regarded by their members as mere clubs, as we all know that even very respectable Craft lodges are; but all who know mankind must allow, that people do not like to be deemed fastidious censors of their neighbours; many would not oppose, although they may not altogether approve, the admission of an acquaintance, or even of a person brought forward by some friend they would not willingly disoblige. People do not like to introduce disunion or dissatisfaction into a favourite society; yet men will often be found so weak and vain as to think it justifiable to break up such an one, if they should fail in obtaining admission into it for some favourite of their own, who, for one reason or another, may not be quite acceptable to the rest. And unquestionably the present system has, on the whole, worked very well. I believe the subordinate chapters, which are all represented in the Grand Chapter, feel that such is the case, and are well satisfied with the existence of this controlling power, and would prefer that it should continue unaltered.

It is surely better to err, since we cannot always avoid error, on the safe side; better that now and again a worthy man should be disappointed than an unworthy admitted. You may admit the former when you discover your mistake; but, once admitted, you cannot so easily exclude the other. I cannot too often repeat my solemn warning—it is by the Grand Chapter that the Rose Croix Order will be preserved, an honour to the Masonic community of Ireland, as it is this day, or ruined past all remedy.

It must be gratifying to all of us to know that perfect harmony and good will exist among all our chapters, and that no complaint has been made on the part of any individual member of any of them. This is saying a good deal for a community so numerous. We have not much intercommunication with chapters of our Order in other countries, but so far as we have had any it has been of a most friendly nature.

The office of Assistant Secretary General has recently become vacant by the resignation of Bro. Charles T. Walmisley, who for many years past filled that place. The Grand Chapter has deferred the appointment of his successor until November next, in order that time may be afforded to the Grand Secretary to enquire and report whether any alteration should be made in the duties of the office of his future assistant. But I deemed it due to my respected friend Bro. Walmisley to enquire from him respecting our financial position at present, and I found that his accounts, to the end of 1874, have been kept with great regularity. They show a very decided improvement in our monetary affairs since the time when he undertook the care of our finances. We have now to credit of the Grand Chapter a sum of £214 3s. 5d. in Three per Cent. Consols in the names of our trustees, £100 of which was invested last year. And the accounts show a cash balance, on the 1st of January last, of £98 17s. 6d. in bank to our credit; a further sum of £76 15s. 6d. was due at the same date to the Grand Chapter, of which £25 13s. 6d. has

since been paid and lodged in bank. In 1872 we had but a sum of between £40 and £50. Bro. Walmisley has informed me that all demands made upon him as Grand Treasurer have been paid; that if there be still any outstanding it is because they have not been furnished; that such demands (if any) are of trifling amount, and that we have in fact no debt impending over us. I need not go further into these financial matters, which belong more properly to the Grand Chapter. I am happy to say that Bro. Walmisley, though he has resigned the troublesome office of Assistant Secretary, retains the honorary one of our Grand Treasurer.

A revised code of rules for the Order has been recently under consideration, but has not yet been finally arranged. It will introduce some alterations into the existing code; some few additions will be made upon matters of regulation, but some others will be of greater importance—I mean those relating to the 15th, 16th, and 17th Degrees of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," hitherto, I believe, usually known as Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and Knights of the East and West, although the 16th is more properly styled the Degree of "Prince of Jerusalem." Those degrees have always been regarded as requisite qualifications for that of Rose Croix; but as the Great Priory of the Temple in Ireland does not now permit its preceptories to confer any other degrees than those belonging to its own Order, it became necessary to make some arrangements by means of which the chapters might be enabled to qualify candidates for future elevation to our own ranks. I will not trouble you by recapitulating what was done after full deliberation; but the result of the proceedings taken has been, that the Grand Chapter has now power to confer on its subordinate chapters the right to elevate brethren to those degrees, according to certain rules which will be comprised in the new code of our Order.

How far the plan which has been adopted, and which I am mainly responsible for suggesting, will ultimately prove successful, it is not at present easy to predict, as it has not yet been acted on, the rules not being yet promulgated, as they very soon will be. It is to be hoped that it will get over a serious difficulty—I see no reason why it should not do so; yet I cannot but expect that the 15th, 16th, and 17th Degrees will soon be regarded as mere forms, and be abridged to the least possible extent, or given by mere communication. In fact they have already become practically useless; partly through the ignorance of those who originally introduced them here, and partly by our increasing apathy as to all Masonic ceremonial. I am not able to tell you by whom, or when, they were first introduced; but I must say, for my own part, that I have not seen anything in any of those three degrees, as they have usually been administered here, worth the attention of men of education and sense. When we read the elucidation of them—which has been given by so great an authority as our Bro. Albert Pike, Sovereign Commander of the 33rd Degree in the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, who has conferred much benefit on all intelligent Masons by his masterly, learned, and eloquent expositions and lectures—then, indeed, we can see how the 15th Degree was intended to inculcate fidelity and perseverance; how the 16th teaches the noble maxim that labour is honourable, not disgraceful—that, in fact, it is the service of God; and how the 17th Degree—now the least interesting of the three—ought really to be most instructive, for it is the first of the Philosophical Degrees, however little title it has to that epithet at present. In short, I think that those three degrees have been so disfigured by corruption, and by the interpretation put on them by ignorant and conceited persons, professional lecturers on Masonry—a class of people who were our only authority on the subject in former years,—that they are merely weariness and disappointment both to the administrant and the recipient, conveying no useful knowledge whatever. This is but my own individual opinion, which does not bind any one; yet, I think, many will concur in it. Whether it would now be possible to restore to those degrees their original spirit and utility I cannot tell. I wish it were so; but, in truth, I cannot hope that it would be so. The main object at most of our Masonic meetings seems to be, to dispense with as much ceremonial as possible, and to hurry through the little that is left; and I feel ashamed to be obliged to say, that this is especially so in the higher grades. An effort recently made by the Council of the 33rd Degree, and approved by the Grand Chapter, to establish "Lodges of Perfection," as they are called, has been received with utter apathy and produced no result. Yet, assuredly, it would be well to have some high and important degree interposed between the lower degrees and this of ours. Such was the opinion of my esteemed friend, our Bro. George Chatterton, a very learned and experienced as well as zealous Mason, who first suggested the idea, which appeared to me to be an admirable one. But what can two or three men effect against the indifference of so many, or that pitying approbation so closely akin to ridicule? Not a movement has been made in the Masonic Order to encourage the hope that some of the admirable, though long disused, steps of the Ancient and Accepted Rite might be restored with their impressive forms, their ceremonies and their teaching, to be a reward to active and zealous Masons who had not yet attained the age our rules require, or who might fairly expect honourable promotion during the long probationary period of seven years, during which this degree of ours is in general unattainable, and, in my judgment, very properly so. It should be reserved for men not only of approved zeal and intelligence, but of mature years and practical experience. It should be a reward for long services as well as a promotion.

But the truth is that Masonic ceremonials afford little to interest the understanding when the symbolism of Masonry is not understood,—and it is not generally so. Why? Because it requires study and attention as well as intelli-

gence to understand it. Our ancient predecessors had no notion of feeding lazy animals with pearls. Their symbols were meant to conceal as well as to instruct—the concealment was meant for those too indolent to care for instruction. Our modern plan is to instruct all the world alike; we cannot go back upon the system of ancient thought, but it is necessary to bear in mind that it differs from ours. When I speak of the symbolism of Masonry, I do not mean what is commonly called "Masonic working," which is a mere matter of memory and practice; I mean what that very working was intended to convey, which is quite a different thing. Good workers are tolerably plenty; good working is pleasant to see; there is no good reason why we should be without it, although we shall never have it where men trust to written or printed ceremonials, as I think we have all had experience. But if you who, as you were told, have been admitted to the inmost sanctuary of our Order, think the commonplace teaching of Masonic expositors worth listening to, your notions of the extent or capability of Masonic instruction cannot be very exalted. Still, I do not like to see even ordinary teaching given up; for it is surely better than none. We are really like men who walk over undiscovered or long forgotten mines of precious ore; it lies under our feet, and we know nothing of it. Perhaps I might better illustrate my meaning by an idea which struck me while reading one of Albert Pike's essays, already referred to.—A peasant, working in his fields, frequently finds a stone of somewhat peculiar shape, which he turns into lime for manure, as did his fathers before him. It answers very well as a limestone—so far so good. But a skilful geologist comes; he strikes a similar stone with an experienced hand, and lo! hidden within it lies the fossil form of what was once a living and moving creature, though it has been locked up in darkness for ages. Form after form is thus revealed to our astonished eyes; and by the light of the scientific knowledge of the master mind we can recognize animals and plants like those around us—yet unlike too;—of a different era—of antiquated pattern, so to speak; yet they enable us to realize, though it may be dimly, the conception of a past creation. So we are now enabled by the teaching of a man I am proud to call my Master—in whose school I learn with mute and delighted attention—to image forth the shadowy and often uncertain, but yet indisputable traces of ancient wisdom and ancient worship, in the trivial and unconsidered teaching of Masonic rites and symbols.

I adverted at the last convocation, in too triumphant a tone (as now it appears), to an arrangement, which had existed since 1836, by which the several governing bodies of the Masonic Order had agreed to recognize and act upon each other's orders of suspension or expulsion. That compact no longer exists. A brother suspended or expelled by this Grand Chapter may, notwithstanding, enjoy all the privileges of fraternity in a Master's Lodge. This not being a place in which it would be becoming to discuss the measures which the Grand Lodge have adopted, or shall think proper to adopt, I mention the fact merely to apprise my brethren of the change. I do not pretend to assign a reason for it, nor to predict its probable consequences.

A still more important change is that by which my own position has been so much affected, that I mention it merely because it would be mere affectation to pass it over, and I shall speak of it, if possible, quite in the abstract. The dignity of Sovereign of this Order has, since the death of the late Duke of Leinster, been severed from that of Grand Master of the Masons of Ireland, and we are now a distinct and separate branch of the Masonic community, under our own head and with our own resources. This change will probably render us more independent, active, and self-reliant; consequently, more powerful and more important than before. Yet the want of a President of high position is a real want, not a mere fancied disadvantage. It is probably felt here to-day by many; and I think it impossible but that some regret and disappointment must be felt by those who remember the occasions on which the late Sovereign presided in our assemblies, giving them the lustre of his noble name and the honour of his dignified presence. I am not so blind as to underrate the advantages I have referred to, and I am, I hope, superior to the silly affectation of underrating myself; the approbation of my brethren is sufficient proof that they do not think me unfit for my present high office here. Yet none of us can be insensible to the great advantage of having one of the like high station occupying the same place amongst us as the Duke of Leinster long did. Like all the rest of the world, I think we would be sufficiently indulgent to the shortcomings, and even to the occasional neglect, of a man of rank; for by appointing a competent and accessible Vice-President he might not only provide for the proper administration of our affairs, but sustain his own popularity with our community. We shall see how matters get on under the present arrangement. If it be hereafter found advisable to do so there will be nothing to prevent our reverting to that system, which for a number of years worked very well. The union of all great Masonic dignities in the same individual tends, no doubt, to keep things quiet; and quiet, order, and regularity are great matters in themselves, and are also main objects of all Freemasonry. I know that at least one most zealous and experienced member of our Order disapproved of filling up the vacant Presidency of it; but yet, would it have been consistent with our just pretensions, or our open professions of independence, to leave our highest honours in the dust, until some sufficiently dignified hand might be extended to take them up? If not, still less should we lay them at the feet of a man who would merely think them as unworthy his notice. For the present they are in the hands of one who deems them the highest and best compliment by which the services of twenty years can be recompensed. The future will take care of the things of itself. I take leave to read for you a few lines from a letter I recently

received from the eminent gentleman I already alluded to, and I do so, not merely for the pleasure of telling you what he has said of the measure the Grand Chapter has adopted, but for the sake of the just and generous sentiments he expresses. "I am not," says Bro. Pike, "one of those republicans who affect to see no value, nor any right to deference, in ancestral honours and hereditary titles. It is right they should have due honour; but, I think, that to make Masonry the recipient of patronage is not to exalt it: the noble should not be held to honour it, but it the noble. If one who bears a noble name is a true brother to the brethren, and loves Masonry enough to be a faithful worker, it is for the good and honour of the Craft to have him at its head; but Masonry should not purchase patronage with its dignities." And he kindly adds a few words of which I am very proud, expressing his satisfaction that I have become Sovereign of this Order, whether a much more distinguished person would or would not have felt honoured by the nomination. I need only add, that at your bidding I have taken that high office; at your bidding I shall gratefully lay it down, sufficiently honoured in that you deemed me worthy to hold it at all.

I have now laid before you as well as I could a statement of our condition and our prospects. Whatever may be in store for me, or for any of us, I most earnestly hope that our condition, good as it is, may be improved; that those prospects, fair as they are, may yet be fairer when our brethren shall assemble next, on a similar occasion to this. I must honestly admit that my efforts to improve our ritual, as I suggested some years ago, have signally failed. But, after all, I am not one who lays much stress on external ceremonies, and to the essential part of the association I had rather turn your attention. Our Rose Croix Order, like all the philosophical grades, inculcates the great principles of all spiritual life—the existence of a Supreme God, incomprehensibly and unchangeably wise, merciful and good; the redemption of the world from evil, sin, and death; and the hope of life hereafter. If we never have been able to discern its object, or if we have lost sight of it, our philosophic Masonry, with or without its forms and ceremonies, is but an empty name. We may look at the externals of the higher degrees as we may gaze on the figures carved on an Egyptian temple or tomb—with indifference, or perhaps with curiosity or admiration, but with very little enlightenment. There are the designs of the old, dim centuries, long vanished away into the eternity of the past—to us only strange, grotesque, monstrous forms. We do not discern the purer principles they were intended to conceal from the profane, but to convey to the enlightened—principles whose freshness dissipates the darkness of ages and the sepulchral air of the tomb; principles as strong and living at this day as when the foundations of the pyramids were laid; as strong they will be when those strange monuments of superstition and perseverance shall be mixed with the dust of the desert. We cannot all become masters of the symbolism of Masonry: few will even attempt to understand it; fewer still will thoroughly succeed. But each of us, in the small duties and petty grievances of daily life—in the common intercourse of business and the common cares of a humble home—may do something worthy of a noble nature, something that will survive, if not in itself, in its results, when he has gone where neither wealth, rank, nor station can confer distinction. This very association of ours, with its many advantages to start with, ought to have great power; power as valuable as great, nay rather power which would be actually inestimable in its good effects upon society if we were to be always actuated by the principles we profess. Is that too ambitious an aspiration? Then let us look at home, within our own pale. Shall it be said that all we have learned and professed has not taught us to quench the petty dissensions which may arise among ourselves? It must needs be that offences come among us as everywhere else; but, surely, they should not subsist among men joined by such ties as ours—no, not for one hour after the first flush of irritation has passed away. I am not here to preach to you; but I felt bound to speak what may probably be of use, and what it is my duty to say—who can tell whether I may have another opportunity?

I have now said enough to give you some general idea of what has been done and what is doing amongst us; and as that is all I proposed to do, I will prolong my address no further than to express my earnest wish that the noble Order of the Rose and Cross may be to each what those sacred symbols mean, and have meant from an antiquity too remote to be ascertained. If any present does not know that meaning, let him enquire, but not of me, lest I should think the enquiry a proof that, however proudly he may wear the decoration of a "Knight of the Eagle and Pelican, Prince Grand Rose Croix," he does not, as yet, quite deserve to be recognised as a true and worthy member of that noble Order?

J. F. TOWNSEND, 33°

Sovereign of the Order of Rose Croix in Ireland.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

A few evenings since a very interesting ceremony was witnessed at the Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham, where various Masonic meetings take place. Bro. Thompson, who is the W.M. of the Enfield Lodge, has displayed a very warm and active interest in a benevolent association held at the above house in connection with the Tottenham and Enfield Lodges; and having recently been elevated to the position of Grand Sword Bearer of the Province of Middlesex, a suggestion was made that the brethren of the two lodges with which he was associated should present him with his official clothing, as a slight recognition of the services he had rendered to the cause of charity, so dear to the heart of every Freemason. The idea took a practical form at once; the necessary funds were soon obtained; and the presentation was fixed

for Tuesday evening last. A numerous company assembled, including Bros. J. Maller, W.M. of the Tottenham Lodge (who was requested to preside), Matthison, P.M., Enfield Lodge (vice-chairman); Wells, P.M., Jones, P.M.; Roberts, P.M.; Dance, Secretary of the Tottenham Lodge; Bros. Brown, Cocksedge, Burford, Farrin, Peckham, O'Brien, Clements, Fowler and others. Considerable regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. Linzell, P.M., who was not only the principal founder of the institution, but mainly instrumental in obtaining Bro. Thompson his provincial honour.

The presentation was preceded by a nicely-arranged and well-served repast, furnished by Bro. J. Smith, of Lower Tottenham, and, on the cloth being cleared, the usual loyal toasts were given by Bro. Maller with his genial perspicuousness, and received with proper enthusiasm.

Subsequently came "The Health of Bro. Thompson," proposed by the chairman, and accepted with the greatest cordiality. Bro. Maller paid a just tribute to the high qualities of Bro. Thompson as a Mason, and, with special reference to the benevolent institution with which he was closely identified, mentioned that the number of members represented ultimate contributions to the Masonic charities of £600, £300 of which had already been devoted to the noble purposes for which the money was intended. Bro. Thompson had exerted himself to the utmost to render the association a success, and he was entitled to some mark of their esteem. Whether at Enfield or Tottenham, Bro. Thompson was ever ready to assist in any good work; and it was one of the most pleasing duties he (the chairman) had ever performed in Masonry to invest him with the clothing which had been so spontaneously subscribed for by the members of the Tottenham and Enfield Lodges.

Bro. Thompson expressed his sincere thanks for the great kindness which had been evinced towards him. He was much gratified at receiving the congratulations of so many brethren on his receiving Provincial office; and, if any acts of his in the past had rendered him worthy of their approbation, he would show, by his conduct in the future, that the confidence reposed in him had not been misplaced. As to the benevolent institutions, all he had done had been a labour of pure love, and he should never weary of pursuing the same path.

The "Visitors" were next toasted, and Bro. Lee responded.

Bro. Roberts, in proposing "The Health of the Brethren from Enfield," spoke in high terms of Bro. Thompson, who, he said, had laboured hard in Freemasonry for seven years. Although he belonged to the Enfield Lodge, he was often in Tottenham, and, come when he would, he would always receive a cordial welcome, because he came in the name of charity. It was through the exertions of such men as Bro. Thompson that the great Masonic institutions were supported, and he trusted he would long be spared to work in the grand field of benevolence.

Bros. Matthison, Thompson, Brown, and Farrin returned thanks.

"The Health of Bro. Maller," proposed by Bro. Matthison, who said the W.M. of the Tottenham Lodge was known amongst the Craft as a most worthy man and a good Mason, brought the toasts to a close.

Bro. Maller responded, and a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW SCHOOLS AT OLD CUMNOCK.

On Thursday 19th ult. the usually quiet little village of Old Cumnock was the scene of an event of considerable interest, namely, the laying of the memorial stone of a public school in course of erection there. The building, which is situated on the Barrhill Road, in close proximity to the old graveyard, is of the Gothic style of architecture. It is a handsome structure, similar to the other School Board schools, and, being designed to accommodate upwards of 800 scholars, will supply the requisite school accommodation for the children residing in the district. It has been erected at a cost of nearly £4000, and will supply a want in the locality which has been felt for some time past. To witness the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the school the inhabitants turned out en masse on Thursday. In the forenoon contingents from Kilmarnock, Ayr, Troon, Catrine, and a number of other Masonic lodges began to arrive, and by mid-day the streets of the village were crowded with visitors. Shortly after two o'clock the procession, headed by a brass band, left the Black Bull Hotel for the new building. Among the lodges represented were St. John's, 22, Kilmarnock; Navigation, 86, Troon; St. James', 125, Ayr; St. Andrew's, 126, Kilmarnock; St. James', 135, Kilwinning, Tarbolton; St. Mungo, 179, Mauchline; St. Andrew's, 245, Muirkirk; St. John's, 334, New Cumnock; St. Thomas, 433, Kilwinning, Dalmellington; St. John's, 497, Catrine; St. Barnabas, 230, Old Cumnock. Among the gentlemen present were Colonel Mure, M.P., R.W.M., Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, and, as such, Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire; Mr. Hatrick, of Woodside, D.P.G.M. for Ayrshire; Mr. R. Wylie, Provincial Grand Secretary; Mr. John Mackay, Past R.W.M. of St. John's, Kilwinning, Kilmarnock, and acting P.G. Senior Warden; Mr. P. Burns, of Auchinharvie, acting P.G. Junior Warden; Mr. J. A. Ferguson, Proxy S.W. of Mother Lodge, Kilwinning; Mr. John Tweed, Proxy J.W. of Kilwinning Grand Lodge, Edinburgh, and about twenty brethren from Lodge Kilwinning. On the arrival of the procession at the building, the Freemasons and others took up their positions around the school. The usual preliminary Masonic ceremonies having been completed, Mr. Weir presented to Colonel Mure a silver trowel, with which to lay the memorial stone. He expressed the pleasure which Colonel Mure's presence afforded the Freemasons and the inhabitants of Cumnock,

on account of the high position which he held in the Craft, and of the good services which he had rendered to the country. Colonel Mure briefly returned thanks for the presentation, after which he proceeded to lay the memorial stone with the usual formalities. This having been done, Colonel Mure again addressed the assemblage. After a few preliminary remarks, the gallant Colonel proceeded to say that there was a time when civilization was low and luxury was great, when the public money was spent on buildings devoted to the most abominable purposes, and which had been left us by antiquity. Some of the finest architecture—colosseums, amphitheatres, and arenas—had all been devoted to the greatest cruelties and the most unspeakable horrors. Even in those times temples raised to the Deities were the area of scenes such as no pure mind could dwell upon. But, thank God, those days were past, and that now we had great civilization, great wealth, great commerce, great power, and never since Christianity existed could it be said that any public money had ever been devoted to the rearing of any building except for the most pure, the most beneficent, and the most laudable purposes. The Freemasons, therefore, were glad to lay the foundation stone of any building, because they knew that it was, as most buildings are, reared by public money—money which was demanded from the people by a wise and provident legislature. He might tell them of a time when Scotland was a purely rural country with nothing but an agricultural population, when there was hardly a female in Scotland whose children were not well educated. Times, however, had changed, and we had become a very great, wealthy, and powerful nation. The great union between England, Scotland, and Ireland, had established a power which was felt over the whole world. We were the greatest colonisers, the greatest merchants, the greatest soldiers, and the greatest sailors in the world—and our power was respected in all the four corners of the earth. But unfortunately we could not have great power without commerce, nor commerce without great aggregates of population, nor great aggregates of population without ignorance, and we could not have ignorance without vice. In our crowded lanes, in our humble kennels, in those artisans' dwellings of which they heard so much lately, the little children were the greatest sufferers. We have always had a certain number of schools in this country; we have always had a great many schoolmasters, but there was one thing we had not had sufficient of—and that was power to make children go to school. Compulsory education that interfered with families was never popular and seldom answered. In England the system did not work well, but in Scotland, owing to the fact that from 1494 the people of Scotland had had the compulsory principles among them, although, like many other principles, they had been set aside, and which had led them to adopt those features of the act which had proved themselves so gallant to the people of England. He believed that the time would come when we would be as the Prussians were at this moment in regard to education. The law which had been adopted in Prussia for many years had become a dead letter, not because of the people breaking the law by not sending their children to school, but that the feeling for education which had existed for centuries in that country had resulted in there being no necessity for making it compulsory. That was what he hoped would soon take place in this country. We wanted something more than the meagre education which the children of this country received, something more than to teach children to read, write, and cypher. To his mind it looked like ploughing the ground and allowing grass to grow up more luxuriantly. What we wanted was a system of secondary education and a higher system of cultivation whereby the seed which had been sown in the primary schools would have an opportunity of bringing forth some richer intellectual fruit. (Cheers.)

On the motion of Mr. Boswell, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Colonel Mure.

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Canada was held in the City Hall, London, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 14th and 15th July. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, the following Grand Officers being present:—

R. W. Bros. James Kerr, Acting-Grand Master; W. R. White, Grand Senior Warden; Hugh Murray, Grand Junior Warden; Rev. Vincent Clementi, as Grand Chaplain; Otto Klotz, as Grand Treasurer; D. M. Malloch, Grand Registrar; John J. Mason, Acting Grand Secretary; V. W. Bros. Fred. J. Menet, Grand Senior Deacon; George S. Birrell, Grand Junior Deacon; Andrew Irving, Jr., Grand Director of Ceremonies; F. R. Despard, Hamilton, Assistant Grand Secretary; John M. Clément, Niagara, Grand Sword Bearer; C. A. Sippi, London, Grand Organist; Hugh Kerr, Ingersoll, Grand Pursuivant; Bro. James Heron, London, Grand Tyler; V. W. Bros. James Sutton, Lucan, J. Scarff, Woodstock, Isaac Waterman, London; Josiah Corlis, St. Thomas, E. Peplow, Jr., Port Hope, T. F. Blackwood, Yorkville, John Gibson, Stratford, A. Hudspeth, Lindsay, John Kerr, Ingersoll, and W. L. P. Eager, Milton, Grand Stewards.

District Deputy Grand Masters:—R.W. Bros. Thomas C. Macnabb, W. D. McGloghlon, Chauncy Bennett, J. H. Benson, J. J. Mason, D. E. Broderick, R. P. Stephens, J. B. Traves, S. S. Lazier, A. S. Kirkpatrick, J. W. Pickup.
 Past Grand Masters:—M.W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson and James Seymour.

And about 500 representatives from 250 lodges. After the usual preliminary proceedings, the Acting Grand Master delivered the following address:—

Brethren of Grand Lodge:
 The great bereavement which we sustained in January last, and which cast the veil of grief over the whole fraternity throughout the length and breadth of this Grand Lodge jurisdiction, called upon me, under the provisions of the Constitution, to assume the functions of Grand Master, and threw upon me the duties and responsibilities pertaining to that office during the most important half of the Masonic year just ended. Being without the assistance of a deputy, these duties have drawn more heavily upon my time than I had anticipated, and the difficulties of my situation were immeasurably increased through the death of our Grand Secretary, whose loss we have together mourned since August last.

It becomes my duty, therefore, to assume the gavel, and in doing so I desire to submit for your consideration a brief outline of such events during the whole of the past year as may require the notice of the Grand Lodge.

At our last annual communication, the brethren of Grand Lodge for the twentieth time elected R.W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris to the important and honourable position of Grand Secretary—and many now present will remember the modest terms in which he alluded to the services he had already rendered to the Craft, and his acknowledgment of the honour then done him by re-electing him to an office where he loved to labour. Scarcely had the brethren returned to their homes, when the alarming intelligence reached them that their beloved brother was seriously ill, and that his friends were apprehensive lest fatal results might ensue. During a month he was prostrated and suffered much, and although there were intervals of hoping even against hope, when he and the loved ones who attended him looked forward for his recovery, it was not so willed in the councils above. His illness became more serious, his sufferings more intense, his physical system more infirm, his strength exhausted; the bodily frame gave way, and his spirit took its flight to the right hand of his Redeemer, and the sad tidings were heralded throughout our jurisdiction that our brother had departed hence and would be seen of men no more.

It is greatly to be feared that the deep interest which R. W. Bro. Harris took in the affairs of Grand Lodge incited him frequently to exert himself in the cause of Masonry beyond his physical strength, and in the effort to promote the interests of the Craft he had been wont to overtask his powers. Many whose privilege it was to know him intimately are aware that after our annual assemblies he al-

most invariably suffered from the effects of the severe strain then put upon his energies, and that for years past he left our deliberations agitated and prostrated to seek rest and repose, and to recover and regain his wasted strength. Prior to the last communication of Grand Lodge Bro. Harris laboured assiduously to have the business in a forward state, and after his return home he engaged most actively in the details of the work which had been then determined upon until the fatal illness overtook him, and he was summoned to cease from his labours.

Bro. Harris was devoted to the interests of Grand Lodge, and there can be no manner of doubt that he wore himself out in its service. He was initiated into Masonry in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, in 1848, and from that time he took an active part in and was a warm supporter of the cause of Masonry. No man laboured more abundantly to advance its interests.

He was mainly instrumental in establishing this Grand Lodge, and it was his great privilege as well as his just pride, that he had done more than any other one to contribute to its present prosperous and truly honourable position. At the convention of delegates assembled at Hamilton, in 1855, prior to the formation of this Grand Lodge, Bro. Harris was appointed Secretary, and at the following convention, when the Grand Lodge was formed, he was elected to the office of Grand Secretary, which position he continued to hold with but a brief interruption down to the time of his death, which occurred on Tuesday, the 18th day of August last, at his residence in Hamilton. He died peacefully, after a brief illness, borne alike with fortitude and resignation.

He held many other important positions in Freemasonry during the whole time that he was Grand Secretary, and on many occasions he received warm acknowledgments of his services to Masonry from the Craft at large, from Grand Lodge and private lodges, as well as from other Masonic bodies, and he was frequently the recipient of substantial tokens of the good will of his brethren, and of the esteem in which he was held by them.

(To be continued.)

MASONIC TRIP.—The annual excursion and picnic of the brethren of Dumbarton Kilwinning Lodge of Freemasons, No. 18, took place on Saturday last. The morning being wet and discouraging, no doubt prevented a much larger turn-out, as it was, however, about sixty, including a number of the brethren of Leven St. John's, No. 170, and accompanied by their wives, sweethearts, &c., were present. The brethren met in the lodge-room about 9.30, when they formed in procession, preceded by the Battalion Band of the D.R.V., and marched to the pier, where they embarked on board the "Carrick Castle" for Lochgoilhead. The rain having taken off about noon, the day became one of the loveliest for such an excursion—the beautiful scenery of Lochlong and Lochgoil being seen and enjoyed to the fullest extent. On the arrival at the head of the Loch, the party proceeded to a beautiful spot on the banks of the River Goll, where refreshments were served out, and a couple of hours spent in the most enjoyable manner, dancing being carried on with great spirit, varied by a song from Bro. T. Baird. At 4 o'clock the company re-embarked on board the "Windsor Castle" on the return journey, arriving at the pier about 7 p.m., where they re-formed and walked in procession to the lodge-room, where they were met by their respected Chaplain, Bro. Williamson, town missionary, who congratulated the brethren on their day's "outing" and its pleasant termination. The R.W.M. of No. 18, Bro. Wm. Barr, also gave a suitable and appropriate address. Votes of thanks having been passed to the band, Bro. Paul, R.W.M., No. 170, &c., and a verse of "Auld Lang Syne" sung, led by Bro. Baird, brought a thoroughly enjoyable day's proceedings to a close.

COMMEMORATIVE JEWEL.

The following circular has been issued from the Grand Secretary's office:—

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
 "25th August, 1875

"W. Master,

"The attention of the Board of General Purposes having been directed to the fact of "Special or Commemorative Lodge Jewels" being worn by members of the Craft, with the authorization of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I am directed to request you to warn all the members of your lodge that no "Special or Commemorative Lodge Jewel" can legally be worn without the express authority of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master having been first obtained.

"I am, W. Master, yours fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

"To the W. Master—
 "Lodge No. ———— London."

THE SPECIALITE SHERRY.—Sherry being an article of great demand at our officers' messes, we feel that we are doing a good turn to the service by calling the attention of mess committees to Messrs. Felton's speciality. As in these days we are nothing if not analytic, we may mention that the "Spécialité Sherry" has been submitted to the most searching tests, and that Dr. Redwood, the well-known analyst, has pronounced "the results are all satisfactory."—"The United Service Gazette."

FAULTLESS ANTIDOTES TO FEARFUL AND FATAL EPIDEMICS.—Whatever are the causes of Fever, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and similar ailments, it is well ascertained that these diseases are rampant in summer, and it should be as well known that they can be safely and successfully subdued by Holloway's purifying preparations. Holloway's Ointment well rubbed over the entire abdomen, his Pills taken internally, and his dietary rules strictly observed, embrace the domestic and medical management of these diseases, which, when neglected, weaken, if they fail to prove fatal. These remedies remove the causes of disease from the system, and no sufferer, whether his complaint be chronic or acute, should despair till trial has been given to these remedies.—ADVT.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last in the Temple, and considering that this is the dull season of the year Grand Lodge was numerously attended. There was, however, a marked absence of members of the nobility, although there was as noticeable an attendance of active leading members of the Craft. The day was the anniversary of the late Grand Master's public announcement of his withdrawal from the Craft, which created such a profound sensation this time last year; but so completely had the brethren buried that unpleasant subject, that when one or two brethren mentioned it to others it appeared to have escaped their recollection. The subject of the installation of the late Grand Master's successor, the Prince of Wales, on the 28th of April, however, had not faded from the brethren's minds, for it was still the subject of conversation in all parts of the hall.

Bro. Maj.-Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, presided; and he was supported by Bros. J. Rawson, P.D.G.M. of China, as Past Grand Master; Sir H. Edwards, M.P., Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, as Dep. G.M.; F. Pattison, as S.G.W.; Capt. Platt, as J.G.W.; T. Fenn, P.G.D., as G.D.C.; E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., Pres. B.I. G.P.; Revs. Sir J. Warren Hayes, P.G.C., and S. R. Wigram, G.C.; Herr Wilhelm Kuhe, G. Org.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; H. Browne, P.G.D.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Dr. Woodman, G.S.B.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec., West Yorkshire; Peter de Lande Long, V.P. Bd. of G. Purposes; Capt. Phillips, E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; H. Marston, Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; Thomas W. White, P.G.S.; W. Kindon, W.M. 619; Richard Spencer, P.G.S.; E. P. Albert, A.G.P.; Wright, G.P.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; John Boyd, P.G.T.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; N. Bradford, P.G.S.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; A. J. D. Filer, P.G.S.B.; W. Stephens, W.M. 1489; T. J. Sabine, W.M. Chaucer; J. C. Parkinson, W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; Israel Abrahams, P.M. 188; Charles Bennett, P.M. 25; W. Watson, P.G.S.; Henry Thompson, P.M. 177, &c.; John While, W.M. 228; A. H. Tattershall; N. B. Headon, W.M. 1426; E. Moody, Sec. 1426; M. S. Larham, W.M. (Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge); F. Adlard, P.M., and Treas. 7; E. M. Haigh, James Ebenezer Saunders, and about 200 others. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant, were also in attendance.

The business of Grand Lodge was very light, lighter indeed than it has ever been known to be before. After Grand Lodge had been opened, Bro. John Hervey, G.S., read letters apologising for absence from the Marquis of Hamilton, S.G.W., who was in attendance on the M.W. G.M., and the Lord Mayor, who was also absent from London. Grand Secretary also read a letter from the clerk of Bro. W. Speed, G.D., informing Grand Secretary that Bro. Speed had "left England for a six weeks' tour, and his address will not be known till his return." (Great laughter.)

Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 2nd June, which were put and confirmed.

He afterwards read the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

The widow of a brother of the Union Lodge,	
No. 129, Kendal	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Acacia Lodge,	
No. 1309, Southall	100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298,	
Rochdale	50 0 0
A brother of the Westminster and Keystone	
Lodge, No. 10, London	150 0 0

Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence, moved the adoption of the first of these recommendations, and said that the late brother whose widow was proposed to be relieved was a serviceable member of the Craft for many years, and the lodge thought that the widow was fairly entitled to the £50 recommended.

Bro. Clabon, President, seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Clabon moved the second grant. The deceased brother had been in the Craft over twenty years, and had hardly begun to save for his wife and children when he was carried off by death. It was a grant to a most deserving case.

Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded the motion, which was also unanimously carried.

Bro. Clabon moved the third grant. The brother to be relieved was an architect, but was struck down by paralysis. His, also, was a most deserving case.

Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded this motion also, which was carried.

Bro. Clabon, in moving the fourth grant, said it was a higher one in amount, being £150. The brother was a clergyman of the Church of England, who had lost his property through misfortune, and not through his own fault. He was in possession now of a small living—very small indeed. He had been struck down by paralysis, and he had to pay almost the whole of the emoluments of his living to some one else to perform his duty.

Bro. Nunn having seconded the motion, it was put and carried.

Bro. John B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, then moved that the following Report of the Board of General Purposes be taken as read:

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

"The Board of General Purposes beg to report that the subject of wearing special or commemorative jewels unauthorized by the Most Worshipful Grand Master having

been brought under their notice, they have considered it desirable to direct the Grand Secretary to issue a circular to the Provincial Grand Secretaries and other Masonic authorities, requesting them to warn the brethren under their several jurisdictions against wearing any such jewels, except those which have previously received the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

(Signed) "PETER DE L. LONG.

"Vice-President.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

"15th August, 1875."

Bro. Peter de L. Long, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, seconded the motion, which was adopted.

Bro. Monckton, in moving the adoption, &c., of the Report, said there was nothing in it which required the confirmation of Grand Lodge; but the members of Grand Lodge would see that the Report itself comprised that which would be of some importance to the Craft. There was no doubt that for some time past, in country districts mainly, the practice had been springing up of wearing unauthorized jewels. It had been known for some time, but great emphasis had not been laid on the occurrence until just lately; and it did so happen, that the suggestion probably of those who had something to do here and there, and were interested in the manufacture and issuing of Masonic jewels, had led to a vast lot of enquiry on the subject, through the Grand Secretary and the Board of General Purposes. It had been thought wise that the Grand Secretary should issue the communications referred to in the report of the Board, that so the matter should be set at rest for some time. The Craft would see that it was in the order and fitness of things that those jewels only should be worn in Craft lodges which appertained to Craft Masonry. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Peter de L. Long seconded the motion, which was unhesitatingly adopted.

To the Report of the Board was subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of August last, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3482 10s. 7d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

The annual Report of "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," dated the 21st May, 1875, was laid before Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge was then formally closed and adjourned.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., Eng., R.W.P.G.M., West Lancashire, and Lady Skelmersdale, have returned to their country seat, Lathom House, Near Ormskirk, which has been re-decorated throughout.

Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire, after attending his daughter's marriage in London, returned to Tabley House, Cheshire, on Thursday week.

Bro. the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brettle, D.D., will be installed as W.M. of St. Mark's Lodge of Mark Masters No. 1. on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

A few days since the choir of St. Botolph, Aldersgate-street, paid a holiday visit to Southend, and, having offered their services to the vicar of Prittlewell (the Rev. Bro. S. R. Wigram), there was a special choral service at the parish church. They were afterwards entertained by Bro. and Mrs. Wigram.

Bro. T. P. Josland (Josland's Hotel, Falcon-square) has been elected guardian for Cripplegate by a majority of 90 votes over and above the whole of the votes given to the other three candidates.

Prince Leopold's intended visit to the residence of Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood, is creating a good deal of interest in the west of Scotland. It is expected that his Royal Highness will arrive at Blythswood about the 23rd of September.

The most cheering accounts continue to arrive from all parts of the country with reference to the Irish harvest.

A Skating Rink on a large scale is being organised in Dublin.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts has sent £100 to the funds of the Open-Air Mission.

A handsome stained glass window has been presented to the parish church of Sandown, Isle of Wight, by the Imperial Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, in commemoration of their visit there last season.

At a meeting of farmers held at Bro. Pawley's, the Royal Crown Hotel, Sevenoaks, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr. Richard Russell, of Orford Castle, it was decided to form a Farmer's Club and Chamber of Agriculture for that part of the county of Kent, and a large number of agriculturists gave in their names as members. Rules for the guidance of the new society were adopted, and officers were appointed, Mr. Russell being the chairman.

Two sturgeons, each seven feet long, have been captured off the Lancashire coast, and conveyed to the aquarium recently opened at Southport.

The "Maconick Weekblad," is the organ of the Craft in Holland, and a well-encouraged Masonic publication.

The Prince of Wales is to be invited to become the patron and one of the presidents of the Great National Eisteddfod at Wrexham next year.

An Autograph of Bro. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, appears in the "Figaro" of the 1st inst.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Dalston (Rose of Denmark), Lodge of Instruction No. 975, held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, on Wednesday next, the 8th inst., at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. Gilchrist, P.M. 933, will preside.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey are having prepared a steel engraving of Grand Master Cox, who, in 1730, was appointed first Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, by the Grand Lodge of England. The cost is to be 275 dols., and a copy is to be presented to the living representatives of Bro. Cox, as a mark of esteem for the Father of Freemasonry in America.

The eighty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held at Trenton, on the 20th ult., when the following officers were elected:—M.W. Bro. William A. Penibroke, 33, G.M.; R.W. Bros. Marshall B. Smith, 67, D.G.M.; Joseph L. De La Cour, 15, G.S.W.; Julius C. FitzGerald, 112, G.J.W.; Charles Bechtel, 5, G. Treas.; Joseph H. Hough, 50, G. Sec.; William D. Rutan, 55, D.G. Sec.

The Knights Templars of Pennsylvania have taken the Centennial celebration in hand, and intend to make it a grand affair, all who profess Christian Knighthood in the world will be invited, so that it is probable the gathering will be an immense one. By the way, is it not strange that the brethren of the lower ranks of Masonry are not to participate? Chivalry is up, and the city of Brotherly Love is determined to have the largest encampment of Templars ever seen.

The Philadelphia "Keystone," than which there is not a better Masonic journal in existence, has entered on its ninth year, and does so with an extended address to its readers, in which it justly claims to be free from all such influences as would deprive it of the real sympathy and support of the Craft generally. We are pleased to see the "Keystone" making good progress, but regret that it cannot boast of doing more than to hold its own. In other words, the earnings of the paper are all required to keep it up, thus giving us further proof of the indifferent way in which the fraternity support papers wholly devoted to the interests of the Order.

The oldest authentic Masonic portrait in the world—that of Bro. Sir Walter Hawksworth, Knight and Baronet, who was "President" of the Lodge of York, England, in A.D. 1713—one hundred and sixty-two years ago—now adorns the York Lodge.

The house still exists at Stonegate, York—the Starr Inn—in which Francis Drake, M.D., F.R.S., a celebrated antiquarian and historian of York, was initiated, at a private lodge, on September 6th, 1725, nearly one hundred and fifty years ago.

The Grand Orient of Portugal has forty-eight lodges affiliated with it, some of which are located in Portugal and others in Spain.

Bro. William Worrell, P.M. and Sec. 766, and P.Z. and S.E. 766, has been appointed Secretary to the South London Conservative Club, Stockwell. Bro. Worrell will still continue to hold his appointment as Secretary to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Bagshot, Surrey.

The first Masonic Lodge of Jerusalem is a beautiful illustration of the cosmopolitan nature of the principles of brotherly love in practical operation. The Master is an American, the Past Master an Englishman, the Senior Warden a German, the Junior Warden a native, the Treasurer a Turk, the Secretary a Frenchman, the Senior Deacon a Persian, and the Junior Deacon a Turk. There are Christians, Mohammedans and Jews in the lodge.

The Grand Lodge of New York, at the late annual communication, amended its constitution with reference to unaffiliated Masons, so that it now reads: "One who shall remain an unaffiliated Mason within this jurisdiction one year or more shall not be allowed to visit any lodge, or join in a Masonic procession, nor be entitled to receive Masonic relief or burial."

The 10th Baroness Burdett-Coutts will visit Manchester on the 10th inst., for the purpose of formally opening the drinking fountain which her ladyship has presented to the town.

The Ritualistic party in the church of England has now taken up the cudgels against the Freemasons, whose part is admirably defended in "The Freemason," a sixteen-page weekly newspaper, published every Friday, price 2d., by George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street. In addition to its leading articles, it contains a great digest of information interesting to Masons, and we recommend it to the Craft as an admirably-conducted journal.—"Figaro."

The Freemasons' Club of New York is said to be in a flourishing condition. It has a valuable library, and affords all the comforts of a home to the travelling brother who may happen to be on a visit to the great city. There is a board of directors and seven committees, so that the management must be pretty complete.

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"X. Y. Z." and W. Kelly "next week.

S. B. E., many thanks—written.

The following stand over:—

Bro. C. J. Parkinson at Aberdare; Stour Valley Lodge, 1224.

"A Mark Master" and "Bro. Major Burgess" also received—See Leader.

LODGE WARRANTS.—Is it legal to consecrate a new lodge, and instal the first Master in the absence of the warrant? I have always considered that the production of the Grand Master's authority was absolutely essential, but it saves some trouble to be enabled to dispense with it.

—Lax. [In our opinion most certainly not, and we apprehend such W.M. so installed would be in a "great strait" before Bro. Monckton, and the Board of General Purposes.—Ed.]

E.W.J.—The medal is fast approaching completion. Due notice will be given in the columns of the "*Freemason*," when ready.

A letter awaits L. of L. at the London Office of this paper.

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	£	s.	d.
Adams, J. H., Trinidad (P.O.O.).....	0	5	0
Austen, A. E., The Cape (P.O.O.)	2	5	0
Barker, E. F., Gibraltar (Cash)	1	1	9
Bewick, D. W., West Indies (cheque)	0	9	0
Caledonian Lodge, West Indies (cheque)	1	1	0
Fabien, A. H., Trinidad (P.O.O.).....	0	9	0
Gouley, G. F., U.S.A. (bill of exchange).....	1	4	0
Greymouth Lodge of Instruction, New Zealand (P.O.O.)	1	0	0
Hargrave, W., Victoria (P.O.O.).....	0	4	0
Hire, H., Jamaica (cheque)	1	1	0
Levy, A. M. D. C., Jamaica (cheque)	0	9	0
Mesquita, J. G., Jamaica (cheque)	2	2	0
Pike, A., U.S.A. (draft).....	2	0	0
Stringfellow, J., Australia (P.O.O.)	2	0	0
Trevor, T., Bombay (P.O.O.)	0	10	0
Ward, W. P., Contra	1	3	0
Wright, W.H., Pacific (P.O.O.)	0	12	0

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4, 1875.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

We are greatly rejoiced to hear of the movement in Scotland to raise the fees of initiation, for we are quite sure that such a step is a step in the right direction, a reform that long has been

needed. We some time back called attention to the subject in a friendly and fraternal spirit, and we hope that our remarks to-day will be appreciated as they are intended and understood, as they are penned in the highest feelings of respect and good will for all our brethren of the mystic tie in Scotland. We have private and personal reasons of our own for feeling the deepest interest in all that concerns "North Britain," and our leader to-day is the "outcome" of honest sympathy with Scottish Freemasonry, and of kindly aspirations for its progress, and honour, and welfare. "Revenons," then, "à nos moutons." Much as we are pleased to hear of this desirable movement, which we are assured is spreading among the lodges in Scotland, we yet venture to remind all Scottish Freemasons of what is really the "fons et origo" of all their "malorum." We are convinced that the absence of an annual lodge subscription, and of an annual payment to their Grand Lodge and their Provincial Grand Lodges for benevolent purposes, is at the bottom of any weakness which may be alleged against their general system—of any default, so to say, in their practical working out of Freemasonry. We are quite aware that some lodges have annual payments, but they are the very few to the very many. We also know that some Provincial Grand Lodges require, and properly require, a payment from each entrant to the Provincial Benevolent Fund. It is also, no doubt, quite correct to say that some Provincial Benevolent Funds, may even private lodge similar funds, are both important in themselves and well managed by the brethren. But what we are very anxious our Scottish brethren should realize, is the advisability of adopting in toto our English system of annual payments. For until they do so all Scottish benevolent efforts must be, we fear, both fragmentary and spasmodic. Some one has said that "system" is everything, and that is the very point on which—we say it with deference—Scottish Freemasonry is deficient. For instance, what a change would take place in the whole Scottish organization for good, in every way, if every lodge in Scotland outside of the metropolis paid 2s. as quarterage annually to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and 2s. to its Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, for every member? In England, in our metropolitan district, all lodges pay 4s. for quarterages annually to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and 2s. in the provinces. Why should not such a simple and practical regulation be grafted into the Scottish Book of Constitutions? The Scottish Grand Lodge has admitted the principle by section xxii., cap. xx., page 52, but the provisions of the Scottish Book of Constitutions unintentionally tend, in our opinion, to promote any such system becoming general. For though the power to "levy an annual contribution not exceeding 20s." is given, yet, "all lodges availing themselves of the above license" are bound to set aside one half of the sum "as Charity Fund for the lodge" and "for contributing to the said fund of Scottish Benevolence" fifty per cent., in fact the lodge only "retaining 10s. to defray the ordinary expenses." This is too elaborate a system to work. Were the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as with us, to be content with 2s. for provincial and 4s. for metropolitan members as a capitation payment, the margin would be an inducement to the private lodges to enforce an annual subscription. As it is, the proportion is clearly too great of enforced payment in Benevolence, and such a regulation stands in the way of any general adoption by the private lodges of an annual subscription. We do not presume to say what the maximum or minimum of lodge subscriptions should be, but until such are rendered imperative on all lodges and brethren, nothing effective we feel persuaded, will be done in the way of benevolence by the Freemasons in Scotland. We hope that what we have said may commend itself to many of our long-headed, and practical, and well-disposed brethren in Scotland. We might pursue the argument further, but we have said enough, we think, for our purpose, which is to ventilate a very important question amongst those best qualified to consider and deal with the subject. We shall endeavour next week, in the same sympathetic and fraternal spirit, to point out, in our opinion, some of the patent evils of the present Scottish system.

CHURCH RESTORATION.

We publish in another column a letter from Bro. the Rev. J. J. Farnham, with reference to his wants for Westhorpe Church, Suffolk, and we refer our readers to the "*Masonic Magazine*" for September for a print of the church and a most interesting appeal from our rev. brother. We are very glad to have the opportunity of commending the matter to the notice of all our readers, and we earnestly recommend them carefully to peruse Bro. Farnham's letter in our impression of to-day, as well as his longer statement in the "*Masonic Magazine*" for September. It seems most befitting that as our operative forefathers built so well and so beautifully the "Houses of God on our land," and which have stood so well the "wear and tear" of several centuries, we, their speculative descendants, should help in our time and generation to restore and renew what Time's effacing hand has weakened or destroyed. Of course such work, and such a recommendation from us, it is understood, are suggested and offered in complete liberty of thought and action. Though we are ourselves on every ground strongly in favour of this appeal, there may be some of us who, for various reasons, do not see the matter exactly as we do. All, therefore, that we write to-day we write in the conscientious freedom of Englishmen, and the full toleration of Freemasons. For we feel this ourselves, and we feel it strongly. There is nothing, as it appears to us, which appeals more earnestly to every Englishman than the sight of a peaceful and comely parish church. And though we are Freemasons, we do not deprive ourselves, outside the lodge at any rate, of our inestimable birthright, whether as patriotic citizens or humbler members of some greater or smaller religious denomination. We think, then, that all of us feel, more or less, no doubt, the power of architectural design, the beauty of proportion, and the strength of religious associations, when we pass by some isolated village church in its sheltered God's Acre, to which for many generations the "rude forefathers of the hamlet" have been wont to repair in all the fervour of simple devotion, and in all the piety of believing worshippers. That humble little building, or that stately fane, as the case may be, is bound up with some very tender memories of humanity. Our ancestors who lived and died in that old manor house, or rural grange, or in yon gabled farm-house, or trellised cottage, set great store by that consecrated tabernacle of the Most High. They spent their earthly existence in that quiet village, and they grew old, and grey, and bent within its well-known limits. They were baptized in that Church, they were confirmed there, they received their first Communion there. They were married there, their children too were also received into the Church there, and some of them, and not a few of their friends, are lying under those little hillocks of fragrant turf. They, themselves, when their time has come, expect to be committed to their rest near unto them, and under the "slanting shadows of those old grey walls." Such were their feelings, such we believe to be shared in fully and deeply by many of our readers, by very many of our great brotherhood. When, then, to-day a worthy and reverend brother, no great dignitary, it is true, simply "the curate in sole charge," a hard-working brother clergyman, asks us to assist him to render this House of God fit for public worship, to recover it from decay, and to restore it to decency and beauty, will we say nay? That very building, now "in extremis," was once reared by our operative forefathers; their cunning chisel elaborated, and their skilful designs constructed, from their tracing-board in the pure Craft lodge, that goodly building for the duties and services of religion. Their marks are upon many stones, their emblems on many a window, and we, it appears to us, have a claim upon us, alike pressing and even Masonic, to aid the efforts of Bro. Farnham. That old church is still very dear to many, perhaps some brethren of our own. Many have been able to hear there the Word of Life, have knelt and worshipped there. Many have taken sweet counsel together, and "walked in the House of God as friends," and they know every stone of its courses, and every fantastic form of its gargoyles.

To very many that same old church is the very embodiment of all that is affecting in religious emotion, all that is graceful in art, all that is sacred in worship. We think, then, that we, as Freemasons, may be fairly called on to-day by our reverend brother to aid to conserve what the operative guilds erected so well, and to restore what they planned and perfected in their time. We hope that the words we have used may commend themselves to all our kindly disposed brethren. They have been written in a spirit of sincerity and sympathy, and they are addressed to that love of architectural beauty and of skilful construction, and religious worship, which as Freemasons we have never wholly lost. May our Brother Farnham's appeal be successful, and may he obtain from our speculative brotherhood to-day some fraternal offerings to further his appeal for preserving, and restoring, and beautifying another specimen of the unrivalled handiwork of those lodges of Craftsmen who were the forerunners of our great and speculative brotherhood.

BRO. MAJOR BURGESS.

We think that this controversy should cease. We have allowed both sides fair play and a "full deliverance," barrin," as the Irishman said, "one or two particulars," which seemed to us a little too personal. And so we shall not publish any more letters on the subject. The old saying is true in things Masonic as in things profane, "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still," and we do not suppose that either "athlete" is the least affected, or satisfied, or convinced by what the other has said. But such is the result of all human controversy; it only for the most part leaves the matter as it was before, and it is very lucky if it has not tended to exacerbate instead of composing, to affront instead of convincing. So far, the "outcome" of the whole discussion is, leaving out Bro. Major Burgess's case, that the Mark Grand Lodge, a professedly Masonic body, has placed its members under the decision of a tripartite Judicial Committee, of which two of the signatories are non-Masonic—that is to say, not belonging to Craft Masonry. All Mark Masons under this peculiar arrangement can be expelled from Mark Masonry for an offence which they have committed, against discipline or morals, in the Priory of the Temple, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Such delinquents may be utterly innocent as regards Mark Masonry; they may have committed not the slightest offence against its Book of Constitutions, they may be faithful and loyal Mark Masons, they may be old subscribers, high in rank and office, but all this avails nothing. Woe unto them if they become liable to a sentence of the tripartite Judicial Committee, for an offence against one is an offence against all, and expelled from one Order you must be expelled from all. This seems to us a very novel kind of justice, but so it is. Without going further into the case, we cannot but express our humble opinion, that the tripartite treaty is greatly to be deprecated, in the interests of fair play and Masonic equity. No system long can endure in which possible injustice may accrue to its members, and we cannot believe that such an arrangement can be maintained. Mark Masons ought only to be judged by their own Order, just as members of the Priory of the Temple and of the Ancient and Accepted Rite should be ruled over by their own appointed officers and committees. We feel sure that the tripartite treaty is a great mistake, in that it is a surrender of the rights and liberties of Mark Masons to an irresponsible body, to an un-Masonic tribunal.

THE CURIOSITIES OF A RELIGIOUS CENSUS.

It is perhaps not generally known, says the "Times," that "although the late census in England took no note of the religious denominations" which exist in this good land of ours, "the Irish census, on the contrary, included authentic returns of the various religious bodies in that kingdom." There are, it appears, 5,412,377 living souls in that "green island," which its

admirers often call also, "First flower of the ocean, and first gem of the sea." The Roman Catholics number 4,150,000 members; the Protestant Episcopal Church, 668,000; the Presbyterians, 497,000; and the Methodists, 43,000. "These four denominations thus embrace, it will be seen, about nine-tenths of the entire population." Among "other religious bodies which make up the balance, we find 1,538 Covenanters, 2,600 Brethren and Christian Brethren of whom, as Paddy says, 'very shtrangely the majority are women, hedad, sir!' 40 non-sectarians, 44 Christian Israelites, 33 Mormons, 10 Latter-Day Saints, 6 Exclusive Brethren, (but no Exclusive Sisters, N.B.), 5 Humanitarians, 10 Durllyites, 9 Puseyites, 6 Walherites, 5 Christadelphians, 5 Morrisonians, 60 Freethinkers, 8 Secularists, 16 Deists, 6 Theists, and 1 Atheist! There are also—1 disciple of Positivism, 1 Buddhist, 1 Mussulman, 1 Confucian, four men and one woman 'undetermined' or undecided; and there is a 'residuum' (quite a proper use of the word), of 1,050 men and women whose form of religion is 'not specified.' Is not this a striking return? and, we would also ask, why should not a similar return be obtained from England? We prefer facts to fanaticism, and statistics to what Dr. Johnson would have termed the "ridiculousness" of so called "conscientious scruples." What a commentary do these Irish figures afford on many topics of a controversial character, on many of the struggles of contending religious bodies! Are we not wise in our generation, we excommunicated Freemasons, when we sternly banish from all our lodges the semblance even of political or religious discussions? Happy it is for us that there is and can be one spot where religious differences are unknown, and political bitterness cannot exasperate, and where we meet as brethren, and feel as brethren, respecting each other's honest creed, and carefully avoiding any act or word which may trench on the solemn and sacred liberty of Freemasons, in all that affects the conscience, in all that concerns the benign principle of absolute toleration.

A MASONIC PATERFAMILIAS AT THE SEA SIDE.

August is going out and September is coming in, and heat and glare are soon to be succeeded by partridges and pointers. Many of our good brethren who have been sauntering on the Lees at Folkestone, or the Marine Parade at Brighton, at Dover or Sandgate, at Margate or Ramsgate, unfashionable Weymouth, or at fashionable Cowes, are wending their way back to the "little village," surrounded by blooming olive branches and buxom wives. The days of excursions, of early hours, of healthy breezes, of "dolce far niente," are over; those lords and masters of domestic shrines have to plunge once again into the dimness of counting houses, and to tread with anxious steps the purlieus of "Cockayne." Their hours of rest are over for 1875, their moments of priceless freedom are ended; donkey boys and donkeys, waggonettes and Badminton, gipsy hoods and laughing fairies, are but shadows of the past; they return to the mysteries of "tare and tret," to Mr. Collie's affairs, and to "some tightness in the money market." And yet what a "refresher" to many a hard-worked "Paterfamilias" has been that month or six weeks' holiday at the sea side. What a wise institution it is, what a needful repose for many wearied brains, and exhausted bodies. And then what happiness to that little circle of agitated but easily contented "blossoms." Who can tell, pent up as we are amid the smells, and glare, and dust, and noise of this huge Babylon—who can tell, we repeat, the joy of sand castles, the good of the ocean ozone? Who can rightly estimate the present value to many a little pale boy and white-faced little girl of those glimpses of the ocean and those breezes of the downs, which have returned them like rosy apples or tinted peaches? It is impossible, we think, to estimate the intense physical value of shells and sea-weed, of "mud pies," and of delightful paddlings in the refreshing brine, for some of that younger generation which, when we are gone and forgotten, will carry on alike the duties of English citizenship and the work of English Freemasonry. It is said that Eng-

lishmen have a knack of always making themselves uncomfortable, and of grumbling and growling everywhere. We do not believe the accusation. Let any of us take a peep at these seaside "guinguettes" of ours, whether north or south, or east or west, and they will hear the prattle of pleasant voices, and they will note the harmonious evidence of English domestic life. The Masonic Paterfamilias, like his profane contemporary, may sometimes grumble at the expense of the holiday. It is not given to all to have a constant and agreeable balance at even the most accommodating of bankers, but as a general rule we believe that that most important personage, Paterfamilias, pays more liberally than most men, because he wisely discerns how good it is for the "young uns," his dear, dear Femina, and last, not least, himself. And all honour to the Feminas of our nation. They are they, after all, who bear the "burden and heat of the day;" they make two ends meet; they endure trouble without a murmur, and disappointment without a complaint. They are the very salt of life to our English society, that preserving power which alone prevents it from degenerating into an arena of uncontrolled license and foul-living barbarism. We do not wish to get too serious, and so we wish all who have now come back from their yearly outing every happiness and weal, until another golden summer shall see them once again with old and young, with near and dear, inhaling the healthful breeze, or grateful for the annual holiday.

CAPTAIN WEBB.

All Englishmen admire pluck under all circumstances, and as Freemasons we do not lose our individuality as Englishmen, or put from us all civic feelings, and all national sympathies. "Au contraire," like the great Moliere, we declare to-day with an allowable adaptation, "pour être un Franc Maçon, on n'est pas moins homme." We have said this by way of preface, because we believe that our readers, universally, like ourselves, have rejoiced to hear of Captain Webb's plucky achievement of swimming across the Channel, and landing in France, after an immersion in the sea of twenty-two consecutive hours. Though towards the end of his travel the gallant Captain became exhausted, and when he landed he was apparently completely overcome by the length of his voyage and the buffeting of the waves, this, in our opinion, in no way detracts from the success he has achieved, the energy he has evinced, and the courage which never left him. It is a very notable achievement, look at it which way you will, and as Englishmen we may well be proud of our enduring countryman. We do not profess to think, indeed, that the feat, great as it is, proves much either way. It is clearly an exceptional case, and we must credit Captain Webb with a great amount of pluck, energy, and physical activity, when we seek to appreciate the full bearings of this realized endeavour—to swim so long a distance and to remain so long in the water. The "Times" truly says:—"One practical point may be regarded as settled by Captain Webb's success, and that is the possibility of a man's remaining many hours in the water, without any artificial provision for protecting the body from cold. The greatest danger of exposure at sea has long been known to be, not exhaustion from fatigue, but collapse from penetrating cold. A low temperature will pierce a swimmer to the marrow even while he keeps on steadily moving, much more when he ceases to exert himself and rests by floating. The vital powers are all lowered, and it is believed that the heart soon gives way. But Captain Webb's adventure shows that a strong man, in the vigorous prime of life, accustomed to swimming and in highly-trained condition, may remain in the water for nearly twenty-four hours during a sultry day in August without suffering any serious inconvenience. This is all that the experiment proves. It does not show that any ordinary swimmer could hope to save his life by swimming if he were lost at sea twenty-five miles from the shore, nor even that he could remain twenty-two hours in the water;

it only exhibits endurance of an exceptional character under exceptional conditions." We believe also, that that is all we can lay down from this "fait accompli," as regards either its distinct importance or practical value. But still the fact remains a fact, reflecting the very highest credit on the skill, and courage, and determination, and endurance of the plucky swimmer, and proving also completely what well trained energies are capable of and what physical strength and condition can accomplish. We note that Lord Stanhope recommends a subscription to be set on foot, and that Captain Webb has been warmly received at a meeting at Dover. We wish the captain all prosperity; may "good luck" attend him, and may he in his future career meet with all the success, which indomitable perseverance can expect, or unshrinking courage can obtain.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1876.

A form has been forwarded within the last twelve or fourteen days to the W.M. of every London lodge, respectfully requesting that the name and number of the lodge, place, day and months of meeting, might be filled in and returned as speedily as possible, in order that corrections, where needed, may be made in the Diary and Pocket Book for 1876, which will be ready about October 1st. As many lodges do not re-assemble until October and November, a large number of the applications will not unfortunately reach the W.M. until too late for the publication. The publisher will therefore be very thankful to any W.M. or other officer, or members, who will favour him by forwarding the above information as early as possible to the Office, 198, Fleet Street, London. A regular form will be sent, when required, on receipt of name and address.

Original Correspondence.

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

MINUTES AND THEIR CONFIRMATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly once more grant me space to thank Brother "P.G.W." for his fraternal reply to my letter, which, however, I am bound to say, so far from convincing me that my formerly expressed view about the election of W.M. is wrong, entirely confirms me in my opinion that it is right; indeed, on examination, I believe that it will be apparent that "P.G.W.'s" quotations entirely bear out my reading of the law of the case.

"The Constitutions," says "P.G.W.," "provide that certain matters shall not be binding, unless they have been proposed, seconded, and carried at one meeting, and have been confirmed at the next ensuing meeting" (see p. 28, section 8). "The matters stated to require confirmation are few, but important, and it is from their very importance that they are made to require confirmation, e.g., the election of Master, from the Grand Master downwards, grants of money," &c., &c.

Now, what do we find to be the case? In the first place "p. 28, section 8," refers to Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge only, the points contained in it (money grants by committee of G.L. and alterations of laws) being, besides, matters which could by no possible chance come under the cognizance of any subordinate lodge, whilst, in the second place, no mention whatever is made of the election of Master, whether Grand or otherwise. This section is, therefore, entirely out of court; besides which, just mark that the actions there defined to require confirmation by a second Grand Lodge are those upon which the former Grand Lodge voted immediately upon their being put from the chair without any previous notice.

Now, this is not the case with regard to the election of Grand Master (which, I admit most willingly, is a precedent to be followed by every subordinate lodge), for what do we find in page 29, section 1? The Grand Master is to be nominated (not elected) at one G.L., elected at the next, and then installed, but without any second election at the ensuing festival. Is not this exactly what I say should be done, and more, I believe, usually is done? What I dispute is that any second election is legal.

Again, any member may nominate a second candidate at the first meeting, whilst an adverse majority may reject the nominee at the second. Surely there is here ample scope for disaffection or opposition.

I might stop here did I not feel that one other dictum of "P.G.W." needs comment. Further on he says:—"This provision" (confirmation of election by means of "confirmation of minutes") "is made not only for the purpose of assuring time for due consideration of so important

a matter, but that every member may have the opportunity of recording his vote at, at least, one or other of the meetings."

Now, this seems to me to be perfectly unnecessary. Surely the month between nomination and election is ample time for due consideration of the matter, if, indeed, the consideration of it has been so long delayed: Surely, two consecutive meetings are sufficient in which to bring a well-founded opposition to bear, whilst, again, the course which I call illegal seems to provide an unnecessary opportunity of stultifying both Master elect and lodge by allowing one to take up a rule of which he may be capriciously deprived, and by the other submitting to and afterwards subverting an authority which the fundamental laws of Masonry declare to be absolute.

Once more, Grand Lodge, or any other lodge, must be ruled by its written law so long as it exists. If its law be wrong, let it be altered; if it be doubtful, let it not only make an authoritative declaration of what its law intends, but let it also revise those other portions of it which make it seem conflicting.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally and faithfully yours,
WILLIAM TENNIS.

Caterham Valley, Aug. 24th, 1875.

P.S.—Since sending my letter Bro. Ohren's reply has appeared. I think the above will apply to his observations, which are simply a re-iteration, without further proof, of those of Bro. "P.G.W."

THE POWERS OF W. MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been asked to reply to a letter on the above subject, signed "An Absent W.M.," which appears in your issue of 28th ult.

I find some little difficulty in doing so satisfactorily to myself, because I do not quite understand, nor do I think that the writer can himself quite understand, the full extent of the questions which he has put.

He asks for an "opinion as to the extent of the control which a W.M. possesses over his lodge," &c., &c., and he then goes on to particularize two cases. I will, with your permission, deal with the latter first.

He writes, "It often happens that a Master is temporarily absent from his lodge on account of sickness or other passing emergency, and what I want to know is whether such absence deprives him of all power and authority over his lodge." He then proceeds to the two questions—1st, "Has the lodge, for instance, any right to refuse to obey his directions that he should be regularly furnished with a copy of the summons for each meeting?"

The answer to this would be clearly, No, but this answer must be qualified, because the lodge (as lodge) has nothing to do with it; it is the duty of the Secretary, by the Master's directions, to summon all members to each meeting of the lodge, and, therefore, the W.M. must be summoned as well as all the rest.

The second question is, "Has the lodge any right to refuse to obey his directions that he shall be regularly furnished with . . . a report of the proceedings thereat, in order that he may be kept acquainted with all that was going on during his absence?"

If the question thus worded means, has the Master a right to inspect the minute book and all other books and documents of the lodge, and thus make himself acquainted with what has taken place during his absence? the reply must unquestionably be in the affirmative. The Master not only has such right, but he is really the custodian of all such books and documents, and he is the person who is bound to produce them: see p. 69, sec. 23 ("The warrant and books and papers belonging to the lodge must be produced by the Master when required by competent authority"), and so also at p. 78, sec. 5 ("The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts, when required by lawful authority.")

If he is bound to produce them he is entitled to hold them; if he holds them he can make himself acquainted with their contents. But if the question means, can a Master who, by intention or even from necessity, is absent from his lodge, require any individual member of his lodge to send him a report of its proceedings? I apprehend that the answer must be in the negative.

I presume that there is something more in the question than meets the eye. There are Masters and Masters. I believe and hope that in nineteen out of every twenty cases, where things go pleasantly, as they generally do in lodge, that when a W.M., either from "sickness or other pressing emergency," has been absent from his lodge, any or all of his brethren would be only too willing to make him acquainted with its proceedings, and to take his advice on all matters touching its interests.

There may be cases where a W.M. has very exaggerated notions as to his powers, and may have so stretched his authority or have exercised it so disagreeably that no one of the members may care to inform him as to the proceedings which have taken place in his absence, and in such case, subject, as I have said, to his right to inspect all books, papers, &c., I repeat that, in my opinion, he has no power to compel any one to report to him as to the proceedings of the lodge.

Having thus dealt, and I hope satisfactorily, with these two questions, I now revert to the general and somewhat vague question, viz.:—"What is the extent of the control which a W.M. possesses over his lodge, and what constitutes incapability of discharging the duties of his office, other than by death or removal. . . . Whether his absence deprives him of all power and authority over his lodge?"

Before this question can be answered satisfactorily we must know what is meant by the term "control" (I leave out, or rather I include, "power and authority," because I

presume that they are all three intended to mean one and the same thing). I hold that a W.M. has full control over his lodge, provided that the meaning of that word is limited to one of the definitions given to it by Johnson, viz., "superintendence." In every body of men there must be some one who is responsible. The Master, in truth, is but a superintending officer, placed at the head of a lodge, not to carry out any exercise of his own free will, but to see that the laws of the Craft are faithfully observed, and its rites duly administered. The office of Master involves a great deal of responsibility, and gives but little control further than superintendence. He pledges himself "faithfully, zealously, and impartially to perform the duties of the lodge," and that he will administer the rites, &c., &c., and preserve our ancient landmarks. But does this give him any power, or control, or authority, further than that of superintendence? I answer, Certainly not. He is there not to do his own will, but to see that all things are done in order, and that the general laws of the Craft and the particular bye-laws of the lodge are duly observed.

Our laws contemplate the presence of the W.M., though they provide for his absence: see p. 78, section 6, "In the Master's absence the immediate Past Master, or, if he be absent, the Senior Past Master present, shall take the chair," &c., &c. The Master not being present at a meeting cannot superintend the proceedings of the lodge, and, therefore, he cannot control it; the authority in such case, or, rather, the responsibility, then rests with the Immediate P.M., or Senior P.M., or whoever by the law is entitled to rule the lodge in the absence of the W.M.

A lodge is a pure republic, electing for convenience sake certain officers, clothing them with a certain rank, and investing them with a very slight authority, but retaining its government in its own hands. Thus at p. 80, section 4, we read, "The majority of the members present at any lodge duly summoned have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft."

Here the lodge does the act, the Master only sees that it is properly done. Again, at p. 69, sec. 24, "The majority of the members of a lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to their Master, the Immediate Past Master, and Wardens, before the meeting of Grand Lodge, because such officers are the representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments." Here the lodge directs what is to be done, and the Master does it.

It is true that the Master has some little power granted to him in addition to that possessed by all other members, e.g., he may, when the votes are equally divided, give a casting vote, except in the case of election of a candidate for initiation or a brother to join: p. 62, sec. 3. He is constituted the judge of the necessity or otherwise for holding a lodge of emergency, and may give or refuse his consent to it, but in his absence the power merges into other hands, viz.: those of the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden. See p. 64, sec. 9.

The Master, then, is made for the lodge, not the lodge for the Master. As regards the singular question (or rather deduction from a question supposed to be previously answered) with which "An Absent W.M." concludes his letter, I can only remark that as the W. Masters who attended the installation of H.R.H. did so in obedience to the summons issued to them by their superior authority, the Grand Lodge, they could not, and did not, lose any privileges to which they were otherwise entitled as W. Masters.

If their lodges were not meeting at that particular day they wanted no control, and therefore the W. Masters lost nothing.

If the lodges were meeting, the W.M.'s, not being present, could not superintend the proceedings, and therefore their authority devolved upon some other officers for that time.

I apologize for the length to which I have unavoidably been led.

P.G.W.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS DISTRACTORS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sure the brethren who perused the two articles in your columns of Saturday the 21st inst., under the heads "Sermons against Freemasonry," and "The Union Review," cannot but feel honoured with having read such a noble exposition of the errors perpetrated by a class of nobodies who presume to denounce a society strong in its humanity, truth, innocence, utility, and above all charity. I do not wish to occupy your space in condemning the conduct of persons who do not actually know anything, practically, of the subject, but merely cke out their illogical abuse in order to gratify a misguided animus.

I am Sir, your faithful brother,

A MASTER MASON.

Eccles, August 25th, 1875.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At page 382 "A Masonic Student" asserts that I "will not have the pre-1717 Freemasonry at any price," and adds that I "shut my eyes to the fact of indubitable history." Now, this way of putting it is highly calculated to mislead, and not only so, but I beg to state that both statements are most decidedly untrue. The fact is that I not only admit the existence of a "pre-1717 Freemasonry," but I admit the existence of two "pre-1717 Freemasonries," viz.: the operative Freemasonry of the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries, and the social Freemasonry of the 17th century. Another Freemasonry, however, sprang up in the 18th century, and what I "will not have" is that this 18th century Freemasonry—or "our Freemasonry," as it has lately been termed—existed before 1717. Ashmole and Plot might both be acquainted with a Freemasonry—

viz., with the 17th Freemasonry—but they were not acquainted with our Freemasonry, for it was then still in the womb of futurity. Bro. D. Murray Lyon some time ago stated that our Freemasonry "was manufactured by Desaguliers and Anderson" about A.D. 1717. And at p. 23 of the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror" for July 11th, 1868, we find him saying—"The fact that the Master Degree abounds with archaisms does not of itself contribute much to the settlement of the question of its antiquity. It is no breach of charity to suppose that its fabricators knew their mission too well to frame the ritual in language that would point to its modern origin; hence the antique garb in which it is masked."

It is not long since I read Bro. Hughan's words to the effect that he could find no evidence to support the supposed existence of our three degrees before 1717, nor, he added, of any degrees proper at all.

As to the value of Dr. Plot's wordings, little dependence can be put upon it, unless it can be practically proved that a horse-chestnut is just the same as a chestnut-horse.

It is not mere verbiage that will do good here, but things. And unless "a Masonic Student" can prove that the Pope and his advisers in 1738 were ignorant of the subject, and therefore wrong when they stated that our Freemasonry at that time had only been recently formed, I fear that I must still hold on by the 1717 theory. "A Masonic Student" I dare say feels proud of the nominal adhesion of Bro. Hughan to his "Guild Theory," but although he had half-a-dozen Bro. Hughans to cheer him on, I think it quite possible to send a shot through his said theory. As to what Bro. Hughan's Guild Theory is we have yet to learn. I asked him several weeks ago to give an independent explanation thereof, but as yet it has not been forthcoming.

I am, yours fraternally,
Glasgow, August 28th.

W. P. BUCHAN.

HIGHRODIAMS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am of opinion that the word "Highrodiams," is a corruption of "Herodians," the latter being the name of a Masonic Order formerly well known in England. Under the pseudonym of "Antiquarius," I called attention to the "Herodian Order," in the "Freemason," of Oct. 1, 1870, and to save reference it may be well to repeat what was then stated as a quotation from Finch. "The Herodian Order," treats of the Third Temple, built by Herod, King of Judea, and what was there found, which, with the particulars relative to the attempt to build a fourth temple by the Emperor Julian, together with the Arch of Constantine, and the Arch of C—, B— of I—m, fully completes the discovery of Royal Arch Masons; and ends the Order of Arch Masonry in a grand and sublime manner; and renders the Arch with all its parts, the finest Arcanum in the whole Order." The next degree mentioned by Finch is the "Red Cross" of Rome and Constantine, and he also refers to "part of the Royal Arch secrets discovered by Constantine the Great," being "no ways connected with the Christian degree called the 'Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.'" Under the title of Rosycrucian, Finch observes, "This degree consists of five points; the end of the third closes with the A— of J— C—; the other two carry us to the discovery made in the year when the Emperor Julian impiously attempted to erect a fourth temple, contrary to the prophecy relative to the final destruction of the T— C—, &c."

I may add that these traditions are preserved in the K.H.S. Order, vide "Notes and Queries," in "Freemason," Oct. 15, 1870, and the principal legend may be found in "Nioephorus Callistus."

"Highrodiams," or "Herodians," evidently date back to 1746, the interesting records of the lodge of Industry, Gateshead, conclusively proving that fact, they cannot, therefore, be identical with the "Order of Harodim," which was "instituted at the Mitre Tavern, Fleet Street, January 4, 1787," according to their "Plan and Regulations," now in my possession, and which I intend to publish. May I suggest that the words "Domaskin or Forin" refer to the distinction made between "Operative and Speculative," "Domestic and Geomatic," (sic) "Home and Foreign" Masons, in the earlier decades of the eighteenth century? This is purely conjectural, but, in any case, I quite agree with Bro. Hughan "that 'Highrodiams' does not mean 'Harodim,'" and I venture to suggest that "Herodian," considering the hazy orthography which prevailed in 1746, is somewhat nearer the mark.

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

THE "MASONIC MAGAZINE" AND WESTHORPE CHURCH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am greatly obliged to you for your kind interest in my great work, and for the insertion of my appeal in the September number of the Magazine. I trust that it will commend itself to my brother Masons, and that from them I shall receive substantial aid.

These old churches were doubtless built by our ancient brethren; and it is fitting that we should save their work from ruin and decay. The Masons of many parts of England have honourably distinguished themselves in this good work, and my Suffolk brethren, with our good Prov. G.M. at their head, are taking the matter up warmly. I trust that the fraternity generally will do the same, and they will earn the gratitude of

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
Westhorpe, July 26th, 1875.

J. J. FARNHAM.

[We beg to refer all our readers to Bro. Farnham's interesting and Masonic statement in the September Magazine. We trust that it will both be read and answered by many of our Order.—Ed.]

Mulum in Barbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

HIGHRODIAMS.

Your translation of "Highrodiams" seems to me very likely to be correct as Harodim (or Heredom). Would "Menatschims" occur to you for "Domaskin." Some brother living at, or near, Gateshead should be able to assist you with the dialect of the district, which is very peculiar as you doubtless know, they (in Newcastle) cannot sound the letter "R," but give it the sound of W—as America, becomes "Amewica"—still there is a faint sound of the "R," and perhaps the way to spell it would be Amerwica—again, to-morrow for to-morrow. Thus, a century ago, if they tried to spell the words as they pronounced them, it is now difficult to get at, and perhaps the middle class then spoke no better than the lower class do (there) now. I have heard foreman pronounced frequently as "form un," but this does not seem near enough to "forin," but how they might pronounce it I cannot say. These are only rough ideas, but they may present the names to you in a fresh light, and enable you to work them out.

If Highrodiams is accepted as a corruption of Harodim (or Heredom), and is taken to mean a grade, or degree, such as, for instance, provost (which is really a chief), or priest, or whatever Heredom is believed to mean, then does not "Domaskin" seem likely to indicate another grade or degree when it is regarded as a corruption of "Menatschim," prefect or overseer. "Prefect" means really "a governor of a Province," therefore, a second (or lower) grade. If "forin" was originally "foreman," it is, at once, but another name for "overseer."

S. B. E.

"Harodim," as suggested by Bro. Woodford, seems a very probable solution of the difficulty, especially as it is not only similar in form, but also because there was a "Grand Chapter of Harodim" opened in London in 1787. It was a school of instruction under a "chief Harod" (Preston says), divided into different classes; each class was presided over by a "Sectionist," each section was subdivided under "Clauseholders," when a member knew all the sections he was called a "Lecturer." It was probably in existence as lately as 1846.

In this Grand Chapter, however, there seems to have been no recognised title (at least recorded) as "Highrodiams," or anything like it, so, I venture to offer the following suggestion, not as a better one than Bro. Woodford's, but as one which, being within the bounds of possibility, may lead to some further discovery. In the "Ancient Scotch Rite" there was a term "Sovereign Prince of Rose Croix de Heroden," Heroden being the name of a mountain in the north-west of Scotland, where the first, or metropolitan lodge of Europe was held ("Harodum" [Latin, heritage] is also given [by Ragon] as the derivation). In 1754 the "Rite of Perfection," or "Hérédóm," consisting of twenty-five degrees, mostly the same as those of the "Ancient Scotch Rite," and including "Rose Croix," was established in France by the Chevalier de Bonneville. Recognizing in these two rites the "Rose Croix," and taking into account the titles "Heroden" and "Hérédóm," it is not possible that a corrupt form of them might have arisen, partly based, too, upon the term "High Rood" (or Cross), or, as it was more anciently spelt, "Rode" (Chaucer), thus—Heroden or Hérédóm, High-Rode-(ians), High-rodi-ams?

WM. TEBBS.

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

I described a medal in the "Freemason" of the 14th of August, which, I believe, was presented to every brother who advanced money towards the loan raised in 1779 for the purpose of paying off the debt on Freemasons' Hall, and I have just examined another medal which relates to the same subject. It is of silver, 1½ inches in diameter; the obverse contains a female winged figure, draped in flowing robes (Fame, I suppose), in the act of inscribing on a column "In honour of the subsci." In her left hand she holds a trumpet, and also a scroll bearing an elevation of a building. The floor is a tessellated pavement; in the background, to the left, is a building in course of erection surrounded by scaffolding. From the top of the medal extend rays of light. There is also the date 1780. The reverse contains this inscription, "To John Allen, Esq., G.W., in grateful testimony of a liberal subscription towards completing their Hall," surrounded by the words "Grand Lodge of Freemasons in England."

A ring at the top of the medal seems to indicate that it was worn by its original possessor, who, I observe, held the office of J.G.W. in 1777.

The Emulation Lodge No. 21, and the Britannic Lodge No. 33, are each in possession of a precisely similar Medal, which is worn by the W.M., suspended within the square. Bro. Brackstone Baker, in his interesting notice of the former lodge, says: "The Emulation Lodge contributed to this fund (Hall Loan Fund), and subsequently resigned its claim for repayment, making the subscription a gift to the Society, and received the thanks of Grand Lodge for 'its liberal and generous present,' and as a mark of distinction for the service thus rendered a medal was presented to it, to be worn ever afterwards in lodge by the Master for the time being." Here we have a clear instance of the reason for which this medal was presented, and Bro. Allen's was probably earned by a similar act of generosity. I therefore conclude that this medal was given to those who surrendered their claims for repayment, while that which I described on the 14th of August was no doubt issued to each and every subscriber.

A list of the contributors to this fund used to be given in the "Freemasons' Calendar." In the publication for the year 1813 the names of 26 lodges appear (all that sub-

scribed, I believe); of these the following 17 are still in existence:—

Grand Stewards; Royal Somerset and Inverness, 4; Friendship, 6; Emulation, 21; Castle Lodge of Harmony, 26; St. Alban's, 29; Britannic, 33; Royal Cumberland, 41; Old Union, 46 (then Union Lodge of Freedom and Ease); Love and Honour, 75; Shakespeare, 99; London, 108; Caledonian, 134; Unanimity, 154; Nine Muses, 235; Indefatigable, 237 (originally Groll Lodge, Neath), and Harmony, 255. It will be observed that I have given the present numbers of the lodges. I am indebted to the valuable list in Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Union" for the means of doing so.

It is quite likely that all of these lodges were not entitled to this medal, but it would be interesting to know how many of them possess one at the present time.

E.S.

MARK MASONRY.

We hear a good deal of Mark Masonry just now. Can any brother throw light on its early history in this country? That in old days the Guilds used marks is certain, and probably the old operative lodges did so.

What is the earliest date of a warrant for the present grade? and how comes it that it was ignored completely at the Union?

A MASONIC ARCHEOLOGIST.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

In answer to my friend Bro. Buchan, I spoke of the year 1720 as (so far as my memory of the records served me), the period when the list of members of the "Lodge of Antiquity" commences, which is still preserved in the archives of that ancient lodge. The earlier documents are lost, excepting the MS. charges of A.D. 1686, which are to be found in my "Old Charges of British Freemasons," but even at that date mention is made of a Masonic Society, not connected with the "Company of Masons."

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the subscribers to this school assembled at their usual monthly meeting, at Freemasons' Hall, on the 26th ult. Major J. Creation, V.P., presided, and was supported by Bros. Thomas W. White, H. A. Dubois, James Mason, Griffiths Smith, F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D.; H. Browne, A. H. Tattershall, John A. Rucker, Raynham W. Stewart, Robert Kenyon, Thomas Massa, S. Rawson, Thomas Kingston, Wm. Jones, Henry Dubosc, Leopold Ruf, D. Nicols, Major E. H. Finney, H. C. Levander, E. H. Thieilay, Joshua Nunn, and R. Wentworth Little (Secretary).

After the formal business of the committee had been transacted, an important notice of motion was given by Bro. Joshua Nunn in reference to enlarging the establishment.

Two candidates' petitions were read and approved, and the committee afterwards adjourned.

A NEW CHAPTER AT BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

Craft Masonry has been very flourishing for some time in this town, but hitherto the only Royal Arch Chapter in the neighbourhood has been that held at Ulverston. This has been a great disadvantage to the Barrow companions, as the distance between the two towns is nearly ten miles, and it was felt that it would be most desirable to form a chapter to be held in the town of Barrow itself. We have, therefore, heard with pleasure that a meeting of companions was held on Monday evening, 23rd ult., over which Comp. Cornfield, H. 995, presided, at which resolutions were adopted expressing the desirability of holding a chapter in Barrow, and a committee appointed for drawing up the necessary petition to Grand Chapter, and for taking all other needful steps for carrying out the idea. Companions Brooke, Hooker, and Haslam were nominated as the first three Principals. It is proposed to call the new chapter "The Abbey Chapter," and to attach it to the Hindpool Lodge, No. 1235.

GREAT MASONIC CONFERENCE.

A great Masonic conference is announced to take place at Lausanne this month. Delegates from every Grand Lodge in the world are expected. It seems that there is a dreadful schism among Swiss Masons. Until a few years back they lived in republican style, without a Grand Lodge. A Supreme Council decided questions that arose. Just before the war it was resolved to make a Swiss Grand Lodge, and the members of the Council cheerfully resigned their office. When the great war broke out this new body, speaking for the Masons of Switzerland, protested against it. By this act they gave umbrage to their Prussian brothers, who declared the protest an insult, seeing that the war had been forced upon their country. An apology was demanded, and the Grand Lodge granted it. There were, however, many dissentients, headed by the members of the defunct Supreme Council. The breach has grown wider, and at this moment there is a talk of a secession. Peacemakers have applied to all the first authorities of the universe, and out of this dissension has sprung the idea of a conference. The last was held in 1819. French Masons have taken the leading part in arranging this great ceremony. I hear no particular mention of English or American delegates, who, indeed, if all tales be true, would find themselves in an atmosphere quite strange amongst the Orientals and the professors of the Scotch Rite, so called.—"London Daily Telegraph," Aug. 26th, 1875.

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NOTICE.—It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 10, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1460, Thames Valley, Ship Hotel, Halliford, near Shepperton.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-street.
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Colonial Board at 3.
Lodge 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, High-street, Woolwich.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue Basinghall-street.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.
Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-St., Woolwich.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstour.
Chap. 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N.
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.
Mark Lodge, 176, Era, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Halham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction, Gresham-street, 6 to 8 p.m.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. A. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Putts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 11, 1875.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.
" 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 5.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, near Birkenhead, at 7.
Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 11, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
" 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.
Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.
" 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.
" 198, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Maybole.
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.
" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
" 203, St. John's Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry, at 7.
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
" 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Leven.
" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hall, Kilbirnie.
" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 11, 1875.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 10, Dalkeith, High-street, Dalkeith.
" 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.
" 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E., Register-street.
" 405, Riffe, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.
Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Freemasons' Hall, Blackfriars-st.
" 270, Thistle, Masonic Hall, West-Calder.
" 273, St. John's, Mid-Calder Hotel, Mid-Calder.
" 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178) was held at Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, September 2nd. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M. Sec., presided as W.M. He passed Bros. Carterbrook, Salvage, and Nice; raised Bros. Shaw and Bell. The elections resulted in Bros. J. A. Smith, J.W., being W.M.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas. and J.W.; Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler, being re-elected. The W.M., Bro. C. Deakin, arrived in time to close the lodge. The only visitor was Bro. P. Magee, 548. There was not any banquet or refreshment.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—The seventh installation meeting took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, September 3rd. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M. and Treas., took the chair. He raised Bro. F. J. Lindsey, initiated Mr. C. Marr; installed J. J. Limebeer, S.W., as W.M. Officers are:—H. J. Green, S.W.; R. W. Williams, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, Chaplain; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas., (re-invested 6th time); F. Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., Sec. (re-invested 7th time); C. W. Williams, S.D.; W. B. Woodman, J.D.; W. Kipps, I.G.; E. W. Chetwynd, D.C. W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M., delivered the addresses. Vote of thanks was given to Bros. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas., and F. Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., Sec., for carrying out their duties as Treasurer and Secretary to the satisfaction of the lodge, and with credit to themselves. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Banquet and dessert followed. Bro. E. W. Mackney, P.M., sang some of his best songs. The visitors were Bros. H. Potter, P.M. 11; C. M. Hubback, P.G.S., P.M. 58; G. T. Fox, P.M. 73; J. Hayward, W.M. 946; G. A. Garrett, P.M. 704; L. Dettimus, 179; J. V. Watkins, 1326; T. Jennings, P.M. 59; J. Hillhouse, P.M. 228; A. C. Burrell, W.M. 1446; J. Wright, P.M. 1158; J. H. Kemp, 27; A. W. Furber, 27; J. Burford, 173; A. M. Thomas, 134; F. R. Vine, 173; F. D. Vine, 173, and others. The members present besides those named were Bros. C. J. Hogg, P.G.P., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; W. Mock, W. Brough, A. Tisley, W. Hardman, J. Brooks, J. Finch, S. Marketis, A. C. Woodward, H. J. Class, W. P. Tong, and others.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Bro. Geo. Townsend's, the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Kingsland. There was a very large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors, the lodge, although a young one, having become very popular. As usual at this lodge, many of the visitors were of high rank in the Craft, while others have been known for some time as cordial supporters of the charities of the Order. Among the visitors were Bros. Wright, Grand Purst.; Peter de Lande Long, V.P. Board of General Purposes; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas., Middlesex; W. Monckton, P.G.S.D., Kent; George Kenning, P.G.D., Middlesex; Thos. Grime, P.G.A.D.C., East Lancashire; E. Palmer, P.G.S.D., Kent; F. S. Knyvet, W.M. 1495; T. B. Yeoman, I.D. 1460; Koch, P.M. 820 and 1381; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; T. G. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933; B. Cundick, S.W. 1,211; Williams, 933; Young, 820; H. Robinson, 65; Moss, 212; Fellows, 192; Turner, 754; Gutheray, 3, Hungary; Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); Withers, 933; Durant, 1256; John Green, 27; and S. Archer, 1426. Among the members of the lodge were Bros. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; W. T. Howe, P.M.; G. Townsend, P.M. 820, W.M. 724; E. Blackmur, S. H. Cox, J. C. Preston, S. Howell, J. G. Long, J. S. Hill, J. H. Cambridge, J. Badkin, G. C. Obey, J. H. Vollum, E. Smith, J. Rainbow, S. Clark, G. Mowl, J. Jermy, and W. A. Ide. Bro. Frank Green, W.M., presided, and by an excellent arrangement the only ceremony he had to perform was the installation, the ceremonies of advancing members having been completed at a former meeting, an example which might with benefit be followed by other lodges in the forthcoming season. The minutes having been confirmed, and the audit report, which was very favourable, having been adopted, Bro. Frank Green proceeded with the installation,

and in admirable style placed Bro. W. H. Myers, S.W., and W.M. elect, in the chair of the lodge. At the proper time the following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. Frank Green, I.P.M.; F. W. Wilkins, S.W.; J. Pinder, J.W.; W. T. Howe, P.M.; P. G. Purst, Middlesex, Treas.; G. E. Walters, Sec.; J. E. Simms, S.D.; J. Clark, J.D.; T. E. Goddard, D.C.; S. L. Green, I.G.; N. D. Partridge, Stewd.; C. Hubbard, Stewd.; and Bro. Gilchrist, Tyler. An eight guinea P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Frank Green, who made a short acknowledgment to the brethren for the gift. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet and first class wines, provided by Bro. Townsend. The customary toasts were given and drunk at the termination of the repast. After "The Queen," and "The Grand Master" had been duly honoured, "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Wright, G.P., replied. As a Grand Officer he hoped the present and future Grand Officers would endeavour to emulate those who had gone before them, and to earn the favourable opinion of their brethren. The present Grand Officers he knew were anxious to do so, and he advised the brethren as a stepping stone to be well up in lodge work. The Grand Officers were always well received in Masonry, and this stimulated brethren to do all they possibly could to obtain the same honours. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., who was also called on to respond, said, that as a member of the lodge he had hoped to be excused from performing this duty, but as the brethren would not excuse him he could only reiterate what Bro. Wright had said. It was a great pleasure to him to be a member of such a lodge as the Prince Leopold, and he hoped its prosperity would continue, which he could not doubt, as he could see it was opening and extending most brilliantly and splendidly under the auspices of the Masters who had already occupied the chair. "The Masonic Institutions" was the next toast, and the W.M. said he thought a Freemason who practised charity might go through the world, and be reckoned the best Freemason there was. He (the W.M.) would give the brethren an excellent opportunity of practising charity, for he should stand as Steward for the next festival of the Aged Freemasons. He did not know whether all the brethren before him had practised charity, but he could assure them that the pleasure of contributing to the pleasure of another person was the utmost delight any one could feel. Bro. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, replied in a speech of considerable length, contrasting the position of the charities in the past with the present. Formerly the claims of the charities required pressing, but now it did not require much urging to induce individuals to subscribe. He believed he was the first that took up the subject in the East End of London. In his younger days, being ambitious of rendering himself useful in Freemasonry, and desirous of going into office, he was "snubbed" and "put down." At length he found there was a direction in which he could be useful—the support of the charities; and in this, when he took it up, he was not snubbed or put down, for he had the field entirely to himself. By his humble efforts attention had been called to what was thought the grandest feature in Freemasonry, the relief of those who were unable to relieve themselves. The Institution had now arrived at a glorious pitch, but it was insignificant to what it ought to be, and what he was sure it would be in the future. Some lodges there were—indeed, there was one great lodge in London—that rejoiced in having a bread-and-cheese banquet, and giving the price of a regular banquet to the charities. That was a glorious effort no doubt; but he trusted that Freemasonry had not fallen to so low a point as to be obliged to sit down to a bread-and-cheese supper in order to make the charities of the Order rich or sufficient to supply the wants of the poor. He hoped that they could afford to sit down to supper and yet give something to the charities, if only 5s. Even though small it was acceptable; it was the widow's mite, the many 5s. which made the Benevolent Institution so rich. There were 100 men that could give 5s. for one that could give £5, and 100 who could give £5 for one that could give £50. He exhorted the brethren to get all the 5s. they could; he himself had taken half-crowns. Let them not "despise the day of small things," or forget the "power of the pence." Bro. Frank Green proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., he said, enjoyed a privilege which did not fall to the lot of every occupant of the chair—he brought with him to the Prince Leopold Lodge experience gained elsewhere. When he said that was an advantage to the W.M., he would like to impress on the brethren that it was a still greater advantage to the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge. Those W.M.'s who had gone before the present W.M. were not great in number but strong in principle. They had not had much previous experience, and for one of them at all events he might say that he came into the chair very "green" indeed to the work. He had heard it said that in the place from which the present W.M. last hailed, he found it impossible to steer that lodge clear of "mires." He could only say that if he could not steer the Prince Leopold Lodge clear of mires he would not leave it in the Slough of Despond. He congratulated the brethren on having the experience of their W.M., which, he was sure, would culminate in great credit to the Prince Leopold Lodge. He could not sit down without taking that opportunity, if the W.M. would allow him to do so, of congratulating him upon the number of visitors who were around that festive board. It was not only gratifying to the W.M., but equally so to the P.M.'s, to see the W.M. so well supported. Many of the visitors had come long distances to congratulate him on being installed. Many of the brethren who visited the lodge last year to see him (Bro. Green) installed were so well impressed with what they witnessed, and the reception they met with, that they had come again this year. No greater testimony

could be borne to the favourable nature of the reception they had last year. He hoped they would come a third, fourth, and fifth time. Bro. Green then drew attention to the circumstance that Bro. Grime had come from East Lancashire, and Bro. Walter Monckton from the wilds of Kent. Bros. Long and Palmer had also come at great inconvenience to themselves. The W.M. acknowledged the value of the experience he brought from his other lodge, but said he was one of the weakest of mortals at the banquet table. But for work in lodge he would not give way to any brother present. He would do his duties as Master in making, passing, and raising Masons. He then thanked the visitors for attending, and afterwards proposed their health. Bro. Peter de L. Long replied, and thanked the W.M. for the great Masonic treat which they had had. Having, as an old Mason, visited many lodges, he could say he had never seen the installation better performed than by Immediate P.M. Green that night. The W.M., also, in the appointment and investiture of officers had shewn the utmost skill, and these facts augured well for the prosperity of the lodge. The gavel was now in the hands of a brother who would most ably maintain the good name the lodge had already obtained. The visitors felt sure that he would do so, and he (Bro. Long) trusted that all the brethren would rally round the W.M., and support him in every way, and maintain the good name of the lodge for many, many years to come. The visitors would always be happy to assist again at the installation, and hoped they would see many as good Masons placed in the chair of the Prince Leopold Lodge as he who had been placed there that night. The W.M., in giving "The Health of the P.M.'s," said he would endeavour to prove that this lodge was designed from the "Third period of Creation," to become a fact, and he, in a series of amusing similes connected the names and pursuits of the Masters of the lodge with the events given in the lecture on the six periods of Creation. Bro. Green and Bro. Howe both responded, the latter saying that what little he had done for the lodge he had done with a great deal of pleasure. His anxiety for the prosperity of the lodge was as great now as when the lodge was first launched into existence. He looked upon that day as one of the red letter days in the history of the lodge, for they had then installed the third out of four of the promoters of the lodge. He was sure the new W.M. would go through his year of office as successfully as Bro. Green and himself (Bro. Howe) had; and if only the officers who would follow him would do the same, the lodge's prosperity would continue, and it would be second to none in the Craft. "The Officers of the Lodge" having been proposed and drunk, and responded to by Bros. Wilkins and Pinder, the brethren separated.

MARQUESS OF RHON LODGE (No. 1489).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, September 3rd, at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond Road. Bro. W. Stephens, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. G. Somers, S.W.; W. J. Murlis, J.W.; T. Jessett, S.D.; J. Walford, P.M., J.D., and several other brethren. Bros. C. H. Fisher, W. Langford, S. Smout, jun.; H. Johns, J. Pushman, and E. Blunt, were raised; and Bros. B. Jeffries, W. J. Cook, and D. Fraser, passed. The W.M. did the raisings separately, and gave the traditional history in very fluent and correct style. In the passings he explained the working tools according to the lectures. None of the numerous candidates for initiation, whose names had been previously balloted for, presented themselves. Several visitors were present, and one from the Grand Lodge of Quebec expressed his pleasure at finding the work of the lodge so well performed. Before the evening was brought to a close Bro. Murlis, W.M. elect, thanked the W.M., Bro. Stephens, for the kind invitation given to the ladies to the summer picnic at Burnham Beeches, the proceedings at which were reported in our last impression. He hoped that the lodge would never lose the opportunity of paying such a compliment to the sex, who had no other chance of meeting with the brethren as brethren. He also rejoiced in all the arrangements on that occasion having been carried out so successfully. Bro. Murlis, in turn, was congratulated on being W.M. elect. Bro. Murlis is very popular among the brethren, and is also a great supporter of the Masonic Institutions, and his coming Mastership is looked forward to as one likely to be as brilliant as that of Bro. Stephens.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., this lodge held its usual meeting at the Masonic Hall. The brethren present were: Bros. Henry T. Bobart, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; W. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; Thos. Gadsby, J.D.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slinn, O.G.; Geo. Pipes, J. H. Biggs, T. H. Hepworth, Edgar Taylor, J. O. Manton, Henry Mills, James Parkins, jun. The lodge was opened in the First Degree at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Bro. Stone, acknowledging with heartfelt thanks the donation of five guineas, which was voted to him by the lodge at the last meeting for their appreciation of his services as Tyler. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degree. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the Grand Secretary's letter, forbidding all "special or commemorative lodge jewels" to be worn by members of the Craft without the express authority of His Royal Highness the Worshipful Grand Master. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in ancient form and solemn prayer, and adjourned until the 6th of October.

LIVERPOOL.—LODGE OF EMULATION (No. 1505).—The last ordinary meeting of the first year's existence of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency

of Bro. Henry Nelson, the first W.M., who is worthy of congratulation in connection with his general working and the admirable manner in which he has safely floated the good ship "Emulation." The officers present were Bros. J. T. Callow, S.W.; T. Morris, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas.; W. Quayle, Sec.; R. Craft, J.D.; J. Capell, D.C.; J. Skeaf, acting I.P.M.; Org.; and Ball, Tyler. The "full privates" present comprised among others Bros. J. Irving, R. Lytham, A. McKenzie, H. Coulson, M. Drake, jun., R. Foote, J. Queen, H. J. Atkinson, H. B. Saunders, R. Brown, W.M. 241; R. Taylor, C. W. Sidebotham, F. H. White, B. Anthony, W. S. Matthews, &c. The visitors present included Bros. G. Hutchin, S.W. 241; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; J. Robinson, 823; J. Norminton, 667; H. T. Raisbeck, 417; J. Busfield, 216; W. H. Cooper, J.W. 1350; R. N. Bence, 673; T. A. Bioletti, 241; W. Crane, P.M. 249; H. Hundle, &c. The First Degree was conferred on a candidate (Mr. Thomas) with masterly impressiveness by the W.M. The lodge then proceeded to the election of the necessary officers, when Bro. J. T. Callow, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Hocken, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treas.; and Bros. Queen and Atkinson were chosen auditors. It was resolved that a presentation should be made to Bro. Nelson, the retiring W.M., as a recognition of his valuable services during his official year. The brethren subsequently supped together, and during an exceedingly enjoyable evening the standard Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the prosperity of the Emulation, the excellence of its Mastership, the happy choice which had been made in the W.M. elect, and the fine musical harmony of the members, being the subjects most prominently dwelt upon. The musical programme, which was much above the average, was contributed to by Bros. Busfield (whose professional talent makes him a great favourite both amongst Masons and "outsiders"), Queen, Quayle, R. Brown, Morris, J.W.; Atkinson, Hindle, Washington, P.M. 1034; and R. R. Martin, 1094, each of whose efforts gave great satisfaction. Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., ably presided at the harmonium.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—On Tuesday the installation meeting of this old Mark Lodge was held at Bro. C. Gosden's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, when there were present Bros. Thos. B. Yeoman, W.M.; the Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital; Thos. Cubitt, Hyde Pullen, R. Wentworth Little, S. M. Lazarus, H. Massey ("Freemason"), Rev. W.B. Church, J. G. Marsh, W. T. Howe, Rev. P. M. Holden, Charles Horsley, H. Parker, Newton, W. Stephens, Keily, Southwell, R. G. Hall, W. Wilkinson, E. L. Shepherd, and W. H. Hubbard. The Rev. Dr. Brette was installed as W.M. of the lodge by Bro. H. C. Levander, and after the ceremony was completed the following brethren were appointed the officers of the lodge for the year:—Charles Horsley, S.W.; E. H. Thielley, J.W.; H. A. Dubois, M.O.; George Newman, S.O.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, J.O.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. W. B. Church, P.M., Chap.; Newton, Reg.; W. Stephens, S.D.; Keily, J.D.; Southwell, I.G.; H. Parker, Org.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Levander proposed that a P.M. jewel should be presented to Bro. Yeoman for his zeal and ability in the discharge of his duties during the past year. The motion was seconded by Bro. T. Cubitt, and carried unanimously. A letter was read from P.M. Bro. George Kenning, regretting his inability to attend, and after this the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. When the toasts were proposed Bro. S. M. Lazarus replied for the "Past G. Masters and Grand Officers," and after thanking the brethren for the toast descended on the beauties of Freemasonry, and of the wholesome influence it exercised in bringing together men of all parties, politics, nations, and religions. As a proof of this he narrated a circumstance which had occurred, and in which he himself was an actor. In 1825 and 1826 he was W.M. of the Sussex Lodge, Bath, of which the organist was Bro. Goodall, who, on his death bed, requested Bro. Lazarus to attend him to his grave. Having promised to do so, he obtained a dispensation from Bro. Col. Tynte, the Prov. G.M., for the brethren to appear in clothing. This was granted. A clergyman of the church of England read the service over the grave, and then retired. He (Bro. Lazarus) then, as W.M., stood at the head of the grave and read the funeral service, according to the Constitutions of the Order. There were then present, Bros. Henriade, a Turk; Rymer, a man of colour, and other brethren of different denominations. Hand in hand they walked in procession and stood at the grave. It was a matter of astonishment to the people of the place, many of whom were present, to see Bro. Lazarus, of Abbey Green, a Jew, with a Turk, and a man of colour, all standing at a Christian's grave; and they said, "This shews the universality of Masonry." Bro. Yeoman having proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and the brethren having cordially honoured it, the Rev. Dr. Brette replied and said his motto was, "Facta non Verba," and both in Masonry and in everyday life he had tried to be faithful to that motto. He had endeavoured to do so in the past, and as the brethren had now placed him in the high position of W.M. of St. Mark's Lodge it should still be his motto. He would endeavour to fulfil his duties to the very utmost of his ability. The W.M. afterwards gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Hyde Pullen replied. To the toast of "The P.M.'s" Bro. Yeoman responded, and after "The Press" and "The Officers" had been duly honoured all responded to, the brethren separated.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—CALEDONIAN OF UNITY CHAPTER (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on the 31st ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. G. W. Wheeler, M.E.Z., presided, in the absence of his two Principals. He was ably supported by J. Duthie, M.E.Z. 67; D. Gilchrist, G. McDonald, James Crabb, &c.; Comps. J. Balfour, S.E., and J. Bannerman, Treas., being in their respective places. Two applications for R.A. honours were submitted, viz., Bro. E. Arthur, M.M. of Mother Kilwinning, No. 9, and Bro. Thomas Kennedy, M.M. of Lodge Caledonian Railway, 354. The companions present had no objections to offer to the two brothers, and their applications were entertained. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when the two brothers received that degree, Bro. Wheeler officiating; after which the Excellent Degree by Bro. Duthie, when a R.A. Chapter was opened, and the two brothers made companions of R.A. Masonry, Comp. James Crabb, M.E.P.Z. of No. 50 Chapter, officiating. The nomination of office-bearers for the next year ought to have taken place then, but the night being far advanced, and some of the principal office-bearers absent, Comp. J. Balfour, S.E., moved that the nomination and election should be left over to the next regular meeting. At this stage a long and very animated conversation ensued on several points of R.A. law, Comps. Wheeler, Balfour, G. McDonald, Gilchrist, J. Crabb, and G. B. Adams taking part. It was ultimately arranged that Comp. Balfour's motion to postpone nomination should be agreed to, and the chapter closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION AND CROWN (No. 103).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 30th ult. The R.W.M. was present, and was supported by Bros. A. Bain, I.P.M.; D. McGechy, P.M.; G. Muir, D.M.; D. Murray, S.M.; Wm. Thomas, S.W.; D. Munro, J.W.; W. Anderson, S.D.; J. M. Pollock, J.D.; J. Campbell, R.W.M. 128, and others. As usual with this lodge, the meeting was exceedingly well attended. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, as also those of an emergency meeting which took place between the two regular meetings. After some business of an ordinary nature was settled Bro. Munro moved, That all those gentlemen who had been proposed for initiation previous to the passing of the motion for raising the lodge fees, and who in consequence were entitled to be admitted at the old rate, would forfeit that privilege if they did not come forward at the next monthly meeting, after which the new rate of entrance fee would be exacted. This was seconded by Bro. McGechy, and unanimously carried. The R.W.M., Bro. A. W. Wright, submitted to the brethren the names of two gentlemen desiring to become members of the Order, viz., Messrs. Geo. Waters and John McInnes—proposed and seconded by Bros. Munro and Murray for Mr. Waters, McKay and Cameron for Mr. McInnes. There was no objection raised to their qualifications to receive the honour, and they were admitted in the usual form into the E.A. Degree, Bro. Wright performing the duties with his accustomed carefulness and ability. The lodge was then passed to the F.C. Degree, when Bro. Bunton was squared in that, Bro. G. Muir, D.M., performing the ceremony. This finished the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 1st inst., at 8 o'clock. Bro. J. Shaw, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Ferguson, Dunn, Colquhoun, McDougall, J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, when Bro. Colquhoun moved that the motion before the lodge for raising the affiliation fees should take effect from this date; this was seconded by Bro. McDougall, and became law. The case of the widow of a late brother was brought up, who had a young son depending upon her. She being very unable to do him the justice she would like, the members present agreed to take up the case and grant what assistance they could. The R.W.M. then referred to the forced resignation of Bro. Stafford, who was called away from Scotland to fill an important situation. He said they must all feel that the lodge in consequence of this had sustained a great loss; the able and efficient manner in which he discharged the difficult duties of S.W. was much admired by every member of the lodge; and he (the R.W.M.) would now propose that a jewel be procured and presented to him from the lodge as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held. This was at once agreed to. After some other business of a formal nature, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

COATBRIDGE.—LODGE ST. JAMES, OLD MONKLAND (No. 177).—On Friday, the 27th ult., the members belonging to the above lodge, along with their friends, assembled in the Masonic Hall, Main-street, Coatbridge, and, headed by the Rosehall brass band, proceeded to the beautiful policies of Douglas Support, belong to the Rev. Sholto Campbell Douglas. On arriving there a halt was called, and the company retired to the lawn, which was kindly granted for the occasion by the present tenant, Mr. Wm. Mitchell, where games of all sorts were entered into with great spirit. A quadrille band was in attendance, keeping those who felt inclined "tripping it on the light fantastic toe." Others enjoyed themselves roaming about the policies, surveying the natural beauties peculiar to the place. A muster was called about seven o'clock, when refreshments in abundance, and of excellent and diversified quality, were partaken of by the company. A vote of thanks to Mr. Mitchell, the overseer of the grounds for the kind way in which they were received, was given. The brethren then set out for home in regular procession, the ladies coming

on behind in machines specially engaged for the occasion, where they arrived about eight o'clock. This is the first pic-nic held by Old Monkland St. James, and augurs well for the future, as it was a most successful and enjoyable day's recreation.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 3rd inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Harper, was unable to be present, and Bro. Gordon, P.M., took the chair and officiated throughout the evening, which was a long one so far as the amount of business before the lodge was concerned. The R.W.M. was supported by Bros. J. M'Innes, S.W.; W. Bisland, J.W.; D. S. Mitchell, Sec., and others; and among others present were Bros. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. Lodge Union, 332; Stark, D.M., Lodge St. Vincent, 553; Stevens 553; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. The acting R.W.M. read an application from Mr. John M'Knight, (mariner), he was proposed by Bro. J. M'Innes, S.W., and seconded by Bro. Allin Martin. Bro. Gordon said, if the gentleman was approved of as a candidate, his mover and second wished to take advantage of the liberty left to the discretion of the R.W.M. of any lodge, to give more than one degree in one night when the candidate was about to leave the country, or was not stationary in one part of it. He said for himself he must tell them he was very much opposed to do this under any circumstances, but if it was the desire of the lodge he would not oppose it. The gentleman was approved of, and he received the First Degree. The lodge was then passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, the same candidate receiving that. A letter was then read by the Secretary from Bro. M'Dougall, R.W.M. of Lodge St. Vincent, 553, asking the R.W.M. of Lodge Clyde (if working the Third Degree) to do him the favour of giving that to Bro. C. E. Gibbs, sergeant-instructor, Royal Engineers, a member and Fellow Craft of Lodge St. Vincent; this was agreed to with pleasure. The lodge was then raised to the Sublime Degree, when, besides Sergeant Gibbs for the St. Vincent, two for Lodge Clyde were raised to that degree, Bro. Gordon officiating throughout all the degrees. An application was then read from Mr. Thomas Brown, wishing to be admitted into the Order through the Clyde Lodge at the next monthly meeting. He was proposed by Bro. Anderson, and seconded by B. Harper, R.W.M. The application was ordered to lay on the table till next meeting. Bro. Stark thanked the acting R.W.M. and the Lodge Clyde on behalf of the St. Vincent Lodge for the favour granted by giving Bro. Gibbs the Third Degree. This finished the business of the evening, and the lodge was reduced and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Claremont Hall, Kent Road, on the 2nd inst. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. McDougall, the D.M., Bro. Stark, presided. He was well supported by a considerable number of the office-bearers. The meeting was well attended by the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The Secretary, Bro. J. Halley, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which touched upon the bye-laws of the lodge, which are in course of being arranged, and a proof copy before the lodge. A considerable difference of opinion existed, and was freely expressed by several members of the lodge, the whole of the brethren present listening with great attention to the conversation. Ultimately the minutes were passed, with certain additions and qualifications, which the Secretary carefully noted. An application from Mr. William Mailer was submitted to the lodge. He was proposed by Bro. Paxton and seconded by Bro. Crawford. There was no objection offered to him by the members of the lodge present, and he received the First Degree, Bro. Stark officiating. The lodge was then passed to the Square Degree, when Bro. Sergeant-Instructor C. E. Gibbs, Royal Engineers, who had been waiting for a month to receive this, was entrusted with it, Bro. Stark again officiating. A vote of thanks to Bro. McInnes, S.W. of Lodge Clyde, 408, who was acting S.W., brought the business to a close, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE DRAMATIC (No. 571).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall (St. Mark's), 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at three o'clock. Their own office-bearers and members turned out well, and a considerable number of brethren from various sister lodges were present to give a cordial welcome to them as the youngest lodge in the province (this being but their second meeting.) The R.W.M., Bro. W. E. J. Dobson, took his place in the chair, supported by Bros. G. Houston, D.M.; W. Barbour, Treas.; J. Booth, acting Sec., and his Wardens in their respective chairs, viz.:—H. W. Jackman, S.W.; Wm. Sievwright, J.W.; J. McGregor, S.D.; R. S. Smyth, J.D. On the dais were Bros. J. Fraser, P.M. Lodge Thistle, 87, and Henry 571; J. Balfour, P.M. Lodge Union, 332; J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. St. Mark's, 102, and honorary member 571; and J. Monro, R.W.M. Commercial Lodge, 360. Amongst many other visiting brethren were Bros. J. Tweed, Mother Kilwinning, 0; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; J. Stewart, 360; and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The Acting Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Bro. John Fraser then rose, and addressing the R.W.M., Wardens, and brethren, said he took a deep and warm interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge Dramatic, and would feel it not only a duty, but a pleasure, to do anything in his power to forward their interests. He then requested the R.W.M. to accept from him a gift of a set of mallets for the R.W.M. and Wardens, as also a mallet for the Third Degree, and with a few graceful words of caution placed the mallet of his office in his hand, proceeded towards the S.W. and J.W., and placed their respective mallets into their hands in like manner. The R.W.M.'s mallet bore a

suitable inscription on a silver plate. The R.W.M. said he could hardly find language to express himself in thanking Bro. Fraser for the very handsome present he had made to the lodge, but he could assure him that while he had the honour to fill that chair he would see those mallets properly used. Bro. Jackman, S.W., in a neat little speech, thanked Bro. Fraser on behalf of himself and J.W. An application from Mr. Alfred W. Baylis, of H.M. ship *Excellent*, proposed by W. Sievwright, J.W., and seconded by the R.W.M., was agreed to. An application was then read from Bro. Archd. Lauder, M.M. of Lodge Athol, 413, for affiliation into Lodge Dramatic. This was agreed to, he stepping to the altar, when the R.W.M. administered the usual obligation. Mr. Charles Harry Baylis, who was proposed and carried at the last meeting, was present in the adjacent room along with Alfred W. Baylis, who was carried at this meeting. They were prepared, and received the First Degree, Bro. Dobson, R.W.M., officiating in excellent and impressive style. The two gentlemen appearing at the altar occupied the relationship of father and son to each other, which added solemnity to the beautiful ceremony. Such an occurrence we had never seen before. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in all due and ancient form.

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The high position to which his brethren elevated him, and his continued re-election to the same, attest their appreciation of the many virtues and Masonic abilities of this excellent man. A good and a true man, moral in his deportment, kind and courteous in his demeanour, benevolent in his disposition, never weary in well-doing. As a neighbour he earned the regard of those who knew him, and as a husband and father he excelled in all those noble qualities, and possessed in a large degree those tender affections and endearing characteristics that make home happy.

"None knew him but to love,
None named him but to praise."

Our late Grand Master promptly appointed our esteemed and R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason to act as Grand Secretary for the remainder of the year. Bro. Mason immediately entered upon the duties of the office, and I think it but due to him to say, that M.W. Bro. Wilson frequently expressed to me his entire satisfaction at the thorough and efficient manner in which Bro. Mason discharged the responsibilities so unexpectedly cast upon him.

I desire also to acknowledge the promptitude, energy, and assiduity evinced by Bro. Mason since I have been brought into close and frequent communication with him, and I take this opportunity of publicly thanking him for the services he has rendered to me, especially during the half year just ended.

As the funeral dirge is ever vibrating upon our ear, we become indifferent to the sorrow and grief of those around us. We heed not the mournful wail, until a deep-toned bell tolls the knell that summons us to the grave of one we love; then, in agony we kneel, and in our weakness cry unto the Mighty for help and succour!

Scarce had we left the grave of our brother—scarce had we wiped away the tears which we shed upon the last resting place of our Grand Secretary—nor had we begun to know the full measure of the loss we had sustained—when we were again plunged in grief—calamities accumulated upon us. The sad tidings went forth that our Grand Master was stricken, and that we were called to lay him in the silent tomb. Again did our sorrowing hosts assemble to pay their last sad offices to the departed—whose memory we revered—and to resign his body to the earth whence it came, and to offer up to his memory the last tribute of our affection and regard.

This being the first instance in the history of our Grand Lodge that the Grand Master had been called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe to lay aside the gavel, we were overwhelmed with unutterable grief, and this great bereavement threw us into confusion. Our Head and our Chiefstain had fallen.

M.W. Bro. Wilson was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, Simcoe, in 1840. He at once engaged in the active duties of the lodge, being elected Junior Warden in the same year, and thenceforward he continued earnest and devoted in promoting the interests of the Order, seizing every fair opportunity of inculcating the principles and precepts which we profess, and actively discharging the duties which throughout his lifetime were cast upon him by his brethren.

It has been well written of him, that "The Craft has lost one of its brightest ornaments in Ontario, and the fraternity a shining light, whose large experience, sound judgment, and just decisions, commended him as a Masonic authority of the highest order. His services to Masonry have been great and are fully appreciated, though they can never be adequately rewarded, for no man could have done more to advance its interests. He was among the first to aid in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and so highly were his services at that time regarded, that he was chosen the first occupant of the Oriental chair, which he held uninterruptedly for several years. In 1860 he was permitted to retire, and chosen again in 1866, holding the position for two years, when he only relinquished it on account of acceptance of office under the Government. Five years later he was again elected to this position, and continued to hold it up to the time of his death."

M.W. Bro. Wilson was most indefatigable in promoting the cause of Freemasonry. He shrank from no task calling for effort on his part, but cheerfully undertook the most arduous labour, and accepted the most exacting calls upon his time and his strength, in forwarding the cause he had so truly at heart. Brilliant in the discharge of his duties, untiring in his zeal and energy, possessing

those qualities which attract and charm the minds of men, it is impossible to measure the service he has rendered to the Craft in Canada.

He promoted our interest throughout the United States, and won for our Grand Lodge the high position which it occupies in the estimation of the Grand Lodges throughout the world. He introduced into the working of our system any improvements which he found existing in the other Grand Bodies visited by him. He examined into the working of our subordinate lodges, and contributed largely to their instruction, and in a great measure he controlled for good the cause of our Grand Lodge. He at all times furthered the prosecution of good works amongst his brethren, and inculcated the practice of our professions and tenets.

In M.W. Bro. Wilson were embodied those attributes symbolized by the three famous pillars of the ancient Temple. His Masonic wisdom was great. The strength of his decisions was conceded by all, and the beauty of his Masonic and Christian work won the admiration of his brethren. His exertions were largely crowned with success, and his untiring efforts were admired and appreciated by his brethren, who continued to shower upon him the highest honours that they could bestow; and whilst the records of our Grand lodge abound with the works of his hands, they also bear testimony to the estimation in which M.W. Bro. Wilson was always held by his brethren. Full of Masonic honours, he left this earthly scene.

In the world at large he played an important part, and discharged his duties in such a manner as to entitle him to the respect of all.

In official life he was affable and courteous—at the bar he was an able advocate and a generous adversary. In the municipal and county councils he was a thoughtful and prudent member, a dignified and judicious warden. In the military service he was a brave soldier, a considerate commander. On the bench, an upright judge and a sound lawyer. As a neighbour and friend, he was noble, generous, and hospitable. As a husband and father, he was kind and affectionate. As a good citizen, none stood higher. He was honoured as a man and almost idolized as a Mason—for he possessed all those qualities which distinguish the good and true brother, and which have indelibly impressed his name upon the tablet of our hearts.

It was by a strange and mournful coincidence that our First Grand Master and our First Grand Secretary were both taken from us within a few short months during the same Masonic year.

They had been for many years labouring side by side in the Masonic vineyard. In life their names and works were linked together for good, and now they have gone almost together to the Grand Lodge above.

But whilst we mourn our loss, let us endeavour to console ourselves with the belief that it is not commensurate with those high and noble honours and awards to which our beloved brethren have been called. Let us be admonished that in the midst of life we are in death, and so live and act our parts that we may have no cause for repentance when the hour of our own departure is at hand.

"Lives of good men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footsteps in the sand of time—
Footprints that, perchance, another,
Trav'ling o'er life's troubled main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again."

It is perhaps not necessary for me to add, that the funerals of our departed brethren were conducted by Grand Lodge, and that they were largely attended by the members of our Order, of all grades—as well as by an immense concourse of other citizens. They were two of the most numerous attended funerals ever known in this country. The proceedings at the special communications held on both occasions have been recorded, and will appear in our printed proceedings of Grand Lodge.

I regret to add that other familiar faces will be missed from our assemblies, the cruel hand of death having during the past year removed many who had been regular attendants at Grand Lodge. Mention is made of some in the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s, to be laid before you.

I cannot, however, omit to make special mention of the death of R.W. Bro. Dr. R. M. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M. of Niagara District, on Monday, the 31st day of May last, at Simcoe. Ill health prevented him from being with us lately, but he was one of the earliest of our members, having taken an active part in the formation of Grand Lodge, and subsequently proved to be one of the most useful and most faithful among the brethren. He was buried by the members of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, at the request of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, when the ceremonies were conducted by R.W. Bro. Bennett, D.D.G.M. of Wilson District.

Towards the close of last year the sad intelligence of the death of His Grace the Duke of Leinster, who for a period of sixty-one years, without interruption, ruled over the Craft in Ireland as Grand Master, with mild and courteous sway, was received here from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We proffer our sympathy and condolence to that Grand Lodge on the loss of one who so worthily presided over the deliberations of that body for a period exceeding the span of most men's lives. The vacancy thus created in the Grand Master's chair was filled by the election of His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who was installed on the 6th of January last.

One of the most important events which has transpired in the Masonic world during the year now closed was the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, in April last, in the presence of more than seven thousand Freemasons.

The grandeur of the proceedings attendant upon the installation was such as to call for the unqualified admiration and approval of all who witnessed them, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by the fraternity.

Long may our Royal Grand Master be spared to preside over the Craft in England, and to uphold the principles of the Order!

Our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wilson, up to the time he was afflicted with his last illness, was very active in the discharge of the duties of his office. At the close of the annual communication at Toronto he repaired to Weston and dedicated two lodges, the Humber Lodge, No. 305, and the Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, when he installed the officers. From a trip to the seaside he returned in time to visit the bedside of his dying friend and brother, and to render him great service in those trying moments. He conducted the services when the remains of R.W. Bro. Harris were interred, and took an active part in investigating the affairs of the Grand Lodge, as they had been left by the sudden call of our departed Grand Secretary from his earthly labours. A few days later he was at St. Thomas, where he dedicated St. David's Lodge, No. 302, and installed the officers. Ten days after that we find him in Montreal, where he seized that opportunity of presenting to M.W. Bro. Thos. White, P.G.M., the testimonial which the Grand Lodge at the last annual communication directed to be procured and presented in recognition of the many valuable services of M.W. Bro. White.

The testimonial consisted of a beautiful silver epergne, side pieces, and a handsome silver tray and tea-service, and the committee to whom the selection was left are assured that it will be gratifying to the members of the Grand Lodge to know that the articles selected were those most acceptable to our Most Worshipful Bro. White. After discharging a number of minor but none the less exacting duties, he went to Ingersoll in October, where he dedicated the new Masonic Hall; and I am aware of the pleasure it gave him to conduct those proceedings and to meet his brethren and friends who participated therein. But a few days before he was confined to his bed he delivered a lecture at Chatham, under the auspices of Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, and dedicated Kent Lodge, No. 274, at Blenheim. These, with a multitude of official acts of every variety—which time would fail me to detail—kept him almost constantly occupied up to the hour when the summons was sent him to attend before the Great Architect and Ruler above.

Thus, my brethren, you will see that our Grand Master was to the last mindful of his duty and active in the discharge of the same. Let his example serve to stimulate us to the exercise of like energies, and the promotion of the honour and aim of our noble Order.

Whilst our late Grand Master was confined to bed I was called upon to act on his behalf in conducting the interesting ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall at Hamilton, a special communication of Grand Lodge having been called on Wednesday, the 30th of December last, for that object.

This new hall is one of the largest, handsomest, and most substantial edifices in the city of Hamilton, and contains ample accommodation for all the Masonic bodies meeting in the city. It is admirably laid out for the purposes for which it is intended, and the halls dedicated to Ancient Craft Masonry have been most completely and elegantly furnished throughout.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen, who had been invited to be present by the members of the Craft, of whom also large numbers attended and took part in the proceedings.

In the evening the event was celebrated by a Grand Masonic ball, which was largely attended, and proved to be a most successful and enjoyable affair.

I cannot pass from this subject without extending my most hearty congratulations to our Hamilton brethren upon the completion of this edifice; and I must at the same time commend them for the energy they have displayed in the prosecution of their undertaking and the enterprise which has characterised their efforts in connection with the same.

On the 3rd of March last I dedicated the new Masonic Hall in Seaford, when I was assisted by a number of Grand Officers and by brethren of Britannia Lodge, No. 170, and a large number of visiting brethren of the neighbouring lodges, who, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, assembled to take part in the proceedings. After the ceremony of dedication was completed I had the opportunity of attending a meeting of Britannia Lodge, and seeing the work performed by the W.M., and I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the able manner in which it was done. Everything was commenced in order, conducted in peace, and closed in harmony.

The new and handsome hall lately erected in the town of Aylmer, for the use of Malahide Lodge, No. 140, was dedicated to Masonry on the 1st of July last, when R.W. Bro. McGloghlin, D.D.G.M., of London, very kindly acted for me, and ably performed the ceremony.

At the request of the Board of School Trustees of Walkerton, I called a special communication of Grand Lodge at that place on Dominion Day, the 1st July last, and with the assistance of the brethren of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, and of a number of other brethren from that section of the country, and in the presence of a large assembly of the people of that locality, I laid the corner stone of a new high and public school about to be erected in that town. I regret exceedingly that I was not able to avail myself of the kind hospitalities proffered on that occasion, but I desire to acknowledge the kindness shown by extending to me an invitation to the festivities of the day.

The corner stone of a new church at Belleville was laid on the 31st of May last, on which occasion R.W. Bro. Lazier, D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, kindly acted for me and efficiently performed the work.

On the 24th of May last the corner stone of a new Baptist Church was laid at Pembroke, by R.W. Bro. White, G.S.W., who ably represented me in conducting the proceedings; and R.W. Bro. Richardson, P.D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, performed a like ceremony at Nanapanee Mills, where the corner stone of a new church was laid by him.

R.W. Bro. McGloghlin, D.D.G.M. of London District, at the request of our late Grand Master officiated on the occasion of laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall, then about to be erected at Port Stanley by the brethren of St. Mark's Lodge.

A special communication of Grand Lodge was held at Ridgeway on the 15th September last, when the base of a tablet to be raised in the memorial church erected at that place to the memory of the brave volunteers who fell in the defence of their country during the Fenian invasion of 1866 was laid by R.W. Bro. Broderick, D.D.G.M. of Niagara District, who had been deputed to act on behalf of the Grand Master, and he conducted the interesting proceedings throughout with marked ability. In the appropriate observations which he addressed to those present he alluded in feeling terms to the sacred respect entertained for the memory of those who had sacrificed themselves on the altar of their country, and whose noble deeds infuse an inspiration of patriotism whenever recalled.

During the early part of the year our late Grand Master renewed his dispensations for:—

1. Hiram Lodge, Cheapside; 2. Chesterville Lodge, Chesterville.

And granted dispensations for the formation of the following lodges:—

1. Walker Lodge, Acton; North Star Lodge, Owen Sound; 3. Alvinston Lodge, Alvinston; 4. Temple Lodge, Hamilton; 5. Orono Lodge, Orono.

And since I assumed the gavel I have granted dispensations as follows:—

6. Zetland Lodge, Toronto; 7. The Hammond Lodge, Wardsville; 8. Ionic Lodge, Napier; 9. King Solomon's Lodge, Jarvis; 10. Corinthian Lodge, London, East; 11. Eden Lodge, London; 12. Fordwich Lodge, Fordwich; 13. Stratford Lodge, Stratford; 14. Prince Arthur Lodge, Fiesherston.

The work which has been performed by these lodges will be submitted to your consideration, and it will be for you to say whether or not warrants shall be issued to authorize them to continue longer to meet.

It afforded me much pleasure to receive the application of the brethren of King Hiram Lodge, No. 89, Lindsay, for the return of their warrant and for authority to resume work. After due enquiry into the state of Masonry in Lindsay, and upon receiving full assurance of the ability of the brethren about to engage in the work, and their thorough and earnest desire to resuscitate the lodge, I felt justified in acceding to the application. R.W. Bro. Traves kindly undertook the duty of returning the warrant and re-establishing the lodge in good working order. The manner in which the work has so far been conducted gives great promise of a prosperous and useful career for this long dormant lodge.

I have much pleasure in announcing to you that in August last I received at the hands of our late Grand Master my credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah, near this Grand Lodge, and I now submit them to you. I trust that the cordial relations opened up with the Grand Lodge of Utah through our late Grand Master may continue to be of a most friendly character, and I shall esteem it a privilege if I may be in any means instrumental in preserving the relations so happily begun.

Through the like channel, R. W. Bro. Mason, Grand Secretary, received his credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, in the place of our deceased R. W. Bro. Harris, who so ably represented that Grand Lodge for many years.

I have received information of the establishment and recognition by several other Grand Lodges of the Grand Orient of Hungary, and I am glad to recommend that she be received by us as a sister Grand Lodge, and the right hand of fellowship extended towards her upon her admission to the status of a Grand Lodge in the Masonic fraternity.

During last month I received from Winnipeg a letter from Bro. W. C. Clarke, advising me that "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.," had been constitutionally formed on the 12th of May, 1875, by the unanimous consent of the duly appointed delegates from all the subordinate lodges in that province, and that formal and official documents would be forwarded to our Grand Secretary, to be laid before this communication of Grand Lodge.

No report has been received from the D.D.G.M. of Manitoba District, nor has any information been forwarded respecting the movement referred to in the above letter, which is the only intimation of any kind whatever that was communicated to us of either a necessity or a desire for change on the part of our Manitoba brethren. I therefore submit the matter for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

On the 5th of December last the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was organized for the territory of that name, the officers thereof elected and installed, and a constitution adopted for the government of the same; and the official notice received a few days since informs us that the proceedings were conducted in every particular in a manner consistent with the ancient landmarks and established usages of our Order. There has not been time to make due enquiry into the regularity of the above proceedings, but upon such enquiry proving satisfactory I recommend the recognition of this new Grand Lodge.

I have also received notice that at a meeting of delegates representing all the lodges in Prince Edward Island, held

at Summerside in February last, it was resolved that a Grand Lodge for that province should be formed, and that a committee was appointed to communicate with this and other Grand Lodges in this dominion, as well as the parent Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, requesting that such action may be taken as will lead to our recognition of the new Grand Lodge when organized. I have much pleasure in recommending to your favourable consideration the request of our brethren of Prince Edward Island.

I am glad to be able to report the satisfactory condition of our finances. The report of the auditors will be submitted to you. From this you will see that, after paying over to our brethren in the Province of Quebec 4000 dols., as authorised by resolution of Grand Lodge last year, we have:—

	Dollars.
Investments, Government Stock	45,573 33
" Bank of Toronto	628 99
" Bank of Commerce	6,614 52
	52,816 84

which stands upon our books to the credit of

	Dollars.
General Fund	28,445 55
Asylum Fund	6,828 99
Investment Benevolence	16,486 21
Benevolence Account	1,065 09
	52,816 84

The Masonic business of the past year has been far from unimportant. Many matters have been disposed of by the late Grand Master and by myself, which do not require special notice here. And others will be brought before you by the Board of General Purposes in the course of our proceedings.

I submit to your approval this review of the past year. I cannot hope that no error has been committed, or that in every case satisfaction has been given. To err is human. To satisfy all and yet discharge duty faithfully, impossible. But of this I am sure, that I have endeavoured to discharge the obligations pertaining to this position, by maintaining the landmarks and laws of Freemasonry with inflexibility, yet impartially, and in the spirit of courtesy and kindness. Obedience to duty is the highest obligation of a Mason. In my efforts to discharge this obligation my feelings and human passions have not been without severe trials, but, by the blessing of God, it was endured, and the approval of my brethren and of my own conscience, and the belief that I shall deliver over the trust so unexpectedly imposed upon me untarnished and unsullied, is my most ample reward.

The reports of the D.D.G. Masters of the various Masonic Districts were received, considered as read, and, on motion, referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The following reports of the Board of General Purposes were adopted:

The Board of General Purposes beg to present this their annual report.

The annual meeting was held in the town of St. Catharines, on Tuesday, the 9th day of February last.

The books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were carefully audited, together with the accounts, statements, and vouchers for the financial year ending 31st December, 1874, and the Board have much pleasure in reporting that they were found correct.

The Board have not had the accounts of the Asylum Fund Committee before them, and have not, therefore, had an opportunity of auditing them. They would recommend that in future the Asylum Trust Committee be required to send their accounts and vouchers to the annual meeting of the Board for audit.

The Board regret to find that their recommendation to invest 5000 dols., adopted by Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, has not been complied with, and they now beg to recommend that that amount, as well as an additional sum of 5000 dols., be at once invested in government securities, and they further recommend that as soon as the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer shall at any time reach the sum of 10,000 dols. an additional 5000 dols. be invested.

The Board have had under consideration an application from R.W. Bro. Groff, Grand Treasurer, asking the consent of the Board for the transfer of the account of Grand Lodge from the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the Federal Bank, and regret that (though they would wish to gratify R.W. Bro. Groff) they cannot sanction the removal at the present time.

With reference to the application of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowell, for aid, and Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Belle Ewart, for a loan, the Grand Lodge has established a rule that its funds cannot be granted for the purposes mentioned.

The Board regret to find that there are a great many lodges in arrears, and beg to recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify to them, that unless they are in good standing at the next meeting of Grand Lodge action will have to be taken.

The Board are again indebted to R.W. Bro. Klotz, the zealous and worthy chairman of the Sub-committee on Benevolence, for the report and tabulated statements submitted herewith. (Here follow the semi-annual reports of various Boards of Relief, and a list of appropriations from the Fund of Benevolence, amounting to 2,310 dols.) The application of Bro. David Blakely has been rejected, the applicant not being considered worthy of relief.

The grant made last July to Bro. Lambert Cowell was not paid over to him, he having died before the money could reach him; it is, therefore, recommended that R.W. Bro. Allan McLean be authorized to pay over the money

to the son of the deceased brother, that son having been at great expense by reason of the sickness and death of his father, and not being able to bear that expense.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to present the following report on certain questions which have arisen and have been submitted for their consideration and opinion:—

1. The jurisdiction of a lodge extends half way to the nearest lodge in a direct or air line (see sec. 3 of proposing members).

2. A member of a lodge who has been a Master of another lodge, and properly returned, is entitled to his rank according to seniority, both in Grand Lodge and in the lodge with which he is affiliated (see sections 6 of Masters of Lodges, 7 of Grand Lodge, and 28 of Private Lodges).

COMPLIMENTARY PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. C. PARKINSON, J.P., AT ABERDARE.

On Wednesday, Sept. 1st., at the Black Lion Hotel, Aberdare, in the presence of a large number of Masons, representing a number of the prominent lodges in the principality, an interesting presentation of a P.M. jewel was made to W. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, J.P., P.J.G.D. of England, &c., &c., and immediate Past Master of the St. David Lodge, Aberdare, No. 769. Apart from the eminent position Bro. Parkinson occupies in the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and the deep respect in which he is held by the brethren of St. David's Lodge, he is greatly interested in and is manager of one of the largest industries in South Wales, viz., the Powell Duffryn Coal Company, and residing as he does a considerable portion of his time at Aberavon House, in the immediate neighbourhood, it was not surprising to find such a large muster of the lodge over which he has so ably presided during the 12 months previous to March last, and also of the brethren holding high rank in neighbouring and distant lodges. Shortly after six o'clock the brethren met in the lodge room. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. Evan Thomas, and after the ordinary business on the agenda had been transacted, the Worshipful Master (Bro. Evan Thomas) formally invested Bro. J. C. Parkinson with a P.M. jewel. The jewel represents the red dragon of Wales, enamelled in gold, resting on a green ground; from the mouth of the dragon depends a large single brilliant pendant, from which is a P.M. jewel in frosted silver. The dragon is united by a small golden chain to a pale green silk ribbon secured at the top by a bar of gold with the word "Aberdare" in enamelled letters. On the obverse of the dragon is the following inscription:—"To W. Bro. P.G.D. J. C. Parkinson, from St. David's Lodge, No. 679, Aberdare, A.D. 1875."

After the formal presentation the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large front upper room where the banquet was served, the W.M. presiding. The following is a list of the brethren: W. Morris, P.M.; W. J. Thomas, P.M.; John Robertson, P.M.; Dr. Evan Jones, P.M.; George Smith, S.W.; C. H. White, J.W.; William Little, S.D.; William McCulloch, J.D.; Charles Botting, I.G.; Evan Jones, Sec.; Bro. Dyer, Dir. of Cer.; Dr. Price, Chap.; Major T. B. Powell, Treas.; Thos. Phillips and Edward Roberts, Stewards; William Davies, William Moody, Fred Davies, Matthew Mayne Morgan, Edwin Adams, John Rhys, John Snape, Captain Charles Grey, F. Widdowfield, E. G. Price, David Davies, H. I. Thomas, William Thomas, and John Davis. We also noticed amongst the visiting brethren the W.M., Bro. Chas. Taylor, of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, Merthyr; Peter Williams, P.M., Merthyr; J. E. Jones, W. E. Jones, P.M.; Seddon, I.P.M., Merthyr; and H. Simpson, Cardiff. Letters of apology were read from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, T. M. Talbot, as well as the W. Dep. Pro. Grand Master, E. J. Morris. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been given and duly responded to,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, coupled with the name of Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the guest of the evening, and, in doing so, said that Bro. Parkinson had instilled a measure of freshness, vigour, and energy into the hearts of the members, and imbued them with a determination to uphold the efficiency of St. David's Lodge.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and drunk with Masonic honours.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson said: In repeating my thanks for this most beautiful work of art, allow me to say that I shall wear it gladly at all Masonic gatherings, and shall always refer with satisfaction and with pride to my connection with the St. David's Lodge of Aberdare. From the night of my presenting myself at its door and working my way in here unknown, uninitiated, and unvouched for, trusting only to my own Masonic knowledge and to the universality of its passport, through the phases of my joining the lodge, being elected to its chair, and presiding over it as Master, I have met with uniform kindness from the brethren, as well as with what has been to me even more valuable—a ready and intelligent appreciation of the lessons of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) From causes to which it is unnecessary to refer, the Masons of Aberdare remained for some years under a cloud, from no fault of their own, but from circumstances entirely beyond their control. I venture to assert that the cloud has now been entirely removed, and under the genial rule of our Provincial Grand Master, whose unavoidable absence to-night we deeply deplore, this St. David's Lodge will henceforth take its legitimate place on the roll of lodges in South Wales, as one in which the spirit of Masonry burns brightly and where the working and the discipline of the Order may fairly challenge comparison. (Cheers.) I speak with some experience of lodge working, and I say the strides taken by the Masons of Aberdare during the last two years have been enormous, and reflect the highest credit upon them. Recent events have stimulated the public curiosity concerning the tenets and practices of our Order, and it is admitted on all hands

that we are a powerful and influential body, strong in our unity, our organization, and our discipline. (Cheers.) The only difference between our critics is as to the scope and tendency of those. Seven years ago I wrote a paper entitled "What is the good of Freemasonry?" and sent it to the late Mr. Charles Dickens, who did me the honour of publishing it in his periodical "All the Year Round." I then declared the Craft to be "Blessed by crowned, and banned by tonsured heads, the essence of evil according to some men, and a fountain of goodness if you listen to others;" and it has sometimes seemed to me that the description gains strength and force as the years roll on. Here, in England, where we have inherited from our forefathers all the blessings of religious toleration and civil liberty, we can hardly understand the venomous rancour with which so innocent and beneficial an institution as Freemasonry is assailed, and many of us were at first disposed to smile at attacks which seemed childish in their meanness, spite, and misconception. But the perseverance with which these attacks were repeated, and the unrelenting hostility displayed, has stimulated inquiry and caused the reasons for their enmity to be better understood. (Cheers.) Not to go over an old story, I would ask students of history to note that wherever nations are free, happy, prosperous, and law-abiding, where there is constitutional government and religious liberty, Freemasonry flourishes; the most exalted personages in those realms are proud to enter its ranks and to avow their allegiance to its principles. On the other hand, in countries oppressed by spiritual tyranny or civil despotism, the light of Freemasonry is dreaded, and it is proscribed as a thing accursed. There is at this time no country in Europe where it is so dangerous to admit to be a Freemason as in Spain, and we all know the distressed condition of that unhappy country. (Loud cheers.) Italy furnishes a stronger example still, for so long as she was oppressed by misgovernment Freemasonry was punished by imprisonment, confiscation, and banishment, while directly she became free, lodges multiplied, and a Grand Lodge, presided over by the distinguished patriot Mazzini, was established. In Rome itself, it is important to know—and I pledge my personal credit to the fact, for I have taken unflinching means to inform myself, and it is beyond dispute—that Italian and English Freemasonry are absolutely identical. All the gossip as to the incendiary designs of Italian Freemasons, their conspiracies against the State, and their lawless compacts, are absolute inventions of the enemy. Doubtless, in times past Italian Freemasons, smarting under the horrible mis-government of their country, endeavoured to realise the principles taught by the Craft, but now that Italy is free, Masonry there is precisely what it is here, and it would be as sensible and as truthful to brand this meeting as composed of assassins and conspirators, as to believe the same charges against the illustrious men who rule the Craft in Italy. (Cheers.) Let us never forget, whenever Freemasonry is called in question, that Italy's past and present history, and the position of the Craft in that country then and now, furnish the most complete answers to assailants. It is for them to prove that light, freedom, order, constitutional government, and religious toleration are imperilled when Freemasonry is allowed to pursue its way without suppression or interference. (Hear, hear.) This makes the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Rome one of the greatest Masonic triumphs of the century, and it is gratifying to find that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales readily recognised its importance, and that one of his earliest acts as Grand Master was to place the Grand Lodge of England in official communication with that of Italy. Brethren, by our Masonic laws and obligations, no lodge can flourish in any district without conserving and strengthening respect for duly constituted authority, obedience to the law, loyalty to the Throne, charity to all mankind, and affection to the brotherhood; and it is the bounden duty of every Mason, whatever his position in life, to co-operate with his brethren for upholding the Craft. I shall always be glad that I have been able to render some slight service to this lodge, and shall always refer with pride to this evening, and to this mark of your great kindness and consideration. As for my own wishes for the prosperity of the St. David's Lodge, let me quote the words of our illustrious Mason, our brother Robert Burns, as sung by him at the Kilmaruock Kilwinning Lodge on an occasion somewhat similar to the present:—

"The powers who preside o'er the world and the tide,
Who marked each element's border;
Who formed this frame with beneficent aim,
Whose sovereign statute is order.
Within this dear mansion may wayward contention,
Or withered envy ne'er enter;
May secrecy round be the mystical bound,
And brotherly love be the centre.

—(Loud cheers.)

The remainder of the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner, the toasts being interspersed with songs and recitations.

TRADE MARKS.—One of the last Acts passed in the recent Session was to establish a Register of Trade Marks, under the superintendence of the Commissioners of Patents, and from and after the 1st July next a person is not to be entitled to institute any proceeding to prevent the infringement of any trade marks as defined by the Act until and unless such trade mark is registered. An office is to be established, not later than the 1st of January next, in such a manner and with such officers and at such salaries, to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, as the Lord Chancellor may, with the consent of the Treasury, direct.

Poetry.

THE "P.M.'S" SONG.

By BRO. T. BURDETT YEOMAN.

Dedicated by permission to the Most Illustrious, Exalted, and Worthy Bro. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

Come once again, whilst I relate
Some worthy deeds and acts;
Give ear all ye, till I discuss
A record full of facts.
My tales are true, no one will doubt
They're pungent in their way,
For stirring scenes and sympathies
Are met with ev'ry day.

Chorus: Then honour pay where it is due,
For 'tis a sterling gem,
One of rare worth—all Masons own
Past jewelled chair, P.M.

The path it may be difficult,
And some can ne'er attain;
Sometimes a check lies in the way
But patience pray maintain.
All is not perfect e'en with us,
To gain the goal we like;
But earnest be in what you do,
The vein you're sure to strike.

Chorus: Then honour pay, etc.

One cannot stride through all degrees,
But step by step one gains
A near approach for what he toils
Before he holds the reins.
Much thought you need, and study too;
'Tis not an easy task
To reach the chair beset with cares,
And in its honours bask.

Chorus: Then honour pay, etc.

The rule is somewhat paradox,
But truth it is laid down;
Intelligence must reign supreme,
Yet justice bears the crown.
All are as one before 'tis done,
And union is complete;
You must by all accepted be
To reach the longed-for seat.

Chorus: Then honour pay, etc.

To rule a lodge of goodly men,
With hope the guiding star;
To sit among the jewelled band,
Its lustre ne'er to mar.
'Tis highly honoured in the Craft,
Each glance doth homage pay
To see this noble band of men,
The Past Masters' array.

Chorus: Then honour pay, etc.

THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

On Saturday last a small party of brethren, well known in the Order, assembled at a most agreeable dinner provided with much care by Bro. R. Stone, at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, Middlesex. The chair was occupied by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital. On his left was Lieut.-Col. Peters, and among the other members of the company were Bros. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; J. G. Marsh, W. T. Howe, J. Llewellyn Jones, E. G. Hislop, C. A. Davis, George Townsend, W. Clifton Crick, R. Stone, and H. Massey ("Freemason"). After enjoying the excellent repast and choice wines set before them, the brethren honoured several Masonic toasts, beginning with "The Queen," and following this up with "The Prince of Wales, G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and others." In the course of the evening Dr. Brette proposed "Success to the Masonic Institutions," and when this had been enthusiastically drunk, Bro. R. Wentworth Little responded. In his reply he contrasted the present with the past condition of all the Masonic Charitable Institutions. After referring to the large number of annuitants now on the books of the Benevolent Institution, the number (177) of boys in the Boys' School, and of girls in the Girls' School, he said that the rapid increase in the members of the Order, and the liberality of the contributions to its charities, necessitated a corresponding distribution of their benefits. With this view the managers of each of the institutions were constantly exercising their minds as to how much further they might go in opening their doors to the multiplying demands made thereat. Speaking for the moment of the Girls' School, with which he was more immediately connected, he might inform the brethren that the building at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, was not capable of receiving a greater number of children than it at present contained (150). Although the grounds were extensive they were merely sufficient for this number of children, and the alterations in the neighbourhood of the school rendered it impossible to purchase more land contiguous to the existing site. It would therefore be incumbent on the managers to find land elsewhere to keep pace with the growing claims of the Craft, and a scheme would shortly be placed before the subscribers with that object. A notice of motion for the enlargement of the establishment had already been given in committee by a member (Bro. Joshua Nunn), and in that shape the matter would come before the brethren. The Rev. Dr. Brette thanked the brethren for their liberal support of his list, on which he, as Steward at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, had been enabled to take up the sum of £94 10s., to be added to the funds of that institution. The party of brethren returned to town by the last train.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A committee of this institution met on Wednesday, September 8th, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., in the chair. Bros. Samuel Rawson, R. H. Giraud, Henry G. Warren, Charles F. Hogard, Louis Stean, John Newton, James Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, Wm. Stephens, Hyde Pullen, Thos. Cubitt, R. W. Little, and James Terry, Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and verified. The Secretary reported the death of two annuitants, one of whom had received £150, and the other £213.

The report of the House Committee was approved, and an estimate directed to be made of the cost of erecting an iron railing in front of the institution at Croydon.

A widow was granted half her late husband's annuity, and one candidate was placed on list for election in May next.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday, 4th September, Bro. Henry Browne, Vice-Pat., in the chair. Among the others present were Bros. Richard Spencer, Vice-Pat.; Henry Smith, West Yorkshire, V.P.; Frederick Adlard, V.P.; George Bolton, V.P.; Henry Moore, Henry Dubosc, Robert Webster, Jesse Turner, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

Petitions were accepted on behalf of two candidates for April, 1876, election, and an outfit value £5 was granted to an ex-pupil, after which the Committee adjourned.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We learn that Bro. Edward James Harty, the designer and drawer of the Installation Picture, has been in Paris in connection with the engraving of the picture, and that from thence he proceeded to Lausanne, to lay it before the "Convent Universel," which commenced its proceedings on Monday, the 6th inst. We are happy to learn that Bro. Harty is progressing well with his undertaking, and we trust that it will receive warm support alike at home and abroad.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, Hants, offers himself as a candidate for the vacant seat at the board of the London and South-Western Railway Company, caused by the resignation of Mr. Hutchins.

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Ellis and Mrs. Ellis have returned to Byfleet from Castleham, Hollington, where they have been on a visit to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress.

With reference to a complaint of our Bro. Homfray, A.G.D.C., we beg to say that his name, as well as that of Bro. R. Scott, D.G.M. Trinidad, were omitted from the posts they occupied in last Grand Lodge by inadvertence.

The will and codicil, dated July 22nd, 1871, and December 7th, 1872, of Sir Charles Locock, Bart., late of Hertford-street, Mayfair, and of Binstead, in the Isle of Wight, who died on July 23rd last, was proved on the 18th ult. by Sir Charles Brodie Locock, Bart., and the Rev. Alfred Henry Locock, two of the sons of the deceased, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £100,000.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—The number of visitors to the Alexandra Palace since the opening on the 1st of May has considerably exceeded one million.

Ten thousand rupees have been subscribed by the merchants of Aden for the purpose of giving a fitting reception to the Prince of Wales.

It is rumoured that the Maharaja of Travancore will proceed to Bombay to visit the Prince of Wales.

Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co., the Crystal Palace pyrotechnists, have been informed that the Municipality of Calcutta has decided to engage them to give a display of fireworks on a very large scale, in honour of his Royal Highness's (the Prince of Wales) visit to that city.

We are under obligations to the Provincial Grand Prior of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for lists of the officers of the Nova Scotia Preceptory and the Priory of the same. They are as follows:—Sir Knts. Benjamin Curren, D.C.L., Eminent Preceptor; W. N. Woodill, Constable; C. F. Vose, Marshal; Rev. H. P. Almon, D.C.L., Chaplain; S. R. Sircorn, P.E.C., Treasurer; H. M. Hamilton, Registrar; A. H. Woodill, M.D., Sub-Marshal; J. Tracey, Chaplain of the Guard; C. Payzant, B.A., Almoner; J. W. Andrews, W. W. Rickards, Standard Bearers; R. M. Stirling, A. G. Hesslein, Pursuivants; J. M. Taylor, Guard. Priory:—Sir Knts. Benjamin Curren, Eminent Prior; Rev. H. P. Almon, Prelate; W. N. Woodill, Capt.-General; C. F. Vose, First Lieut.-General; A. H. Crowe, Second Lieut.-General; W. E. McCoy, Third Lieut.-General; A. H. Woodill, Marshal; W. W. Rickards, Hospitaller; J. W. Andrews, Admiral; J. R. Jennett, Conservator; J. Tracy, Bailie; C. Payzant, Turcopolier; H. M. Hamilton, Chancellor; S. R. Sircorn, Treasurer; J. M. Taylor, Guard. The head quarters are at Halifax.

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MUSIC.—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has decided that his free scholarship in this school shall be awarded, after an open competition, among the inhabitants of the Principality of Wales.

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Careful attention will be paid to all MSS. entrusted to the Editor, but he cannot undertake to return them unless accompanied by stamped directed covers.

The following stand over:—

Prov. G. Lodge of Somersetshire; The Mayo Statute at Cockermouth; Reports of Lodges 1458, 1224; Chapter 335; Lodges of Instruction 45 and 1228.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1876.

A form has been forwarded within the last twelve or fourteen days to the W.M. of every London lodge, respectfully requesting that the name and number of the lodge, place, day and months of meeting might be filled in and returned as speedily as possible, in order that corrections, where needed, may be made in the Diary and Pocket Book for 1876, which will be ready about October 1st. As many lodges do not re-assemble until October and November, a large number of the applications will not unfortunately reach the W.M. until too late for the publication. The publisher will therefore be very thankful to any W.M. or other officer, or members, who will favour him by forwarding the above information as early as possible to the Office, 198, Fleet Street, London. A regular form will be sent, when required, on receipt of name and address.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11, 1875.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

We had intended finishing our remarks commenced last week to-day, but as we publish in this impression a most able letter from a Scottish brother, on the present position of the Craft in Scotland, we think it better to give up our intention. We do not know that we could say much that is either new or striking. There is no reason why the Masonic system in Scotland should not be as firm and regularized as it is in England, but perhaps on the whole, it is more respectful to Scottish Freemasons, and the Scottish Grand Lodge, to believe that they are capable of managing their own concerns, and know their own business best, and so we leave the matter here. We shall always welcome any change, which shall give strength and vitality to Freemasonry in Scotland; as knowing how warm-hearted and "leal" our good brethren are, we always feel regret when we hear it said, what is the proof before the world of the active principles of Scottish Masonic Charity? All movements, though good in themselves, which do not deal with the annual contribution from every member to the Benevolent Fund are only palliatives in our opinion of a standing weakness, not a permanent remedy, nor a radical cure.

THE MASONIC CONGRESS AT LAUSANNE.

A dreadful event is taking place this week in Switzerland. Elderly Abbès and young Ultramontones are shaking their heads and ears in pious horror at the development of the "mystery of the iniquity" of Freemasonry, evidenced by tolerated (tolerated, Sir!) meetings of revolutionists, conspirators, illuminés, agitators, destructives, unbelievers, internationals, "children of Satan," &c., &c., from all parts of the world, at the pleasant and quiet city of Lausanne. What dreadful consequences may be the result of this weakness of the Swiss authorities, who can foretell or venture to say? But there can be no doubt "something is up," some mischief is being hatched, when these dreadful Freemasons meet in such large numbers. There can be little question that it is only to further their own "secret warfare against Church and State." Now, we always feel a great deal of pity for alarmists, whether elderly ladies or young "ansers," and we think it well to endeavour to relieve their anxieties and sooth their fears. Not that we believe that anything we can say will do so, in fact, now, as the word "Freemasonry" acts like "a bit of red rag" to large classes of bovine Romanists and Ritualists. As we write, and when you read, the meeting of the Rite Eccossais will be about half over, not quite; and we think it, therefore, well to call attention to its programme, with such comments as our Masonic experience may suggest. It seems that the Swiss members of the Supreme Council of the Scotch Rite, and foreign members of the same, delegates, &c., are expected to arrive at Lausanne on the 4th, 5th, and 6th, and are to be received by a Council of Reception with white rosettes. There is something very significant in this colour. Is it the "Drapeau Blanc" raised in Switzerland? or, though it looks like a "badge of innocence," does it only cover the dark deeds and the black hearts of Freemasons? It is a serious question. The "convent," it appears (nothing is said about a nunnery) is to be opened on the 6th at 3 p.m. in the casino-theatre at Lausanne. At seven, after four hours of "travail"—not travel—a banquet is to be offered to the hungry and thirsty brethren, and which is to be followed by a soirée familière, a fraternal "free and easy," at which smoking and singing will both be allowed. We are not told whether ladies are to be admitted; we hope they are. Tuesday, the 7th, and Wednesday, the 8th, are to be given up to "labour," and as nothing is said about "refreshment," it almost looks, as Sir Wilfrid Lawson would facetiously observe, as if it would be a "very dry job." On Thursday, the 9th, after an early "seance" for work, they are to make an excursion to Chexbres, a pleasant hill and Pension not far from Vevey, overlooking the beautiful Lake of Geneva. On the 10th and 11th they are to go to work again, on the 12th they rest, and on the 13th they have a grand outing. A steamboat leaves Ouchy at 9 a.m., calls at Vevey at 9.45, and takes them on to Chillon. They will visit the castle and dungeon, they will shake hands with Bro. Bonnard, they will open a lodge actually in the subterranean chamber, and they will hold a revel in the Knights' Hall. At 6 they return to Lausanne. We fancy that the recital so far will cause our agitated adversaries to exclaim, What can they be after? What iniquity are they hatching? There must be something in this more than meets the eye, to assemble in a subterranean chamber, and dine in the Knights' Hall! Well, this band of conspirators will return to Lausanne, et puis? They do nothing apparently until the 18th; at least, nothing is said in the programme; no, they conspire in secret. On the 18th, dreadful act, they promenade in Lausanne and its environs, and, no doubt, admire the ladies and the scenery. Again a mysterious silence about four days. What can they be doing? On the 22nd they go to Eschallen for a picnic, croquet, and five o'clock tea, and having opened a lodge in the 33rd Degree Reamur, they close it immediately in consequence of the intense heat, and the extensive demand for Swiss champagne and the Sippon. The Lodge of Liberty thereupon invites the brethren to a sitting of "adieu," and a standing-up "family soirée," and then

they all disperse to the four winds of heaven as fast as the railway trains can carry them away. Is there not a good deal to be made out of this apparently explicit, but clearly misleading programme? What deeds of darkness are they plotting on the days not specified? Who can answer? On the whole, we are inclined to believe that our brethren of the Rite Eccossais, when assembled, will be excessively happy together, and with light hearts, good spirits, and excellent appetites, will enjoy alike the "seances" of "travail," the "banquets," and the "soires familiares," as well as the "fête champêtres." We fancy, that once assembled as Freemasons, lawfully and peaceably alike in the fear of God and love of man, they will care little for ban or blessing, for angry incrimination, or foolish excommunication. They will see one of the fairest countries in the world, they will look on the Lake of Geneva in all its beauty, and catch a glimpse of the Savoy Hills, and the "Pic du Midi." Theirs will be very happy "rassemblement," and fascinating "pelerinages," and if they are wise enough to take their fair sisters with them, they will double their enjoyment, and enhance the pleasantness of the reunion. We are sure they will meet and part in love for one another, and charity with all men, and as they pour out the final "vin d'honneur," they will wish to their calumnious and remorseless adversaries a more Christian vocabulary, and much better manners. We trust that all success and happiness will attend the brethren of the Rite Eccossais now gathered together at Lausanne.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

A paper which we publish in another column, translated from the "Chaine de l'Union" of August, suggests many seasonable thoughts, to all those who take an interest in French Freemasonry, and we would add to the French brethren themselves. We do not know exactly what the "Eglise Libre" of Nice is as a journal, whether it represents what is termed the "Old Catholic" or the French Protestant, or even the Waldensian body. Whichever it be, the writer of the article uses very effective arguments, and shows much good sense. Curiously enough, the views propounded and the dicta laid down by this independent and non-Masonic witness, exactly agree with what has often been said in the leading columns of the "Freemason." We have tried to point out that the real teaching of the French Freemasonry (whatever may be the "chic" of the hour,) is neither materialism, positivism, or moral independence. Remembering the older French teaching, we have contended that they, like us, are bound to uphold the theistic position of our Universal Order, and to make the Bible a perpetual emblem in their lodges, and the basis and guide of all their moral strivings. It is this, let us hope temporary, alliance with the sceptical school and violent politicians, both in France and Belgium, which has so weakened the true status of Freemasonry in each country, and has alarmed friends and embittered foes! Whatever Monsignor Dupanloup's real feeling about Freemasonry may be, when confined to the purely philanthropic and benevolent side of the question, as with us in England, we know not, though probably, like all sincere Roman Catholics, he does not allow himself to argue upon the matter, and accepts the infallible allocutions of infallible occupants of the See of St. Peter. Still, we are bold enough to think and to express our opinion that had the Bishop of Orleans only to deal with Freemasonry as it exists under the Anglo-Saxon system, and where its watchwords are "Loyalty and Charity," he would not have deemed it worth his while either to "étudier" the question, much less to communicate his "Etude" to the world. Under all the circumstances of the case, "le jeu," most certainly, ne valait pas "la chandelle." But as it is, he had a fine field open to him, and he has profited by the occasion to make the most of his case, and we fear that we must add, to cause impartial persons to admit that there is great room for improvement, alike in words and acts, among many Freemasons of both those countries. We therefore earnestly commend this important extract from Bro. Hubert's journal to the attention

of all our brethren in France and Belgium. Its moderation will ensure attention, and its ability will attract readers. Heartily agreeing with every word of it, and rejoicing to note how it confirms in every particular our previously expressed opinions, we feel that it is in itself a complete justification of every remark we have made and of every argument we have used. Our Bro. Valleton, who is the correspondent, we believe, of the "Monde Maconnique," says, that we believe everything the Bishop of Orleans and others choose to say against Freemasonry in France, &c. But, begging his pardon, we do nothing of the kind. We have, on the contrary, pointed out where we think Bro. Caubet has the advantage of the Bishop of Orleans, but where also, as Bro. Caubet seems to admit, the Bishop of Orleans may fairly complain of speeches which are not Masonic in any sense. We agree with Bro. Caubet that, so far, the Grand Orients of both countries are not responsible for the silly vapourings of individual brethren. When we talked of the "sterile path of politics, &c.," we meant that the Grand Orient should publicly disavow any sympathy with many of the proceedings of the lodges under its control, with numberless discussions which are not Masonic, and which do no good to true Freemasonry. As a body it is possible the Grand Orient does not allow any discussion on such topics, but if we in England in our lodges amused ourselves by long debates about purely political matters, such as the education question, and numerous social subjects which we leave wisely to the legislative bodies, and, above all, if we put forth disquisitions on points both of doubtful morality and actual scepticism, our Grand Lodge would be held responsible for the acts of the private lodges. And so it must be in France. The one hope of safety and salvation for Freemasonry in France and Belgium is that it may cease to be a debating club, and that it will banish all religious and political discussions from every lodge, and give itself up to works of common beneficence and usefulness, as peaceable and law-abiding citizens, as instructed and faithful Freemasons.

THE LOSS OF THE VANGUARD.

Few Englishmen, or Scotchmen, or Irishmen, but felt a thrill of pain, when they heard of the submersion of this noble specimen of our modern naval construction. We all feel proud, perhaps no longer of our "wooden walls," but at any rate of our "ironclad bulwarks." There is something in the free, manly, devoted spirit of sea service which has ever commended itself very deeply to the hearts and sympathies of all the inhabitants of Great Britain. We have been proud of our navy, its successes, its devotion, its discipline, and its unconquered flag! It is not often that such disasters have happened, though of course, in the long and stormy annals of the past, amid deeds of danger and scenes of peril, amid the storm and tempest, the battle and the breeze, amid the horrors of fire and the dangers of icy seas, we have had more than one occasion to mourn over losses of ships, and above all losses of life. The Royal George went down, with brave old Kempenfelt, with many hundred men; the Captain capsized in a squall off the Spanish coast; and we have had to deplore numerous cases of mournful shipwreck, only lightened up by the heroic endurance and the unflinching discipline of our gallant blue jackets. In a fog off the Irish coast one great ironclad runs into the other, and in an hour the "Vanguard," struck by the ram, goes down in nineteen fathoms of water, luckily with no loss of life, except the captain's faithful dog. What a commentary on the uncertainty of earthly things, and the insecurity of earthly strength! Despite "water tight compartments," &c., which aim to keep the vessel afloat, the fatal rent has apparently overpowered all scientific contrivances, or rather the mighty and irresistible and uncontrollable ocean has asserted its own unchanging strength. Whether the "Vanguard" can be raised or not, remains to be seen, but whether or no, it is impossible but such an event must be a matter of much serious thought for all connected with the navy, and indeed for any

reflecting person. One writer states that the "Vanguard" could not communicate with the "Iron Duke" because it had no means of signalling in a fog. Surely the advance of science is able to deal with such a question as this, and in this age of discovery and amelioration, some mode may be found of affording the means of fog-signalling. It seems odd to an impartial spectator, that in a fog such mighty vessels were so close together, so as to allow no room for the slightest variation of the course, but that is surely a question for the naval enquiry. We are only expressing the feeling of all our readers when we say how much we regret to hear of such a startling catastrophe, and when we rejoice in knowing that all lives were saved, and that the "devouring main" which holds this mighty specimen of our modern Navy in its tumultuous waves, has not also in its mysterious depths any human victims, for us to mourn over, or to weep for.

THE PERILS OF THE RAIL.

* Those of us who are old enough to remember the days of coaching, and the George and Blue Boar, Holborn, will call to mind not a few of the perils of the road. To-day we are most concerned, sic "tempora mutantur," with the perils of the rail. Every now and then London, calmly perusing the "Times" and daily papers, is startled from its apathy by the account of some dire accident. Many, then, are our remarks, "More Britannorum," and forcible are our observations. Still the perils remain, still they crop up, still they sadden us with their lugubrious details, still they make us actually think for a few passing moments, for the "phenomenon" of a railway accident is very impressive. Despite all the advance of science and efforts of skill, despite all human care and precaution, it often happens that "in a moment in the twinkling of an eye," the line is covered with the debris of shattered and splintered carriages, the ground occupied by the wounded, the dying, and the dead, and the shrieks of agonizing suffering, or the exclamations of absorbing terror, affect the strongest heart, and flurried the stoutest nerve. And we confess, that despite many great and heartrending episodes in railway travelling, we have seldom realized more deeply the perils of the rail than in the recent Kildwick calamity. The remarks of the "Times" on the subject were most opportune and effective, and at the same time most undeniably true. Kildwick is a station of the Midland Railway, in what is termed the Craven country, and this train was an excursion train returning to Bradford. Some hard worked Bradfordians had been away for an "outing," and on their homeward return there comes this dreadful accident, this cruel suffering for them and surviving friends. And then of course re-appears the old question, Who's to blame? Who did it? The first and hasty reply to the question is generally an attack on the railway company. At such times the frame of mind of the British travelling public is very severe, and they believe that until the fate happens to a Director or General Manager which Sydney Smith anticipated for a Bishop these accidents will never cease. Now, we feel bound to say for the Midland Railway Company, knowing its line well, that despite some dreadful accidents which have occurred on it, it is most carefully worked and skilfully managed. All precautions are taken, humanly speaking, to avoid collisions and to shut out danger in travelling; and we do not suppose that any company, as a rule, is more watchful over its arrangements and its officials, who, for the most part, are steady, particular, and yet obliging. Probably it all will have arisen from some unforeseen and uncontrollable contingency, the mistake of a pointsman, or the error of a signalman. The enquiry under Captain Tyler will probably tell us something to this effect. And then what more can be done or said? The victims are gone, the sufferers are still there. We do not know that much more can be made of the matter one way or the other. It is a most deplorable accident, and affecting in its commentary on the vicissitudes of human life, and the uncertainties of a day of pleasurable excursion. All our readers will be full of pity for those who saw the sad catastrophe, who suffered from it,

who survive it, who have left their friends to mourn for them for many a long day. But numbering the thousands upon thousands who throng our railway system, the stress upon railway officials, the extreme carelessness of many excursionists, and above all the unavoidable contingencies and perils of the rail, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact, considering everything, that accidents are happily not of frequent occurrence, and we are disposed to doubt whether the perils of the rail, with countless travellers to-day, exceed in their measure the perils of the road, with their hundreds by comparison fifty years ago. Since this was written the official enquiry has demonstrated that the collision was owing to one or both of the causes mentioned above.

THE MASONIC STRUGGLE IN FRANCE, AND THE NEW POSITION OF FREEMASONRY THERE.

With reference to the present struggle going on in France between the Ultramontanes and the Freemasons, and the true position of Freemasonry in that country, we have translated the following interesting paper, which originally appeared in the "Eglise Libre" of Nice, and is quoted by Bro. Hubert in the "Chaine de L'Union," for August. To understand the extract aright, we must bear in mind the internecine struggle going on between the opposing schools of thought and action, and we shall appreciate the impartial spirit and the correct views of the writer, be he who he may.

"With regard to the philosophical address of Mons. Littré, at his Masonic initiation, the 'Eglise Libre' has expressed the idea to which all Christians will subscribe. It is evident that if Freemasonry, which appears to aim at rallying all the living forces of true liberality in the struggle against an invading clericalism, had no other profession of principles but that made at the lodge of 'La Clemente Amie,' it would drive away from it not only Christians, but those convinced spiritualists who think you cannot create a sound social and individual morality without positive belief in the soul and its immortality. A fortiori the disciples of our common Saviour would feel themselves obliged to separate themselves from a society which was expressly based on principles hostile to their faith. But must we consider Mons. Littré's manifesto as an official declaration of Freemasonry?"

No; and nothing could be more erroneous. One might contend "au contraire," that the traditional and authentic Masonic principles are opposed to materialism and positivism. They are based on the belief in a personal God. The ancient expression of the "Great Architect of the Universe" applied to God, sufficiently indicates this fact, and one might say that the immense majority of Freemasons, especially among the middle and working class, still hold to this religious and moral idea, as philosophical as any other, and most akin to common sense. It is true that Freemasonry has not escaped more than other human societies in general, and religious denominations (churches) in particular, also, from the contentions of intellect, and from the divisions which result from them. All the perturbations of our actual society are reflected in them. We have had orthodox and Freethinkers, and we remember that a lodge was suspended some years ago by the Grand Orient of France for having introduced in its regulations details of doctrine which contradicted the traditional principles! There are also among Freemasons the "Littrés" "in petto," and even more advanced, as well as fervent Roman Catholics. The latter have become more rare since the war declared by the syllabus. There are in particular two great currents, one which draws us towards the principles of the morality called independent, and which entirely contests the affirmation of all believers, the other, which maintains the belief in God, Father of all men, source and end of the activity of all moral beings. This last, we say once more, is in a great majority. Whatever it may be, we may say that Positivism is not at all the official faith of Freemasons—just the contrary. They have come to tolerate it greatly, that is all. That this toleration may be maintained without giving a mournful blow to that humanitarian alliance which Freemasonry seeks, it is certainly desirable that it should not degenerate into manifestoes like that which has been alluded to. It is true that in the place of believing that the Littré manifesto is painful to the conscience of Christians, we might deduce from it on the contrary, that Mons. "Littré" dogmatizing gave to Christians the right of professing their beliefs in the lodges, and of rendering homage to their Saviour. And as there are men of faith among the Freemasons the Gospel truth would have there its representatives and its defenders. But Freemasonry would lose too soon its character and its usefulness, if it became an arena for religious discussions, and of diverging professions of faith. The best would be, that it should return to its neutral character and its original purpose, which is an humanitarian alliance outside and above all political and religious parties, with this only dogma positive and exclusive; liberty for all, and respect of all! Holding itself within these limits as it is in reality inclined, Freemasonry could not have anything hostile to the evangelical faith, nor repugnant to Christians. On the contrary it could become one of the "boulevards" of modern liberties, for it is the only general organization and tolerated in all states which can be opposed to the great Jesuitical conspiracy. Far from encouraging Christians from uniting themselves with its efforts, and enrolling themselves under its banners, we ought to urge perhaps all liberal minded believers to enter its lodges. They would prevent Freemasonry from getting into the hands of intolerant philoso-

phical coteries, and they would reinforce the "League of Liberty" of which the success is so important above all in France, for the free spread of the evangelical faith."

[By this last phrase we understand that liberty of conscience and worship are meant, which all Freemasons respect.] Ed.

Original Correspondence.

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

HIGHRODIAMS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

I have read with much interest Bro. R. W. Little's letter in your last "Freemason," and am not *primâ facie* indisposed to accept the plausible explanation he suggests, if it can be substantiated, as "Herodian" is very near to "Highrodiam," though I cannot agree that his proposal to understand "Domestic and Foreign," Domestic and Geomatic, speculative and operative, one of the three that is for "Domaskin and Forin," so far is either a philological one, or is likely to be accepted generally. I do not, however, quite agree with him, that because in 1787 Preston opened the Grand Chapter of Harodim, therefore the grade, or whatever you like to term it, did not exist before. Preston distinctly says that it was an old Order, but mainly cultivated abroad, and new in England, and it is just possible that it is after all only adapted from one of the well-known foreign High Grades, in which the word "Harodim" occurs. I quite agree that if it really only was founded altogether in 1787, it could not be identical with an Order mentioned in 1746, but this point has yet to be decided, and cannot be settled until we know the exact nature, &c., of the Grand Chapter of Harodim, for which Preston claims great merit and excellence. With regard to the "Herodians," as a distinct grade, "formerly well-known in England," I confess that I receive the statement, with all deference to Bro. Little, with much hesitation.

It would almost seem as if our good brother's authority for the statement is Finch, though Bro. Little must well know that Finch's authority is of no value in such a discussion whatever, he being a thorough charlatan, and may have been the originator of the "Herodians" himself. Though I know Bro. Little has said so, Finch's assertion is new to me as a fact.

The "Herodians" are unknown, I believe, to all Masonic historians and writers. I know of no printed work professing to deal with the High Grades, though I have read a great many, which alludes even to such an Order.

They are not mentioned by Preston nor acknowledged by Oliver, as far as I am aware, I find no trace of them in Mackey or Macoy, nor are they apparently known by the compilers of the "Allgemeines Handbuch." But though I say this, I write deferentially on all matters relating to the High Grades, and I do not deny that Bro. Little may have subsidiary evidence which will settle the question. Bro. Hughan tells me there was a Harodim Lodge warranted in 1790, and which united with the Lodge of Antiquity in 1794. But a question comes in which Bro. Hughan might perhaps help us, as to whether this "High Order" did not refer to the Royal Arch after all.

There was also, it seems, a Grand Chapter of Herodim or Herodin in London in 1778, and which was visited by a German of the name of Meyer that year, which was under Robt. Lintot and Daniel Gottfried Hintze.

The compilers of the "Handbuch" seem to think that Oliver has confounded these two chapters in his remarks, but that is a point Bro. Little could clear up. I am very glad to hear that Bro. Little is contemplating publishing "extracts" from the Grand Chapter of Harodim, and if he can verify Finch's statement, we may have the explanation of "Highrodiam" in "Herodian."

Yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE 1717 THEORY.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I do not think that there is much use in going over this "debateable land" again!

Bro. Buchan, will he forgive me for saying so? seems in a very bad way. "Incidit in Scyllam cupiens evitare Charybdim."

In order to get out of the inevitable conclusion of historical and non-Masonic evidence—he has now endeavoured to set up three systems of Freemasonry, "The operative Freemasonry of the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries," "The social Freemasonry of the 17th century," and "18th century Freemasonry." This is, begging his pardon, "a reductio ad absurdum" with a vengeance!

Feeling naturally how the "shoe pinches" as regards Plot's and Ashmole's evidence, he calmly disconnects the Freemasonry they mention from any previous or subsequent system, and make it of course entirely distinct from the 1717 Freemasonry!

What is the use of going on with such a discussion?

Bro. Hughan and myself, in accord upon this point, have pointed out to him that Plot, a non-Mason, actually describes almost the exact counterpart of our present system, and declares that it was in existence in 1686, and long previously.

To get over this, Bro. Buchan replies, "oh yes! Plot is correct, there was a Freemasonry in existence in his time, a 'Social Freemasonry,' different from the operative Freemasonry of 'Auld lang syne,' and different too from our modern system." Now what I want to ask Bro. Buchan is, what evidence will satisfy him?

He objects to Masonic historians, we offer him Plot non-Masonic; he quietly puts Plot on one side, invents pro hac vice, his wonderful theory of a "Social 17th century Freemasonry."

I hardly like to say more, but other critics may be

less lenient, because Bro. Buchan is an able man, he understands alike the force of evidence and of argument, and I cannot think his last letter either does credit to himself or the cause of truth, which I honestly believe he really after all, like myself, is anxious to maintain and to advance.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC STUDENT.

MINUTES AND THEIR CONFIRMATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Tebbs is not only not convinced by my last letter upon this subject, but he is confirmed in the opinion that he is right, because, according to him, "my quotations entirely bear out his view of the law of the case."

I am sorry that I did not express myself so clearly as to make him understand me. I am afraid that I cannot write more plainly than I did; it would be of no use to reiterate what I have written. I stated the law as I believe it to be, and I further gave the reasons why I thought it a good law, and I now, therefore, confine myself to remarking upon two errors, as regards fact, into which Bro. Tebbs appears to have fallen. He writes, "Now this is not the case with regard to the election of Grand Master (which I admit most willingly is a precedent to be followed by most every subordinate lodge), for what do we find in page 29, section 1? The Grand Master is to be nominated (not elected) at one Grand Lodge, elected at the next, and then installed, but without any second election at the ensuing festival." (The italics are mine.) Bro. Tebbs goes on, "Is not this exactly what I say should be done, and more, I believe usually is done? What I dispute is that any second election is legal."

The difference between the proceedings in Grand Lodge for the election of Grand Master and those in a private lodge for the election of W.M. consists in this, that in the former case the G.M. is nominated at a previous meeting, and in the latter case the W.M. is not so nominated. In all other respects the proceedings are precisely similar, and the same laws govern both elections.

As regards the words I have italicised above, I take it that Bro. Tebbs supposes that the election of G.M. is not subject to confirmation at the ensuing festival. Let me remind him that at the festival meeting the minutes of the preceding Grand Lodge, so far as they relate to the election of Grand Master, are put for confirmation before the ceremony of installation takes place. If when the question is put the minute were not confirmed the previous election of the Grand Master would be null and void.

Bro. Tebbs will, I trust, now see that this is not what he says should be done, and it is, moreover, not what he says is usually done, and that his contention that any second election (i.e. confirmation of the election of W.M.) is illegal falls to the ground.

Referring to my reasons why, in my opinion, time should be allowed (in the interval between election and confirmation) for due consideration of so important a matter as that of the election of a W.M., Bro. Tebbs writes "Now this seems to me to be perfectly unnecessary. Surely, the month between nomination and election is ample time for the consideration of the matter." My reply is that no such thing as nomination of a W.M. exists. No nomination is required, and, as a rule, I believe that generally none is made. The Secretary reads the names of the members of the lodge who are qualified for election to the office of W.M., each person then writes the name of the brother he votes for on a paper, the paper is placed in the ballot box, the W.M. examines the paper, and declares he who has most votes to be W.M. elect. At the next meeting of the lodge, when that election is confirmed, the brother so elected and his election confirmed is to be installed. What then becomes of Bro. Tebbs's argument? In the election of Grand Master the brethren have from December (the nomination) to the first Wednesday in March (the election), and then from the first Wednesday in March till last Wednesday in April (the confirmation) for consideration. In a private lodge the brethren have only one month, viz., from one lodge meeting to the next, to consider it; and Bro. Tebbs would not even allow them that. He not only thinks that the decision of at that one meeting is, but that it ought to be final.

I think that few will agree with Bro. Tebbs.

P.G.W.

THE POWERS OF W. MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to thank P.G.W. for the trouble he has given himself to answer my letter of the 18th ult. I am sorry, however, he is so needlessly suspicious of me, and it would have been kinder if he had not presumed that there was "something more in my questions than meets the eye," as all I asked for was a plain answer to a plain question, involving a general principle with no reference to any particular case.

Yours fraternally,

AN ABSENT W.M.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ARMS OF THE FREEMASONS.

A correspondent under the initials E.S., in a communication at p. 338, asks what is the colour of the chevron and 3 castles on the shield shown on a Masonic token commemorating the election of the Prince of Wales as G.M., in 1790. The following extract from "Guillim's Display of Heraldry" will supply an answer, with the exception that, as borne by the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, both before the union and at the present day, and as shown in the Masonic token, the field is gules and not azure. Guillim says, "The Company of Masons, being otherwise termed Freemasons, of ancient standing and

good reckoning, by means of affable and kind meetings divers times, did frequent this mutual assembly in the time of King Henry IV., viz., the 12th of his reign. Their arms azure, on a chevron between three castles argent, a pair of compasses, somewhat extended, of the first, were granted by William Hawkston, Clarendieu, 13 Edward IV."

Many years ago a collection of Masonic extracts from MSS. and printed books, made by a member of the lodge at Newark towards the latter end of the last century, came into my hands.

The following extract may possibly interest some of the readers of the "Freemason."

"The Arms of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, &c., from a curious old MSS.

"The Freemasons' Arms were found in the collection of the learned and famous Hebrewist, architect and brother, Rabbi Jacob Jehudah Leon. This gentleman, at the request of the States of Holland, built a model of the Temple of Solomon. The design of this undertaking was to build a temple in Holland, but upon surveying the model it was adjudged that the United Provinces were not rich enough to pay for it, whereupon the model was by the States generously bestowed upon the builder, notwithstanding they had already paid him his demand, which was very great. This model was exhibited to public vision, by authority, at Paris and Vienna, and afterwards at London by a patent under the Great Seal of England, and signed Killigrew, in the reign of King Charles II. At the same time Jacob Judah Leon published a description of the Tabernacle and the Temple, and dedicated it to his Majesty, and in the years 1759 and 1760 I had the pleasure of perusing and examining both these curiosities. The arms are emblazoned thus: Quarterly per squares, countercharged vert, in the first quarter azure, a lyon rampant or; in the second quarter or, an ox passant sable; in the third quarter or, a man with hands erect, proper robed crimson and ermin; in the fourth quarter azure, an eagle displayed or, crest the Holy Ark of the Covenant proper, supported by cherubims. Motto, Kodes La Adorai, i.e., Holiness to the Lord. The learned Spencer says, the cherubims had the face of a man, the wings of an eagle, the back and mane of a lion, and the feet of a calf. Ezekiel says they had four forms, a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, and encamped in four cohorts, the standard of the tribe of Judah carried a lion, the tribe of Ephraim an ox, the tribe of Reuben a man, the tribe of Dan an eagle. These four standards comprised a cherubim, therefore, God chose to sit upon cherubims bearing the forms of those animals to signify that was the leader and king of the cohorts of the Israelites. Bochart says they represented the nature and ministry of angels; by the lion's form is signified their strength, generosity, and majesty; by the ox their constancy and assiduity in executing the commands of God; by their human shape their humanity and kindness, and by that of the eagle their agility and speed. As these were the arms of the Masons that built the Tabernacle and the Temple (!) there is not the least doubt of their being the proper arms of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, Free and Accepted Masons, and the continual practice, formalities, and tradition in all regular lodges (from the lowest degree to the most high, i.e., the Holy Royal Arch) confirm the truth thereof."

Since the union the arms of the Grand Lodge of England consists of both these coats borne per pale, the former coat (as shown in the Masonic Tokens) on the dexter side, and the latter on the sinister. With the former coat the supporters were two beavers; with the latter (and as now borne) two cherubims.

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MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

Having had an opportunity of again examining the specimen of these tokens briefly referred to in my former communication at p. 283, I now append a fuller description of it, and it will be seen that, in one respect, it differs from those already described by your various correspondents. It is 1½ inch in diameter, and is in excellent preservation, being as fresh and sharp as when first struck.

The coat of arms, emblematical figures, and inscriptions on the two sides of this token exactly correspond with Bro. Hughan's description, except that what that worthy brother takes to be an hour-glass is clearly shown to be a book—the volume of the sacred law. The tinctures of the shield are also distinctly shown, and in reply to the queries of E.S. on this subject at p. 338, I send, under another heading; Guillim's emblazonment of the Masons' Arms. Where the Leicester specimen differs from the rest is in the inscription round the rim, which reads as follows:—"Masonic Halfpenny Token MDCCXCIV. XX. X." The probability is that all these tokens were struck from the same die, and that the various inscriptions round the rim (of which other varieties may yet turn up) were subsequently stamped for different Masonic tradesmen, or others who might purchase a lot of the tokens to pay away as small change in their business—a practice which we know was very prevalent about the middle of the seventeenth century, and also, to a less extent, about the period in question, several specimens of which tokens I possess.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Protracted suffering of any kind soon wears down the strongest frame, and weakens the most determined spirit; as the dropping of water will in time wear away the hardest granite, so will persistent pain wear away the powers of the strongest mind. Let none, therefore, who are afflicted with Chronic Rheumatism, Neuralgia, pains, or old painful sores, and Ulcerations, which render their life miserable, yield to despair, but give these inestimable twin remedies a steady and fair trial. Many who have done so (having previously tried "almost everything" without relief) have been delighted and amazed at the change for the better which has been the result of their use. They are invaluable in Skin diseases.—ALVT.

ON THE PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE CRAFT IN SCOTLAND.
(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

The Institution to which we of the present age belong is sprung (as doubtless most of our readers are aware) from what in the olden time was a body composed entirely of men who were actually Masons, and who earned their daily bread by their skill in the manipulation of the mallet and chisel.

When, in the seventeenth century, there began to be admitted within its pale those who were other than members of the craft operatively, these were gentlemen who occupied either the highest positions in society, or had rendered their names famous in their country's history by their gallant deeds in times of war, or their chivalrous conduct in times of peace. Then, when there had sprung into existence the institution known in every corner of the world as Freemasonry, and its founders among us had placed at its head as Grand Master the great St. Clair of Roslyn, what a galaxy of noble, talented men stood around him, able and willing to advise and to support him. Then were the days of the glories of Freemasonry; then lived the men who were determined to make the name "Freemason" respected wherever it was heard, and, all honour be to their memories, they succeeded.

But as time passed on and the strictness of the regulations regarding a man's qualifications for admission into its lodges was relaxed, there began to creep into the fraternity men whom it would have been better without, and who, by their behaviour, degraded the name of the Craft. At one memorable period in the history of its progress in Scotland it was very nearly threatened with annihilation, as one of the consequences of a disgraceful trial for libel, but, though thrown under a cloud for a time, the tenets of the Order soon again began to assert their worth, and it was not long ere it had regained all it had lost, and had increased mightily in the public esteem. No society so honourable; no institution so much respected. At a time when the fires of revolution blazed throughout continental Europe, and their terrible fury caused nations to shake to their centres, when it was feared their seductive influences might take a too powerful hold on our own countrymen—when Chartism was not a myth but a reality, and troublous times were looming ominously on the horizon of the political sky—the enemies of the Craft thought that Freemasonry had received its death blow when the bill was introduced which denounced all secret societies as illegal, and made all secret conclaves liable to be entered upon by the officers of the law, owing to their likelihood to be treasonable. But here the purity of its teachings, and the well-known fact that not even an allusion to politics was allowable inside its lodges, stood it in good stead and saved it. Nay, when the bill became law, it alone was found to be excluded, and when consternation prevailed among the members of the other associations, and their meetings were deserted, its members met in their accustomed places, secure and safe from interruption or intrusion. Since that time the numbers of our brotherhood have gone on increasing wonderfully, and the stain which even but lately was attached to our name has gradually but effectively been effaced.

The position which Freemasonry occupies presently, not only in Scotland, but throughout the whole world, when contrasted with that of any other body, be it social, religious, or political, is not only second to none, but pre-eminently and conspicuously foremost. Freemasons have reason to congratulate themselves upon the fact that this is the case, and to be thankful to those who have striven nobly and well to bring about such a successful issue. And who are these last? First, our Grand Masters and the office-bearers of their respective Grand Lodges, and after them the managing committees of our Provincial Grand Lodges.

We are all agreed that for many years the work in our Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges has been carried on in a most business-like manner. The members of the various committees have not confined themselves to talking only, but have gone about the discharge of their duties in such a manner as to merit the commendation of all right-minded men. The visiting committees of our Provincial Grand Lodges deserve our special thanks. They go here and there and everywhere in their provinces, looking after our lodges, just as if they would accept no evidence as to good conduct or bad save and only that of their own senses, and we know that they are quite as ready to censure (but always kindly, and animated by a true spirit of Masonry) where blame is due, as they are to commend, and they are not slow to do that where praise is due. Then again, see how our Grand Lodge office-bearers attend to their duties, and what a lively interest they take in the welfare of the Craft. It is no sinecure holding office in the Grand Lodge, but though the amount of work entailed be great, our Grand Master and his office-bearers do not seem to shrink from it. But we live in an age of progress, and, having achieved great results, we are not disposed to sit idling our time or lazily to cry "Content, content; let us leave well alone." If we had been we would still be travelling in stage coaches on the land; we would still be taking months instead of weeks for our voyages on the sea; and we would never have encompassed the earth with that magic wire to the furthest extremities of which we can flash our thoughts with the speed of the lightning.

The position of the Craft in Scotland is eminently satisfactory, but though it be so that is no reason why we should desist from our efforts to make its influences even more widely felt and to raise its standing still higher. We are very hopeful of the future. The march of intellect and the consequent advancement of the arts and sciences received, we believe, a great impetus when the Compulsory Education Bill was passed. There lies one of our hopes. What are we to expect from this act as regards Masonry? Wise counsellors, firm, cautious rulers, and

intelligent members. These are what are wanted, because in many cases we have them not, and these will be what we will have. There is too much ignorance amongst us; there is too much lethargy amongst us. How many are there, who, having taken the various obligations of their initiatory degrees, attend the meetings of their respective lodges with the most unvarying regularity, and think, each one of them, "I am doing my duty; this is Freemasonry; this is all my obligations require of me." Are these men right? Emphatically, no! They are wrong; totally, miserably wrong. That is not their duty, that is not Freemasonry, that is not fulfilling the requirements of their obligations. As well might we say that the whole duty of a soldier is to become expert in his drill or quick in his motions, or of a lawyer to become learned in the law. There is something more required of the soldier—to defend and protect the interests of his native country by keeping its enemies at bay; there is something more required of the lawyer—to exercise his learning, in order that the guilty may be punished and the innocent protected. So is there something more required of the Freemason. He is to be the perpetual enemy of immortality of crime, or of evil of any sort; he is to assist the weak; to aid in alleviating human suffering and misery wheresoever found, to bestow his charity and compassion on all possible occasions on the deserving and the needy; to extend the right hand of fellowship to the stranger, to minister to his wants, and make him feel himself among brethren; he is to be as careful of his neighbours' good names as he would have them be of his—in a word, he is ever to be on the side of truth, mercy, and justice, and so to order his walk and conversation as to live in the favour of God and man. That is Freemasonry; that is his duty; that is what his obligations require of him. How we pray that this is what the future will bring us, and that the time will soon be when simply to say of a man "He is a Freemason," will be quite sufficient to afford us such an insight into his character as will enable us to trust him implicitly.

It is not on our Grand Master nor on our Grand or Provincial Grand Lodges that our future prospects of success depend. It is on each and every member of our common fraternity. From the moment of his initiation a sacred duty devolves upon the initiate. The welfare of the Craft is entrusted to his keeping, and there is not one amongst us whose position is so humble or obscure that he cannot either add to its lustre and its reputation or assist in tarnishing its time-honoured name.

That a future lies before us, the glories of which shall eclipse all the glories of the past, we are not slow to believe, but to bring this about we must work. And in working we have many noble examples to look up to. See what an interest the late Lord Dalhousie took in the Craft, and how he spent a large part of a long lifetime in endeavouring to promote its welfare. How devoted to the work was our last Grand Master, the Earl of Rosslyn, and have we not a Grand Master presently in the person of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, whose reign promises to stand out conspicuously as one during which the Craft has flourished.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We should make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

We must work, and work hard too. It is not three oars going in a four-oared boat that we want, but all four swinging merrily and heartily together. It is not big talk and little work, but big work and little talk. See, the sun is already peeping out upon us, and soon we may be basking in its glorious rays if we can only remove the clouds. Let us remove our Masonic clouds, and we shall see the fruits of our labour springing up around us like the plants in the tropics. Let us bend our backs to the oars, let us put our shoulders to the wheel, let us strain every nerve for the attainment of our common object—that of raising still higher the status of the Craft; and rest assured that if we do so we shall ultimately be rewarded with that grand prize of perseverance—success.

But in all our doings let us never be forgetful that there is one above us, one who sits on the great throne of the Grand Lodge on high, noting all our actions here below, and let us so work

"That to perfection's sacred height
We nearer still may rise,
And all we think, and all we do,
Be pleasing in His eyes." X.Y.Z.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER (No. 757) held its installation convocation at the Masonic Hall, Mazagon, Bombay, on Monday, the 12th July, when there were present M. Ex. Comps. Alexr. McKenzie, P.Z.; C. E. Mitchell, P.P.Z., as P.H.; V. Ex. Comps. G. R. Henderson, P.J.; A. Edginton, P.P.Z.; H. J. P. Thompson, P.P.Z.; W. H. Hussey, P.P.Z.; Ex. Comp. F. S. Lewellin, acting S.E.; Comp. R. Cooper, as S.N.; Ex. Comp. W. C. Rowe, P.S., who has held this post for four consecutive years; and Comps. Dr. De Tatham, First Asst., and W. Richardson, Second Asst. Sojourners; J. W. Seager, Janitor, and a large attendance of companions.

The chapter was opened in due form with prayer at 6.30 p.m., and the minutes of the last convocation and permanent committee were read and confirmed.

The business of the evening was to install the Principals elect, Comps. R. G. Henderson, W. C. Rowe, and H. W. Barrow, and the other officers of the chapter.

The M.E.P.Z. then requested all the companions below the rank of an installed Principal, with the exception of the Principals elect, to retire from the chapter, when Comps. G. R. Henderson was installed P.Z.; W. C. Rowe, P.H., and H. W. Barrow, P.J., and the companions were then admitted, and M. Ex. P.Z. invested the following companions:—F. S. Lewellin, S.E.; R. Cooper, S.N.; Dr. De Tatham, P.S.; and Ex. Comp. P.S. nominated

Comps. B. Robinson, First Asst., and W. Richardson, Second Asst. Sojourners. M. Ex. Comp. A. Edginton then proposed that a P.P.Z. jewel be voted by the chapter to M. Ex. Comp. Alexr. McKenzie for the services he had rendered to the chapter, which was carried by an unanimous vote. M. Ex. Comp. McKenzie then thanked the companions in feeling terms for their kindness in recognizing his past services to the chapter, but said he must take this opportunity of thanking the past officers of the chapter for the assistance they had given him by attending to their duties in the way they had done during the past year, and stated that at any time he should be most happy to give his services to the chapter whenever they might require them.

Comps. G. R. Henderson, W. C. Rowe, and H. W. Barrow then returned thanks to the companions for electing them to the high offices, and said they would endeavour to perform their duties to the best of their ability, to maintain and uphold the high name the chapter has held in the district for its working.

M. Ex. Comp. A. Edginton said he had read with pleasure in the last number of the "Masonic Record" the announcement of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being installed as G.P.Z. in the Grand Chapter of England on the 3rd of May last, and proposed that the chapter record the great satisfaction this has given to all English R.A. Masons in the district, which was seconded by M. Ex. Comp. McKenzie, and carried with applause.

The sum of Rs. 50 was voted to the Janitor, he being out of employment, which was ordered to be paid to him at once.

V. Ex. Comp. H. W. Barrow proposed, and V. Ex. Comp. W. C. Rowe seconded, that Comps. Dr. De Tatham, B. Robinson, and C. Tudball, be elected as members of the Permanent Committee, which was carried unanimously by the companions of the chapter. V. Ex. Comp. W. C. Rowe proposed, and V. Ex. Comp. H. W. Barrow seconded, Comp. T. Council as a joining member. Comp. the Rev. C. Gilder signed the Grand Chapter certificate and received the same.

M.E.P.Z. then requested Ex. Comp. S.E. to enter the names of the companions that had passed the ballot, to be placed on the next summons for installation at the next meeting.

There being no further work before the chapter, it was closed in solemn form at 8.30 p.m., the newly installed P.S. giving the closing charge in a most impressive manner.

LODGE CONCORD (No. 757).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 17th July, 1875. Present:—W. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; F. Burdett, as S.W.; F. S. Lewellin, as J.W.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D.; J. E. Syers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; S. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members:—Bros. A. Edginton, P.M.; W. Fearn, J. H. Burrett, W. E. Craddock; W. W. Wilson, J. Weddle, J. Middleton, J. Jones, &c. Visitors:—Bros. Thomas Connell, W.M. 1100; E. C. Mitchell, P.M. 944; A. McKenzie, P.M. 944; H. W. Barrows, P.M. 944; W. J. Wilkinson, W. Grant, Rev. C. Gilder, J. Holland, G. Claridge, J. Watkins, J. O. Weeks, G. Parker, R. O. Kershaw, J. Hartley, E. Ludhall, W. Waring, &c. The lodge was opened with prayer at 7 p.m. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last meeting of the Permanent Committee were read and adopted. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Emanuel Lucas, of Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, E.C., as a joining member, and announced clear. One gentleman was then balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and announced duly elected. The W. Master then said, as there was no work before the lodge, he proposed to deliver an address "On the Solicitation and Selection of Candidates for Freemasonry," which he did in his usual masterly style. Some delicate points were treated in such a manner as to surprise most, if not all, present, and evidently to the satisfaction of all, for on the completion of the address he was warmly applauded. The application of Bro. J. W. Seager, Tyler, for assistance (he having been a long time out of employment) was then laid before the lodge, and Bro. F. S. Lewellin proposed and Bro. J. Weddle seconded, that the sum of fifty rupees be voted from the lodge funds to Bro. J. W. Seager (carried). The resignation of one brother was then read, and accepted with regret. All dues fully paid up. A letter was read from D.G. Secretary, acknowledging receipt of the returns for the half year ending June 30th, 1875, together with a cheque for the amount due for the same. All members present who had not signed the new bye-laws were then requested by the W.M. to do so, and signed and received a copy of the new bye-laws accordingly. Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., then proposed, and Bro. W. C. Rowe, W. Master, seconded, that 100 rupees be given from the charity fund of the lodge to the European General Hospital fund (carried unanimously). The meeting then accorded a vote of thanks to the W. Master for the address he had delivered, and asked him to allow the same to be printed. The W. Master accorded his sanction to hand his manuscript copy of the address to his bro. Secretary, to be forwarded, with the proceedings of this meeting, to the "Masonic Record," as the work done in the lodge during this evening, but would not agree to its being printed as a separate address. The W. Master then proposed, and Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., seconded, that a "subscription box" be made and placed outside the lodge on lodge meeting nights, for any brother who chose to subscribe his mite to the Masonic Benevolent Institutions, and suggested the amount so collected during the year be brought to the notice of the lodge every regular December meeting, and that it be then decided which benevolent institution the amount so subscribed be voted to. Bro. E. Lucas then proposed, and Bro. B. Robinson, P.M., seconded, Dr. Gregson de Cuna as candidate for initiation.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 17, 1875.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.
Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Lodge 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho., Wandsworth.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Mount Edgumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.
Preceptory 6, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Halham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, 6 to 8 p.m.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 18, 1875.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
" 721, Independence, M. R., Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, M. H., Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
" 807, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Mas. Rooms, Warrington.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Arms, Ormskirk, at 4.
Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

Lodge 103, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, Mas. Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.
William de la More Preceptory, New Court House, Prescot.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.
Jacques de Molay Preceptory, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 18, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 102, St Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 179, St. Mungo, Loudon Hotel, Mauchline.
" 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
" 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch-winnoch.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
" 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintulloch.
" 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
" 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
" 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Kingstone.
" 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.
Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Lodge 117, Partick, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Partick.
Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

Lodge 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George H., Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 465, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Garnad-road, at 7.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
" 306, St. Thomas, Larkhall, 90, Wellgate-street, Larkhall.

" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street,
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 471, St. John's, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
" 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.
" 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Bank-street, Coatbridge, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 18, 1875.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, Ship Hotel, Register-street.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

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

" 17, Ancient Brazen, Town Hall, Linlithgow.

Chap. 40, Naval and Military, F. H., George-st.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-st.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Lodge 85, Kirknewton and Ratho, Masonic Hall, Ratho.
Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

MASONIC MARK FESTIVAL

AT GRIMSBY,

ON

Thursday, September 30th, 1875.

Constitution of Sutcliffe Lodge No. 188 of Mark Master Masons, at 11.15 a.m.

First Annual Lincolnshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, at 1.15 p.m.

Banquet at the Town Hall, Grimsby, at 3.15 p.m.

Bro. John Sutcliffe, R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master for Lincolnshire, will preside. Visiting brethren from neighbouring Provinces are earnestly invited.

ROBERT GOUGH,

Prov. Grand Secretary.

Grimsby, 8th September, 1875.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the W.M., Bro. George Everett, presiding. Bro. Fowler, 244, was passed, and five gentlemen were initiated, one of them being the W.M.'s son. The names of the initiates were George Land Everett, Robert Osborne (Capt.), A. S. Gilbert, Frederick Wigmore, and Frederick Harding. After this, propositions were given in for five more initiates, and the brethren then adjourned to banquet. Among those who sat down were Bros. Geo. Everett, W.M.; A. Treadwell, S.W.; Jas. Willing, J.W.; Joseph Smith, Treas.; Thos. Williams, S.D.; W. Palmer, J.D.; J. Buscall, I.G.; J. Tims, P.M.; F. Kent, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M. Visitors—H. B. Fowler, 244; H. C. Thompson, 299; John Kent, 192; W. Read, 1507; T. W. Gardner, W.M. 1381; B. Simmer, P.G. Warden of British Burmah; D. R. Still, P.M. 1293, and Sir John Bennett; H. Massey ("Freemason"), and thirty-two lay members of the lodge. In the course of the evening Bro. Sir John Bennett, No. 1, favoured the company with his presence. The usual toasts were proposed, and that of "The W.M." was received with great enthusiasm, unqualified popularity with the brethren having characterised his year of office. The W.M., in reply, said that he had often had occasion to remark that to speak of oneself was always a disagreeable operation. It was, however, highly gratifying to him to know that the brethren appreciated his humble endeavours to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and also to know that up to the present time the brethren had considered him successful. The Mastership of the Domatic Lodge was not altogether a bed of roses. It was very different to presiding over a lodge of thirty or forty brethren. Although this was an emergency meeting, there were forty-nine brethren present, a very quiet night for the Domatic Lodge, the numerous members of whom the lodge was composed evidently not expecting that there was anything but the lodge work to do. Bro. Joseph Smith, the Treasurer, who had proposed the toast, had said very kind things of him, more he feared than was his due, and his allusion to the excellent summer banquet, with which every one was delighted, revived in his recollection some pleasant hours which he should never forget. If he might be allowed to refer to it he would say that he undertook it with diffidence, because he knew what an onerous affair it would be. But on all hands he received support and encouragement, which encouraged him to do all and everything he could to serve the lodge and all connected with it. Now this he was always determined to do in conjunction with Bro. Willing, and if he could only succeed in doing it during the remainder of his year of office, with the same approbation of the brethren as he had had hitherto, he should consider himself amply rewarded. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," and particularly referred to the pleasure it gave him to have initiated that night his own son, and a few old friends, who he was sure would do honour to the Craft they had joined. Referring to his son, he said he had not admitted him to Masonry in order that he might get "Masonry on the brain," and rush about night after night to the detriment of his health, but he was desirous of teaching him some of those good things there were in Masonry. Seventeen years ago he had gone through the same ceremony as his son had that night, and he then thought, as he now knew, to be a good Mason was to be a good man. He brought him into the Order with that before his eyes. The man who just went through his three degrees and thought no more of it, knew little of Masonry; but the man who studied it found that it, like the works of the great poet, Shakespeare, revealed more beauties the more it was known. There were beautiful things in it which occurred to a man in every part of his life. He might say that many and many a time when he was working up for the position of W.M., before his son had attained to manhood, he wished to communicate to him some of the things which he was studying. By his obligation, however, he was precluded from doing it; but now that barrier was removed, and he could teach his son, as well as the friends who that night accompanied him, the knowledge he himself possessed. The W.M. concluded by trusting that all the initiates would go through and thoroughly understand all the degrees in Masonry, and its practical work. If they did so he was satisfied they would all be good men and good Masons. All the initiates responded. Sir John Bennett was the principal respondent for "The Visitors."

In the course of his remarks he said he always thought that when men were absorbed in business it always gave them vitality to look occasionally into a Masonic lodge. His had been a very busy life, and unfortunately he had not been able to give the attention he should have wished to Masonry, although 25 years ago he joined the Mount Moriah Lodge. When he plunged into public life he found out that the more a man had to do the better he did it; and so when he became Sheriff he engaged in a thousand things. He then said to himself, "Now is my time to rejoin Masonry." He was taken up by the Grand Master's Lodge, and he was now one of the active members of the body for which he had so profound a respect. Reflecting, as public men did on the present, the future, and the past, he came now to what had been done in Freemasonry, for we could scarcely tell how many centuries, possibly, as tradition went, for 5000 years. In the best times of the world's history, bodies like Freemasons, not only among the Hebrews, the Greeks and the Romans, and then through the dark ages, gave support to progress. The world could hardly know to what great causes to attribute its success, and whom to say it owed as its greatest benefactors; but his own notion was that from the Masonic body, strange to say, from century to century the world had derived an amount of permanent good—from the best men, the elect and the select, meeting and advocating the best interests of the whole human race and family. Coming to our own times—within the last 700 or 800 years—Masonry still did its work, we could not tell how the old fellow-craftsmen left all sorts of influences on our present state of civilisation throughout the world. At any rate we know priestcraft was always their enemy (and priestcraft was always a good judge in all ages), and knew perfectly well that the Craft meant in its most holy form—religious liberty. It meant then, and it insisted on meaning throughout the whole thread of its great career and existence, the establishment of the highest and best social institutions. It now meant whatever it meant in the past; it meant the pursuit of an intellectual life which would make a future which we were hardly able to contemplate the success of at the present moment. He believed fully in the power of the Masonic body. There were in that room men pledged to the advocacy and advancement of all that would constitute the very highest influences and best capacities of human nature. The men of the Craft were preliminary men, devoted to the promotion of human liberty and freedom, and he gloried in belonging to the Order. It was an honour to any man who took part in public life that he now and then could come among such a body as this, and receive a kind word of encouragement, which acted as a hearty impulse to him to go out into the world, and find it better than he left it. He had had a hard day's work, and Bro. Walford asked him to come down and see a hearty body of men, in the Domatic Lodge, good Masons, who would tell him to go out and prosper in every good undertaking. He accepted the invitation with cheerfulness, and he was happy, indeed, to be a visitor to this lodge. Other visitors also replied, shortly after which Sir John Bennett left. Bro. Walford replied for the "P.M.'s," Joseph Smith for "Treasurer," James Willing, jun., for "Secretary," and Bro. Treadwell and others for the "Officers." The brethren separated about eleven.

PROVINCIAL.

SUDBURY.—STOUR VALLEY LODGE (No. 1224).—The annual meeting of the Stour Valley Lodge, and the installation of the new W.M. took place in the lodge room at the Literary Institute. The following is a list of the officers and others present:—F. Wheeler, W.M.; H. Welham, S.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Hills, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; W. H. Smith, J.D.; A. O. Stead, Org.; N. Aprile, I.G. Members: H. S. Oliver, C. W. Grimwood, C. J. Cardinall, H. S. Pratt, W. Bailey, C. Emmerson, E. R. Boulter, S. Spurgin, A. Grimwood, C. Gooch, R. R. Ellis, W. L. Lewis, G. Murrells, F. Thurston, W. H. Sholl, Tyler. Visitors:—J. G. D. Mayd, P.M. St. John, 349; H. Luff, P.M. Perfect Friendship, Ipswich, 276; J. King, A. J. Grimwade, S. Cooper, F. Grimwade, A. A. Seabome, Virtue and Silence, 332, Hadleigh; S. J. Carman, Treas. 1500, Norwich; R. Postle, 1008; C. F. Lilley, Fortitude, 12; H. R. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Hedley Bevan, W.M., P.G.S.W., Tufnell Oakes, I.P.M., P.P.G.R., Royal St. Edmunds, 1008. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. F. Wheeler, Mr. Alfred Spring was duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The installation of Bro. G. H. Grimwood, J.W., was next proceeded with, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, officiating as Installing Master, Bro. Hills acting as Secretary, reading the charges and regulations, to each of which the W.M. gave his unqualified assent. The ancient ceremonies were most impressively performed, and the new Master was proclaimed in due form as from the four quarters of the globe, after receiving the salutations of all the brethren present, according to ancient usage. Bro. Grimwood being duly installed as W.M., proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. C. Emmerson (formerly Treasurer), S.W.; W. H. Smith, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Sec.; J. F. Hills, Treas.; A. O. Stead, S.D.; N. Aprile, J.D.; R. Ellis, I.G.; E. R. Boulter, Steward, and W. H. Sholl, Tyler. The Installing Master then gave the usual address from the West to the Worshipful Master, and to the Wardens from the East. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet in the Assembly Room, Rose and Crown Hotel. We are happy to say the lodge is in a flourishing state, with a fair balance in the hands of the Treasurer. In the course of the year eight candidates have been initiated, and the lodge now numbers some 50 members. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Grimwood, and the vice-chair by the S.W., Bro. Emmerson. The cloth having been removed, the following toasts were duly given:—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the

Grand Master of England—H.R.H. The Prince of Wales," "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master—The Right Honble. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master—The Right Honble. the Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present;" from the chair, the latter being responded to by the Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G.C. "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master for Suffolk—The Right Honble. the Lord Waverley; the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master—the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," from the chair, and acknowledged by Bro. J. Hedley Bevan, P.G.S.W. Suffolk;" "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. F. Wheeler, P.M., and suitably acknowledged;" "The Immediate Past Master—Bro. F. Wheeler," was proposed from the chair: "The Visitors," from the chair, coupled with the names in our list, all of whom returned thanks;" "The Installing Master," from the chair: "The Officers of the Lodge," from the chair, the Vice-chairman returning thanks;" "The Masonic Charities," from the chair, responded to by Bro. Martyn;" "The Initiate," from the chair, responded to by Bro. A. Spring. The "Tyler's" toast completed the list, the company breaking up at eleven o'clock.

SANDGATE.—SANDGATE LODGE (No. 1436).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Kent Hotel, on Monday evening, 13th inst. Present:—Bros. R. J. Fynmore, W.M.; assisted by W. C. Gosby, I.P.M.; F. Staddon, S.W.; R. H. Pledge, J.W.; A. Kuler, S.D.; W. Syson, J.D.; W. Dixon, I.G.; F. Jarvis, Secretary; G. Butcher, Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting being read, were duly passed by the brethren, after which the brethren proceeded to ballot for as candidates Mr. B. Simmonds and Mr. G. Kuler, both of Sandgate; also for Quartermaster-Sergeant Field, of the Army Service Corps, as a joining member. The ballot being unanimous the initiation was proceeded with in true Masonic form, Bro. R. H. Pledge giving the address, Bro. P. M. Gosby the charge. It was also proposed by Bro. Staddon, S.W., and seconded by Bro. Pledge, J.W., that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Gosby, P.M., by the brethren of the lodge, as a slight acknowledgement for the able services he has rendered to the lodge from its commencement. This was carried unanimously, it was decided that Bro. Kenning, of the "Freemason," should supply the jewel with a suitable inscription appended thereto. The lodge was then closed with prayer. This was one of the pleasantest evenings that has been passed for some time. Visitors—Bros. J. Kennet, P.G.O. for Kent; Glynn; J. G. Lockyer, Army Service Corps.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, September 4th, 1875, at the Royal Archer Hotel, Dale-street, Manchester. The W.M., Bro. Henry Smith, opened the lodge at four o'clock; many of the officers being absent on business and some on pleasure, the W.M. had to select from those present. Bros. Robert Caldwell, P.M., acting as S.W.; J. W. Knider, P.M., Sec.; Batchelder, S.D.; Branton, J.D.; Cox, Org.; Fallows, I.G.; Beswick, Tyler. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; Bro. Bray Shaw was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Bro. Oldham was impressively raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. This being the first time many of the brethren had had an opportunity of hearing Bro. Knider work this beautiful ceremony; they were delighted, and the expression of pleasure at being present to hear the beautiful and impressive working was general throughout the lodge, and those brethren who were absent have been deprived of a Masonic treat. It is not often we have an opportunity of being present when a ceremony is so efficiently worked. The lodge is justly proud of possessing such an excellent worker as Bro. Knider, P.M., and whilst the lodge is supported by such brethren they have no fear of success. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. A communication was read from Grand Lodge. Hearty good wishes were given by Bros. J. H. Walton, Frontier Lodge, 422, Oswego, U.S. America; and J. B. Williams, No. 3, Cork, Ireland. The business being completed, the lodge was closed at 6.20 p.m. An excellent banquet was provided by the host, Bro. Potts, and presided over by Bro. J. W. Turner, I.P.M., the W.M. having to fulfil an engagement. On the removal of the cloth the Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. Bro. Caldwell, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," coupling with it the I.P.M., and remarked that as Instruction Master for the lodge it was very pleasing to him to see how well the working had been conducted since the establishment of the lodge, and if the brethren were always so successful in appointing such Masters they need not fear of the business being conducted to their satisfaction. To himself it was a particular pleasure to have seen the working of the ceremonies and the business of the lodge conducted in so able a manner as it had been by the W.M. and the I.P.M. In reply, the I.P.M. said it would be a great pleasure to have to inform his friend the W.M. of the great but well deserved praise bestowed upon him by Bro. Caldwell, and so enthusiastically responded to by the brethren. As for himself he said he had only done his duty, and if it had met with the approval of the brethren he was amply repaid; what he had done in the past he was willing to increase in the future. The next toast being that of "The Officers" was responded to severally. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Williams and Walton, who expressed their pleasure at being present to see the beautiful working and the kindly feeling which existed in the lodge. The Senior and Junior Warden having given their toasts, the brethren separated after spending a very agreeable evening.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, the business before it being the raising

of Bros. Elder, Cayley, and Little to the Sublime Degree. The following officers and brethren were present: B. B. Brayshaw, W.M. and P.M. of No. 1076; H. Sisley, P.M. and P.M. of No. 1076; J. Ives, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; W. T. Turner, acting S.D.; A. J. Manning, I.G.; W. Steadman, Tyler and P.M. No. 754; J. O. Cox, M. Stanford, F. Bingham, R. Williams, W. T. Dawson, 27; C. Jolly, 913, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the usual business of its minutes duly passed, the candidates were, after the usual questions, raised in the most impressive manner by the W.M., his officers most ably assisting him in the ceremony. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation, to which the visitors were, as is usual with this most hospitable lodge, especially invited. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45), was held at the Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, September 6th, 1875. Present: Bros. Saul, W.M.; Stock, S.W.; Tolmie, J.W.; Read, S.D.; Walker, J.D.; Sparkes, I.G.; Killick, Sec.; Beckett, Preceptor; Christopher, Tyler, and a numerous gathering of the members. The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation rehearsed. Bro. Jones was candidate. The W.M. worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren, and Bro. Tomie worked the Fourth, the questions being answered by the W.M. Bro. Sparkes was elected a joining member. Bro. Stock elected W.M. for the next meeting. The meetings of this lodge will in future be held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in ancient form and perfect harmony.

DALSTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 975).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., when the Fifteen Sections were worked for the first time in this lodge to celebrate its first anniversary. Bro. W. Gilchrist, P.M. 933, in the chair; Bro. Fieldwick, I.G. 1364, Senior Warden; Bro. Lee, W.M. 1524, J.W. 975, Junior Warden.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section Bro. Ashburner, P.M. 1278.
2nd " " Marsh, 1326.
3rd " " Lister, J.W. 1524.
4th " " Christian, D.C. 1278.
5th " " Fieldwick, I.G. 1364.
6th " " Horsley, 933.
7th " " Pinder, S.W. 15, Sec. 1445.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section Bro. Chapman, S.W. 1524, J.D. 869.
2nd " " Lee, W.M. 1524, J.W. 975.
3rd " " Gross, W.S. 1278.
4th " " Pinder, S.W. 15, Sec. 1445.
5th " " Horsley, 933.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section Bro. Wallington, W.M. 860.
2nd " " Gross, W.S. 1278.
3rd " " Lowe, 1363.

There was a large attendance of the brethren, who expressed themselves highly gratified at the skilful Masonic working of the W.M. and the brethren who supported him. Votes of thanks were unanimously given to the W.M. and to the visiting brethren for their services, and after several brethren had been elected joining members, the lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned. This highly prosperous lodge of instruction, although only established twelve months, numbers over sixty members, and has been well attended every Wednesday evening throughout the past year, a fact which speaks well for the interest taken in our ancient Craft in Dalston and its neighbourhood.

LEYTONSTONE.—BEACONTREE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1228).—On Tuesday, 7th inst., the inauguration meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, working under the charter of the Beacontree Lodge, was held at the Red Lion Inn, Leytonstone, when Bro. J. Terry, the esteemed Secretary of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution was a visitor, as also Bro. W. H. Myers, F.S.A., P.M. 820, and W.M. 1445, both of whom contributed in a most important degree to the success of the meeting, as Bro. Terry undertook the important duty of reciting and explaining the ceremony of consecration, after which Bro. Myers performed the ceremony of installation. The working of both of these brethren was excellent, leaving nothing to be desired; and all the brethren present appeared greatly impressed and much gratified. The success of the meeting was beyond question, the brethren living in the neighbourhood applauding the formation of this lodge of instruction, and declaring their intention of giving it their earnest and what is more to the purpose—regular support. Bro. Barford, P.M. of the mother lodge was elected first W.M., and after installation appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. R. J. Tucker, S.W.; J. Boulton, J.W.; G. E. Walters; W. G. Durrant, S.D.; J. Buseall, J.D.; and W. Allen, I.G. The visitors were Bros. Musto, P.M. 1349; W. Hogg, 1349; J. Pinder, 1445; Rivite, 1421; Westfield, 813; King, 1056; W. W. Morgan, 385; L. Lewis, 1426; Burton, 548; Taplay, 1076; G. Lewis, 1076; Anning, 1364; and Massy ("Freemason"). When the lodge had been duly closed, the brethren present sat down to an excellent banquet, admirably served, and administered by extremely civil and attentive waiters, a feature in the programme which rendered the meal an extremely pleasant one. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and cordially responded to by the brethren present. During his remarks he adverted to a few speakers when they find occasion can withstand the temptation of advertising to the impressiveness of the ceremony and the spectacle of that

unique occasion, the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He also referred to the zeal displayed at the east end of London in propagating Freemasonry and promoting its interests, and added that he was extremely pleased to find that the M.W.G.M. had recognised this in promoting an east end brother to one of the Grand Offices. The Chairman: Brethren, The toast of the evening on which we assemble to inaugurate the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction, to give éclat to the formation of an institution which we consider to be necessary, and which we hope, by the way in which it shall be conducted, will be found an extremely useful and beneficial institution, is or ought to be "Success to the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction." (Cheers.) Those amongst us who are anxious to see all Freemasons intimately acquainted with the details of the working of Freemasonry—and I think that there are few amongst us who are not desirous of this—must feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to our esteemed Secretary, Bro. Walters, for all the trouble he has been at in getting together the necessary elements for constructing this little institution of ours. The brethren who honour us by being our visitors this evening cannot imagine, unless they have had some similar experience themselves, how great the trouble has been, and how very much in earnest a man has to be who intends to succeed in such a matter. It was by no means the work of a day or of weeks. I believe I am right when I say that it is nearly two years since our Bro. Walters first began "turning over the stones," if I may use the expression, and that during that time he has found it necessary to leave no stone unturned; so great is the amount of determination and persevering plodding work necessary to success in a matter of this kind. As regards the actual establishment of the lodge, nothing could be more auspicious than the opening we have. I cannot think the members could have had a better or more practical teaching of the usefulness of a lodge of instruction than that which has been given by Bro. Terry and Bro. Myers in the way the ceremonies of consecration and installation have been worked by them this evening. For, brethren, it only requires persevering study in a lodge of instruction to enable you one and all to become as familiar with the ceremonies as those two brethren are, whose skill we have so much admired this evening. Brethren, I shall conclude by proposing "Success to the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction," and I shall take the liberty of combining with it "The Health of Bro. G. E. Walters, our esteemed Secretary." He is a young Mason, but a very worthy one. Bro. Walters, in returning thanks for the honour which had been done to him, and his work at the same time, said that it was true it had taken a considerable amount of time and perseverance to enable him to get this lodge formed, but he was happy to say that the work was so far accomplished, and that it only now remained for them to combine to see the work so carried out as to make it a thoroughly useful institution. In thanking the W.M. and brethren for their cordial appreciation of his services, he heartily joined with them all in wishing "Success to the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction." "The Health of Bros. Terry and Myers, the Visitors, and Officers of the Lodge" were proposed from the chair and cordially responded to; and "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Myers, who, having known him from a boy, could speak as to his excellent qualities. He congratulated the brethren on having so worthy a Master, and trusted that they would one and all endeavour to walk as worthily in the path of Freemasonry as Bro. Barford had done. Bro. Barford having returned thanks, the brethren separated, after a very pleasant evening with expressions of the best wishes for the success of this new lodge of instruction.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—This most ancient and prosperous lodge met in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presiding; Bro. J. B. Young, S.W.; Bro. Brownlie, S.D., acting J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. There were also present—Bros. McMillan, Craig and Park, Past Masters of the lodge; and D. M. Nelson, Depute Master; and as usual a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, both of English and Scotch Constitutions. Representatives of the press—Bros. J. Stewart, G. B. Adams, W. H. Bickerton. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., and the minutes of regular meeting, also that of an emergency meeting, read and confirmed, after which letters of application were read from the following gentlemen for admission into Freemasonry, viz.:—Messrs. John Davidson, John McGill, and Wm. Anderson. There being no objection, the candidates entered and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., officiating in his usual impressive manner. The lodge was thereafter called from labour to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts given with great spirit. There were some excellent songs given, enlivened with music, and after a most enjoyable evening had been spent, the lodge was closed.

EDINBURGH.—LODGE JOURNEYMAN (No. 8).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at Blackfriars-street, on the 9th inst. Bro. Peter Sinclair, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. Andrew Kerr, P.M.; George Ronaldson, S.W.; Robt. Kerr, J.W.; W. Stevenson, J.D., &c. The meeting was well attended by the members of the lodge, and a number of visiting brethren were present. The lodge was opened in the E.A. Degree, when an amount of business was satisfactorily got through. An application from Mr. William Hurst was then read, asking for admittance into the Order. He was proposed by Bro. James Bryce, and seconded by Bro. James Stevenson. The application was sustained, and he was prepared, and received the First Degree, Bro. Kerr, P.M., officiating in that admirable style so peculiar to himself and satisfactory to the brethren. The case of a brother who had

fallen into adverse circumstances was then brought before the lodge, and after a full explanation of his case was given, it was unanimously agreed to grant him a sum of money from the lodge Benevolent Fund, and also to assist him further in every way in their power. The question of new clothing was then arranged to the satisfaction of the brethren present, and the lodge closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 7th inst., Bro. George McDonald, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. G. Weston, I.P.M.; John Bannerman, D.M.; W. Macgregor, S.W.; J. Hambridge, J.W.; James Amplford, Sec.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; W. J. Rae, S.D., and others. The meeting was remarkably well attended. Among the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. J. McInnes, S.W. 408; Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; W. J. Herrin, St. John's Cupar, No. 19; G. Wrenock, Lindores 106, and others. The minutes of previous meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed. An application was read from Mr. J. Bouker craving admittance into the Order. He was proposed by Bro. James Ballantyne, and seconded by Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M. The application found favour with the brethren, and he was prepared and received the First Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. This constituted all the business in this degree, when the lodge was passed to the F.C., and raised to the Sublime Degree. Two brothers of the F.C. Degree were brought forward to receive the M.M., which was given with great effect by the worthy R.W.M. This finished the evening. The brothers who received the Third Degree were Thomas Brown and Joseph Deas. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the [Freemasons' Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 7th inst., at 8 o'clock, J. W. Burns, R.W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. Fraser, P.M.; J. Miller, P.M.; James Love, S.M.; James Booth, S.W.; William Wilson, J.W.; D. McDougall, Sec.; D. W. Stewart, S.D., and others. The meeting was exceedingly well attended, among the visiting brethren were Bros. Stark, D.M. 553; P. Hepburn; J.W. 187; S. Sive-wright, J.W. Lodge Dramatic, 571, and others. The R.W.M., with the assistance of his Wardens, opened the lodge on the First Degree and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, as were also the minutes of emergency meeting which took place between the two regular meetings. The R.W.M. then said, the members of the lodge were aware that the office of I.G. had become vacant, as this was too important an office to be left unfilled, he would be glad to hear if any of the brethren present had anyone to nominate. Several brethren present were mentioned as having his qualification for the vacant office, among whom were Bro. Barr, who was elected, and also installed into office by Bro. John Fraser, P.M., and P.G. Assist. Director of Ceremonies. An application was then read from Mr. Peter Troup for admission into the Order; he was proposed by Bro. J. Love, S.M., and seconded by Bro. D. McDougall, Sec., his application was approved, and he was initiated into the First Degree by the R.W.M. A letter from the R.W.M. of Lodge Dramatic 571, was then read, asking the favour from Lodge Thistle of giving the F.C. Degree to Bro. A. W. Bales on behalf of the lodge Dramatic, which was at once complied with, Bro. Miller, P.M. of the Thistle Lodge, working the degree with all the full impressive solemnity this beautiful degree calls forth when properly given. There was no further business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 6th inst. Bro. Singleton, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Matheson, P.M.; Gardner, S.W.; J. Gilmour, J.W.; and a competent number of well qualified brethren present. The object of the meeting was to initiate, pass, and raise three gentlemen, all of whom were engaged in seafaring pursuits, and consequently their time for attending the regular meeting uncertain. The names of the gentlemen are James Wilson, Fred. Larson, and Antna West, their proposers and seconders, Bros. Gardner and McAlpine. Bro. Matheson, P.M., officiated in the First Degree, the remaining work before the meeting being ably performed by Bro. Singleton, R.W.M., entrusting the three brothers with the Sublime Degree finished the business of the meeting, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. Bro. J. Singleton, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Matheson, P.M.; Thomas Russell, D.M.; R. Gardner, S.W.; P. Hepburn, J.W.; W. Higgins, Chaplain; W. King, Treas.; P. Denman, acting Sec.; and others. The meeting was well attended, and the visiting brethren numerous. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. After some business of an ordinary character was arranged, the lodge was passed to the Second Degree, when Bro. R. F. Boyd was entrusted with it, the R.W.M. officiating. It was then announced that Mr. George Pettigrew, whose application for admittance into the Order had been before the lodge and passed, was in the adjacent room. He was proposed by Bro. P. Hepburn, and seconded by Bro. J. Singleton, R.W.M. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. Degree, and the candidate was initiated, Bro. Matheson, P.M., officiating. The lodge was then called to harmony, when a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent, after which the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 6th inst. The R.W.M. (who

was in his own place to open the lodge at the appointed hour) was well supported. There was a large attendance of the members and visiting brethren, and the office-bearers present acted their parts with their usual ability. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, took the chair; Bro. Murray, acting S.W.; J. McInnes, the worthy Sec. of the lodge, acting J.W.; J. Law, Treas. The minutes of the lodge were read, considered and confirmed. The case of a brother who had met with adversity was brought up. The members present seemed to take a deep interest in the brother, and his case was met in that true spirit of brotherly love and charity which adorns our order. An application from Bro. Birrell, wishing to become an affiliated member of this lodge, was made. His brother is an old member of the lodge, and has filled various offices in it with great satisfaction to the members, so that, along with Bro. Birrell's known good character as a Mason, gained him admittance into the lodge as a member. There was no further business in this degree, and the lodge was passed to the F.C., and hence to the Sublime Degree, when Bro. Gill was proved and found worthy to receive this, which was given by Bro. Macnair, R.W.M., with his accustomed precision and impressiveness. This finished the business of the evening, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. GEORGE (No. 333).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall (St. Mark's) 213, Buchanan-street, on the 8th inst. In the absence of Bro. Alex. Thomson, R.W.M., Bro. J. Winton, P.M., presided. Bros. J. Findley, S.M.; J. Forsyth, S.W.; R. Anderson, J.W. The meeting was well attended. On the lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and other formal business settled. An application from Mr. David Allan Arnot was read for admittance into the Order, his proposer and seconder being Bros. J. M. Crosher and Edward Crosher. The application was sustained, and the gentleman received the First Degree of Freemasonry, P.M. J. Winton, officiating. The business before the lodge being finished, it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. ANDREW (No. 465).—A large number of the brethren of this lodge met at Bro. Smart's on the 17th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Andrew Herron, to take farewell of Bro. Andrew Thomson, who is about to leave this country for New Zealand, and to wish him prosperity in the country of his adoption, and to present him with a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren he leaves behind him. The presentation was a very handsome Master Mason's Jewel with suitable inscription. Bro. D. Anderson presented the jewel in a speech of great feeling. A very pleasant evening was spent amidst harmony and kind feeling towards the brother about to leave, and the company broke up much pleased with the night's enjoyment.

PARTICK.—PARTICK CHAPTER (No. 613).—The annual trip of the companions of this chapter took place on Friday week. The chapter, largely represented, left the burgh at an early hour in the morning, and, proceeding to Glasgow, took the train to Dollar, where the party breakfasted at Castle Campbell Hotel. They afterwards had a most enjoyable couple of hours' walk in the romantic and beautiful glen, and were afterwards conveyed to Rumbling Bridge, returning to Dollar about three o'clock, where "mine host" of the Castle Campbell had dinner prepared. Bro. Halket occupied the chair, and Bro. Thomas Granger discharged the duties of Croupier. After a number of toasts had been proposed, the chairman gave a most interesting address on the history and antiquity of the scenery they had just viewed. The party returned to the burgh in the evening, very highly pleased with the day's enjoyment.

ROSSLYN ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 119).—The regular monthly meeting of the above chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Robertson-street, on Monday, the 6th inst. A lodge of Mark Masons was opened. Minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, an application from Bro. James Strong, Master Mason of Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27, for admission into Royal Arch Masonry was unanimously agreed to. The brother being in attendance was admitted, and received the degree of Mark Master, Bro. George Thallin, Z. of the chapter, officiating in his usual impressive and intelligent manner. There being no further business before the lodge it was closed in due form.

NEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN KILWINNING.

The following circular has been issued by Bro. R. Wylie, Secretary of Mother Kilwinning Lodge:—

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to inform you that on the invitation of the School Board of Kilwinning, the R.W.P.G. Master, Bro. Colonel Mure, has consented to lay the Memorial Stone of the New Public Schools with Masonic honours, on Saturday, the 25th inst., when your attendance is particularly requested.

The brethren are to assemble in the Kilwinning Temperance Hall, at quarter before three o'clock afternoon.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire will be opened at quarter past four o'clock precisely.

The members and friends will dine in the Eglinton Arms Hall at half-past four o'clock. Dinner ticket 4s.

As only a limited number can be accommodated perhaps you will kindly say before Thursday, the 23rd inst., if we may expect the pleasure of your company.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

ROBERT WYLIE,

Secretary.

Mother Lodge,
Kilwinning, 9th Sept., 1875.

Bro. Robert A. Carleton died on the 10th inst., at the Royal National Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Ventnor, Undercliff, Isle of Wight, aged 49. He was for many years resident in Constantinople, and Grand Secretary of Freemasons for the District of Turkey.—"Standard."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Somerset was invested this year with peculiar interest, the death of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Capt. Bridges, and the elevation of the P.G.S., Bro. Else, having changed two of the chief permanent appointments. As a consequence, there was a large attendance of Masons at the meeting on Monday, and to receive them Lodge 446 had prepared special accommodation by flooring over the Nisi Prius Court on the level of the Grand Jury Gallery. The capacious room thus formed was entirely filled, and when Grand Lodge was assembled, with the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, on the throne, the scene was lively and brilliant. After the usual preliminary Masonic business and a statement of Grand Lodge accounts, showing a direct expenditure upon charity of no less than £136, and a balance of £119 to Grand Lodge funds, the P.G.M. directed Bro. Else to retire, and five of the oldest W.M.'s in the province to introduce him for investment as Deputy Grand Master, in the place of our deceased brother, Capt. Bridges. This having been done, the P.G.M. invested Bro. Else, saying he did so not only with pleasure to himself, but he was sure he might say also with the acquiescence and concurrence of all in that great province. "Under ordinary circumstances," continued the Pro G.M., "I should have closed here, but within the last few minutes a jewel has been placed in my hands, and it affords me great satisfaction that I now hand it you with confidence that it will be worn with credit to the province, and with satisfaction to yourself."

The new Deputy Prov. Grand Master said: Sincerely, very sincerely, do I return thanks to your lordship for the great honour you have been pleased to confer upon me, and also for the kind and graceful manner in which you have been good enough to convey to me the wish that I should succeed our late beloved and distinguished Deputy G.M. I am not insensible to, although I highly appreciate the honour of the position in the duties, the great responsibilities, and the difficulties of the office; I pray that the Great Architect may give me health and strength so to carry out those duties that no shadow of regret will ever pass over your lordship's mind for having placed this collar round my neck. I thank also most heartily my mother lodge, 291, for this beautiful jewel. Although I wear several jewels upon my breast, which I hope I am not wrong in saying I have earned by Masonic work, there is no jewel which I prize like this—there is no reward which any Mason should prize more than the recognition of his services, however humble, by his own mother and parent lodge. I thank you, my lord, and brethren, most sincerely and heartily.

Bro. Turner Payne, of Bath (who was unavoidably detained for an hour), having been heartily re-elected Treasurer, the G.M. proceeded to appoint the P.G.L. Officers as follows:—

Major J. W. Preston, P.M. 41	Prov. G.S.W.
Capt. Alfred T. Perkins, W.M. 446	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. T. Bailey, 261	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. Thomas James Gatehouse, 437	Prov. G. Chaplain.
E. Turner Payne, P.M. 53	Prov. G. Treas.
W. Cox, P.M. 329	Prov. G. Reg.
Francis R. Pridaux, P.M. 291	Prov. G. Sec.
W. H. May, P.M. 135	Prov. G.S.D.
William Bennett, W.M. 976	Prov. G.J.D.
Benjamin Attwell, P.M. 537	Prov. G.S. Wks.
T. S. Lord, P.M. 53	Prov. G.D. Cer.
Robert Baker, P.M. 1197	Prov. G. As. D.C.
Capt. William Long, P.M. 1199	Prov. G.S.B.
Albert Down, P.M. 772	Prov. G. Org.
William Channing, P.M. 261	Prov. G. Purst.
John Thorley Night, P.M. 446	Prov. G.A.P.
W. H. Forty, W.M. 291	Prov. G. Stewd.
George Ricks, W.M. 135	Prov. G. Stewd.
John Fry, W.M. 437	Prov. G. Stewd.
A. W. Butler, S.W. 1222	Prov. G. Stewd.
T. Hyatt, J.W. 285	Prov. G. Stewd.
H. J. Taylor, S.D. 772	Prov. G. Stewd.
William Woodard, Tyler 291	Prov. G. Tyler.
Alfred John Salter, Tyler 53	Prov. G.A. Tyler

The W.M. Pro G.M. then said: On these occasions, as I have often said, I think it is undesirable to make long speeches, but there are certain events which from time to time pass, which are either matters of congratulation or regret, and which interest all of us as a common body, and it does seem that when such an occasion arises it is not fitting it should be passed over in complete silence. One of those events has just taken place. We have lost in this province one who was not only familiar to us, but was endeared to us by his personal character, his long service, and his great Masonic abilities. For very many years our brother, Captain Bridges, who filled the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, carried through his work with zeal and energy, and with great fidelity. When, a good many years ago now, I received the honour of the high office which I have since held in this province, I found Captain Bridges the Deputy Grand Master. He was then in comparatively full possession of health. Unremitting in work, he never spared himself, I may truly say, any pain or trouble in the discharge of that work. In time, when illness laid its heavy hand upon him, and during the last few years, we all saw with great regret his strength failing; that he was no longer equal to take on himself those duties which he had hitherto discharged with so much facility; not that his interest in them slackened, for to the very last his thoughts were interested in Masonry. If there was any one who was emphatically a true and zealous Mason it was our brother whose death we now deplore, and it does seem to me that when one who has lived so long, held so high an office, discharged, during the days of his health and strength, his work with so much energy and ability; who when sickness incapacitated him from that great work, still followed us with his sympathy and thoughts—it does seem to me we cannot do

less than express our regret in the most deliberate and solemn way at the first of these annual meetings after the melancholy event. Therefore, without using many words, what I would propose to do is to express my own regret, and the extreme regret which I am convinced animates the whole of those present, in the most solemn and deliberate way. I therefore propose a resolution in these terms:—

"That this Prov. G. L. desires to place upon record its great sorrow at the death of its beloved and esteemed V. W. D. G. M., Captain H. Bridges, and deep sense of the loss which Freemasonry has sustained thereby."

I think I shall be interpreting the feelings of this Prov. Grand Lodge if, instead of asking for any seconder or show of hands, without putting it to the vote I ask you to express your concurrence.

The P. G. T., Brother Payne, having entered the hall in the interim, then returned thanks for the honour done him by re-appointment, and then introduced a resolution, which stood in his name, of congratulation to Brother Else as the new D. Prov. G. M. He could not call to mind any brother on whom more worthily could be bestowed or who would more unanimously receive this honour, than Brother Else. He had now for ten years carried on the business of Prov. G. L., and during that time the failing health of the Deputy threw on him, not only all his own duties, but the duties of Deputy Grand Master as well. He need say nothing of the way in which he had done his work—that was shown by the honour that had been bestowed upon him. There was no need to mention his unflinching zeal, his energy, the concentrated interest which he had shown in his work, and which had so well marked him out for further honours. To speak of these things would almost seem to indicate that something need to be said. The appointment was one which in the hands of his Lordship, received the unanimous approval of the province at large. Bro. Payne concluded with the following resolution:—

"That this Prov. G. L. receives with cordial assent and hearty congratulations the appointment by the R. W., the Prov. G. M. of Somerset, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G. M. of their esteemed Bro. R. C. Else, to be D. Prov. G. M., of Somerset, in the room of their lamented friend and brother, Capt. Henry Bridges, deceased. The labours of Bro. Else on behalf of the Province during many years are thus gracefully acknowledged, and the Prov. G. L. trusts that many years of usefulness may be granted to their valued brother in the more important office to which he has now been promoted."

The Prov. Grand Master said: It is my extremely pleasing duty to put this proposal to the vote, but I shall not be exceeding the limits of the observations which should fall from the chair if I say, confident of the way in which it will be received, for one, give it my hearty support. I am not unwilling to say one or two words up in it. In the appointments which are so fully entrusted to the Prov. Grand Master it is always a question of some anxiety to feel assured that the appointments which he has made are ratified by the voice of the province. In more than any other case it is desirable that in the case of the Deputy Grand Master, he should not only confer honour and distinction upon the person most fitting to receive it, but also on whom the province recognises as the most fitting to receive it, and when those two things go together in the mind of the Prov. Grand Master, as directing his choice, it is obviously a very happy and satisfactory feeling, and I do not fail to think it is so upon the present occasion. (Cheers). The province is fully and fairly represented here on this subject to-day. As far as I am concerned, I am quite certain I have placed this day the collar upon the neck of the man who, in the estimation of the Prov. G. Lodge, was most fitted to wear it. But I will not stop here, for I will say, if I had not Bro. Else, there are many men whom I might have selected, with regard to whom my choice would have been a good one, and would have been ratified by you to-day. And it is well for a province when such is the case, and when a single man does not make an irreparable gap. We rejoice that here, as in England generally, no man's life is so valuable that he cannot be spared. But we do rejoice when the choice which it is the privilege of one individual to make, is endorsed promptly and heartily by the full voice of the whole province. (Cheers). I rejoice at this for many reasons. I have been thrown into constant habits of business familiarities with Bro. Else. I know he did his work; how well he did it; how thoroughly he did it—that is not a mere profession of doing the work, but that it is actually done, and nothing has fallen more truly from any one than that which was uttered by Bro. Payne when he said that during the illness of the late Bro. Bridges the principal work of the province fell on the shoulders of our Bro. Else. And he carried it like a second Atlas! He never flinched under it; whatever trouble he might have given him or work imposed upon him, I always found there was an undeveloped capacity for work still latent in him. (Cheers) And my motto in this matter is

"Palmarum qui meruit ferat."

Let the man who does the work bear the honour and distinction. (Loud applause.) Acting upon that principle, I did not for one moment hesitate to confer this distinction upon our Bro. Else, and I hope and trust he will continue to enjoy it for many years to come—that, whilst I have the privilege of presiding over the province as Prov. G. Master, I may still receive from him the same free, full, zealous, unstinted, measure of help which I have had for so many years. (Loud applause.)

The motion having been agreed to with acclamation, Bro. Else again returned thanks, in a suitable speech, for the honour done him.

W. Bro. Captain A. Perkins, W.M. 446, proposed—"That a subscription be set on foot in the province to provide a memorial to our late V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. H. Bridges, the memorial to take the form of a scholarship at one of the Masonic schools, should the subscription be to a sufficient

amount, or such other form as the Prov. Grand Lodge may decide upon;" and at the suggestion of the M.W.P.G.M. the following words were added:—"And that the Charity Organisation Committee be requested to consider the subject and take any steps they may deem expedient in regard to this object." The resolution was carried. Some other formal business was then disposed of, including sundry charitable grants, and brought the business to a close.

The brethren then proceeded to the banquetting hall, where a splendid repast was served by Bro. F. C. George, 446, of the Swan Hotel, Wells, to which about 140 brethren sat down, the R.W. the P.G.M. presiding, and being supported by the newly-appointed D.P.G.M., W. Bro. R. C. Else, V.W. Bro. S. G. Homfray, A.G.D. of C., D.P.G.M. (Monmouth); W. Bro. Major S. H. Clenke, P.G.S.W. (Devon); Bro. H. Lopes, M.P., S.W. 973; General Doherty, C.B., P. Prov. G.S.W. Somt.; W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S. Eng.; W. Bro. W. R. Wood, P.G.S. Eng.; R.W. General Gore Munbee, P. Prov. G.S.W. Somt.; and the newly-appointed G.P. Officers.

The two ends of the horseshoe table were presided over by the Provincial Grand Wardens, W. Bro. Major Preston, and W. Bro. A. T. Perkins.

The haunch of venison at the banquet was sent by Lord Carnarvon.

After the claims of hunger had been appeased, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

General Doherty, P.P.G.S.W., proposed in eloquent terms the health of the R.W. the P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, remarking that this was the first time this province had had the opportunity of personally congratulating him upon the distinction conferred on him by the Prince of Wales on the 28th of April last, by appointing him Pro Grand Master of England, and how cordially every Mason in Somersetshire did so. With his Lordship's health he also coupled the healths of the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present.

His Lordship returned thanks in feeling and suitable terms.

Major Shadwell H. Clerke, P.P.G.S.W., Devon, proposed the next toast, which was "The newly-installed D.P.G.M. of Somerset, and the rest of the P.G. Officers past and present." He congratulated the province on the appointment of Bro. Else, as D.P.G.M.; a brother whose merits were so well known in the province, that any repetition of them would appear at the present moment to be superfluous. He would therefore content himself with saying that Bro. Else's name and character, as an enthusiastic and untiring worker for the Craft, was widely known, and highly respected in every province in England. Major Clerke continued to remark that it afforded him peculiar pleasure to be present on this occasion, to witness the investment into the high and honourable office of Junior Grand Warden of the Province, of a very old friend and brother officer of his, namely, Captain Alfred Perkins, and who had, by exertions in the province, so worthily earned the honour he had now received. In conclusion, he said that although unfortunately he was a stranger to many of the new Provincial Grand Officers, still, he was fully aware that they were brethren who had well deserved the position to which they had just attained, and in wishing the province every success in the future, he begged to congratulate W. Bro. Else on the high appointment he had that day received, and the province of Somerset on having so true and trusty a brother as their New D.P.G.M.

Bro. Else, in responding to the toast, thanked Bro. Clerke for the kind and flattering remarks he had made, and said that the services he had rendered the province for the last ten years as P.G. Secretary, would still be continued with even greater pleasure as D.P.G.M. and for himself and his fellow officers he returned his sincere and hearty thanks for the reception which had that day been accorded him.

Lord Carnarvon being obliged to leave the chair, it was assumed by W. Bro. Else, who proceeded to propose the next toast, which was "The Health of the D.P.G.M., of Monmouth, who had come strongly supported by the brethren of his province, and had rendered great assistance in the proceedings of the day. Bro. Homfray was one of those brethren who had been especially singled out for distinction on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and on that occasion had been appointed A.G.D.C. Bro. Else congratulated him on his well-earned honours, and assured him and the brethren of his province, of the hearty welcome they would at all times receive in the neighbouring Province of Somerset.

Bro. S. George Homfray responded, and thanked the D.P.G.M., for the compliment paid his province by the special notice taken of them. Although unknown to most of the Province of Somerset, still their late D.P.G.M., Bro. Bridges, was his father in Masonry, and had trained him in the Craft, and his loss was not only a serious one to the Province of Somerset, but also to the G.L. of England, which he had the honour to represent. Bro. Homfray congratulated the province on Bro. Else's appointment, and, as the D.P.G.M. of a neighbouring province, could promise him every support and assistance, if required.

W. Bro. Else next proposed "The Health of Bro. H. G. Lopes, S.W., of No. 973, and M.P. for Frome," who responded in suitable terms.

The next toast was "The W.M. of No. 446, W. Bro. Capt. A. S. Perkins, and the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge." The D.P.G.M. in giving this toast, said that it gave the brethren of the province great pleasure to visit the Benevolent Lodge, and he took this opportunity of thanking the W.M. and brethren for their reception of the Prov. G.L., and for the hospitality they had shewn them on this occasion. He felt especially glad that Lord Carnarvon had elected their W.M. for the office of P.G.J.W., as he could see by the reception given to the province by his lodge

this day, that the appointment was a most appropriate one, and he felt sure that at the end of W. Bro. Perkins's term of office, he would hand over his lodge in the same efficient state to which he had now brought it.

W. Bro. Capt. Perkins, in returning thanks, said that he was proud and glad to see the large number of brethren of the province who had come to visit his lodge this day, and in the name of his lodge he offered them a hearty welcome to the ancient City of Wells. He specially welcomed those distinguished visitors who he saw supporting the D.G. Master, and would now take this opportunity of returning thanks for the high office to which he had been this day appointed, and to his old friend and comrade, Major Clerke, for the very kind way he had spoken of him, when proposing the health of the P.G. Officers. He was happy to state that his lodge was in a most flourishing condition, and he hoped that he had been able to keep up its ancient fame during his term as Master, and trusted to hand it over in as good a state as he had himself received it.

W. Bro. E. Turner Payne, P.G. Treasurer, proposed "The W.M.s and Officers of the other Lodges in the Province," which was replied to by W. Bro. M. Messiter, W.M. of the Frome Lodge.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was given by W. Bro. Else, and W. Bro. Wood replied in a humorous and amusing speech.

The D.P.G.M. proposed as the next toast "Those Institutions which were the pride of every Mason; those Charitable Schools and Asylums which were supported by the Craft, and which afforded a home for so many aged men and women and education for their children." He was pleased to see Bro. Binckes here to-day. He was one who had given up much of his time to these institutions, and as the Secretary of the Boys' School he would call upon him to return thanks.

Bro. Binckes, in returning thanks, said he was glad to have this opportunity of speaking in this province. At the last festival their P.G.M. presided, and it was owing to his exertions, that the magnificent sum of £12,000 had been subscribed on that occasion, the largest sum that had ever been brought up at one meeting, and the province of Somerset alone brought, through their stewards, Bros. Else, Doherty, and Gagne, the handsome sum of £500, the largest sum subscribed by one province. Bro. Binckes proceeded to give some account of the working, &c., of the Boys' School, and expressed a hope that its present prosperity might long continue.

After the Tyler's toast had been given and responded to, the brethren broke up, having enjoyed a most pleasant and successful meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSETSHIRE.

The Grand Lodge of the Province of Dorsetshire assembled on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Wareham, when there was a large attendance of past and present provincial officers, and representatives from nearly all the thirteen lodges in the county. The inhabitants of Dorset have frequently been held up to a great disadvantage when compared with the residents of larger counties, and though often the criticisms have been unfair, yet, by the local press they have been often allowed to pass for what they are worth. Masonry boasts of being an universal institution. On members of the Craft the sun ever shines with noon-tide splendour, because in every part of the habitable globe Masonic lodges are to be found. Whilst this is the case it is also a fact that nowhere have the principles of true Masonry been better carried out than in the little county of Dorset with its thirteen lodges and five Royal Arch Chapters. If proof is demanded we may cite the fact that the sum taken up for the Masonic Institution for Boys last year, by the two Dorset Stewards was over £1,000, being nearly one-twelfth of the whole collected in the country; and of this large contribution Bro. H. C. Burt, P.M. 622, Wimborne, collected £633 3s., an amount only exceeded by the West Riding of Yorkshire as the result of the labours of its twenty-seven stewards. The amount taken in by Bro. Montague, D.P.G.M., was £368 11s. All the lodges in the province are in good working order, and yearly increasing in numerical strength and Masonic activity. This happy condition of the province is very largely owing to the zealous exertions of Bro. T. Coombs, of Dorchester, who for years has made Freemasonry his relaxation from professional work. The incident of the present annual meeting has been the retirement of Bro. T. Coombs from the secretarial office he has held with so much advantage to the Craft and to those objects of benevolence with which Masonry is so particularly identified. Nothing could exceed the kind feeling shown by the brethren when mention of Bro. Coombs's retirement was made, and better fortune, better health, and a renewal at no distant time of his active participation in the direction of the province was the hearty wish of both Provincial Chapter and Provincial Lodge.

The lodge having been opened in ample form, Bro. the Rev. H. Pix, Prov. G. Chaplain, delivered an address. He remarked in the outset that their obligations as English Masons were not opposed to or inconsistent with their obligations as Christians; and proceeded to enlarge on the advantage of making known as widely as possible their Masonic principles so far as that was not inconsistent with Masonic vows. The common idea of Masonry was that it was a secret society, whose transactions in lodge would not bear the light, and, in other countries, that their meetings were frequently held for factious purposes, and even plots and conspiracies. They knew how untrue were these notions; that religion and politics were not named in their meetings, but he thought they would be acting wisely by ventilating the principles embodied in the published Book of Constitutions. The ancient charges were not to be kept secret, but to be read and studied, and he thought if they were more widely known they would silence

many of the objections put forward by those of the outer world. He concluded by commending the brethren not only to study for themselves this book, but to spread among the uninitiated its lofty maxims as a means of warding off the accusations of ignorant men.

On the motion of the Prov. Grand Master, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Pix by acclamation.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master then addressed the brethren on the state of the province, congratulating them that the improvement in regard to the charities reported last year had been continued, for a larger amount had been contributed to the Masonic Charities in the past twelve months than in any previous year (applause) not only that, but the subscriptions to the Boys' Institution, carried up by Bro. H. C. Burt, of Wimborne, amounted to more than any other list, excepting that for the western division of Yorkshire. The fact spoke strongly for the popularity of Bro. H. C. Burt in the province and for the liberality of the Craft. Bro. Montagu took up a large sum on the same occasion, and the two lists combined made considerably more than even the Yorkshire contributions of which he had spoken. They must all feel very grateful to those two Stewards, and might well be proud of their province proving not only capable but willing to subscribe so handsomely. It showed that the true spirit of Masonry was vivid amongst them, and indicated the strength of their position in regard to the charities. In illustration he mentioned the triumphant election of a son of the late Captain Barrett, and the failure only to secure young Green's election through the bad faith of a person who had borrowed votes to be returned at that election, but which were used against our candidates. He referred in congratulatory terms to the resuscitation of Wareham Lodge, 386, by the exertions of Bros. Budden and Wyndham and the brethren of Wimborne Lodge, and hoped that it would become one of the most flourishing in the province. After referring to other topics of purely Masonic interest, he concluded by speaking of the success which had attended the concentration of the voting power of the province and to advocate its closer application. The good management of the province had been largely due to the eminent abilities and zealous exertions of their Bro. T. Coombs, and he was much grieved that circumstances had arisen which had let him to relinquish the position of P.G.S. which he had so ably and devotedly filled. He should have an opportunity of alluding to the subject presently, but he could not allow it to pass without mention in his address to the lodge.

The Acting Secretary (Bro. R. Case) then read a letter from W. Bro. T. Coombs resigning the Secretaryship, and it was received with very deep regret by the entire lodge:—

The P.G. Master said he was sure they all joined with him in his feelings of sympathy and regret on the resignation of Bro. Coombs. Through his abilities and exertions the province had been raised to its present eminent position, and he was sure they all greatly deplored that circumstances, over which to a great extent he believed Bro. Coombs had no control, should have rendered it necessary—for a time at least—that he should sever his active connection with the province. (Applause). He had kept them in a state of order and prosperity, and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to fill his place. Personally Bro. Coombs had been of very great assistance to himself as G.M., advising and aiding in all the questions that necessarily arose. He proposed—"That a very cordial and heartfelt vote of thanks be given to W. Bro. Thomas Coombs on his retiring from the office of Grand Secretary to this province after sixteen years of unremitting services, during which time by his untiring energy and zeal for Masonry, he brought both the old and the new lodges of the province into regular working order, and conducted the important duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of this P.G. Lodge; and that this P.G. Lodge whilst sincerely regretting that in deference to the wishes of his friends and medical advisers Bro. Coombs has resigned his office, would record their earnest hope that his absence from amongst them may be but of temporary duration, and beg to express their firm belief that for the benefit of Freemasonry in general and of this P.G.L. in particular, his presence at future meetings will be of great importance (Applause).

W. Bro. Montagu, D.P.G.M., seconded the motion.

At the suggestion of Bro. Crickmay, supported by Bro. W. Smith, it was added to the motion that the resolution be engrossed on vellum and forwarded to Bro. Coombs.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

The G. Master announced that the annual P.G. Lodge would be held at Shaftesbury.

Bro. the Rev. W.M. Heath seconded, and it was carried.

W. Bro. Montagu proposed "That the thanks of this Prov. G.L. be rendered to W. Bro. Wm. Smith, P.M., 170, Prov. G.J.W., and W. Bro. H. C. Burt, P.M. 622, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., for undertaking and executing the office of Stewards from this province on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. on the 28th April last, and that for this and their other constant, ready, and good services to the Craft in general, and this province in particular, and as a token of appreciation thereof, the Prov. G.L. do present these brethren with the commemorative jewels sanctioned to be worn by those who acted as Stewards on that occasion, and that a sum not exceeding £10 be expended out of the funds of the Prov. G. Lodge for that purpose."

Bro. the Rev. H. Pix seconded, and it was carried.

The G.M. affixed the jewels amid the applause of the brethren.

The Pro G. Master proposed—"Thanks of this Prov. G. Lodge are pre-eminently due and are hereby rendered to W. Bro. H. C. Burt, P.M. 622 for his exertions as Steward from this Province, for the R.M. Institution for Boys, which enabled him to present a list at the festival of that charity in July last, with donations amounting to £633 3s., an amount only exceeded by that from West Yorkshire, the result of the labours of 17 Stewards. That the thanks of

the province are also due to W. Bro. Montagu, D. Prov. G.M., who attended the festival as Steward from the Lodge of Friends in Council, 1383, London, carrying in a list of donations and subscriptions amounting to £368 11s. in the whole, whereof the sum of £194 5s. was from Dorset contributors, and the thanks of the province are rendered to him accordingly."

Bro. M. Guest, S.W., seconded.

Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' Institution, personally, and on the part of the trustees, members, and committee of that charity, expressed heartfelt thanks for the large amount of support those brethren had obtained for it.

The motion was cordially adopted.

Bro. Montagu, responding, stated that in 1864, in the province of Dorset, they only had 22 votes for the Girls' Institution, and 10 of them belonged to Bro. Vernon, who was not a member of this province, and now they had 216 votes. (Applause). For the Boys' Institution in 1865, Dorset had 42 votes, this year 904. (Applause). In 1873 they had for the Benevolent Institution 181 votes, and now they were 224. Good progress had been made, and he hoped they should go on till they were able to carry at each election an old man, a woman, a girl, and a boy. (Applause).

Bro. H. C. Burt also replied, and expressed thanks for the support he received.

The Prov. G. Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows. A dispensation had been received from the Grand Lodge for the appointment of Bro. Fane Bennet-Stanford, M.P., as that gentleman resides out of the province.

Vere Fane Bennet-Stanford, W.M. 472	Prov. G.S.W.
H. C. Burt, 622	Prov. G.W.
Rev. W. J. E. Percy, P.G. 473	Prov. G. Chap.
J. T. Davies, 1168	Prov. G. Reg.
Cam Sykes, 477	Prov. G. Treas.
R. Case, 417	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Soppitt, P.M. 473	Prov. G.S.D.
C. Yearsley, P.M. 386	Prov. G.J.D.
T. B. Miles, 472	Prov. G. S. Wks.
William Smith, P.M. 170	Prov. G.D.C.
R. G. Gilman, 386	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. Tucker Geen, 472	Prov. G.S.B.
Whitehead Smith, P.M. 622	Prov. G. Organist.
T. Hunter, 386, as	Prov. G. Purst.
R. Hooper, J. Beer, sen., 386, W. C.	
Usher, J. Tanswell, T. Imber,	
and J. Foot, 472	Prov. G. Stewards.
John Lovelace, 417	Prov. G. Tyler.

Prov. Grand lodge was then closed.

The annual banquet took place in the Corn Exchange, and the Stewards, with Bro. Yearsley, the caterer, are to congratulate on the admirable arrangements made for the comfort of the party. The room was tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems and mottoes and fern leaves. A cold collation was provided, and the waiting was all that could be desired. A waiter was provided for each eight persons, and to prevent mistake each chair was numbered and the staff of waiters wore badges indicating the number they had to serve. Thus arranged the dinner passed off without a hitch and with comfort to all. After dinner, which was bountiful and excellent, a good dessert was placed on the tables, a contribution from the Pro.G.M. The usual loyal, craft, and complimentary toasts were given and responded to, and brought to a close a very successful gathering.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DORSET-SHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Dorchester, on Wednesday, 1st inst., M.E. Comp. J. Grundy, Prov. G. Supt. of Bridport, presiding, and there was a numerous attendance of companions. The Prov. G. S. E. reported the province to be in a progressive state, Chapter St. Cuthberga, Wimborne, having made the most additions to its roll. The G. Supt. congratulated the companions on the position of Royal Arch Masonry in Dorset, and offered some words of counsel to the chapter. The Treasurer's report showed a balance to the credit of P.G.C. Chapter of £46 9s. 7d. The announcement of the resignation of the duties of Prov. G. Scr. by E. Comp. T. Coombs elicited very hearty and unanimous demonstrations of fraternal sympathy and regard, and hopes were fervently expressed that he might soon return to that position in the chapter with renewed health and brighter fortune. The Prov. G. Supt. appointed his officers for the year ensuing as follows:—

J. M. P. Montagu, P.Z. 170 and 707	Prov. G.H.
Rev. W. M. Heath, 622	Prov. G.J.
W. Chick, P.Z. 417	Prov. G.S.E.
W. J. Fletcher, 622	Prov. G.S.N.
C. Tucker, Z. 707	Prov. G.P.S.
J. Jesty, 170	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
C. Parsons, H. 417	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
J. Jacob, 170	Prov. G. Treas.
W. P. Cockeram, J. 417	Prov. G. Reg.
J. H. Boyt, J. 137	Prov. G. Swd. B.
J. B. Cole, J. 170	Prov. G. Std. B.
Wm. Smith, P.Z. 170	Prov. G.D. of Cers.
Jas. Smith, 622	Prov. G. Org.
John Lovelace	Prov. G. Jan.

After the closing of the Prov. Chapter the companions supplied together by invitation of E. Comp. H. Ling, Z. of Chapter 417. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and the Prov. G. Supt., taking a hint from E. Comp. Ling, said he would endeavour in turn to visit during the year the various chapters and lodges throughout the province.

Bro. S. C. Hadley, P.A.G.D.C., of the City Flour Mills, will probably succeed Sir S. J. Gibbons as Alderman for the Ward of Castle Baynard.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A new lodge, and also a new chapter, are talked of in Toxteth-park, Liverpool.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will hold their next meeting in Brighton on the 30th inst.

The Burdett Coutts Lodge (No. 1278) met on Thursday last, the 16th inst. A full report will appear in our next.

The Sixth anniversary Banquet of the Star Lodge of Instruction No. 1275, will take place on the 5th October.

Bro. Major John Tanner Davy of Rose Ash, South Molton, P.G.M. of Mark Masons of Devon, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Devon.

The Earl of Leicester and Lord Waveney, two of the landowners asked by the labour league to sell them land, have written stating that they are ready to treat with the League for the sale of land, to be farmed by its members.

The annual banquet of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, will be held at the Wheatsheaf Tavern, Hand-court, Holborn, on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at seven o'clock. Bro. Robertson, S.W. 55, will preside.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Cheshire will be held on the 23rd inst., at Hyde, near Manchester, and the annual gathering in connection with the Province of West Lancashire will take place at Preston, Oct. 6th.

Mr. Senior will represent the "Daily News" in India during the Prince of Wales's visit to that country, and Mr. Gay the "Daily Telegraph." By the absence from England of Mr. Gay the editorship of the "Home News" will pass into other hands. The "Central News" will be represented by Mr. George Wheeler.

The volumes of the unpublished letters and documents belonging to Michael Angelo are to be exhibited at the approaching Centenary in Florence in glass cases. Our correspondent in the city has had a private view of the volumes in question. There are nine in all, quarto size; six contain letters addressed to Michael Angelo by celebrated contemporaries, and the remaining three are his own letters to members of his family and friends. The first was written in 1497, and the last 66 years afterwards, but the handwriting is throughout almost the same, there having been little change in it during Michael Angelo's life.

THE FREEMASONS AND THE POLICE.—At the great assembly of the Freemasons of England on April 28th, at the Royal Albert Hall, for the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, the force of Metropolitan police in attendance was under the command of Mr. Superintendent Mott. Its duty was most efficiently performed to the convenience and satisfaction of the Freemasons, and as Bro. James Mott is one of their fraternity, the Grand Lodge has voted him a testimonial gift in the shape of a Steward's jewel, the pattern of which is shown in our engraving.—"Illustrated London News."

The next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at Sheffield, on Wednesday, October 20th, 1875, under the banner of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 11239. There are now 61 lodges in West Yorkshire, in consequence of which the provincial meetings are numerously attended; so with a view to insuring comfort, the rooms of the famed Cutlers' Hall have been secured. The Wentworth Lodge will be ably supported by the two sister lodges, Britannia, No. 139, and Royal Brunswick, No. 296, also its immediate neighbour, Phoenix, No. 904, (Rotherham), so a most successful meeting is anticipated.

THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND.—A new edition is announced of "Cassell's History of England," in monthly parts. This is the history of which Lord Brougham said, "The soundest principles are laid down in almost every instance. The interests of virtue, of liberty, and of peace—the best interests of mankind—are faithfully and ably maintained throughout." It will be illustrated with upwards of two thousand engravings, and a new portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, produced in the best form of art, and printed on imperial paper, 2 ft. 6 in. by 1 ft. 10 in., will be issued as a presentation plate with the first monthly part, which will be published on September 27th.

At Lathom House, Ormskirk, the first sale of shorthorns from the fashionable herd of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., P.G.M. W.L., took place on Tuesday week. The sale was well attended, among those present being the Earl of Bective, Earl Clarendon, Lord Calthorpe, Marquis of Blandford, Lord Moreton, Colonel Gunter, Rev. J. Lomax, and Messrs. Sheldon, Bowley, Villiers, Beauford, Magniac, Holford, Longman, and others; a number of American gentlemen, including Mr. J. H. Pickrell, President of the American Shorthorn Society; also representatives from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the continent. After luncheon, at which Lord Wimarleigh presided, Mr. Thornton, the well-known and excellent auctioneer, was engaged for more than three hours in dispersing the herd catalogued for sale, and obtained famous prices, the total amount realised being nearly 5700 guineas for 40 head, or an average of over 140 guineas each.

PROPOSED COMPLIMENT TO A WORTHY BROTHER.—An influential committee was appointed on Friday last at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of

organising and carrying out a complimentary concert to Bro. J. Skeaf, P.M. 216, P.G. Organist West Lancashire, which will take place in the course of the year. Bro. H. S. Alpins, P.G. Sec., was appointed Chairman of the committee. No compliment has been more worthily earned than that which is intended to pay to Bro. Skeaf, as he has for a long series of years not only been ready to lend a helping hand in the working of Masonry, but he has been especially ready to give hearty aid in connection with any and every true work of charity, Masonic and otherwise, even at considerable sacrifice to his own personal interests. His fame as a musician is known in all the lodges, and it is to be hoped the brethren of West Lancashire (as well as neighbouring provinces) will show their appreciation of his services and talents by making the forthcoming concert a complete success and a substantial gain.

AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION.—Bro. Yelland, W.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, very recently had an addition to his family, and following the example of municipal bodies in reference to their mayors under similar circumstances, the members of the lodge determined to present him, if not with a silver cradle, at least with some token of their esteem on the interesting occasion. The presentation took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the ordinary meeting of the lodge, when Bro. Washington, I.P.M., in the name of the members, handed to Bro. Yelland a very handsome case containing solid silver knife, fork, and spoon for the little stranger. In doing so, he conveyed the heartiest wishes of the members for the prosperity and welfare of parents and little one. The W.M., in acknowledging the present, said he had never been more surprised in his life than by this unexpected presentation, and he thanked the brethren very cordially for their handsome gift.

MASONRY IN EAST LANCASHIRE.—Those "brethren of the mystic tie" who are resident in Ramsbottom and the immediate neighbourhood labour under the disadvantage of being located about four miles from any lodge—the nearest meeting places being Bury on the one hand and Haslingden on the other—and with a view to remove this difficulty a meeting was held at the Railway Hotel on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. S. Porritt, S.W., of Lodge 215, (Haslingden), when it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. Peak, P.M., seconded by Mr. John Schofield, that a petition be drawn up praying the Provincial Grand Master (Colonel Le Gendre Starkie) to issue a warrant for the holding of a lodge at the Railway Hotel. It is not improbable that the new lodge will be named "The Cheeryble Brothers"—the late Mr. John Grant of Ramsbottom, one of the brothers made famous in Dickens's "Nicholas Nickleby," having been a member of the Masonic Order.—"Bury Times," Sept. 11th.

THE MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON AT PRESTON.—A branch railway connecting Preston, the county town of Lancashire, with the Leominster and Kingston, and the Cardisley and Kingston lines, and by them with the Shrewsbury and Hereford, and the Herefordshire and Brecon Railways, was opened recently with great rejoicings. A procession, headed by a regimental band, with waggons filled with oxen, sheep, bread, and coal, was marched from the town to the station, the articles being distributed to the poor. A luncheon was afterwards held, over which the High Sheriff of the county presided. There were athletic sports, and at night a brilliant display of fireworks. At the luncheon, the Marquis of Hartington, responding to the toast of "The Borough Member," after referring to the importance to the district of the new railway, said the celebration had offered him one of those opportunities which he had of coming among them in some other than a political capacity. It gave him great pleasure to see his Lancashire friends in a non-political way. His visits to them had on former occasions been almost exclusively connected with politics, and they must come to look upon him as a man who could talk on no other subject. He had had no opportunities of forming an opinion of the borough except during a contested election, therefore he was very glad to see, by what had transpired that day, that there were other subjects and other interests which could occupy their minds, and on which they could meet without differing so widely as they had on former occasions when he had been among them. He should follow the example of Mr. Wash (who had preceded him) in avoiding political subjects. He was aware that he had friends in the borough who were anxious to testify their kind feelings with regard to him, and wished to take the opportunity of hearing from him a political speech; but he would rather postpone that to future opportunities in the desire that politics should be excluded from what took place that day. There was another reason why he was unwilling to make a political speech. It was not long since the termination of the session. There might be difference of opinion about the work of the session, but whether they thought that much was done or little was done, and whether they thought it was well done, there could be no doubt that with the Government and the opposition it had been an arduous session, and they were now engaged in a rest. Up to the present time very few political speeches had been made in the country since Parliament adjourned, and he should be sorry prematurely to excite political discussion, and to begin a new political campaign. They would, no doubt, soon be engaged in a new political campaign; but he was enjoying his holiday when he could, and wished to protract it as long as he could, therefore he hoped his friends would abstain from asking him to give them any account of the proceedings of the past session. The noble Marquis subsequently gave the toast of the evening, "Success to the Preston Railway."

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

SHAW.—PICKUP.—On the 9th inst., at the Church of St. John the Divine, Fairfield, Liverpool, by the Rev. H. S. Maye, Vicar, Bro. James Shaw, General Superintendent of the London and North Western Railway Co., Fairfield Grove, Lockerby Road, to Mrs. N. Pickup, of Springhill, Accrington.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18, 1875.

POSSIBLE ENLARGEMENT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Bro. R. W. Little, the energetic Secretary of the Girls' School, in a speech which we published last week, alluded to the present position of the Girls' School. He stated that it now held 150 girls, but could not be enlarged, and was "not capable of receiving a greater number of children than it at present contained." Neither was it possible, Bro. Little went on to say, "to purchase more land contiguous to the existing site," and, "although the grounds were extensive, they were merely sufficient for the number of the children." "It would therefore be incumbent on the managers," said Bro. Little in conclusion, "to find land elsewhere to keep pace with the growing claims of the Craft, and a scheme would shortly be placed before the subscribers with that object. A notice of motion for the enlargement of the establishment had already been given in committee by a member, Bro. Joshua Nunn, and in that shape the matter would come before the brethren." They say "Tempus omnia monstrat," so we must wait for some little space, before we hear what the exact proposal is. Bro. Little's words are a little, not intentionally enigmatical, as it is not quite clear whether the "land" to be found elsewhere was required for a new building altogether, or only for a supplementary institution. In the need for accommodation, all will agree, the only question on which a good many may have something to say, is the where and how. It is possible that the present site might sell for sufficient to cover the purchase of a new one, and the building of a school, and if

so, the committee, in our opinion, if they can make a good bargain, would be fully justified in the step, on the ground of the exigencies of the Craft. But we feel bound to express our hope, that if such a step is taken, all caution and circumspection will be shown, so as not to make the Royal Masonic Girls' School a petitioner to the Craft for a large sum for building purposes, nor to necessitate the sacrifice of all its funded capital. We have learned, as a body, some experience from the contracts for the Boys' School, and such reminiscences render us anxious, lest we should have similar difficulties to contend with again, though we have no doubt, but that Bro. Little and the House Committee will exercise every care, and practice every economy. We are ourselves quite convinced of the absolute need of an enlarged school, looking at our lists of applicants, but we think it right to offer a few friendly words of fraternal caution, as we know that just now for many reasons, the Craft is a little indisposed to re-commence large building transactions. We have no doubt that when our worthy Bro. Nunn's motion is made, it will be found to be alike practical and business like, in entire keeping with that prudent and sensible management which has ever marked the onward progress of that most admirable Institution, our Girls' School.

FREEMASONRY IN RECESS.

Though the rule of "Recess," as it may be termed, is not such a "Law of the Medes and Persians" in the provinces as in the metropolis, yet we may fairly say that nine-tenths of our London lodges, and a large number of our provincial lodges are just now enjoying their Masonic "Siesta," a little relaxation after many and severe labours. Lodges of instruction still abound, as our notices evidence, but even they, we fancy, are marked by reduced attendances, for the season and the heat are both against the most eloquent explanation, the most lucid development of our time-honoured ritual. On the whole we think the "Recess" is a good institution, and ever needful for the refreshing, the vitality of a lodge. Human nature is still human nature, and in these hot months to be pent up in close rooms, when we might be inhaling the reviving ozone, or basking amid refreshing breezes, savours neither of Masonic wisdom nor profane hygiene. And the fact that our lodge is in recess,—the brethren scattered north, south, east, and west, the faithful Tyler with his wife and olive branches at Ramsgate, is after all only a foreshadowing of an after reunion. That some of our friendly "Caterva" are on the top of the Rhigi, some at Llandudno, some at Windermere, and some at Killarney, only points after all to the universality of Freemasonry, and is suggestive of a goodly muster again, when our admirable Secretary summons his brethren to meet once more, and to open the Masonic season. After a short "retreat" we ardent members of the mystic tie return to the "charge" with the courage and discipline of Britons and Freemasons. The little pause in our Masonic toils has given us fresh breath and new zeal. We hasten to put in an appearance, and to listen approvingly to well-known words we have heard not unfrequently before. We are not indisposed to take our wonted seat at the festive board. We enjoy a very good dinner, we greet some very old friends, we loudly applaud the W.M., and we do hearty honour to the Tyler's toast. Ours has been a pleasant hour, and flow of cheery gossip. Bro. Jones tells us how Brown and Robinson and himself have been to Norway, and he is full of salmon fishing, and the "Fiords." Higgins has come back from Kissingen quite "rajeuni," and declares that "it has done him a world of good." Tomkinson has been in Brittany, and is full of Brittany cows and butter, and that most romantic of districts. While old Horace Hill, P.M. and Treasurer, says, offering you his snuff box (a very bad habit, sir), "I could not afford a foreign trip, so I took Emma and the little Hills to Sandgate, where they have been as merry as grigs." And so the chat runs on, if a little disjointed at times, through whirling hours and cooling liquids, until coffee and liqueurs are ushered in, the lights of fuzees, and the

odours of the soothing weed. Well, life has many weaknesses and many follies, its sunshine and its storms, its greatness and its bitterness, its smiles and its tears accompany us all along its dusty and dirty high way, and we should not be mortal, and life would not be life without these lights and shadows of the road. But despite the ridicule of the ignorant, notwithstanding the animadversions of the unjust, Masonic sociality is a good thing, and affords a very pleasant hour of alleviating companionship for many a weary and harassed brother. When our lodges meet again after the recess, if we miss some honest heart, or some pleasant face, if the voice is hushed which once could delight, and the jest is ended which once could raise the honest smile, there will still rally round each W.M. a "band of brothers," proud of their good old Order, loyal to its teaching, and tender-hearted and loving to one another.

MASONIC GOOD MANNERS.

In old days it was customary to send our "young men of family" on what was called the "Grand Tour," to polish up under a fitting companion some heir of many acres, or some hereditary legislator, and to give him a fashionable "tournure," and "good manners." Those of us who have read Lord Chesterfield's Letters to his Son will remember how constantly he tried to teach that uninteresting youth the same important characteristic, though, as we know, in vain. Still, the necessity of good manners is admitted by us all, and is inculcated forcibly by Freemasonry. In its symbolical and often mystical language it would demonstrate to us the advantages of civilised over barbarous life, the reforming influences of the study of the arts and sciences, of moral culture and intellectual development over the rough mass of unpolished and inert humanity. Hence, one of the great benefits of Freemasonry really and truly is, that it is in one sense a school of good manners, a very important educational institution, be it remembered, for us all alike. And there can be no reasonable doubt that, as Freemasons, we are ourselves greatly improved by this much needed teaching in our lodge assemblies. The contrasts of rank and humble station, the severances of mere earthly society, are all transfused, so to say, into the amalgam of the spiritual equality of Freemasonry. We meet all upon one level within the lodge, as brethren one and all, having due regard to those necessary distinctions of rank and grade which, as in earthly society, constitute alike the safety and the welfare of us all. So that a Freemason's Lodge is an academy of good manners, as well as of sound morals and tolerant teaching. It is strange, indeed, and somewhat saddening for us to realize what a struggle in all things now, physiological as well as personal, mental as well as material, the onward life of man is for us, the inhabitants of earth for a little season. One should have thought, *a priori*, that good manners and courteous address would be a self-evident duty and need for all human beings. But not so. The inborn selfishness of Ego comes in from the first development of precocious youth, to the last babblings of maundering old age, to taint and to mar all our relations towards our fellow creatures. Nay, even more than this. There is a love of singularity, a tendency to idiosyncrasy, more or less in all, which leads us sometimes to the belief that "brusquerie" of manner, the unconciliating address, the ungenial tone, the assertion of superiority, the "hauteur" of ill suppressed selfishness, are not undesirable accompaniments of our rank, Masonic or profane, our position, our post, our standing in society. We actually, sometimes affect to think that such amiable traits raise us in the eyes of our fellow creatures, and constitute us "swells," laudable ambition, in the esteem of less flourishing compeers. Though all this be a mistake, it is a mistake we many of us daily and hourly make, forgetting good old Wykeham's immortal proverb, "Manners makyth man." Now Masonry teaches us from first to last the same goodly lesson. It would bid us repress the self-assertion of individual conceit, and the display of personal egotism. It would require us to look kindly, considerately, courteously on all. It would warn us against the

hasty utterance, and the unreflecting opinion. It would point out to us that others have feelings as well as ourselves, and that our fellow creatures have sensitive sensations and tender hearts. So that when we annoy them by our rudeness, or hurt them by our want of good feeling, when we seek to wound, to irritate a brother or fellow creatures by unamiable words, unfriendly acts, bad manners, we are committing alike a breach of humanitarian morals, to take no higher ground, and are evidencing the ignorance of our own Masonic principles. For good manners would lead us always to forget our own individuality in that of our brethren and our Order. If we are exalted in rank or grade, good manners would bid us to extend a friendly hand to, and look with a kindly face on any humbler member of our Order. Good manners would urge us to be courteous and genial to all, neither foppish nor priggish, but always natural, open, and honest, ready to do a good turn, and be not only a "buon camarado," but a true Freemason, whenever we meet our brethren in lodge or out of lodge. There is nothing so odious in our opinion, as the overbearing ill manners of a little brief authority, that vulgarity which, arising from a mistaken estimate of wealth or position, renders us pompous and pretentious, tyrannical, and even insolent. We do not say that such a state of things is common to Freemasons or Freemasonry; happily it is not so. On the contrary, Freemasonry does succeed in educating in a wonderful way a great amount of true-hearted sympathy, and generous feelings, and good manners amongst us all. But as we are writing didactically to improve and to impress and to elevate, we have necessarily to deal with what is possible and probable, as well as with what is actual and in presentia. We trust that our humble, if warning words, will be appreciated by all who, like ourselves, deeply value Freemasonry, especially under the conditions in which, as it appears to us, it ever looks most most fair, namely, in its genial inculcation of true fraternal sympathies, cultured gracefulness, good manners, loving memories, and honest hearts.

THE COLLISION IN THE SOLENT.

The jury at Portsmouth have made their "deliverance" in the second inquest to the effect, that the collision was accidental, but they have added a "rider," that the collision took place through an "error of judgment" on the part of the "navigating officer of the Alberta," that "a slower rate of speed, during the holiday months especially, would be more conducive to public safety," and that, "also there should be a more efficient look out." In England we wisely accept always the verdicts of juries, even when we do not agree them, and we think it would be very bad taste, to say nothing of waste of time, to cavil at a free expression of opinion like that of a jury at a Coroner's inquisition. We are, however, writing in the interest always of truth, absolute truth, and matter of fact, and we are a little inclined to think, that under the guise of a factitious public opinion, some injustice may be shewn, and has already been manifested by our impulsive English feeling, towards the members of a very gallant service. Let us here recapitulate the actual and proved realities of this no doubt most distressing case, "ab initio." The Alberta Royal Yacht, followed by a tender, Commander Sullivan, is on its voyage to Gosport, the Queen being "en route" for Scotland. The Alberta is running, as they say, free at 15 knots an hour. The yacht Mistletoe is on its way to Ryde, but yet is sailing, for a time, parallel to the Royal Yacht. But here begins the usual contradictions of a "running-down case," which is generally considered in the profession, as to have as its inevitable condition, "hard swearing on both sides." The officers and others of the Royal Yacht state distinctly, that they had seen the Mistletoe before the accident, and that she was running abeam of the Alberta. Some of the surviving crew of the Mistletoe, as well as Mr. Heywood the owner, declare that this is incorrect, and that the Alberta ran down and on to the Mistletoe. Something no doubt was said on board the Mistletoe, though not apparently by Mr. Heywood, about running in close

to have a look at the Queen; a discussion arose as to which vessel carried Her Majesty, (the Royal Standard ought to have indicated that), and preparations were made for "dipping the ensign." This evidence hardly squares with the assertion, that the Alberta ran straight down to them. In this position, as there is this great and startling contradiction, we must next look at the acts of the two crews. Captain Welch on the Alberta sees the Mistletoe on his port side, but apparently in no danger of a collision, and crosses over to the starboard side of the bridge to have a look at another yacht. When he turns to the port side again, he sees the bowsprit of the Mistletoe close to the bows of the Alberta; a Quartermaster tells him at the same moment, that the yacht is put about, and he gives the order to starboard the helm, meaning, according to the rule of the road at sea, to give way, and go astern of the Mistletoe. But in a few seconds, and as Captain Welch well says, accidents happen at sea in seconds, comes the collision. The yacht is stopped, and then ordered to go slowly astern. And then that most lamentable and saddening loss of life occurs, and the yacht goes down. This statement seems perfectly plain and correct, and a sailor's unvarnished tale, and we cannot but regret the tone that was introduced into the cross examination at the first inquest. What has happened in the interim on board the yacht? Mr. Heywood did not give the order to put the helm down to port, and to send the yacht up into the wind, but he says that Captain Stokes did so, and fastened down the helm. Brown, the steward and cook, here appears on the scene, unusually, as the coroner, Mr. Garrington, forcibly observes, and seems alike to have advised and aided in the act. But why did the Mistletoe port her helm? What good could possibly come of such a proceeding then? The only effect, humanly speaking, could be, to bring the Mistletoe across the bows of the Alberta, and we cannot help thinking and fearing, that Stokes, the captain of the yacht, though no doubt a good sailor, lost his head in the emergency, put down his helm because he did not know what else to do, and left it, and went "forrard," as there is evidence of in the first inquest. If that be so, we have the real explanation of the unfortunate collision in the Solent. We are inclined to think that the Quartermaster's evidence in the first inquest was true when he said, that owing to the position a collision was unavoidable, that is to say, owing to the porting of the Mistletoe's helm. Had the Alberta's helm been ported, as has been hastily suggested, we cannot understand what possible good could come of it, or how, as it then was, a collision, could have been avoided. When Captain Welch starboarded the Alberta's helm, he did, though probably the case was desperate then, all that could possibly and nautically be done. There is an interesting chart in a recent number of our contemporary, "The Graphic," which gives the actual position of the vessels at sea, and is, we think, decisive of the case, namely, that the real cause of the collision was the porting of the Mistletoe's helm. There is one ingredient in the case which has been but little attended to, the comparative speed of the two vessels, one running at 15 knots, the other, it is surmised, at 5, which we do not profess to be able to explain. But the surmise may be incorrect, and if so, "cadit questio." We feel naturally the deepest commiseration for Mr. Heywood and his sorrowing family, as well as for the friends and relatives of the captain and mate of the yacht. But as we write, and always ought to write, in the grave interests of truth and right, and fair play to all, we feel that in this as in all other things, whether Masonic or profane, the abiding importance of the good old axiom, "Fiat justitia ruat cælum."

THE CHEQUE BANK.

We have had our attention called to this new and useful banking establishment, and are glad to commend it to the notice of our readers. Though not of any long existence, it seems to be, and is likely we think to become a very useful means of accommodation to business houses of various kinds. It is often inconvenient to remit sums, it is loss of time often to run to the nearest

Post-office for a money order, and with many of our readers time is money. One or two peculiarities of the Cheque Bank deserve attention. The cheques we may observe are good, however long they remain in circulation, so that those who hold them need not hurry to cash them, as with common cheques, but they can keep them as long as they like, without any risk, and use them with the houses they do business with, as a "circulating medium." And another point is, that these Cheque Bank drafts can be paid away from hand to hand, and be used almost as bank notes in the common transactions of mercantile business. They may pass through hundreds of holders, until some day they are paid into an account at a bankers', and then they return to the head office for clearing. There are many of our readers who have daily to send small sums in letters, and as postage stamps are sometimes troublesome, and coin is decidedly dangerous, and time is too valuable to go to the Post Office, the Cheque Bank affords a ready means of convenience to many, and a safe payment for all. Many persons object to keep much small cash in the counting office, and these Cheques are a convenient substitute. In all that we have said, we do not wish to be supposed to undervalue our great postal system, with its admirable adaptation to the wants of all classes alike, but we simply mention one or two points for the calm consideration of our readers, in which, as it appears to us, the Cheque Bank affords to many business men and firms, the maximum of convenience and of easy payments. We wish the experiment every success.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE POWERS OF W. MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sorry to read that "An Absent W.M." thinks that I was unkind in presuming that there was more in his question than met the eye. I was glad to hear that I was wrong. The fact that "An Absent W.M." found it necessary to ask whether he could require to have the lodge summons and a record of its proceedings sent to him, appeared to me to be so unusual a circumstance, that I imagined, and I hope not unjustly, that there must be something behind the question. I have not the least notion who "An Absent W.M." is, but I unfeignedly express my regret that anything which I wrote should have annoyed him. P.G.W.

THE POSITION OF MASONRY IN GREAT BRITAIN IN 1875 AND ITS NOBLE CHARITIES.

SECOND ARTICLE.

Sorry am I to find that another "Breaker ahead has arisen." I had hoped that in my last article I had exhausted all but solitary instances; but the ultimatum from Grand Lodge respecting the wearing the jewel authorized by our Royal Grand Master, shows that a more extended ground for complaint has arisen, "self conceit, self thinking" must have largely increased even in England to call forth this severe rebuke, which could never have happened without good cause, especially so soon after the Installation that occurred this spring.

All who have studied the constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England know that all processions, all means for display, are strictly prohibited, save on special occasions, and then only by special dispensation. How then can this inordinate vanity have arisen. Brethren, you well know we meet as equals, our jewels of office point out the superiority of those who are worthy, does the newly initiated know the meaning of our jewels? We ourselves who know the meaning require no further information! Let the P.M. who has worthily filled his chair receive decoration, but only in one case. If he has served the chair in one or more lodges (to their satisfaction), let him put on bars for each successive holding of office. Let the P.M. be for life a member of Grand Lodge so long as he pays his dues, but not entitled to vote or speak in Grand Lodge or in his own lodge, during any period that he may be in arrears, or after taking his name off the books of his lodge until he shall have replaced it in the books of Grand Lodge by rejoining his own or another lodge as a subscribing member. This would clearly define the high position of P.M. But I would go further, I would even propose the following method of recognising a worthy P.M. in lieu of giving him a jewel commemorative of esteem by his brethren: Remember brethren the Mason's apron is a higher distinction "amongst us" than any other decoration. The emblems of a P.M. emblazoned as they are on his apron sufficiently prove him worthy! Let these emblems suffice!

Believe me, brethren, I am not bigoted, but display begets display.

Vanity, self seeking, personal aggrandisement are all repugnant to the true spirit of Masonry; our highest aim is to do our work well and to be "Primus inter Pares."

The good and great Duke of Wellington, the finest soldier of his age—as I know full well from my father (a good and high Mason), who was in the staff corps under him in the Peninsular war—utterly repudiated all decorations; he truly maintained that it was for every British soldier “to do his duty.” If the soldier did his duty he only did that which he had been called on to do, the Duke looked on all men as equals in their several stations and capacities, he considered it nothing beyond his (the soldier's) duty for him to succeed, to fail was disgrace.

Let us consider Masonry in this light. What do we each and all of us engage ourselves to do when we enter Masonry? To devote our abilities (if we have any) to acquire a true knowledge of our subject, to discharge to the best of our power the offices entrusted to our care, to instruct those not so well informed as ourselves, in fact, whether we rule or whether we serve, to remember that we are all equals in Masonry, and to endeavour who can best work and who can best excel. We do nothing, therefore, in doing our duty but what we engage ourselves to do on admission to our glorious Order—to fail is disgrace. Would to God this was the rule duly carried out. Think not that all can excel, that all are gifted with equal abilities, some must rule, the rest must obey, but while saying this, I contend that the brother who serves to the utmost of his power, is as good (as a Mason) as him who rules; the Great Architect has not gifted all men alike. Those who fail in their duties, those who are disgraced, are those timeserving, those negligent, those half-hearted brethren, who do not busy themselves with the cares and troubles of the Order, who look listlessly on while others are doing their work, who failed in all essentials.

I would now show you how I think a brother who has done his duty might be adequately rewarded, and in a manner more conducive to the good of the Order.

We do not want display. The good Mason seeks no gewgaws to prove himself to the world at large. How can we then recompense the brother who knows and does his duty?

The proposition I am now going to make for the consideration of the Craft in general is not entirely my own. We read in Scripture “By their deeds ye shall know them.” This we can do, but by other good deeds we can commemorate theirs. It has been proposed and read in the Masonic papers that all W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and those who deserve well of the Craft should be presented Life Governorships or more by their brethren. Surely this is a more fitting reward for good deeds, a more fitting recompense for a worthy brother. If this proposal comes to be adopted, and those hitherto callous and half-hearted respond to our call, if due supervision is exercised in admitting true and worthy brethren, if the duties of our Order are duly impressed on the minds of our candidates, if they are duly instructed in and urged to respond to our great characteristic “charity,” the amounts subscribed to our three several institutions will in future years be twenty-fold—aye, fifty-fold—increased.

Seeing then that Masonry is in such a flourishing state, something more must, and can be done, to help the orphans, the widows, and the aged; what more fitting time can there be than this? in what more fitting manner can we inaugurate our Royal Grand Master's elevation to the throne of Grand Lodge? than by a large addition to the donations to our charities, thus laying down a precedent to be followed by all lodges in doing honour to those who have well and worthily discharged the duties of office.

I would offer one more idea for general consideration by which we might extend our sphere of usefulness! Oxford I know, and Cambridge, I believe, have opened their several universities to unattached students; our orphans who have received good education (primary and secondary) from our Order, are most of them the children of parents in a better class of life, who, through no fault of their own, have fallen into difficulties and distress, they have been well brought up under our auspices; cannot something then be done in establishing exhibitions at each of the universities for unattached students from our Boys' School, the exhibitions would enable the young men to live, not in luxury perhaps, but in some comfort, during their sojourn there; smaller exhibitions of a second class might be established for boys and girls for the middle class examinations; thus an opening in life could be made for those who have passed through our schools; these exhibitions to be tenable for definite periods, say three or four years, and with due regard to character and conduct.

Having placed my case before you, brethren, think the matter over carefully, those amongst you who are skilled in the matter, you who are ever seeking to do good.

Of course the first increase of donations must be applied to our schools; it takes large sums of money to endow exhibitions; all these points, however, can be compassed if the tide of prosperity flows, as I trust it may.

Here then, brethren, is a new field open to you, Grand Lodge of Benevolence can, and will help you; if our support is given to it, England may well say that it has striven to do its duty.

I have heard on good authority that in Sweden and Norway they have an orphanage containing 800 children; if such is really the case, and I do not doubt it, England has yet much to do to hold its own in the field of charity.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—These remedies have stood the test of time, and opposition has proved fruitless, in consequence of their sterling qualities of efficacy, mildness, and certainty. They are unfailing in their operation on the causes of disease, and in that common class of disease, throat and chest complaints, are invaluable. The Ointment rubbed perseveringly over the seat of disorder, causes the irritation to subside, and the congestive condition to be arrested, so that the difficulty of breathing, which is so distressing an accompaniment of these diseases, is soon relieved, and the tendency to the development of Diphtheria, Ulcerated Tonsils, Mumps, Pleurisy, Bronchitis, and other alarming and dangerous diseases of these parts is at once checked and relief obtained.—ADVT.

UNVEILING THE MAYO STATUE AT COCKERMOUTH.

The long-anticipated and deeply interesting ceremony of uncovering the Memorial Statue of the late Earl of Mayo at Cocker-mouth came off on Thursday, August 19, under circumstances of a most gratifying and auspicious character. There was a large gathering of the nobility and gentry of the county and of the inhabitants of the town and district, amongst whom the most tender memories of the late Earl will ever survive. The principal duty of the day devolved upon Lord Napier and Ettrick, who it will be remembered, being then Governor of Madras, assumed the chief direction of affairs in India when Lord Mayo was suddenly cut off by an assassin.

The history of the Memorial may soon be told. It was on the 13th of February, 1872, that the news of Lord Mayo's assassination reached this country. In no place was the sad impression produced deeper than in Cocker-mouth, for in that place Lord Mayo had endeared himself to men of all shades of political opinion by the genial frankness of his manner and his kindness of heart. A public meeting was held in the Court-house, which was presided over by Mr. William Wood, the High Bailiff of the borough, and attended as numerous by Liberals as Conservatives. At that meeting Mr. Isaac Fletcher, M.P., paid an eloquent tribute to the worth and ability of the deceased nobleman. Mr. Fletcher said: “I believe that everybody in this room will admit that at no former period in the history of our borough have the inhabitants been called together upon a more melancholy or a more appalling occasion. A nobleman who for eleven years represented this borough in Parliament, who never had a contest, who three times had held office under the Crown, who had been a cabinet Minister, and who was selected by her Majesty's advisers as Viceroy of India, who for three years had discharged the duties of that most important office to the entire satisfaction of his Queen and of his country, has in one fearful moment been struck down by the blow of a base and cowardly assassin. Lord Mayo's career has been a somewhat remarkable one. Three times he had held the same office under the Crown, and on all of those occasions he distinguished himself chiefly by an entire devotion to the duties of his office, by a conscientious industry, and proving to demonstration that he possessed all the high qualities of an administrator. When, in the autumn of 1868, the Governor-Generalship of India became vacant, Mr. Disraeli, with that keen appreciation of character which I may say has always distinguished him in his selections for high office in the State, conferred the office of Viceroy and Governor-General of India upon Lord Mayo, I need not remind you that that appointment provoked much hostile, and perhaps I might almost say unfriendly, criticism. Although Lord Mayo's talents were universally admitted, there were undoubtedly very many who held the opinion that he was hardly possessed of those superior qualities of mind and of intellect which is essential in any one who undertakes such a gigantic task as the government of 150 millions of the natives of an empire who are more or less disloyal to the rule of this country. But Lord Mayo had been but a very short time in India when he amply proved that if he had not on former occasions displayed those great qualities it was because the opportunity had never been afforded him. For three years he had held that office; and he had grasped that problem of India Government more completely than any of his predecessors. He at once, by an intuitive perception, saw that the only mode of our permanently retaining our Empire in the East was by improving the means of communication, to develop the internal resources of India, by opening out railways and communication through the various parts of the country, and by endeavouring in every way to alleviate the physical and moral condition of those under his sway. I do not know that I need say very much more in praise of Lord Mayo. He amply justified the choice of Her Majesty; and the Duke of Argyll, in the House of Lords, and Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons, both of whom were hostile to him in politics, have admitted that he has conducted the government of India to the entire satisfaction both of Her Majesty and of themselves. (Applause.) It is, indeed, sad to think that a man like Lord Mayo, in the meridian of life, and in the midst of a great career, should have met so terrible and tragic an end. Many, I believe, looked forward to his fulfilling his high office for some time to come, and the qualities which he there displayed seemed to mark him out for high office if Providence had permitted that he should ever return to this country; but, alas, all these expectations have come to an end, and I may quote these lines:

Now is the stately column broke,

The beacon fire is quenched in smoke.

But I believe that both the present generation and posterity will admit that among the illustrious roll of Indian rulers there are few who have left behind them a brighter and more stainless life.” Mr. Fletcher concluded his address by moving a vote of sympathy and condolence with Lady Mayo, which concluded thus:—“And the meeting takes leave to add to this the assurance that throughout Lord Mayo's long connection with the borough, as one of its representatives in Parliament, he never failed to command, in a remarkable degree, the honour and regard of all classes of the constituency, as well by his noble personal qualities as by the able and faithful discharge of his public duties.” At the meeting referred to, addresses were also delivered by Colonel Green Thompson, the Rev. Canon Hoskins, the Rev. W. Williams, Mr. Ferdinand James, and others, it was resolved that, in consideration of Lord Mayo's former connection with the borough, and as a memento of the local appreciation of his personal virtues no less than of his public worth, steps be taken to erect a suitable and abiding memorial of the lamented statesman. All ranks and classes joined cordially in the movement, and

in a short time an eminent firm of sculptors, Messrs. Wills, of Euston-road, London, were commissioned to execute a statue in marble. A committee, consisting of a number of influential gentlemen, was formed, and of that committee Mr. Jonathan Mitchell was appointed the Honorary Secretary. A better man could not have been selected for the office, for Mr. Mitchell has laboured hard and indefatigably to make the movement, which culminated in the proceedings of Thursday, worthy of the man whose memory it was designed to honour, and the success which has crowned it is due in a very great measure to his exertions, which have certainly been ably seconded by his colleagues. The appeal for subscriptions was heartily responded to, and in a short time between £800 and £900 were collected. At first it was suggested that the memorial should take the form of a public hall, but this idea was quickly abandoned, and it was finally decided that the memorial should be a statue of Lord Mayo. Accordingly, on the 14th of November, 1872, an agreement was entered into by Mr. Bowerbank and Mr. Jonathan Mitchell, on behalf of the Mayo Memorial Committee, with Messrs. W. and T. Wills, sculptors, of 172, Euston-road, London, to make and complete the statue by the month of June, 1874, for the sum of £800. The statue was not, however, finished till the beginning of the present month. At one time it was in contemplation to place it at the end of Station-street, but the Committee finally resolved that the site for it should be the centre of Main-street, near the Bush Inn, and when the pedestal arrived at Cocker-mouth it was placed in its position by workmen, superintended by Mr. Phillips, the contractor for the Whitehaven Wet Dock, acting for Messrs. Wills, and Mr. Pickering, of the firm of Pickering and Crompton, of Whitehaven, engineers, acting on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

There were 144 subscribers to the memorial, in sums ranging from 5s. to £50. Lord Leconfield, the Hon. P. S. Wyndham, and the Earl of Lonsdale each subscribed £50, and the two former added £25 each to their first subscription, to aid in defraying the expenses connected with the unveiling ceremony and the alterations to the street. Among the other principal subscribers were Colonel Green-Thompson, £40; R. Senhouse, Esq., £30; George Moore, Esq., £25; George Mawson, Esq., £25; H. Bell, Esq., £23; John Sterling, Esq., £20; Trustee of the late J. Harris, Esq., £19 19s.; Mrs. Ann. Thornburn, £20; Sir Wilfrid Lawson, £20; H. Henhouse, Esq., £20; W. Fletcher, Esq., £20; L. Fletcher, Esq., M.P., £20; W. Wood, Esq., £20; T. A. Hoskins, Esq., £15; His Grace the Bishop of Carlisle, £10 10s.; the late J. Wybergh, Esq., £10; W. L. Alexander, Esq., £10 10s.; Lord Muncaster, £10 10s.; Messrs. S. and S. G. Saul, Carlisle, £10 10s.; Mr. W. Banks, Highmoor House, £10; Mr. Joseph Bowerbank, £10 10s.; Rev. J. Wordsworth, £10; Mr. D. Ropley, £10 10s.; Mr. John Ashley, £10 10s.; Mr. Joshua Jenkinson, £10 10s.; and W. N. Hodgson, Esq., M.P., £10 10s. The contract with Messrs. Wills, the sculptors, was signed in November, 1872, by Messrs. Mitchell and Bowerbank, on behalf of the Committee.

The statue reached Cocker-mouth on Friday week, and was placed on the pedestal on Monday. We can congratulate the artists upon the success of the work which has now left their hands. It is nine feet in height, and is carved from a block of fine Sicilian marble. The form, like that of him whose counterfeit presentment it is, is noble and commanding; and the attitude is imposing, as, befits one who held a beneficent and almost regal sway over two hundred millions of his fellow creatures. He is represented in his robes as Viceroy, which are very effectively arranged. The left hand rests on the hip; the right grasps a scroll. The likeness is admirable; it would have been impossible to render the manly and vigorous countenance with more fidelity. The massive pedestal of Cornish granite, twelve feet high, bears but one word—“Mayo.” In modelling the likeness, the sculptors were much assisted by suggestions from Lady Mayo and the Hon. Percy Wyndham, M.P., both of whom visited the studio on several occasions, and took great interest in the progress of the work. The whole structure will be surrounded by iron rails, at each corner of which a lamp is to be placed. The total expenditure will amount to £1000. The position of the statue has been well chosen in the most central and broadest part of the Main-street.

The proceedings were remarkably favoured by the weather. It was a glorious day of early autumn, a grateful breeze tempering the rays of an almost Indian sun. From early morning the streets of the town presented a busy and animated appearance, and a considerable number of visitors from the neighbouring towns and villages proceeded to Cocker-mouth by the early trains. This number was largely increased on the arrival of the trains from the east and west about noon. There was no attempt made to decorate the town, as it was thought by the Memorial Committee that such a proceeding would be out of keeping with an event which partook of a sad and solemn character, and one calculated to awaken very painful recollections. The whole of the tradesmen's shops and places of business were closed at twelve o'clock, and from that hour till three in the afternoon the traffic in Main-street, between Station-street and Sullart-street, was stopped by order of the Local Board of Health. In front of the statue a platform was erected for those who had to take part in the ceremony of unveiling, and running in the line of the street on each side was a stand, with seats rising one above another, for the accommodation of the subscribers to the Memorial Fund and the ladies. The space between the stands and within the enclosure was reserved for the officers and members of the Eighth Cumberland Rifle Volunteers and the Friendly Societies. Upon the rifle corps, in the first instance, however, devolved the duty of keeping the line of procession clear. About half-past twelve o'clock the spectators began to take their places in the street, upon the grand stands, and at the windows. The band of the Rifles was in its appointed position in

front of the central platform, and a detachment of police, placed at the service of the committee by the Chief-Constable, carried out the regulations under the directions of Mr. Superintendent Spencer, admitting none within the barricades except those who were privileged to enter. While the procession approached, the band played the "Dead March" (Saul). At a quarter before one o'clock the head of the procession of Friendly Societies appeared at the head of the street with a banner waving in front.

The Freemasons had mustered in strong force, a large number of brethren from neighbouring lodges visiting Skiddaw Lodge on the occasion. The members of the "Mystic Craft," it may be mentioned, had a peculiar interest in the proceedings, for the late Earl of Mayo, when Lord Naas, M.P. for the borough, and representative of the Grand Lodge of Irish Freemasons at the English Grand Lodge, became a joining member of Skiddaw Lodge, Cockermouth, on the 6th September, 1864, and continued a subscribing member till the day of his melancholy death, February 8th, 1872, at which time he also held the honour of Patron of the Masonic Order in the Indian dependencies of the British Crown. The Freemasons had met at Skiddaw Lodge-room, in the Market-place, at noon, and had luncheon at Bro. Stephen Thwaite's, Old Hall Inn. As they marched down the street they appeared in full Masonic Craft clothing and jewels, the Provincial Grand Officers present taking the head of the procession, led by the Tyler of Skiddaw Lodge, with their banner, and Bros. Evening and Ferguson with their wands as Stewards. The W.M., with the officers and brethren of Skiddaw Lodge, followed the Provincial Officers, and to these succeeded the deputations from other lodges. We give the names of the brethren who took part in the ceremony:—Among the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge 1092, present were:—Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, L.P.M. and Org., P.G.S.; C. Morton, P.M.; P. Prov. G.S.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas., P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. Shilton, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Pearson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; Jos. Allison, S.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, J.W. and Chaplain; Jas. Black, Sec.; Jos. Kerr, S.D.; J. Raine, J.D.; I. Evening, S.S.; S. Ferguson, J.S.; T. Bird, I.G.; W. Potts, Tyler; J. Halloway, J. Robinson, W. Taylor, R. Bailey, H. Moncrieff, J. Pearson, Jon. Musgrove, Stephen Thwaite, Jas. Bolton, and Joseph Graham. The visiting brethren, who signed their names in the Tyler's book, were as follows:—Scientific Lodge, 88, Cambridge: Bro. Jackson Gilbanks. Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, 119, Whitehaven: Bro. J. Rothery, Sec.; and E. Tyson. United Strength Lodge, 128, London: Bro. Joshua Lewis. Union Lodge, 310, Carlisle: Bro. William Robson. St. John's Lodge, 327, Wigton: Bro. John Lemon, P.M.; P. Prov. G.S.W., P.G. Treas.; John Gate, P. Prov. G. Reg.; John Harris. Lodge of Perseverance, 371, Maryport: Bros. Rev. W. Beeby, W.M., P.G. Chaplain; J. R. Banks, S.W.; J. Crerar, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, Treas., P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Thos. Carey, S.D.; J. Fulton, I.G.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M.; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; J. R. Tickle, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D.; G. M. Tickle, B.M.; J. M. Gill, Thomas Milburn, D. Bell, W. Walker, J. W. Robinson, Thos. Mandale, R. Tucker, G. Goodall. Zetland Lodge, 545, Hong Kong, China: George Glasie. Lewis Lodge, 873, Whitehaven: G. Nicholson. Sun and Sector Lodge, 962, Workington: G. T. Archibald, W.M.; N. Topping, J.W.; Reece Thomas, S.D.; G. M'Mullin, J.D.; Rowland Hill, I.G.; J. J. Beattie, P.M.; G. Brooker, P.M., P.P.G. Purs.; S. S. Briggs, B. Clark, W. Yates, J. Gay, Joseph Trougher, H. Irving, W. Jackson, T. Wilkinson, G. Ostle, R. Hullock, G. Kirkwood, D. Reece, W. Wagg, J. Blackburn, T. B. Roxby, W. S. Sands, G. Topping. Gretna Lodge, 1073, Keswick: Rev. R. Rutherford, P.M., P.P.G.A. Chaplain; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. Lamonby, P.G. Tyler; R. J. Hunter, A. Wilson. Witton Lodge, 1077, Blackley, Lancashire. G. Kay. Kenlis Lodge, 1267, Egremont: W. Miller and John Nelson. Curwen Lodge, 1400, Harrington: James Dick, S.W.; Tom Dixon, Sec.; J. Young, P.M.; W. Waite, W. Carlyle, D. Dickinson, R. Wattleworth, H. Halliday. Bective Lodge, 1532, Carlisle: G. Potter, S.W.; R. Orman. Thistle Lodge, 62, Dumfries, Scotch Constitution: Bro. W. Rome.

Following the members of the Masonic body came the Loyal Cocker Lodge of Oddfellows, with their gorgeous new banner floating on the breeze, emblazoned with the arms of the Order and the motto *Amicitia, Amor, et Veritas*. These were succeeded by the Derwent Lodge of Mechanics, and the Good Intent Friendly Society. The procession marched down the Main-street, through the open ranks of the Volunteers, to the inclosure round the statue, where places had been assigned for each body. The whole of the brethren would muster between 200 and 300 strong. At a brief interval came the members of the Memorial Committee, namely, Mr. Jonathan Mitchell (honorary secretary, who had the principal direction of the arrangements), Mr. Joseph Bowerbank, Mr. David Rapley, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. John Naisbit, the Rev. Canon Hoskins, M. W. Faulder, Mr. R. Senhouse, and the sculptors, Messrs. Wills.

At ten minutes past one o'clock the Earl of Lonsdale, in opening the proceedings, said: Ladies and gentlemen, I beg to introduce to you a gentleman who was next in rank in India at the time of Lord Mayo's death, and who has kindly consented to come here and perform the ceremony of unveiling the statue which has been erected to his memory. I beg to introduce to you Lord Napier.

Lord Napier and Ettrick then stepped forward and addressed the assemblage, and afterwards performed the ceremony of unveiling. The statue was greatly admired as a work of art, and as a likeness there could be no doubt as to its fidelity. It had been requested that there should be no cheering on the occasion, but several passages of Lord Napier's speech were applauded, and when at thirty-five minutes past one o'clock the drapery, which till that moment had shrouded the statue from the

public view, was withdrawn, there was a general outburst of applause, and most of the spectators took their hats off. The band performed the National Anthem, and the assembly quietly dispersed.

A YEAR'S MASONIC WORK IN ROUMANIA.

Bro. Caubet, the editor of the "Monde Maconique," gives us in the number for August, at page 162, a most interesting account of the labours of the Lodge "Les Sages d'Heliopolis," under the French Constitution at Bucharest.

This lodge, which has only been in existence a year and some months, has shown so much Masonic energy and life as to deserve recognition and preservation in our pages. Though Bro. Caubet's account is a little too long for our limited space, yet we have thought well to give a "precis" of his valuable article for the information and appreciation of our many readers.

We are not told the actual strength of the lodge, though it is doubtless very numerous. It has held in twelve months, ending February, 1875, sixty-five meetings, two lodges of emergency, a funeral service, and eleven conferences of instruction. It has, as is the foreign custom often, a sanitary section, composed of medical men, a juridical section composed of lawyers, and a Committee of Instruction.

The medical section has assisted, with gratuitous advice and medicine, 774 sick persons at the lodge itself, has visited 111 at their own homes, has placed in the civil hospitals 14 serious cases, so that in all 874 sufferers have received affectionate and zealous care, belonging as they do to all religions and nationalities. This seems to us very "good Samaritan" work.

Nothing is said about a Lodge Dispensary, though that probably exists, and in a town like Bucharest must be a great blessing. If the lodge has not one, it will probably soon establish one.

The juridical section has done a good deal of work, and in a way to slightly startle our Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. Remembering the old proverb, to the effect that legal advice gratis is good for nothing, "will it surprise" our readers to be told that the lawyers of the Lodge "Les Sages, &c.," have given numerous gratuitous consultations at the lodge, have pleaded gratuitously in a certain number of suits for some who did not belong to the lodge, and who sued in "forma pauperis" have rendered signal services to two foreign Freemasons, and have saved the widow of a member of the lodge from ruin.

The Committee of Instruction has endeavoured to establish a school of "arts et metiers," which we usually term technical instruction, and have raised, in one way or other, 6000 francs, £240, so far for that purpose, a sum they hope soon materially to increase.

The same committee has sought to aid all the Roumanian Schools, as we understand, in Bucharest, and to that end have given 456 volumes as prizes at the general examination in 1874.

The same committee inaugurated a series of "Scientific Conferences," which Bro. Caubet tells us were "very remarkable and very worthy of interest."

The "Mistria," a Bucharest Masonic paper, which we have seen, has been established by this same lodge, and is flourishing, while the lodge has also laid the foundation of a good library.

The financial position of the lodge is also very good. It has received independently of the School Fund to which it has contributed, from its formation a year and a few months ago, the sum of 51,709 francs 91 centimes—in English money, in round numbers, very nearly £2080. It has 6500 francs, in round numbers, or £245, balance to credit, on the general purposes funds, July 28, 1875, and 5283 francs—a little over £200—in its hospitable chest, the fund of benevolence.

We leave this simple statement of facts and figures to the consideration and approval of our brethren in Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry.

Ireland.

We call attention to this interesting Masonic intelligence from Ireland, for which we are indebted to a distinguished member of the Order:—

I ZINGARI IN IRELAND.

"We always wish to see them here,
We see them go with many a tear,
And Ireland always pipes her eye,
When she loses her jolly Zingari.

Now, all you lads and lasses all,
Sing in good chorus to our call,
May the black, red, and gold flag ever fly,
High o'er the heads of I Zingari."

The above stanzas form part of a poem composed by his grace our brother the Lord Lieutenant, in honour of I Zingari; and I am sure that if saw I Zingari go with many a tear, the tears were mutual, for regret at parting (with those whose never failing kindness had rendered the viceregal a paradise for the weary cricketer) was uppermost in the breasts of all. Old Ireland is, indeed, blessed in its Lord and Lady Lieutenant. There exists a peculiar charm in the way everything is managed. During the whole of the cricket week all who came were welcomed on the ground with kingly hospitality, and not only was the welcome extended to the world by day, but the most attractive dances, the best of music, and the best of suppers made the nights equally enjoyable. "God bless his grace, his whole family, and long life to them!" is the Zingari parting prayer; nor let those who tasted the hospitality of Abbotstown forget to give three cheers in honour of their old friend and entertainer, Mr. Hamilton, M.P. And now about the cricket. Out of the three matches played, I Zingari only won the military match. For three years in succession they had been beaten by the gentlemen of Ire-

land, and it is no use disguising the fact that they were beaten on their merits. Year by year Ireland becomes stronger in its cricket, and I.Z. must find better bowling and safer batting if they hope ever to win again. The Viceregal team of fifteen was much too strong, and Byrne's bowling most destructive. There is no doubt that the reverend gentleman is one of the few good amateur bowlers of the day; his pace about the same as old Hillyer's, his style a great deal like that of Mr. Charles Hazrene. A rival cleric was asked what Byrne's bowling was remarkable for. We give his answer—was it jealousy that prompted that answer? No, our professor was never jealous; it was, we imagine, to bring in his jocular learning. "It is remarkable," he said, for what Aristotle calls *euthetia*, or simplicity." If he was right I Zingari must hide their diminished head, but for once the professor made a mistake. But whilst we are on the subject of jokes we cannot omit to mention a ready answer of a gallant Hussar. During the vice-regal match the best bat in Ireland was playing in his very best form. "It is a shame," said some captious Zingaro, "to play that man in your fifteen; he has nothing to do with the Viceregal." "Honi soi qui maly pense" was the witty response of the popular owner of Caramel and Chimney Sweep. The Lord-Lieutenant played a real good innings, and caused a change in the bowling. Having mastered the fasts, he fell a victim to the slows. Defeated Zingari, you all tried to do your duty, but if the club were to revive an old custom, and give a dinner to the most worthy, you would all agree that "Bay Middleton" should be the guest of the evening. A timely hint, which may be worthy for future consideration. And now farewell to all. Though your old leader has left you to fight your southern battles without him, he is still present in spirit, and wishes you all the success that your good cricket, your untiring energy, and your good humour richly deserve.

I ZINGARI V. VICEREGAL.

Played Aug. 25 and 26. Score:—

I ZINGARI	1st inn.	2nd inn.
C. Marriott, run out	1	c L. Hone, b Byrne 5
Capt. Middleton, b Kempster	25	run out
R. Crawford, b Byrne	44	c Mahaffy, b Byrne 9
A. J. Webbe, c Bernard, b Roberts	10	b Byrne
W. C. Higgins, b Byrne	10	b Byrne
E. Lubbock, b Byrne	14	c L. Horn, b Byrne 31
Lord W. de Broke, b Mahaffy	8	b Mahaffy
G. Macan, c Kempster, b Byrne	6	c Roberts, b Byrne 7
A. H. Smith-Barry, b Byrne	0	not out
A. J. McNeile, c W. Hone, b Beecher	15	c L. Hone, b Byrne 4
W. Law, not out	15	c Beresford, b Byrne 12
H. B. Sutherland, b Byrne	0	b Kempster
B 19, 1 b 2, w b 2, n b 1 24		B 14, 1 b 2, w b 1 18

Total

I ZINGARI	Total
W. Forbes, b McNeile	40
D. N. Trotter, c McNeile	28
b Higgins	28
J. R. Roberts, c Lubbock	10
b Middleton	10
W. Hone, jun., c Lubbock, b Marriott	96
Lord E. Hamilton, b Middleton	3
C. A. G. Beecher, c Sutherland, b Middleton	0
F. Kempster, c Law, b Middleton	92
Vicount Bernard, c Marriott, b Higgins	4
L. Hone, b Sutherland	8
H.G. the Lord-Lieut., c Smith-Barry, b Crawford	7
Rev. J. P. Mahaffy, run out	4
Capt. P. Bernard, b Lubbock	5
Lord M. Beresford, b Middleton	0
Rev. J. Byrne, b Middleton	0
R. H. Flood, not out	19
B 7, 1 b 7, w b 5	19
Total	316

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S INTENDED VISIT TO INDIA AND CEYLON.

The official intelligence that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales intends to visit Ceylon in December has been received with the utmost enthusiasm by all classes in the Colony. The press, both English and vernacular, has expressed its anticipations of the good feeling which the Prince's visit will excite toward the Crown and the Home Government, and all classes are prepared to give his Royal Highness a most hearty reception. So far are the natives from grudging the expenses of his Royal Highness's visit, that the two leading vernacular journals, the *Prodeopoya* and the *Kirna*, have both earnestly urged that the reception given by the Government to its Royal visitor should be such as will do honour to the island and at the same time make his Royal Highness carry away with him pleasant impressions of it.

A public meeting of the inhabitants of Colombo was held in the Town Hall, and was well attended by representatives of all races. A committee was appointed, with Mr. C. P. Layard, C.M.G., Government Agent of the Western Province, as chairman, to organize the fêtes and illuminations which are to be given in honour of the Prince. An address is to be presented by the Colombo Municipality, and the ratepayers have requested that £5000 should be voted from the town funds for a basket of native workmanship in which the address is to be enclosed.

The Prince's movements during his Ceylon tour have been arranged as follows:—His Royal Highness will steam across from Tuticorin to Colombo, a voyage of 86 hours, and will land here on Saturday, the 11th of December. He will be received by the Governor, the chief officials, and a number of the leading colonists, and on landing will step into the train and proceed at once to Kandy, the beautiful mountain capital of the island. Here he will spend Sunday quietly, and will have an opportunity of seeing the beautiful glimpses of Ceylon mountain scenery from the hills

which overhang the Governor's pavilion, and also of visiting the fine Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya. On Monday, the 14th of December, his Royal Highness will return to Colombo, where the Governor will hold a lever, and an out-door entertainment of some sort will be given. The foundation stone of the new breakwater will be laid by his Royal Highness the same afternoon, and in the evening a grand ball is to be given, the town will be illuminated, and a display of fireworks will be made. On the 15th the Prince will again embark and sail round the island to Tricomalee, where he will enjoy a few days' sport among the elephants.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

On Monday, 6th inst., the newly appointed Head Master, Rev. Dr. Morris, before the assembled pupils, at their request, presented to the Matron, Miss Hall, a handsome musical album, at a cost of four guineas and a-half, spontaneously contributed by the entire school. The presentation was intended to mark the boys' appreciation of Miss Hall's long and constant kindness in the discharge of her duties, her care for their comfort and welfare, and her attention to their daily requirements, so far as her sphere of domestic management is concerned. In acting as the spokesman of his pupils, and, on their behalf, making this presentation Dr. Morris expressed himself in most suitable terms, and in reply Miss Hall most warmly thanked her young friends for so valuable a mark of their regard and esteem.

Obituary.

BRO. D. MITCHELL, P.M. 54.

On Monday night, the 6th inst., between eight and nine o'clock, Bro. Dan Mitchell, P.M., Hope Lodge, 54, departed this life at his residence in River-street, after a short sickness. Those brethren who saw Bro. Mitchell a few days before death did not think for a moment that his departure from among us was so near at hand. As each brother was informed of his death they felt deeply affected at so sudden and unexpected news. Bro. Mitchell was initiated into Masonry about twelve or thirteen years ago, and became distinguished among the brethren for his good attendance, steady working, and ever zealous in promoting the harmony and prosperity of the lodge, which gained the esteem and confidence of the brethren, and he was unanimously elected to the important office of W.M., and was installed accordingly in 1870, and discharged the duties of that office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. He was interred in the Rochdale Cemetery on Friday afternoon, and the brethren, in order to pay the last tribute of respect to our much lamented brother, attended in white ties and gloves. Brethren present—Bros. James Clegg, John Jones, Henry Chadwick, John Wild, Cockroft Smith, Ed. T. Fletcher, James Hutchinson, James Burnish, J.W.; A. Barker, S.W.; John Ashworth, W.M.; Edmund Lord, W.M.; Rd. Simpson, W.M.; David Buckley, P.M.; James Holt, P.M.; Ralph Rawstron, P.M.; Sam. Lord, P.M.; Wm. Briggs, P.M.; James Midgley, P.M.; Wm. Davies, P.M.; and a number of brethren, mostly P.M.'s, attended as private friends.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1876.

A form has been forwarded within the last twelve or fourteen days to the W.M. of every London lodge, respectfully requesting that the name and number of the lodge, place, day and months of meeting might be filled in and returned as speedily as possible, in order that corrections, where needed, may be made in the Diary and Pocket Book for 1876, which will be ready about October 1st. As many lodges do not re-assemble until October and November, a large number of the applications will not unfortunately reach the W.M. until too late for the publication. The publisher will therefore be very thankful to any W.M. or other officer, or members, who will favour him by forwarding the above information as early as possible to the Office, 198, Fleet Street, London. A regular form will be sent, when required, on receipt of name and address.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 24, 1875.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Lodge 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Red Cross Conclave 9, Villiers, Northumberland Arms Hotel, Isleworth.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Lodge 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.

" 857, St. Mark's, Half-Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
" 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-road.

Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Canberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Rishopgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1217, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's-terrace, St. John's Wood.

" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.

Red Cross Conclave, 15, St. Andrews, Regent Masonic Hall 68, Regent-st., W.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

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

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

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

Mount Edgumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford

Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (808), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, 6 to 8 p.m.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Canberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 25, 1875.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

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

" 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

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

" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow-in-Furness, at 6.

" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, at 6.

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

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.

" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1181), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 25, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.

St. Mungo Encampment, Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—The brethren of this lodge met on the 16th inst., at their usual quarters, the Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, to install their seventh Master, and a very goodly attendance honoured the event. Of members and visitors the following is the list:—J. G. Harris, W.M.; J. I. Ashburner, I.P.M.; W. J. Crutch, S.W.; Wm. Toye, J.W.; C. K. Crouch, S.D.; A. Lazarus, I.G.; Henry Lloyd, P.M.; James Terry, P.M., Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Christian, D.C.; Marx Gross, W.S.; H. G. Buss, Barker, Defriez, Gould, Ewin, Raven, Witherick, Sleaf, Davis, Ferry, Hastelow, T. Lloyd, Jennings, Ch'tson, Jones, Lloyd, sen., Shephard, Aitken, Berry, Prestage, Birchall, Loveday, Macklin, Wallington, and Nicholson. Visitors:—W. G. Brooks, S.W. 902; J. Southwood, J.W. 1260; W. H. Brand, 1524; W. Snowdon, D.C. 901; T. Lewis, 65; G. Seddon, J.D. 174; M. J. Cooke, 23; B. Cundick, J.W. 1421; E. Wilks, 1305; J. Miles, 65; S. Davis, Joppa; D. Barnett, 141; T. Austen, P.M. 933; W. Clouston, P.M. 33; E. Payne, 142; W. H. Lee, W.M. 1524; E. J. Allen, I.G. 733; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); and D. Hodges, 1382. The work done was the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the reception of the auditors' report, the election of Messrs. W. Latham and W. Aitken for initiation, the election of Bros. J. J. Berry, 554, and Thomas Jennings, 554, as joining members, the initiation of Mr. W. Aitken, the passing of Bro. Ferry, and the installation of Bro. Crutch as W.M. The W.M., Bro. J. G. Harris, did the initiation and passing, and Bro. James Terry, G.D.C., and Past G.S.B., Herts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and P.M. of this and several other lodges, installed Bro. W. J. Crutch. The brethren appointed as his officers for the year were:—W. Toye, S.W.; C. K. Crouch, J.W.; James Terry, Treas.; G. W. Verry, Sec.; A. Lazarus, S.D.; W. T. Christian, J.D.; M. Gross, I.G.; Burdell, D.C.; Barker, W.S.; and Gilchrist, Tyler. When the ceremony had been completed by the delivery of the addresses, the new W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. Terry and Verry, to the former for the able way in which he presided on the occasion of the presentation of the chairs to the lodge by the Baroness Burdett Coutts, and to the latter for the great trouble and labour he had had as Secretary to the lodge in making the arrangements. The W.M. said that the presidency on such an occasion required a great amount of tact and judgment, and much skill and ability. Every brother and every lady present on that occasion had witnessed such skill and ability, and to his management was in a great measure due the great success attained on that day. Every one was highly delighted with the way in which all the arrangements were carried out; and the distinguished guests of the lodge, including the Baroness, had expressed their delight. Her ladyship testified to it by inviting the company to her garden party the following Monday, besides mentioning before her departure what a happy day she had spent. At that garden party, the members of the lodge, one and all, were greeted with the greatest cordiality, which would ever be remembered by them, and the day was spent as cheerfully and harmoniously as any one could have desired. As for the general success the brethren have under marked obligations to Bro. Terry, he would move the vote of thanks which he had proposed. Bro. J. G. Harris, I.P.M., seconded the motion with the greatest cordiality, and Bro. Lloyd, P.M., having supported it, it was carried with acclamation. Bro. Terry in acknowledging the compliment in a very few words explained, that while he was always happy to do anything that would contribute to the happiness of the brethren, and the prosperity of the lodge, he was amply repaid for what he had done at the presentation referred to by the gratification of having to preside on so important an occasion. He however, could not take to himself the acknowledgments of the brethren for more than he had done, and he must inform the brethren that the far greater labour had fallen on Bro. Verry. Bro. Ashburner thought that a testimonial should be presented to both these brethren, but as this was not pressed, Bro. Verry also acknowledged the vote of thanks, and detailed some of the labours that had to be undergone in supervising the building of the chairs, and arranging for the presentation to the satisfaction of all the brethren. The

brethren then closed down, and adjourned to a capital banquet supplied by Bro. Thomas Lloyd. The customary toasts were proposed and honoured, and the intervals between the various toasts were occupied with some excellent singing, besides some choice instrumental music by Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, of 554 and 933. The initiate, Bro. Aitken, expressed his pleasure at being admitted a member of the fraternity, and Bro. Harris, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," expressing his confidence that the lodge would be always well worked while under his direction, as he had given ample proofs that afternoon in investing his officers that he was a fluent deliverer of the ritual of Freemasonry. The W.M. replied that as the brethren had placed him in the chair of the lodge he thanked them heartily for it, and he would endeavour to make the year prosperous. He looked upon it as a great pride to any Mason to become Warden and Master of the lodge in which he was initiated, and as this was his mother lodge he would do all he could to add lustre to its already brilliant names. Bros. W. H. Lee and Brooks replied for "The Visitors," and a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Harris, who has performed the duties of the year most creditably, and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Harris thanked the brethren sincerely for their kindness, and was proud to say that he was the second initiate of the Burdett Coutts Lodge that had passed through its chair. The toast of "The Officers" was afterwards given, responded to by Bro. Toye, S.W.; and Bro. Gilchrist having given the "Tyler's Toast," the brethren separated.

PROVINCIAL.

SMALLBRIDGE.—PROBITY AND FREEDOM LODGE (No. 367).—This lodge held its monthly meeting on Thursday, the 16th of September, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Smallbridge, near Rochdale. Present: Bros. John James Ashworth, W.M.; William Schofield, S.W.; William J. Kinder, S.D.; Alfred Thos. Shore, J.D.; William Beswick, Sec.; C. M. Jones, P.M., Treas. The lodge was opened in due form at 7.30 p.m. by the Worshipful Master. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and declared faithfully recorded. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Henry Ashworth, was declared favourable, and he was initiated by Bro. Jones, P.M., in a very impressive manner. Bro. Swift was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Davies, P.M. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30 p.m., when the brethren sat down to a banquet.

STOKESLEY.—CLEVELAND LODGE (No. 543).—The monthly meetings of the Cleveland Lodge were resumed after the summer recess on Monday evening, at the Golden Lion Hotel, when all the officers were present, and there was a fair attendance of other brethren. The W.M., besides the labour of opening and closing in the three degrees, had a raising, a passing, and an initiation, the whole of the ceremonies being performed in a very creditable manner. Though living many miles away in Glaisdale, with a wide practice as a country surgeon, Bro. Richardson has rarely missed the meetings of his lodge since his initiation, and since he was elected to the chair of K.S. his devotion to his duties has won him the admiration of all his brethren in the lodge, who trust his good example will long be followed.

HARWICH.—STAR OF THE EAST LODGE (No. 650).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Pier Hotel, Harwich, on Monday, 13th inst., when Bro. G. Gard Pye, S.W., Angel Lodge, Colchester, was installed as Worshipful Master. The installation ceremony was ably and impressively performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, there being present Bro. W. Clark, R.W., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Essex. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was also represented by Bro. J. Wright Carr, P.G. Sec. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. James Durrant, I.P.M. and D.C.; Jonathan Dunlop, S.W.; S. Dutton, jun., J.W.; S. Dutton, sen., Sec. and Treas.; J. Cartledge, S.D.; W. Oxenham, J.D.; S. J. Newton, I.G.; W. Downs and G. S. Smith, Stewards; R. Barlow, Tyler. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren, chiefly from Colchester; and letters regretting their inability to be present were read from the R.W. the P.G. Master (Bro. R. J. Bagshaw) and others. The brethren afterwards had a banquet, admirably provided by host Brice. W.M. Pye presided, and in a felicitous manner proposed the loyal and other toasts suitable to the occasion. The evening was passed in a most harmonious manner, and the company separated before eleven. Among the brethren present (in addition to those already named) were:—Visitors: Bros. W. F. Laxton, P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, and P.M. 1238; W. Westgate, P. Prov. G.D.C. Suffolk; A. Welch, W.M. 51; A. R. Clench, W.M. 607; T. Eustace, P.M. and S.W. 697; W. Rivers, P.M. 74; W. Richey, P.M. 700; T. J. Ralling, Sec. 51; J. Hanly, P.G.S. and I.G. 51; F. Wright, 213, 697, 1500; A. Tennant, 153 (late 179, Gibraltar); T. M. Middleton, 51; John J. C. Turner, Org. 51; T. H. Naylor, 697; Mills (Cape of Good Hope), Hennemeyer, 697; H. Everett, 697; W. G. Siggers, 697; T. Downing, 697; C. Gunner, 51 and 697; A. J. Staines, 51. Members of 650: Bros. R. Guy, T. H. Naylor, J. H. Robinson, W. O. Ward, P.M.; C. Lucas, W. Nickerson, W. Walker, C. J. F. Barker, J. W. C. Butcher, P.M.; R. T. Dickson, P.M.; G. L. Jackson, J. Warren, and S. A. Wymark, P.M.

RUNCORN.—ELLESMEERE LODGE (No. 758).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, 1875, at half-past six o'clock. The following is a list of the officers and others present:—Bros. Robert Rigby, W.M.; Edward Aston, S.W.; James Warburton, J.W.; William Garnett, S.D.; Charles Gerrard, J.D.; J. Fothergill, P.M.; William Wass, I.G.; Horsfall, Sec.; I. W. Lightburn, Org.; Geo. Purver, Tyler; George Moss, William Mellor, William Lyon, Thomas Gregson Giles. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, when the

W.M. informed the members that Bro. Couth was a candidate for being raised, who, after giving satisfactory proofs of his efficiency in the former degree, was entrusted and retired. During his absence the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. On Bro. Couth's re-admittance, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, through which Bro. Fothergill, P.M., officiated in the place of the Worshipful Master of the lodge, who was indisposed. The working tools, as well as the Tracing Board, were also lucidly explained with effect and impression. The lodge having been closed at 8.15, the brethren subsequently adjourned to an excellent supper provided by Bro. Jonathan Wilson, at the Commercial Hotel. After the repast, Bro. J. Fothergill, P.M., gave the toasts of "The Queen," "Bro. H.R.I.I. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and the rest of the Royal Family," and "Our Masonic Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate." The next was "The Worshipful Master." He was certain it would be received with enthusiasm, which he well deserved. All who had watched Bro. Rigby's career would be well pleased to see him occupy the honourable position which he now did, and every one must wish that he might long be spared to adorn the Order to which he belongs. The W.M. said he could hardly find words to express the gratitude he felt for the manner in which his health was proposed, and the enthusiastic manner in which it had been responded to. If his humble efforts during his year of office could in any way justify their good opinion, he would use them to the utmost. His endeavour would be to further the best interests of the lodge, and promote the harmony and good fellowship of every member. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the P.M.," to which Bro. Fothergill responded. "The Newly-initiated Brother," to which Bro. Couth responded. The next toast given was "The Officers of the Lodge," to which all officers responded. "The Visitors" was the next, responded to by Bro. Diggs, W.M. of St. John's Lodge. The evening was greatly enlivened by excellent songs being given by Bros. W. Garnett, S.D.; James Warburton, J.W.; and C. Gerrard, J.D. At 10.30 the brethren parted, having spent a very pleasant evening together.

WARRINGTON.—GILBERT GREENALL LODGE (No. 1250).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street. The W.M. (Bro. Richardson) took the chair at 6.30 o'clock, and was supported by Bros. Reid, S.W.; Crosier, J.W., other officers and members, and several distinguished visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and there being no regular business, the W.M. proceeded to present Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., with a testimonial for his services as Hon. Secretary to the lodge from its formation. The testimonial consisted of a very handsome skeleton drawing-room timepiece and a P.M.'s gold jewel. The timepiece bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., P.Z., etc., by the brethren of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge of Freemasons, Warrington (of which he was one of the founders), in recognition of his services as Hon. Secretary for the past six years." The W.M. said he was very pleased to be the mouthpiece of the lodge on that occasion. As one of the founders of the lodge he was associated with Bro. Finney, and others who were then in the room; and he well remembered the arduous duties which devolved upon the Secretary in those early days, and he could say from personal knowledge that all those duties had been discharged by the worthy brother in a most highly satisfactory manner. It was not his intention to make a long speech, but he could say with the greatest confidence and satisfaction that the late Secretary was eminently entitled to this substantial mark of esteem at their hands. He hoped he might live long, and that these things might become mementos to his children of the third and fourth generation. Bro. Finney was grateful to the lodge for the very handsome testimonial which had just been presented to him, and for the very flattering way in which the W.M. had been pleased to speak of his humble services as Secretary. He should always look back with pride and satisfaction to the time when he was Secretary of the lodge. He was reminded by what had fallen from the W.M. of the time, now nearly seven years ago, when a few of them met in that room to discuss the advisability of forming a new lodge. The lodge was consecrated on the 12th April, 1869, and from that time up to the present it had been his pleasure to act as its Secretary. He had always tried to do his duty and to support the dignity of Masonry, and whether he had been successful or not he must leave them to judge, but of this he was sure, he had had the honour of serving under six W. Masters, who would under any circumstances have done credit to any lodge. He was not prepared to make a long speech, and he would conclude by wishing every prosperity to the Gilbert Greenall Lodge. Another pleasing feature in the programme was the presentation of a very handsome gold P.M.'s jewel to Bro. R. Brierley, I.P.M., who also returned thanks. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper supplied by Bro. Arthur Potters, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated in perfect harmony.

GREAT STANMORE.—ABERCORN LODGE (No. 1540).—The last regular meeting of this lodge for the season was held at the Abercorn Hotel on the 7th inst., Bro. Robert Helsdon, W.M., in the chair, supported by the officers. The lodge was opened in solemn prayer to the First and Second Degrees at 2.30 p.m. Bros. Best, Swatton, and Felton, after a successful examination, were impressively and separately raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Eversden having shown great proficiency, was passed to the Second Degree, and the Tracing Board fully explained. The ballot was then unanimously taken for Messrs. Thompson, Lloyd, and Hackney, and they were respectively initiated to the First Degree. The usual business being completed, the lodge was closed at 6.30, and the brethren met at banquet in perfect harmony, the usual musical contributions

by the brethren closing the day's labours with general satisfaction. Bro. Woodstock, P.M. 749, and Bro. Ray, 188, were amongst the visitors.

Knights Templar.

PRESCOT.—WILLIAM DE LA MORE PRECEPTORY.—A convocation of the Knights belonging to the William de la More preceptory was held at the New Masonic Hall, Prescott, on Thursday, the 16th inst. This was the first meeting in the new Masonic Hall at Prescott, and all the arrangements gave universal satisfaction. The room is a good one, and very comfortable, and there is no doubt that the Knights Templar, as well as the other Masonic bodies in the neighbourhood, will experience the benefit of having a meeting-place of their own. The preceptory was opened at 4.45 by Sir Knight Dr. J. Kellett Smith, M.R.C.S., the E.P., and amongst the others present were Sir Knights G. Turner, P.E.P.; R. Brown, Prelate; Reginald Young, First Captain; Thomas Ashmore, Second Captain; Joseph Wood, Treas.; William Tyrer, Almoner; W. Thomson, Captain of the Lines; P. H. Whittaker, &c. The minutes were read and confirmed, and two brethren were balloted for and elected. Sir Knight Reginald Young was unanimously elected Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight Wood was re-elected Treasurer for the same period. Sir Knights Young and Brown were elected Auditors. Apologies were read for non-attendance from several Sir Knights. One brother was proposed for installation, and the preceptory was closed in solemn form, after which the Sir Knights sat down to an excellent banquet.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. JOHN** (No. 34).—This most ancient and prosperous lodge met on Monday, the 13th inst., in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, for the purpose of admitting into the ancient order of Freemasonry Mr. A. Stewart, who had been regularly proposed and vouched for, and no objection offered. On account of Mr. A. Stewart being about to leave Glasgow for India in the course of a few days, the whole three degrees were conferred upon him at this meeting. Mr. John McGaw also received the three degrees at this meeting. Bros. Wm. Anderson, John McGill, and J. Mayberry were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Bros. Ross, Blackwood, Anderson, McGill, and Mayberry raised to the degree of Master Mason—Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., officiating in the First Degree; John Dick, Sec., officiating in the Second Degree; and John Monro, R.W.M., Lodge Commercial (No. 360) officiating in the Third Degree. The whole of the degrees were worked in a thorough, efficient, and masterly style. There was a good attendance (as usual) at this meeting, and at the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. MARK** (No. 102).—A specially interesting meeting of this lodge was held within their hall, in Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M., in the chair. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of last meeting read, and some other business disposed of, the chairman called attention to some matters in which they were all interested. He was sorry, he said, to inform them that they were in danger of taking a short road down to the street some night. Owing to the alterations going on in the lower portion of the building, their walls were cracking and subsiding, and a general amount of damage had been done to the place, which would require to be paid for by somebody. Mr. Carrick, of the Royal Hotel, he understood, some time ago bought the property below them, but not theirs, and commenced to alter it. He (the chairman) believed that he had got the sanction of the Dean of Guild Court so to do; but, although other parties were summoned to appear for their interests when the application came before the Court, no information regarding the matter came to any of them (Lodge St. Mark); and he (the chairman) only heard of it after it had passed. That made it the worse for Mr. Carrick; he was bound to repair the damage done to their property. When they discovered that the damage was being done, they got two architects to examine the place, and through their law agents, Messrs. Thomas Stout and Son, sent a letter on the subject to Mr. Carrick, which, as yet, that gentleman had taken no notice of. This was a case in which they had to get reparation, not for wounded feelings, but for wounded walls. If Mr. Carrick wanted to buy their place he must give a price for it; if not, he must pay for the damage done. In answer to inquiries by one or two brethren, the chairman said that Mr. Carrick had asked if they would take £2000 for it, and had been told that the lodge would not take it. The lodge had put no price on it themselves as yet. In further explanation, he stated that that lodge room and its adjuncts had been supposed to belong to St. Mark's Lodge; but, on examination, they found that the property had been made the absolute property of certain members of the lodge—the case thus being that the brethren present and other members had no more right to it than any one else. The members to whom the property had thus been made over were fifteen in number; of these eight were dead, and the seven who remained were the absolute proprietors of that lodge room; and as matters stood the last survivor of that number could say, "This property is mine." It was certainly not intended to have been so in drawing up the deed of conveyance, but simply that the brethren whose names were attached to it should hold it as trustees for the lodge; and, as he understood, that was entirely their own impression. Under the circumstances, what the lodge now wanted to do was to get the trust declared, and assume a greater number of trustees, younger members, to keep it

up as the original ones fell off. If, however, the survivors declined to give up their rights—which he did not believe they would—they (the lodge) had not a word to say. Reverting to the matter of Mr. Carrick and his offer of £2000, they considered that their property was worth £2500; and he (the chairman) had taken upon himself to say that they should not take less. In concluding, he explained, in reply to a question on the subject, that the matter of re-arrangement of the trust was presently in process. Bro. James Lang, P.M., said that in coming there that night he was surprised to hear what had been explained with regard to the trusteeship of the lodge. He remembered the drawing up of the deed very well, and he certainly considered that the brethren named were trustees simply. They certainly considered themselves as trustees; and one of the survivors, Bro. A. McDonald, told him so, within a year ago; and he (Bro. Lang) had no doubt that they would all agree as to putting the matter right. The subject then dropped. An interesting feature of the evening was the appearance in the lodge, after long absence, of Bro. Lang, P.M., just mentioned, who is a Masonic veteran. He became a Mason and a member of St. Mark's so far back as December, 1817; and he remarked that he had just come up that night to see how his mother lodge looked fifty-eight years after he had joined it. He was elected R.W.M. in 1843, and held the chair for two years. In a few words the R.W.M. (Bro. Mitchell) expressed the gratification they must all feel at having Bro. Lang with them that night, and hoped they would often see him among them again. The lodge was thereafter closed.

GREENOCK.—**LODGE ST. JOHN** (No. 175).—An emergency meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in the handsome lodge room on the evening of the 8th inst., when a great deal of business was gone through. The meeting was under the guidance of Bro. Urie, D.M., who was ably supported by Bro. McIntyre, S.W.; Bro. McWatty, J.W., and several of the other office-bearers. No fewer than eight candidates were made, passed, or raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the work having been performed in a most satisfactory manner. Bro. Rodger, Treasurer, conducted the business of the First and Second Degree, the working tools being explained in a very telling manner, and the lecture, by Bro. McQuarrie, was given in a fluent and correct style. As showing the prosperity of this lodge, we may mention that over 100 members have been made acquainted with the mysteries of the Craft since St. Andrew's Night, a good evidence of the popularity of the R.W.M., Bro. Alex. McMaster. We never attend the meetings of this lodge without being struck with the admirable working of all the office-bearers, and we believe the success attending their efforts is due a good deal to the indefatigable exertions of the Secretary, (Bro. Wm. Wright), who is most attentive to his duties, and most kind and courteous to all, and more particularly to visiting brethren. As the season for more increased business and festive gatherings is fast drawing round, we hope from time to time to be able to give reports of the proceedings.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE COMMERCIAL** (No. 360).—The brethren of this prosperous and well managed lodge met in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 17th inst. Bros. Monro, R.W.M., in the chair; J. M. Ollit ver, S.W.; T. Graham, J.W. There were also present—Bros. A. Morton, P.M.; J. Davidson, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; J. E. Spiers, S.M.; Wm. Finlay, Treas.; W. H. Bickerton, Sec., and a fair attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. On the lodge being opened, the Secretary read the minutes of last regular meeting, which were confirmed. On the retirement of Bros. Thomson, Wilson, and McLean, Entered Apprentices, the lodge was raised to the degree of F.C., when the aforementioned brethren, who had been properly prepared, re-entered, and were passed to the degree of F.C., Bro. Monro, R.W.M., officiating in his usual masterly style. The lodge was then reduced to the degree of E.A., when Mr. James Colquhoun, who had been regularly proposed, seconded, and balloted for, and no objection offered, received this degree, Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., officiating. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE ST. VINCENT** (No. 553).—On Thursday evening, 16th inst., the long delayed visitation of this lodge by the P.G.L. of Glasgow was made at the regular meeting of No. 553, within the hall rented by them in Kent-road, Glasgow. The deputation was headed by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; and included, further, Bros. A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; James Gillies, S.D.; John Fraser, G. Thallon, James Balfour, William Phillips, and George Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of the P.G. Benevolent Fund. The deputation having been received with due honour, and the R.W.M. of the lodge (Bro. R. McDougall) having in customary form acknowledged the supremacy of P.G.L., Bro. Barrow called upon the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) to read the report which the deputation had to make as the result of their visit. This bore that the books of the lodge were on the whole in a very fair condition; while at the same time it took notice of several discrepancies as to dates between the roll book and the minute book, where, as a matter of course, both should have corresponded. The funds on hand of the lodge were, as at 27th February last, £29 18s. 7d.; nothing having been given away in charity for the reason that it had not been required. The number of members made during the year reported on was 76, and the sum contributed to the P.G. Benevolent Fund from the entrance fees had been £14. In the course of a few remarks following, and based upon the report read by the Secretary, Bro. Barrow remarked that the P.G.L. of Glasgow was the first to lead the way in these periodical visitations, a chief end and object of which was to give assurance to every member of a lodge within the province that whatever was done in the lodge was under the strict and regular surveillance of a superior body. Upon the whole he was very well pleased with the result of their visit; and the fact that he had in

the minutes deprecated strongly the irregularities that had appeared in some of their books, only showed that the P.G.L. were looking after the best interests of the lodge. Further, Bro. Barrow animadverted against the system of giving more than one degree on one night, for which, however, he blamed the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He was a member of the Grand Lodge, and if he remained so it should be the aim of his life to do away with the permission conceded by it to give two or three degrees in one night. In concluding, Bro. Barrow referred to the subject of admission fees; giving it as his opinion that these were at present disgracefully low within the province, and that the minimum figure should be five guineas. The R.W.M. (Bro. McDougall) having shortly replied to the remarks of Bro. Barrow and the Secretary, the deputation withdrew in order as they had entered.

GLASGOW.—**LODGE DRAMATIC** (No. 571).—The third regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 15th inst., Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, R.W.M., presiding. Immediately after the opening of the lodge, the S.W., Bro. H. W. Jackman, said that being desirous of giving some substantial evidence of the interest he took in it, he begged to present them with a box of working tools, and accompany the same with a wish that every candidate in whose making they might be used would turn out to be a good and worthy brother of Lodge Dramatic. The receipt of the gift (a very handsome box of tools it is) was duly acknowledged by the chairman; who, in so doing, took occasion to mention that they had been under many obligations to Bro. Jackman on different occasions; and he (the chairman) could truly say that they had never had a more willing and assiduous co-worker than their worthy brother, the Senior Warden. Thereafter, the compliment of honorary affiliation to the lodge was conferred upon Bros. W. H. Bickerton, 972, E.C.; John Stewart, 360; and J. B. Hardie, 102. The lodge then proceeded to the business of initiation, when Lawrence Rankin Mitchell, engineer, South Portland-street, received the E.A. degree at the hands of Bro. Dobson, R.W.M. This concluded the business.

GLASGOW.—**ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER** (No. 69).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 14th inst. A lodge of Excellent Masters was opened, Comp. G. W. Wheeler, Z. 73, presiding, supported by Comps. Geo. Heron and J. M. Oliver as Senior and Junior Wardens. Minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Mark Masters R. C. Lynes and David, P. Boyd, of Abbey Chapter, 76, Paisley, were admitted on behalf of that chapter, and received the degree of E.M. Before closing the lodge, Comps. Jas. Anderson, Z. 76, and Nicholson, 76, who had to leave to catch the last train for Paisley, severally thanked Comp. Humphreys, Z. 69, and the other members present for their ready assistance in forwarding the interests of Chapter 76. A R.A. Chapter was then opened, with the following Office-bearers:—Comps. T. D. Humphreys, Z.; Geo. Heron, H.; G. W. Wheeler, acting J.; J. M. Oliver, E.; Wm. Thomas, Treas., and others, when the same two candidates for R.A. Masonry were re-admitted and duly received into companionship, Comp. Wheeler again officiating in his usual masterly style, ably assisted by Comp. J. Balfour, P.Z. 73, who on this occasion undertook the arduous duties of First Soj. The nomination of Office-bearers for the ensuing year, was the next business before the chapter, but after some discussion, it was agreed to postpone that matter until the 23rd inst., when it was hoped there would be a larger attendance of members of the chapter to participate in so important a matter. There being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due form.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

Our brethren in the Craft on this side of the water will be pleased to hear that the District Grand Lodge of Bengal has appointed a committee under the resolution passed on the 24th June, 1875, which has for its object the building and maintaining a Masonic Hall worthy of the Freemasons of Bengal and of the capital of India. The committee met at the Freemasons' Hall, in Bentinck Street, Calcutta, on the 3rd July last, and the whole of the necessary resolutions were passed to carry out the scheme for the building of the New Masonic Temple. A company has been created, and is called "The Bengal Freemasons' Hall Building Company," with a capital of 150,000 rupees, divided into 100 rupees each, bearing interest at 6 per cent., and the necessary officers and directors have been appointed. The site for the new temple has been fully determined upon, and nothing remains but the completion of the list of shareholders, which already numbers 150. There are still some 500 shares at the disposal of the committee, and it is hoped some of the Craft on this side of the water may feel disposed to assist our India brethren in their laudable and praiseworthy scheme. It is anticipated that everything will be in readiness for the commencement of the building during the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to India, and no doubt a very forcible appeal will be made to him to inaugurate the event by laying the foundation stone himself. The prospectus and plans can be seen at Messrs. Grindlay and Co.'s, Parliament Street, London, by whom all inquiries will be given and enquiries answered, and by whom subscriptions will be received.

MAZAGON.—**LODGE CORCORAN** (No. 757, E.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 21st August, 1875. Present: Wor. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M. Bros. F. Burdett, as S.W.; W. Fearn, as J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Silks, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D. J. E. Tyers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas,

I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members: Bros. J. N. Dady, P.M. No. 1359; J. May, W. E. Craddock, H. Watson, W. W. Wilson, W. Hobbs, J. Holt, J. Anderson, J. Weddle, F. Langford, E. Lucas, J. H. Burrett, C. Peters, R. Ballard, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. McKenzie, P.M. 944; H. W. Barrow, P.M. 944; F. Connell, W.M. 1100; W. Fraut, R. Raymond, C. Parker, &c. The lodge was opened with prayer at 7 p.m. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last meeting of the Permanent Committee were read and adopted. The ballot was taken for Dr. Joseph Gerson Da Cunha as a candidate for initiation, and announced duly elected. Mr. Ernest Fuelling having passed the ballot in July, and Dr. Joseph Gerson Da Cunha properly prepared, were duly and respectively admitted into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The Secretary then read a letter from the D.G. Secretary, forwarding the Grand Lodge certificates of Bros. Isaac Holt and C. Peters. The certificates were then duly signed by and delivered to Bros. Isaac Holt and C. Peters. Then read a letter from Bro. J. P. Hoare, Aden, acknowledging the receipt of his clearance certificate. A letter was read from Mr. Stephen Rust, Norfolk, England, stating our late Bro. William Rust died at Hull, on the 12th May, 1875, and the Secretary was directed by the Wor. Master to send a letter of condolence in the name of the lodge to Mr. Stephen Rust, father of the deceased. The Secretary read an application for relief from Mrs. A. Cesserat, and was directed to refer the matter to the Permanent Committee for their consideration. Then read a letter from Bro. F. S. Llewellyn, asking to be placed on the absent list, which was accordingly done. Then read a letter of thanks from Right Wor. Bro. H. H. Locke, Past Deputy D.G.M. Bengal, Vice-President of the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence, in reference to information wanted of a brother. One gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation. Rupees six annas four only were then taken from the subscription box, and duly taken into account. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer at 9.30 p.m.

BOMBAY.—**HOLMESDALE IN THE EAST LODGE OF MARK MASTERS** (No. 72, E.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bombay, August 18th. Present: W. Bros. C. E. Mitchell, W.M.; A. McKenzie, I.P.M.; A. Swift, P.M.; W. C. Rowe, S.W.; H. De Latham, J.W.; C. Sudball, M.O.; O. Tomlinson, S.O.; J. E. Tyers, J.O.; B. Robinson, S.D.; A. Swift, as J.D.; T. Mills, as I.G.; W. G. Davie, Sec.; W. Natchell, Tyler. The lodge having been tyled, was opened in due form at 6.45. The summons convening the meeting having been read, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last Permanent Committee were read and adopted. The ballot was then taken for Bro. T. E. Cochrane, which proved clear. Bros. C. Parker and C. Peters were then advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. Bro. T. Mills was then requested by the W.M. to come forward to sign and receive his Grand Mark Lodge certificate, which he did. A letter was read from Bro. B. Frankeon, Secretary of Lodge 500, returning thanks to W. Bro. A. McKenzie for the kind manner in which he came forward to their assistance in connection with the installation of Bro. Capt. Holloway. A letter was read from H. D. Barrow, referring to the testimonial for W. Bro. Hussey. The W.M. then invested Bro. C. Parker as J.D. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony at 8.45.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS AT BRUSSELS.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR BRITISH EXHIBITORS.

1. An International Exhibition and Congress will take place at Brussels in 1876, under the Gracious Protection of H.M. the King of the Belgians, the Honorary Presidency of H.R.H. the Comte de Flandre, and the patronage of the City of Brussels; and will be directed by a Belgian Executive specially constituted for the occasion.
2. The Exhibition will be held in buildings specially erected in the park at Brussels. It will be opened on the 15th June, and closed about the 1st October.
3. Nothing will be admitted to the Exhibition but what comes strictly within the limits of the published classification, and is distinguished by merit, interest, or superiority of some kind.
4. The introduction of dangerous substances is strictly prohibited, and special measures will be adopted in regard to inconvenient matters.
5. Each exhibitor will receive a diploma, certifying that the honour of admission to the Exhibition has been obtained.
6. The apparatus and other articles exhibited will be submitted to an international jury, who will make the awards.
7. The Exhibition building will be a temporary bonded warehouse, no Customs charges being imposed either on reception or return of foreign contributions, but duties will have to be paid on articles sold.
8. All packages, in order to insure admission duty free, must bear the printed official labels that will be furnished to exhibitors.
9. No sketch, copy, or reproduction of any objects exhibited will be allowed to be taken without the special permission of the exhibitor and the approval of the executive. The right of permitting general views to be taken is, however, reserved by the executive.
10. Each exhibitor will receive a non-transferable season ticket, subject to the usual conditions, giving admission to the Exhibition and to all the official ceremonies in connection with it.
11. An Official General Catalogue in French in which exhibitors may, at fixed charges, insert explanatory notices immediately following their official class entries, will be published by the Belgian Executive. There will also be published a Special Official Catalogue of the British Exhibits.

12. Prices may be attached to the articles exhibited, and the usual places of their sale notified.

13. Under special conditions, small portable articles, such as can be immediately replaced, may be sold and removed at any time from the building. Other articles may be sold, but must not be removed until after the close of the Exhibition.

14. The Belgian Executive will take all the usual precautions to preserve objects exhibited from injury, and the building will be watched by active officials. The executive, however, will not be in any way responsible for losses by theft, damage by fire, or other causes. Exhibitors can effect insurances on their own account.

15. The charges for space, per square yard, or fraction of a yard, are as follows:—

In the Main Building, floor space, 30s.; wall space, 15s. In Sheds, Tents, &c., floor space, 18s.

In the Open Ground, 10s.

But the minimum chargeable to each exhibitor is fixed at 30s., how small soever the space actually occupied.

The square yard only gives the right to one yard of frontage. All applications must specify the number of yards required in frontage and depth.

Articles standing on the floor and against a wall must not exceed 5 feet in height. Any further space covered above will be charged as wall space.

As the arrangement of exhibits in the building will be strictly according to the classification, a separate form of application must be filled in for the space required in each class in which it is proposed to exhibit.

16. Agents may be appointed by exhibitors, but such nominations must be officially confirmed after communication to the London Committee.

17. Exhibitors or their agents will be responsible for the packing, forwarding, receiving, unpacking and repacking of goods, for the opening and at the closing of the Exhibition respectively, and will have to bear all charges connected therewith. The Belgian Government will reduce by one-half the rates of transport by railway; and all other possible concessions on the rates of transport by land and water will be obtained.

18. All arrangements for the display of articles exhibited, including special constructions, stands, cases, tables, shelves, and the mounting of machinery and apparatus, will be at the charge of exhibitors, the plans being previously submitted and approved.

19. Everything intended for exhibition must be delivered at the building before the 1st May, 1876, and be opened in the presence of the Belgian Custom House officers.

20. All objects should be removed immediately after the close of the Exhibition; any remaining in the building after the 1st November, 1876, will be taken possession of by the executive at the cost and risk of the owners. Whatever remains unclaimed after the 31st December will be sold, and the proceeds disposed of by the executive.

21. Exhibitors must conform in every way to the present and such other rules and regulations as may from time to time be issued.

Applications for space must be made immediately; the necessary forms, and all information respecting the Exhibition, may be obtained of Mr. Edmund Johnson, Commissaire Délégué, at the offices of the Exhibition, 3, Castle-street, Holborn, London.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1876.

A form has been forwarded within the last twelve or fourteen days to the W.M. of every London lodge, respectfully requesting that the name and number of the lodge, place, day and months of meeting might be filled in and returned as speedily as possible, in order that corrections, where needed, may be made in the Diary and Pocket Book for 1876, which will be ready about October 1st. As many lodges do not re-assemble until October and November, a large number of the applications will not unfortunately reach the W.M. until too late for the publication. The publisher will therefore be very thankful to any W.M. or other officer, or members, who will favour him by forwarding the above information as early as possible to the office, 198, Fleet Street, London. A regular form will be sent, when required, on receipt of name and address.

WHAT THEY SAY OF US IN NORTH BRITAIN.

This, one of the most popular and successful of the organs of the Masonic body, continues to supply its numerous readers with useful information regarding the progress of the Order. In addition to publishing elaborate and reliable reports of meetings in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry in this country, Canada, the United States, and elsewhere, there appear from week to week interesting and instructive "Notes and Queries," which must prove of much service to the brethren; and in the correspondence columns, also, there are numerous letters on matters attracting attention, which are generally treated in an able and liberal-minded manner. Last week's issue contains two very sensible and well written articles on the subjects of "Scottish Freemasonry" and "Church Restoration," as well as others of a more or less readable nature. In the same number we observe, among the distinguished brethren who have signified their adhesion to the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund, several belonging to Renfrewshire, namely, Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland; Colonel Mure of Caldwell, M.P.; Colonel Campbell of Blythswood; and William Guy, Esq., Johnstone. The places and hours of the meetings of the various lodges are also given, and numerous other items of importance tend to make the "Freemason" almost indispensable to the brethren of the "mystic tie" who wish to keep themselves posted up in what is transpiring in the Masonic world.—Greenock Telegraph and Clyde Shipping Gazette.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

The corner stone of the New Masonic Hall, corner of Granville and Salter Streets, was laid with one of the most imposing displays ever made by the Craft in Halifax. The weather was perhaps a trifle too warm for comfort in the early afternoon, and the streets through which the procession had to pass were dustier than they should have been. Otherwise everything favoured the ceremony.

At two o'clock the Grand Lodge met in the old Masonic Hall, Harrington-street, and the Subordinate Lodges met at the same hour in the Skating Rink, South Park-street. After the necessary preliminaries, each body marched to the appointed place of meeting, on Spring Garden-road. As the two bodies met, the Subordinate Lodges opened their columns and allowed the Grand Lodge (headed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies) to pass through to the rear, that being the place of honour in Masonic processions. The procession was now complete in the following order:—

SUBORDINATE LODGES:

(Band of the 66th Halifax Volunteer Battalion of Infantry.)

Kentville Lodge, Kentville, No. 58.

Harmony Lodge, Aylesford, No. 52.

Eastern Star Lodge, Dartmouth, No. 51.

Orient Lodge, Halifax, No. 49.

Truro Lodge, Truro, No. 43.

Eureka Lodge, Sheet Harbor, No. 42.

Lodge of St. Mark, Halifax, No. 38.

Conequid Lodge, Truro, No. 37.

Welsford Lodge, Windsor, No. 28.

Union Lodge, Halifax, No. 18.

Keith Lodge, Halifax, No. 17.

Athole Lodge, Halifax, No. 15.

Acadia Lodge, Halifax, No. 14.

Burns Lodge, Halifax, No. 10.

Royal Sussex Lodge, Halifax, No. 6.

Virgin Lodge, Halifax, No. 3.

St. John's Lodge, Halifax, No. 2.

Royal Standard (Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, and chiefly composed of Her Majesty's soldiers and sailors), Halifax.

St. Andrew's Lodge, Halifax, No. 1.

Each Subordinate Lodge was formed in the following order:—

Tyler with drawn sword.

Stewards with white rods.

Entered Apprentices.

Fellow Crafts.

Master Masons.

Two Deacons with rods.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Senior and Junior Wardens with columns.

Past Masters.

Master, supported by two Deacons with rods.

THE GRAND LODGE.

(Band of the 63rd Halifax Volunteer Battalion.)

Grand Tyler with drawn sword.

Grand Stewards with white rods.

Principal Architect, with square, level, and plumb.

Past Grand Chaplains.

Grand Chaplains.

The Five Orders of Architecture.

Past Grand Secretaries and Treasurers.

Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Bible, Square, and Compasses, supported by two

Stewards.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Past Junior Grand Wardens.

Junior Grand Warden carrying silver vessel with oil.

Past Senior Grand Wardens.

Senior Grand Warden carrying vessel with wine.

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

Deputy Grand Master carrying the golden vessel with corn.

Master of the oldest Lodge carrying the Book of

Constitutions.

Grand Master supported by two Deacons with rods.

Grand Standard Bearer.

Grand Sword Bearer with drawn sword.

In this order, with banners flying and bands playing, the procession marched through avenues of people who filled the streets along the route, South through Queen-street to Morris-street, East to Hollis-street, North to George-street, and thence South through Granville-street to the foundation of the new building. When the head of the procession reached the foundation a halt was called, and the columns opened, allowing the Grand Lodge and Senior and Subordinate Lodges to pass through and take precedence.

The scene at this point, when the Masons had taken their positions, was a brilliant one. The whole area of the new building had been covered with substantial seats, rising tier above tier, which were now filled with the Masons' lady friends to the number of about six hundred—the youth, beauty, and fashion of the city. In front were representatives of the Army and Navy, the Dominion and Local Governments, the City Corporation, the Clergy, &c., with their lady friends. Below them, and near the corner stone, which hung suspended from a derrick, were the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge wearing the brilliant regalia, rich jewels, and other emblems of their rank. Around them, within and without the lines of enclosure, were the Masons generally, to the number of nine hundred, wearing black clothing, white ties and gloves, bouquets of flowers and varied regalia—some having only the simple white lambskin or leathern apron, "the emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason," and others having more showy ornamented aprons. Outside the Masons' circle was a great gathering of spectators, and many others filled the windows and covered the roofs of the neighbouring houses. Such a scene must be memorable in the annals of Masonry in Halifax.

All being in readiness for the ceremonies, the Grand Marshal, Bro. Charles J. Macdonald, proclaimed silence!

The brethren sang the "Old Hundred," the two bands accompanying them in this and in the subsequent singing.

The Deputy Grand Master, Allan H. Crowe, then addressed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Col. J. Wimburn Laurie, as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, having decided to erect on this site a new Hall for Masonic purposes, and having requested you to lay the corner stone, it becomes my duty to inform you that the necessary arrangements are completed, and that the brethren are now assembled for the purpose of witnessing the impressive ceremonies. I have much pleasure therefore in presenting to you Bro. Samuel M. Brookfield, contractor of the work, under whose superintendence the stone has been prepared.

Bro. Brookfield then said:

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—The Building Committee having awarded me the contract for the erection of this new edifice, and having assigned to me the duty of preparing the corner stone, and making arrangements for its being laid, I have much pleasure in reporting that labour completed. It is now ready, Most Worshipful Sir, to be made the foundation stone of this new Hall.

ADDRESS BY THE GRAND MASTER.

Grand Master Laurie said:

Men and brethren here assembled to behold the ceremony:—Be it known unto you, that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted, in peace and honour, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order ready to promote our laws and further our interests. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all, to build a house for Masonry, which we pray God may prosper if it seem good to him, that it may become a building for good men and good deeds, and promote harmony and brotherly love throughout the world till time shall be no more. As the first duty of Masons, in any undertaking, is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect upon their work, we will unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace, after he shall have read a lesson from the Holy Scriptures.

Bro. Rev. Henry Pryor Almon, of Windsor, one of the Grand Chaplains, read the following

LESSON.

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundation of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding?"

"Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?"

"Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the Corner Stone thereof?"

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the Sons of God shouted for joy." Job, xxxviii., 4-7.

"That our daughters may be as Corner Stones polished after the similitude of a palace."—Ps. cxliv., 12.

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord God—Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation Stone, a tried Stone, a precious Corner Stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet."—Isa. xxviii. 16-17.

"What is this, then, that is written, the stone which the builders rejected the same is become the head of the corner."—Luke xx., 17.

Bro. Rev. A. W. Nicholson, one of the Grand Chaplains, offered the following

PRAYER.

Almighty God, Supreme Architect and Ruler of the Universe, we would come reverently into Thy presence and devoutly implore Thy blessing upon the service of this hour, and upon the undertaking in which our brethren of this city are now engaged. While we thank Thee for the prosperity which has attended them in the past, we ask that Thy continued favour may be upon them in the future.

Bless those who direct and the workmen who shall construct this edifice, that when completed it may fully illustrate the wisdom, strength, and beauty of the Spiritual Temple not made with hands.

Within its walls may the Divine principle "on earth, peace, good will toward men," be ever inculcated and enjoyed; may all the proper work of our institutions that may be done in it be such, as Thy wisdom may approve and Thy goodness prosper.

And finally, graciously be pleased, O thou Sovereign Architect of the Universe, to bless the Craft, wheresoever dispersed, and make them true and faithful to thee, their neighbours, and to themselves; and when the time of our labour is drawing near to an end, and the pillar of our strength is declining to the ground, graciously enable us to pass through "the valley of the shadow of death," supported by Thy rod and Thy staff, to those mansions beyond the skies, where love, and peace, and joy for ever reign before Thy throne.

The brethren then, with the Grand Chaplain, repeated the Lord's Prayer, after which they sang the following hymn, which was first read by Bro. Rev. George Dodwell, one of the Grand Chaplains:

HYMN.

O, Lord of Hosts, whose glory fills
The bounds of the eternal hills,
And yet vouchsafes in Christian lands,
To dwell in Temples made with hands.

Grant that all we, who here to-day
Rejoicing this foundation lay,
May be in very deed Thine own,
Built on the precious corner stone.

The heads that guide endue with skill,
The hands that work preserve from ill,
That we, who these foundations lay,
May raise the topstone in its day.

The Grand Master then addressed the Grand Secretary:

Brother Grand Secretary,—You will now read the Scroll to be deposited in the Foundation Stone.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Benjamin Curren, D.C.L., enumerated the articles to be placed under the Corner Stone.

Grand Master Laurie, addressing the Grand Treasurer, said:—

I now direct you, Bro. Grand Treasurer, to deposit the glass vessel containing those articles in the place prepared for its reception. The (acting) Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. Taylor Wood, proceeded to place the various articles in the glass vessel, which was then put into a tin case, sealed with solder, and deposited in the cavity in the foundation. While this was being done the band played "Auld Lang Syne."

The cavity was covered with a brass plate, bearing the following inscription:—"This Corner Stone of Freemasons' Hall was laid on the 31st of August, A.D. 1875, A.L. 5875, with Masonic ceremonies, by M.W. Bro. John Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia."

Grand Master Laurie said:—

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,—It is my will and pleasure that the corner stone of the new Hall is now laid. You will announce the same to the R.W. Senior Grand Warden, that he may announce it to the R.W. Junior Grand Warden, with directions then to proclaim the same to the brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

Deputy Grand Master Crowe said:—

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,—It is the Most Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure that the corner stone of the new hall be now laid. You will announce the same to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, with directions then to proclaim the same to the brethren, that they may govern themselves accordingly.

The Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Rev. Richard Avery, of Aylesford, said:—

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,—It is the Most Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure that the corner stone of the new hall be now laid. You will proclaim the same to the brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

The Junior Grand Warden, Bro. J. F. McDonald, M.D., of Hopewell, said:—

Brethren, take notice, it is the Most Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure that the corner stone of the new Hall be now laid on this site; you will, therefore, govern yourselves accordingly.

The Grand Master said:—

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,—You will see that the Craftsmen have well and truly prepared the corner stone to be laid by me.

The Deputy Grand Master said:

Brother Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,—You will now see that the Craftsmen have prepared the stone and that it is true and trusty. Test it with the plumb, and report to me if you are satisfied with the work of the Craftsmen.

The Junior Grand Warden then proceeded to the stone, tested it, and reported as follows:—

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,—I find the stone plumb, and the Craftsmen have prepared the corner stone true and trusty.

The Deputy Grand Master said:

Brother Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,—You will now examine and satisfy yourself that the Craftsmen have worked well. Try the stone with the level and report to me the result of your examination.

The Senior Grand Warden then proceeded to the stone and tried it with the level, and reported:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,—I find the corner stone level, and that the Craftsmen have worked well.

The Deputy Grand Master then proceeded to the stone and tested it with the square, and, returning to his station, reported:

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—I find the corner stone of this Freemasons' Hall tried, true, trusty, plumb, level and square, and that the Grand Officers have approved of the work, and have found it well and duly prepared, and that the Craftsmen have worked well.

The Grand Master then addressed the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden:

Right Worshipful Brothers,—You will proceed to the stone while the labourers and bearers are laying it in its proper position at the north-east angle of the foundation; you will try it with the plumb, level and square, and report to us if it is well and truly prepared.

The three officers proceeded to the stone, and having returned, the Deputy Grand Master said:—

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—The corner stone is placed due east and west, and is now ready to be laid.

Bro. William A. Hesson then presented Bro. W. Henry Hart, Vice-Chairman of the Committee appointed to arrange for the erection of the building, who said:—

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—On behalf of the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to arrange for the erection of the new hall, I have very great pleasure in presenting you with this trowel, to assist in completing the work so auspiciously begun.

The trowel was a very handsome one of silver, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia to Colonel J. Wimburn Laurie, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the occasion of the laying of the Corner Stone of Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, August 31st, A.D. 1875, A.L. 5875."

Grand Master Laurie thanked Bro. Hart for the trowel, and said it would be kept as a valuable memento of this important occasion.

The Senior and Junior Deacons then proceeded to the stone with the trowel and gavel.

The Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Sword Bearer, and accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, proceeded to the stone—the Grand Master at the east, the Deputy on his right, Senior Warden at the west, Junior Warden at the south.

The Grand Master took the trowel from the Junior Grand Deacon, and spread the cement.

The stone was then lowered with three gradual motions. At each one the bands played a part of the National Anthem, and the Masons gave the Public Grand Honours.

The stone is of granite, with a polished front bearing this inscription:—

"FREEMASONS' HALL.

This Corner Stone was laid with Masonic ceremonies, Aug. 31st, A.D. 1875, A.L. 5875, by Col. J. Wimburn Laurie, M.W.G.M.

STIRLING and DEWAR, Architects.

SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD, Builder.

G. A. SANFORD, Sculptor.

The Grand Master took the gavel from the Senior Grand Deacon, struck the stone three times, and said:—

Well made—well proved—truly laid—true and trusty, and may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the Craftsmen according to the Grand Plan, in peace harmony, and brotherly love.

The Grand Master and officers then returned to their stations, and the Grand Master announced:—

I, J. Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, declare this corner stone to be plumb, level, and square, and so duly laid according to the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of Freemasonry, and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless the work here begun and make it memorable to the latest generation.

The bands played several lively airs. The Grand Stewards, with corn, wine, and oil, proceeded to the stone, and the other Grand Officers followed. The first Steward, presenting to the Deputy Grand Master the cornucopia, he dropped the corn on the stone and said:—

May plenty be showered down upon the people of this city and province, and may the labours of the Craft be refreshed by the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

The second Steward then presented the wine to the Senior Grand Warden, who poured it on the stone and said:—

May the health of the Craftsmen employed in erecting this hall be preserved to them, and may the Supreme Architect bless and prosper their labours.

The third Steward then presented the oil to the Junior Grand Warden, who poured it on the stone and said:

May the Supreme Ruler of the world vouchsafe unity, peace, and prosperity to the people of Nova Scotia, and to the nations of the earth; preserve and protect the fraternity of Freemasons; make the virtues of the Craft a lesson to the world, and the labours of the Craftsmen easy and their burthens light.

Grand Chaplain Rev. H. P. Almon said:

May corn, wine, and oil, and all the necessities of life abound among men throughout the world; may the blessings of Almighty God be upon this undertaking, and may the structure here to be erected stand for ages in strength and beauty, a lasting monument of the Masonic zeal, enterprise, and liberality of its founders, and of the moral precepts and beneficent influence of the ancient and honourable institution.

The District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Woodill, M.D., then presented the Architect, Bro. David Stirling, saying:

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—Allow me to present to you, Bro. David Stirling, chosen to be the architect of the new hall. He has his Craftsmen ready for the work, and desires you to give him the designs from the trestle boards and the tools of the workmen.

The Grand Master then handed the architect the plans and tools, square, level, and plumb, and said:

To you, Brother Architect, are confined the implements of operative Masonry, with the fullest confidence that by your skill and taste a fabric will here arise which shall add new lustre to the City of Halifax and our honoured Fraternity. May it be blessed with wisdom in the plan, strength in the execution, and beauty in the adornment; and may the Sun of Righteousness enlighten the Craftsmen who build, the brethren who give, and the institution under whose care this structure shall arise.

The proclamation was then made for the first time.

The proclamation was then made for the second time, in the West, by Bro. Colonel J. W. Poyntz, of Windsor, and for the third time in the South by Bro. James Hudson, of Albion Mines. At each proclamation the "Grand Honours" were given and a trumpet sounded, and at the last the bands played "God bless the Prince of Wales."

A collection was taken up, according to custom, for the benefit of the workmen engaged in the building.

Grand Master Laurie then made a brief speech, alluding to some of the illustrious men who had honoured Masonry, and who felt that they had received honour in being per-

mitted to identify themselves with the institution. At the conclusion of his remarks, the Grand Master introduced the orator of the occasion, Rev. Canon Townshend, of Amherst, whose oration we shall give next week.

Poetry.

THE FOUNDER'S SONG. BY BRO. T. BURDETT YEOMAN. FOR MUSIC.

I.

We read the earth was made from naught,
Now beautiful and fair;
All Freemasons they affirm, our
Great Architect was there.
Lodges we consecrate to Him,
Then pleadingly we seek
To symbolize and bless our work,
And all the words we speak.
Chorus: For out of chaos the world was made,
Then glory put around her;
Soon in shape she then was turn'd,
But not without a Founder.

II.

Without a lodge we cannot work,
For holy are our rites;
And Temple Laws are practised there,
Through Covenantal Lights.
'Tis hallow'd ground to look upon,
And not for profane bands
To handle, or to tread or touch,
Unless Masonic hands.
Chorus: For out of chaos, etc.

III.

What class more unctious than good men,
With virtue for their guide;
With hope, and charity, and faith,
Such graces ne'er deride.
They that conceive and make a home
Wherein these gifts can dwell,
Are true Freemasons of rare worth,
Let us their goodness tell.
Chorus: For out of chaos, etc.

IV.

The "Mason" Founder is a man,
And good he's bound to do,
For in his heart their lives a wish
To bid dull care adieu.
To think and act within his lodge,
A resting place and free,
Where none can enter or disturb
The wonted harmony.
Chorus: For out of chaos, etc.

V.

Then let our song be full of praise,
For in our ranks we find
Men who desire our cause to spread,
And benefit mankind.
Such are the brethren we approve,
Exalt and honour too,
For they are worthy of the world,
Those "Founders" of the Blue.
Chorus: For out of chaos, etc.

Obituary.

BRO. ARDEN AVERY SHAPLAND.

A sad case of drowning occurred on Saturday afternoon, on the Teignmouth bathing-ground. Bro. Arden Avery Shapland, solicitor, of Epsom, son of Bro. John Terrell Shapland, solicitor, South Molton, with Mr. Westwicke, of London, were on a visit to the former's brother-in-law, Mr. Tucker, residing near Newton Abbot, and on Saturday morning they all of them went to Teignmouth. About two o'clock they commenced bathing from a machine, the only one who could swim being Mr. Westwicke, while he could not do so very well. Bro. A. A. Shapland was the first to enter the water, and caught hold of a rope, which was fastened to the machine, going out to the depth of his armpits; but there was a nasty ground swell on, which lifted him off his feet and carried him outwards. Responding to his cries for help, Mr. Westwicke went off to his assistance, and after struggling some time in endeavouring to save his friend, he was compelled to let go his hold. By this time a boat had arrived, and the occupant of it was enabled to save Mr. Westwicke, who was brought ashore in an apparently lifeless condition, but Bro. Shapland had sunk and was not afterwards seen. The usual restoratives were applied to Mr. Westwicke, and the treatment was eventually successful. Up to a late hour on Tuesday Bro. Shapland's body was not recovered. The deceased, who had a highly respectable practice as a solicitor, lost his wife a year or two since from a carriage accident. Bro. A. A. Shapland was a member of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55; a Royal Arch and a Mark Master Mason.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In these autumnal months the human health is sorely tried by the extreme changes of temperature, which weaken the digestive organs, lower the bodily tone, and lay the system open to numberless complaints. The vast majority of maladies affecting the throat, lungs, and circulation may be checked in their dangerous course by rubbing this curative Ointment briskly twice a day upon the skin covering the seat of the ailment, and by taking at the same time appropriate doses of Holloway's purifying, corrective, and operative Pills. This simple treatment knows no failures, is devoid of danger, restores strength to frames debilitated by disease, and imparts vigour to the nervous centres, however much shaken by repeated illnesses.—ADVT.

Masonic and General Tidings.

It is announced that on the seventh of next month the Earl and Countess of Derby will be present at a grand banquet given by the Mayor of Liverpool (Lieutenant-Colonel Stible).

The annual meeting of the Sussex Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27th, at the Castle Hotel, Hastings.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, purposes holding a Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Masons of his province in the Town Hall, Hull, at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 6th of October.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Ellis has offered to subscribe five guineas annually, to form the nucleus of a prize fund in connexion with the Surrey Industrial School.

LORD SELBORNE AND THE MERCERS' COMPANY.—The Right Hon. Lord Selborne has been elected by the Mercers' Company as their Master for the ensuing year, without being called upon to pass through the preliminary office of Warden; and his lordship has signified his readiness to fill the position.—"City Press."

Lucy, Countess of Powis, widow of the second Earl of Powis, K.G., and daughter of the third Duke of Montrose, K.G., died on Thursday, at Walcot, at the age of 82.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. JOHN GEORGE MARSH.—A meeting of the committee was held on the 15th, at the Jamaica Coffee House.

THE LATE COUNTESS OF CARNARVON.—The granite and marble tomb of the late lamented Countess of Carnarvon has just been completed, and presents a very chaste and massive appearance. It is situated at the west end of the mortuary chapel in the cemetery in Highclere Park, near Newbury. The monument is composed of axed Peterhead granite, with a fine polished grey granite kerb. Within this is an open space for flowers, and in the centre is a slab of red Aberdeen granite, surmounted by a cross of white Sicilian marble. The red slab is splayed, and has the following inscription cut in raised letters on a rusticated ground: "Evelyn Georgina Katherine, wife of Henry, fourth Earl of Carnarvon, born 3rd November, 1834, died 25th January, 1875." On the plinth of the red granite slab is the following inscription: "We asked life of Thee and Thou gavest her a long life, even for ever and ever." The monument was designed by Mr. T. H. Wyatt, architect.

A lodge of Freemasons for the military, which has hitherto held its meetings in the garrison theatre at Chatham, is ordered to discontinue doing so.—"Daily Telegraph."

It is now finally arranged that the Duke of Connaught will leave England for Gibraltar on the 14th October.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by Archduke Albert of Austria, left Liegnitz on the 18th inst. for Vienna, having been expressly invited by the Emperor of Austria.

The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Derbyshire, presided at a public meeting held in the Mechanics' Institute, Nottingham, on Tuesday night, to promote the extension of university education.

A Strasburg paper states that the sword given up by Napoleon III. to King William was handed over by Prince Bismarck in March, 1871, to General Castlenau, who went to Berlin for that purpose under an assumed name.

If the man who makes two blades of grass grow where but one grew before deserves well of his country, how much more must he merit a nation's gratitude who saves the lives of its citizens? Such a man in the highest degree was Jenner, and there have been many others who at a humble distance have followed in the footsteps of the great discoverer of vaccination. Only recently we happened to read a report of Dr. Leitch, of Carlisle, to the chairman of the Board of Guardians respecting the arrest of an epidemic of small-pox at Keswick. From the beginning of June until the 27th of August the disease spread rapidly and with increasing virulence, and a number of vexatious delays took place before the step most urgently pressed by the doctor was adopted, but on the day named he succeeded in having the whole of the sewers thoroughly disinfected by means of Condy's Patent Fluid, and not another case occurred. Here is indeed a valuable proof of the preventability of epidemics and contagious diseases, though it is but one among hundreds in the history of this Fluid, which, during the twenty years that have elapsed since its introduction, may be said without exaggeration to have been the means of saving thousands of lives. But while this disinfectant is so popularly known as a means whereby disease can be prevented, it is also applicable to the refinements and delicacies of life, as it is peculiarly suited for use with the refreshing bath, and adds much to the invigoration of the body and the entire cleansing of it. Like many things which by their integrity have become by-words in almost every household, Condy's Fluid is extensively pirated, and we would therefore point out that the genuine article bears the very plain signature of the inventor—"H. Bollmann Condy."

The first annual banquet of the Dalston Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, 6th October next, at 7.30 p.m.

Prince Leopold, accompanied by a distinguished party, left Blytheswood on Wednesday, and visited the ship-building yards of Messrs. Robert Napier and Sons and Messrs. John Elder and Co. His Royal Highness was greatly cheered.

Bro. Boord, M.P., Mr. Gladstone, Lord Eustace Cecil, and Mr. W. H. Smith, members of Parliament, have each contributed £5 towards the fund which is being raised on behalf of Mrs. Young and Mrs. Walstow, widows of the men killed in the gun-cotton explosion at the Royal Laboratory at Woolwich. The fund now amounts to about £120, most of which has been subscribed in the locality, including one anonymous donation of £50.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to permit the Albert Memorial Chapel, Windsor Castle, to be opened to the public three days a week.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, when there was a large attendance of the brethren. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice President, acted as President; Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., as Senior Vice President; and Bro. E. P. Albert, A.G.P., as Junior Vice President. There were also present Bros. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; H. Bartlett, 147; W. Smith, C.E.; W. T. Howe, P.M. 1445; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; H. W. Hemsworth, P.M.; W. Clifton Erick, P.M. 657; J. Wright, G.P.C.; R. Scott, D.G.M.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; H. Maudslay, P.G.S.D.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; J. Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.; Samuel May, P.M.; W. Stephens, P.M.; Hyde, Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Dr. J. Hogg, P.G.D.; H. Dicketts, P.G.S.; E. Wits, W.M. 144; W. J. Mantle, I.P.M. 297; H. Dubosc, P.M. 156; H. Cawte, P.M. 342; W. Edmonds, P.M. 309; F. Driver, W.M. 45; J. F. Huggins, W.M. 1238; C. Lacey, W.M. 1327; J. De Solla, P.M. 1017; John C. Cox, W.M. 1257; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; L. Keays, W.M. 907; James L. Thomas, P.M. 142; James W. Baldwin, W.M. 1423; C. Ward, W.M. 700; A. S. Tomkins, W.M. 822; H. Massey, P.M. 619; T. Bull, P.M. 145; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; W. Dodd, C. B. Payne, G.T.; and Bro. Sadler. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., also attended.

Grants amounting to £115 made at last lodge were confirmed, and new grants were made to the amount of £300. There were eighteen cases before the lodge. Of these two were withdrawn and two deferred. The highest grant was £70, and the lowest £5. The others consisted of a £50, a £40, four £20, a £15, and three £10. Four of £5 were granted. The lodge was then closed.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is there any recognised jewel for Master Masons, and if so, what kind of a jewel should be worn? I have seen some M.M.'s wearing a five-pointed star (silver); others have had the square and compasses. I have seen the latter both in gold (or gilt) and silver. Some old Masons assert that either is correct, while others say neither is allowed or recognised by G. Lodge. As there seems to be a doubt about it here, will you kindly give me the benefit of your valuable opinion on the matter, so that in the event of a brother visiting any lodge, and wearing a jewel that he supposes is allowed, he may be spared the annoyance of being told that he has no right to wear that in lodge?

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

DEACON.

[The Book of Constitution, mentions jewels in three places—at pages 18, 68, 118. At page 18, it is said, "Nor shall any member be permitted to wear in G. Lodge or in any private lodge any jewel, medal, or device belonging or appertaining to any order or degree not recognised by the G. Lodge of England as part of pure ancient Freemasonry." At page 68 it is stated, "No jewel shall be worn or a badge other than those specified for the officers, except such honorary or other jewel as shall be consistent with those degrees recognised by the G. Lodge as part of ancient Freemasonry." At page 118 it is stated, "No honorary jewel or emblem shall be worn in the G. Lodge or any Subordinate Lodge which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognised and acknowledged by and are under the control of the G. Lodge as part of pure and ancient Masonry." We see, then, that the qualification, so to say, for the jewel is, that it belongs to one of the degrees recognised by the G. Lodge. Any jewel which has an emblem of the three degrees or R.A. is admissible in a lodge. The five-pointed star is an emblem of the Third Degree, and is the proper jewel for a M.M. The square and compasses belong to the W.M. alone.—ED.]

DEPARTURE OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER FOR INDIA.

The Serapis, which is to convey our Royal Grand Master to India, leaves Portsmouth for Venice on Saturday. Our Royal Grand Master leaves London for Venice, via Paris, on October the 12th. We shall recur to the subject next week.

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M.M.M., R.A.C., stand over.

BOOK RECEIVED.

Cook's Tourist Handbook of Southern Italy.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DEATH.

SHELDON.—Sept. 12, at 223, Boundary-street, Kirkdale, Liverpool, aged 74, Ralph Garnett Sheldon, chemist and druggist, formerly of Vauxhall-road, Liverpool, father of Bro. Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M. 1894.

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MASONIC CHIVALRY.

The word "Chivalry" takes us back to ancient days, and long vanished scenes, to deeds of knightly prowess, to the code of chivalrous enthusiasm. For as the poet sang—

"The knights are dust,
Their good swords are rust,
Their souls are all at rest, we trust."

But yet the reflective student of history will not overlook or undervalue the influences of chivalry on the great advancing tide of human civilization. Some shallow writers of the Cockroach school affect to question the reality of chivalry, its benefit to society, its need to mankind. But those of us who have pored over the chronicles of the past, we know better than the sciolist and the sceptic of to-day how, at a time when anarchy reigned around, when order was constantly menaced, and law was powerless, when the "jus hominum," as well as the "jus gentium," was at the mercy of the most powerful, the most ambitious, and the most unscrupulous, the institution of chivalry was providentially overruled for the protection of the weak, and the defence of the defenceless. In its first conception and development chivalry was but the aggregation of the brave-hearted and the true, the well-disposed and the right thinking, the reverential and the religious, for the purpose of stemming the surging waves of licence and disorder, of offering a shield to the victim, and a refuge to the oppressed, for mitigating the mournful effects of unbridled passions, and for ameliorating the evils of disorganised society. That it declined

from its first high estate, that it degenerated as years passed on, is only to admit that it was human and earthly, and, like all human and earthly things, it was but the pageant of an hour, so to say, but a pageant which left indelible memories behind, alike on the human conscience and on earthly institutions. If chivalry had done nothing else than breathe into the hearts and sympathies of men a higher and truer sentiment for women, if it sought to surround that gentle but suffering sex with all the attributes of excellency and grace, with the pathos of poesy, with the respect of the honest and the admiration of the brave, if it sought to ennoble the very existence and to enshrine the tender image of woman in the hearts of the chivalrous and the enthusiastic—it surely had done a good work, it surely had effected something. And as civilizing influences have succeeded to civilizing influences in the fleeting years which have come and gone, as society has become more compact, the laws better observed, order more firmly established, the domestic hearth more prized, and woman has found her true place in our earthly society, we should not forget that the germs of all these happier realities are to be traced back to the ill-understood, often undervalued, not unfrequently maligned institution of chivalry. We do not deny that to Christianity may be surely credited the first real great change in woman's position, her elevation to her rightful sphere in human society. But at the time when chivalry first organised itself, the Church was too weak to restrain more than in part the relentless sway of violence and brutality, and required, and fairly called for, the intervention of the "secular arm." The subject is too wide for our columns to day, as it leads to numberless other considerations, but what we have said may be taken as a "precis" of what, when writing in the abstract alone, might be avouched for chivalry. We have left out, as we could not touch upon, its practical development for several generations. And Masonic chivalry takes up the old story, and repeats the ancient "saw." Freemasons are bound to be chivalrous, alike in sympathy to their brethren as in reverence for their sisters in this world; they are bound to evince the disinterested honour and loyal hearts of "preux chevaliers." You may, it appears to us, always and speedily realize the true Freemason. If ever you hear a brother speaking maliciously of his brother or lightly of woman, if you hear any one eagerly relating the last morsel of scandal, or the appetizing "bonne-bouche" of slander, if you listen to some ornate or hirsute individual busily intent on injuring another's fair fame, or doing despite to the honour of an innocent woman, you may at once most safely conclude that, though accidentally admitted, he is not, and never can be, a true member of our Order, that he is, and ever will remain, a "Filius terre" to the end of the story. For Masonic chivalry teaches us to be above all these pettinesses and basenesses of earth. We are to be loyal and faithful to our brethren on all occasions, to support them absent, and to believe them when present; we are to be above the "moral cowardice" of the hour, and to despise the weak tittle-tattle of weaker men. Like good old Johnson, we are never to look down in the "dirt," but we are to do unto others as we would ourselves be done by. Nothing is so repugnant to the Freemason as the idle retailer of pothouse scandal, as that "gobe-mouche" who has so little "nous" that he accepts everything and swallows everything, however grotesque, improbable, and impossible. And so, too, as regards women. Freemasons, as an old song well says, "are to be true and sincere, and just to the fair," who will, the ballad writer believes, therefore, "trust them on every occasion," and if there is one thing which Freemasonry teaches us all, and which Masonic chivalry emphatically endorses, it is that respect, that reverence for women which looks on them, not as the slaves of an idle hour of animal companionship, but as the friends, the mentors, the guides, the helpmates of man. Loyalty to our brothers, reverence and love of our sisters, are the unerring teaching of Masonic chivalry, and while these remain the dictates of our Masonic conscience, we do not fear but that our good old Craft will wage its onward warfare with calmness, with power, and with success.

THE AMERICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC TABLET.

It seems that there is a paper called "The Tablet," published in New York, which is said to be also the "leading" Roman Catholic paper in the United States. If so, we are heartily sorry, we feel bound to say at once, for the Roman Catholics in the United States. If the "pabulum mentis" offered to them by "The Tablet" be the best they have, they must be in a baddish way. For according to "The Voice of Masonry" for September, it has lately put forth one of the most "bête," as the French would say, one of the most ridiculous articles on the subject of Freemasonry it has ever been our misfortune to wade through. Were it not for the vile animus displayed in every paragraph, as well as for what our young men term its "calm lying," we should not have deemed it worth any notice in our pages, and have passed it over with the smile or silence of contempt. For at this moment, as we know, the Roman Catholic body on the subject of Freemasonry is going through what "the Marchioness" called "delicious trimmings;" it has become intensely excited, and very incoherent. There is nothing the Ultramontane Press will not say; we have, for instance, read productions too shocking to quote, so repugnant to decency, so loaded with absolute filth. Indeed, we feel inclined to say to the writer of such a farrago of nonsense and mendacity, what was once observed to the immortal Dogberry, "Go to, thou art an ass;" but we are restrained by the "egards" of editorial "politesse." Yet, as we are told that the "Tablet" is the leading Roman Catholic paper in the United States, we think that our brethren may like to read its opinion of the Order, delivered honestly, truthfully, and dogmatically, "ad fideles." Let us listen to this well-informed and veracious expounder of the heretical teaching of the "deadly sin" of Freemasonry:—"Catholics know but too well that there is throughout the world a criminal organization, the members of which are bound together by secret oaths, to reveal any of whose secrets involves certain assassination, and every member of which is at any time liable to be forced to become an assassin. They know that this organization is Jewish in its constitution and ends, and they suspect it to be chiefly manipulated by Jews; that its one object is the destruction of that Church of which they are members, and which they love with a love surpassing that of women; that mankind owe to it the revolutions and disorder which, initiated by the "age of reason," have ever since anticipated on earth the anarchy of the infernal world; and that they, in particular, owe to it the furious persecutions their brethren are enduring in Germany, Switzerland, and on the South American continent. They know, moreover, that it lies under the heaviest excommunications of the Church; that whoever belongs to it, if he were a Catholic before, ceases to be one ipso facto by the very fact of belonging to it; that it is, in fact, whatever it may profess—an Order to lure us to our ruin—the pledged enemy of Christ, his Church, and his Vicar upon earth." Is not this most alarming if true? and does it not remind us all of the famous couplet, "'Tis true, 'tis pity, pity 'tis, 'tis true?" For surely a more dreadful conspiracy and a more abominable society cannot probably exist? Our able "confreres" in the "Voice of Masonry" write in very moderate terms. They say "There is no necessity to reply to this statement. To quote it is enough to show its absurdity to every intelligent reader. But considering that the 'Tablet' is in other respects conducted with much ability, and that its editors are far from being fools, we are constrained to believe that the misrepresentation is a wilful one, made to impose upon the credulity of its ignorant readers. It is absolutely impossible that any man of an ordinary amount of brain could seriously believe in the truth of charges of such a nature. The editors of the 'Tablet' were, no doubt, governed in making them by the Jesuitic maxim, that 'the end justifies the means.' The assertions that Freemasonry is 'chiefly manipulated by Jews,' and that 'its one object is the destruction of the Catholic Church,' are particularly rich. The 'Cynosure,' which, equally with the 'Tablet,' is an organ of

intolerance, has never yet reached this point of absurdity." We quite agree with them, but still we deem it well to bring this "elegant extract" before our readers, as it is needful that they should fairly realize what is the unchanged bitterness of Rome, alike in America as in Europe. When the writer who penned the statement above gave it forth to his co-religionists, he knew that there was not one word of truth in his assertions, and his only object could be to inflame their feelings against their fellow Christians and Hebrew brethren. We in England or in America know that such a statement is absolutely false in every particular. Freemasonry has nothing to do with politics, in Anglo-Saxon lodges at any rate, whatever individual cases may be alleged in other constitutions, and as regards the Hebrews, they are a peaceful, loyal, orderly community, conservative (not in a political sense) of law and public tranquillity, and opposed to revolution and anarchy. The most mournful part of this picture of Roman Catholic truth and toleration is, that in this year of light and grace, a large portion of our fellow creatures seem to be doing all they possibly can by word and deed to revive the hateful intolerance of dead generations, and to malign, to irritate, to excommunicate, and burn their brother men. Let us wish them one and all kindlier sympathies, a more tolerant religion, and better hearts, as well as a happier realization of the abstract importance of truth.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS AT BRUSSELS IN 1876.

Our attention has been called by Bro. Major Burgess to an International Exhibition, and Congress of Public Health and the means of preserving life, to be held in Brussels, in 1876. As many of our readers may be interested in the matter, we thank Bro. Major Burgess for calling our attention to so important a gathering, and we publish the General Regulations for British Exhibitors this week, while next week we propose to give the "Classification" of articles to be exhibited, as it may be useful to a considerable number of our friends and brethren. The English circular thus commences. "A Congress and International Exhibition of means, appliances, and instruments for saving life and preserving health will be held in Brussels in 1876. The movement originated with the Royal Humane Society of Belgium (*Société Royale des Sauveteurs de Belgique*), presided over by Lieutenant-General Renard, Aide-de-camp to the King of the Belgians. The necessary capital has been raised by subscription in Belgium. The cost of management, buildings, machinery, &c., is to be defrayed from the fund thus created, and all receipts on account of the Congress and Exhibition are to be credited to it. Detailed rules for the management of this philanthropic and eminently useful undertaking, and for its careful regulation on strictly commercial principles, have been promulgated with the programme, which inaugurates a new and sound economical basis for such undertakings. The Congress and Exhibition are under the special patronage and protection of the King of the Belgians and of the City of Brussels, with his Royal Highness the Count of Flanders as Honorary President. The Crown Prince of Germany has accepted the Honorary Presidency of the German Committee. The Archdukes Charles Louis and Joseph are Honorary Presidents of the General Committees for Austria and Hungary, respectively; and in France an influential committee is now being formed." The following are the eloquent words of the Belgian Committee, whose address we feel bound to add does much credit to them. "The study and application of the principles of public health and safety, in their largest sense, have now become of primary necessity from the accumulation of numbers in great centres and from the development of industry and commerce. Terrible fires have often destroyed large cities; fatal collisions at sea and on land are frequent, and will become more so with the advance of civilization and the transactions to which it gives rise. Mercantile fleets are multiplied, and with them the shipwrecks attendant upon every storm; war is no longer waged by limited armies; whole popula-

tions cover fields of battle, and in the presence of numberless calamities the means of affording aid is terribly inadequate; industries increase incessantly among civilised nations, absorbing more and more the strength of the populations. Some occupations place the lives of the labourers in constant peril, while others enfeeble the vital powers of those who pursue them. Society, then, has powerful inducements to provide against or mitigate these evils, and owes a deep debt of gratitude to those devoted and disinterested individuals who, singly and in societies, make constant efforts to protect human life and to provide for the health and safety of the labouring classes and of the general public. It must be admitted that governments, public administrations, manufacturers, medical men, engineers, and philanthropists have already made great efforts; everywhere the solution of questions affecting the welfare of humanity has been diligently sought; everywhere important works of surpassing interest exist, but such work, should not be confined to localities—they belong to the whole world. Nations should communicate to each other their several discoveries. The inventions of many eminent engineers and distinguished manufacturers for protecting the lives of the industrious, and ameliorating the conditions in which they live, should receive due recognition and publicity. To give but one example—Who can deny that, numerous as are the casualties on railways, at sea, and in mines, spreading abroad mourning and misery, it would be a public relief to have publicly discussed by public men of all nations the modes of preventing or at least mitigating such disasters and the consideration of the means and appliances intended to reach them? In other words, to group together all that the charity and foresight of public bodies and private individuals have devised or effected to save and protect human life, and to assist those in danger and suffering. In the Great Exhibitions of London, Paris, and Vienna, health and public safety were not overlooked, but the departments relating to them were scattered and lost in the splendour of the more attractive portions of those Exhibitions. Moreover, they received but little attention, from the want of explanation of their nature and use, and from the general indifference with which these matters have heretofore been treated. All this will be remedied in the Exhibition of 1876, in which public attention will be concentrated on the one class of objects, and the means afforded of forming a correct judgment of what is exhibited. The Congress will be divided into as many sections as there are classes. Committees appointed by the sections will make public trials of apparatus and processes exhibited, and every one will thus be able to see for himself the benefit to be derived from them." We think the scheme a very praiseworthy one, and deserving of great support in this country, where we have so many thousands of our fellow creatures daily following avocations in which hurt to limb and danger to life are often incurred, either by carelessness or mismanagement, or the uncontrollable accidents of a dangerous business. We wish it all success, as we always sympathize, as Freemasons especially, with every endeavour to ameliorate the condition, or lessen the sufferings, or preserve the life of our brethren of the dust. We think it right to add, that Mr. P. de Keyser, President of the *Société Belge de Bienfaisance*, represents in this country the Central Committee at Brussels, and that brethren desirous of information or of taking part in the Congress will please to address Bro. Major Burgess, the Honorary Secretary, at the Mansion House. Intending exhibitors, and others interested in the Exhibition, should communicate with Mr. Edmund Johnson, the Commissaire Délégué, at 3, Castle-street, Holborn.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.

One of the great stumbling-blocks in the way of Masonic Archæological studies is, and has been, the "vexata quæstio" of the connexion (if any) between Freemasonry and the old Knightly Orders. Whenever the history of English Freemasonry is re-written, and it will have to be some day, this point will have to be alike fully discussed and deliberately decided. At pre-

sent it is simply a great "debateable land," on which Masonic Students may and do skirmish continually, on which they may even fight a good fight, but nothing comes of either, and we go back unconvinced to our favourite theories or individual prepossessions. It has been often stated, for instance, that all the three great Knightly Orders, the Templars, the Hospitallers, and the Teutonic Knights, had a form of Masonic reception and symbolism, and an esoteric bond of union and of teaching. Bro. Findel utterly denies the fact as regards the Teutonic Knights; there seems to be the gravest doubts in respect of the Hospitallers: but it is alleged that there is some evidence as far as the Templars are concerned. Let us see then what is our available and direct evidence. We think that there is plenty of evidence to prove that the Templars had a "secreta receptio" over and above their ordinary one, though what it was we have not yet sufficient data to decide. In the great enquiry at Paris, which began April 11th, 1310, it is no doubt admitted by many of the witnesses partially, and by some distinctly, that there was this "illicita receptio," or secreta, after the chapter of reception was closed by the Preceptor, and that it was an innovation introduced from the East by the G.M., Wm. de Beaujeu, and that it was intended originally as a proof of devotion, as a test of courage. One witness, the 121st, Antoine Sicci de Verceil, Notary, Apostolic and Imperial, not a member of the Order, makes a long statement to the commission. He declares that the Freemasons had a "secret," which he terms "Honteux," and that Guillaume de Beaujeu was "passant pour l'auteur des innovations dans l'ordre." It is a little noteworthy perhaps that Jacques de Molai defended Beaujeu, though long dead, before this very commission, for being too friendly with Saladin. We note this because some of us will recall Ramsay's original theory, that the Knights Templar learned Freemasonry in the East, from the Eastern lodges then extant. The only witness out of 231 of anything like a Masonic ceremony is the 35th witness, Tilley, a serving brother. The French editor of these documents says (translated), "He relates his reception with circumstances which resemble those of Freemasonry." That is to say French Freemasonry, and of some of the foreign grades. "Repeated entreaties for admission, exhortation to reflect, warning as to the fatigues, privations, and dangers. Repeated sending back to solitary reflection. Summons three times." But this is all. And though we have read carefully the proceedings in England, all that seems to be substantiated is, that the reception was at night, in the chapel, and that none but Knights were present or near. There is no further evidence that we are aware of, of any Masonic ceremony, and yet we do not mean to say that none exists, or that the question is as yet absolutely decided, one way or the other. For it is just possible that there was a connexion after all. The Knights Templar are said to have been "Patrons" of our Order, and as they were great builders, and found the guilds existing with their secret teaching and inner bond of union, so it is just possible that they did add a form of "secreta receptio" to their original "rule," which, innocent in its first idea, and harmless, became afterwards perverted to bad purposes. Not that we believe the allegations against the Templars in their "hideous nakedness," as some one has said; we fancy that their principal crime was being rich, and perhaps they owe somewhat of their fall to their pride and overbearing disposition latterly. Be this as it may, it is much more likely that the Templars took Freemasonry from the guilds than that the guilds derived it from the Templars. We are then inclined to believe that there was a connexion between the Templars and the Freemasons, though what it was has yet to be distinctly shewn. There is still an Order in Paris called "L'Ordre du Temple," which professes to come down direct from Jacques de Molai, but whose historical reality is by no means clear. The so called Charter of Larmenius, which no one has seen, is generally believed to be a "fraus pia," and to be actually the creation of the last century. The evidences that we have seen of its genuineness and authenticity put forward by the Order itself do not convince

us of its truth, just the contrary. The wording of the Charter is not like that of the early 14th century verbiage, and we fear that without better proof we must relegate it to the "limbus" of Masonic fiction. There is an Order in Scotland called "The Royal Order," professing to date from Robert the Bruce, but, as we understand, its evidences do not go beyond the last century. It would require a good deal of strict historical proof to accept so early a date, though we are open to conviction. The Masonic Knights Templar, as they were once called, "The Priory of the Temple" as they are now called, are clearly the production of the last century. The Baldwin Encampment cannot substantiate its claim to long antiquity, as once alleged, as its very name incontestably proves. We shall not be wrong in saying that in the south of England the Masonic Knights Templar cannot go beyond 1750 at the earliest, if so early, and that in the north not beyond 1780. Such then is essentially the position of the "Knights Order Question." We do not suppose that any Masonic writer will now adopt a former theory of "Templar perpetuation," because the result of Archaeological research has been to demonstrate undoubtedly the late and not early creation of the so-called Knights Grades, all being the "outcome," in fact, of last century theories and practice.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We are glad to note the presentation by the boys in our Royal Masonic School of a "souvenir" of good will, and regard, and gratefulness to the Matron. It is a sign that recent events and complications have not affected the inner life and regime of the school materially, at any rate, and that all is now progressing harmoniously and peacefully. We think that it is a subject for present rejoicing in all who value the Boys' School, both for what it is and for what it may be to the Craft, that everything now appears to portend a careful carrying out of the great work of so important an educational establishment in proper order, due discipline, and entire harmony. No educational institution can prosper or progress which is embarrassed by open hostilities or secret cabals amongst its staff, which is at all afflicted by that partizan spirit which is a standing nuisance to discipline, and a sure evidence of weakness and defect somewhere. All educational establishments require to be conducted on the distinct principles of unity of action, and entire subordination to the ruling powers, whether scholastic or institutional, if we may use such a word, and wherever a clique is found, or unwise party spirit is engendered; there, assuredly, the school work languishes, and the essential harmony of the entire institution is destroyed! We trust that the little episode which appeared in our columns last week may be accepted by us all as an omen, not only of restored agreement and efficiency in the whole executive "personnel" of the school, but also as a foreshadowing of real practical advance under their new head, of our Masonic orphans in an improving path of educational proficiency and reality.

A DREADFUL CRIME.

Another sickening murder has been committed in the Metropolis, and has added a fresh and painful page to the long and dreary annals of human criminality. A man of the name of Charles Wainwright, together with a young woman called Alice Day, only 20, are in custody on the charge of having a portion of a mutilated body in their joint possession, supposed to be the remains of a woman of the name of Harriett Lane, one among several women with whom Wainwright had been cohabiting. Owing to the perseverance of the young man Stokes the arrest of Wainwright by the police originally took place, and since that time they have been diligently labouring to unravel the mournful mystery. At such a time, and in the pressure of temporary excitement, there crops up evidence of that deep and dark undercurrent of social evil and shrouded sin which pervades and permeates the great sea of human life, and lends often such pathos to its

gloomier scenes, and such reality to its developed iniquities. Another young woman has been missing for a year, who was, it is said, known also to the prisoner, and the police probably have much important evidence behind. When our newspapers teem with such horrors, the general feeling of the public is that the police authorities ought immediately to find out everything, even when the matter is most complicated from a variety of causes. Now, we always consider this unfair to a very meritorious body of men. There is no royal road to detection, just as there is to nothing else in this world, and though to-day all seems plain-sailing in the present case, we yet think it well to point out that the common view is a fallacious view of the whole subject of detection. When a great crime is before us, of which the detective body can have no previous cognizance, all that they can possibly do is to apply the powers of observation and discovery, rendered in them more acute than in ordinary persons by a long apprenticeship to criminal studies, and a near acquaintance with bad characters, to the detection, if possible, of the crime, and the arrest of the perpetrators of it. But it is incorrect to suppose, as so many seem to do, by what they say and what they write, that in a few moments of close investigation, however skilful or expert they may be, detectives can jump to a conclusion, or light upon the direct clue. The discovery of crime, the detection of criminals, is always made more difficult by the acts and arts of all malefactors, who seek to envelope their proceedings in a cloak of impenetrable obscurity. All criminals, whatever has happened to others, hope that they may and will elude the pursuit of the officers of justice, just as we all of us, though mortal as we know, hope that, whatever happen to others, we shall outlive our friends and neighbours. We therefore always feel how unwise and unfair it is for our press to complain of the slowness of detection, or for ourselves to be impatient or incriminative because that detection does not always follow the committal of crime, because that the criminal is not immediately hunted down and apprehended. Many false tracks, for instance, have to be followed out by the most experienced officers, many "red herrings" have to be run over before the cautious and competent detective can get upon the right scent. The one consolation we always have and feel in such matters is, that crime generally aids to detect itself, and that in nine cases out of ten, by what we may fairly consider the compensatory and providential course of human acts and events, crime not only bears with it its own punishment, but its own eventual discovery. It often happens, as we all know, that the scientific labours of Detective-officer Jones, and the great acumen of Detective-officer Robinson, are marvellously aided by some one act of deliberate stupidity on the part of the desperate offender, some blunder, some overlooked proof, which lands him inevitably into the hands of those who are so deeply interested in his whereabouts and well-being, to say nothing of his ill-doings. Such is one link of that irresistible chain which binds down for the general safety of society crime and criminals to-day, and sends them as the last act of the drama, to confront the vindicating majesty and the retributive justice of the Law. In the present case there seems, as we said before, no cause to fear but that detection will bring to full light, and that punishment will ere long overtake, such a deed of foul and fearful brutality. Since we wrote this the young woman has been discharged, but the enquiry goes on as regards Wainwright both before the Court and the police magistrate.

Original Correspondence.

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

GRAND MASTERS OF THE ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In an early volume of the "Builder" newspaper, 1844, Vol. II., p. 4, I find the enclosed list of Grand Masters of English Freemasonry.

In a memo. the writer says:—"Having just met with the subjoined very minute detailed list of the Grand Masters of the English Freemasons, permit me through one of

your columns to ask, as I take a great interest in all historical and other matters relating to Freemasonry, upon what authority such a catalogue rests, how are the data authenticated, and where lie the records confirming so circumstantial a document?"

Can you or any brother throw any light upon it?

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,

T. W. WHITLEY.

A.D.

- 597 Austin, the Monk.
- 680 Bennet, Abbot of Wirral.
- 858 Saint Swithin.
- 871 King Alfred.
- 900 Ethred, Prince of Mercia.
- 928 Athelstane.
- 957 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 1041 Edward the Confessor.
- 1066 Gundulph, Bishop of Rochester.
- 1100 Henry I.
- 1135 Gilbert de Clare, Marquis of Pembroke.
- 1155 The Grand Master of the Templars.
- 1199 Peter de Colechurch.
- 1216 Peter de Rupibus, Bishop of Winchester.
- 1272 Walter Giffard, Archbishop of York.
- 1307 Walter Stapleton, Bishop of Exeter.
- 1327 Edward III.
- 1357 William à Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester.
- 1375 Simon Langham, Abbot of Westminster.
- 1377 William à Wykeham, again.
- 1400 Thomas Fitz Allen, Earl of Surrey.
- 1413 Henry Chicheley, Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 1443 William Waynfleet, Bishop of Winchester.
- 1471 Richard Beauchamp, Bishop of Salisbury.
- 1500 The Grand Master of the Order of Saint John, Henry VII., Patron.
- 1502 Henry VII.
- 1515 Cardinal Wolsey.
- 1530 Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Essex.
- 1543 John Touchett, Lord Audley.
- 1549 Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset.
- 1552 John Poynt, Bishop of Winchester.
- 1560 Sir Thomas Sackville.
- 1567 Sir Thomas Gresham, in the South.
- Francis Russell, Earl of Bedford, in the North.
- 1580 Charles Howard, Earl of Effingham.
- 1588 George Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon.
- 1603 King James I., Patron.
- Inigo Jones, Grand Master.
- 1618 William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke.
- 1625 King Charles I.
- 1630 Henry Danvers, Earl of Danby.
- 1633 Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel.
- 1635 Francis Russel, Earl of Bedford.
- 1636 Inigo Jones, again.
- 1643 Henry Jermyn, Earl of Saint Albans.
- 1666 Thomas Savage, Earl of Rivers.
- 1674 George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham.
- 1679 Henry Bennett, Earl of Arlington.
- 1685 Sir Christopher Wren.
- 1698 Charles Lenox, Duke of Richmond.
- Sir Christopher Wren.
- 1717 Antony Sayer, Esq.
- 1718 George Payne, Esq.
- 1719 Dr. Desaguliers.
- 1720 George Payne, Esq., again.
- 1721 John, Duke of Montagu.
- 1722 Phillip, Duke of Wharton.
- 1723 The Duke of Buccleugh.
- 1724 The Duke of Richmond.
- 1725 The Earl of Abercorn.
- 1726 William O'Brian, Earl of Inchiquin.
- 1727 Lord Coleraine.
- 1728 Lord Kingston.
- 1729 Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk.
- 1731 Lord Lovel.
- 1732 Antony Brown, Viscount Montacute.
- 1733 The Earl of Strathmore.
- 1734 The Earl of Crawford.
- 1735 Thomas Thynne, Viscount Weymouth.
- 1736 John Campbell, Earl of Loudon.
- 1738 H. Brydges, Marquis of Carnarvon.
- 1739 Lord Raymond.
- 1740 The Earl of Kinton.
- 1741 The Earl of Morton.
- 1742 John Ward, Lord Dudley and Ward.
- 1745 James, Lord Cranstown.
- 1747 Lord Byron.
- 1752 John, Lord Carysford.
- 1754 Marquis of Carnarvon, again.
- 1757 Sholto, Lord Aberdour.
- 1762 Washington Shirley, Earl Ferrers.
- 1764 Lord Blaney.
- 1767 Henry, Duke of Beaufort.
- 1772 Robert Edward, Lord Petre.
- 1777 George, Duke of Manchester.
- 1781 H.R.H. Frederick, Duke of Cumberland.
- 1790 H.R.H. George, Prince of Wales.
- 1813 H.R.H. Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, at the Union.
- 1843 The Earl of Zetland.

*1872 Earl de Grey and Ripon.

*1874 H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Acting.

*The two latter are not in the "Builder" list, but are added to make same complete.

AFFILIATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Could you kindly inform me if a member of a Scotch lodge living in Lancashire, and who wishes to affiliate with an English lodge, can, without coming to London, affiliate, first by proxy to a London lodge, and afterwards to a local lodge?

Or can you inform me where there is a lodge between Liverpool and Whitehaven whose number is not higher than 13, or even 50? Your reply will much oblige,

Yours faithfully, ENQUIRER.

[We apprehend that a Scotch Mason producing his certificate can, by vote of members, become a joining member, affiliated to that or any lodge under the English constitution. Of course he will have to pay, in addition to joining fee, the registration fee.—Ed.]

MINUTES AND THEIR CONFIRMATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sorry that I cannot even now agree with Bro. "P.G.W." in his views on the election of Masters from Grand Master downwards.

With regard to the election of G.M., I must maintain what I said before, that there is no second election, nor even confirmation of the first; the minutes, so far as necessary, are usually confirmed, it is true, but not the elections. What say the Constitutions? "The G.M. shall . . . be nominated . . . in December . . . and at the G.L. . . . in March the election shall take place. The G.M. so elected shall, either on the day of the grand Masonic festival or on the day immediately preceding, as he may direct, be regularly installed." Not a word about confirmation of minutes, still less about the possibility of the election of the previous G.L. being invalidated, but rather a distinct statement that the G.M. has been elected.

Surely a moment's consideration will show Bro. "P.G.W." the terrible position in which the entire Craft might be placed by such a law! Supposing that on the day of Grand Installation so lately past, after the brethren had been gathered from the four winds of heaven to the ceremony, a vote of the kind contemplated by Bro. "P.G.W." had been carried, whatever would have been thought of the G.L. of England, not only by the brethren of other lands, but also by the world at large? I do not for a moment say that such a catastrophe could ever be probable, but could the bare possibility of it be allowed for a single instant to exist? Most surely not!

Next, as to the election of W.M. Perhaps the readiest method of expressing any dissent from Bro. "P.G.W.'s" views will be to briefly re-state my view of the law.

Most undoubtedly non-confirmation of the minutes would render a fresh election imperative, but what is non-confirmation of minutes? Simply a declaration that the record of the former election has not been correctly made; and, as I take it, unless the objector could show a clear case of incorrectness in reporting, his objection would fall to the ground. But even this needs repeal, as, if acted upon, every lodge is liable to find itself in the same absurd position as G.L. might be, if a similar course of procedure could be taken there. Besides which, by the installation being postponed, the whole working of the lodge would be thrown out of gear, for that year at least, whilst all brethren below the chair would necessarily have their advancement to the P.M. degree postponed for a like period.

I am sorry to differ thus with Bro. "P.G.W.," but this is considered a point of importance by many brethren, as well as by

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM TEBBS.

Caterham Valley, Sept. 20th, 1875.

Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

RECORD, LODGE OF INDUSTRY, GATESHEAD.

I have been much interested in reading the several communications of Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, R. W. Little, Rev. W. Tebbs, S.B.E., and others, respecting the curious entries in the lodge records at Gateshead. Bro. Woodford suggests that Highrodians may refer to Harodim; Bro. Little fancies the word may mean Herodians; Bro. Tebbs invents a ladder of gradations most ingeniously from Heroden to High-Rode, and High-rod-ians; and S.B.E. thinks it likely that Bro. Woodford has solved the knotty question. I should not like to commit myself to any view just yet which has been propounded, and whilst Bro. Little has come to the nearest in my opinion, to the solution of the difficulty, I am inclined to doubt the correctness of his explanation as well as all the others. My impression is, that as it is evident that High Order was another title by which the Highrodians were known, the probability is that the Royal Arch is referred to; a suggestion which I have communicated to Bro. Woodford, and which our able friend is inclined to view favourably.

Should that suggestion be exploded—which is most unlikely—I should still be inclined to disagree with the explanations already mentioned, because inconsistent with the known character of the operative lodges early last century, and be ready to believe that as the "English Masters" are especially noted, as also a Grand Lodge, that the ceremony spoken of had reference to the Past Master's Degree, which was then coming generally into work, and which doubtless many Past Masters of lodges were still ignorant of.

Failing that, we should then seek to find out what possible reference the words may have to the Sublime (or High) Degree (or Order) of a Master Mason, which in many lodges in those days was only communicated at special meetings held at long intervals; or whether the words had not reference to the virtual Past Master's Degree, which was communicated to Master Masons as a pre-requisite for the Royal Arch.

As to the "Domaskin" or "Forin," I lean to the belief that the public houses in which certain lodges were held are here referred to, and that when the ceremony was worked away from the regular place of meeting an additional fee was to be charged.

It must be remembered that though an operative lodge, at the time in question it was working by virtue of a warrant derived from the Grand Lodge of England, 1735 (at the "Fountain"), and that in consequence of the disruption with the seceders the authorities would be more disinclined than ever to permit "deviations from the ancient landmarks."

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

MASONIC NUMISMATICS.

Returning again to a consideration of the Masonic Token of 1794, we are now able to speak of other issues, having examined three more lately.

In the "Freemason" for June 12th occurs my first letter on the subject, and I send an engraving of the coin, which may be found in the "Freemasons' Magazine" for 25th July, 1868.

On June 19th, Bro. Hayes writes, stating that he has seen a friend wearing such a coin, composed of "copper gilt." In the same paper the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett presents a sketch of a coin in his possession, and refers again to the subject in the "Freemason" for June 26th. The R.W. Bro. W. Kelly also sends a communication to the effect that these coins are not so rare as considered, and as we have traced at least a dozen his assertion has been fully confirmed. On July 31st Bro. E. S. describes a coin having the same obverse and reverse as ours and Colonel Burdett's, but different words on the rim, and since then we have also seen one with the inscription the same as the one mentioned by Bro. E. S. August 14th ("Freemason") again witnesses a return to the subject (as also the 7th of the month). Our esteemed Bro. Kelly gives a detailed description of the coin he is familiar with in that paper for September 11th. We are now able to state, from the interesting letters of the several correspondents who have assisted us in the inquiry, that all the Masonic tokens of 1794 agree, excepting as to the inscriptions on the rims, those traced varying as follows:—

1. Masonic Token. I. Schichley, Fecit. 1794 (W. J. Hughan's and others).
2. Masonic Halfpenny Token. I. Schichley, Fecit. 1794 (Colonel Burdett's).
3. Masonic Token. Brother Sketchley, Birmingham (W. J. Hughan's).
4. Halfpenny. Payable at the Black Horse, Tower Hill (Bros. E. S., W. J. Hughan, and others).
5. Masonic Halfpenny Token. [MDCCXCIV., XXX. (R.W. Bro. W. Kelly).

Another token is mentioned by me in the "Freemason" for June 26th, p. 274, and two medals by Bro. E.S. in the "Freemason" for August 14th and September 4th. Those communicated by Bro. E.S. have reference to the Masonic Hall Loan, and his interesting remarks on the subject are quite correct, and the thanks of the readers of the "Freemason" are due to him for the trouble he has taken. Who else will do a similar favour? There are more coins and medals yet to be described, which are preserved in this country, and it appears to us a Masonic duty that the possessors thereof should make their character known to us Masonic students, and I shall be pleased to purchase any of such coins (if for sale), or reciprocate the kindness in some other way if they are lent me for examination, so that their character may be communicated to the leading and thinking members of the Fraternity.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

BROTHER BUCHAN AND HIS CONSTANT QUESTIONING.

In answer to Bro. Buchan, I am quite prepared to abide by my offer in the "Freemason" of June 12th, 1875, as to a discussion upon the origin of Freemasonry, but I am certainly not inclined to keep "pegging" away at the subject, without any method or apparent object; and so, until our brother is prepared to accept my offer, I am quite content to wait patiently the results of our researches, which are being conducted by Bro. Woodford, myself, and others, for we are after facts, not theories, and prefer such work to useless controversies.

W. J. HUGHAN.

A MASONIC SONG.

Can any of the readers of the "Freemason" inform me who was the author of the following song, and when it was written? I extract it from the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion," published in Glasgow, in 1771. I will also be glad to learn if the song is founded on facts, or is a mere impudent invention (as I fear it is) of the poet.

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

Rose Cottage, Stokesley.

I.

A Mason one time
Was cast for a crime,
Which malice had put a bad face on;
And then, without thought,
To a gibbet was brought
The Free and the Accepted Mason.
And then without thought, &c.

II.

And when he came there,
He put up his pray'r
For heav'n to pity his case on!
His King he espy'd,
Who in progress did ride,
Was a free and an accepted Mason,
His King he espy'd, &c.

III.

Then out a sign flew,
Which the Grand Master knew,
Who rode up to know the occasion;
Ask'd who had condemn'd
So worthy a friend
As a Free and an Accepted Mason?
Ask'd who had condemn'd, &c.

IV.

He tried the cause,
And he found out the flaws,
According to justice and reason.
He tuck'd up the judge,
And all that bore grudge
To the Free and the Accepted Mason.
He tuck'd up the judge, &c.

V.

Tho' ignorant pride
Our secrets deride,
Or foolish conjectures occasion,
They ne'er shall divine
The word or the sign
Of a Free and an Accepted Mason.
They ne'er shall divine, &c.

(May honour and honesty ever distinguish the brethren.)

A QUOTATION.

In the "Freemason" of the 4th September, No. 339, p. 391, the 8th line in the article on Bro. Major Burgess is the following quotation:—"A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still." In one of the numbers of the "Freemason" at the commencement of last year I read a correction of the quotation. Can any of your readers refer me to it.

R.W.O.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 1, 1875.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Lodge 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Lariham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.
 Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar. Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Mount Edgumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-Street, St James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Haggerston.
 Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue Basinghall-street.
 Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whitington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls-Pond-road.
 Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, 6 to 8 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggersdige, P.M., Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Pen-y-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 2, 1875.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Lodge 1393, Ilam, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, 11, Joppa, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Allpass Preceptory, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1181), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The first meeting after the recess of this flourishing lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 23rd September, Bro. Augustus Braun, W.M. This is one of the very few Banner lodges. It may be necessary to explain to some of our readers that each Worshipful Master on his initiation has his arms and crest emblazoned in a banner, which is displayed behind his chair. On leaving office this is presented to the lodge, so that in course of time a Banner lodge is surrounded with heraldic emblems, having a most picturesque and striking effect. Another peculiarity of this lodge is that its numbers are limited. On this occasion Bro. Pringle, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Capt. Kain was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Wm. Worrell, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., most impressively initiated two gentlemen, namely, a foreign Baron, and Mr. W. J. Collins. At the refreshment after labour both gentlemen expressed themselves much impressed with the ceremony, in which the Masonic charge was not forgotten. During the evening a letter was read from the wife of an old subscribing member of the lodge, stating that her husband had been bereft of reason, and that she and her 5 children were destitute. A collection was made and about £20 was raised for their benefit, of which amount the Baron contributed 5 guineas, which he wished to be considered as a thank-offering on the occasion of the birth of a daughter, the gift of the Great Architect of the Universe.

INSTRUCTION.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1489).—On Thursday, the 23rd ult., the ceremony of inaugurating a new lodge of instruction, under warrant from the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, was performed at the Albion Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, by Bro. W. Stephens, then the W.M., but now I.P.M. of No. 1489. The ceremony of consecration was fully explained, and was followed by the ceremony of installation, when Bro. W. J. Murlis was appointed the first W.M. of the new lodge. Bro. James Glasken was appointed S.W., and Bro. Dr. Defriez, J.W. Bro. W. Stephens was unanimously elected Preceptor, Bro. James Hanney, Treasurer, and Bro. W. Jones, P.M. 445, Secretary. Several brethren were elected members of the lodge, and rules were afterwards framed for the government of the lodge, which will now hold its meetings every Thursday evening at seven o'clock (see list of Metropolitan Masonic Meetings).

PROVINCIAL.

GUILDFORD.—ROYAL ALFRED LODGE (No. 777).—At a bi-monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Angel Hotel, on the 16th ult., the brethren were honoured with the company of the R.W. Provincial and Deputy Grand Masters of Surrey, Bros. Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., and W. R. Harrison. The first business of the evening was to initiate Mr. Denzil R. Onslow, M.P., of Flexford House, into the mysteries of the Craft, which was very ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Wells, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works of Surrey. Bro. Gilbert J. Smallpiece, P.M., presented the lodge with a handsome portrait of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. A very chaste Treasurer's jewel was also presented to Bro. John Nealds by the brethren of the lodge, as a slight token of regard and appreciation of his invaluable services as Past Treasurer. After the cases of charity had been deliberated upon and disposed of, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet provided by Bro. Michaux, where the rest of the evening was spent in social harmony.

HAMPTON.—HEMING LODGE (No. 1512).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on Saturday, the 18th ult. The lodge was opened at five o'clock in the afternoon by the W.M., Bro. W. Hammond, P.M. 201 and 1326, P.G.J.D. of Middlesex. Bros. Hopwood, P.M. 141, W.M. elect, S.W.; S. Hill, P.M.; J. W. Hurst, S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Jno. Hammond, P.M. 201, Sec., acting I.G.; Gilbert, Tyler. The ballot

was taken on behalf of Messrs. Hunt, Hiscox, and Aston, and having been declared unanimously favourable, the two first-named gentlemen were duly entrusted into Craft mysteries by the W.M. with his customary ability. The second Thursday in October having been fixed for the meeting of the Audit Committee, and several minor matters having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent cold collation. This being only an emergency meeting, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given but formally by the W.M., who, however, supplemented them by some well chosen remarks. In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," Bro. Hammond congratulated the lodge upon its enrolling Bros. Hunt and Hiscox as members that evening, and he sincerely hoped that those brethren would never regret the important step they had taken in entering the Craft. The toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Hunt and Hiscox responded. The first-named stated that he had been many years abroad, and he had especially remarked the number of halls and institutions connected with the fraternity that there were in the West Indies and other remote parts of the globe, and he was so struck with the importance that Freemasonry possessed, even at Vera Cruz, and many minor places that he had visited in his travels, that he determined to join the Order upon his arrival home, feeling assured that, from its cosmopolitan popularity, the principles of the Craft must be good indeed, and in conclusion he had to acknowledge the deep impression the ceremony of initiation had made upon his mind that evening. Bro. Hiscox also made an excellent reply, in which he thanked the brethren very heartily for the honour they had done him by receiving him amongst them, and he hoped their confidence would never be misplaced. The J.W. proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a very neat speech, and congratulated the Hemming Lodge upon possessing so distinguished a member of P.G.I. as Bro. William Hammond. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and proposed "The Health of their Visitor, Bro. Tozer, 1326." The toast having been drunk, Bro. Tozer replied at length, and gave a very interesting account of his experience of the Craft in America and the colonies. "The Health of the S.W. and the Other Officers" followed, and the W.M. mentioned their names and services individually. Bro. Hopwood, the W.M. elect, who has just recovered from a long and serious illness, feelingly alluded to the kind remarks passed by the W.M. in proposing his health in conjunction with the rest of the officers, and hoped that his year of office would be as prosperous and as successful as that of Bro. Hammond's. Bros. Hill, J.W.; J. Hammond, Sec.; Hurst, S.D.; and Walls, acting J.D., severally acknowledged the compliment. Between the toasts the brethren were entertained by the singing and reciting of Bros. Hurst, Hiscox, Hill, Walls and Ockenden. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Royal Arch.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHAPTER (No. 779).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 21st ult., under the presidency of the Senior P.Z., M.E. Comp. Kelly, Prov. Grand Supt., and among the other officers present were Comps. Rev. John Denton, P.Z. and P.P.G.J., Treas.; Love, H.; Mammatt, J.; E. Carrick-Crofts (M.R.C.S.), E.; Rev. W. Langley, P.Z., and P.P.G.J., as N.; Thorp, P.S. 279, as P.S., in the absence in Ireland of Earl Ferrers, Prov. G.H., and others. An apology for unavoidable absence was received from the M.E.Z., Companion H. Etherington Smith, J.P. A ballot took place for four candidates, two only of whom were in attendance, viz., Bros. H. Blood, P.M., and W. S. A. Allen, S.W. of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, who were duly exalted, the three lectures being delivered by the Prov. G. Supt., and the duties of N. and P.S. being most efficiently performed by Comps. Langley and Thorp. A ballot took place for the officers for the ensuing year, when the following were declared to be duly elected, viz., Comps. Love, M.E.Z.; Mammatt, H.; Crofts, J.; Denton, Treas.; Allen, E.; Faulkner, N.; Rev. H. Cuyler, P.S.; Bembridge, Janitor. The companions subsequently adjourned to a banquet at the Queen's Head Hotel, and spent an hour or two very pleasantly, the loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, the health of the Prov. G. Supt., Comp. Kelly, being proposed in very warm and complimentary terms by the Rev. Comp. Denton, who was subsequently heartily congratulated on his recent well-deserved preferment as vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where he has laboured for many years.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held within their own hall at No. 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday evening, 21st ult. The R.W.M., Bro. William Bell, presided, with whom on the dais were Bros. Robert Craig, P.M., and Thomas Fletcher, I.P.M. The chief office-bearers present were Bros. D. M. Nelson, D.M.; John D. Young, S.W.; David Horn, J.W.; Dalzell, Treas.; and John Dick, Sec. There was a numerous attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of last meeting read and passed, the Secretary read a circular received from Bro. R. Wylie, P.G. Sec., Argyshire Province, intimating that, by invitation of the School Board of Kilwinning, the foundation stone of the new school house there would be laid with Masonic honours by Bro. Colonel Mure, R.W.P.G.M., on Saturday next, and inviting a deputation from Lodge St. John, 34, to be present on the occasion. On behalf of Bro. W. H. Bickerton, who had been unex-

pectedly called out of town, the Secretary next read a communication of some interest, and embodying an important notice of motion. In this Bro. Bickerton stated that that worthy brother of the Order, G. R. Harriott, Prov. Grand Master of Wigtown and Kirkcudbrightshire, had been for some time endeavouring to establish on an adequate scale an institution for the support of decayed Scottish Freemasons and their widows and orphans. Bro. Harriott was sparing no trouble, time, or expense on his own part to bring the scheme to a successful issue, and he (Bro. Bickerton) was proud to say that most of the noblemen and wealthier members of the Order in Scotland had rallied round him with their support. Bro. Geo. Kenning had kindly authorised him (Bro. Bickerton) to place the sum of one hundred guineas at the disposal of this lodge (St. John's), to be applied in furtherance of Bro. Harriott's scheme; and he (Bro. Bickerton) begged to give notice of motion that Bro. Kenning's offer be accepted; and further that Lodge St. John do vote £20 out of their funds in aid of the same cause; beyond this, he trusted the members of the lodge would independently contribute to such a noble scheme according to their means, so that, at no distant day, brethren from the sister countries should not be able to ask them what they in Scotland had to show for Masonry. In bringing forward this motion he was not unprepared for opposition; because he had often heard it said that, in so far as the Province of Glasgow was concerned, they did not require such institutions, seeing they had their Provincial Grand Benevolent Fund. Now, for immediate relief, the latter was noble; but when worthy brethren became worn out, unable, however willing, to work for their daily bread, and when the widow was left with a family totally unprovided for, then he (Bro. Bickerton) held that the P.G. Benevolent Fund was not in a position to support such cases according to their necessities. The communication having been submitted to the meeting, it was moved by Bro. D. M. Nelson, D.M., seconded by Bro. David Horn, J.W., and agreed to, that the Secretary be instructed to write Bro. Bickerton, thanking him for it, and requesting some further information on the matter. Applications for affiliation to the lodge were then heard from Bros Wm. Laught, Lodge Scotia, 178, and Andrew Bain, Lodge Navigation, Troon, 86, and, there being no opposition, they received the same at the hands of the R.W.M. The next business before the lodge was initiation, when Mr. John Morrison, of Shamrock-street, received the E.A. Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Morgan, R.W.M., Lodge Star, 219. The lodge then adjourned for a short time to refreshment, thereafter being recalled to labour, and closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—COMMERCIAL ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 79).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held, in accordance with the laws and constitution of the Order, on the 23rd September, in the place of meeting, 30, Hope-street. Owing to the fact that most of the other chapters in town held their statutory meetings for election on the same evening, the attendance was not large, a goodly proportion of those who generally attend the meetings being office-bearers or members of other chapters in the neighbourhood. The law of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland makes it imperative for each of its subordinates to meet on the 23rd September, annually, for the election of their officers, otherwise a special dispensation has to be applied for. This arrangement, though in some important respects well devised, is frequently found to lead to considerable inconvenience, a sufficient number of companions not being always forthcoming to enable the business to proceed. This would not be the case if each chapter could fix the date for its annual meeting sometime near the autumnal equinox—but we digress. The chapter having been opened by Companion Brode, the retiring First Principal, with the necessary assistance in the various offices, the first business was the reading of the minutes of last regular meeting, which the Scribe E. was requested to do. From these it appeared that the business at that meeting had been the nomination of office-bearers, and the Scribe E. mentioned that he had duly notified the companions who had been nominated; and was glad to say that, with the exception of Comp. R. A. Buchanan, all had cordially acquiesced and were willing to accept office. The name of Comp. John McRobbie having been substituted for that of Comp. Buchanan, the following were declared duly elected for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. David Lamb, First Principal; William M. G. Mason, Second Principal; Robert Brodie, Third Principal; John Monro, Scribe E.; John McRobbie, Scribe N.; George Macpherson, Treas.; with Comps. W. H. Bickerton, James Pyle, and James M. Duncan, First, Second, and Third Sojourners respectively, and Comp. James Minnoch, Janitor. Comp. Julius Brode, in the course of a few well chosen remarks, congratulated the chapter on the election of the new office-bearers, and said that with such a staff the continued prosperity of the chapter might be regarded as a certainty. He had done his best while he held the office of Z., and was gratified to think that his efforts had been attended with so much success, a success which he was, however, bound to say could not have been attained unless through the support which he had uniformly experienced at the hands of those with whom he had been associated, whose services he went on to particularize with many expressions of gratitude. The installation was postponed to a future day, as the requisite number of installed Principals was not present, and the chapter was closed in due form.

EDINBURGH.—LODGE CELTIC (No. 291).—A special meeting of this most prosperous lodge was held in the Ship Hotel, East Register Street, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., for the purpose of admitting into the Ancient Order of Freemasonry Mr. Wells, who was about to proceed to New Zealand. The candidate, who had been well recommended, and no objection offered, received the E.A. Degree, Bro. D. Kinnaird, P.M., officiating in his usual

impressive manner, supported by Bro. Gucirgides as S.W., and Bro. James Walker as J.W., and others. Among the visitors was Bro. W. H. Bickerton ("Freemason"), from Glasgow. Bro. Wells, if proficient, was to receive the F.C. Degree on Friday, the 24th ult., and there is not the least doubt, from the manner in which the ceremony of this degree was given and the very great attention paid to it by Bro. Wells, but what his proficiency will permit of his being passed to the F.C. Degree. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—CHAPTER CATHEDRAL (No. 67) met in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow, on Thursday, 23rd ult., for the election of office-bearers, when the following companions were duly elected and installed by Companion George Thallon, Z. Chapter 119. Companions James Duthie, Z.; George Pridie, H.; D. Ronald, J.; J. Galdie, E.; J. Mason, N.; J. Wood, Treas.; Samuel Bisland, First Soj.; W. Sloan, Second Soj.; J. Dickie, Third Soj.; Andrew Crawford, Janitor. On this occasion there was a good attendance of members of the chapter and visiting companions. The duty of installing the above companions was most ably performed by Companion Thallon. There being no further business, the chapter was closed.

FREEMASONRY IN THE ISLE OF MAN.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

CASTLETOWN.—MONA LODGE (No. 212, I.C.)—Happening to be on a visit near the metropolis of "Ellan Vannin," I received a courteous invitation to visit the above lodge on the occasion of its last meeting, Monday, September 20th, and was much pleased with what I saw and heard. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. S. E. Ferrier, M.A., Government Chaplain of the Island, your correspondent was honoured by being requested to take charge of the West, while Bro. M. J. Backwell occupied the Junior Warden's chair. Among the other brethren present were Bros. James Mylchreest, P.M., acting Org.; R. Watterson, P.M.; Dr. Edwards, George Quayle, Hon. Sec.; H. S. Mylchreest, I.G.; Chicas, J.D., and others whose names I do not remember. The lodge was opened in due form, when the following "opening ode" was sung:—

Hail, Eternal! by whose aid
All created things were made;
Heaven and earth Thy vast design,
Hear us, Architect Divine.
May our work, begun in Thee,
Ever blest with order be;
And may we, when labours cease,
Part in harmony and peace.
By Thy glorious majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

The minutes were then read and declared to be correctly recorded, and by them we learned that the lodge had forwarded through the Governor of the Island, the Hon. H. B. Loch, himself a member of our brotherhood, an address of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Paterson, a candidate for our mysteries and privileges, which proving "clear" in the S.W. and E., and that gentleman being present, he was duly initiated by Bro. Past Master James Mylchreest. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the chair of K.S. was again assumed by Bro. Ferrier, who read a telegram just received from a gallant colonel who intended to be present to claim preferment, but who was unexpectedly detained at Douglas. After some routine business, a vote of thanks was accorded to your correspondent, and a request that on the occasion of his next visit he would meet the members at a lodge of instruction. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in solemn form, which included the singing of the following "closing ode":—

Now the evening shadows closing,
Warn from toil to peaceful rest;
Mystic arts and rites reposing,
Sacred, in each faithful breast.
God of light, whose love unceasing
Doth to all Thy works extend,
Crown our Order with Thy blessing,
Build, sustain us to the end.
Humbly now we bow before Thee,
Grateful for Thy aid Divine;
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty Architect, be Thine.

The brethren then adjourned to light refreshment, and all separated in perfect harmony. I cannot close this report without giving expression to the pleasure my visit to the Lodge of Mona afforded me. I have attended many lodges, but never saw one better worked. Our brethren in the Isle of Man, however, labour under one disadvantage—they have no Provincial Grand Lodge, and this, perhaps, arises from the fact that the lodges hail under two Grand Lodges, England and Ireland. If all the lodges could be placed under one jurisdiction, and the Governor be constituted Provincial Grand Master, it would add to the progress of Masonry and the advancement of its members. I noticed that one of the bye-laws of the Lodge of Mona wisely provided "that all officers quartered at Castletown, who are Masons, shall be deemed honorary members during their stay."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—EXCELLENT PILLS.—The resources of chemistry and medicine were long fruitlessly tried before they yielded a remedy which could overcome disorders of the stomach and nerves, till Professor Holloway discovered his purifying and tonic Pills. They are the surest and safest correctives of indigestion, heartburn, flatulency, torpidity of the liver, twitches, nervous fancies, despondency, low spirits, and declining strength. Holloway's Pills subvert all irregular action on the body, and so strengthen and support the system that disease departs and leaves the patient not at all shaken. This is the grand aim and object of medical art, to regulate disordered functions without damaging the constitution by the remedy, and admirably is the end obtained by Holloway's Pills.—Advr.

EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT, SCOTLAND.

The Grand Council of the Early Grand Encampment in Scotland had their quarterly communication at the Sun Inn, Kilmarnock, on Saturday, the 11th Sept. With one exception all the encampments were represented, producing the most successful meeting the Early Grand has experienced these last six years.

The encampment being opened in due and ancient form, business was proceeded with, minutes of last quarterly meeting were read and adopted, and other preliminary matters being disposed of, the council then commenced proceedings with their annual election for Grand Officers, who being nominated in the usual way, the vote was taken, when the following candidates were found successful, and simultaneously installed:—Alexander Pollock, M.N.G.C.; James Pollock, P.G.C.; Thomas Clark, G.S.; Matthew Pollock, G.T.; the other officers being filled by representatives from the various encampments present.

A petition some time ago being presented by a few Sir Knights from Airdrie for a warrant to erect an encampment acting under the E.G. in that place, having during the prescribed time been under the consideration of the council, was forthwith granted, which gave entire satisfaction. The newly-elected M.N.C., Sir Knt. A. Pollock, having ascended the throne, addressed the assembled Sir Knts. in an earnest and impressive manner, especially counselling them to use their utmost exertions in vindicating the claims of the E.G. Encampment, and repelling the insinuations of those whose mission to this earth evidently consists in the amount of abuse and malignity they are capable of casting on the devoted head of our Order. A few pithy remarks from other Sir Knights followed, each determined to maintain our old motto, "We were the first and we shall be the last." Business being accomplished to the satisfaction of all present, and the sentinels withdrawn from their posts, the encampment closed in solemn form. The Sir Knights thereafter adjourned for refreshment, when a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and ably responded to, song and sentiment being pleasantly and artistically diversified, conducting much to the altogether most delightful meeting the E.G. has had.

AN ORATION

DELIVERED BY REV. CANON TOWNSHEND AT THE LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT HALIFAX, N.S.

This corner stone which has collected together this imposing assemblage to-day is another illustration of the old adage and Masonic motto, "Magna est veritas et prevalebit." Need I say that I refer to the past dark days of the brotherhood—past and gone, I trust, for ever—when prejudice and slander dogged the footsteps of Freemasons in all lands; when their purposes and acts were judged of in the ignorance of uncharitable suspicion, and their very existence denounced as hostile to the well-being of society. This corner stone, Most Worshipful Grand Master, implying as it does a stately fabric, is gratifying evidence, I say, that those evil days have passed away, and that happier times have succeeded, in the manifest propriety and extension of this ancient Craft, in the public confidence which it enjoys, and in the benevolent character which it has earned for itself throughout the world. There are few acts and ceremonies of past ages which have come down to modern days more distinctly and intelligibly than that in which we are at present engaged. The ritual of the ceremony may be varied in different ages and nations; but the act itself of laying a corner stone, and the ideas connected therewith, both in the substantial purposes, and symbolical sense of the "Corner Stone," suggest to our minds at this day the same thoughts as are expressed in that beautiful passage of Sacred Writ from probably the oldest work extant in the world, the Book of Job. It is indeed the Deity Himself who is represented by the Patriarch as addressing him in these sublime words—"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare if thou hast understanding, who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the Sons of God shouted for joy?" And again, we have the same reference expressed by the Blessed and Holy One, the Word by whom the world and all things in it were made quoting the words of the Royal Psalmist, "The stone which the builder rejected, the same is become the head of the corner; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

We have, then, the testimony of both antiquity and Divine inspiration to the important character of the corner stone, whether as used in the material building or figuratively applied to spiritual and moral edification.

The newspapers have made far and wide the interesting discovery of the corner stone of the first Masonic building of these maritime provinces, erected on this spot, and but lately taken down, to be succeeded by a noble temple and one more worthy of the name and fame of Freemasons, and better suited to the dignity of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Our new country, Most Worthy Grand Master, cannot boast of its antiquities; we cannot point to our venerable cathedrals, nor our crumbling castles and towers of by-gone days; but no one could doubt the existence of the genuine antiquarian spirit in the brotherhood, who witnessed the anxious searching for, and finally the joyous exhuming of, the old corner stone, which had rested undisturbed where it was laid by Royal hands three quarters of a century ago.

Though all, I suppose, have perused with much pleasure the published copy of the inscription engraven on the stone, let me read it now in the ears of this assemblage,

who are repeating to-day the work of their honoured forefathers, long since gone to rest, remembering with deep solemnity that, as years roll on, the record of this our deed, will again in turn afford to those who shall follow us the like subject of affectionate interest, when we who now look upon each other shall also have passed away, and entered into that Glorious Temple, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. The stone covered by the slab containing this inscription, held in a cavity prepared for it, a bottle in which were several of the current coins of the day, and parchment whose record had nearly disappeared.

As well as we could judge, it seemed to be a transcript of that engraven on the stone, with the exception of several signatures appended; these interesting autographs of good men and true we tried to decipher, in the special and loyal hope of tracing the letters of an illustrious name, associated with the early history of our province—His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, the grandfather of His Royal Highness the present Most W.G.M. of all England, and the father of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria whom God long preserve.

In referring to this ancient memento of by-gone days, one's thoughts naturally turn to the various changes which have taken place since that old corner stone was laid in the general condition of the world, but more especially in our own national history, both in the Fatherland and its Colonial Empire, in the political acts of wisdom which have been accomplished for the freedom of those in bondage; for the increased liberty and adjustment of the civil rights of the subject, and for the general social improvement of all classes of people; in the naval and military renown of our country; in the admirable discoveries and practical application of science; in the controlling and utilizing of the tremendous powers of nature to the convenience and business of man. Compare the swift passages of those palace steamers which now leave, every week or two, this noble harbour for old England's shores, with the forty, fifty, sixty, and even seventy day voyage of 1800—yes, and for thirty years later; or the flashing of thought, with lightning speed, from one side of the Atlantic to the other—with the letters of old date which the tardy packet of those days used to bring to anxious and impatient friends.

Time, however, will not permit me to do more than refer to these two or three examples of the great changes and improvements of the last half century, in all the advantages of which our province and this city fully participate.

Of the personal changes also which have occurred in the same period, I can only mention one, without which this address would be singularly deficient. Doubtless to many here present there are other sad memories of dear brothers whose familiar faces they behold no longer in their fraternal meetings. But he of whom I would say a word in reverend remembrance is our latest loss; for many years our worthy Head and Master, and always the genial and warm-hearted friend and brother, known far beyond the boundaries of his own jurisdiction, and distinguished by numerous marks and testimonies of honour and esteem—while his generation lasts, the good honest face of Alexander Keith will not be forgotten, and his memory for generations to come will be affectionately retained by those brothers who shall fill our places in the Masonic brotherhood of Nova Scotia.

In an old book taken out of rubbish in the garret of the old Masonic Hall which was lately demolished, entitled "Constitution of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons," I find the following scraps of information: "From Europe the Royal Art crossed the Atlantic with the first emigrants, and settled in various parts of America. It is said to have been known in Nova Scotia while in the hands of the French." "As early as the year 1750, which was as soon almost as there were any houses erected at Halifax, we find a number of brethren met together, with Governor Cornwallis at their head, deeming it, as they expressed it, for the good of the fraternity that Masonry should be propagated in the province, and that there was a necessity of encouraging it in this place. Erasmus James Phillips, Esq., of Annapolis Royal, was Provincial Grand Master at that time, and they agreed to petition him for a warrant to hold a lodge at Halifax, and that His Excellency might be Master of it. Governor Cornwallis was, while he resided in this province, Master of this lodge. He was succeeded in the Government and in the chair by Governor Lawrence, who enjoyed both till his death."

It is a remark which must offer itself to every person in the least acquainted with the state of progress of Masonry in this province, that it has ever been conducted by persons of the most respectable characters, and that those who have had the direction and management of public affairs have generally been zealous and active in promoting its growth. On March the 18th, 1751, the second lodge was formed at Halifax; Bro. Murray, Deputy Grand Master. On St. John's Day they resolved to celebrate the festival with usual pomp, to walk in procession to the Governor's House, thence to church to prayers. But receiving melancholy news of the death of our brother, the late Prince of Wales, they resolved to appear in mourning as a mark of respect to his memory.

Seven years after this a Grand Warrant was received from the R.W. and Hon. William Stewart, Earl of Blesington, G.M. of England, constituting Erasmus James Phillips, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of Nova Scotia. G.M. Phillips was succeeded by His Honour, Jonathan Belcher, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor of the province. After the death of R.W. Bro. Belcher, the affairs of the Craft lay dormant for many years. At last, in 1783, the lodges about Halifax determined to petition the Grand Lodge of England for a renewal of former Grand Warrant. This was issued in September, 1784, constituting the Right W. John George Pyke, Esq., Grand Master. Next year, G.M. Pyke resigned, and nominated His Excellency Governor Parker as his successor. His Excellency died on the 25th of November, 1791, and was succeeded by the R.W. and Hon. Richard Bulkeley, President of His Ma-

jesty's Council, who continued to hold the office until the 27th of December, 1800, when he resigned. The R.W. Duncan Clarke was then elevated to the chair, 27th December, 1800. On the 28th of December, 1801, His Excellency Sir John Wentworth, Lieutenant-Governor, was elected as Grand Master, which he held till the 11th of January, 1810, when he resigned. The R.W. John George Pyke, Past Grand Master was installed on the 27th of December following, which office he held till June 24th, 1820, when he resigned. Here, the record of the old book to which I have referred terminates.

This day the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia enters, as it were, on a new period in its history in the city of Halifax. The brothers, in warm zeal, and with enterprising spirit, have just laid the corner stone, with appropriate ceremonies and imposing solemnity, of a commodious edifice, a goodly temple in which to meet in God's holy name, where the order and beauty of God's handiworks will be set forth—where His divine laws will be inculcated—where charity, the perfection of all virtues, is laid down as the bond of our union and the chief purpose of our being—where every sign and symbol, every word and token, is the expression of some good, either material or moral, to the bodies and souls of men.

Nevertheless, it would be mere affectation to appear ignorant of the fact that prejudices do still exist against the Craft, though in a diminished degree. Secrecy is one of the chief objections—secrecy, which on the one hand excites curiosity, on the other creates suspicion. It is continually asked, What secret knowledge can these men have which is not equally accessible to all? And what are the effects of this knowledge? Are Masons better or wiser men than others; and if not, what is the use of their knowledge and secrets? Now, in reply to all this, Masons frankly admit that their confraternity is a secret society—secret so far as its terms of admission, its vows, and its ritualism are concerned; but its avowed principles openly declare it to be a band of God-fearing brethren, and not a cabal of designing conspirators. Its known works are deeds of love and mercy, and not destruction and revolution. The symbols of its government, its instruction, and its degrees are the highest expression of order, obedience, and harmony, and the Supreme Authority which stands forth prominently in the midst of all their assemblies is the ever-open Law of the Most High God. Can evil, I ask, proceed from such an institution?

Whose are the glorious names that adorn the history of Freemasonry? The brilliant stars that illumine its ancient roll, noble names of Heaven-born genius—of renowned patriotism, of undaunted valour? Have we not reason to pride ourselves on a fraternity in which kings and nobles in the olden times, as well as in the present, delighted and do still delight; in which the capacities of Sir Isaac Newton and Benjamin Franklin, and the intellectual Locke rejoiced—with which such great warriors of modern times as Sir John Moore, Lord Nelson, and last, though not least, nay grandest of all, the immortal Wellington, and hundreds of others identified themselves. Again, turning to our neighbours, of the past Presidents of the United States but four were strangers to the Craft. In the Courts and Legislative Halls of that nation we find such names as Patrick Henry, Judge Marshall, De Witt Clinton, Livingston, the learned and logical Jurist Storey, and numbers of others in Church and State, in science and literature, to be added to the long roll of illustrious men recorded in the annals of Freemasonry. Again, then, I challenge an answer—can evil proceed from such an institution, except, alas, the common evil of human infirmity? A faithful Mason cannot be a bad man. But the precious deposit of Masonic truth, like the sacred ministrations of the glorious Gospel, is held in earthen vessels, which are often unworthy of the great trust, too often damaging the treasure by their own imperfections. But though it would be as unjust to cast upon the principles of Freemasonry the blemishes in the lives of Masons as it would be to bring forth the inconsistencies of Christians to condemn the Blessed Gospel of our salvation, yet the true Mason will take the warning to himself, and ever remember that it is his duty, not only to appear punctually in his lodge at the Master's call, and cheerfully take his part in the work thereof, but, when out of the sacred precincts and the sound of gavel, to exhibit before the world the virtues inculcated in every mysterious rite and sacred symbol of the ancient Craft. He will thus convince and recommend, by the practical proof of good deeds, what he dare not speak of with his lips. He will conquer with the weapons of truth and gain a brother by the beauty of holiness.

Reviews.

COOK'S TOURIST HANDBOOK FOR SOUTHERN ITALY.

We are a good deal taken by this well-arranged little handbook for travellers, and almost personally on one of Mr. Cook's tours to a very fascinating land. "Italia! oh Italia!" the Morgen land of poetry and of imagination, as some one sung of old, what pleasant associations crowd around thy very name! Other countries in the world have great souvenirs and imperishable records attached to them, other lands can still attract, or amuse, or alarm or depress, but to Italy belong the unceasing sympathy and the fervour of admiration. Why is it? Perhaps it is to be found in this, that as its earlier history takes us back to the great deeds of sovereign power, and the unequalled achievements of a wondrous people, so its later centuries have witnessed a remarkable development of artistic life, as well as the special and pervading characteristics of a most sumptuous religious system. And we should not forget, too, how much of European history has been bound up with the See of St. Peter, and the convulsions of Italy itself. For many ages it was not only the battle-ground of nations, but the centre of diplomacy, the arbiter of peace, the de-

cider of war. The very ambitions of its Popes, and the aims and intents of its rulers, make Italy a subject of the deepest interest to every statesman and every student. But beyond all this, beyond its historical memories, its ecclesiastical annals, its tales of blood, and its deeds of ill, we think that Italy, in its own inherent loveliness of natural beauty and grace, and the kindly and genial and tolerant character of its people, have had a good deal to do with this admiration among the inhabitants of Great Britain.

Our great public school system has had much to do with it, no doubt, as George Canning used to say, and the general taste happily amongst us for classical lore and classical learning. And there has remained with our great people conspicuous for their united love of order and charity, for their reverence to law and authority, and their impatience of oppression, injustice, and social wrong, amid that admixture of Anglo-Saxon "standhaftigkeit," and Norman French impulsiveness, the warmest appreciation of Italy's claims on every account to the regard, the love, the admiration, the attachment of mankind; at any rate, of all cultivated intellects, and of all refined imagination.

And as we pore over Mr. Cook's handbook and maps to-day, as we drift by Genoa la Superba, and Firenze la Bella, and Napoli la Gentile, until we come to Roma la Santa, we feel what a wondrous history is summed up in these three great towns alone, as we travel back through the stirring records of several hundred years, to say nothing of such unchanging recollections as cling to Cumæ, and Civita Vecchia, to Syracuse, Messina, and Palermo, to Bologna and Siena, to Herculaneum and Pompeii, to the Coliseum and St. Peter's. We are taken back at once from the tastes and theories of the hour, "un peu boutique par ma foi," to great names and high deeds, to those imperishable memories which Time, though it mars all things, and destroys most, still preserves, even though dim perhaps now in the hoariness of departed centuries, for the study, the wonder, the appreciation, or the awe of the traveller in Italy to-day.

Few there are who linger amid the ruins of the past, or the creations of to-day, in the cities, and villages, and churches, and plains of Italy, but must feel how lightly time, after all, has touched that wondrous clime. The relics of by-gone greatness, the monuments of classic days, the creations of Giotto, the masterpieces of Michael Angelo, the works of countless cunning Craftsmen, all rise still before our wondering eyes, in all their silent greatness and speaking grace.

Italy is full of wonders from first to last, we can go nowhere without being instructed, or pleased or impressed, and we therefore thank Mr. Cook, as citizens of the world, that he has given to many a humble tourist and loiterer to-day amid the ruins, and graves, and fair scenes, and tinted vineyards of that glorious land a convenient and portable vade mecum, to be carried in a knapsack, or thrust into a carpet bag, as we look once more on "flavum Tiberini," or linger respectfully among the buried streets of Pompeii, or smile at Naples, or look grave at Rome, or talk of the Sybils; or, leaving the south, wend our way to the north of Italy, and stand on the Bridge of Sighs at Venice, and remember Juliet within the walls of Verona. Addio, Italia!

MASONIC MUSIC.

Our good Bro. H. J. Hatch, P.G.C. for Essex, and S.W. 160, has recently published an installation song, to be procured at Bro. George Kenning's, 198, Fleet-street, and 1, 2, and 3, Little-Britain. We beg to commend it to the notice of our brethren, and we sincerely trust that the Craft generally will accord to it a fraternal patronage. It is lively and effective, and seems very well arranged, the words and music being both composed by our kind and warm-hearted brother.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS AT BRUSSELS.

CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS I.—SAVING OF LIFE FROM FIRE.

Section I.—Apparatus and means for preservation against fire by land and by sea.

1. Construction of buildings, of powder magazines, of petroleum stores, and of ships.

2. Preparation of timber, woodwork, clothing, furniture, decorations, &c., to resist fire.

3. Lightning conductors.

Section II.—Instruments and other means of detecting and announcing fire—fire alarms, telegraphs, &c.

Section III.—Apparatus and instruments for saving life—ladders, sacks, cordage, parachutes, respiratory apparatus, ventilators, &c.

Section IV.—Apparatus, instruments, and substances for extinguishing fire—steam and other fire engines and their accessories; fire extinguishers and chemical agents; reservoirs, water pipes, hose, &c.

Section V.—Means of transport for men and material.

CLASS II.—APPARATUS, AND ENGINES OF ALL KINDS, ACTING ON WATER AND IN WATER, TO DIMINISH DANGER, PREVENT ACCIDENTS, AND GIVE ASSISTANCE.

1. Swimming and skating.—Apparatus and material connected with these exercises.

2. Lighting of coasts, at sea, on rivers and canals, and under water. Lights and signals.

3. Sounding in rivers and seas.—The most approved apparatus connected therewith.

4. Life-boats and life-saving apparatus, for aiding swimmers and ships and crews in distress; rocket apparatus; rafts; mattresses; swimming belts and jackets; diving apparatus; balloons, &c.

5. Life-saving stations: models and plans.

6. Ships, fishing smacks and boats of all kinds, with their fittings and implements, contrived for security; arrangement on board ship calculated to preserve the most healthful conditions; cabins, beds, hammocks, &c., formed and arranged with the same object. Other hygienic arrangements for passengers and for sailors,

7. Vessels abandoned or in distress, water-logged or on fire.—Apparatus, &c., for giving aid in such cases: jury masts, rudders, sails, &c.

8. Means of visiting the hulls of vessels and repairing them while afloat.

9. Swimming schools: models and plans. Costumes, dressing-boxes, and tents for bathers.

10. Means of carrying the sick and wounded at sea; medicines and medicine chests.

CLASS III.—MEANS OF PREVENTING ACCIDENTS RESULTING FROM TRAFFIC ON ROADS, RAILWAYS, AND TRAMWAYS.

1. Safety harness and appliances; bits, curbs, stirrup's &c.

2. Brakes for road or tramway carriages.

3. Brakes for locomotives and railway carriages.

4. Lighting, heating, and ventilating apparatus for tramway and railway carriages.

5. Buffers, coupling chains, &c. Means of protecting passengers and guards when mounting or descending from carriages:—steps, foot-boards, hand-rails, wheel guards, and other safety arrangements.

6. Signals and apparatus of all kinds for the service of railways; signals and means of communication between railway passengers, guards, and drivers.

7. Apparatus for clearing the line of railways, such as snow-ploughs, cow-catchers, &c.

8. Barriers, gates, &c., for roads and railways.

9. Models of public carriages for roads, railways, and tramways, arranged with a view to health and security.

10. Machines, tools, &c., for immediate assistance in case of trains running off the rails, and other accidents.

CLASS IV.—MEANS OF ASSISTANCE IN TIME OF WAR, SECTION I. Means of transport.

1. Litters, portable chairs, cacolets, &c.

2. Carriages, wagons, &c.

3. Special carriages for transport of the wounded; application of ordinary railway rolling stock to the same purpose.

4. Treatises, publications, plans, specimens, models, &c., relating to this subject.

Section II. Surgical apparatus:—Bags, cases of instruments, boxes containing medicaments, lint, &c.; special treatises on these subjects.

Section III. Ambulances:—Specimens, models, treatises, and plans.

1. Flying ambulances.

2. Temporary fixed ambulances.

3. Permanent ambulances; hospitals, lazarettes, and huts. Fittings and furniture of ambulances. Cookery for the wounded.

Section IV. Apparatus for the preservation, burying, or burning of corpses:—Plans, models, and treatises. Purification of battle fields and camps.

CLASS V.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

1. Drainage of damp and marshy soils; purification of unwholesome land; cleaning of rivers, canals, &c. Systems and apparatus.

2. Hygienic systems and precautions with respect to towns:—Paving the public ways, macadamising, &c.; footpaths; public lighting; means of preventing the sub-soil being infected by gas. Means of preventing accidents in the public streets, either from repairs of the roads, from the erection or repair of houses, &c., or from the circulation of heavy or noisy loads. Wandering dogs; means of preventing hydrophobia.

3. Hygienic systems for public establishments:—Plans, construction, ventilation, heating, lighting, &c., of churches, hospitals, barracks, schools, prisons, theatres, and other public buildings. Public baths and wash-houses. School furniture, &c. Means of preventing or removing humidity and other natural or accidental causes of insalubrity or discomfort. Establishment of lighting conductors.

4. Hygienic systems in relation to the general use of water:—Sources; apparatus for summary analysis; filters; reservoirs; pipes; apparatus for distribution and irrigation; meters; fountains; taps, plugs, &c.

5. Hygienic systems in connection with the food of large towns:—Abattoirs; markets; shops. Articles of food considered from a sanitary point of view; processes for their preservation; practical means of detecting deterioration or adulteration.

6. Hygienic systems of cleansing towns:—Cleaning of the public ways; disinfection; cinders, ashes, and waste. Places of accommodation; emptying, disinfecting, and removal of refuse. Depots of manure; means of disinfection and application. Sewers—their construction, &c., and means of preventing noxious gases injuring the public health; indication of practical means for the application of the sewage of towns to purposes of cultivation.

7. Hygienic systems of burial:—Mortuaries; morgues; preservation of bodies; embalming; cremation; tombs, graves, vaults and cemeteries; treatises, plans, and apparatus.

8. Instruments connected with meteorology considered from a sanitary point of view.

9. Sanitary charts.

10. Statistics of population, arranged according to ages, professions, habitations, &c.

CLASS VI.—SANITARY MEASURES AND MEANS OF SAVING LIFE, APPLIED TO INDUSTRY.

Section I.

1. Materials, models, and plans for the sanitary arrangement of workshops, ateliers, and factories.

2. Lighting, heating, and ventilation of the same.

3. Mines:—Ventilation, lighting, safety lamps, choke damp indicators, &c.

Section II.

1. Machinery:—Lifts for workmen and for loads; safety apparatus for lifts and cages; parachutes, &c.

2. Means of preventing accidents by machinery in motion.

3. Apparatus and machines to replace labour in dangerous or unhealthy operations.
4. Steam boilers, air reservoirs, gasometers, &c.
5. Safety apparatus:—Valves, manometers, level indicators, gauges, automatic feed apparatus, pressure comptrollers; special modes of arranging and fixing them.
6. Means of preventing and removing incrustations in boilers.

Section III.

1. Apparatus, processes, and arrangements for removing or lessening the causes of danger or insalubrity, to workmen or the public in general, from industrial operations and in the stowage of raw materials or goods.
2. Inoffensive substances substituted for dangerous or deleterious substances in manufactures or the arts.
3. Apparatus or arrangements for the protection of workmen from noxious vapours, dust, corrosive liquids, explosions, and the ill effects of stoves, hot air, gas lamps, &c.

4. Dresses necessary in certain occupations.
5. Sanitary instructions and regulations for workmen.
6. Life saving apparatus and material for immediate aid in case of accidents in mines, quarries, and workshops.

CLASS VII.—DOMESTIC AND PRIVATE HYGIENE.

Section I.

1. Plans and models of private houses, exhibiting sanitary improvements in the art of construction.
2. Plans and models of special habitations, intended for working classes, presenting improvements as regards propriety, salubrity, and economy, whether executed or only projected.
3. Means and systems of distribution of water in the interior of houses, and of getting rid of refuse of all kinds.
4. Heating and lighting by gas or other means, adapted to private houses, with a view principally to salubrity and safety, but also to economy.
5. Ventilating apparatus for houses, whether adopted or only projected.

Section II.

1. Healthful fabrics:—Clothes suiting various climates and seasons, and various ages and social conditions.
2. Toilette arrangements of a hygienic character.
3. Hydropathic and bathing apparatus and accessories.

Section III.

1. Improved utensils and apparatus for cooking.
2. Instruments and means for the easy and practical detection of noxious qualities, adulterations or deteriorations in articles of food and drinks in ordinary use.
3. Preservation of food in private houses.
4. Systems and apparatus of alimentation for all ages, but specially for children.
5. Treatises on the preceding subject.

Section IV.

1. Apparatus, games, and toys for the physical and moral training of children.
2. Apparatus, means, and general treatises on domestic gymnastics.

CLASS VIII.—MEDICINE, SURGERY, AND PHARMACY IN RELATION TO THE PRECEDING CLASSES.

1. Apparatus, means, and materials for saving life from drowning, from the effects of noxious gases, strangulation, falling in of earth, masonry, &c., as electro-galvanic machines, friction brushes, woollen rugs, flannels, elastic tongue bands, equipments, conveyances, &c.
2. Apparatus and articles of wearing apparel for protecting engine drivers and stokers of locomotives and guards of railway trains against the accidents and maladies to which their occupations render them liable.
3. Apparatus for special infirmities:—Artificial limbs, eyes, teeth, &c.; acoustic instruments, trusses, bandages, belts, sphincters; and other aids to the infirm and suffering.
4. Means of transport of lunatics, sick, wounded, and infirm persons, as stretchers, litters, barrows, chairs, and carriages.
5. Civil Ambulances, floating hospitals, hospital tents, barrack hospitals, asylums, lying-in hospitals, arrangements, baths, clothing, accouchement necessities, and means of preservation and restraint. Cooking utensils especially adapted for hospitals and asylums.
6. Means of conveying corpses.
7. Means of protection from sea-sickness.
8. Practical treatises on the above-named subjects.

CLASS IX.—INSTITUTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

1. Assurance of life and against accidents of all kinds; statutes and rules of societies, and other publications.
2. Mutual aid societies:—Savings banks, pension and benefit societies. Co-operative societies:—Economic butcheries, bakehouses, and restaurants. Measures to be adopted in factories and large establishments to secure food of good quality, and cheap.
3. Building societies for the working classes. Economic baths and washhouses; plans, apparatus, and utensils.
4. Libraries for the use of artisans and working men. Evening schools; drawing schools for mechanical and ornamental designs; public courses of geometry, mechanics, and practical chemistry for the working classes; industrial female schools; schools for training girls for domestic servants.
5. Protection societies and workshops for apprentices; schools and protection societies for neglected children.
6. Convalescent hospitals and wards for persons employed in large establishments, asylums, crèches and gardens for infants and children. Refectories in factories, &c.
7. Means of diminishing the abuse of strong drinks, and of arresting the progress of intemperance.

CLASS X.—HYGIENE AND PROTECTION OF LIFE, AS APPLIED TO AGRICULTURE.

1. Destruction of noxious insects and animals, and protection of those which are useful; modes of protection from frost; the application of lime to seed, &c.

2. Methods and models for the conservation of cereals, and other agricultural and arboricultural products.

3. Salubrity and economy of stables, cattle-sheds, and other rural buildings; models of farms; dwellings for agricultural labourers, with regard to propriety, economy, and salubrity; models of cattle-sheds, stables, swine-houses, kennels, &c., with a view to the health of the animals.

4. Means and arrangements for assuring the greatest possible salubrity in farmyards; position of dunghills and manure pits; increase of closets; multiplication of public places of accommodation in the country.

5. Houses for agricultural labourers.

6. Furniture, clothing, and utensils, peculiarly fitted for agricultural populations; clothing for special work.

7. Food of rural populations best adapted for the preservation of health and the production of the largest amount of work; consideration of wholesome drinks during hard work in hot weather.

8. Preservation and treatment of all kinds of fertilizing matter, and utilisation of excrement; modes of precaution against the adulteration of seeds and food for cattle.

9. Influence of trees and plantations; prevention of sand being carried off by the wind; fixation of shifting sands.

10. Hygienic effect of drainage:—reclamation of marshes, and of damp and unwholesome lands. Drainage of land irrigated by means of town sewage. Health of men employed in works of drainage.

11. Unhealthiness of retting pits; study of the operations of retting; unwholesomeness of rivers, and of meadows irrigated with water loaded with mud; deterioration of streams by waste matters.

12. The search for water useful in agriculture; precautions against inundations and overflow of rivers and other streams.

13. Agricultural machines suppressing painful and unhealthy labour, such as threshing with the flail, stripping flax, hemp, &c., which give rise to injurious dust; means of protecting rural labourers from the dangers of such agricultural apparatus as thrashing machines, portable engines, &c.

14. Effect of the treatment of animals, considered with regard to their character and health; modes of securing, managing, dressing and harnessing; effects of modes of transport on the health of the animals and on the wholesomeness of the meat; models of wagons and vessels for conveying cattle, &c.; traction by dogs; models of muzzles.

15. Consideration of contagious diseases of animals, which may be transmitted to man.

16. General means of precaution against the propagation of contagious diseases, and means for their eventual extinction; consideration of legislative measures, as to the killing and burying of animals attacked by contagious diseases. Exposure of offal to the air. Flies which produce carbuncle.

17. Apparatus of veterinary surgery, &c., for farmers' use, such as sounds and choke tubes.

18. Societies of assurance against the effects of hail, mortality of cattle, &c.

19. Rational feeding of domestic animals.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROMAN CATHOLIC EXCOMMUNICATIONS.

Can any brother give me a reference to the Bull of Benedict XIV., published May 18th, 1751, beginning "Providus Romanum Pontificum," in an English translation?

I shall also be much obliged by a reference to the published allocation of Pius the Ninth, the present Pope, in which he condemns the Masonic body.

198, Fleet-street, E.C.

THE EDITOR.

ORATOR HENLEY AND MASONRY.

John Henley, more commonly known as "Orator Henley," was in the early part of the last century the most popular preacher of London. He had been admitted to orders in the Church of England, but built for himself an independent chapel, where he soon became notorious for his eloquence and the eccentricity of his discourses. In 1730, Samuel Prichard published his "Masonry Dissected," to which Henley replied, and in the "Daily Post" of October, 20, 1730, appeared the following characteristic advertisement:

"This day at large a new Oration in reply to Masonry Dissected, or the Freemasons' triumph, or hod and trowel, beat the whole field, for wager, against Prichard's jaw bone of an ass; being a defence of Masonry against yelping, braying, burring, snarling, grinning, barking, growling, huffing, blowing, tearing, staring, stuttering, snorting, and petulant clatter of late about it in papers and pamphlets."

Dr. Anderson also replied to Prichard, but his reply was moderate in style. Henley's, no doubt, was incisive, and in the slashing order of writing. None of the Masonic bibliographies mention this brochure. A copy of it would be a rare treasure to the Masonic collector.

ALBERT MACKEY,
in the "Voice of Masonry."

A plot of land in the City, at the corner of Threadneedle-street and Bishopsgate-street, has been recently let at a ground-rent of £2600 per annum, or at the rate of more than £31,000 per annum per acre.

At Liverpool recently the London and North-Western Railway Company were fined £20 and costs for having neglected to have some cattle trucks cleaned and disinfected.

It has been found necessary to increase the accommodation for students in the Military College at Sandhurst, and the works are to be carried out at a cost of £35,000.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. the Rev. Augustus A. Bagshawe, P.P.S.G.W., and P.P.G.C. for Derbyshire, has been presented with the Installation jewel as Provincial Steward of Derbyshire, by his lodge, Phoenix St. Ann, No. 1235, Buxton.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights, K.H. 30°, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden Square, on Wednesday, the 13th of October, at 4.45 p.m. There are twelve candidates for advancement.

The "Masonic Magazine" for October contains a portrait of His Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, from the "Sentimental Magazine" of 1792.

ELECTION OF AN ALDERMAN.—The election of an alderman for the ward of Castle Baynard, in the room of Sir Sills John Gibbons, took place on Saturday last, at 10 o'clock, at the infant school-rooms, St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe. Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presided, supported on his left by Mr. Deputy Farrer, and on his right by Mr. Orton, his lordship's solicitor. The voting was carried on with considerable spirit, Bro. Hadley keeping the lead. The state of the poll was at 11 o'clock, Bro. Hadley 74; Mr. Cockerell 53; and at the close of the poll, Bro. Hadley 121; Mr. Cockerell 120. Mr. Cockerell handed in a notice demanding a scrutiny, which was received with hisses, and after a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for presiding, the wardmote was adjourned to the 14th of October, at 10 a.m.

The vacant superintendency of police of the Prescott division, rendered so by the resignation of Bro. Fowler, P.M. 86, P.P.G.A.D.C., has been conferred on Superintendent Brendle, of the Rochdale division.

THE ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The meetings of this lodge are now held at the Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington, in place of the Marquis Tavern, Canonbury. The next meeting is on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at half-past 6.

We understand that a very fine portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master Mason of England, has been bought by a few of the members of Maryhill Lodge, No. 510, and is to be presented to that lodge. Bro. R. Shaw, a young and worthy member, and son of the respected Provost of the burgh of Maryhill, has taken the initiative in this matter.

The first annual Lincolnshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons met on Thursday last. A report of this meeting will appear in our next.

The meetings of the Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704, are now held every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Stanhope Arms, Upper James's-street, Oval-road, Camden Town.

The Holy Palestine Preceptory, Eminent Sir Knight Colonel Francis Burdett, Eminent Preceptor, will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden Square, on Wednesday next. The names of seven companions have been approved. They will be balloted for and installed.

JEWISH NEW YEAR.—Thursday (30th September), the new year in the Jewish Calendar 5636 commenced.

An International Potato Show was the special feature at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, when many varieties were on view. Prizes were offered by Messrs. Sutton, Messrs. Hooper and Co., and Bro. Coutts, P.G.P.

The annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Guildhall, Preston, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at 12 o'clock.

Bro. Thomas Preston (1426), the Secretary of the Albert Assurance Company Arbitration, received last year, when it was thought the arbitration was about to close, a testimonial from the numerous firms of solicitors engaged in it, which they forwarded to Lord Cairns, the arbitrator, expressing to his lordship their satisfaction at the way in which Bro. Preston had discharged the duties of his office, for the magnitude, intricacy, and novelty of which he had proved himself in all respects equal. The Indian business having delayed the issue of the final award, Lord Cairns deferred his acknowledgment of the receipt of the testimonial; but on the 12th of August last his lordship, by his principal secretary, wrote to Bro. Preston, returning his testimonial, and stating that it had given him much pleasure to note such a recognition of his services as secretary of the arbitration, and that he himself was fully cognisant of the diligence and intelligence with which he had discharged the duties of that office.

The marriage of Lady Theresa, eldest daughter of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Shrewsbury, Prov. Grand Master for Staffordshire, with Lord Castlereagh, eldest son of Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, will take place at his lordship's private chapel, in the grounds at Alton Towers, this day (Saturday).

The prospectus has been issued of the Briton Life Association, which is formed for the creation of a "New Series" of the Briton Medical and General Life Association on a perfectly independent basis, and entirely free from any of the existing liabilities or engagements of the parent institution. The capital required is £500,000, in £1 shares, of which 100,000 are now offered to the public. Shareholders will receive an annual interest of 5 per cent.,

payable half-yearly, in addition to 20 per cent. of the next divisible profits. In the ten years ended the 31st December, 1873, the new annual premiums of the old society amounted to an average of £21,698 per annum; hence the prospects of the new company, which has been formed in connection with the 2000 old-established agencies, are unusually encouraging.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held at the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, the 26th of Oct., at two p.m.

An emergency meeting of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, takes place this day (Saturday), at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at half-past two.

The "Chemist and Druggist," in speaking of Felton and Sons' Specialité Sherry, remarks, "This wine is a particularly wholesome one. It has a smooth dry flavor, and is remarkably free from the heat and acidity so usually found in all but the very finest sherries. We are quite confident that for a wholesome stimulant this sherry can hardly be surpassed."

TESTIMONIAL TO THE EX-TOWN CLERK OF MAIDSTONE.—At a public luncheon, held on Wednesday last, at the Town Hall, Maidstone, a life-size portrait, painted by Mr. Sant, R.A., was presented by the town and neighbourhood to Mr. John Monckton, for 37 years town clerk of Maidstone, on behalf of 500 guinea-subscribers, including 60 of Mr. Monckton's professional brethren. The presentation was made by the Mayor, Mr. Henry Hughes. Mr. Monckton is father of Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, town clerk of the City; and another of his sons, Bro. Herbert Monckton, succeeds to the town clerkship of Maidstone. Mr. Monckton has several times served the office of under-sheriff for the county. It was stated that, inasmuch as Mr. Monckton had declined any personal testimonial, the committee, who comprised gentlemen of every shade of political and religious opinion, had, at a special meeting of the corporation held for that purpose on the same day, requested that the picture might be hung in the Town Hall, in lasting remembrance of the high esteem in which Mr. Monckton was held. It is needless to add that the request was unanimously acceded to, and the proceedings, both at the council meeting and at the déjeuner which succeeded it, bore the most gratifying testimony to the warm and affectionate feelings entertained by those present for their old fellow-townsmen and friend.

The "Times" of Thursday has the following telegram, dated, Paris, September 29th:—The Freemasons' Congress which has just been held at Lausanne is considered such a success, that a similar meeting in 1877 is already talked of, and will be held either in Rome or London. If in the former capital, the President will be King Victor Emmanuel; if in the latter, the Prince of Wales. London would be preferred by the Freemasons, but a meeting at Rome would be considered by them as a more convincing proof of the victory of liberty over religious bigotry.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon, Bro. Thomas W. White in the chair. There were also present Bros. Benjamin Head, H. Browne, Joshua Nunn, H. Dubois, John Boyd, W. Paas, W. Roebuck, Col. Peters, G. Bolton, J. A. Rucker, A. H. Tattershall, W. Moore, Richard Spencer, Robert B. Webster, Walter Wellsman, J. Mason, H. M. Levy, H. Massey ("Freemason"), and R. W. Little (Secretary).

The following paper was printed and circulated for the information of the Committee by Bro. J. A. Rucker:—

By the laws of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls the general direction and control of the affairs of the Institution is vested in the General Courts.

The ordinary business of the Institution is transacted by a General Committee, consisting of all Life Governors, together with twelve life or annual subscribers elected annually at the Quarterly General Court in April, thus the General Committee, so far as it is elective, is appointed by the General Courts.

The House Committee, to whom is entrusted the working of the details of the interior economy of the Institution, are elected by the General Committee from amongst their own members.

Such being our constitution, it appears to me (I speak subject to correction) that it is due to the members of the House Committee that no proposal shall be brought by any one of its members before the General Committee or General Court until his colleagues shall have had an opportunity of considering the same, in order to secure, as far as possible, unanimity of opinion of the House Committee in the discussion of the subject at the General Committee or Quarterly General Court.

I therefore beg leave to move—

"That in the opinion of this Committee it is advisable that arrangements be made for the admission of an increased number of children to the benefits of the Institution."

I would support this proposition by the following statistics, premising that the Governors of this Institution have not, in the past, been neglectful of their duty in this respect, for I find that the number of children in the school on the

31st December, 1859, was	...	...	68
" 1864, "	...	...	97
" 1869, "	...	...	100
" 1874, "	...	...	130
And at this date is	...	...	150
Or an increase of 120 per cent. in 16 years.			

The increase of numbers has necessarily led to increased expenditure, as I find the total amount expended during the year ended

31st December, 1859, was	...	...	£2,150
" 1864, "	...	...	2,980
" 1869, "	...	...	4,060
" 1874, "	...	...	6,370

Or an increase of nearly 200 per cent. in 15 years.

But the increased income has more than kept pace with the increased expenditure, thus:—The income for the year ending

31st December, 1859, was	...	...	£2,930
" 1864, "	...	...	4,310
" 1869, "	...	...	5,900
" 1874, "	...	...	8,820

Or just over 200 per cent. increase in 15 years.

During the same years the amount of Capital invested has increased as follows:—Amount of Capital

31st December, 1859, was	...	...	£13,000
" 1864, "	...	...	18,200
" 1869, "	...	...	26,000
" 1874, "	...	...	33,000

Or 150 per cent. increase in 15 years.

I will add the fact that the number of lodges on the nominal roll of Grand Lodge was, on 31st December, 1859, 1106.

The numbers were closed up in 1863, and there were,

On 31st December, 1864, ...	1,047 lodges.
" " 1869, ...	1,299 "
" " 1874, ...	1,527 "

Or over 31 per cent. increase in 10 years.

The number of approved candidates for the next election is ... 30

The number to be elected is ... 6

I do not think it necessary to occupy your time by dwelling on these figures, they speak for themselves, and more than justify the motion I invite you to pass.

It is not, however, so easy a matter to determine how such a resolution shall be carried into practical effect; my own opinion is, and I have frequently expressed it, as many of you know, that the care of 150 children, with the necessary staff of assistant governesses, teachers, and domestics, is quite sufficient to tax to the full the energies of a matron as head of the household arrangements, and of a head governess as director of the educational departments; I therefore desire (and should do so even if it were not the fact that our present buildings are as fully occupied as health and convenience will admit) that a nucleus shall be formed of a preparatory, or lower school, into which the children shall be passed on admission into the institution, and be drafted therefrom into the first, or upper school, as vacancies shall occur. Such an additional establishment would involve the necessity of the purchase of freehold ground of sufficient extent to accommodate a much larger number of children than we should in the first instance be justified in electing, and the erection of a building that would admit of very considerable extension, without altering its architectural character.

Such a plan would not, I think, require an immediate outlay of more than £10,000.

But besides the motion of which notice has been given by Bro. Nunn, asking that a sum not exceeding £25,000 be expended out of the funds of this institution for the purposes under consideration, I understand that an alternative proposition is likely to be brought forward; therefore, in order that the whole subject may be duly deliberated, I shall, if my first resolution be carried, ask you to resolve further,—

"That this Committee recommend that a sub-committee consisting of nine members, of whom not less than four shall be members of the House Committee, together with the Treasurer and Trustees of the institution, be appointed, three to form a quorum, to consider and report to the General Court on the arrangements to be made for the admission of from thirty to forty more children to the benefits of the institution; that in case of need a Special General Court be summoned to receive such report, and that such report be read for information at any House Committee or General Committee that may meet between the completion of the report and the meeting of the (Quarterly or Special) General Court."

JOHN A. RUCKER.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded with the discussion of the object contained in Bro. Nunn's and Bro. Rucker's notices of motion.

Bro. Nunn, in calling attention to the fourth paragraph of Bro. Rucker's paper, said that his notice of motion was given without any disrespect being intended to the members of the House Committee. The object for which his resolution was intended in no way interfered with the functions of the House Committee. He had no desire to bring forward any matter in opposition to their views; but according to his own general view he thought he was in duty bound to bring forward a fixed proposition. At the time Bro. Patten was Secretary, he (Bro. Nunn) first mooted the idea of increasing the capacity of the institution. It was then found impossible to accommodate the number of children properly in case of sickness. An infirmary was afterwards built; and he had repeatedly brought before the House or General Committees a proposition for increasing the size of the school, not so much the existing building, but by erecting a new one, reiterated that the matter did not interfere with the House Committee, because such a matter did not come under their control. In Bro. Rucker's paper it was inferred that the subject should have been brought before the House Committee; but it was not so. He thought it his duty to bring it before the General Committee, and he had done so.

The following is Bro. Nunn's notice of motion:—

"With a view to enable the Institution to accommodate a greater number of children, found necessary by the increase of applications (four-fifths of the applicants at the next

election cannot be admitted for want of room), and the vastly extending growth of the Craft generally, with the circumstance that space cannot be obtained on the limited site of the present school, as it is so hemmed in by railway lines and buildings, and which at no distant period will be required (or partially so) for increased railway accommodation that year by year has extended since the school has been at Wandsworth.

That, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand pounds (£25,000) be expended out of the Funds of the Institution in the purchase of land, and the erection of a suitable school-house and building, to educate and support two hundred children, and to be arranged that in the event of the existing school being removed, space be found for extending the same, so as to contain all the children under one roof.

July, 1875.

JOSHUA NUNN.

Bro. Rucker said he had committed what he proposed to writing, but it was by the desire of the House Committee that it had been printed. He was still of the opinion expressed in the paragraph alluded to by Bro. Nunn; but in order that there should be no ground whatever for Bro. Nunn thinking there was a personal allusion in the paper, he proposed his first resolution—"That in the opinion of this Committee it is advisable that arrangements be made for the admission of an increased number of children to the benefits of the Institution," and then the appointment of a sub-committee. His reasons were expressed in the printed paper, and he thought the brethren would agree with him that increased accommodation should be afforded in the institution. This was really the proposition of Bro. Nunn, and there was another proposition to the same effect by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart. There were many members of the House Committee proposing distinct plans with the same end before the Quarterly Court. He would appeal to the brethren then present whether if the proposers of the plans, however different, met to discuss their objects, it would be better that they should do so, and also with the House Committee in order that when they came before the Quarterly Court they might be found to be unanimous in their opinion in reference to these points.

Bro. H. Browne thought that if there were several distinct propositions they should be discussed separately, and in all probability a sound decision would be arrived at. He was not at all displeased that there were so many propositions, and he should, when the proper time arrived, before the Quarterly General Court—be prepared to speak upon them.

Bro. Joshua Nunn's notice of motion was then formally put in.

Bro. Rucker said that with regard to his notices they were given for the General Committee to deal with; the proper course being, by the rules of the institution, that they should be submitted to the General Committee, and, if approved by them, should be passed on to the General Quarterly Court.

The Committee deciding that this was the proper course, approved of the notices, and Bro. Rucker moved "That they be passed forward to the Quarterly General Court."

The time now left was only ten days.

Bro. Tattershall could not agree with Bro. Browne on this point. If the subject was brought forward at the next Quarterly Court, time would be given for the full development of the plan. Applicants were now knocking at their doors, and the question should be decided as quickly as possible. It was a wise step to increase the capacity of the institution.

Bro. R. W. Little then read Bro. Raynham Stewart's notice of motion to the effect that in view of the large expenditure involved in Bro. Nunn's motion, a more desirable mode of proceeding under existing circumstances be adopted, by utilising the infirmary, and taking another house as an infirmary; and further, that the whole of the approved candidates be at once admitted. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Joshua Nunn said that he would give way to Bro. Rucker, and

Bro. Rucker said he would offer his resolutions to Bro. Nunn, in order that the subject might be discussed.

Bro. Nunn thought that his and Bro. Rucker's ideas were identical.

Bro. Rucker's notices were then passed by the Committee and that brother, on the Committee deciding that it was necessary for him formally to move his notice for the Quarterly Court, accordingly did so.

One petition of a candidate was then read, but the child being unable to attend, through illness, it was deferred, and the Committee adjourned.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall seconded the motion.

Bro. H. Browne asked that the motions might be postponed to a later Court, thinking that if not, it might be doing the matter rather hastily. It would only be to wait another three months, a delay which would be fully justified by the importance of the subject, which required much ventilation before being decided upon.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN FREEMAN.

Freemasonry in Yorkshire and in the town of Huddersfield has suffered a great loss in the death of Bro. John Freeman, solicitor, late of the Lodge of Harmony in that town. Our lamented brother was born 8th March, 1811, died September 22nd, 1875, and was buried amid many regrets and a large assemblage of townsmen and brother Masons, at Holy Trinity Church, on the 25th. We had hoped to be favoured with the particulars of his Masonic career in time for publication, but we shall probably recur to the subject in our next. We have thought it well to express the sense which we know is entertained of his loss to the Craft by our brethren in Huddersfield and Yorkshire.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 2, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

Much interest is felt in the Craft about the movements of our Royal and Illustrious Brother, and so we give the following particulars of his movements, which we understand are correct:— "According to present arrangements, His Royal Highness will leave London on the 12th of October, via Dover and Calais, for Paris, where he will arrive on the 13th. He will leave that city on the same day, and travel by rail to Venice, where he will arrive on the 16th. He will then embark on board his yacht, the "Osborne," which will convey him on board the "Serapis." This vessel, owing to her draught, will anchor at a distance of about seven miles from that city. It is probable that the "Serapis" will proceed thence to Corfu, but on her doing so or not depends whether the Prince will remain two days

or thirty-six hours only at Athens, where he will pay a visit to his brother-in-law, King George of Greece. Leaving Athens, the vessel will make her way to Port Said, and on arriving at Ismailia His Royal Highness will disembark and visit Cairo and other places in the neighbourhood, the "Serapis" going on to Suez, her arrival at which port will be telegraphed to the Royal party, who will then hasten on by rail to rejoin her. Aden will be the last place of call, and, after a few hours' stay the "Serapis" will go on to Bombay, where she is due on the 8th of November. The Prince will remain about eight or nine days in the Bombay Presidency, at the end of which time he will embark on board the "Serapis" for Calicut, where he will land and pay a visit to Mysore. Thence he will proceed by water to Tuticorin, on leaving which place the "Serapis" will make direct for Colombo, where she will stay ten days. She will next go on to Trincomalee, the chief naval port of Ceylon, to coal, and will then proceed to Calcutta, where the Prince is due a day or two before Christmas. His Royal Highness will then visit Delhi, Lucknow, and other places of interest, and will gradually work his way back to Bombay, where he is expected on the 17th of March. He will at once embark in the "Serapis," and return by the same route as that taken on the outward trip, the proposed voyage round the Cape having been given up. His Royal Highness will probably reach this country about the 7th or 8th of April. Canon Duckwork will be Chaplain in attendance on His Royal Highness during his Eastern visit. The following is understood to be the route which the Prince will pursue on landing in India:—Leave Aden for Bombay, Nov. 2; visit Bombay, Nov. 8; visit Beypoor, Nov. 23; Bangalore, Dec. 2; Madras, Dec. 6; Tuticorin, Dec. 8; Colombo, Dec. 11; Trincomalee, Dec. 17; Calcutta, Dec. 23; Barrackur, Jan. 4; Benares, Jan. 4; Lucknow, Jan. 6; Cawnpore, Jan. 10; Delhi, Jan. 11; Umritsur, Jan. 20; Lahore, Jan. 21; Jamoo, Jan. 24; Lahore, Jan. 27; Suharunpore, Jan. 28; Paneeput, Jan. 28; Agra, Jan. 29; Gwalior, Feb. 3; Agra, Feb. 5; Ajmere, Feb. 7; Jeypore, Feb. 11; Bareilly, Feb. 13; Lucknow, Feb. 29; Allahabad, Feb. 29; Jubbulpore, March 2; Kudwah, March 7; Indore, March 9; Kundwah, March 11; Ellora, March 12; Dowlutabad, March 14; Bombay, March 15; Poona, March 19; and Sattara, March 19. The "Serapis" left on Sunday, and the "Osborne" will shortly follow. The following description of the "Serapis" may interest some of our readers. The "Serapis" is now ready for sea, the Prince's apartments having been finished. The Royal furniture is all of unpolished English oak, and the sofas, chairs, tables, &c., are covered with brown morocco leather stamped with the Prince's arms and initials, the tables having a broad band of gold, the design being the rose, shamrock, and thistle, and the three feathers in each corner. The saloon is white, with pale blue and gold, and medallions of the Indian troop-ship's crest, the sides are ornamented by eight pier-glasses, the Brussels carpet is of Persian pattern, and the table cloths Indian. The windows are shaded by dark green silk blinds and lace curtains. The Prince has a double set of private apartments, on one side of the vessel for the outward, and on the other for the homeward voyage. Sixty guests can be accommodated at the principal dining table, but a smaller one for 24 persons will be generally used. The "Serapis" has been painted white, while round her runs a gold moulding, edged each side with a blue ribbon. Owing to the superior speed of the "Serapis" the Flying Squadron will meet her at Bombay instead of Aden. We are further told that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, with Princes Albert Victor and George, and Princesses Louise Victoria and Maud, attended by Miss Knollys, Lieutenant Colonel Teesdale, Mr. Francis Knollys, Mr. Holzmann, and the Rev. J. N. Dalton, arrived at Sandringham on Friday evening from London. Their Royal Highnesses will probably remain at Sandringham till the Prince's departure for India. We shall continue to keep the Craft informed of our Royal Grand Master's movements, as in his visit to India he goes accompanied by the "hearty good wishes" of our entire brotherhood.

THE "MONTH" AND FREEMASONRY.

The "Month and Catholic Review," as it terms itself, is a monthly periodical of some literary pretensions, belonging to the Roman Catholic communion. The number for September, besides some very able and interesting articles in themselves, contains one on Freemasonry, "communicated," as the editor takes pains to point out. It seems that the writer is an Anglican-Ritualist, that the article itself "has been refused insertion in more than one Protestant organ of influence," on account, as the editor naively adds, "we may fairly presume, of its candid witness about the tendency of Freemasonry." We confess that we feel some astonishment that our "confrere" did not see at once that some other reason might be alleged for the rejection of this high-spiced article. We fancy that the cause is not far to seek, namely, its worthlessness as a fair treatment of a remarkable subject, its obvious unreliability as a statement of facts, and, above all, its intense weakness of argument from first to last. We think also that if we were Roman Catholics we should prefer to fight under our own banners, and not adopt that very piebald one, under which some few of our modern ritualists are content to fight to-day. We believe, however, that as regards Freemasonry the "Catholic School," as it calls itself, in the Church of England is greatly divided, and we therefore henceforth shall not treat such utterances as the utterances of a party, but only of individuals. The present attack on Freemasonry is a very weak and incoherent one. Cribbing the idea from a Roman Catholic Abbé, the writer declares that Masonic signs and symbols are Gnostic, and that Freemasonry and Gnosticism have joined hands. Begging the writer's pardon, a greater piece of nonsense never was put forth; a more hopeless betrayal of ignorance of historical accuracy never was made. Freemasonry has about as much to do with the Gnostics as the writer of the article has to do with Druidism, or any other ism. It is simply a piece of Roman Catholic "chaff," which we wonder at a grave Anglican taking up, though, as Horace Walpole once wittily observed to some Roman Catholic friends who refused meat on a "jour maigre," "you eat nothing, but you swallow everything." So at this moment, some of our young Ritual-Catholic friends have a very capacious swallow for all that appertains to Romish attacks on Freemasonry. Though why we know not, and cannot for the life of us understand. Among other objections the writer makes is that Christianity is ignored, and that it is "un-Masonic" to use our Saviour's name. The fact is that many Chaplains do just the contrary, and there is nothing in our "formularies" to prevent or forbid the use of a Christian prayer. It is true that since 1813 the general rule has been to make our prayers Theistic, on the principle of the Lord's Prayer, and as best according with the universality of our Order. But this argument, it appears to us, though good, no doubt, for a Christian place of worship, is out of court in a Freemasons' lodge, and if the objector is consistent to his own principles he must object to the use of the Lord's Prayer altogether. It is, to our own mind, perfectly plain that the position of the Chaplain in Freemasonry is very easy and simple, and that he is perfectly consistent, and doing his duty, when he offers up a prayer in which all believers in God can join, alike for the promotion of a social brotherhood and the practice of humanitarian charity. The writer says Freemasons never use the New Testament in lodges. He is quite in error. In a good provincial lodge which we know well the 13th chapter of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians is read regularly before business, with unanimous approval, both of Christian and Hebrew brethren. This writer, who signs "Joabert M.," need not be in any apprehension of Freemasons, though he says, page 101, "unless before the month come round I be burked at a railway station, or throttled in a crowd by one of the social brethren sworn to vengeance on his way home from a Grand Lodge dinner at Freemasons' Tavern." After this we may have some doubt of his "sanity," at any rate, we can have none of his utter incompetency to discuss a very deep question, though he

threatens, we note, the poor readers of the "Month," with another paper on "Rites and Ceremonies, and the Masonic Traditions," if the editor is weak enough to give him the opportunity of displaying how little he knows of what he professes so pompously to explain to all. We have never read an article which gave us a poorer opinion of the intellectual calibre or historical accuracy of the writer, or one which showed us how prejudice and perversity can press into their arguments, when moved by the "rabies" of intolerance, or a degrading tendency to persecution, the most inane theories and the most preposterous illustrations. If Joabert M. appears any more in the "Month" we will not fail to keep our readers acquainted with his remarkable contributions, and to make them "au fait" of his happy discoveries.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.

The history of the three grades is a very peculiar one, and a somewhat difficult one. Whether we commence with the A. and A. Rite, or any other of the Continental systems, we are struck at once with the great peculiarity that they all make the Craft Degrees the foundation of their after and elaborate system. This is a very striking point, per se, as it involves a paradox. The Craft Degrees, including the Royal Arch, with us are universal, the High Grades are limited, that is to say, while the Craft Grades make Theism the test, the High Grades make Christianity. We are now speaking of Freemasonry in Great Britain and the United States, we do not suppose that any such test really exists in France or on the Continent generally, where the High Grades are to be found, Sweden, perhaps, excepted. As, however, it does not concern us to explain this "seeming paradox," we will go on, having merely noted the point. The High Grades have not "antiquity's pride" on their "side," like the Craft Degrees. It is quite clear now that they are all emanations of the "Rite de Bouillon," or rather developments, or expansions of it. Probably, when Ramsay drew up his "Ancien Rite de Bouillon," he little realised what an extension his more modest ideas were ere long to receive. The great defect, in our mind, which is to be found in the High Grade system is its unhistorical character. Ramsay began with a distinct lapse from truth, historical truth, and, to speak honestly, moral truth, when he declared that the Knights Templar, brought back the Freemasonry of his day from the Crusades, and that that was his "Ancien Rite de Bouillon." From that one false step numerous other false steps have arisen "ex necessitate rei," and fictitious claims, and a spurious parentage have been adopted by many of them. The Rose Croix have nothing to do, for instance, with the "Fratres Rosæ Crucis," and all the other grades of the Ancient and Accepted Rite have been but the fancy creations of some fertile imagination, some without even the slightest appearance of connection or chronology, and we must add, in our humble opinion, common sense. But in saying this we do not wish to be misunderstood. We pass no opinion on the High Grades, in their practical development; we are only treating the subject technically and historically. We conceive that if their members find good in them they are the best judges of the matter, and we readily concede to them the same liberty of opinion and judgment we claim for ourselves. But historically they are all 18th century handiwork, and though some may be earlier and some a little later, we cannot concede to any an earlier formation than 1730. The same remark applies to many such Orders as the Red Cross of Constantine, which, however interesting in itself, cannot historically go back beyond the last century, and is the speculative adaptation of no doubt a once existing Order of Constantinian chivalry. The Mark Degree has taken great proportions latterly, and has now a Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges of its own, and yet we cannot, we fear, on the stern principles of true historical criticism and archæological truth, credit it with any antiquity beyond the middle of the last century, if even so early. It is probably the general idea that it embodies in its system the old custom of operative marks on stones. But that, we fear, is an illusion, as its connexion with opera-

tive marks is very hazy, and utterly unchronological. At least, it certainly has no reference to the mediæval system, and the original Jewish system seems to have been purely alphabetical. We fancy that the real solution of the word "Mark" is to be found in something very different. A suggestion has been made that the earlier Mark lodges, or whatever they were called, such as "Ark, Mark, and Link," &c., were dedicated to "St. Mark," about 1770 or 1780, and hence the name "Mark." Just as Craft-Masonry was called Johannite, so this was called Mark. If any warrants now exist which contain the name of "St. Mark" it would settle the question, and we shall be happy to publish any communication on the subject, within due limits, and written for archæological purposes. All we have written to-day has been penned in the interests of truth. We have no interests to serve, no party to uphold, but we think that "truth is truth" after all, and that when we are digging about the foundations of the good old building of Freemasonry, in order to see that all is sound and safe, we should be careful, if the Masonry seems a little loose or out of line, to underpin it with good ashlar work, and to strengthen it with the lasting cement of historical reality, certainty, and accuracy.

PLAGIARISM.

Plagiarism is an offence not uncommon by any means in the past history and present condition of literature. It is not a novel complaint on the part of many writers, some so-so, some mediocre, and some very common-place indeed. As a general rule your original thinker does not complain of plagiarists or plagiarism. For all such know full well that "Geist" or intellect finds, like water, its own level, in the struggles of the press, in the controversies of the hour, in the progress of literary labour, and care very little whether others appropriate the happy idea, or the eloquent passage, contented that somehow their words are conveyed to many readers at home and abroad. But your second-rate and third-rate "litterateur" is mostly very impressive about "plagiarism." With some everything, as the printers say, is "copy." The name of an article, the turn of a sentence, the view of matters common to a good many persons, even a mistake in a translation corrected, is plagiarism, because, forsooth, he has honoured the world with writing something about the same subject. It is not, indeed, exactly the same in any one point, but it is something like. In our opinion, there cannot be in our literary struggles and discussions any impertinence more idle, or any pretension more ridiculous. And both deserve to be noted and exposed. For the great field of literature is open, happily, to us all. There is no privileged class in authorship or in the press. Like the "Free Lances" of old, we ask for a "fair field and no favour," and we care neither for the criticism of the incompetent nor the outcry of the unreasonable. What is the real state of the case? Some "Arch mediocrity," as Mr. Disraeli once said somewhere of somebody, complains of plagiarism. What is this dire and vile offence? The A.M. has, it seems, put forth an article on some subject, elevated or common-place, dull or diluted, it matters not to our purpose now. Another writer, who has not read his eloquent production, has also sent out in due course an article on a somewhat similar subject. Straightway A.M. sends up a loud and impassioned cry of plagiarism. There is nothing really in common between the two articles, no similarity of treatment or of diction. Indeed, the subjects may be entirely different, but then, oh, ye Gods! there is plagiarism in the name. One writer has said "How much," the other has said "Thus much." You see at once the plagiarism—both have the word "much." Such a complaint is like the facetious Talley, who told Mr. Justice Lindley a few days ago that, as both their names ended in "ley"—

"As the end of your name is the same as mine. In the Courts of Equity your Honour will shine." His Honour, however, did not see it, and sent this rhyming representative of an "uncurrent six and eightpence" into Newgate for twelve months. Neither do we see, neither can we

for the life of us see, that such childish and querulous complaints, which we often note in contemporary literature, whether profane or Masonic, can in any way justly substantiate the charge of "plagiarism." And what is the more amusing in nine cases out of ten, those who make such complaints against their contemporaries are the boldest and most unhesitating of plagiarists themselves. They coolly appropriate a portion or the whole of your original contributions, without any acknowledgments; they write after you—a very common trick. That is to say, you write an article say, "on a good appetite," this week, a fortnight afterwards you will see a feeble parody of what was both vigorous, truthful, and effective, at least, you flatter yourself so. Or perhaps you notice that an article of yours has been travestied, a little altered here, a little changed there, a few figures struck out, a few figures put in, and, voila, an original article. Yet, who is the plagiarist? We therefore protest to-day against these "Mawworms" of the press, who are always indulging in querulous complaints of plagiarism, and all the while are the greatest of literary pilferers. Some one has said, that there is nothing in these days like "cheek," in literature as in everything else, and no doubt there is some truth in the statement, as we have seen a good deal of that latter commodity lately. But we belong to an earlier school of manners and morals, and we prefer the good old-fashioned notions of "fair play" and "running straight" in all matters literary, domestic, and personal. It is probable that plagiarists and plagiarism will long abound among us while readers are many and originality is limited. But yet, after all, plagiarism does not much harm, it is good for trade; and those of us who think over what we write, and write moreover what we really think, we can afford on every principle of philanthropy and Freemasonry to be generous, and genial, and tolerant towards many a struggling confrère who kindly cribs our ideas, and carefully "hashes up" our articles.

THE ILLUSIONS OF LIFE.

Some one has said that life is full of illusions, and so it is. We start often on our earthly career believing in a great deal, which calm experience or customary cares soon teach us is an illusion after all. Life is before us in its day dreams, youth is strong and honest in its own convictions, the sky is blue above us, the breezes are pleasant around us, and all seems to foreshadow for us a very prosperous voyage. Our song seems to be "Vogue ma nacelle." But in a little time the sky becomes overcast, the clouds lower, the storm bursts, and we feel that life, like the great sea, is deceitful and dangerous, and that it too has reefs, and breakers, and a lee shore for us poor tempest-tossed mariners. And so little by little our illusions vanish. The fairy castle has utterly disappeared, never to return, its gay "pleasance" has passed out of sight, there is nothing before us but the barren heath, or the perilous morass. Disenchanted, as the French say "disillusionnés," we discern clearly the great difference between anticipation and reality, between fiction and fact, between imagination and truth. It is sad, we feel and confess, for us all often thus to feel and to reach that home, and that mile stone on our journey, where, as some one has well said,

When rising from the turf where youth reposed,
We find but deserts in the far sought shore;
When the huge book of fairy land lies closed,
And those strong brazen clasps will yield no more.

And yet perhaps such a "reveille," is good for us all alike. It certainly must be good for us if it makes us realize the true lesson as well as the great end of all human existence, if it causes us to feel that despite our own disappointments and faded dreams, our life, human life, is a most real thing, if we learn to say with the poet, "life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal," and that it has ever its high mission, its solemn calls, its deep responsibilities for us all alike. Happy for us if when we rise to the verity of this wondrous life of ours, we have accepted the lesson thus imparted to us, in all humility of mind, and cheerfulness of submission, if we do not take a

cynical, a desponding, a distorted, a morbid view of things in general and in particular. Like soldiers in a fray, let us hope rather that we may resolve to fight on bravely to the end, without one thought of surrender, without one apprehension of defeat. And after all, though the illusions have left us one by one, never to return, they were very pleasant while they lasted. To believe firmly in the fidelity of a friend, to bask in the sunshine of affection, to cheer ourselves amid the concerns of each returning day with the warmth of earthly heart companionship, to find a charm and a solace amid weariness and adversity in the hallowed circle of domestic happiness; all these are very pleasant conditions of life, and as elevating as pleasant. If we fondly hope that they will last our time, that they will accompany us while we linger here on the plain, the illusion is after all not hurtful or unnatural. And if they do leave us, if we find that the weakness and taint of earth have marred all this world's associations, and all human fellowship, if we let go each dear illusion with a sigh, nay, a tear, let us be content with what we have enjoyed, let us not look for perfection here, let us believe that on all of this fair earth of ours, high or low, grave or gay, beautiful, graceful, loving, tender, true, the affections of the heart, and the fascinations of the intellect, there is graven as with an adamant pen, the mournful words, weakness, imperfection, decay, destruction. Now we do not wish to drift into a sermonette, and so we stop here to-day, or, as our friend Robinson says, "pull up." Freemasonry, like life, has also many illusions, but happily our true Masonic philosophy comes in to induce us one and all to regard them with equanimity, and to endure them with cheerfulness. "All is not gold that glitters" is true of Freemasonry as of any other earthly institution and thing. Freemasonry is after all only like ourselves, mortal. Its practice does not always square with its precepts, its outward progress with its professions, its exoteric acts with its esoteric system. We are sometimes greatly disappointed when we find that with all our own high views of it, our lofty notions of its work or influence, that it is still marked, more or less, with most of the imperfections of earth. We preach, for instance, habitually, brotherly love, alas! how few of us all really practise it! We avow ourselves "brethren one of another," alas! how unbrotherly we can be, and often shew ourselves to be when the occasion serves. We proclaim beneficence and concern for others one of the great aims of our Order, alas! how purely material are our normal masonic life and work for the most part. Still, let us not be disappointed, or disheartened, or complain over much. Freemasonry is, nevertheless, a very great, a very useful, a very benevolent Order, making allowance for all its shortcomings, and though perhaps we may regret that what some may term our high-pitched notions are illusory, yet we will not be too exacting, we should not be too sentimental. We accept to-day, as we did years ago, our Masonic teaching and Order in the full faithfulness of loving children, believing that it has a great future yet before it, of usefulness, benevolence, and good for man. So mote it be!

OLD MASONIC APRON.

We have to call attention to an old and very curious Masonic apron, which originally belonged to a member of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and can now be seen at our publisher's show rooms, 1, 2, and 3, Little Britain. We understand that our Rev. Bro. J. Hordern Jukes, its possessor, intends kindly to present it to the Lion and Lamb Lodge, through Bro. Kenning.

Original Correspondence.

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

BRO. BUCHAN AND HIS CONSTANT QUESTIONINGS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I am very sorry to find, from the style of his remarks at page 423, that I appear to have offended my es-

teemed friend Bro. Hughan. There is not one in all the circle of my Masonic acquaintances whom I esteem more highly, consequently I hope that if he has taken offence at any remark of mine he will believe me when I state that it was not my intention to give offence, and especially not to him. In fact, my last remark in connection with his name was really intended as a compliment to him.

Bro. Hughan objects to my "constant questionings," and to my "pegging away at the subject," but I am not aware that I have really been asking so very many questions of late (what is "Mulum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries," for, unless for questions?), and as to the "pegging away," that is often a very laudable as well as serviceable way of attaining one's object. It was by "pegging away" at it, so folks say, that Grant captured Richmond, so if by "pegging away" I can manage to capture or upset the "Guild Theory" Bro. Hughan must excuse me.

Bro. Hughan wishes to engage me in a regular battle upon the "origin of Freemasonry," but as I am "over head and ears" in other matters at present, he must excuse me postponing that in the meantime. There is another reason also, viz., this:—Bro. Hughan stated a few weeks ago that he accepted the "Guild Theory" of "A Masonic Student" as the true theory of the origin of Freemasonry. It so happens, however, that so far as the hitherto published statements of these two distinguished brothers are concerned, they are decidedly opposed to each other upon several very important points; consequently, before entering into any regular battle on the subject, I consider that I and all other readers of the "Freemason" are entitled to receive an explanation as to this, and to ask Bro. Hughan if his ideas regarding the history of our Freemasonry, and its rise and progress, have undergone any important change within the past few months?

"A Masonic Student" has repeatedly stated that he considers our three degrees existed long before A.D. 1717. Bro. Hughan, again, has repeatedly denied that; now, with such an important difference existing between them I must say that I cannot see how Bro. Hughan can consistently support the "Guild Theory" of "A Masonic Student." If Bro. Hughan has a "Guild Theory" of his own I would beg of him to explain it, as by doing so all difference between him and me might possibly cease.

Yours fraternally, W. P. BUCHAN.

GRAND MASTERS OF ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Bro. T. W. Whitley, I would beg to say that, so far as historical evidence is concerned, there has not as yet been produced any substantial evidence whatever to show that the English Freemasons ever had any "Grand Master" before A.D. 1717. The list from A.D. 59 to A.D. 1698, inclusive, is purely imaginary. Until within the last few years the modus operandi of Masonic "historians"—save the mark—was to draw upon their brains for fancies instead of consulting Masonic records for facts.

I am, yours fraternally, W. P. BUCHAN.
Glasgow, Sept. 25th, 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the letter from Bro. Whitley, I think the list of Grand Masters which appeared in the "Builder" newspaper in 1844 must have been taken from Dr. Anderson's Book of Constitutions, published in 1738, for in it the names given can easily be traced; in this book there is an earlier mention of a Grand Master than that given first on the list, namely that of St. Alban, who died A.D. 303. From page 57 I have taken the following passage:—

"St Alban loved Masons well, and cherished them much, and he made their pay right good, viz., two shillings per week and threepence to their cheer, whereas before that time through all the land a Mason had but a penny a day and his meat, until St. Alban amended it. He also obtained of the king a charter for the Freemasons for to hold a general council, and gave it the name of assembly, and was therat himself as Grand Master, and helped to make Masons, and gave them good charges."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, Yours faithfully and fraternally,
THE SECRETARY OF No. 38.

GRESHAM LODGE, No. 869.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have much pleasure in informing you that the Gresham Lodge, 869, formerly meeting at the Four Swans, Waltham Cross, will for the future hold their meetings in the Banqueting Hall of Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, one of the palaces of Cardinal Wolsey, Bro. Rev. C. Erskine, M.A., Chaplain, and Prov. Grand Chaplain of Hert's, having kindly given the brethren the free use of that ancient historical place for that purpose.

I may here remark that for a long time past there has been a desire amongst the brethren to remove the lodge, but they have not been able to find the necessary accommodation in any tavern in the neighbourhood, when it occurred to me, "knowing the place well from living in the neighbourhood," to ask Bro. Mayo if he would have any objection in allowing the use of the Hall of Cheshunt Great House for the purposes of the lodge. He at once consented, and informed the brethren that such a change he thought would materially enhance the respectability of the lodge, and that he knew of several of the resident gentry who would like to become members of our ancient fraternity, but objected to attend a tavern for that purpose. We have now received the consent of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master to the removal, and will shortly hold an emergency meeting to receive several of the proposed initiates.

Our regular meetings will be, as heretofore, the second

Saturday in the months of May, June, July, August, and September, and I can assure you a visit will gratify and amply repay you for the trouble of a journey to visit the lodge. The appointments and associations of the place, hung round as it is with a number of very ancient portraits, some armour, and a variety of curiosities, cannot fail to impress one, and lend an additional charm to our ancient ceremonies; and, congratulating ourselves on our good fortune, in obtaining such good quarters for our own lodge, I feel very seriously for the honour of our Craft, unless measures are promptly taken to check lodges being held at second, and even third rate public houses, where there is no accommodation for holding a lodge with anything like decency. Gentlemen of good social position are naturally averse to having to force their way through a public bar, surrounded by a number of persons, to get to the lodge room, and then only to find an inefficient retiring room before entering the lodge. I know of several warrants granted lately where there has scarcely been sufficient room and convenience for the consecration ceremony, and at the end of the first or second year the landlord of the house has found it so inconvenient to him, and interfere so much with his ordinary business, or the brethren for the want of room, have been obliged to seek other accommodation, and then find their warrants endorsed for that neighbourhood only, where it is almost impossible for them to continue their meetings. Such a state of things must sooner or later bring our Order into contempt; could you not call attention to the growing evil?

There may perhaps be some able member of Grand Lodge, who, if it were represented to him, would frame a motion, that it be required of some Grand Officer to visit the place at which it is proposed to hold a new lodge, and report to the Board of General Purposes, whether the accommodation is such as is consistent with our requirements, before the petition is allowed to be presented to the M.W. Grand Master. Such a course I feel assured would check the growth of public house lodges, and save our Order from reproach.

Apologizing for thus troubling you, I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WALTER E. GOMPERTZ, P.M. and Sec. 869,
Sept. 27th, 1875. P.P.G.P., 11erts.

MASONS AT SIGHT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A very wrong impression seems to prevail as to the power of the M.W.G.M. to "make Masons at sight." One brother, a high dignitary in the Province of East Lancashire, has the idea that the G.M. can invite a "profane" into a room, and without any assistance or ceremony simply create him a Mason in the three degrees.

I have always held the opinion that this power only consists in the G.M., if presiding in a Craft Lodge, being able to dispense with any proposition, or ballot, and permitting the candidate to be at once initiated with the usual ceremonies. I do not think it is within the power of the M.W.G.M. to give a dispensation to admit a candidate to two or more degrees on one night. At least, it is so in England. Would that it were so in Scotland. I have read in to-day's "Freemason," an account of the meeting of St. John's Lodge, 34, Glasgow. I find that two gentlemen received the whole of the three degrees in one night, and this, also, the night on which they were proposed and ballotted for.

Three Entered Apprentices were passed and raised at the same time.

In another lodge reported in the same number, St. Vincent 553, 76 candidates were admitted to the Order in one year, at an initiation fee of two guineas each, and nearly all received the three degrees on the same night they were proposed. This certainly is making "Masons at sight." Will you kindly give the Craft the benefit of your large experience.

I am, yours fraternally, AGSI.
Sept. 25th.

FREEMASONRY AND THE RITUALISTS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir,—

I observe in the "Freemason" that there is a not unnatural feeling of annoyance among Masons at the attitude assumed towards the Craft by various religious bodies. Romanists, Presbyterians, Baptists have more or less officially inveighed against Masonry, and to them you add the "sect everywhere spoken against" of the so-called Ritualists.

I, Sir, should probably be numbered amongst them by those that allow themselves to use such nicknames, though I neither desire nor adopt any name but that of a Catholic. Will you allow me, therefore, utterly to disclaim on behalf of "Ritualists," as a school of thought, any such antagonism to Masonry as you suppose. Your gravamen against Rome is that she has argued from particulars to universals, and condemned all Masonry for the faults of some of the lodges of some of its territorial divisions. Have you not unawares fallen into the same error when you ascribe to a party the views advanced by one alone out of several papers which would be called "Ritualistic?"

I am not a Mason, though the son of one and the brother of another; my poverty and not my will consents to my remaining outside a body which I consider so much entitled to the respect of all who have the cause of philanthropy and brotherhood at heart; but I would say that I agree with every word of the able "Defence of Freemasonry" published at your office. I have read this twice with much attention, and am convinced that the majority of "Ritualists" would adopt its views.

I was present recently at a large meeting of "Ritualistic" clergy, at which the subject of the attitude of the Church towards Freemasonry was (inter alia) exhaustively

discussed. Various priests who were Masons made admirable speeches in its favour, while I and other non-Masons took mainly the lines of argument adopted in the above-mentioned "Defence." I, of course, allow that ignorance or prejudice might and does cause some of us to be adverse to the Craft—this would be the case in any body of men—but that "Ritualists" as a body are thus minded I cannot for a moment admit.

The motion I then brought forward in this meeting, which was seconded and supported by priests who were Masons, will best explain my views.

"That it is the duty of Catholics with regard to Freemasonry—

"1. Carefully to distinguish between Anglo-Saxon and Continental Freemasonry, and thereby to avoid the error of indiscriminately condemning the Society for the un-Masonic teaching of some of the lodges or brethren of a few of its territorial divisions.

"2. Not to dissuade laymen from joining Anglo-Saxon lodges, against which no charge has been proved."

The word "laymen" is used in the second clause to meet the objection that hardworking priests can frequently not afford the expenditure of time or money that an intelligent and enthusiastic support of Masonry must of necessity entail.

Were your cause less admirable than it is, a Catholic above all others would still say, Homo sum, et nihil humanum a me alienum puto; being what it is, the Church must bid, at least to all Anglo-Saxon lodges, God speed, and I trust it may be generally seen that her wisest line of action is by sympathy, at least, to strengthen the hands of all lodges not infected with the Continental leaven.

J. W. HORSLEY.

S. Michael's, Shoreditch.

MARK MASTERS' LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

What legally constitutes a Mark Master's Lodge, to work on that degree of Masonry in Scotland? We know that the Grand Lodge and Supreme Chapter have agreed that the Mark degrees can be given by opening a Mark Lodge under St. John's Masonry, but which of the two powers that be has the right, or will grant the charter, and afterwards grant diploma to the brother elevated to that degree? Without such, Mark degrees given are a mere nothing, as neither charter nor diploma has been used to confirm the brother's claim to having taken the degree, and before he can be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree it becomes our duty to bind the brother to recognise the Mark under the charter of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. Now, not only do Royal Arch companions recognise the Mark Degree being given in a St. John's Lodge, but First Principals who had taken the Mark under the Royal Arch Chapter do even work the degrees themselves in such a way without having any charter, or granting any one a diploma, the lodge merely chartering three shillings or so, as it happens. As I have all along thought that it was out of my place to countenance the working of the Mark Degree, unless under a charter, and getting diplomas for every brother taking the degree, I appeal to the brethren to assist me in the undertaking.

The smallest item will in this case be gratefully received by me.

M.M.M., R.A.C.

"FOR SONS OF GENTLEMEN ONLY."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Under this heading there are two advertisements in your issue of Sept. 25th, by schoolmasters for pupils.

Will they, or either of them, kindly be a little more explicit, and inform me who they consider gentlemen capable of obtaining for their sons the privileges set forth in the said advertisements.

Yours fraternally,

PATERFAMILIAS.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am greatly surprised at finding in an editorial reply to "Deacon," that you imply a right for a M.M. to wear a five-pointed star, and a W.M. to wear the square and compasses, in Craft or Grand Lodge. This is quite at variance with anything that I have been taught or can gather from the Book of Constitutions. Neither the five-pointed star or square and compasses as jewels are recognised in the Book of Constitutions, except as those authorised and directed to be worn by the Deputy Grand Master, the Past Deputy Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Master; indeed, any brother wearing the square and compasses, gilt, is actually taking upon himself the jewel belonging to no one but a Past Deputy Grand Master. In conclusion, I think if the Grand Lodge deem it necessary to issue a mandate against wearing jewels commemorative of the installation of our M.W.G.M., its officers would certainly decline to admit brethren to the Grand Lodge sporting such decorations as the five-pointed star or square and compasses (the latter except when worn by a Past D.G.M.)

I am, yours fraternally,

P.G.S.B. England.

[The letters W.M. were a misprint for G.M. With deference to our brother, the five-pointed star is clearly legal by the Book of Constitutions, and no W.M. could lawfully object to it.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your answer to "Deacon," you say that "any jewel which has an emblem of the three degrees, or R.A., is admissible in a lodge. Is not the Mark M.M. jewel admissible in the English Lodge?"

You also state that "the square and compasses belong to the W.M. alone. Qy. As jewel, or as ruler of the lodge?"

By Book of Constitutions, I find that the Past Deputy G. Master is the one that legally wears the compasses and square, and that the W.M., only a square as jewels.

Re Grand Masters of the English Freemasons.

The list to be seen in a book entitled, "The Constitution of Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the history of Masonry from the Creation, throughout the known world, &c., &c."

Printed for Thomas Wilkinson, in Winetavern-street, the corner of Cook-street, Dublin.

R.W.O.

[The Mark jewel is not legal in a Craft Lodge. With regard to the square and compasses, they compose the jewel of the Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master. The letters W.M. were a typographical error.—Ed.]

A QUOTATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the letter of "R.W.O." in your issue of the 25th inst., permit me to say that the quotation contained in the article on Bro. Major Burgess is ridiculously incorrect, and had the writer thought for a moment he would have noticed the impossibility of a man being convinced against his will. The quotation should be

"He that compels against his will

Is of his own opinion still."

And may be found in Butler's "Hudibras," part III., canto III. and line 547.

Editors and leader writers, of all men, should be careful in matters of this kind. They are the public educators and the circulators of the genius and intelligence of others, and should be above the suspicion of being, in the words of Byron, "With just enough of learning to misquote."

Yours fraternally,

WM. BERNARD.

Hull, 25th September.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER AT SHEFFIELD.

In our issue of August 21st we gave a copy of an address from the Freemasons of Sheffield to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to which the following gracious acknowledgement has been received:—

"Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,

September 23rd, 1875.

"Dear Sirs,—

"Sir W. Knollys has desired me to send you the enclosed reply to the address which the Freemasons of Sheffield presented to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit there.

"Sir William wishes me at the same time to express his great regret at the accidental delay that has taken place in answering this address, and to explain that in the multiplicity of business which he had to get through during the visit he had been under the impression that a reply had been already transmitted.

"Yours faithfully,

"FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

"S. Hayes, Esq., W.M. Britannia, 139.

"H. Pawson, Esq., W.M. Royal Brunswick, 296.

"F. M. Tindall, Esq., W.M. Wentworth, 1239."

"Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,

September 23rd, 1875.

"To the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Britannia, No. 139, Royal Brunswick, No. 296, and Wentworth, No. 1239, Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Gentlemen,—

"I am desired by the Prince of Wales to convey to you, on the part of himself and the Princess of Wales, the sentiments of satisfaction with which they have received your Address.

"Their Royal Highnesses thank you most cordially for your expressions of attachment towards themselves, and of loyalty to the throne and constitution of this country.

"Their visit to Sheffield has been one of unmixed gratification. Their reception by its inhabitants, and the wonderful products and effects of the industry of its working class which they witnessed, will ever be remembered by their Royal Highnesses and indelibly impressed on their minds.

"The Prince especially thanks you on his own part for your congratulations on his installation as Grand Master of Freemasonry in England. It is a source of great pride to him to occupy the position so long held by his illustrious relatives the late Dukes of Kent and Sussex, and His Royal Highness desires you to be assured that the interests of the Craft and the principles they profess will be at all times objects of his ambition to promote.

"I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

"W. KNOLLYS."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 8, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-street.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Stanhope Arms, Upper James-street, Oval road, Camden Town, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Colonial Board at 3.

Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, High-street, Woolwich.

Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Varborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

Metropolitan Chapter of improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. J. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1491, Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden-road, Hol-lway. (Installation).

Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, Masonic Hall, Regent-street.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

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

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

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

Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 45, Strong Man, Mason's Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

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

" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.

" 1351, St. Clements Lane, 265, Strand.

" 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, New Wimbledon.

" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.

Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1489), Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston; Bro. W. Stephens, Prec.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern.

Preceptory D., Mount Calvary, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 9, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6. Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool, at 6.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Mark Lodge 161, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall Liverpool, at 7.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, Town Hall, Preston, at 12.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.

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

" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.

" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.

Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.

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

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 3.

" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, near Birkenhead, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 9, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.

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

" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.

" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.

" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-street.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Lodge 31, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.

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

" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.

" 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.

" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.

" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.

" 406, St. John Dalziel, Mas. Hall, Motherwell.

" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Arms, Govan.

" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.

" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.

" 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.

" 117, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Partick.

" 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

" 166, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.

" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Maybole.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-street.

" 442, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Tron-gate.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.

" 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George H., Kilmarnock.

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

" 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Irvine.

" 157, St. John, Main-street, Beith.

" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.

" 202, St. Clement's, Trades Tavern, Kilmarnock.

" 320, St. John Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

" 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-street, Paisley.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.

" 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Leven.

" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbrnie.

" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 9, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 97, St. James's Operative, Writer's Court.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Chap. 56, Canongate, Masonic Hall, John-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A strong meeting of this important City lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., being the first gathering since the vacation. The lodge was opened by Bro. Kennit, W.M., assisted by Bros. Hopwood, P.M., W.M. elect of 1512, acting S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Dairy, I.G.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Themans, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., P.Z., &c., Sec.; Davis, D.C.; Byc, W.S. Among the visitors present were Bros. Holden, P.M., Prov. Grand Chaplain of Middlesex; Wilkins, W.M. 73; Thompson, 188; Lambert, 1138; Dickson, 1178; Phillips, 1424. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Field to the degree of M.M. most impressively, and initiated Mr. Martin into the mysteries of the Craft. According to custom the bye-laws of the lodge were then read, and the brethren proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M., who was assisted by P.M.'s Taylor and Themans, investigated the result of the ballot, and declared the election to have fallen on the Senior Warden, Bro. Waygood. The other members who received votes were the W.M., Past Master Cobham, and the Junior Warden. Bro. Carter, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaffe re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Byc, Walls, Hewlett, Wilson, and Holland were appointed to audit the accounts on the 11th of October next. The Benevolent Fund Committee of the lodge having been appointed, and a Past Master's jewel voted to Bro. Kennit, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, which, during the recess, has been most chastely and elegantly decorated and re-furnished. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M.," and the usual Craft toasts, which were warmly received. In speaking of the G.M., the W.M. alluded to the approaching departure of H.R.H. for India, and hoped that his visit would be productive of great good, morally, socially, and commercially, to the interests of the inhabitants of that great empire. Bro. Themans, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him upon the manner in which he had carried out the duties of his position. He hoped that he would be many years spared to hold the important rank of P.M. of the Lodge Faith. The W.M. made a brief reply, in which he said he had striven to perform the responsibilities of the Master's chair to the best of his ability, and if he had succeeded in pleasing the brethren, and he believed he had done so, he felt himself amply repaid. The Initiate, Bro. Martin, having been toasted, made a neat and "apropos" reply, "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Themans and Stuart. The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge upon the goodly and distinguished number of visiting brethren present that evening, and hoped that their visit to the Faith had been fraught with pleasure. This toast having been duly and heartily honoured, was responded to by Bros. Holden, Dickson, and others. The first-named gave two excellent readings, "The Level and the Square," and the ever memorable "Charge of the Light Brigade." Bros. Bird, Martin and Walls also entertained the lodge instrumentally, dramatically, and vocally between the toasts. Bro. Longstaffe, the Tyler, having discharged his duty, the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The first regular meeting of the winter session of this young and rapidly rising lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st September, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Southwark, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. George Mattock, supported by the following officers:—Bros. Charles Smith, I.P.M.; Cattle, S.W.; Poupard, J.W.; Jolly, Sec.; Cornhillson, S.D.; D. H. Ashford, acting J.D. (Bro. Ashwell, the J.D., being unavoidably absent); Knight Smith, I.G.; Fox, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the First Degree by the W.M., when the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting in March last and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The lodge having opened in the Second Degree, Bros.

Gloag, Partington, and J. Vernon being candidates to be raised to the degree of Master Masons, they were severally examined, &c., by the W.M., and having retired, the lodge opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Knight Smith undertaking the music, to enable him to do which Bro. J. R. Ashford relieved him of the duties of I.G., and on the re-admission of Bros. Gloag, Partington, and Vernon, they were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons in a most impressive manner. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, when Bros. Goodman and Matthews were examined as to their proficiency for passing. Bro. Goodman proving himself in a manner that was highly creditable to him, they were duly entrusted and retired. The lodge having opened in the Second Degree during their temporary absence, on their re-admission, were regularly Crafted. This ended the ceremonies, as the gentleman for initiation could not attend, owing to domestic affliction, the ceremonies having been worked by the W.M. in a most able and efficient manner. The lodge having again resumed to the First Degree, notice of motion was given and received for the removal of the lodge, which will be discussed at the next lodge meeting. Business being ended, the lodge was closed according to ancient form with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, which was served by Bro. Plock with his usual care and excellence. The Masonic toasts succeeded, after which the harmony of the evening was enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. Cattle, Knight Smith, and Skegg. Bro. Cattle, who is possessed of a magnificent voice, sang the "Will of the Wisp" in fine style. The Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington. Bro. J. F. Wilson, W.M., presided. There were also present: Bros. Wright, S.W.; Dickinson, J.W.; Geo. S. Bigley, Sec.; W. H. Cohen, S.D.; H. W. Gladwell, J.D.; A. L. P. Stevens, D.C.; J. F. Walford, Org.; L. Buderns, I.G.; Geo. Allison, Steward; F. Blay, Steward; H. Ballantyne, P.M.; Walter John Woodman, P.M.; about sixteen lay members, and half-a-dozen visitors. Two gentlemen were initiated, Messrs. William Samuel Brooks and Thomas Stephen Lidbury. This was the first evening of the lodge meeting at the Wellington Club, and the whole of the furniture had been repaired and decorated in preparation for the event. The lodge therefore presented a very attractive appearance, and the room being a fine, large, commodious one, the brethren experienced great comfort. The premises appeared to be particularly suitable for the holding of a lodge, and the apartments devoted to the purpose had the great advantage of strict privacy. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren expressed themselves much pleased with their new habitation and the arrangements which were made to accommodate them, and the lodge having been formally closed, a nice repast was provided for them by the caterer of the club, over which Bro. Wilson presided. The customary toasts were duly honoured at the termination of the supper. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," said that H.R.H. was about to visit that miniature dominion of ours, the Empire of India, and he was sure there was no body of men in this or that country could wish him more substantial fruit of his journey than the brother Masons of His Royal Highness. They all wished him the enjoyment of the blessing of good health throughout his trip. They also wished him a prosperous and pleasant voyage. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," &c., was then given, and the W.M. proposed "The Initiates." Masons were always pleased to add to their numbers. As the Order was a good one, it conferred benefits upon all, and he hoped, as he doubted not, that the newly-initiated brethren might become an honour to the Order into which they had been admitted. The toast having been drunk, was followed by the E.A. song, and Bro. Brooks, in responding, said that he was very proud to have joined the Order and the Royal Standard Lodge that day. He hoped in future his and his brother initiate's future would prove them worthy of it. Bro. Lidbury also responded, and reiterated the words of Bro. Brooks. He trusted that he might prove to be a true Mason. The W.M. afterwards gave the toast of "The Visitors," and advised the brethren to visit other lodges than their own, that they might compare the working of the two. Bro. Simpson, of the Baltic, 284, Brooklyn, N.Y., replied, but said that such an honour had been little dreamed of by him when he had the pleasure of receiving an invitation from Bro. Bigley. He had been brought up in a very different Masonic school to that of most of the brethren round him, for in the United States they did not have banquets. He had noticed on the business paper of the evening a motion that banquets should be abolished, and before he came to the lodge he felt that if he were a member he should be disposed to favour such a course, but ever since he had been at that table, and had participated in the genial hospitality of the brethren, he had seen such cordial feelings exhibited to the visitors, and by all members of the lodge to each other, that he believed he had never seen its equal in similar assemblies, and he felt now somewhat of an opponent to the motion, which, however, was not brought on. It might not perhaps be out of place to allude slightly to some of the leading features of difference which he recognised in the working of lodges here and in America. Bro. Simpson explained these as far as they concerned the First Degree only, as initiates were present, and continued that the lodge-rooms in the United States were far more spacious than in this country, and were devoted entirely to the purposes of Masonry. After stating how the American lodge-rooms were arranged, and that they were very cosy and comfortable, Bro. Simpson said he was much struck that evening with the universal feeling of brotherhood which seemed to animate Freemasons. Although he was a native of Great Britain himself, having been born in Scotland, he had been much in the United States, and when he went into a lodge there he

found that nationality was of no account, for he felt on an equal footing with all who were present. He came to the Royal Standard Lodge that evening, a lodge in England, and he still found that he was among a band of brothers. This showed the universality of the brotherhood of the Craft, and it afforded him unlimited gratification to have the privilege of responding to the toast of "The Visitors," which had been so warmly proposed and so cordially drunk. Bro. Ballantyne, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who had so competently discharged his duties while he had held the office of Master. The W.M. said it was very gratifying to receive such an expression of approval, and was an ample reward for the endeavours he had made. In proposing "The P.M.'s," he said that though the lodge had at one time been rather under the star of adversity, it was now under the star of prosperity, which he trusted might never set, and which was in truth owing to the exertions made by the P.M.'s. Bro. Ballantyne replied that he was happy to hear the W.M. say so, and it was very satisfactory to the P.M.'s to know that they had contributed in a measure to such a state of things. He was no chicken in Freemasonry, for he had been initiated in Scotland 24 years ago, and referring to Bro. Simpson's remarks about the universal brotherhood of Masons, which made them recognise each other over the whole world, said that as a Scotchman he should not have needed Bro. Simpson to tell him that he was a Scotchman, for his dropping of the word "cosy" instantly proclaimed his nationality. Bro. Woodman, P.M., also replied; and the W.M. then proposed "The Officers" of the lodge, making special reference to Bro. Bigley for the exertions he had used for the comfort and accommodation of the brethren in their new home. The brethren then separated, after enjoying some excellent music and singing by various members, Bro. H. J. Moxon contributing, in capital style, "Ring the Bell, Watchman," and other songs.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—On the 1st inst. the brethren of this lodge met for the installation of a new W.M., at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's-pond road. Bro. W. Stephens, W.M., presided, and installed Bro. W. J. Murliis as Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. J. Jessett, S.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M. 177, J.W.; W. Stephens, I.P.M. and P.M. 1365, Treas.; W. Jones, P.M. 445, P.P.G.D.C. Norths. and Hunts, Sec.; Dr. Symons, S.D.; John Hligh, J.D.; J. Glaskin, I.G., D.C.; W. Grist, Steward; T. Hastings Miller, P.M. and Prov. G. Organist, Middlesex, I.G.; and Gilchrist, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the new W.M. rose and said he had very great pleasure in presenting a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. W. Stephens, and he only hoped that every P.M. of this lodge would be as worthy to wear such a jewel as Bro. Stephens. Bro. Stephens, in accepting the jewel, said that in performing the duties appertaining to the office of Master of the lodge he had only done what he thought was his duty, and what he considered the best for the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Bro. Stephens then proposed that the sanction of this lodge should be given to a Lodge of Instruction to be held in connection with it. A meeting had been held to establish it, and it had been arranged that it should meet every Thursday evening at the Albion Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston. Bro. Jones, Secretary, seconded the motion, which was then put and carried. Bro. J. Hanney having presented a very handsome harmonium to the lodge, Bro. Stephens proposed and Bro. Hastings Miller seconded a vote of thanks to the donor, which was carried by acclamation. Bro. Walford proposed and the S.W. seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Stephens for performing the ceremony of installation. Bro. Walford said he was quite sure that every one of the brethren present had been delighted with the way in which the ceremony had been performed, and it was a great happiness to know that their first W.M. had installed his successor. It was not often the case in lodges, and therefore this lodge should be additionally pleased. The vote of thanks was unanimously adopted, and the lodge was thereafter closed. The brethren adjourned to a beautiful banquet supplied by Bro. Grist, and under his personal superintendence. The toasts were afterwards honoured. In proposing that of "The W.M.," Bro. Stephens said he had known Bro. Murliis many years, and was convinced from his acquaintance with him of a quarter of a century, that when the brethren had known him as long, they would respect him as much as he did. He would be an excellent Master of this lodge, and, in fact, every thing that could be desired in a Master of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. The W.M., in reply, said that, unworthy though he was to fill the office of Master, he was sure the brethren would assist him to keep up the lodge to the high point at which it had been kept hitherto, and also the spirit of harmony that had been maintained in it. He trusted that his year of office would not prove worse than its predecessor; but he felt a grave responsibility resting upon him in accepting the office. Indeed, he thought it was the heaviest undertaking of his life. He had been connected with many societies, and had held high offices in them; but he had not presided over a lodge of brethren. He hoped they would bear with his shortcomings, and he trusted that he should be spared to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He would not willingly make an enemy, and he did not know that he had one in the world. If, therefore, anything should in the course of the year arise to cause unpleasant feelings, he would endeavour to pour oil on the troubled waters, and to arrange the matter amicably with all parties. When he joined Masonry he did not do it for the sake of taking office, but for the sake of charity, the brightest jewel in its crown. If he could benefit the institutions or the Order it would be the height of his ambition. Before sitting down he would propose "The P.M.'s," and he then referred to what Bro. Stephens had done for the lodge during his year of

office, to the splendid manner in which he had just performed the installation. For himself he could but express his gratitude to Bro. Stephens, through whom he had joined Masonry. He had belonged to other societies with him, and from every observation of his conduct he felt that he would be following a good man if he imitated Bro. Stephens and joined Masonry. The brethren of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge now desired to present him with a ring in token of their admiration of his conduct as their first W.M. A handsome ring was then handed to Bro. Stephens, who in acknowledgement thereof, said he was gratified to find that the brethren appreciated the efforts he had made on behalf of the lodge. He was thoroughly repaid by such consideration. He had not expected such a present. The P.M.'s jewel was quite sufficient. However, as the brethren had thought fit to supplement it with a ring he could but accept it. "The Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast, which the S.W. J.W. Secretary and others respectively responded to. Bro. Mugeridge responded for "The Charities," after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. The following is a list of the brethren present, in addition to the officers given above:—J. Tovell, J. Hanney, J. R. Bredding, C. Smith, J. Friedrich, E. Blunt, H. Field, R. Cockburn, G. J. Glover, T. H. Martin, D. Martin, J. Starkey, H. Marrey, S. J. Parker, W. Langford, J. Pushman, J. Weston, F. C. Nevill, W. Gray, W. Norris, H. Patient, F. A. Hawthorn, J. Osborn, H. Johns, J. Crocker, C. Biggs, W. H. Mayes, W. J. Cook, B. Jeffries, P. A. Coard. Visitors:—J. G. Defries, 45 S.D.; R. J. Davies, 1278; A. Dickenson, 174 P.M.; H. G. Buss, 1293, P.G. Treas. Middlesex; T. Grove, 55; A. Gythman, Orient, Hungary; J. A. Taylor, 1365 P.M.; J. Godfrey, 1365; R. Buller, (P.M. 9), Sec. 1365; R. Wyatt, W.M. 1365; H. J. Perry, 145; M. J. Hayes, 1348; J. Lundy, P.M. 45; C. Crosbie, 174; W. M. Stiles, 1507; G. R. Soper, 1365 J.W.; J. H. Coulson, 27; W. H. Lee, W.M. 1524; H. Massey, P.M. 619, "Freemason"; G. J. Mumford, 145, and H. Mugeridge, P.M. 217, and others.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—This young and flourishing lodge met on Thursday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas. Midsx., hon. mem.; T. C. Chapman, S.W.; R. Philip, acting J.W.; Neville Green, Hon. Sec.; J. B. Shackleton, S.D.; J. Symes, J.D.; H. Meyer, acting I.G.; Gilchrist, Tyler; R. Dallas, W. Brand, J. Alford, and J. Bailey. Visitors:—Bros. John Bingham, W.M. 55; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; John Green, S.W. 27; Marx-Gross, 1278; G. E. Acker, Lafayette, U.S.A. 19; N. Finch, 1365; J. Coultis, 105. The business commenced with the raising of Bros. F. Brasted and E. Harding. Then followed the passing of Bros. J. Bailey and F. A. Kelly. Mr. John Varney was then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in his usual able manner. The notices of motion for the raising of the initiation and joining fees, of which due notice had been given, were then brought forward and carried unanimously. It was then resolved to sanction the meeting of a Lodge of Instruction, held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, every Wednesday evening, such Lodge of Instruction having hitherto been held under the sanction of another lodge. Propositions were then received for the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, Nov. 25th. The Steward's jewel, commemorative of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., which had been voted to Bro. Lee by the members of the lodge at the last meeting, was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. Grand Treas. Midsx., P.M.P.Z., &c., who spoke of Bro. Lee in very eulogistical terms. The W.M. then thanked the brethren in feeling terms for the very handsome jewel presented to him, also Bro. Buss for the very kind manner in which he had referred to his (Bro. Lee's) Masonic services. The lodge was then closed in due form. An excellent cold collation was provided, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then proposed. That of "The Initiate" was responded to by Bro. John Varney; "The Visitors" by Bro. H. G. Buss, John Bingham, G. E. Acker, and Mark-Gross. Among the other toasts given were "The W.M." responded to by Bros. W. H. Lee, and "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bros. Chapman, Shackleton and Symes replied. The brethren soon after separated.

PROVINCIAL.

WARRINGTON.—LODGE OF LIGHTS (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, Sept. 27, when the W.M., Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland, was supported by his officers, a goodly number of members, and several visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. read a letter of apology from Bro. Dr. Joseph, who was due for preferment, but who was unable to be present. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Johnson and Peake sought advancement, and having sustained their claim, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the two brethren were separately re-admitted and raised by the W.M., the working tools being presented and explained by the S.W., Bro. W. H. Robinson. The lodge was closed down, when the remaining business was transacted, and when finally closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the I.P.M., Bro. John Harding, Bro. Tomlinson, W.M. of the Good Samaritan Lodge, Sandbach; Bro. Tongue, of Crewe, and others. The W.M. was well cared for by Bro. Joseph Pickthall, S.D. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given; the visitors warmly complimenting the W.M. on the excellent working which they had witnessed. After an evening pleasantly spent, the Tyler proposed his toast, and the brethren separated in harmony.

WOOLWICH.—NELSON LODGE (No. 700).—The first monthly meeting after the summer vacation of the above lodge occurred on Wednesday, 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was attended by a goodly number of both members and visitors. The following officers were present:—T. Ward, W.M.; W. Ritchie, P.M.; S. Goddard, P.M.; W. Dunham, P.M.; G. Bowles, P.M.; T. W. Butt, S.W.; J. Waters, J.W.; F. S. Dawson, P.M. and Treas.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Sec.; N. Woodley, S.D.; J. Warren, J.D.; J. Wilkins, I.G.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were—J. McDougall, P.M. 913; A. Jessop, Treas. 913; T. Hayes, S.D. 913; W. Gamble, 706; G. Spinks, J.W. 1536; W. G. Picken, 1536; R. J. Lapham, 1536; W. Hambyn, 975; T. Jorkey, 1107; J. Reynolds, 169; Mason, 309; and C. Jolly, 913. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, Bros. G. J. Beaver and W. Harris were raised to the Sublime Degree, and Messrs. J. Tame and G. Fraser were, after ballot and approval, initiated. Bro. E. Tappenden, of 781, had previously been received as a joining member. The ceremonies of raising and initiation were most impressively worked by the W.M., and gave unlimited satisfaction to all, more particularly as this was his first effort as a Master. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren then adjourned for refreshment, at which the visitors were most hospitably entertained. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then duly honoured, and Bro. P.M. Ritchie, as I.P.M., had the honour of proposing "The W.M.'s Health," and in so doing said he felt sure they would all respond to the toast with the heartiness that it deserved. They had all seen the admirable manner in which the ceremonies of the evening had been carried out, and he felt sure that every one of them must rejoice at the decision that had placed so good a W.M. in the chair of that lodge. For himself, he regretted exceedingly that circumstances, over which he had no control, and which were well known to the majority of the brethren present, prevented him from being present at the installation banquet, but from what he had seen that night he felt perfectly satisfied that the lodge was in the hands of one fully capable of maintaining its high character for efficiency, and who had been so well and deservedly placed in the W.M.'s chair. He felt, therefore, great pleasure in asking them to drink with him "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Ward." The W.M., in reply, said he thanked them exceedingly for the kind feeling they had evinced towards him, not only in that room, but during the working of the ceremonies in the lodge. P.M. Ritchie had expressed himself pleased with that working, but he (the W.M.) had only followed the example set by Bro. Ritchie and his predecessors, and had not once, from the date he was appointed I.G., been absent from the lodge during working hours; he had always felt it a duty to be present, and had fulfilled that duty, and he felt proud that his endeavours had been and were appreciated by the brethren of the lodge; he felt proud to be supported by so many worthy Past Masters on his left, and by so many in the lodge who had been his former companions and comrades outside, and he trusted to have the same support and kindness shown him in the future as in the past, and then they might be assured of one thing, and that was that his great aim should be to keep up the unblemished reputation of the Nelson Lodge. The next toast was that of "The Initiates," to which both brethren replied. "The Visitors" were most cordially toasted. Bros. Gamble, Hayes, Weston, and others responded, and all thanked the W.M. and the lodge for the rare treat afforded them in witnessing the thorough discipline and good working of the lodge, as well as for their hospitable reception at the social board. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Past Masters of the Nelson Lodge," paying high compliments to the I.P.M., Bro. Ritchie; P.M. Bro. Dawson, who, he said, had been his indefatigable tutor, and to whom he was indebted for so much of the efficiency they had been pleased to compliment; P.M. Bro. Bowles, who had initiated him into Masonry, and in fact every Past Master was well worthy of their hearty good wishes. P.M. Bro. Hobson was away on the moors, and P.M. Bro. Norman was unfortunately compelled to be by the side of a suffering wife, or he would have been present that evening. He asked them to drink his health most cordially. Bro. Ritchie replied in a most eloquent speech, and said he had come all the way from Colchester that day to be present and do honour to his friend the W.M. He then gave a glowing account of the exceeding kindness and brotherly love shown him by the brethren during a late affliction, and assured them that it would never be effaced from his memory. He had visited many lodges at Colchester, Harwich, &c., and although he was immensely pleased with the working of those lodges, yet he was not ashamed of the Nelson. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the kind reception of his name. Bro. Dawson and Bro. Bowles replied as well, and then, after a most pleasant and fraternal meeting, the brethren dispersed.

ISLEWORTH.—VILLIERS LODGE (No. 1194).—The 8th anniversary of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., and we are glad to see its continued prosperity. Indeed, the lodge is now almost too strong in numbers for its place of meeting, and it is contemplated to raise the fees very considerably. The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for Messrs. James S. Lean and Edward W. A. A. Mayhew, and proved unanimous in their favour. The latter gentleman being under age, and about to depart for New Zealand, a dispensation had been obtained from the Provincial Grand Master to initiate him. Bro. Pendlebury, P.M., then duly initiated the candidates into the mysteries of the Craft separately, the W.M. elect having altered the business on the summons, and permitted him to perform the ceremony before the installation, as Mr. Mayhew was Bro. Pendlebury's nephew, and he had asked permission to initiate him. The ceremony was very impressively performed. Bro. Dodd took the chair, and installed Bro. Richard A. Steel as W.M. The officers appointed were Bros. W. Harvey, S.W.;

Thos. L. Green, J.W.; Thomas Verity, W.M. 1348, Treas.; William Dodd, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Dalby, S.D.; George L. Ridge, J.D.; Thomas A. Woodbridge, I.G.; Henry Allman, P.M., D.C.; John Verity, Assistant D.C.; William Plimsaul and Thomas Cross, Stewards; John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. Dodd, Pendlebury, and Lancaster respectively. Amongst the brethren present were noticed: Bros. H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Galt Fisher, W. Vincent, H. Walker, W. T. Hollands, Frank Arliss, Edwd. Mousen, C. Simmons. Visitors: Bros. Edward Wits, W.M. 144; W. L. O'Neill, 1056; C. J. Foakes, 40; N. Green, 1524; B. Verity, 1348; W. H. Williams, 819; N. Lowes, 1260; and Vaccaini. We prophesy a successful year for the lodge under the rule of Bro. Steel, who has taken great care to render himself efficient for the office of W.M. Five guineas were voted to the Girls' School, to complete the amount requisite to constitute the lodge a Life Governor of that Institution. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Buss responded to the toast on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, and said he was very happy to be of any service to the lodge. This province being young, both his colleagues and himself were always most anxious in every way to do the best they could to promote the interests of the Craft, in accordance with the feeling which was predominant in the mind of the Provincial Grand Master, and at the same time he personally felt great gratification in observing the prosperity of the Villiers Lodge. He thanked them very sincerely for the kind and cordial way in which the toast had been received, and he would take an early opportunity of conveying to the Provincial Grand Master the sentiments they had been pleased to convey to him. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Brother Initiates—Bros. Mayhew and Lean." He was very happy to welcome them both to the lodge, but he was sorry that Bro. Mayhew should be compelled to leave them almost immediately after his coming amongst them in consequence of the state of his health, and to go to the other side of the globe, but he hoped when he got there he would be thoroughly restored to health, and, judging from appearances, he certainly did not seem delicate now, and he hoped that the change from our climate to a more genial and warm one would contribute to restore and re-establish his strength and health. With regard to Bro. Lean, he hoped he would be passed and raised in the lodge, and would continue with them for many years. The toast was drunk with all the honours, and afterwards Bro. Buss sang the song of "The Entered Apprentice," which was highly appreciated. Bro. Lean responded briefly, and thanked the lodge and the Worshipful Master for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of the health of Bro. Mayhew and himself, and he hoped as long as he lived he would be a credit to the Craft. Bro. Mayhew responded, and said—Worshipful Master and Brethren, though young in years, and but a new born babe in Masonry, I nevertheless rise with the greatest pleasure to express to you my sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have received me amongst you and made me one of yourselves, and I sincerely trust you will never have cause to regret having admitted me into your lodge, but that you will hereafter find me an earnest Mason, and an ornament to a noble and honourable Order, for which I have for many years been looking forward to join, and had only been waiting until I had attained the age of 21 years, when my uncle and brother, well known to many of you, had agreed I should be initiated. Circumstances, however, have altered what was proposed. I have recently been attacked with congestion of the lungs, but after a short sojourn at the seaside I find myself considerably recovered; but the medical gentlemen who attend me are of opinion that a sea voyage would be most beneficial; it has therefore been deemed expedient that I should go to New Zealand, to which place (D.V.) I shall sail in about a fortnight, where, when I arrive, I trust I shall find myself perfectly well, and soon have an opportunity of having completed the work you have so kindly begun—a Master Mason, as my uncle, grandfather, and great grandfather have been before me, and, for what I know, others of my ancestors may have been. I can also assure you, that I shall carry away with me a lasting impression of the solemn ceremony of this evening, and shall anxiously look forward to the time when I shall make further progress in the Order. In the meantime I will endeavour to learn as much as possible, and, having a Mason well versed in the ceremonies at my elbow, as it were, I shall doubtless gain enough of the outline to enable me to knock at the door to claim the next step. I am now amongst you for the first time, and it may be many years before I shall have an opportunity of being with you again; but whenever I may be in England on some future occasion, you may depend I shall ascertain the day of your meeting and come to see you. Thanking you all, brethren, for your kindness, I now take the opportunity of bidding you a long farewell. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and apologized for some little inconvenience which he thought some of them had suffered for want of room. The toast was honoured in the usual way, and afterwards Bro. Simmons sang a song, "Down in Trafalgar Square." Bros. Wits, O'Neill, and others briefly responded on behalf of the other visitors and themselves, and thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind, cordial, and hospitable manner in which they had been treated. Bro. P.M. Lancaster proposed "The Health of the New Worshipful Master," who had been long known to and respected by them all. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. The Worshipful Master responded, and said he was deeply thankful for the honour they had done him, and he would do his best to discharge the duties of his office, and promote the prosperity of the lodge, and leave

his name as one not unworthy to be added to the long list of former Masters of the lodge. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." Bro. Lancaster returned thanks on behalf of Bro. P.M. Dodd and himself. In passing he could not refrain from remarking that he was this evening very much struck by the sincere and earnest manner in which the two brother initiates, Mayhew and Lean, went through the impressive ceremony of initiation. They seemed thoroughly to appreciate the feeling and spirit of Masonry. He must also say that he deeply regretted the necessity which compelled Bro. Mayhew to go abroad, but they would be all proud to have in a far distant clime a brother who he believed would do credit to their lodge, and he hoped in future years to meet him once again restored to health and vigour. The toast was warmly received and drank, and Bro. Ramsay sang the song, "There's a land which bears a world-known name." The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Senior Warden and Junior Warden." Bro. Green responded briefly, and said that he and his brother officers would do their best at all times to assist the Worshipful Master. Bro. Gambrell sang a song, "I will stand by my friend." The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary." The Treasurer took care of their money and the Secretary took care of their minutes, and had been Secretary for about six years, and, as they all knew, both Secretary and Treasurer were most able and competent officers. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Verity and Bro. Dodd responded, and said they would endeavour in the future to discharge their duties in the same manner as they had hitherto done. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the rest of the officers, which was duly responded to, after which Bro. Vaccaini sang an Italian song. The Tyler's toast was then drunk. Bro. Mayhew gave a recitation from "Hamlet"—"Polonius' advice to his son." The brethren then adjourned to meet their train.

HALLIFORD.—THAMES VALLEY LODGE (No. 1460).—A meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the Ship Hotel, Halliford. The Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, W.M., P.P.G. Chaplain, Middlesex, presided, and there were also present Bros. J. Llewellyn Jones, J.W.; W. Paas, Treas.; J. G. Marsh, Sec.; W. T. Howe, S.D.; J. A. Magee, J.D.; T. B. Yeoman, I.G.; Col. Peters, P.M., Prov. G.S.D., Middlesex; T. R. Gibson, W. Sweetland, R. Stone, J. H. R. Gowan, Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, E. C. Hislop, W. Alcock, G. Townsend, W.M. 754; E. Liddbury, 656, New South Wales; H. C. Levander, S.W. 1415; W. W. Stephens, 657; Adam Leigh, 657; Capt. Heathcote, 228, and H. Massey ("Freemason"). Bro. J. G. Marsh initiated Messrs. Dunn, and Tyler, and passed Bros. W. Alcock, E. C. Hislop, and Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, shortly after which the lodge was closed. An excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. R. Stone, followed, and the W.M. afterwards proposed the toasts. In giving that of "The M.W.G.M.," Dr. Brette said the brethren could but express the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. would protect him in the long and difficult, and he might say somewhat dangerous, journey he was about to undertake. A more difficult task he had not undertaken than to go through India and win the hearts of the Indian people as he had won the hearts of the Craft and the people here. When the lodge met next spring he (Dr. Brette) hoped the brethren would have the pleasure of congratulating H.R.H. on his safe return. The toasts of "The Pro G.M.," "The D.G.M. and G. Officers," and of "The Prov. G.M., Col. Burdett," and "The D. Prov. G.M., Sir G. Elliott," followed, and Col. Peters, Prov. G.S.D., Middlesex, and Bro. W. T. Howe, Prov. G.S., responded. Col. Peters afterwards proposed "The W.M." As an officer in Her Majesty's auxiliary forces he knew it was necessary to have a head to all bodies of men, and he could only hope that they might have a good head. He was very proud himself of being a commanding officer, and he was also proud that the Thames Valley Lodge had such a good commanding officer as Dr. Brette. All the brethren appreciated him, because during the time he had been W.M. he had done all he could in furtherance of the prosperity of this lodge. All of them would agree that, provided it went on as it had begun under him (Col. Peters), who was the father of the lodge, it would soon become second to no other lodge in the Province of Middlesex. His friend, Col. Burdett, had put him in the proud position he now held as father of the lodge, and he hoped he might live many years so to be, and to see it the best lodge. Under the present W.M. he was sure it would pursue that object. The W.M. replied, and said that the brethren had so generously supported him that day that he had ample testimony of their wish to raise the lodge to the highest point of excellence. He thanked them most heartily for their support, and for their good wishes. With a continuance of that support he would use his best exertions in favour of the success of the lodge. Dr. Brette then proposed "The I.P.M.," founder and father of the lodge, Col. Peters, and hoped he might long be the father of the lodge. Col. Peters responded, and said he felt it a high honour to be father of a lodge in which there were so many gentlemen of position as members. There were no doubt many lodges in the Province of Middlesex, but he did not think there were any equal to the Thames Valley Lodge, 1460. It was one of the best as a supporter of the charities, and at last festival sent up a list of over £95 to the Girls' School. There was generally great difficulty in getting up an amount of that kind; but doing so showed the energy of their W.M. The W.M. went in for it, and he did it to the satisfaction of everybody. When the amount was announced by Bro. Little (who he was sorry was unable to be present with them on the present occasion) there was quite an ovation. The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and Dr. Brette reminded those brethren of the obligations they had laid themselves under.

Bros. Dunn and Tyler responded, and Bros. Liddbury, Levander, and Capt. Heathcote replied for the visitors. Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones, J.W., responded for the officers, and the brethren shortly afterwards returned to town.

LIVERPOOL.—LODGE OF EMULATION (No. 1505).—The first annual installation gathering of this, the second youngest lodge in the province of West Lancashire, was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Friday, the 1st inst., when there was a very large turn-out of members and visitors. The lodge was opened promptly at four o'clock by Bro. H. Nelson, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. T. Callow, S.W.; H. Morris, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas.; W. Quayle, Sec.; W. H. Corbin, S.D.; T. Large, I.G.; J. Capell, D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.M., P.G.O., Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. R. Brown, W.M. 241; A. E. Pearson, J. Purvis, A. McKenzie, H. Coulson, T. Walley, P. Thomas, J. Carmichael, O'Hagih, L. Johnson, J. Queen, W. S. Matthews, H. B. Saunders, J. Irving, C. Sidebotham, J. R. Taylor, T. Garratt, W. H. Chapman, M. Drake, jun., R. Lytham. The visitors included Bros. J. A. Edgington, P.M. 1182; J. Robinson, 813; J. Thornton, P.M. 673, 1182; R. W. Holt, P.M. 1276; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; W. Davidson, 1276; J. F. Hall, 673; T. Delcock, W.M. 594; E. Clements, 673; G. Grant, 1017; W. Hiles, 1299; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; G. Hutchin, S.W. 241; J. Busfield, 216; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; P. B. Gee, W.M. 1264; T. Shaw, W.M. 823; H. Hindle, 1393; J. B. MacKenzie, 1357; T. Kewley, 241; W. T. May, P.M. 673; S. E. Ibbis, P.M. 594; H. Jackson, W.M. 1393; J. Skelly, 673; W. Forrester, 1035; T. Salber, 241; D. Meek, 203, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. H. Nelson, W.M., as the closing act of an excellent year's services, initiated three candidates into the privileges of the Order in a remarkably effective manner. The balance sheet, which showed a highly satisfactory state of the finances, was taken as read, and unanimously passed on the motion of the I.G. Bro. J. T. Callow, the W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Nelson, the retiring W.M., by Bros. J. Hocken, P.M., Treas., and J. Skeaf, P.G.O., P.M. 216, Org.; the chairs of S.W. and J.W. being respectively filled during the ceremony by Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 241, and R. Brown, W.M. 241, Hon. Sec. to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. Callow was installed W.M. in a most efficient manner by Bro. Nelson, to whom a special vote of thanks was ultimately passed by acclamation. The following were invested officers of the lodge:—Bros. H. Nelson, I.P.M.; H. Morris, S.W.; W. Quayle, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); W. H. Corbin, Sec.; R. Croft, S.D. (by proxy); T. Large, J.D.; J. Capell, I.G.; C. Sidebotham, S.S.; H. Coulson, J.S.; J. Skeaf, Org., and W. H. Ball, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. P.M. Hocken, seconded by Bro. Queen, it was unanimously resolved to vote the sum of ten guineas for the purchase of a testimonial to Bro. H. Nelson, I.P.M., in recognition of his very valuable services during the first year's existence of the lodge. After two propositions had been made for initiation the lodge was closed, and nearly the whole of the brethren adjourned to the large dining hall for banquet. The menu and toast card were very artistic, reflecting the highest credit upon Bros. Vandyke and Brown, the eminent photographers, who executed the excellent likenesses of the W.M. and I.P.M., and also upon Bro. Matthews, who did the "litho" work. The loyal and Masonic toasts were pointedly given by the W.M., "The Health of the P.G.M. for W.L. and his Officers" being acknowledged by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O. In proposing "The Worshipful Master, Bro. James Teare Callow," Bro. I.P.M. Nelson said it was satisfactory to find that one had been chosen as W.M. who was so well fitted to fulfil his important duties. Bro. Callow fittingly responded. "The Past and Installing Master, Bro. Henry Nelson," was proposed in highly complimentary terms by the W.M. "The Officers of the Lodge" had respondents in Bros. H. Morris and W. Quayle; and "The West Lancashire Educational Institution" was eloquently acknowledged by Bro. R. Brown, W.M. 241, the Hon. Sec. Various other toasts followed. Several excellent glees, songs, &c., were given by Bros. Busfield, Queen, Quayle, Forrester, and others, Bro. Skeaf presiding at the harmonium.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1275).—On the 4th inst. the sixth anniversary banquet of this lodge was held at the Marquis of Granby Tavern, New Cross, at which Bro. Charles James Hogg, P.M. 1275, P.G.S., Treasurer of the lodge, was to have presided. Illness however prevented this esteemed brother from attending, and in his absence Bro. Keeble, P.M. of the mother lodge, was elected to the chair. The Vice-Presidents were Bro. Green, S.W. of the mother lodge, and Bro. Jobson. The President was supported on his right by Bro. Macdonald, S.W. 1158, Hon. Sec. and Preceptor, and on his left by Bro. P. M. Dille, the late Preceptor. Among the brethren present we observed Bros. Davidge, the late Secretary; Jardine, Jenkins, Nevins, Tong, Hutchings, Glosler, Davison, Turner, Catterston, Sherfy, of Boston, U.S., and Allcott, lately returned from a long residence in China. The banquet was admirably served, and did credit to Bro. Seager, the proprietor, and his staff of assistants. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to with the utmost cordiality. These were followed by the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Star Lodge of Instruction," which was coupled by the President with the name of Bro. Macdonald, their Hon. Secretary, who, in returning thanks, stated that fifty-two weekly meetings had been held during the year, at which the attendances had been 1401, giving an average of twenty-seven for each meeting, a result that had not been attained by any other lodge of instruction in London. The

funds had prospered during the year; they had received £18 2s. 2d., out of which they had presented £10 10s. 0d. to the Boys' School, and £1 1s. had been applied in individual charity, about £5 had been spent in furniture, and a balance of £1 12s. 2d. was carried forward. He thought that this state of affairs must be very satisfactory to all present, and as an officer of the Lodge of Instruction he begged to thank them for the cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast. "The Health of the President" was then proposed by Bro. Dille, and Bro. Keeble having briefly returned thanks, proceeded to propose "The Health of Bro. Macdonald," and to present him, on behalf of the brethren of the Star Lodge, with a mark of their affectionate esteem in the shape of a gold watch, a very handsome piece of workmanship manufactured by Bro. Gloster, and having engraved upon it (by Bro. H. L. Jenkins) the monogram of the recipient, and an inscription in his honour. The President said that knowing Bro. Macdonald as they all did, how energetic, how painstaking, how persevering, and at the same time how kind, considerate, and courteous he was, it was quite unnecessary for him (Bro. Keeble) to say anything to call these good qualities to their minds. For himself, he might say, and he believed they would all endorse the remark, that he himself was extremely proud of the position of the Star Lodge of Instruction, and of the large amount of knowledge it had been the means of diffusing, and the charitable good it had been enabled to do; and as Bro. Macdonald had been largely instrumental in obtaining these results, he and they could not but feel a great amount of esteem for Bro. Macdonald on this account, as well as having a separate affectionate regard for him on account of his more personal, kindly, and genial nature. The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. Macdonald, who was evidently affected by the reception of the toast, returned thanks for the honour that had been done him, and spoke very feelingly of his appreciation of the friendships he had made among them. Various other toasts, Masonic and otherwise, were proposed and duly honoured, and the brethren did not separate till a late hour.

Royal Arch.

BLACKPOOL.—CLIFTON CHAPTER (No. 703).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 22nd ult. at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool, when the following were present:—Comps. Ralph Landless, Z.; J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094, acting as H.; William McMurtrie, J.; J. Grime, S.E.; A. Viener, S.N.; H. Johns, P.S.; E. Gregson, First A.S.; J. B. Fisher, Second A.S.; J. Harrison, C. Caudwell, A. Wade, J. Eccleston, H. Bird, W. Parker, II. Raines, and W. Stewardson. The visitors present were Comps. T. Nevett, Z. 113; J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; S. Biddulph, 204; and Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 ("Freemason"). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and four brethren were ballotted for. Two of these being in attendance, they were exalted in a manner which did much credit to the working of the chapter. Three brethren were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. After "hearty good wishes" from the visiting companions, the chapter was closed in perfect harmony. An excellent banquet was subsequently served, but on account of the death of Comp. J. Crossley, H. of this chapter, all toasts were dispensed with except "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers."

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (time immemorial).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, on Wednesday, 29th Sept., when there were present Bros. John Alcock, W.M.; Jas. Horrocks, S.W.; Jno. Harwood, J.W.; Jas. Allen, S.O.; Thos. Holmes, J.O.; Henry Greenwood, J.D.; Samuel Barrett, I.G.; also the following P.M.'s:—Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master, Lancashire; Thos. Morris, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Robt. Harwood, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon; Daniel Stansfield, P. Prov. J.G. Deacon; Jas. Newton, P. Prov. G. Inspector of Works; Jno. Brandwood, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Wm. Hamer, and others. The lodge being opened and the minutes read and approved, two candidates were balloted for and elected, and one of them being in attendance (Thomas Dooley, M.M. 146) was advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master by Bro. Entwisle. This being the meeting for the election of W.M., the ballot was taken, and resulted in the election of Bro. James Horrocks, S.W. A candidate was proposed for advancement, and the lodge was then closed.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on the 1st inst., Bro. Monro, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. J. M. Olliver, S.W.; T. Graham, acting J.W. There was a goodly number of brethren present, members of the lodge and visitors. On the minutes being read and approved of, the ballot was taken for Messrs. John L. Barr and David Nicoll for admission into the ancient Order of Freemasonry, which proved favourable. The candidates then entered, and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., officiating in his usual efficient manner. The lodge was then raised to the F.C. and M.M. Degrees, when Bro. Murdoch McLean was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. David Lamb, D.M., officiating. This degree also was worked in a most admirable and impressive manner. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form, according to ancient custom.

RUTHERGLEN.—**LODGE ST. JOHN'S OPERATIVE** (No. 347).—The consecration of the new Masonic Hall for this lodge, recently erected in Cathcart-street, Rutherglen, will take place on Friday, 12th Nov., 1875, at 7 p.m. Bro. Colonel Campbell, R.W.P.G.M., will preside, assisted by the office-bearers of the P.G. Lodge, Renfrew, East. To prevent overcrowding it is arranged that admission be by ticket, none but Master Masons to be present. Dress, full Masonic. As circulars have been sent to the R.W.M.'s of lodges, inviting deputations, it is expected that a goodly number will be present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, of which Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley is the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, was held at the Mechanics' Institution, Hyde, situated about seven miles from Manchester, for the purpose of transacting the annual business of the province. The brethren from Birkenhead, Egremont, Seacombe, Rock Ferry, and other places on the shores of the Mersey, who attended in goodly numbers, were conveyed from the Central Station, Ranelagh-street, Liverpool, and arrived about twelve o'clock, somewhat late, but this was unavoidable in consequence of certain causes over which the railway company in this instance had no control. The Masonic province of Cheshire comprises the towns of Birkenhead, Chester, Stockport, Staleybridge, Runcorn, Congleton, Seacombe, Egremont, Newton, Macclesfield, Hyde, Nantwich, Northwich, Knutsford, Crewe, Cheshire, Sandbach, Marple, Altrincham, and other places, there being altogether about forty lodges, and each of these sent representatives, some in large numbers, to attend the annual meeting of the province. Besides the R.W.P.G.M., there were present about forty Provincial Grand Officers, about 360 W.M.'s, P.M.'s, officers and members of lodges in the province, and nearly fifty visitors from East and West Lancashire and other provinces. The town of Hyde, which is certainly not attractive in situation nor surroundings, wore quite a holiday aspect, banners and flags floating in nearly every direction, and at various points the motto "Welcome to Lord de Tabley" was displayed, this welcome being given especially by the members of the Lodge of Industry, Hyde, No. 361 (which sent sixty-one representatives), and the Clarendon Lodge, Hyde, No. 1166 (which sent seventeen). The annual meeting was held under the auspices of these lodges, but the committee entrusted with the arrangements do not deserve much credit in connection with these. Every brother was allowed to look after his goods and chattels as best he could, and the provision made for signing the Tyler's Book was simply ridiculous. One book was provided and placed on a form in the entrance from the street, right in the gaze of the wondering outsiders. This has occurred more than once in connection with these Provincial Grand Lodge meetings in Cheshire, but it is to be hoped the same thing will not again occur. A dozen folio sheets of paper and as many pens would greatly expedite the signing and save confusion. As scarcely half the brethren signed the book, and as there were no facilities given for getting names, we cannot give a list of those who were present.

Business was announced to begin at half-past twelve o'clock, and, shortly after that time Bro. Lord de Tabley opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, solemn prayer being offered by Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.O. Letters and telegrams of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. G. Cornwall Legh, D.P.G.M.; Bro. Lord Grosvenor, and others; after which the rolls of P.G. Officers and lodges were read. The minutes of the last annual meeting at Chester on the 17th September, 1874, were also read and confirmed, as well as the minutes of the committee of the Fund of Benevolence, held at Crewe in March.

Bro. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W., who moved the confirmation of the proceedings, explained that the votes of the Province of Cheshire for the last charity election had been lent to Warwickshire, but they would be forthcoming next month. There was no doubt they would carry their candidate at the next election, and he trusted that every lodge would send its votes signed in blank to the Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. Lord de Tabley said he thought they could not do better than re-appoint Bro. Capt. Cope, P.G.S.B. of England, the Chairman of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence. They must all deplore that Bro. Cope's absence was caused by the illness of a near relative. The re-appointment was carried unanimously.

Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M., in accordance with his custom in previous years, then addressed the brethren on the present position and prospects of Masonry in his province. It was to him a great happiness to be able to continue the same congratulation which he expressed last year in reference to the Craft in his division. Freemasonry was flowing on interruptedly in its prosperity—increasing in numbers, and he hoped increasing in the influence it exercised on the opinions of the society in which it existed. He had the greatest pleasure in seeing the lodges of the province over which he had the honour to preside so fully and numerously represented as they were that day; and it was also a source of satisfaction to him to have the welcome given to the P.G. Lodge in that north-east portion of the province—a welcome, he was sure, which would long remain green and fresh in their memories. He had before spoken of the care which ought to be exercised as to the respectability of those initiated into their Order, and he would again urge them to exercise this caution, striving not to secure mere numbers, but assuring themselves of the character and sterling worth of those they introduced. (Applause.) He would also say that, proud as he was of the number of the lodges over which he presided, he was above all anxious for the stability of those lodges in every part of the province. His conduct as P.G.M. must have been criticised when he hesitated to forward a petition to the

G.M. for a new lodge, but before forwarding it he was bound to consider whether there was a fair and reasonable ground for believing that that lodge would be steadily and permanently carried out, and that the warrant would not be tossed about after the promoters left the neighbourhood. He hoped his conduct in this respect would meet with the approbation of the brethren, and their charitable and kind indulgence. (Applause.) The minute books of the different lodges, he said, had been carefully kept, and showed considerable improvement; but he would remind the Secretaries of lodges of the necessity of stating in each case in the minutes, and also on the circulars, the cause for holding "Lodges of Emergency." The gift of a pulpit which they had last year made to the cathedral at Chester was still incomplete, owing to the whole of the promised subscriptions not having been received; but he was certain he had only to mention this to have the moneys paid up without delay. He had no doubt that he would soon be able to report that the pulpit, which was being erected under the direction of Mr. Gilbert Scott, would be one in every respect worthy of their Craft. (Hear, hear.) Their charities had again been very successful during the year, and they had succeeded in electing one old woman for the London Institution, and there was every prospect of their boy candidate being elected in October. He trusted that their charity in the future would enable them to be as successful in connection with coming elections, and he cordially urged the claims of all their charities on the hearty support of the brethren. His lordship then referred to the deaths of prominent members of the Craft in that province during the year, alluding specially to Bros. Cruttenden, Dr. Evans, Terry, and William Bulley, each of whom had done honour to Masonry.

The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. Ferdinando Jackson) said he was very glad to present a favourable financial report, notwithstanding the fact that last year they had voted very large sums. The balance at present to the credit of the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge amounted to £406 7s. 9d., and the sum of £1236 18s. 6d. was the balance to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence. The financial report was adopted, and Bro. F. Jackson was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, on the motion of the P.G.M., who referred to the excellent manner in which the duties of the office had been carried out.

Bro. G. W. Latham, P. Prov. G. Reg., then moved, "That a grant of 500 guineas be made from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of aiding in the purchase of a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; such grant to be on the condition that a sufficient additional sum be raised in the province to make up the amount required by the Governors of the Institution for such privilege." He stated that this was probably the largest sum which the brethren had ever been called upon to vote for charity, but he had no doubt they would cordially fall in with the proposition. The usual cost of a perpetual presentation was 1500 guineas, but the governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had generously agreed to reduce it to 1000 guineas. The raising of the other 500 guineas would take some consideration, but he thought a way was already seen by which the sum might be raised. (He also proposed that Bros. Horatio Lloyd, P.G.S.W.; J. Wood, P.G. Reg.; G. W. Latham, P. Prov. G. Reg.; and J. E. Williams, P.M. of the Cestrian Lodge, Chester, be appointed a committee to confer with the Governors of the Cheshire Educational Institution, and also with the Governors of the Boys' School, London, with reference to the matter.

Bro. H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. of England, seconded the motion.

The P.G.M. said it gave him the greatest pride and pleasure to put this motion to the brethren, and it had his most cordial support.

The motion was carried unanimously amid great cheering.

Bro. Lord de Tabley said he had received a letter from the D. Prov. G.M. (Bro. G. Cornwall Legh), asking him to express to the Prov. Grand Lodge how sorry he was that he was prevented from being present in consequence of the state of his health. He, however, hoped to be in his place next year, and take part in the proceedings.

The following brethren were then appointed P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—

G. Cornwall Legh	Prov. D.G.M.
Horatio Lloyd	Prov. G.S.W.
Captain H. A. Bennett	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. R. Hodgson	Prov. G.C.
Rev. J. S. Darvell	Prov. G.C.
F. Jackson	Prov. G. Treas.
J. Wood	Prov. G. Reg.
E. H. Griffiths	Prov. G. Sec.
J. E. Williams	Prov. G.S.D.
J. Hibbert	Prov. G.J.D.
R. T. Bowden	Prov. G.S. of W.
Wilmot Eardley	Prov. G.D.C.
P. Wadsworth	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Captain Arrowsmith	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Travis	Prov. G.O.
R. Sykes	Prov. G.P.
J. Swindells	Prov. G. Tyler.
J. Boardman, F. Broadsmith, M. H. Bradley, W. Berry, G. Hesketh, and J. Turner	Prov. G. Stewards.

Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.G.S.W., in a few well-chosen words, conveyed to the P.G.M. the pleasure felt by the brethren at his restoration to health, which would enable him to stay during the whole of the day's proceedings.

Lord de Tabley briefly acknowledged the kind expression of sympathy by the brethren.

The P.G.M. then presented Charity Jewels to Bros. C. Dutton, H. Bennett, Goodacre, and Matthews, which they received in consequence of serving the office of Stewards at the festivals in London in aid of the Masonic Schools.

A telegram from Bro. Romaine Callender, E.L., was read by the P.G.M., deeply regretting his inability to be present.

On the motion of the P.G.M. thanks were voted to the Rev. W. H. Lowther for the use of the church and the schools, and to the directors of the Mechanics' Institution for the use of that building.

After Lord de Tabley had intimated his intention of holding his next Provincial Grand Lodge at Knutsford, the business proceedings closed.

The brethren then formed in the usual order of procession, and marched through the streets to St. George's Church, headed by the Kingston Mills brass band, of which Mr. Reuben Taylor was conductor.

On arriving at the door of the church the procession halted, the brethren opening to the right and left, face inwards, to leave room for the P.G. Master to pass up the centre, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers; the P.G. Officers and brethren following in succession from the rear, so as to invert the order of procession. On leaving the church, the brethren observed the order of procession by forming as they were on halting at the door of the church.

The service was a special one, Bro. J. Travis, P.G.O., presiding at the organ. The processional hymn was the well-known "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the proper psalms for the day were sung to chants by Lawes and Fitzherbert, and the anthem was Dr. Goss's "The Glory of the Lord." The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Hodgson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, and at the close a collection was made on behalf of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, the amount realised being upwards of £22.

A banquet was served by Messrs. Jennison and Co., Manchester, in St. George's Schools, to which about 250 brethren sat down, under the presidency of Bro. Lord de Tabley. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Travis, P.G.O., who presided at the piano-forte, the vocalists being Bros. Edmondson, Stafford Dumville, Ball, and Roscoe.

After proposing the toasts of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," Bro. Lord de Tabley gave "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Earl of Chester, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge." The acceptance of the Grand Mastership by the Prince of Wales had, he said, given an impetus to Masonry which it had not received for many years. H.R.H. was about to enter on a lengthened journey, and he (Lord de Tabley) was sure the good wishes of the whole Craft would accompany him, and they would hail with pleasure his happy return to his brethren in England. "The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire," was proposed in happy terms by Bro. J. Wood, P.G. Reg., and received with tremendous enthusiasm. His lordship replied in equally felicitous terms, expressing his thanks to the officers and brethren in that province for the support they had given him. "Bro. G. Cornwall Legh, R.W.D.P.G.M., and the Other P.G. Officers" (acknowledged by Bro. H. Lloyd, P.G. S.W.), "The Visiting P.G. Masters and Officers," "The W.M.'s of Lodges 361 (Industry), and 1166 (Clarendon)," "The Visiting Brethren," "The P.G. Stewards," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons" were the remaining toasts on the list, which were got through speedily in consequence of the early departure of trains from this out-of-the-way corner of the province.

Obituary.

OUR LATE BRO. JOHN FREEMAN.

We called attention shortly in our last impression to the loss Freemasonry in Yorkshire and the Craft generally has sustained by the death of this worthy brother, and we now recur to his Masonic career. Bro. John Freeman was admitted at a comparatively late period into Freemasonry, but as an able correspondent of ours truly puts it, "this I always look upon as rather a compliment to our Order than otherwise. For it seems to me a much greater acquisition for our principles to win over a man of mature years and ripe experience."

Bro. Freeman, our correspondent goes on to say, "was a P.M. of the Harmony Lodge, 275, Huddersfield, which is not one of the least distinguished in the province, nor one in which it is very easy to attain that rank. He was also a P.Z. of the chapter, and P.Prov.G.R., and P.Prov.S.G.W. of the province."

Such, in the terse but lucid language of our correspondent, is the Masonic career of our late worthy and lamented brother.

It boots not here, in the pages of a purely Masonic journal, to recount his professional experience, or his public avocations. Bro. John Freeman was a very useful man in his time and generation, and one who worthily filled many important posts among his fellow citizens, especially those which related to his profession as a solicitor, and as a member of the well known firm of Brock, Freeman, and Battey. He was what may fairly be termed a self-made man, and had earned for himself the regard of a large and attached circle of friends, and the approval and respect of his fellow townsmen. Now that he has passed away from the home and circle in which he lived, and from the many posts of active labour which he conscientiously filled, there can be, and is, but one expression of regret for his loss, and appreciation of his many qualities of geniality, kindness, uprightness, and worth. He will be missed for some time, both in his profession and in the Craft, of which he was a faithful member.

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NORTH OF ENGLAND LODGES.

In the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion," printed for Peter Tait, James Brown, and John Tait, of Glasgow, in 1771, I find "an exact list of regular English Lodges, according to their seniority and constitution," from which I extract the following nine, being all that are named as then existing in the six northern counties:—

"41. King's Head, at Salford, near Manchester, 1st Monday in the month.

"51. Three Tuns, in Scarborough, 1st Wednesday, August 27, 1729.

"76. New King's Arms, at Leith, in Lancashire, February 22, 1731.

"93. A private room, in Bolton Lee Moors, in Lancashire, next Wednesday to every full moon, November 9.

"104. Red Lion, at Bury, in Lancashire, next Thursday to every full moon, July 26, 1731.

"117. Fencers, near Newcastle upon Tyne, 1st Monday, June 24.

"128. Fountain, Gateshead, in the Bishoprick of Durham, March 8, 1735.

"131. George in Tyth-Barn-street, in Liverpool.

"138. City of Durham, in Wallow-street."

I will be glad to receive any information, for my "History of Freemasonry in the North of England," regarding these or any other old lodges in the northern counties. Were they all acting under charters, or warrants, granted by the Grand Lodge of York? Or was the last on the list the lodge for which the Grand Lodge of London granted a warrant for Durham, in 1724? Now that much of the so called ancient history of Freemasonry must be dismissed with the Scottish verdict of "Not Proven," it is time that every true and faithful brother among us did his share to rescue from oblivion the true history of the Craft, which will then shine with more resplendent glory than ever. Whilst we have been cherishing myths we have been neglecting to preserve and make known the true history of our wide-spread and unrivalled institution.

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDELL

RECORD LODGE OF INDUSTRY, GATESHEAD.

Following up Bro. Hughs's clue to the meaning of "at Domaskin or at Forin," I venture to suggest an additional one. The ancient architectural remains at Gateshead point to the fact that there was a Roman settlement there. If so, what so feasible as that certain terms should remain in use and become part and parcel of the local dialect. If this were the case, "Domaskin" might be derive from "Domus" (Latin, house), with the addition of the Saxon "Maskewen" (a probable form of "maskewid" masked, fortified, or enclosed); whence "masken." Again, "Forin" from "Forinsecum," abroad (e.g.: "Forinsecum Maseticum"—Latin, a manor without a town's boundaries, and again "Forinsecum Servitium," "the payment of aid, scutage, and other extraordinary impositions of knight's service [see Bailey]), whence "at Domaskin or at Forin" might mean either "within the enclosed town or in the manor beyond it," or (and, perhaps, more probably) "within the tiled lodge or at another place of meeting."

As explanations, however seemingly far-fetched, may still be valuable as ultimately leading to results in sometimes unlooked for directions, I venture to add another, which is, perhaps, somewhat in accordance with my previously suggested explanation of "Highrodians." In Monkchester (Newcastle, just on the other side of the Tyne) there was a foundation of St. John; this (as the Roman as well as the Greek Church canonized both) may have been dedicated either to St. John the Almoner, otherwise St. John of Jerusalem, or to St. John Damascenus (who also lived at Jerusalem). Either, or both, may have been adopted as the patron of the "High Order" alluded to; St. John of Jerusalem is well known as the Patron Saint of Masons, as well as of Knights Templar (Manuel du Franc Maçon, p. 144.) St. John Damascenus also lived in Jerusalem, entering the Convent of S. Saba there in 730. As he was renowned as both orator and philosopher, it is quite possible that he, too, may have become the patron of the primitive, or mother, lodge held at Jerusalem.

It is just possible, then, that "Domaskin" may be a corruption of Damascenus or Damascene, and "Forin" of Conferens (the Distributor of Alms, or Almoner), whence we might explain the terms in question, either by the supposition that the "High Order" of "High-rodians" was dedicated to either St. John "Damascene" or St. John "Conferens," (or perhaps to both); or that the brethren of "Lodge Industry" were admitted into the "High Order," either "at Domaskin or at Forin," that is, on the feast-days of these saints, which were doubtless well known to the inhabitants of Gateshead, surrounded as it was by monkish foundations. In confirmation of this supposition your readers may be referred to a note in Mackey's "Lexicon of Freemasonry," Art.: "St. John of Jerusalem," p. 304.

WILLIAM TEBBS.

ROMAN CATHOLIC EXCOMMUNICATIONS.

Can any brother give me a reference to the Bull of Benedict XIV., published May 18th, 1751, beginning "Providus Romanum Pontificum," in an English translation?

I shall also be much obliged by a reference to the published allocation of Pius the Ninth, the present Pope, in which he condemns the Masonic body.

THE EDITOR.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLN-SHIRE.

As announced in our impression of last week the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire, was held at

Grimsby on the 30th ult. Preliminary to the proceedings of the day, the Prov. G. Mark Master, Bro. John Sutcliffe, entertained the brethren at breakfast at his residence. The first proceedings were the consecration of a new Mark Lodge, the Sutcliffe Lodge, which was performed in the Mechanics' Hall, by Bro. F. Binckes, the Rev. Dr. Ace delivering the oration, which specially dealt with the idea of "marks," which were used from the earliest times. At the conclusion of this ceremony the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was formed, Bro. Sutcliffe presiding. After the appointment of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master exhorted the Mark Brethren to interest and exert themselves in the cause of charity. A banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Royal Hotel, and the toasts were honoured in due course. Among the brethren present at the meeting were Bros. F. Binckes, James Terry, Thos. Perkinson, W. H. Prince, Dr. Harris, Dr. Ace, Watkins, Bland, Kirk, Watson, Bates and Gough. The Grand Lodge was well attended, and for so young a province exhibited signs of the strongest vitality.

THE CONGRESS AT LAUSANNE.

We publish the following from the "Daily Telegraph" of Friday week:—

A spirited reply to the attacks of the Vatican has been drawn up by the Freemasons at Lausanne, in a document which attracts a considerable amount of attention here. It is exactly such a declaration of principles as might have been made by the English Grand Lodge, thus proving that the alleged wide divergence between English and Continental Masonry does not exist; if it is real, at any rate, it is not apparent in this enunciation of principles. Freemasonry, the Ultramontanes are told, is an acknowledgment of a creative principle under the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. It places no limits on the search after truth; and it guarantees and exacts toleration. In its workshops it prohibits political and religious discussion. It receives all, even the profane, whatever be their religion or political opinion, provided they are personally free and of good morals. Freemasonry is opposed to all intolerance. It is a school, the programme of which may be summed up thus: To obey the laws of one's country, live in conformity with the precepts of honour, love one's neighbours, work incessantly to promote the happiness of mankind, and prosecute its progressive and peaceful emancipation. "Freemasonry," the address continues, "lays down the principle that the Creator has given us liberty as the most precious of all blessings; liberty, the patrimony of the whole of mankind, a ray from above which no power has the right to diminish or suppress, and which is the source of all feelings of honour and dignity. From the preparation for the degree to the attainment of the highest step in Scotch Masonry, the first condition, without which nothing is granted to the claimant, is an unblemished reputation for honour and honesty. To these men, for whom religion is a supreme consolation, Masonry says: 'Practise your religion without let or hindrance; follow the dictates of your conscience.' Freemasonry is not a religion; it has no form or worship; therefore it wishes for the establishment of lay education, and its doctrine may be summed up in the beautiful tenet—Love thy neighbour. To those who dread, with so much reason, political dissensions, Freemasonry says: 'I banish all discussions from my meetings; be for thy country a faithful and devoted servant; thou hast no account to render us.' The love of country, moreover, accords with the practice of all virtues. Masonry has been charged with immorality! Our morality is the purest morality, the holiest morality! It is based on the first of all virtues—humanity. The "Convent" proceeds to declare that its own meeting was sufficient proof of the catholicity of its principles. Its members, unknown to each other and from widely different countries, had no sooner met than fraternal hands were clasped and there were the utmost harmony and concord. Such are the laws, such the principles, such the mysteries of Freemasonry. "Against it calumny and insults will be unavailing." It is said that the success of the gathering at Lausanne has been so great that similar assemblies will be attempted hereafter. The next meeting is to be held at Rome under the presidency of the King of Italy, or at London two years hence, with the Prince of Wales presiding.

The "Standard" of Thursday week, which publishes the same address, adds the following "morceau" from the French "Pays":

"In point of fact, Freemasonry is nothing but a vast secret society, which, in spite of its assertion, dabbles in politics—and very unwholesome politics too. . . . It is not easy to understand why the Government tolerates the existence of that old-fashioned association; perhaps it is because its accessories are too grotesque to be dangerous. . . . There are among the masses a certain number of imbeciles who actually believe in the humanitarian humbug of the society, &c."

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

A large and distinguished party have been staying at Sandringham Hall, Norfolk, previous to our Royal brother the Prince of Wales's departure for India; and on Sunday the Prince and Princess, with the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Mr. Disraeli, Lord Colville, and other visitors, attended divine service in pretty little church in the park, when the Rev. Canon Birch preached in the morning, and was assisted in the service by the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, M.A., Chaplain to the Prince, and the Rev. E. M. Evans, M.A., of Waddesdon, Bucks. Canon Birch made allusion to the fact of the Prince's departure for India, and commended him to the thoughts

and prayers of his relations and dependants, trusting that the whole nation would earnestly offer up their supplications for his safe return. Service was again held in the afternoon, the sermon being preached by the Rev. E. M. Evans from Eph. iv. 4, 5, 6.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We regret to learn that Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, has been confined to his room for the last ten days with a severe throat affliction. It is feared that it will yet be some days before he will be enabled to resume business.

At a quarterly and election court of the Needlemakers Company held on Thursday, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, J.P. was unanimously re-elected Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Dr. Ramsay Wardens, and at the same court seven freemen were elected on and admitted to the livery.

It is understood that a testimonial is to be set on foot for presentation to Bro. Vine, the Lord Mayor's Secretary, on his retirement from the office he has so ably filled.

An emergency meeting of the Gresham Lodge, No. 860, will be held in the Banqueting Hall of Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, this day (Saturday), at 3 o'clock. A report of same will appear in our next.

Bro. Simeon Charles Hadley, Past Grand A.D.C., has been duly elected Alderman for the Ward of Castle Baynard.

The tender of Bro. T. Boyce for erecting a new building for the London School Board has been accepted. The cost exceeds £10,000.

At the Mutual Society's meeting, held on Tuesday last in the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, Mr. George Coulson James was seized with an epileptic fit, and died in less than five minutes. The deceased, who was a member of the legal profession, had just made a speech on the proceedings of the board.

Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, P.G.C., Provincial Grand Master for Devon, will dedicate the New Masonic Hall, at Bideford on the 13th inst. The proceedings will commence at 12.30 precisely.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Shaw, who is known as an able writer, is understood to have kept a diary of his official duties during his year of office. From this it is understood that some graphic sketches will see the light before the next Session of Parliament.

A Masonic Soirée and Conversazione in connection with the Dedication of the New Masonic Hall, will be held (by special dispensation from the Prov. Grand Master) at the Public Rooms, in Bridgeland, St. Bideford, Devon, on Wednesday next the 13th inst.

The Prince of Wales has appointed this day (Saturday), at three o'clock, for the reception of the address from the Corporation of London, preparatory to his departure for India.

A communication from Bro. Lord Carnarvon, Prov. G.M., to Governor Sir Henry Barkly, which appears in the Cape Town papers, points out that a construction has been placed upon some portion of the noble earl's recent dispatch with reference to the South African Confederation which a more careful perusal of the document would have shown to be contrary not only to its whole intention, but to the language actually used. His lordship, in the communication, then proceeds to indicate the mistakes which have arisen on the subject.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.—The marriage of Viscount Castlereagh, eldest son of Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, to Lady Theresa Talbot, eldest daughter of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire was celebrated in the private chapel of Alton Towers, Staffordshire, on Saturday. In addition to a large party of distinguished friends of the families, over a thousand of the tenantry of the Staffordshire, Shropshire, and Cheshire estates availed themselves of the opportunity of showing their respect for the noble earl and his daughter. The bridegroom was attended by Lord Hemsley, and the bridesmaids were Ladies Gwendoline and Muriel Talbot, the bride's sisters, and Miss Chetwind. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Armagh, assisted by the Dean of York, the Rev. the Hon. A. C. Talbot (great-uncle of the Bride), and the Rev. the Hon. W. Talbot. Luncheon was served to over a thousand persons in the Armoury. A magnificent wedding-cake was placed in the Talbot Gallery, which the bride duly cut, and shortly afterwards the newly-married couple left for Ingestre Hall, another of Lord Shrewsbury's Staffordshire seats, where they will spend a week, and then proceed to the bridegroom's seat in Kirby Hall, Yorkshire. The presents to the bride were very numerous.

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The following stand over:—

Letters from "R.W.O.," J. H. Jukes; D. W. Finney, P.M.; "A Quotation;" Reports of Prov. G.L. of Northumberland; Prov. G.L. Sussex; Prov. G.L. Cumberland and Westmoreland; Lodges 442, 1458, E.C.; Lodge 437; Chapter 73, S.C.; Prov. G.L. of Aberdeenshire, East; Masonic Banquet to Bro. Banlee; The Freemasons and the Railway Jubilee; Freemasonry in Tasmania; Thoughts on a Summer Sea, Bro. E. Holmes; Presentation to Bro. J. W. Fowler at Liverpool; Munificence of distinguished West Lancashire Brethren; Masonic Ceremony at Largs; Masonic Club in Glasgow.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 9, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

There is "nothing new under the sun," we know, and we equally have to realize every now and then, that there is nothing reliable in the current news of the hour. The "Times" having given a most elaborate list of the daily movements of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in India, and which appeared in the last "Freemason," turns round quietly to-day, and offers us the following laconic "Communiqué." "We are authorized to state that none of the programmes which have lately appeared regarding his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's Indian tour are accurate in their details. In fact, beyond Calcutta, nothing is settled, except that His Royal Highness will go up country, probably as far as Jummoo, visiting the Camp of Exercise at Delhi, and some of the native capitals of Northern and Central India." This almost puts us in mind of a Delphic oracular announcement, but we have thought it well to lay it before our readers. We shall not fail to communicate ourselves from time to time all the official and reliable information we can obtain of the expedition, which has such interest for our great English people, and not the least for our Masonic confraternity. May all of health and happiness attend upon our Royal Grand Master in his most interesting and important journeys.

THE EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

There is "a tide in the affairs of men," we are assured on great authority, and it seems that such a turn has taken place in the position and prospect of our Girls' School, that an extension of its educational good work is actually needed. Three plans so far are before us. The first comes from our worthy and well-known Bro. Joshua Nunn, and is very simple and straightforward. The following is his motion, to be submitted to the Quarterly Court:—"With a view to enable the Institution to accommodate a greater number of children, found necessary by the increase of applications (four-fifths of the applicants at the next election cannot be admitted for want of room), and the vastly extending growth of the Craft generally, with the circumstance that space cannot be obtained on the limited site of the present school, as it is so hemmed in by railway lines and buildings, and which at no distant period will be required (or partially so) for increased railway accommodation that year by year has extended since the school has been at Wandsworth. That, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand pounds (£25,000) be expended out of the funds of the Institution in the purchase of land, and the erection of a suitable school-house and buildings, to educate and support two hundred children, and to be so arranged that in the event of the existing school being removed, space be found for extending the same, so as to contain all the children under one roof." By this motion if carried, our brethren will see that £25,000 is to be spent on a new site and school for 200 children, in addition to the existing number of children, thus making, when the existing school is removed, the number of inmates 350. Whether 350 children can be accommodated with all the new requirements of educational establishments for £25,000, which sum is to include the purchase of the site, is, we think, *prima facie* a little questionable. But that is of course a matter of arrangement and detail. Bro. Joshua Nunn reckons on a large sum for the present school-house and land, when sold, but, as we understand, does not at present contemplate either the sale or the removal of the existing school buildings. Bro. J. A. Rucker proposes:—1st. "That in the opinion of this Committee it is advisable that arrangements be made for the admission of an increased number of children to the benefits of the institution;" and 2ndly, "That this Committee recommend that a Sub-Committee consisting of nine members, of whom not less than four shall be members of the House Committee, together with the Treasurer and Trustees of the Institution, be appointed, three to form a quorum, to consider and report to the General Court on the arrangements to be made for the admission of from thirty to fifty more children to the benefits of the Institution; that in case of need a Special General Court be summoned to receive such report, and that such report be read for information at any House Committee or General Committee that may meet between the completion of the report and the meeting of the (Quarterly or Special) General Court." The way in which Bro. Rucker proposes to give practical effect to these resolutions is, as we understand, to expend £10,000, and erect a preparatory school, from which the girls will be drafted in turn to the existing establishment, and both will be kept always full. Bro. Raynham Stewart proposes another plan, which is to utilize the existing infirmary, and to rent another house near, and to turn it into an infirmary with a proper establishment. No doubt Bro. R. Stewart's plan will give probably the most immediate help to our candidates, as he proposes to take in all approved candidates without ballot at once. But some subsidiary questions arise. What is the accommodation which the infirmary will give, at the most? And is it wise or safe to remove the infirmary to any material distance from the school? We understand that no ground can be obtained near the school for the purposes of extension, and therefore the new infirmary, if Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's motion be carried, must be at some distance from the school. Is this practicable or advisable? It seems that not long ago the girls were suffering severely from "umps," a very catching com-

plaint, to the number of forty, and formerly there were from seventy to eighty cases of scarlet fever, and it therefore seems to be an imperative condition for the infirmary that it should be as near the school as can be, to escape the difficulty of removing cases of infection any considerable distance. Such are the three schemes before us. If some arrangements could be made by which in the meantime the approved candidates could be dealt with, we should say, that would be most satisfactory to the Craft, and whatever decision the Quarterly Court may come to, we would impress upon it, for the sake of some who, if not elected now, will be left poor orphans in the wide world, that that plan will be most gladly hailed by our entire brotherhood which will ensure the benefits and blessings of this invaluable institution to all present approved candidates. It is possible that were we now to increase the accommodation so as to educate 200 girls, a plan might be matured for an enlarged building on a convenient site, whether for 200 or 300 girls, and in the meantime 200 girls would be actually educating, a great fact and blessing. When a new site is obtained and the new building erected, the girls could all be moved there once for all, and the present buildings and site would be sold, which would recoup the House Committee for much of their expenditure. We are looking more to the immediate wants of the Order, and claims of our poor orphans, than anything else, and we think that while Bro. R. Stewart's plan will afford the most immediate benefits to all alike, Bro. Joshua Nunn's plan is the plan of the future. Of course the practicability and advisability of Bro. R. Stewart's plan rests on the possibility of renting a house near for the infirmary. We shall await with great interest the result of Saturday's meeting of the Quarterly Court.

THE LAUSANNE MASONIC CONGRESS.

We are glad to hear, on the authority of the "Times," that this meeting has been a great success. We predicated success for the movement, and we are happy to hear that for once our anticipatory views have been realised. But the telegram concluded with a statement that the next meeting is to be in London or Rome. We feel at once what intense difficulties surround the question of such a congress in London, as far as English Freemasonry is concerned, and as far as relates to our Grand Lodge; and if the "difficulty of the situation," to use a term of the day, be successfully surmounted, then comes on another, and still more difficult question, *cui bono*? In the first place, we must bear in mind that the congress at Lausanne has been a meeting of the "Rite Ecossais," which answers in England to the "Ancient and Accepted Rite." Our Grand Lodge knows nothing, and can know nothing by its enduring and unchanging Constitutions, of any grades beyond the R.A. It would be impossible for members of our Grand Lodge to meet together in another "Rite," of which they are utterly ignorant, and with which they have no concern. Even supposing a congress could meet as "Master Masons," it could do no possible good, and could not have the slightest possible influence on our Grand Lodge. Happily, in England we have no points to discuss, and no difficulties to arrange. We prefer our own peaceful, and religious, and loyal system of Freemasonry to any other, and we do not approve of any admixture of foreign views of Freemasonry in our purely indigenous and Anglo-Saxon teaching and practice. We cannot even understand what such a congress could do while in England, the topics even it could discuss, the end of its meeting. It is hopeless to suppose, that amid the confusion of various systems abroad we in England are to be expected in any way to alter or accommodate our old, and long tried, and most successful organisation, whether in its formulæ or its outward manifestations, in a vain idea of uniformity of system and ritual. That is, we know beforehand, an utter impossibility, a chimera of chimeras. Our English system is so simple, so sensible, so straightforward, and so reasonable, that it commends itself alike to our feelings, our tastes, and our affections, and we would not exchange it for any other system, or in any way sap or weaken its fundamental principles. We speak here as much for Freemasonry

in Canada, India, and the United States, as for ourselves. We could not, for instance, weld it into any agreement, either with the Rite Ecossais, the Rite of Misraim, or any other foreign eclectic Rite, as we should, by so doing, lower its status of historical importance, and betray its position and prestige. But while we say this for ourselves, we have no doubt that the Rite Ecossais would be able to find a genial welcome and much of interest to themselves at Rome or elsewhere. Rome is full of attractions to the instructed Mason, and we cannot conceive a pleasanter fortnight than one spent amid its palaces, its churches, its galleries, and its ruins. While, then, we wish all success to any future congress at Rome or elsewhere, we have felt it our duty to point out, as far as Craft Masonry is concerned, its utter impracticability and unmeaningness as regards us and our Grand Lodge. It is true that there is an important body, both in England and Scotland, terming itself "The Ancient and Accepted Rite," and if so influential an organisation can see its way, in the interest of the High Grades, to hold such a gathering, by all means let it hold one. But we fancy that even it would find a difficulty. What is to become, for instance, of the "Priory of the Temple." As the French say, "sous tous les rapports," we feel persuaded that such a congress in London would be alike a waste of time and money, and would certainly not tend in any way to promote the cause of Freemasonry, but rather to excite many angry questions, and to arouse some burning controversies.

MASONIC JEWELS.

Some little question having been raised lately on this subject, we beg to point out to-day, the following as the law on the subject:—"No Honorary Jewel or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by and are under the control of the Grand Lodge as part of pure and ancient Masonry." The five-pointed star is in our opinion, clearly legal and admissible under this law. The square and compasses, old Masonic teaching used to say, belonged to the Grand Master, but his jewel, as decided by the Book of Constitutions, is "The compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points." The Deputy Grand Master wears the compasses and square united with a five-pointed star in the centre; the Past Deputy Grand Master, the compasses and square only; Provincial Grand Masters the compasses and square, with a five-pointed star in the centre. Such is the present law on the subject, and all brethren should confirm themselves to it, and avoid wearing any jewels in lodge which do not come within the clear definition of the Book of Constitutions. All Mark jewels and High Grade emblems are clearly illegal, and all W.M.'s should forbid any brethren to wear them, if members of the English Constitution.

MR. HORSLEY'S LETTER.

The Rev. Mr. Horsley, Vicar of St. Michael's, Shoreditch, has written a very friendly and able letter to us, which appeared in the last "Freemason." We commend it to the careful perusal of our readers, for it gives us this most important information, that the attack which has recently been made persistently by one weekly journal, professing to represent what are commonly called Ritualistic views, only represented, after all, the feelings of individuals, not of the section or body. Henceforth, therefore, we shall not assume that this school amongst us is hostile to Freemasonry; we shall always take care in future to point out, that such views, when expressed, are the views of individuals alone. There is this little excuse, we think, for our falling into the error to which Mr. Horsley fairly alludes, of mistaking a part for the whole, that for some time past the "Church Herald," from which we have often quoted, always distinctly declared, though it seems now without any authority, that it represented the Ritualistic, or as it called it, "The Catholic School." That

some individual members of that school agree with its violent and unnecessary denunciations of our loyal and benevolent Order is unquestionable, and we are very sorry to see any English clergymen, professing to belong still to a very tolerant Church like the Reformed Church of England, following in the wake of Rome's insidious attacks, or violent incriminations. But as we quite agree with Mr. Horsley that it is wrong for us to mistake the utterances of an individual for those of a body, we at once withdraw the statement, that the Ritualistic School generally denounced Freemasonry, as we for ourselves never could see why they should, and only put it down, as the Romanist kindly does to us, to the score of "invincible ignorance." We are very much pleased to be able to make such an "amende honorable," and to receive the assurances of the Vicar of St. Michael's, Shoreditch. In the meantime, the "Church Herald" is defunct, and we will say patetically, "peace to its manes." Thus then we see that the atmosphere is cleared a little around us. We have a violent Roman Catholic attack upon us, a Reformed Presbyterian accusation, a Baptist denunciation, some Anglicans very wordy indeed, and "full of froth," like the writer in the Roman Catholic "Month," and a few fanatics of differing bodies! But Freemasonry really has no fear and little concern for such assailants or such assaults. It is moving on, despite anathema and allocution, despite sermon and sensational lecture, despite the decrees of synods, and the resolutions of Anti-Masonic meetings, despite Baptist and Bunkum of any kind, and we believe will continue to move on. That it is a most useful and benevolent Order, its charitable efforts tell to all around; that it is and may be a means of much good in this suffering world of ours, we also venture to assert against all gainsayers. Like all human institutions it may have defects here, and weaknesses there, but look at it as a whole, "take it" as they say often now-a-days "all round," there are few purely earthly societies which come near it, for its general usefulness and its particular value! At a time when men's minds are irritable, and ceaseless controversies and divisions abound, when contest wax hot, and sensible and religious men are struggling for "trifles light as air," as if they were a matter of death and life, Freemasonry is preaching a sermon of absolute toleration. It is boldly declaring, at a time when some are so excited as to lose often the balance of justice and fair play, that the worst use you can put a man to is to "burn" him, and that we and all must agree to differ, as we are not judges of one another's creeds, and to his "own Maker" each one of us stands or falls. Surely such a society is valuable, and deserves the support of all cultivated intellects and ingenious minds. We thank Mr. Horsley and his reverend brethren for their friendly and sympathetic opinions of our much maligned Order.

A PLEASURABLE INCIDENT.

We publish in another column two very interesting and pleasant letters. They speak volumes for the mutual regard and fraternal sympathy existing between the brethren of a distinguished province and their noble head. The letters themselves tell their own tale, and need no note or comment from us. We think that they do equal credit to the heads and hearts of our Staffordshire brethren, and to our distinguished brother the Earl of Shrewsbury. Our best wishes will accompany the youthful and charming bride, who, the daughter of a Freemason, has married a "Lewis," the eldest son of our kindhearted and popular brother, the Marquis of Londonderry.

Original Correspondence.

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE, AND LIBER-
ALITY OF THE ORTHODOX GREEK CHURCH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By post I forward you a copy of "La Borsa" newspaper of 13th inst., containing an account of

a presentation, or, rather, an address on vellum, which was made to the Venerable Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church on the occasion of his kindly burying a brother of ours, viz., a Mr. Figari, an Italian advocate of Cairo, whom the Roman Catholics refused to bury because he was a Freemason.

The translation is as follows:—

"The Evangelic charity of the Venerable Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church suggested the idea to several Masonic brethren to present him with the following address, which was signed in Egypt by a large number of Freemasons of every nationality.

"TO HIS SANCTITY THE PATRIARCH SOPRONIOS.

"The undersigned Freemasons resident in Egypt, conscious of the good action of your Holiness when the Roman Catholic clergy refused burial to their respected Brother Figari (advocate or barrister), come forward to express the sincere thanks and respect they owe to your Holiness. The burial of our worthy deceased brother, through the means of the Orthodox Church, which is governed in Egypt by your Holiness, caused all worthy Freemasons to feel the effects, because it is in accordance with their institution to teach all men of the world who are sons of One Great Father to be tolerant, following the dictates of Jesus Christ.

"In you, true follower of Christ, and of His moral principles, we have found the noble philanthropic sentiments which are inculcated in the Masonic doctrine, sentiments which you profess with courage worthy of a great minister faithful to the duties of his mission (who studies to imitate our Saviour, Jesus Christ), to unite the knot of fraternity of all nations, always avoiding religious or party feelings.

"The Freemasons of Egypt fervently hope long life may be spared your Holiness, and pray to God that you may be protected to the glory of your throne for the benefit of the suffering humanity, which are divided, and cruelly persecuted, by some who call themselves ministers of Christ, but are only obstacles of light and lovers of discord.

"Accept therefore, your Holiness, the reverence of the undersigned Freemasons, who will ever have imprinted on their memory and in their hearts the recollection of your action, which is gratifying to the Great Architect of the Universe.

(Here follow the signatures of about 300 brethren.)

"The committee appointed to present the above address to his Holiness consisted of the following brethren:—

"DEMETRIO MOSCONAS, W.M. Pythagoras;
"E. H. BINGHAM, P.M.;
"L. D. MARIA;
"W. H. WELDON, W.M. St. John's, 919;
"J. ALUM JONES, Barrister;
"HENRY JEVON, Secretary St. John's, 919;
"A. ZACCA;

who had the honour to be received by His Holiness on Sunday, September 12th, 1875, at ten a.m., when, in response to the address, he replied as follows:—

"Gentlemen,—

"I thank you for an honour which I do not merit, because I have only performed my sacred duty—Si praecepta mea servabitis manebitis indilectione mea, si diligitis me mandata mea servate. The Greek Orthodox Church observes and maintains the precepts of Christ, is ever ready to assist, by His ministers, all who call for her protection. His Holiness then spoke on the great virtues of the deceased advocate brother, Figari, who was greatly respected by all who knew him, and concluded with the hope that one day all the Christian churches might be joined together as one under the Holy Symbol of the Cross.

"The committee then took leave of his Holiness and retired."

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

Sept. 25.

H. JEVON, Sec. 919.

[We publish the above with great pleasure from our worthy brother, Henry Jevon. We have seen "La Borsa."]

HUDIBRAS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a good deal amused by Bro. Bernard's dogmatical letter in your last impression. It seems a great pity, and to reflect little credit on our Masonic teaching, that hardly any one can write on the commonest subject without becoming personal. As the writer of the article, and the criminal quoter of the inculcated versicle, I venture to say, pace so learned a critic, that I happen to know my "Hudibras" as well as he knows it, it may be even better. But comparisons are "odorous." I used the verse as others have used it, better men than either of us, with no question or concern as to its correctness. I did not quote "Hudibras," at all, and so did no injustice to Butler's pleasant shade, but I used the words as a common saying to convey my meaning, which they did and do most appositely. For a long time every one who cares for such things has known that there was an error in the actual quotation itself, but as the popular proverb and popular version had great currency there seems to be but little use or value in being hypercritical. For myself, I can only say that the state of mind which the popular saying represents is not an uncommon one, and despite Bro. Bernard's learned disquisition, there is nothing absurd in the use of such words. Burke's concluding sentence may be reckoned equally "sublime and beautiful," but it looks here very like what the American called "greased lightning."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me through the medium of your columns to call attention to the proposition to be brought before the Quarterly Court on Saturday next, the 9th inst., for building and extending the above institution.

The increasing demand for admittance of children and the want of more space and accommodation for the daughters of our indigent brethren call for prompt action, especially as the funds are in hand, now lying idle, and which cannot be used for better purposes than making such extension.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

A VICE-PRESIDENT.

MASONIC TOKENS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir,—

Having seen a great deal of correspondence in your paper of late respecting the token commemorating the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, I feel much pleasure in forwarding a description of the one in my possession, and which is the only one I have ever seen.

The circular inscription is "Prince of Wales, elected G.M. 24th November, 1790."

In the centre is a shield divided by a chevron, composed of the square and compasses, between three castles. The shield supports a globe, surmounted by a dove with folded wings. The side supporters are two beavers.

The riband bears the motto: "Amor. Honor. Et. Justitia."

On the obverse is the circular inscription: "Sit Lux. Et. Lux. Euit."

In the centre is a right angled triangle, and on the three sides are the words "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty."

In the triangle is a Cupid pointing his right hand finger to the letter G, surmounted by the all-seeing Eye, from which rays of light are shedding downwards. The left hand supports a plumb rule.

At the base of the triangle is a Bible, mallet, trowel, square, and compasses.

The edge of the token bears the inscription, "Scotchley, Birmingham. Facit. Masonic Token."

It was presented to me in gratitude by a non-Mason in return for a trifling favour that I conferred on him.

I remain, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SAML. DUTTON, Sen. Sec. and Tr. 650, P.P.G.P. Essex.

MASONIC CLOTHING.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Correctness in clothing and insignia is, I consider, as desirable as uniformity of ritual and similarity of ceremonial.

In the Constitutions of symbolical Masonry the regulations for the former are clear and distinct, but in those for the Order of H.R.A. there exists some ambiguity, or rather a lack of precision. This is especially the case with regard to the regalia of Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Chapters. Let any companion study those regulations carefully, and at the next country chapter he attends let him examine the clothing and insignia worn by the members, officers, and visitors, and judge how far those regulations have or have not, in his opinion, been carried out.

Answers by some competent companion to the following questions would be of much service, and assist materially in establishing that uniformity so much to be desired:—

1. Description of apron of Second and Third Principals and other officers of Provincial Grand Chapter?
2. Device of jewels worn by Second and Third Principals of Provincial Grand Chapter?
3. Authority for collars usually worn by Past Officers of Provincial Grand Chapters?
4. If jewels are worn by Second and Third Past Principals of Provincial Grand Chapters. If so, device?
5. If jewels are worn by other Past Officers of Provincial Grand Chapters?
6. Colour of ribbon by which medal of Past Officers of Provincial Grand Chapters is suspended?

Yours,

PROVINCIAL.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In August last a distressed brother applied for relief from this lodge. He stated that he belonged to a lodge at Quebec, that he had been master and owner (or part owner) of a small vessel, the wreck of which had left him penniless; that he had lost his certificate when his vessel went down, that he had been picked up and taken to Dover, and had received relief there from certain magistrates, and also from a lodge (as set forth in a paper certifying to his loss, and purporting to be signed by such magistrates, &c.), that on his way through London he had received relief at Freemason's Hall, and that he was then on his way to Bristol to seek employment as a mariner.

We relieved him, but should not have done so had we been in possession of information which subsequent enquiry has given us, and which is at the service of any brother interested.

Yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM NOTT,

P.M. and Sec. 663; P.P.G.R. Wilts.

Devizes, 4th October, 1875.

(COPY.)

Lapley, Penkridge, 24th Sept., 1875.

Dear Lord and Brother,—

At a meeting of the P.G. Chapter at Tamworth it was suggested that, in consideration of many acts of kindness received from your lordship as P.G. Master, especially in your valuable support of the Masonic charities, and the kindness shewn to the brethren on the occasion of the Installation of the Prince of Wales, that an article of jewellery should be presented to your daughter, Lady The-

resa Talbot, on her marriage with Viscount Castlereagh, as a mark of respect from the Freemasons of the province. At a committee meeting held at Birmingham to-day we found it impossible to arrange for its presentation on the wedding day. Will your lordship please ask the Lady Theresa to kindly inform me if she will accept this testimonial, which might be presented at any time convenient to her ladyship when visiting at Allon or Ingestre after the marriage.

I can assure your lordship it is a great pleasure to me to make this communication.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

GEORGE S. TUDOR, Grand Supt., Stafford.
The Earl of Shrewsbury, P.G.M. Stafford.

Ingestre, Stafford, Sept. 25th, 1875.

Dear Bro. Tudor,—

I hardly can find words to express the deep sense of the honour that I consider has been paid to me and to my family by the kind intimation by you of the wish of the Freemasons of the province to offer my daughter, Lady Theresa Talbot, a present on the occasion of her marriage with Viscount Castlereagh. I am requested by the young lady to express her most grateful thanks, and to say how deeply she feels the compliment paid to her, and how proud she will be of a gift given by the whole province.

For my own part, I must state whilst immensely gratified by the kindness of the brethren, I am not surprised at their action, as it is only a continuance of the brotherly feeling which has been always shewn to me, and which, I trust, I thoroughly reciprocate. I will add that the pleasure is greatly enhanced by your having been selected as the brother who should convey to me the expression of the brethren's wish.

Believe me, Dear Bro. Tudor, Yours very sincerely and fraternally,

SHREWSBURY, P.G.M. Stafford.

To Bro. Tudor, Grand Supt. P.G. Chapter, Staffordshire.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. F. C. Moutrie in the chair. Very few brethren attended, but Bros. H. Browne, Jesse Turner, John Symonds, H. Massey, J. W. Dosell, S. Rosenthal, J. G. Chancellor, Hyde Pullen, Henry Dubosc, R. Spencer, and F. Binckes, Secretary, were present.

On the recommendation of the House Committee the brethren resolved to admit one lad (Brock) by purchase in January next. An additional vacancy in the school, caused by the death of one boy, was declared for the election of next Monday. Some petitions were received, and an outfit was granted to an ex-pupil. The Committee then adjourned.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1ST JULY, 1875.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
1st July, 1874.				
To Balance in London and Westminster Bank		304	15	0
" Do. in hands of Treasurer		6	6	0
" Receipts to 30th June, 1875		2000	0	8
		£2311	1	8

Cr.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Payments for Rent, Salaries, Wages, Furniture, Repairs, &c.		1307	18	5
" Deposit Notes		641	15	0
" Balance in Bank		358	5	3
" Balance in Treasurer's hands		3	3	0
		£2311	1	8

Examined and compared with the vouchers, and found correct,

(Signed) S. RAWSON, 31°.
G. LAMBERT, 31°.

1st July, 1875. BALANCE SHEET, 1ST JULY, 1875.

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
Cash in London and Westminster Bank	358	5	3
" Deposit Account	704	15	0
" in Treasurer's hands	3	3	0
£900 Madras Stock cost	1007	5	0
Library, estimated at	2057	16	1
Plate, valued at	276	8	6
Organ, valued at	300	0	0
Furniture and Appointments	1519	17	8
Leases:—33, Golden Square	1048	0	0
2, Upper John Street	925	0	0
Masonic Hall	1652	0	0
Cellarage	500	0	0
	£10,352	10	6

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Compounders, 31°, 32°, 33°—78 Members	579	12	6
Do. 30°—175 Members	727	7	6
Unappropriated	5	9	6
	£1312	9	6
Balance, being Capital	9040	1	0
	£10,352	10	6

(Signed)

KENNEDY & MEOG, Accountants,
11, Old Jewry Chambers, E.C.
H. CLERE, 33°, Grand Treas. Gen.,
33, Golden-square, London, W.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 15, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12. See Advt. Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.
Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. 11. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 12. See Advt. Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Stanhope Arms Upper James-street, Oval Road, Camden Town, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 933, Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
Supreme Grand Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.
Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. J. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

General Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-St., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

Lodge 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.

Supreme Grand Council, 30° and 33°, 33, Golden-square.
 Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

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

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

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction (1524), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

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

Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

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

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

" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

" 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, Craven-rd., W.

" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

" 1475, Peckham, Victory Tavern, Trafalgar-road, Old Kent-road.

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

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

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (127), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crowley, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction (808), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

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

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1436), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1489), Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston; Bro. W. Stephens, Prec.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Mark Lodge, 176, Era, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

Rose Croix Chapter Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square.

Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bro. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.

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

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

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M., 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M., 765, 879, Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 16, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.

" 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.

" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

" 721, Independence, M. R., Eastgate-row, Chester.

" 1021, Hartington, M. H., Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.

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

" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.

" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Mas. Rooms, Warrington.

" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.

" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.

Chap. 537, Zion, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.

" 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.

" 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.

" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Lodge 216, Harmony, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.

" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.

" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.

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

" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.

" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.

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

" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1213, Bridgwater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 16, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

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

" 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.

" 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch-winnoch.

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

" 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.

" 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

" 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

" 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.

" 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.

" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Kingston.

" 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.

" 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmuir.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.

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

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.

Chap. 113, Partick, Masonic Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.

" 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 203, St. John's Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.

" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.

" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.

" 31, St. Mary's Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.

" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Wellgate-street, Larkhall.

" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.

" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 471, St. John's, Stane Inn, Shotts.

" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Lodge 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Kilbride.

" 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 16, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, Writers' Court.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

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EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—The Egyptian Lodge met for the first time after the holidays at its old quarters, Anderson's Hotel, when some sixty brethren assembled. Bro. S. B. Lambie, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. John Green, S.W.; H. G. Buss, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Poole, P.M., Sec.; J. Walker, S.D.; W. O. Paterson, J.D.; W. Richards, I.G.; T. J. Maidwell, D.C.; Charles Atkins, I.P.M.; and Past Masters C. B. Payne, F. Harrison, H. T. Hoare, John Coutts, D. H. Jacobs, W. H. Libbis, and T. Sheppard. The work performed comprised the raising of Bro. John Riches, and the initiation of Messrs. Richard Adolphus Howell, Benjamin Young, and Robert Maidwell. At the termination of this business the brethren adjourned to banquet, at which they honoured the long list of toasts recognised by lodges, and the W.M. and brethren wished His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., a prosperous and happy journey to the East, with a speedy and safe return.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, when Brother George Everett, the W.M. of the lodge, presided. Bros. George Everett, jun., (son of the W.M.), Gilbert, and Osborne, were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Simmer, Jennings, Pierpoint, Pinhey, and Sherlock were initiated, the W.M. exhibiting much skill in the performance of these ceremonies. Brothers Thomas George Ell and John Kent were admitted as joining members of the lodge, and at the conclusion of the lodge work, the brethren, to the number of 104, sat down to banquet. The W.M., in proposing the first toast, said the toast of "Her Majesty" was always well received by all classes of her subjects, but more especially Freemasons, who prided themselves so much on their loyalty. Now that the Prince of Wales was about leaving us for so long a time, he trusted the Queen would emerge from the long seclusion, and appear more frequently in our midst. Such a proceeding on her part would be hailed with delight by all her people. In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," the W.M. said he was sure the toast would be received with more than ordinary interest on that occasion, it being just on the eve of his departure to India. This visit would necessitate his absence from his native land for upwards of six months, and, as our Grand Master, and the head of our noble institution, they naturally felt a deep interest in all his doings, as well as a certain amount of anxiety on his behalf. Since his advent to Freemasonry he had never failed to show his deep concern for the Craft, and they in return were bound to show the same feeling towards him. He trusted, and indeed he felt assured, that much good would result from this visit, and he was convinced the brethren round the table would all join with him in wishing His Royal Highness God speed on his journey and a safe return to his native land. The toast was received with much cheering. Bro. F. Kent, C.C., the I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," paid him a high compliment for the manner in which he was carrying out the duties of his office. He liked originality, and there was a good deal of that in their present Master. The toast was received with much heartiness. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Kent and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. Although they met so numerous, the kind attention they paid to the chair, and the ready assistance they rendered him on all and every occasion, made his duties very pleasant and comparatively easy. The toast of "The Grand Officers" was ably responded to by Bros. Josh. Smith and Adams; that of "The P.M.'s" by Bro. F. Kent. The officers each in turn made most excellent

replies to the toast of their health. Bros. Watts, Clark and several other brethren contributed by their excellent singing and reciting to the harmony of the evening, and a most splendid banquet was as usual ably superintended by the manager of the hotel, Bro. Smith.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The first meeting of this well-known lodge for the Masonic season just commenced was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday the 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Newman, W.M., supported by his officers, Bros. T. Cohu, S.W.; Charles Arkell, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M. and Sec.; E. Jones, S.D.; H. Legge, J.D.; F. Fellowes, I.G., and W. T. Rickwood, D.C. The lodge having been duly opened, the following brethren were passed to the Second Degree—viz., Bros. E. C. Scholes and T. T. Hampton. The business in the agenda having been disposed of, a letter was read from Bro. J. Hordern Jukes, P.M. 120 and 892, P.P.G.W. Herefordshire, presenting to the lodge, through the hands of Bro. George Kenning, P.M., an Ancient Masonic Apron, together with the certificate of a brother named Jonathan Smith, who was initiated in this lodge in the year 1801, at a time when the lodge did not possess any distinctive name, but was known by the number, 258, and the sign of the house where it was held, viz., Northumberland Arms, Artillery Lane, London. The apron is in good preservation and most interesting as regards its antiquity, the three great attributes of our excellent institution, viz., "Faith, Hope, and Charity," being beautifully delineated on the kid, with the Bible and compasses, and other Masonic devices. The certificate is dated Nov., 1801, bears the signature of Bro. Robert Leslie, as G.S., and Edward Harper, D.G. Sec. It need scarcely be said that the presentation was received with great interest by the members present, and the thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. Jukes for his great kindness in presenting to the lodge these ancient relics of the lodge in bygone days, and we are glad to hear that the lodge intend to confer on the said brother an honorary membership. We regret to note that since the last regular meeting the lodge has sustained a loss by death of two of its well-known and valued P.M.'s, viz., Bro. W. Goodyer, Treas., and Bro. F. Trott; and also two other of its members, well-known and much respected, Bro. Sidney Spencer and Bro. S. Muggeridge. This bereavement to some extent could not fail somewhat to cast a gloom over the pleasures of the evening. The lodge having been closed and adjourned in due form, the brethren banqueted in the large Pillar-room, at which the W.M. presided, when all the usual loyal Masonic toasts usually given on these occasions were most ably rendered; the visitors present, who were numerous, gave a most hearty response to the toasts, so heartily proposed by the W.M. The Tyler's toast, according to time-honoured custom, brought a most agreeable meeting to a close. Amongst the members present were Bros. Geo. Abbott, P.M.; Geo. Kenning, P.M.; E. Roberts, P.M.; E. King, P.M.; J. Mayo, T. Barker, W. R. Baker, R. E. Bright, S. Haynes, J. Curle, W. Smale, S. T. Lucas, G. T. Smith, S. Edwards, W. F. Poulton, E. C. Alfatt, W. Alfatt, B. Jenkins, T. Perrin, J. H. Fuller, Geo. Bartholomew, W. Elliott, T. Fisher, G. H. Gillam, W. Medwin, H. A. Pratt, C. J. Benson, W. Cotter, T. B. Charlesworth, Geo. Hall, A. G. Marks, Charles Cann, A. Lewis, Henry Davis, R. G. Dixon. Visitors—C. R. Smith, 87; J. Copstick, P.M. 809; H. Roberts, 45; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; H. B. Dunn, 28; T. H. Cox, 1445; H. Russell, T. B. Yeoman, 1460; E. Ledbury, 656; W. Chames, 1423; J. H. Webster, 1309; W. T. Farthing, P.M. 55; G. M. Felton, J. Morton, P.M. 1056.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was very fully attended. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., W.M., presided, supported by his officers, as follows:—Bros. George Harrison, S.W.; Southwood, J.W.; Darby, Treas.; George King, jun., P.M., Sec.; H. Hollingsworth, S.D.; J. Sandilands Ward, J.D.; Goodacre, I.G.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Cubitt, P.G. Purs.; J. G. Defries, 45 and 1278; Robert Grey, 259, Deputy Master to the Prince of Wales's Lodge; W. Morgan, 1358; Ballard, 511; Nuttall, West Kent Lodge; Atkins, I.P.M. 27; John Green, 27; H. Thompson, P.M. 177, 1158, and 1426, &c. The lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, when the minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Hall was most impressively raised to the Third Degree, the W. Master's interpretation of the ritual being in his usual excellent style. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, and Bro. Foote was passed to the degree of a F.C. Two candidates offered themselves for initiation, they were Mr. Gifford Thomas Salmon and Mr. Adolphus L. Rosenthal, and the ballot being unanimous in their favour, they were admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ritual being most ably rendered by the W. Master. At the conclusion of the ordinary business the W. Master said he rose with great pleasure to perform one of the most pleasing duties which could devolve upon the Master of the lodge, which was the presentation to the lodge of a portrait of Bro. Hervey, painted by Bro. Baron Tetterborn, of Liverpool-street, King's Cross, who was present that evening. It was a portrait of a most worthy brother, who was always ready to do a good action, and at the right time and in the right place. As their brother initiates might not be aware of it, he told them that it was a portrait of one of the most distinguished members of the Craft, a man whose virtues were so well known to the Craft that they needed no eulogium from him, and his only object was to place his good qualities in a strong light, but that was almost unnecessary to those who had the honour of his acquaintance. For this valuable present they were indebted to Bro. Southwood, their worthy Junior Warden, and the picture represented one of the brightest characters to be found in the Order of Freemasonry. He was not only known for his

genial and amiable virtues, far and wide (and all who knew him estimated his character), but for the assistance he was ever ready to render to others. He (the W. Master) had seen him that day, and he was not sorry that he was not then present to hear what he said, for in his absence he could speak of him with greater freedom; and he said a more estimable man than Brother Hervey he never had met with in his life, for his equal temper, his great judgment, and his willingness to extend the hand of friendship to every brother who required his assistance. He had been for many years the Preceptor of the Lodge of Emulation, and at all times he was ready to assist with his advice and instruction the youngest member of the Order. He was known by all for the kindness of his heart, and therefore he need not detain the lodge with a detail of his good qualities, but he felt sure that he could not say enough of him, for any one who applied to him for his advice or assistance never applied in vain. It was with pleasure that they received this portrait, and the lodge had every reason to be glad that the Board of General Purposes had permitted them to have possession of that of so distinguished a member of the Emulation Lodge, and when younger members looked upon the lineaments of his kind and placid face, and read the inscription that was placed under it, he hoped that it would stimulate others to go and do likewise. He was proud that the duty of unveiling the splendid portrait of Bro. Hervey, painted by Bro. Baron Tetterborn, had fallen upon him. It was no slight honour and pleasure to receive it in that lodge, and the inscription at the foot of it would always keep them in mind that it was Bro. Southwood that they were indebted for it, and he was sure that it must always be a great pleasure to the brethren to have such a beautiful work of art displayed on their walls. The Worshipful Master then by a slight motion unveiled the portrait, and there was a spontaneous expression of opinion that Bro. Tetterborn had achieved one of his greatest triumphs of art, for he had not only secured the features but the exact expression of the worthy brother, and it was unanimously pronounced to be a work of fidelity, for which the artist was entitled to the highest praise. The inscription attached to the portrait was as follows:—"The W.V., Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, &c., of the Grand Lodge of England. Presented to the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, October 13th, 1875 by Bro. J. H. Southwood, Junior Warden." It may be worthy of remark that this first-rate work of art, with all its fidelity of details so splendidly executed, was produced from a small carte de visite, and during the many months that Bro. Tetterborn was engaged on that work he never once received a sitting from Bro. Hervey. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to Simpson's Hotel, in the Strand, for the banquet. At the conclusion the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was heartily responded to. The W. Master said the next toast he had to give them was "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons," and on the present occasion they wished him "God speed." Their hearts were with him on his journey, wishing that he might enjoy himself in India, and that he might speedily return in renewed vigour, and that for many years he might remain at the head of the Craft. On this occasion he thought they ought to couple with the toast the health of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, who, as a loving wife, had accompanied him on a part of his journey. The toast was cordially responded to. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." On this occasion he had not much to say as to the Pro Grand Master, but he knew that he was most willing to occupy the position assigned to him, so that between the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master nothing would be wanting in Grand Lodge when the Grand Master wished them to act in his place. They had present with them that night two Grand Officers, Bros. Grey and Cubitt. He had known Bro. Grey for many years, he did not like to say for how many years, as that might make Bro. Grey as old as himself, but he might say that he had known him from his initiation. Bro. Grey was then a very young man, full of energy, had filled every office. He (the W. Master) was struck with the energy he displayed in the Lodge of Emulation, for there he filled every office, worked the sections, and did everything that it was possible for him to do, and in due time he received his reward, as he wore the purple, and at the present time was Deputy Master to the Prince of Wales Lodge, and on that occasion they were called upon especially to do honour to Bro. Grey, for whom he had a sincere respect. As to Bro. Cubitt, he was well-known to all the members of the lodge, as he had filled the office of Grand Pursuivant, and he hoped the brethren would do honour to them that night. Bro. Grey, Deputy Master to the Prince of Wales's Lodge, said whilst he was in the robing room he heard one of the brethren tell one of the initiated that he was expected to make a speech ever so long, and, therefore, any speech on the part of the Grand Officers must necessarily be very short. The Worshipful Master had been pleased to speak kindly of him and of their early associations when they worked together, little thinking when they were side by side that they should wear the purple together. It was one of the greatest pleasures to him, as a Freemason, to visit that lodge, and see his old friend Dr. Hogg sitting in the chair. The W. Master then, in an eloquent speech, in which he dwelt upon the antiquity of the Order, and its great novel effects upon the happiness of mankind, proposed "The Health of the Initiates," which was duly responded to. Bro. Grey then said that the privilege had been given to him by special favour to propose a toast which had been intrusted to his hands, but which he regretted had not been confided to

abler hands who would be able to do more justice to it, which was "The Health of the W. Master." He then proceeded to speak of him in complimentary terms, and said he could speak of his working in the lodge of Emulation, and the many acts of charity which daily and hourly characterised his Masonic life, and if he spoke of him for hours he could not exhaust the enumeration of his good qualities. He asked the brethren to drink the health of the W. Master, wishing him long life, health, and prosperity, and he congratulated the lodge in having such a Master to preside over them. The toast was enthusiastically responded to. The W.M. said he thanked Bro. Grey from his heart for the kind and brotherly way in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had responded to it. As regarded his humble endeavours he should be happy to do his utmost to make that lodge one of the best in the Craft, and he hoped that he should then deserve all the praise that Bro. Grey had said of him. The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," for which Bro. Cubitt, P.G. Purs., returned thanks, and alluded to the excellent portrait of Bro. Hervey presented to the lodge, and said that when it should please the G.A.O.T.U. to remove in substance Brother Hervey, they would have a correct resemblance of the original left to them. As the visitors had been so kindly received it would be a great inducement to them to come again. The next toast was "The Press," for which Bros. Thompson, P.M. 177, and 1158, and 1426, and Morgan, returned thanks. The W. Master gave "The Health of Bro. Baron Tetterborn, the painter of the portrait of Bro. Hervey," for which that brother returned thanks, stating that he never had a sitting from Bro. Hervey, and had produced the picture from a carte de visite, and although he had been a Mason for 20 years he had never painted a portrait of a Freemason before. He thanked them sincerely for the honour they had conferred upon him. The Past Masters of the lodge were given for which Bro. Hyde Pullen responded, congratulating the lodge that the seed he had sown some years ago had produced such abundant fruit. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in the most harmonious manner, and in the true spirit of Masonry.

ST. CLEMENT DANES LODGE (No. 1351).—At the installation meeting of this lodge on the 7th inst., at Bro. Carr's, King's Head, Strand, Bro. D. Betts, W.M. presided, and having initiated four gentlemen into the Order, and performed other Masonic work, installed Bro. Stewart as Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed to assist the new W.M. were Bros. C. Livett, S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; Parker, P.M.; Treas.; W. Hilton, P.M.; Sec.; H. Porter, S.D.; Wigg, J.D.; Butler, I.G.; Perryman, D.C.; Barnes, Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Archer Farre, of the Waterloo-road, was elected a joining member of the lodge, and the brethren afterwards celebrated the installation of the W.M. at a banquet. Bros. Joseph Smith and W. Ough, P.G.P., responded to "The Grand Officers" toast, and Bro. Betts, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." In doing so he said he wished him every happiness which he himself had had during his past year of office. If the W.M. could have the same happiness when he surrendered his emblem of power to his successor he would feel the same gratification as he (Bro. Betts) then felt. There were many things required to make love and harmony in a lodge. The W.M. might sometimes do all he could, but if the brethren did not show their anxiety to do the same, all his efforts were of no avail. He (Bro. Betts) had had nothing of that kind to complain of, and he had had the pleasure of installing in the chair that evening a brother who would endeavour to win the hearts of the brethren, and at the same time shed lustre on his office and on Freemasonry. Speaking not for himself only, but for every brother around the table who had not the privilege of an intimate acquaintance with the W.M., he could say he was a brother to be respected. He had had a long and close knowledge of him, and had found that not only was he an excellent Mason, but a good and true man. He could honestly call him his "dear old friend of many years." He would not enlarge on his private virtues, because the brethren knew them as well as he, but he might say that in whatever position of life he was placed he had shown that he was aware of the duties that therein devolved upon him, and performed those duties as a true Christian and good man. His pocket (thank God! he had an ample pocket) was always open to the relief of the poorer brethren he came in contact with, and his heart was as large as his pocket. The brethren had seen how he had that night presided over the lodge, and it was unnecessary to say any more about him. He could only wish him all the prosperity and happiness he could wish himself, and he (Bro. Betts) wished that when the W.M. laid down his gavel he would have health given him, prosperity and happiness, all the blessings of life. The brethren had elected him as their W.M., and they could not give him a higher certificate than that. The W.M., in reply, said that he must thank the brethren very much for their kindness, and Bro. Betts for the very flattering way in which he had spoken of him. Indeed, Bro. Betts had said a great deal about him that he scarcely knew of himself. Perhaps it was as well for men or brethren passing through life that they should not know all about themselves, but let others find it out. That appeared to have been the case with Bro. Betts, who had found out a great deal more about the W.M. than the W.M. knew. He (the W.M.) did not care what he found out about him providing it was creditable to Freemasonry, and that he had done his duty in the station of life to which it had pleased God to call him. What Bro. Betts had said of him he had said from the kindness of his heart, the genuineness of his disposition, and his very strong friendship for the W.M. But to the brethren he would also return his best thanks for the heartiness with which they had received what Bro. Betts had said. Two years ago he (the W.M.) had not the slightest idea of going into the chair. His health was then in such a state that

he thought it his duty to send in his resignation as a member of the lodge. Owing, however, to Bro. Betts and the P.M., his resignation was not accepted, and he (the W.M.) felt now deeply indebted to the brethren that his resignation was not received. His health after that improved, and after a few months he was able to resume his position in Freemasonry, and join his brethren with that love and harmony which had characterised them since the formation of the lodge. Having been placed in the chair by the brethren's suffrages and good will, he promised that he would do his very best for the Craft for the promotion of the brethren's comfort and happiness, and for the advancement of the lodge. After the toast of "The Visitors" had been drunk and responded to, the W.M. gave "The P.M.'s," and after passing a high compliment on all the P.M.'s for the energy they had shown in advancing the best interests of the lodge, said he was more concerned then with the I.P.M., Bro. Betts. They were all very proud of him. Bear in mind he was a son of their own. He was born in the St. Clement Danes Lodge; he was christened there, vaccinated there, educated there, he arrived at maturity there, and they all knew the rapid progress he had made in the science of Freemasonry since he had attained his majority. In four short years he had passed through all the offices of the lodge, and had occupied the W.M. chair. He had attained to the third chair in Royal Arch Masonry: he had become a member of the Board of General Purposes; and he had crowned all by installing that night, in a way never to be excelled, the W.M. All honour to Bro. Betts for his proficiency, and for the eminence to which he had attained. He (the W.M.) had been asking himself since sitting there what had been the mainspring of action and the moving cause which had urged Bro. Betts in the noble Craft, and he had come to the conclusion that it was first of all his love for Freemasonry. He believed Bro. Betts loved Freemasonry for its own excellence, that he loved its principles, and felt that he was under some slight obligation to the Craft for being placed in his present position. When he first took office in that lodge Bro. Betts pledged his honour as a man and his fidelity as a Mason that he would render himself efficient for the various offices that he would have to sustain. He (the W.M.) would appeal to the brethren now to testify how ably he had discharged his obligation. That he had performed his duties in a way well pleasing and acceptable to all of them they had admitted in a more substantial way than by merely expressing it in so many words. On the last occasion they voted him a jewel, which he (the W.M.) held in his hand, and which, with their permission, he would now present. To Bro. Betts: In the name of this lodge, I attach this jewel to your breast, not only as the expression of their kindly feelings towards you, but as a mark of merit and approbation for the very able and efficient manner in which you have discharged the duties of your office. I am sure you will wear it with pleasure and with profit. May you long continue to do so; may you live many years to come in and out amongst us as a P.M. of this lodge, to cheer us by your smile, and aid us by your counsels; and when by the inscrutable wisdom of the G.A.O.T.U. you are removed from this sublunary abode, may you ascend to the Grand Lodge above where the world's G.A. lives and reigns for ever." Bro. Betts said, although no tongue could adequately express his feelings, he would be quite unworthy of the kind expressions which had fallen from the W.M., if he did not thank him for his kindness, and the brethren also for the way in which they had received it. The W.M. of a lodge might do whatever he pleased to promote the interests of the lodge, but he would be a very sorry figure indeed if he was not well supported. He had endeavoured to do his best for the lodge, which he had found united in the closest bonds of friendship, and this had aided him a great deal. For the glittering jewel just placed on his breast he thanked the brethren very much indeed, and he was very proud of it, as testifying to the brethren's opinion of the way he had performed the office of W.M. But there was that which they had given him which could not be bought, and which he could not thank them sufficiently for, which was the cordial friendship and kind assistance they had always shown him. More than this; he had initiated many brethren into the Craft, and eight of them had given him £5 5s. each when he was Steward for the Boys' School. He did feel proud of his lodge, and he would say there were very few lodges in the kingdom of which the W.M. could say he had been so well supported. He would always feel affection for the lodge. In that lodge he was initiated; in it he had initiated his son; the eldest son of his dearest sister; and he hoped they would love it as much as he did. The other toasts were given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. Among the brethren present were Bros. Duncan Harrison, Butler, Porter, Hilton, Hamilton, Parkes, W. Hall, J. Child, J. K. Metherell, and J. Mott. Bros. Harwood and Blamey were the principal musical brethren of the evening, and they contributed some charming glees, &c., to the general enjoyment. Bro. Barnes was Organist.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—An exceedingly strong muster of the members of this lodge took place at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 5th inst. There were present Bros. Gardner, W.M.; Everett, W.M. (Domestic), S.W.; Koch, P.M., acting J.W., in the place of Bro. Harry Painter, deceased; Drysdale, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Page, P.M., &c., Treas.; Higgins, acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Mann, P.M., acting Sec.; Kohler, A.W.S. The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by P.M. Drysdale and his officers, raised Bro. Rogers, passed Bro. Stranger, and initiated Mr. J. W. Brooke. Mr. R. Whinham was balloted for, and Bro. F. Trotman (742) admitted as a joining member. A sum of £5 5s. was voted to Bro. Stuart, P.M., Sec., and a vote of condolence passed to the widow of Bro.

Painter, J. W. Bro. Page, P.M., having informed the lodge that Bro. Pope, P.M., had presented the lodge with two ceremonial chairs and "firing" glasses, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Pope, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Mann gave notice of motion that the entrance fee should be increased from six to eight guineas. Several minor matters having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, most elegantly served by the new caterer to the lodge, Bro. Trotman. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the toast "The Queen and Craft and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He alluded to the departure of the latter for India on the 11th instant, and hoped that both the Prince and the inhabitants of the great Indian empire would be greatly benefitted by the visit, and concluded by wishing H.R.H. "God speed" and a safe return. The other toasts followed in quick succession. Bro. Koch, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. Gardner briefly replied. The health of Bro. Brooke, the initiate, having been given, that brother made a most appropriate reply. Bros. Whitley, P.M. (Strawberry Hill), and Palmer, S.D. Domestic acknowledged the health of the visitors, and expressed the gratification a visit to the Kennington Lodge always afforded them. The toast of the Past Masters was responded to by Bros. Koch, Page, Mann, Drysdale, and Pope. Bro. Walls having contributed a ballad, the W.M. proposed, in most complimentary terms, "The Health of the Minor Officers of the Lodge," and in particular congratulated the lodge upon having so good a S.W. as Bro. Everett, who, as W.M. of the Domestic, was "gaining golden opinions from every one." This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Everett, Reeves, and Walls, on behalf of the other officers, absent and present. Bro. Longstaffe, the Tyler, having discharged his duty, the lodge shortly afterwards separated until the 1st Tuesday in November.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation meeting of the Great City Lodge was held on Saturday evening, Oct. 9, at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was most numerous attended by members and visitors; but with a view of lightening the work for this day an emergency meeting was held on the previous Saturday, when Bros. Durrant, Rowe, Lisle, Lord, and Goodman were raised to the Third Degree; Bros. Skinner, Hartley, Lockett, and Clark, were passed; and the following were initiated:—Mr. William Edward Thompson, Mr. John Wynne, Mr. Emanuel Horace Cadot, and Mr. Henry John Bertram. Mr. William Edward Thompson was, by permission of the W.M., initiated by his father, Bro. Henry Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1151, and who is a member of this lodge. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, W.M., presiding; Bro. J. H. Townend (W.M. elect), S.W.; and Bro. Seax, J.W.; and all the subordinate officers were present. There was a large body of visitors present, and some of them came from very distant places. The first business was to initiate Mr. Everett into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which was performed in the W.M.'s usual careful manner, and at its conclusion Bro. James Hamilton Townend, P.M. (W.M. elect), was presented to receive the benefit of installation. Although this was attempted by Bro. Headon for the first time, he installed his successor into the chair in a manner which elicited the highest commendations. After receiving the usual congratulations and salutes, the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Seax, S.W.; Staneray, J.W.; Bleckie, S.D.; Catchpole, J.D.; Preston, I.G.; Freeman, Treas.; Moody, Sec.; Hamer, D.C. Hook, Org.; Jenkins, Assistant Org.; C. Taylor, S.S.; Kibble, J.S.; and Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Headon then delivered the usual addresses, and at the close he was greeted with loud cheering. The report of the Auditors of the accounts for the past year was received and adopted. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., said before the lodge was closed he wished to call their attention to a subject which was well worthy of their consideration, and that was the way in which Bro. Headon had discharged his duties, not only in the past year, but from the very commencement of the lodge. He need not tell them, as they were all well aware of the great gratification with which he had met them on every occasion, and from his gentlemanly manners and examples he had won the good opinion of all, not only as their Worshipful Master, but as a man. Their feelings, however, were expanded when they found their Worshipful Master so punctual in his attendance, and by his beautiful interpretation of their ritual he had added the greatest dignity to the ceremonies performed in the lodge. He was not merely a technical expositor of Freemasonry, but by the gentlemanly, moral, and dignified conduct he had displayed the lodge had attained a most distinguished position, for while those high qualities had been observed, at the same time he had carried out the traditions of their Order in spirit and to the letter. In the case of the worthy brother who had just retired from the chair, his one great idea was the prosperity and welfare of the Great City Lodge, for from him it first originated. It was true that this was done in conjunction with Bro. Moody, their worthy Secretary, and other brethren who were the founders of the lodge, but they were about to pay honour to the one from whom originated the great idea which had been so admirably carried out, and which it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to permit them to see. The brethren, therefore, took that opportunity of testifying to his zeal in the work by asking the acceptance by Bro. Headon of a graceful tribute of esteem for him as the first originator of the lodge, and for the dignified and kind manner in which he had carried out the duties in the past year. He was sure that if he spoke for half an hour he could not express the silent feelings which played round their hearts, but he might say, at the same time, that his modesty was equal to his good qualities. He presented him with that watch as a token of their affection and regard, but he would carry with him, both in his private

and public life, that which was dearer than gold, and that was the unbounded esteem of his brother Masons. He hoped and trusted that he would enjoy good health and all other blessings, but when it should please the Great Architect of the Universe that he shall be called away from this sublunary lodge he trusted these presents would be an earnest of the higher prizes which were to be obtained in the Grand Lodge above. He then asked Bro. Moody to read the address in conjunction with the present of the watch he then handed to him. Bro. Moody, the Secretary, then read the address, which was splendidly illuminated and handsomely framed and glazed. It was as follows:—"Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. Great City Lodge, No. 1426. To Bro. Nathan Bryant Headon, P.M., member of the Board of General Purposes. Dear Sir and Brother,—The members of the Great City Lodge being desirous of showing their high appreciation of your eminent services as the originator and one of the founders of the lodge, have much pleasure in presenting you with this address, and the gold watch, value 50 guineas, which accompanies it. They desire specially to record the fact that it was entirely owing to your persevering energy that the Most Worshipful Grand Master ultimately granted the warrant for the formation of the lodge, and they also take the opportunity of bearing testimony to your intelligent interpretation of the ritual of Freemasonry." Then follow the signatures. Bro. Headon, who was evidently taken by surprise at this presentation, remained silent for some moments, and appeared quite overcome by the warmth of the sentiments expressed towards him, at length said—Worshipful Master and brethren,—I really do not know how to express myself to you; I can only say I thank you. The fact of this presentation was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and after some other matters had been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-hall for refreshment, where a splendid banquet was served, under the superintendence of Bro. Lord, the manager of the Terminus Hotel. The cloth having been drawn, grace was sung by Messrs. Bernard, Daniels, Morgan, and Bamford. The W. Master then said that amongst all the talents with which the G.A.O.T.U. had blessed him there was one that he was not possessed of, and that was speechmaking. He should, therefore, not worry himself or bore the ears of the brethren by attempting to make a speech, but get over the business as quick as he could, so that they might all get home in good time if they chose to do so. In a few pithy sentences he gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with great heartiness, and followed by the National Anthem, Mr. Bernard taking the solo parts, and Bro. W. H. Hook, the Organist, presiding at the pianoforte. The W. Master said the next toast was "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." In one of the charges delivered to Masons they were told that "monarchs themselves have been promoters of the arts, and have thought it not derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, have patronised our mysteries, and even joined in our assemblies," and although they often had a prince of the blood as a member of the Craft, yet they now once more had as the head of their Order the Prince of Wales, heir apparent to the throne, who by his social and genial qualities had endeared himself to all, and particularly to Freemasons, and those who had witnessed his installation at the Albert Hall would never forget the ability with which he presided and the able manner in which he appointed his officers of Grand Lodge on that occasion. Most sincerely did he (the Worshipful Master) hope that it would be a considerable time before he would be called upon to ascend the Throne of England, and sorry indeed should he be if anything were to happen to Her Majesty; but when it should please the Great Architect of the Universe to call her away, he felt sure that the Prince of Wales would give satisfaction to all classes of the people, as he had hitherto done to the Craft. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, followed by the song of "God bless the Prince of Wales," but with a new verse, written and sung for the first time by Bro. Hook, the Organist of the lodge:—

"O'er sea and land we follow,
With heartfelt joy, to own
Our Royal Prince, and trust that he
May journey safely home.
Our Worshipful Grand Master,
Each brother's voice now hails,
With hearty wishes good, and prays,
God bless the Prince of Wales."

This new verse of the national song was highly applauded. In proposing the next toast, "The Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G.," the W. Master said it was well understood, when the Prince of Wales undertook the office of Grand Master, that, in consequence of the numerous duties devolving upon him, he could not at all times attend the Grand Lodge, and therefore a Pro Grand Master was appointed, the Earl of Carnarvon, who had himself done good suit and service to the Craft. As the Royal Prince was now about to visit foreign parts his place would be supplied by the Earl of Carnarvon, and he had no doubt that he would well fulfil all the duties the Craft required of him. The toast was cordially received. The next toast on the list was "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." Bro. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, in responding, thanked the brethren, on behalf of Lord Skelmersdale, for drinking this constitutional toast, and after a few other observations he alluded to the position of The Great City Lodge. To use a common expression, the lodge's heart was in the right place, and he said that it was not often that the man who originated an idea had the honour of carrying it out, and he gave as an illustration of his argument that the first lifeboat was the idea of a poor man of Shields, who afterwards died in the workhouse,

while others came after him and carried it out. He had visited Ireland lately, he had been to Dublin, Limerick, and other places, and he there found Freemasonry greatly on the increase, but they had regard to quality and not to quantity. They were cautious there, and so they ought to be. Still, he spoke of Masonry as having a great mission in the world. They should show that its principles were to uphold truth and morality in the government, in the Church, and in the body politic throughout the world. It was its mission to help to build up the social fabric and make man what he ought to be, and worthy to enter a mansion beyond the skies. Brother Headon, I.P.M., said in the usual way it devolved upon him to propose the next toast, which was "The Health of the W. Master," but as he should have frequent opportunities of speaking in regard to him, and as one of his oldest friends was present—he meant Sir John Bennett—he was going to ask him to put the toast before the brethren, for at the next meeting they might not have the opportunity of having Sir John present amongst them. Brother Sir John Bennett said he really rose with some trepidation, as he was a little out of order, and especially as he had to follow a distinguished orator like their Chaplain, Brother Simpson, but an Irishman was expected to be an orator. That night he might say it was no little pleasure to him to find one of his oldest friends installed as W. Master of The Great City Lodge. He had known him from his cradle, and had seen him in and out for the last 30 years, and as he was now at the head of such a distinguished body as the Great City Lodge, it was a great honour for him to be present on such an occasion. He knew their W. Master was fond of a joke when it came in the right place, but he could also be serious in a right cause, and he knew that he was willing to undertake all the responsibilities of his office. Now he (Sir John Bennett) was never one who could treat in a light spirit the great objects of Freemasonry, as he knew from its antiquity that it had played no insignificant or unimportant part in the history of the world. He had thought over the history of mankind for the last 3000 years, and although in Rome there were bright days, yet in the darkest hour of the darkest ages, when the privileges of freedom were at their lowest ebb, the little lamp of Freemasonry preserved the light and spirit of freedom, and it is now scarcely known for how much of what they now enjoy mankind is indebted to Freemasonry. They had the benefit of what had been done by Masonry, and men had carried it forward like a string of beads from generation to generation, and so it had come down to them in the present day. It had preserved a great principle, and his old friend, who then sat in the chair, was one of a line of men whose influence was so great and so potent in the great object of promoting the welfare of their fellow creatures. The past was but an earnest of the future, and within the walls of the Craft they would send out worthy successors to make their fellow men more happy and more useful members of society. Brother R. J. Simpson denied the soft impeachment of Sir John Bennett as to his being an Irishman, as his father was born in Canada, and he had only been a temporary sojourner in that country. He was therefore indebted to Sir John Bennett, only for the country he had assigned him. The W. Master said he thanked Sir John Bennett very heartily for the very complimentary manner in which he had spoken of him, but he thought his friendship had blinded him to his faults, and he had only put the bright side before them. He might say that he always made it a principle never to undertake to do anything but to do it to the best of his ability, and he might also say that some twelve months ago, when there was a probability of his being elected as W. Master, there was a war of elements in his mind whether he should go on or not, but there predominated an amount of ambition in the prospect that he should obtain the chair of the Great City Lodge, and he had looked forward to it with pride. As the ritual to which he was accustomed was different to that used in that lodge, and they did not work in the manner he was used to, he should have some difficulty in unlearning what he had already learnt, and if any little discrepancy should now and then occur he hoped they would pardon him. He trusted that when his year of office had expired he should go out of the chair with the same esteem and respect they had given to his esteemed predecessor, Bro. Headon. The W. Master, in giving the next toast, "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, Bro. N. B. Headon," said the manner in which he had worked the ceremonies and interpreted the ritual during his year of office had been an admirable one, and had elicited encomiums from all classes and visitors, and he had endeared himself to all by his kindly disposition and the assistance he was at all times willing to render. He was the first to put his hand into his pocket, and as to his charity, he had proved himself to be a man and a true brother. He had received a substantial mark of esteem in the lodge, as a token of their appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had worked the ceremonies, and although others might be equal, they could not be superior. He was sorry that he had gone out of office, for he had always listened to his working with pleasure. He had much gratification in placing the jewel voted by the brethren on his breast, and he hoped for many years he might wear it, and he might say that if ever a brother deserved a Past Master's jewel, that was Bro. Headon. Bro. Headon, P.M., said their kindness had quite overpowered him. He had never risen before in The Great City Lodge but with pleasure; that night it was with pain, for after what had been done in the lodge their kindness that night had quite overpowered him. He was prepared to receive the Past Master's jewel, but not such a mark of esteem as he had received in the lodge, and as long as he was connected with it he would do anything and everything in his power to promote its interests. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony. The musical arrangements were under

the direction of Bro. W. H. Hook, the Organist, assisted by Messrs. Bernard, Daniels, Morgan, and Bamford, and gave the highest satisfaction. As an earnest of the W.M.'s promise at the commencement of the evening, the business was brought to a close, and the Tyler's toast was given, before ten o'clock.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHUNT.—**GRESHAM LODGE** (No. 869).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Cheshunt, Herts, on Saturday last, W. Bro. A. C. Wylie, P.P.G.S.B., W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. John E. Grocott, S.W.; W. H. Etherington, J.W.; the Rev. Charles E. Mayo, M.A., Chaplain and P.G. Chaplain; F. D. R. Copestick, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Walter E. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.G.P. Secretary; E. G. Pottle, S.D.; T. C. Chapman, J.D.; Thomas Stephens, I.G.; C. B. Cheese, S.; G. Gilchrist, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. William Bradstock, King Harold (1327); J. K. Young, P.M. (1327); Charles Cuthbertson, Egyptian (27), and Bro. Massey ("Freemason"). To the large section of Freemasons who desire to see all purely Masonic ceremonies performed in private rooms the removal of this lodge from the Swan at Waltham Cross to the Banqueting Hall of Cheshunt Great House will be hailed as a step in the right direction. And, indeed, by all it must be acknowledged that it is very seldom, if ever that a lodge has had the good fortune to secure such a home as has fallen to the lot of the Gresham Lodge. Saturday was the first occasion of their assembling at Cheshunt Park, and we never remember to have witnessed the impressive Masonic ceremonies performed with greater effect than in the atmosphere of olden time which seemed to pervade the place. For the information of those of our readers who unacquainted with this relic of antiquity, we may say that it is supposed to have been erected in the time of Henry VI., and was parcel of the revenue of John Walsh of Cheshunt, who devised it to Sir John Moore, father of the celebrated Lord Chancellor Moore. The greater portion of the original structure has been pulled down; the portion that remains consisting of a large hall and apartments to the north, with a vaulted crypt beneath, formerly used as a chapel, and is said to have been paved with embossed tiles. This house was one of the residences of Cardinal Wolsey; and it is by the kindness of Bro. Mayo, himself a lineal descendant of that great man, that the Gresham Lodge has acquired such an unique lodge-room as the Banqueting Hall makes. It is thirty-seven feet long by twenty-two wide, and thirty-six high; it has an arched gothic roof supported by ribs of oak or chesnut, with wainscoted sides, and floored with a tessellated pavement of black and white marble. Around this grand old room hangs a valuable collection of family and historical portraits, with several scriptural and historical compositions by old masters. Over the cavernous fire-place hangs a fine portrait of the great cardinal in a beautifully carved oak frame, surrounded with cherubim and flowers, and surmounted with a bishop's mitre. In front of this, on a carved pedestal, is an extremely ancient shirt of chain mail—so ancient as to be now a very ragged shirt—with neck piece of apparently later date. Higher up on the wall is a large family piece of the second Sir John Shaw and family, by Sir Peter Lely, and we are told that one of the little girls there represented is the great-great-grandmother of Bro. Mayo. There are several other suits of armour. Some of serviceable black plate, we presume the armour of actual warfare, show, by the dints upon them, that they have saved both head and heart from bullet and axe. There are others of gayer, though, perhaps, not less serviceable kind; possibly for jousting purposes, or to adorn as well as protect some knight with "swellish" tastes. Many banners, scutcheons, and ancient halberds, crossbows, and lances adorn the walls, and render the hall of the greatest interest to the antiquarian. Here, also, is to be seen the identical chair in which the "splendid prelate" reclined and cogitated upon those schemes of ambition which made him so remarkable and so dangerous a man. Among the portraits are to be found those of Sir Hugh Middleton, Cromwell, James II., William II., and Mary, his Queen; the Earl of Orrery, Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, Philip of Spain, Lucius Carey, Lord Falkland, Fairfax, Charles I. (a very fine portrait by Vandyck), Charles II., Queen Ann, Archbishop Laud, Archbishop Juxon, and many others. We have said enough, however, to show how extremely interesting a home has been acquired by the Gresham Lodge; and we expect that the fact of their meeting there will be a great inducement to Freemasons living in the neighbourhood of Cheshunt, to become members of the lodge. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the W.M. rose and said that he thought that their first duty, and the very least they could do, was to thank Bro. Mayo for his kindness in placing this fine old room at the disposal of the lodge, and, therefore, he proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to that effect. He was quite sure that the kindness and care with which the room had been arranged for their benefit must be evident to all the brethren present. The vote was seconded, and carried unanimously. Bro. Mayo: Worshipful Master and Brethren, I can only say that I am too happy in having it in my power to give you the use of this room, and I thank you for your kind acknowledgments for it. I can only say further that I think you have said too much about it. Mr. William Layton, proposed by Bro. Forsyth, seconded by Bro. Copestick, P.M., and Mr. J. R. Rignall, proposed by Bro. Mayo, seconded by Bro. Wylie, W.M., were then ballotted for, and initiated, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Gompertz, P.M. and Sec., who, being, as we understand, the father of the lodge, was gracefully invited by the W.M. to perform the ceremonies on this occasion, which marks an era in the history of the lodge. The ballot was then taken for Bro. G. F. W. Mugliston, M.D., I.P.M. 1421, as a joining member, and Bro. Dr.

Mugliston was declared duly elected. The ordinary business being ended, the W.M. said that observing that Bro. Hunt (the landlord of the Swan, where they had met for so many years,) was now present, he would take occasion to assure him that the removal from his house had been made solely in the interests of the lodge, and not from any dissatisfaction with Bro. Hunt's arrangements; but because several of the local gentry objected to join a lodge that met at a house of public resort. He knew that Bro. Hunt had always done all that he could for the comfort of the brethren, and he assured him that they all desired to avoid hurting his feelings, and had only made the step they had taken purely in the interests of the lodge itself. They all felt towards him personally in the kindest manner. He therefore proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Hunt for what he had done on behalf of the lodge, and trusted he might be spared for many years to come among them as a member of the lodge. Bro. Hunt: I thank you sincerely for your vote of thanks. I have done my best for the prosperity of the Gresham Lodge. I believe I am the oldest member of the lodge. I hope I shall continue a member for many years to come. I shall always do all I can for its benefit, and I may say that nothing could please me better than the change you have made. I thank you very cordially for the vote you have passed. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. The brethren adjourned to the Green Dragon, where dinner was served in an admirable manner, and heartily enjoyed by all present. During the repast, by favour of Bro. Etherington, band master to the Band of the 41st Middlesex Volunteer Corps, the brethren were entertained with some good music from the band referred to, who occupied an adjoining room. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in the heartiest manner. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. said that H.R.H. would start for India on Monday, and that there was no doubt that his visit would do much to consolidate an Indian possessions, and help to cement a good feeling between us and the native princes, and be an additional bond of union between the two countries, and he thought it behoved us all to wish the Prince 'God Speed' in his journey, and a safe return. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the band played "God bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Halsey," whom he described as a man full of energy, full of youth, well pleased with the position he had attained in the province, receiving lustre from that position, and reflecting light on all connected with him. He always received them with kindness, and he (the W.M.) could certify that Bro. Halsey, not only readily consented to their changing their place of meeting, but stated that he thought they were greatly indebted to Bro. Mayo for the manner in which he had placed the hall at their disposal. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers past and present." There were present Bros. Gompertz, and F. F. Copestick, and last but not least, Bro. Mayo, Provincial G. Chaplain. He should couple Bro. Mayo's name with this toast. He was very proud that Bro. Mayo was a member of the Gresham Lodge, for that in honouring him with the office of P.G. Chaplain honour had also been conferred on the lodge. Bro. Mayo having returned thanks, the I.P.M., Joseph Copestick proposed "The Health of Bro. Wylie, the W.M.," of whom they had reason to be proud for his energy as a Mason and his amiable qualities as a man. Bro. Wylie, W.M., Brethren, I thank you for the very kind manner in which my health has been proposed and responded to. I think that Bro. Copestick has given too flattering an account of myself. I feel myself very imperfect. My absence from England has interrupted my attending to my Masonic duties; this you have kindly excused, and my place has been ably filled by Bro. Copestick. There is one matter I will call attention to, and that is the disadvantages under which Freemasons labour in Russia, as in that country no secret society is allowed to hold meetings, and I have thought the matter well over, and have come to the conclusion that in these days of advanced thinking it might not be out of place to memorialise the Russian government—on behalf of British residents—to allow them to hold their Masonic meetings. I know that it would be a great boon to our countrymen if the concession were made, and I think that the time has arrived when they should agitate for it. The W.M. proceeded to propose "The Health of the Initiates, Bros. Layton and Rignall," coupled with the name of Bro. Layton, who responded. "The Health of the P.M.'s," "The Visitors," "The Press," &c., which were all warmly responded to, but our space will not admit of our including these speeches in this report. The whole business of the lodge, and at the banquet table, was carried out in the ablest and most kindly manner, and we think we may safely say that there was not present a single brother who did not thoroughly enjoy the whole proceedings of the day.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—SKELMERSDALE CONCLAVE (No. 77).—The regular meeting of this conclave, undoubtedly the most successful in this province, took place on Monday, 4th October, at the Masonic Temple, 22, Hope-street. The M.P.S., Em. Sir Knt. Cottrell, took his seat upon the throne at 6.30 p.m., and was supported by the following officers and about twenty Sir Knight Companions:—Em. Sir Knts. H. Jackson, Viceroy; J. T. Callow, P. Sov.; Nelson, P. Sov.; T. Ashmore, P. Sov. and Treas.; Sir Knts. Quayle, as High Prelate; Corbyn, Recorder; R. H. Evans, Prefect; Garrett, Orator; Burrows, Herald; and others. Both the Senior and Junior Generals were absent. The room presented a most brilliant appearance when filled with the Sir Knights wearing the beautiful insignia of this Order. After the usual routine business had been

transacted, the M.P.S., Em. Sir Knt. Cottrell, proceeded to install Bro. Richard Reader, of Lodge 292, as a Knight of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and his installation was duly proclaimed by the Herald in the E. and W. The beautiful oration upon the watchwords of the Order was given by Em. Sir Knt. H. Jackson, V.E., in a manner truly eloquent and effective, and the historical oration was given by Sir Knt. Quayle, as H.P., with much impressiveness. On the motion of Sir Knt. H. Jackson, V.E., the sum of three guineas was voted from the funds of the conclave towards purchasing a Past Sovereign's jewel for Em. Sir Knt. J. T. Callow, as a slight recognition of his valuable services in connection with the conclave. After the muster roll had been called, the conclave was closed with due solemnity by the M.P.S. The Sir Knights subsequently sat down to a banquet, and when the cloth was removed, the M.P.S., Sir Knt. Cottrell, proceeded to give the usual loyal and chivalric toasts. In responding to the toast of "Our Chivalric Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate," Sir Knt. J. K. Smith, Ill. Dep. Int. Gen. W.L., said he was very pleased to see the great progress the Skelmersdale Conclave was making, and he was sure that the Ill. Int. General, Lord Skelmersdale, would learn with pleasure of the advancement that the Order was making in the province, and particularly in the conclave which bore his name, as he knew that his lordship took a great interest in the success of this chivalric and knightly Order. The "Newly Exalted," Sir Knt. Richard Reader, in responding to the toast of his health, expressed in well chosen terms the gratification he felt at being admitted a member of the Order, and also expressed himself as having been much pleased and impressed with the ceremony, and particularly with the oration which had been so ably given by the Viceroy, Sir Knt. Jackson. The harmony of the evening was much increased by the excellent songs of Sir Knts. Garrett, D. Smith, Nelson, Cottrell, Jackson, Quayle, and others.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 33).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this most flourishing lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance (as usual) on this occasion, upwards of seventy having signed the sederunt book, amongst whom were Bros. T. Fletcher, P.M.; J. McMillan, P.M.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; J. B. Young, S.W.; D. Horn, J.W.; T. Dalzell, Treas.; John Dick, Sec.; Brownlie, S.D. After the minutes had been read and approved of, in accordance with a motion read at last meeting, Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., called upon Bro. Bickerton to give the brethren some information respecting his motion relating to the Scottish Benevolent Institution. Bro. Bickerton informed them that he had supplied Bros. Bell, R.W.M.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; J. B. Young, S.W.; D. Horn, J.W.; and J. Dick, Sec., each with a copy of prospectus of Bro. Harriott's scheme for the said institution, and he had no doubt that at a future meeting these brethren would give them their opinion, with a full explanation. The following candidates were then brought in, and received the F.C. Degree at the hands of Bro. T. B. Bell, the ceremony being gone through in a most efficient manner, Messrs. Robert McNab, H. Hamilton, and A. M. Morrison. Bro. D. Horn then brought forward his motion for raising the initiation fees from four to five guineas. In support of this motion Bro. Horne, in a most able manner, pointed out the many advantages and great effect this would lead to in raising the status of Freemasonry, combined with the strict examination and care of whom were admitted into the Order of Freemasonry; he said Freemasonry was for a noble purpose, and none but those that were noble minded and of a strict moral character could carry out the ancient landmarks of this our most ancient and honourable Order. After a few remarks from Bro. D. M. Nelson, and Bro. Mayberry, in support of the motion, it was carried unanimously. The brethren were then called to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, enlivened with a few most excellent songs. Among the toasts, Bro. D. M. Nelson, with his usual kindness, proposed "The Press," coupled with the names of Bro. Bickerton and Bro. Stuart. This, with the last toast, brought the evening to a close, everyone enjoying themselves most pleasantly.

GLASGOW.—LODGE DRAMATIC (571).—The regular meeting of this young and flourishing lodge, was held at 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Wednesday the 6th inst., at 3 p.m., Bro. W. E. Dobson, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. H. W. Jackman, S.W.; Wm. Sivewright, J.W.; W. D. Vallane, D.M., and other officers. For the hour there was a good attendance. Among the visitors were Bros. G. W. Bainham, Lodge Athol 413; J. M. Oliver, S.W. Lodge 360 Commercial; W. Anderson, R.W.M. Paisley; Mitchell, R.W.M., Lodge St. Mark 102; D. Horn, J.W., Lodge St. John 33; Brownlie, S.D. Lodge St. John 33; Munro, J.W., Union and Crown 103, and others. On the minutes of last meeting being read, which were approved of, the following gentlemen were admitted and received the E.A. degree, viz., Messrs. Thomas Leslie and G. R. Weir, Bro. Dobson officiating in a very efficient manner. Bro. Dobson, R.W.M., among his very many kind actions for the benefit of the Lodge Dramatic and Freemasonry in general, then presented to the lodge two most handsome Warden's Columns, placing them in front of the Senior and Junior Wardens, which was received with acclamation. Bros. J. W. Lunn, of Lodge 116, Airdrie, and G. W. Bainham, Lodge Athol, 413, were then affiliated with this lodge, Bro. W. E. Dobson, R.W.M., officiating. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft, when Bro. Laurence, Rankin Mitchell was passed to the F.C. Degree,

Bro. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M., Lodge St. Mark, No. 102, officiating in his usual efficient manner. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

[Several reports of Glasgow lodges, unavoidably crowded out, will appear next week.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.—The Provincial Grand Master having, during the last six weeks, been constantly moving about, trusts that the W.M.'s, Brethren and Secretaries in the Province will not think that he has intentionally neglected to answer their kind invitations, which he has lately received; but in some instances they were not forwarded and received until after the day appointed for the meeting.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Mrs. John Bowler desires to return her grateful thanks to the numerous kind friends whose good offices secured the election of her little girl on the 9th inst.

Bro. Sir George Elliot, M.P., on Thursday, laid the foundation stone of St. Thomas Church, South Shields. He declared that the Church of England by its doctrine and teaching was now doing a greater work than it had done since the Reformation.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will meet at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 20th, at 1 o'clock.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge of North Wales and Salop will be held at Bangor, on the 22nd inst., by the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., at 2.45 p.m. Choral service in the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m.; the sermon by the Lord Bishop of Bangor.

Bro. Sir Edward Lee, on behalf of the directors of the Alexandra Palace Company, has offered to defray all the immediate expenses of the projected dinner to the survivors of the Balaklava charge.

ACCORDING to the "South African Mail," the Government at the Cape has been unable to withstand the demand of the colony to be represented at the Conference proposed by Lord Carnarvon, and an extraordinary session of Parliament has been convened for the 10th of November.

A MONUMENT has just been erected over the grave of the Rev. Thomas Binney, in Abney Park Cemetery. It is a small obelisk on three graduated plinths, in red granite, with the inscription—"In loving memory of Thos. Binney, born at Newcastle, 19th April, 1798; died in London, 24th Feb., 1874. 'I shall be satisfied when I awake in Thy likeness.'"

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Jones has been elected master, Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins M.P., upper warden; and Bro. Sir John Bennett, under warden of the Loriners' Company.

Bro. E. Towell, Churchwarden of St. Peters, Walworth, having the management of the Monday Evening Readings in that district, will thoroughly appreciate the kindness of any brother who will aid him with songs or readings.

The foundation stone of the Yarmouth Aquarium was held on Saturday by Bro. Lord Suffield. The aquarium will be 400 feet by 100, and will cost about £30,000.

United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, No. 30, held at the Coopers' Arms Tavern, Silver-street, Wood-street, City, under the preceptorship of Bro. Hames, P.M. The first meeting, after the recess, will take place on Monday evening next, at seven o'clock precisely, and is well worthy the attention of those brethren, desirous of instruction, who wish to be within easy distance of the various city termini. Bro. Hames is a worthy Master in the Craft, well skilled both to rule and teach.

The Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, was consecrated on Thursday last. A full report of the proceedings will appear in the next issue.

DEPARTURE OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER FOR INDIA.

On Saturday, pursuant to previous arrangements, a deputation from the Corporation of the City of London, headed by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, went in State from the Guildhall to Marlborough-house, to present an address from the Court of Common Council to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Besides the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, with their Under Sheriffs, the deputation included Mr. Russell Gurney, the Recorder; Sir Thomas Chambers, the Common Serjeant; Mr. William Lawley, chairman of the City Lands Committee, and in that capacity the mover of the address in the Court of Common Council; six members of the Court of Aldermen, the Chamberlain of London, the Remembrancer, the Controller, the Town Clerk, and a limited number of the Common Councilmen, all of whom wore their civic robes. The Lord Mayor was also escorted by the Sword and Mace Bearers.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales received the civic dignitaries with his habitual courtesy and consideration on their arrival.

The Right Hon. the Recorder, addressing the Prince, said,—"May it please your Royal Highness,—We the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, desire to convey to your Royal Highness the expression of the deep interest we feel in the journey you are about to undertake to Her Majesty's Indian dominions.

"We know well the desire that has ever been manifested by your Royal Highness to become familiar with the habits and feelings of the people of this country, and we regard it as only consistent with that desire that you should seek to become personally acquainted with the country, the customs, and the sympathies of the millions of her Majesty's subjects in India over whom, if God so will, you are one day destined to rule.

"We earnestly trust, as we are glad to believe, that the visit of your Royal Highness will tend to bind together the hearts of all in a common feeling of loyalty to our Sovereign, and that a spirit of kindness and goodwill will be diffused among the various races forming her Majesty's subjects, whatever may be their creed or their colour.

"We pray that the blessing of health may be vouchsafed to your Royal Highness during your absence from England, and that a journey, auspiciously commenced, may in due season be accomplished in happiness and safety.

"Signed by order of the Court,

"JOHN B. MONCKTON, Town Clerk."

His Royal Highness, in reply, said,—My Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Members of the Court of Common Council, I thank you most cordially for this expression of the interest you take in the success of my journey to India. You state with truth that, with the desire I have ever entertained of becoming familiar with the habits and feelings of my countrymen, it is only consistent that I should endeavour to become better acquainted with the several classes of the population over which our Sovereign reigns in India. If the result of my visit shall conduce to unite the various races of Hindostan in a feeling of loyalty to the Queen, attachment to our country, and of goodwill towards each other, one great object will at least be gained. I thank you again, my Lord Mayor and gentlemen, for the wish that health may be vouchsafed to me during my absence from England. It will be one of my most pleasing reflections that I carry the good wishes of my country with me, as it will also be a moment of sincere gratification when I return to it.

At the conclusion of this reply, the Lord Mayor presented Mr. Lawley, the mover of the address in the Common Council, and six of the Aldermen, to His Royal Highness. With that the ceremony ended, and the civic dignitaries, escorted as before, returned to Guildhall.

H.R.H. the Prince left the Charing-cross Station at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, with the Princess, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke of Edinburgh. A large number of friends had assembled to bid him farewell; among them were the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Princess Louise, the Duke of Connaught, the Russian

Ambassador, the German Ambassador, the Danish Minister and Madame Bulow, the Duchess of Wellington, the Duchess of Sutherland and Lady Florence Gower, Lord and Lady Sydney, Lord Hartington, Mr. and Mrs. Stonor, Lady Westmoreland, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Count Gleichen, Prince Teck and Princess Mary, the Duke of St. Albans, Lord Colville, Lord Barrington, Mr. Ward Hunt, Lord H. Lennox, Lord Hardwicke, Mr. Rothschild, M.P., Lord John Hay, Sir G. Arthur, Sir Percy Doyle, General Doyle, Mr. H. Petre, General J. Macdonald, Colonel Marshall, Colonel Sturt, Mr. H. Chaplin, Mr. G. Drummond, Mr. Cockerell, and Mr. Christopher Sykes.

The Royal party reached Dover at 9.33; there they were received by Captain Bruce, R.M., Lord and Lady Granville, and a large circle of officers. The mayor and corporation then presented a loyal address, to which H.R.H. replied, "I thank you, Mr. Mayor," and at ten minutes past ten the "Castalia" steamed away for Calais. It reached Calais after a splendid passage at 12.10.

The Prince of Wales, who took leave of the Princess of Wales on board the "Castalia," was driven from the Quai de Mairie to the station.

The train left at 2 o'clock, amid the loud cheers of those assembled, and reached Paris punctually at 7.20. Lord Lyons and Mons. Renault, Prefet de Police, received His Royal Highness, few persons being present at that early hour.

Shortly before the arrival of the train Marshal MacMahon drove up, with the Duc de la Rochefoucauld-Bisaccia, General d'Absac, Prince de la Trémoille, and other gentlemen, all in shooting attire, for they were on their way to Compiègne. The Prince, on descending from the train, shook hands heartily with the Marshal, Lord Lyons, and the Duc de Bisaccia. Immediately after he drove in Lord Lyons' carriage to the Hotel Bristol, where apartments had been prepared for him. In the afternoon he called upon the Grand Duchess Constantine of Russia. In the evening Lord Lyons entertained the Prince at dinner, and on Wednesday Marshal MacMahon received him at lunch at the Elysée.

The "Castalia" remained all night in Calais Harbour, and at 7 a.m. on Tuesday started for Dover, arriving alongside the Admiralty Pier a few minutes after 9 o'clock. The weather was again most favourable, and the passage involved no disagreeable incidents to the most squeamish traveller. Her Royal Highness, who breakfasted on board, was received on her arrival by the Duke of Cambridge and Lord Sydney, and in about half an hour came ashore, leaning on the arm of the Duke, and entered the same saloon carriage in which she had travelled from town on the previous evening. Miss Knollys, Lord Colville, General Sir William Knollys, and Colonel Teesdale were in attendance on the Princess. The Royal train started at five minutes to ten o'clock, the Duke of Cambridge remaining at Dover. Mr. Shaw, the manager and secretary of the South-Eastern Company, was in charge of the train, as on Monday evening, and the engine was again driven by Mr. Watkin, locomotive superintendent. No pause was made in the journey back to London, and Charing-cross was reached in excellent time at about 11.40 a.m. Carriages were in waiting upon the arrival of the Princess, and at once conveyed her Royal Highness to Marlborough-house.

Our Royal Grand Master left Paris on Wednesday evening for Turin and Brindisi. He lunched with Marshal MacMahon on Wednesday, having dined with Lord Lyons on Tuesday, but the weather during his stay has been most unpropitious—a regular downpour. He left the Lyons Station at a quarter to nine, amid cries of Bon Voyage—pleasant journey. He seemed well and in good spirits, and was dressed in an Ulster and felt hat, as the correspondent tells us. Some of his staff have already reached Brindisi.

The following prayer for the protection of our R.G. Master in India has been drawn up by the Bishop of Lichfield:—

"O God, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, we beseech Thee to take into Thy gracious keeping

Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, on the distant journey he is about to undertake.

"Preserve him, we pray Thee, from all evil accidents by land or by water, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the arrow that destroyeth in the noonday.

"May he prove a messenger of goodwill to our Indian fellow-subjects, binding them together in loyalty to our Sovereign and in peace among themselves.

"Restore him, we pray Thee, in health and safety to his own land, and in the remembrance of Thy manifold mercies may he live long to glorify Thy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

At a meeting of the General Committee of this institution on Wednesday last, W. Bro. Major Jno. Creaton, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the chair, the following were present:—Bros. Hy. G. Warren, James Brett, B. Head, A. H. Tattershall, S. Rawson, Jno. G. Stevens, Joseph Smith, Wm. Stephens, R. W. Little, Thos. W. White, H. Browne, H. M. Levy, R. W. Stewart, J. Hogg, Capt. Wordsworth, Chas. F. Hogard, and James Terry, Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and verified. The Secretary reported that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had fixed Wednesday, the 9th February, 1876, for the next festival to be held, and that Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. and Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire, had consented to preside upon the occasion. The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted, and cheques ordered to be drawn in payment of certain accounts. A discussion ensued as to the erection of a new fencing at the entrance of the building at Croydon, when it was resolved that an oaken one should be placed instead of a brick wall and iron railing. Five candidates were placed on the list for election in May next. Permission was granted to one of the annuitants to marry. Some unimportant business having been transacted, the Committee adjourned.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A MASONIC CLUB IN GLASGOW.

An idea for some considerable time past entertained by some of the leading members of the Masonic fraternity in Glasgow has at length taken form in the establishment of "The Glasgow and West of Scotland Masonic Club and Freemasons' Hall Company, Glasgow (Limited)." The scheme originated from a consideration of the fact that Glasgow, as a large commercial centre, and the province occupying an important Masonic position in Scotland, was very much behind in the matter of accommodation for carrying on or carrying out the objects of the brotherhood. Every other country of any consequence in a Masonic connection can boast of magnificent buildings erected and suitable for the conduct of the business of the Craft, but in the West of Scotland nothing of the kind has hitherto existed.

With a view to remedy this, the association in question has been started, on the principle, as we have stated, of "limited liability." It has been registered for a capital of £2000, distributed in 2000 shares of £1 each. Of these, about 800 are already taken up among 195 shareholders, holding from one to 100 shares each, there being several holding the latter number. The former portion of the scheme, as expressed in the title, has only as yet been taken up. For the use of the club one of the old self-contained houses in Windsor-place (No. 7) has been rented, and a start made. On the ground floor are a private parlour, a billiard room, and the club-master's department—fully equipped with all the requisites for club purposes. On the upper floor is another private parlour, a commodious dining room, a handsomely furnished smoking room, and ample lavatory accommodation.

The club is under the management of a directorate of 15 members, exclusive of treasurer and secretary, Bro. David Horn being president,

and Bro. James F. Mitchell vice-president. Shareholders in the scheme must be members of the Craft, but not necessarily members of the club. Admission to the latter is by ballot, a meeting being held on the second Thursday in each month for the purpose of balloting for new members. The entrance fee, at present, is one guinea, and the annual subscription the same sum. Hitherto the establishment has been under the able direction, as club master, of Bro. Robert Robb.

While the immediate intention of the association is to provide a place to which members of the Masonic fraternity can resort for the purpose of social intercourse and discussion on points affecting individual lodges and the well-being of the Craft generally, its ultimate aim is the erection of a commodious hall, adequate in every degree to the requirements of Freemasonry in Glasgow, and thus place it on a footing at least equal to what it holds in the sister counties of the kingdom, on the continent of Europe, in America, and other parts of the world.

MASONIC CEREMONY AT LARGS.

On Saturday, 22nd ult., the memorial stone of the new Drill-hall in Brisbane-road, Largs, was laid with Masonic honours, by Bro. Major James Stewart, of Garvocks. The members of the Craft turned out in large numbers on the occasion; the following lodges having sent representatives:—Mother Kilwinning, No. 0; St. John's, Glasgow, No. 3½; St. John's, Greenock, No. 12; St. Mungo, Glasgow, No. 27; St. Mirren's, Paisley, No. 129; St. John's, Rothesay, No. 292; Royal Arch, West Kilbride, No. 314; Royal Blue, Kilbirnie, No. 399; Kilburn, Millport, No. 459; Clydesdale, Glasgow, No. 556. The Masons assembled at the lodge-room, and from thence, headed by the Largs brass band, they marched down Main-street and along the front to the parish church, where they were joined by the members of the Artillery Company, in charge of Captain and Lieutenant Fraser, and accompanied by the Rev. John Kinross, chaplain of the company. Headed by the volunteers, and with flags flying, the procession marched through the principal streets of the town to the hall, where a large crowd awaited their coming. Here they halted, and the Masons and principals of the procession proceeded to the platform, where everything was in readiness for their advent. Captain Fraser came to the front, and presented Major Stewart with a handsome silver trowel, beautifully engraved, and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Major James Stewart by the 3rd Ayrshire Artillery Volunteers on the occasion of laying the memorial stone of the new Drill-hall, Largs, Oct. 2, 1874." Major Stewart returned thanks. The Rev. John Kinross having offered up a prayer, Major Stewart went through the ceremony of laying the stone, with the usual Masonic honours, and afterwards addressed the meeting in appropriate terms. Beneath the stone was placed a bottle, carefully tinned and sealed, containing the following articles:—Copies of Largs Almanac, *Advertiser*, *Glasgow Herald*, *Citizen*, *Mail*, and *News*, coins of the realm, list of officers, subscribers, committee, honorary office-bearers, contractors, instructor, and Freemason office-bearers, also the name of the architect, Mr. Thos. Jamieson, Greenock. A large company of Masons, volunteers, and others met for dinner in the Victoria-hall in the afternoon. Mr. Roger Montgomerie, M.P., occupied the chair, and Major Eckford and Mr. Crockett acted as croupiers. Major Stewart proposed "Both Houses of Parliament," to which the chairman replied.

LAYING FOUNDATION STONE OF THE BURGH SCHOOL AT ALLOA.

On Friday, the 8th inst., the foundation stone of the new Burgh School was laid with Masonic honours by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Deputy Grand Master of Scotland, and chairman of the Alloa Burgh School Board, under the most favourable circumstances. The style of architecture of the building is national, and is estimated to cost £3600. On

the principal floor there are to be three classrooms of the following dimensions:—45ft. by 31ft. 6in., 32ft. by 26ft., and 28ft. 6in. by 27ft. 4in., all of which are to be well lighted. A separate room will be provided for the sewing department. The rooms are to be heated by open fireplaces, and will be ventilated through the ceiling. Lavatories and cloak-rooms for the children occupy the basement floor, while those for the teachers are on the principal floor, adjacent to the schoolrooms. The boys and girls enter at different sides of the building, which, when finished, will have accommodation for 400 scholars. Messrs. John Melvin & Son are the architects, the following being the contractors:—Mason work, George Cousin, Alloa; joiner work, Wm. McMillan, Alloa; plaster work, John Davy, Alloa; slater work, R. Ferguson, Alloa; plumber work, John Steel, Stirling; iron and smith work, Robert Melvin, Alloa; painter work, W. Cornelius, Edinburgh. A dinner took place in the afternoon in the Royal Oak Hotel.

FREEMASONRY IN TASMANIA.

Due honour was paid to St. John's Day (24th June) by the Masonic Lodges in Hobart Town, who on that day held their annual festival in their fine hall, Murray-street. There was a large attendance, including representatives from all the Hobart Town lodges, and from the lodges at Oatlands. The Worshipful Master, W. S. Hammond, occupied the chair, supported by W.M., W. H. Burgess, jun., and W.M., J. E. Addison. The vice-chairs were occupied by the Senior Wardens of the different lodges in Hobart Town. The usual patriotic toasts, including the health of his Excellency the Governor, were proposed by the chairman, and right loyally responded to. These were followed by the customary Masonic toasts, received in Masonic style, and duly acknowledged. The evening was spent in a jovial and pleasant manner. The proceedings were enlivened by several appropriate songs, well sung, and the festival was in every respect a success. Bro. Harris, of the Criterion Hotel, was the caterer.

Obituary.

BRO. ALDERMAN PATERSON.

Much regret was occasioned on Saturday last in the City by the intelligence of the death, on the previous evening, of Bro. Alderman Paterson. He had been ill since January last, and died at Brighton. He was 57 years of age, and was lineally descended from William Paterson, a Scotch merchant, who in 1694 projected the Bank of England to meet the difficulty experienced by William III, in raising the supplies for the war against France. The late alderman entered the Corporation in 1863 as a member of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Aldersgate, and in 1869, in the Mayoralty of Mr. Alderman Besley, he served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex, his colleague being the late Sir Joseph Causton. He also acted as chairman of some of the most important Corporation committees. In September, 1873, he succeeded the late Sir David Salomons, M.P., as alderman of the Civic Ward of Cordwainer. This year, moreover, he was chosen Master of the Bakers' Company. He was a merchant in Staining-lane. For the vacancy in the Court of Aldermen thus caused there will probably be three candidates—namely, Sir John Bennett (who contested the seat with Bro. Alderman Paterson, and to whom a requisition has been presented), Bro. David Evans (a merchant in Watling-street); and Mr. James Waddell, a public accountant. All three gentlemen are members of the Common Council.

DEATH OF THE GRAND PRIOR, ORDER OF MALTA.

Some few years ago the "Freemason" published an interesting account of all that remained of the once powerful Order of Knights of Malta, with a statement of the revenues of the same. In 1841, Ferdinand I., Emperor of Austria issued a decree restoring it to Italy, and en-

dowing it with a moderate revenue; but its power, wealth, and magnificence have passed away. The Knights were originally divided into eight languages, and on the extinction of that of England, that of Anglo-Bavaria was substituted. By cable telegram of August 16th, ult., we learn that the Grand Prior of the Order, Prince Charles Theodore, great uncle to the King of Bavaria, fell from his horse while out riding on that day, and was killed. He was born in Munich, July 7, 1795, and was much beloved. We doubt if a successor will be elected or appointed. The office, of late years, was merely nominal.—"The Square."

INDIA AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.—Under this universally attractive title the directors of the "Illustrated London News" have published what is really an important pictorial work, which fully justifies the interest awakened by its mere announcement. A map of the proposed route, not roughly, hastily, and indistinctly prepared, but, as befits the occasion, clear in detail and comprehensive in geographical information, accompanies this imperial quarto pamphlet, which can neither be called a book, nor a magazine, nor a newspaper; which outwardly resembles a piece of music in its prettily lithographed wrapper; and which, however it may be described, fairly merits categorical praise. The engraved designs are splendidly suited to their purpose, which is obviously two-fold—popular instruction at the present time concerning the Prince's Indian tour, and a worthy and permanent record of an event "which must speedily pass into the great history of the land, not to linger there in a pale and shadowy guise, but to form an integral and an important part of the chronicles of the Victorian era." These are the well-chosen words in which Bro. Sala, who has supplied the letterpress of this opportune publication, introduces his genial disquisitions on India, on Indian architecture, on the character and incidents of Indian travel and Indian life, on Indian Mahomedanism, and on all things concerned in a proper account of our wonderful Eastern empire. In addition to this most popular, suggestive, and vivacious author's chatty and none the less solid commentary, "the Old Shekarry" has contributed a few dashing hints and reminiscences of sport in India, which complete a work of welcome intelligence and lasting value.

THE NEW ALDERMAN.—Bro. Simeon Charles Hadley, the newly-elected Alderman for the Ward of Castle Baynard, is a member of an ancient Gloucestershire family. He was born at Cambridge, Gloucestershire, on November 3rd, 1831, and was educated at a private school at Dursley, in the same county. In partnership with his three brothers, he has carried on the great establishment known as "The City Flour Mills," in Thames-street, and is largely interested in other property in the ward which he represents. Bro. Hadley first entered the Common Council, as a representative of the Ward of Castle Baynard, in the year 1861, and he has at all times taken an interest in philanthropic and public matters. He is a member of the Bakers' Company. His residence is at Cranbrook-park, Ilford, Essex.

PRINCE LEOPOLD will, upon the invitation of the Corporation, formally take up the freedom of the City of London, to which he is entitled by patrimony, at a special meeting of the Court of Common Council, to be held in the Guildhall on Monday, the 26th. After the ceremony the Prince will be entertained at a déjeuner.

THE Governors of Christ's Hospital draw attention to the fact that they are able to grant annuities of £10 yearly to nearly seven hundred blind persons, under certain conditions.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Nervous debility often occurs at this season of the year in persons otherwise healthy, but who, having overtaxed both mind and body in some one of the many ways, so common now-a-days, suffer in consequence, from an irritability of the whole nervous system, characterised more especially by sleeplessness, tremors, palpitation of the heart, and a general feeling of shakiness, and senses of unstrung fibre—more distressing even than actual pain—the muscular and vital energies in these cases seem almost as if they were utterly relaxed, and mental despondency sufficient to alarm anxious relatives and friends often accompanies this condition. No time should be lost, but immediate resource had to these powerfully tonic and restorative remedies.—ADVT.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL AT KILWINNING.

The memorial-stone of a large and handsome new school for the parish of Kilwinning was laid on Saturday 25th ult., by Bro. Col. Mure, M.P., with full Masonic honours. The school, with the erection of which considerable progress has been made, is situated at a point near the Dalry Road, in close proximity to Kilwinning. The building is commodious, and in every respect well adapted for an educational institution. The architect is Mr. John Armour, of Irving. The school will accommodate 700 pupils, and will cost about £7000. The ceremony of laying the memorial stone on Saturday proved an event of great interest to the people of the parish, as was evinced by the large number who assembled to witness the proceedings. Additional eclat was given to the ceremony by the part the Freemasons took in it, and by the demonstration they made in their procession to and from the Temperance Hall in Kilwinning, where the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, of which Colonel Mure is R.W.G.M., was opened. At the site of the school a platform was erected for the accommodation of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Among those present were the Earl of Eglinton, the Hon. Mr. Vernon, chairman of the School Board; the members of the board, and the clerk, Mr. Andrew Macrorie; also the following office-bearers of the Masonic body:—Colonel Mure of Caldwell, P.G.M.; Sir James Fergusson, Bart., of Kilkerran, P.P.G.M.; Roger Montgomery, D.P.G.M.; W. Ralston Patrick, of Trearne, S.P.G.M.; R. W. Cochrane Patrick, Substitute P.G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, Proxy P.G.M. for West India Islands, P.S.G.W.; D. Campbell, Maybole, Acting P.J.G.W.; John Whinson, P.G. Treasurer; Robert Wylie, P.G. Secretary. The following were the lodges represented:—Mother Kilwinning, 0; Glasgow, 3 bis; Maybole, 11; St. John's, Kilmarnock, 22; Thistle and Rose, Glasgow, 73; St. Andrew, Kilmarnock, 126; Thistle, Stewarton, 127; St. James (Burn's Lodge), Tarbolton, 135; St. Andrew, Irvine, 149; St. John, Kilwinning, Beith, 157; Thistle and Rose, Stevenson, 169; Royal Arch, Maybole, 198; St. Clement, Riccarton, 202; St. John, Girvan, 237; St. Andrew, Glenbuck, 245; Blair Dalry, 290; Royal Arch, Ardrossan, 320; St. Peter, Galston, 331; Neptune, Ardrossan, 442; St. Matthew, Dregghorn, 549; St. James, Dailly Fergusson 596. The proceedings were commenced with prayer by the Chaplain, Mr. Inglis of Kilmaurs, after which the usual formalities were gone through. The Earl of Eglinton presented the trowel to Colonel Mure, who, having performed the ceremony, declared the stone duly laid. Three cheers were called for, and given with enthusiasm by the spectators.

Colonel Mure, M.P. (P.G.M.), then addressed the assemblage. He said it was a very long time ago now—he thought it was in the year 1814—since the Freemasons of Kilwinning were employed in a similar ceremony as that which had just been completed. On that occasion they laid the foundation of the kirk tower, which was familiar to them. He had no doubt a great many of them, and particularly the ladies, who, generally speaking, were supposed to be more curious than men, might wonder what the object of Freemasonry was. Well, the object of Freemasonry was, in itself, a most excellent one, as the Craft consisted of a vast number of men, throughout the whole world, banded together in order to promote that which is good. People might sometimes say to themselves, "Are Freemasons better than any other body?" All he knew was that if they were not they ought to be, because they bound themselves by solemn vows to be better than other people. With regard to education, he would say this for the Freemasons in Ayrshire, that, quite independent of the great educational movement which had been going on some years in this country, they had tried to do a little for education, because they had already collected a subscription among themselves by which they could afford to give £20 a-year to enable the son of a Freemason to leave the parish school with the prospect of securing a higher education, and do, as many Scotchmen had done before him, raise himself in condition and intellectual power. That was not a very great thing, but it was a step in the right direction. He quite admitted, however, when he knew what a vast organisation Freemasonry is, and when he looked at the enormous ramifications of Masonry throughout the world, that he would not grumble if they did a little more good than they had done. The gallant colonel then referred to the various emblems which had been used in the ceremony, and explained their meanings and applications. In the course of his remarks on these heads, he observed that when he took the sheaf of corn in his hand he could not help thinking that it formed in some parts of this island not only the emblem of prosperity, but in some sense it might be said to be not an unfit emblem of the ignorance that prevailed in certain parts of Her Majesty's dominions. He alluded to the wretched condition of the children employed in agriculture in the South of England, and in various counties in that country; and when he thought of that, and also remembered that it was not so very long ago that the standard of their education was lowered, in order to meet the blind folly of the farmers of England, he could not help congratulating himself that in Scotland, at least, our farmers had not come forward and said, "We cannot afford to collect the gift of a bountiful Providence unless our children are kept in ignorance." That in itself was to him a subject of sincere congratulation, and looking, as they ought to do, with a more extended eye, let them hope the day was not far distant when the compulsory powers we had in this happy part of Her Majesty's dominions might be welcomed by all classes and trades in the whole of this great and otherwise prosperous island. The hon. gentleman then commented on the harmony which had prevailed at the school board, con-

gratulating the gentlemen engaged on having set aside their religious differences in their desire that little children who were ignorant might be taught. He also congratulated the people of this country that while the leading men of other nations had to take up their time considering questions which stirred up the worst passions of their countrymen, or questions of peace or war, our great men devoted themselves to public education, and to efforts to improve the condition of the children of the country. By our future acts, by our reformatories, by our industrial schools, and by this great effort—this great educational scheme—he hoped, by the blessing of God, we would become before many years were passed a happier, better, and more Christian people.

The Hon. Mr. Vernon, on behalf of his colleagues, the members of the School Board of Kilwinning, thanked Colonel Mure and those who assisted him for their kindness. Referring to an observation which fell from Colonel Mure regarding the importance of unanimity, he remarked that the board had worked most harmoniously and unanimously.

Colonel Mure acknowledged the compliment. Three cheers were then given in succession for the Queen, for Colonel Mure, and for the members of the School Board. The Freemasons subsequently formed into procession and marched into town, followed by the people who had witnessed the proceedings at the ceremony.

In the evening a large number of gentlemen, including the members of the School Board and others who took part in the ceremony, met at dinner in the hall connected with the Eglinton Arms Hotel. The Hon. Mr. Vernon occupied the chair, and Mr. Roger Montgomery, M.P., and Mr. Ralston Patrick officiated as croupiers. After dinner, the Chairman intimated the receipt of letters of apology for absence from Bros. Lord Rosslyn, Past G.M.; Sir Wm. Cuninghame, M.P.; Dr. Taylor, secretary to the Education Board; Mr. Smollett, and other gentlemen. At the request of the Chairman, the company then drank the loyal toasts.

Sir James Fergusson, who was very warmly welcomed, proposed "Both Houses of Parliament." In doing so he said he could not refrain from noticing how large a portion of the time of parliament was at present occupied in considering and passing measures, having for their special object the improvement of the moral and material welfare of the people. He believed there was no respect in which parliament could better provide for the safety of the people and the good of the nation than by insisting on a good and satisfactory education for the people. He sincerely hoped, with his friend Colonel Mure, that it would not be long before every parent in the kingdom would not only have the means, but would have imposed upon him the duty of the education of his child. And he believed we might best look forward without apprehension to the future, and expect that not only would this country remain in the enjoyment of peace within its borders, but hold its own in the great competition with other producing nations if our people were well educated, and so be preserved from falling into those dangers of which ignorance was the fertile source. He was glad to see the liberal provision which the school boards were making for public education. He trusted that the work that district, in common with others, was engaged in would result in great benefits to this and to future generations. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery, M.P., congratulated the meeting on the re-appearance of Sir James Fergusson, and congratulated him on having had such an excellent opportunity for his re-appearance. Speaking to the toast which had been proposed, the hon. member said in no period of our history had the House of Lords occupied a more honourable position than at present. It was a remarkable thing that whilst our neighbours in countries on the continent were making new constitutions, they always stuck at the difficulty of creating a second house of legislation. There might be anomalies about the House of Lords which shocked the ordinary mind of the constitution monger, but it was an institution which had worked well ever since the country was governed as it is at present. It had never happened that the House of Lords had failed to supply men of first class talents, who were prepared to give up their time and energy and talents to the service of the country; and he trusted that it might never be the case that such a class of men should cease to exist. He was proud to return thanks on behalf of the House of Commons. There was not in the world another assembly like that house. He being a member, should not speak so highly of it, but it was undeniable that there was not another representative assembly in the world that maintained its dignity in the way the House of Commons did. The last session had been a laborious one; the Government and its supporters had done their work to the best of their ability, and he trusted they had done it with a certain amount of acceptance to the country. They had devoted themselves to measures which affected the real domestic happiness of the country; and he thought these measures when they came into operation would be found to work well. It was sometimes objected to some measures that they were permissive in their character; but surely it was proper when they proposed to tax people largely for improvements of which they did not perhaps see the immediate value, that they should carry the people along with them. Measures could not be forced down people's throats without raising up an opposition which really defeated the object they had in view. The hon. member then in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of Lord Stair, Lord-Lieutenant of the County." Mr. Ralston Patrick gave "The Health of the Earl of Eglinton, Lord of the Manor," and Mr. Fergusson proposed, "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," coupled with Captain M'Jannett, of the Irvine Artillery Volunteers, who replied.

"The Clergy of Scotland" was proposed by Mr. Halkett, Saltcoats, and Bro. Inglis responded. The Chairman then gave "The Grand Lodge of Ayrshire,"

coupled with the name of Colonel Mure.

Colonel Mure briefly replied, and afterwards spoke to the toast of the educational interests of Kilwinning and of the county. They had in Kilwinning, he said, a magnificent school and an earnest and active School Board. They had also, he was given to understand, a most able schoolmaster, and an active and efficient school officer; but now came the time that their real work would have to be done. They would be able, he had no doubt, to sweep the children into the school because they had got compulsory powers. They had been able to build a handsome school because Government had given them power to raise money, and they had been able to obtain the services of a good schoolmaster; but with all this done and secured they would only perhaps be able to teach these children to read and write. He had no hesitation in saying that they wanted something more than that. He did not believe in children being brought up to the lower standards we had in this country, and then being swept into the fields. After remarking on the necessity for the poor populations in our great cities being properly housed, Colonel Mure concluded by remarking that it would only be in a few years hence that they would get the real test of this education scheme. It would not do then for them, as they did now, to take the education reports and read admirable descriptions of the number of children swept into the school, and the numbers who had passed the standards, and to read eulogiums upon school boards. They would then read these reports not alone, but side by side with them the reports of the police, the criminal statistics, the pauper statistics, and then, if they found vice and pauperism decreasing, if these were found falling off, they would be able to say their educational efforts had been of real value. (Applause.)

A number of other toasts followed.

FREEMASONRY IN RUTHERGLEN

The following appeared in the correspondence of the "North British Daily Mail," 28th September, 1875.

Sir,—There are a good many Freemasons in Glasgow, who are probably not aware that the largest, and, indeed considerably the largest, hall in the West of Scotland is situated in the little burgh of Rutherglen. I was present the other evening at one of their meetings, and witnessed what is technically known as "working the three degrees." The ritual was literally perfect in its delivery, and at once stamped me with the impression—and that very forcibly too—that the St. John's Operative Lodge, No. 347, had every reason to be proud of their R.W.M. and the several office-bearers, and equally proud of the finest Masonic Hall in the western district of North Britain. I have visited all the most important institutions of this kind in Glasgow, but Rutherglen so completely eclipses anything of the kind in this city that I sincerely trust the consecration of this new hall on the 12th of November next, by Colonel Campbell, the justly esteemed Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, may be numerously attended, so that every Freemason in Glasgow may personally satisfy himself that there is no exaggeration as regards its magnitude. The building, of course, is new, and just in its present condition may not be so tastefully decorated as what subsequent arrangements may suggest. The rough walls and absence of paint in new buildings do not contribute as a rule to the most favourable aspect of matters; but I still repeat that Rutherglen can boast of the best Masonic Hall in the west of Scotland.—I am, &c., A FREEMASON.

PRESENTATION TO A WORTHY BROTHER.—On Wednesday week, at the police station, Prescot, a presentation was made by the police of the Prescot division to Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M. 86, who is retiring from the position of superintendent, upon the superannuation allowance, after about 40 years' service in the police force of the country, a large portion of that period having been spent at Prescot as superintendent. The testimonial consisted of a silver cup and a gold pencil case for Bro. Fowler and a gold brooch for Mrs. Fowler. On one side of the cup appears Bro. Fowler's crest, and on the other the following inscription:—"Presented by the officers and constables of the Prescot division, as a mark of respect, to Superintendent J. W. Fowler on his retirement from the service. September, 1875." The presentation was made, on behalf of the subscribers, by Inspector Binns. A testimonial to Bro. Fowler is also being raised by the inhabitants of Prescot and the immediate neighbourhood.

MUNIFICENCE OF DISTINGUISHED BRETHREN IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—The foundation stone of a new church, to be called St. Michael and All Angels, was laid at Dalton, near Wigan, on Wednesday week, by Lady Skelmersdale, of Lathom House. Owing to the want of church accommodation in the district, five years ago a barn was converted into a church, and this was endowed with £3000, which was raised mainly by the munificence of Bro. John Prescott, P.P.J.G.W. West Lancashire, of Dalton Grange. The district was made into a separate ecclesiastical parish, a resident minister was appointed, and a vicarage house shortly afterwards built by Bro. Prescott. In place of the present small building, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of E., Prov. G.M., W. L., offered to build a new church, and on Wednesday week the first stone was laid. Although the weather was very inclement, there was a large number of spectators, amongst these being Lord and Lady Skelmersdale and family, the Hon. Mrs. Wilbraham, Lord Clarendon, the Hon. F. Villiers, and Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Loch (wife of the lieutenant-governor of the Isle of Man), and a large number of clergymen from the surrounding neighbourhood. A service was first held in the present church, and the ceremony was then performed by Lady Skelmersdale in the customary manner. Luncheon was afterwards provided, and the usual toasts were given and responded to. The new church is estimated to cost from £3000 to £4000, and will accommodate 150 people.

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"Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec."

"Laying Memorial Stone at Falkirk."

Reports of Lodges: Hartington Lodge, 1085, Derby; Era Lodge, 1423, Hampton Court; United Industrious, 3, Canterbury; Lodge of Truth, 1458, Manchester; Francis Burdett, 1503, Twickenham; Etonian Lodge, 209, Windsor; Royal Edward Lodge, 892, Leominster; United Military Lodge, 1536, Plumstead.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

By the time that these lines meet the eyes of our readers our Royal Grand Master will be on his route (D.V.) to Brindisi, to embark on board the *Serapis* on the 16th. He will leave Paris, we understand, by the 20 to 9 train from Paris on Wednesday evening, and, reaching Turin 20 minutes to 7 on Thursday evening, will proceed to Brindisi, where, as we have just said, he will find some of his suite and the *Serapis* waiting for him. The whole suite will then comprise the Duke of Sutherland, Lord Alfred Paget, Lord Aylesford, Lord Carington, Sir Bartle Frere, Lord Suffield, Major-General Probyn, Lord C. Berestord, Colonel A. Ellis, Mr. F. Knollys, Canon Duckworth, Mr. Albert Grey, Captain Williams, Dr. Fayrer, and Dr. Russell. We also are informed that on leaving Brindisi our Grand Master will proceed to Athens, arriving there on the 18th of October. In the capital the Prince will be the guest of the King and Queen of Greece. Remaining at Athens till the 20th of October, the Prince will cross the Mediterranean to Port Said, and enter the Suez Canal. It is expected that the Prince will reach Cairo about the 24th of October. Aden will be the next stage, and thence the Prince will proceed to Bombay. The Prince himself may be expected to return to England about the close of March. The abstract from the "Times" in another page will give our brethren the full account of his departure from England, in itself a subject of great importance to all concerned. Our good wishes and earnest aspirations for his health and happiness go with him, and we trust that the result of his visit to India may answer all our national and patriotic expectations, and tend to the lasting happiness of a mighty Empire. And while we say this in all fervent sincerity, the sympathies and interest of the entire brotherhood will be concentrated, so to say, on that august lady, and that little family circle whom he leaves behind looking forward to his glad return, ere long to a home of affection, of happiness, and peace.

INTOLERANCE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. LIBERALITY OF THE ORTHODOX GREEK CHURCH.

We are sure that all our readers will have shared with us the pleasure with which we perused the interesting communication forwarded to us by Bro. H. Jevon from Alexandria. It appears that a deceased brother of ours, an Italian of the name of Figari, a man of "great virtues," as the Greek Patriarch called him, and "who was greatly respected by all who knew him," was refused Christian burial because, and only because, he was a Freemason, by the Roman Catholic authorities. Thereupon, the Patriarch of the orthodox Greek Church, Sophronios, buried him with religious ceremonies. Three hundred Freemasons of all nationalities have presented an address to the Patriarch, of thanks and gratitude, which was kindly received and warmly responded to by that true minister of religion, and we feel sure that all English Freemasons will applaud alike his sentiments and admire his tolerant and kindly sympathies. Indeed, it might be a question whether our Grand Lodge, seeing the all but universal persecution and contumely that Freemasons are now enduring at the hands of the Roman Catholic authorities, should not officially thank the Patriarch Sophronios, in the name of our common Freemasonry, for his act of humanity and kindness. Pleasant as is the contemplation of the religious and brotherly spirit of the good Patriarch of the Greek Church, sad, we think, most sad, is this fresh proof of the high-handed and uncanonical intolerance of the Church of Rome. We believe that we are correct when we say that there is no power invested in the Pope, even straining to the utmost the dogma of personal infallibility, of excommunicating any one without process. If previous Popes have taken upon themselves to excommunicate people wholesale, it has really been an usurped authority, and no canon of the Roman Catholic Church can be produced which justifies any Roman Catholic authority, "mero motu," on his own "ipse dixit," to excommunicate any one without due citation and trial. We are aware that Roman Catholics base their persecution of Freemasons on the decrees of Clement and Gregory, of Pius VII., and of Pius IX., and on the faith of this the Archbishop of Malines excommunicated lately all Freemasons in Belgium "en bloc," and Father Cuffe refused to bury Armourer-Sergeant Johnson, and no doubt, on the same ground the Roman Catholic authorities in Egypt refused to bury poor Advocate Figari. But we challenge any Roman Catholic to shew us any authority for such a proceeding, according to Romish Canon Law, unless, indeed, he falls back on the Council of Avignon, the decree of which relating to this subject has recently been published "in extenso" by our Bro. Albert Mackey, and will shortly appear in the "Masonic Magazine," but which, instead of simplifying the subject, surrounds it with countless difficulties, alike historical and denominational. And, in addition to this technical view of the question, we object on moral grounds to any religious body holding itself up as the "fautor" of persecution, as the representative of intolerance. No more mistaken course has ever been taken by the Church of Rome than in her defiance of the guaranteed liberties of nations, and the humanitarian sympathies of the age, which she daily and hourly exhibits, in constant violation of every law of kindness, decency, and piety. To war with the living is bad enough; to set brother against brother, and nation against nation, is almost the acme of human wickedness, but to carry on the internecine contest with the dead, to make the very graveyard a scene of ruthless intolerance and unforgiving hatred, is enough to make the "angels weep." If the Church of Rome perseveres in her intolerant and untenable course in this respect, or in many others akin to it, she will assuredly end in alienating from herself some of her own best and most educated children, as in thus outraging every feeling of our common humanity she is making herself a sad spectacle, alike for the moralist and the student, the cultivated and the refined, her own honest supporters, and her many rejoicing opponents.

EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Quarterly Court of the 9th decided, and we think wisely, to refer, on Bro. Rucker's motion, the above question to the House Committee for consideration and report. Bro. Nunn's motion fell to the ground for want of a seconder, and Bro. R. Stewart withdrew his, as, after his statement, it was quite clear he had not fully realized the whole bearing of the Infirmary question. After the discussion of Saturday last, we are quite convinced that the course pursued was a right one, and we were glad to call attention to some interesting facts and figures contained in an able paper put out by Bro. Rucker, and which were printed last week. One thing is quite clear, that the Girls' School must be increased, and the only question is, how best to do it. If ground cannot be found in the immediate vicinity, it may be necessary to erect a preparatory school, in which all the girls admitted will pass a certain time before passing into the upper school. Indeed, we think that if such passing is made to depend on a test examination of proficiency, the cause of education in our Girls' School will be still further happily promoted! The one little objection we always felt against Bro. Nunn's motion was, whether in his estimate of £25,000 our worthy brother had fully gone into all the needful calculations; as it seemed to us, from some little experience in such matters, rather problematical whether the site could be furnished and accommodation secured for 350 children, on the modern scale of educational requirements, for £25,000. As, moreover, it was stated at the meeting that it was not certain that the ground would be wanted by the railways, it was equally clear that any movement to sell the land and remove the school was at present premature. We therefore, alike in the interests of the Fraternity and our poor orphans, feel it but right to express our entire approval of Bro. Rucker's motion, and to say, that we feel convinced the Craft at large may safely rely on the House Committee to elaborate a plan which shall do credit to the Craft, advance the interests of the School, and, above all, not overlook the most sacred cause of all, in the eyes of every faithful Freemason, the cause of the orphan and the friendless. It was with much regret that we missed the presence of our excellent Bro. R. W. Little at the Quarterly Court, but we hope, and in this we express the feelings of our brotherhood, that he will soon be restored to his normal condition of zeal, and energy, and efficiency, and health.

MASONIC IRREGULARITIES.

We called attention some time back to some very peculiar regulations proposed to be adopted in a lodge in the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, with reference to the imposition of a fee on all visiting brethren, a proposal which we ventured to say was alike unprecedented and unmasonic. We understood that such proposition was abandoned, and we had hoped to hear no more of it. We have, however, before us now the bye-laws of another lodge in the same province, sanctioned by the P.G.M., though we are inclined to hope and believe, not submitted to the Grand Secretary's Office. In them we read the following bye-law, XVIII., which we give in extenso for various reasons:—"XVIII.—No visitor shall be admitted into the lodge unless he is introduced and vouched for by a subscribing member present, nor until he shall have been properly examined, nor until he has written his name, with the name of the lodge of which he was or is a member, in the attendance book. He shall also produce his Grand Lodge certificate if required to do so. He shall conform when in lodge to its bye-laws, and shall on no account be permitted to address the lodge, except by request, or with the permission of the W.M. The visiting fee shall be five guineas. The member who introduces a visitor shall in all cases be held responsible for his introduction." Now, we venture to conceive that this is a most unparalleled and unconstitutional bye-law, and ought not to be found in any lodge regulations. It is averred, we understand, that other lodges have similar bye-laws—we should be glad to know of them, as we

should certainly avoid them, and that this bye-law relates to refreshment. Such an argument is clearly inadmissible and Jesuitical, the whole reference in the bye-law itself being to "in the lodge." We think that the continuance of such an irregularity in any lodge shows an imperfect appreciation of the constitutional rights of Freemasons. But other matters come before us from the same quarter. It is known to many of our readers that a complaint from certain brethren of that province has been "sub judice," with respect to a petition for a new lodge. We complained some time back that a very distinguished brother, the P.G.M., had, evidently inadvertently, departed from the "customs" of Masonry in "like cases," by practically expressing a public opinion on the very question about which the "gravamen" had arisen, and was made. In all such cases we held and hold that any opinion as to the matter of fact itself ought to be carefully avoided by both sides. Subsequently to that we have perused a speech, in which, with reference to another petition, the P.G.M. thus expresses himself, "The Worshipful Prov. G.M., in moving the adoption of the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, said a very large portion of that report was taken up with the consideration of charities. This was as it should be. For the rest, everything throughout the province was going on prosperously and well. Masonry was progressing. For the second time he had sent up a petition to the Grand Lodge for a warrant for a new lodge at Swansea. He had forwarded the petition, and he had no doubt the warrant would be granted, and that, before long, the Caradog Lodge would be in existence in Swansea in addition to the two already so flourishing there. He might also predict the same for Pontypridd, where, he had no doubt, there would soon be a new lodge opened. He then referred to the Masonic Charities, and hoped the votes of the province would be received for the candidate recommended by the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee—the orphan of the late Bro. Leyshon. The report was adopted." If by the words "second time" this distinguished brother alludes to the "Caradog petition" we have nothing to say, but if he alludes to the original "querela," it is somewhat amusing to remember, that the complaint lately under consideration is, that he never sent the petition up at all. Our attention has also been called to the report of a speech delivered at Aberdare, August 18th, but which for some reason was suppressed in our pages. It is as follows:—"The Worshipful Master gave the toast of 'The Provincial Grand Master, Theodore Mansel Talbot.' In doing so he expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Talbot. He had indeed, sent an apology, which was a great disappointment to them all. He (the Worshipful Master) did not wish to speak in terms too strong, but he considered that the fact that the Provincial Grand Master had not, although he had been invited, visited them for five years, was one upon which it was impossible not to feel strongly. He had been formally communicated with, and had accepted the invitation with the utmost readiness. It was, therefore, a matter calculated to raise strong feelings that the excuse, he would not say apology, given was that there was a volunteer inspection going on. Considering the notice which had been given, and the Provincial Grand Master's position in Freemasonry, it was not too much to say that he might have kept his engagement with the St. David's Lodge. Although he had felt it necessary to speak severely of Bro. Talbot, he gave his health, with a hope that in the discharge of the duties incumbent on his position he would find time to visit the lodge in the future—and not leave them for five years unnoticed, in spite of repeated and respectful invitations." All these various matters show, we venture to think, a little "screw loose somewhere," and we feel it to be our duty, in the interests of our Order, to allude in a Masonic spirit to what we must deem to be Masonic irregularities.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

We notice a motion given in the agenda paper of the next P.G. Lodge of West Yorkshire by Bro. Cawthorn, P.M. 458, and Past Provincial Assistant Grand Pursuivant, which we have perused with the deepest regret. It is to this effect:

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire take into consideration the necessity of thoroughly investigating the management and expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to the end that a more economic system of collecting and dispensing the funds of the Institution may be arrived at, so that candidates who from time to time are excluded from its benefits by reason of the present system may, by a more judicious and less expensive management, be enabled to participate in the benefits of the Charity; and that this P.G. Lodge pray that the Grand Lodge of England would move a resolution for the appointment of a committee for the investigation of this matter." The province of West Yorkshire was famous in former years for its liberal support of the great Metropolitan Charities, and we deplore the retrograde tendencies of some few amongst our many excellent brethren in that good province—brethren, we make bold to add, who have no experience or knowledge of the subject with which they profess so hastily and so un-Masonically to deal. We venture to think that such a resolution is highly inexpedient and uncalled for, especially at the present time, will be very prejudicial to the interests of the Boys' School, will greatly interfere with its educational work, is most unfair to its official representatives, and we must say, after much consideration, not a little unconstitutional. For it is more than doubtful if the P.G. Lodge, or even G. Lodge itself, can legally pass such a resolution. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is a purely voluntary institution, in no way under G. Lodge, except inasmuch and in as far as G. Lodge votes a small annual amount of £150. G. Lodge can inquire into the due appropriation of that amount, but legally we are inclined to think no further. The P.G. Lodge has got its quid pro quo, and has not the slightest right or warrant to pass such a resolution. It is altogether based on unacquaintance with constitutional Masonic Law, and indeed any law. It strikes our mind as ill-advised in the highest degree. We hope that the good sense of our practical West Yorkshire brethren will quash at once such a motion, and put a stop to such a movement, which are the result we feel bound to add, of personal feelings and very questionable proceedings, either in tact, taste, common sense, or Masonic fair play. As we said before, we deplore such an animus, and such a procedure, especially in West Yorkshire, very greatly indeed. We shall recur to the subject next week.

SEWING MACHINES.

In very many homes now-a-days are to be seen, set up as part of the household furniture, especially in the room where ladies "most do congregate," a sewing machine. We do not allude to the "domestic sewing machines," so termed by our irreverent youth, because we consider them very difficult creations to handle and to deal with, but to the real matter-of-fact sewing machine. This is a new "trouvaille," as the French say, even within the last few years practically, and is a distinct innovation on the good old samplers and worsted work of manual production, in that antiquated regime under which our mothers lived. We venture to doubt at the same time that we say this, whether the advance of scientific machinery has given us actually such "fine work" as the nimble fingers of past generations contrived to impress on the often all but living canvas. The modern sewing machine may be considered the symbol of our modern work, and on the whole we hold that it is a good institution. Some young men aver that it is a pleasant medium for flirtations; knowing nothing of that sort of thing ourselves, we take the fact on the faith of our fervid youth, who we think are not unlikely to be for once speaking truth, and prefer to treat the subject in a much more business-like way. Yet of those fair workers who use their sewing machines so diligently day by day, how many, we have often asked ourselves, know the history of that complex yet simple piece of machinery, so useful and so effective in its results, which they see before them hourly, and manipulate habitually? Our contemporary, "The Co-operative and Financial Review," in its

31st number, of Sept. 18, page 103, gives us a most interesting historical resumé of the patent question of the sewing machine, and, after careful perusal of it, we have been led to use much of it in our pages, to "point the moral and adorn the tale" for a large circle of sisters and brethren. It seems that the first machines invented for the purpose of lightening the labour of sewing were all intended to facilitate the execution of embroidery and other ornamentations rather than to assist in the drudgery of plain sewing. The first embroidery machine was patented June 25th, 1755, by Charles Weisenthal. Another improved one was granted to Henry Roche on behalf of Josué Heilmann, May 2, 1829. In 1804 John Duncan obtained his patent for "tambouring upon cloth," a near approach to the present sewing machine. So far the history of such machines has been rather of machines for embroidery than simple sewing, and though sewing machines existed, they had met so far with but little success. A sewing machine was patented to Leonard Borthwick in April, 1844, taken from an older idea, and an improved patent was granted to Arthur Walker in January, 1846. Since that time many sewing machines and patents have been at work, both in England, and the United States, and France, and other countries, including, among others, Howe's patent. And now the question comes on, who is the inventor of the sewing machine? As our contemporary well observes, "like many other important discoveries, it was made by two men at the same time, though they were widely separated from each other, and there is nothing to prove that they had access to the same books, drawings, or specifications of other patents. Most likely the same chain of circumstances produced the same idea in their minds, and as one was a tailor and the other the husband of a sempstress, they had every opportunity of observing the practical requirements of the case." We believe, like our contemporary, that "the earlier of these inventors—the man to whom the credit of introducing the sewing machine to the world is justly due—was a Frenchman named Barthelmy Thimmonnier. He was the son of a dyer, in anything but easy circumstances, and was born at Abreste in 1793. The first record that we have of his own position in life is as late as 1825, when he was a journeyman tailor at St. Etienne. Probably he was an expert workman, for from what we can learn of him he was in the habit of taking small contracts and employing men to work under him, occupying a position similar to that of a chamber-master in this country. It was through trying to increase his business that he first turned his attention to the subject of sewing machines, and as he spent much time and a good deal of money in experiments his neighbours began to believe that his reason was affected, and as a matter of course his business fell off, and in a short time he was reduced to absolute poverty. Nevertheless, he persevered, and after four years' patient labour he completed his machine and obtained a patent in 1830. The principle was that of the simple chain stitch. The needle employed was a curved one, which when it descended through the material had a loop of thread thrown round it by an apparatus termed a thread carrier. This loop was brought up through the material and the previous loop, thus crocheting the work in a similar manner to the old embroidering machine. In this machine no means were provided for regulating the length of the stitch, the work having to be carried forward by hand; but a sort of stop, through which the needle passed, held the work in its place during the sewing of each stitch. Unfortunately, Thimmonnier, like a great many other inventors, had neither the money nor the business aptitude for bringing his patent before the public; accordingly he sought the assistance of a Government engineer, a certain M. Beaunier, then living at St. Etienne. He was favourably impressed with the idea, and through his instrumentality the firm of Feraud, Thimmonnier, Germain, Petit, and Co. was established for the purpose of working the patent. For a time the business prospered, and in 1841 eighty machines made of wood were at work in their factory in the Rue de Sévres upon clothing for the army. But poor Thimmonnier was destined to suffer all the ills that inventors are heir

to, and just when his prospects were brightest, and there was every hope of his invention becoming known, a band of ignorant workmen in his own trade, enraged at his success, and too short-sighted to see its ultimate benefit to themselves, broke into his workshop and destroyed his machines. To add to his misfortunes, the engineer Beaunier, to whose business qualities the success of the company was in a great measure due, soon after died; the company, missing his assistance and advice, got into difficulties, and at last stopped altogether, and thus, after so nearly reaching the haven of his desires, Thimmonnier was once more cast penniless upon the world, with all his work to do over again. Like most inventors, bitter as his disappointment was, he was not discouraged. He started for Paris and tried once more to gain his living as a chamber-master. Once more he failed, and this time he turned his face towards his old home at Abreste, and alone and on foot almost begged his way. Just as Goldsmith once supported himself by playing the flute, so this intrepid inventor—who, had he lived in happier times, or had he found some experienced capitalist to take him by the hand, would no doubt have been looked upon as one of the greatest mechanics of the age—supported himself on his journey by exhibiting the model of his machine for the few sous the villagers sometimes gave him. However, he had seen during his short period of prosperity of what his invention was capable, and he bravely set himself to reconquer what he had lost. Once more he constructed a machine, which he was enabled to dispose of without difficulty, and for a time he subsisted entirely on the profits arising from this and subsequent sales. About this time fortune again seemed about to smile upon him. A friend of his—M. Magnin, of Villefranche—joined him, and the machines were now improved by the substitution of metal for wood; the rate of sewing was very much increased, and there seemed to be every prospect of the matter being taken up by manufacturers on a large scale. But he was once more doomed to disappointment. The revolution of 1848, in upsetting for the time the trade of the country, swept away, with many more important—or, at least, better known—institutions, poor Thimmonnier's factory, and the reputation he was acquiring. Ruined as he was, when the revolution had passed away he made one more effort. Though he had been forced to sell his patent in England, he sent a model of his machine to the Great Exhibition of 1851, which was to award justice to all the soldiers in the army of peace. Alas for poor Thimmonnier! it left him unmentioned. For a few years longer he struggled on, neglected and unknown, until in 1857 he died in absolute poverty, still believing in the merits of his invention, but unable to obtain for it the recognition he sought. Thus, doomed to privation and neglect, passed away the first inventor of the now popular sewing machine. Fortunately, the idea did not die with him; it was yet destined to be accepted as one of the most useful inventions of the age, and to reflect honour upon the humble grave of its ill-fated discoverer. Such is the history of the sewing machine, says our contemporary, such, we say is the way of the world. Time and busy life pass over the graves of many like humble benefactors of humanity—we reap the reward of their assiduity, acuteness, labours, sufferings, and yet practically we know nothing about them. When we are using some most useful discovering to-day, we are utterly ignorant often, through what privation and opposition, and even cruel neglect, that brilliant idea was worked out, of which we now can clearly see the inestimable value and reality. How often does it happen, when the inventor has died poor and penniless, the rich adventurer has made a still larger fortune by the once under-valued discovery of many a soldier in the great army of labour like Barthelmy Thimmonnier. Well it is "a queer world, my masters," and yet it is the way of the world, and nothing we believe can alter, nothing can alleviate either its injustice or its oblivion, in that, that being too prosperous, and too self-satisfied, it has no time often to remember its benefactors, and little inclination to remunerate those humble labourers, those poor inventors, who toil through good report and through evil

report to offer ease and readiness to labour, and to endow persevering and unending toil with the gracious elements of scientific accuracy and success.

Original Correspondence.

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

AN OLD MASONIC APRON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to supplement the brief notice contained in your impression of last week by the following particulars. The Apron was bound with purple ribbon, and with purple strings attached. Upon it were engraven figures of Faith, Hope, and Charity, with different Masonic emblems. Appended was the certificate of the brother to whom it formerly belonged, from the "Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Institutions," more familiarly known as the "Ancients," showing that he was registered on Dec. 4th, 1800, and the certificate signed and sealed Nov. 5th, 1801, by Robt. Leslie, G. Sec., and Edward Harper, D.G. Sec. The name of the brother, "Jonathan Smith," was duly inscribed in the margin, and written underneath, "Lodge 258, Bear and Wheatsheaf, Thames-street, London." This lodge, which did not then appear to have any distinctive name, but to have been known by its number and the house at which it assembled, as it occurs in the "Ahiman Rezon," or Book of Constitutions of the "Ancients," as "258, Northumberland Arms, Artillery Lane, London," and subsequently to that, at the "Hercules Tower, Threadneedle-street, London," as I learn from Bro. Hughan's interesting "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813," is now known as the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, in Cannon-street. I felt therefore that so interesting a memento would be more appropriately in the possession of that lodge, and, as you have already intimated, have desired Bro. Kenning, as one of its P.M.'s, to make the presentation on my behalf.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. H. JUKES.

Oct. 5th, 1875.

"A QUOTATION."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You will not object, I daresay, to my informing Bro. William Bernard, in return for his kind instruction to "editors and leader writers generally, and yourself, I presume, in particular, that the passage in question contained in the article on Bro. Major Burgess (Sept. 4th), is strictly correct.

The writer of that article says:—"The old saying is true . . . 'A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still,' and that same 'old saying' has existed and been in use in that same identical form for many a long year.

As an "old saying," and not as a quotation from Butler, the writer used it.

Who is to say that Butler was the originator of that "old saying?" for we know how writers in all ages have quoted from one another, sometimes, it is true, word for word, but quite as frequently clothing the borrowed thought in their own diction.

Would it not be well for Bro. William Bernard to "be careful in matters of this kind" before starting to publicly educate you, "the public educator," &c.?

I put this question very impartially, as I was

NOT THAT "LEADER WRITER."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read with deep interest an account of the progress of Freemasonry in the Isle of Man in your last issue. Your intelligent correspondent has struck a nail which I think it would be well to "drive home." His suggestion relative to the formation of a Prov. Grand Lodge for the Isle of Man is an excellent one, and one worthy the attentive consideration of those in authority. Our Manx brethren have no Prov. Grand Lodge at present, and it would not be strange, in a position of such indirect responsibility, if irregularities were found among them; but we have the testimony of your excellent correspondent that such is not the case. Still they desire and should have some incentive to work by and up to our ancient landmarks. At present they are kept together by the truly Masonic feelings which pervade them, and by the frequent visits of "foreign" brethren. This, however, may not last always, and its place can only be supplied by the formation of a Prov. Grand Lodge. May we hope to hear from some of your able correspondents how this can be done.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very faithfully and fraternally,

D. W. FINNEY, P.M., P.Z., &c.

7, St. Paul-street, Warrington.

LIST OF GRAND MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the book I quoted last week is the following:—A List of Provincial Grand Masters deputed by and under the protection of the Grand Master of England.

Deputations for Provincial Grand Masters were granted, In 1726 by Lord Paisley; Grand Master, to Sir Edward Mansell, Bart., for South Wales; Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales.

In 1728 by Lord Kingston, Grand Master, to George Pomfret, Esq., for Bengal, in the East Indies.

In 1729 by the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master, to Captain Ralph Farwinter, for the East Indies; Monsieur Thunannas, for the Circle of Lower Saxony; Mr. Daniel Cox, for New Jersey, in America.

In 1731 by Lord Lovell, now Earl of Leicester, Grand Master, to Captain John Phillips, for all the Russians, &c., &c., &c.

Should you think the above list worth while copying for the "Freemason" I shall be happy to do so. The list goes as far as 1767, to Lord Blancy, Grand Master.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ROBERT OWEN, R.W.O.

Union House, Bangor, 6th Oct., 1875.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Masonic season in London, now commencing, will abound with installations and presentations of jewels to retiring W.M.'s, subscribed for by some brethren, and voted from lodge funds by others, and I should like to repeat and ventilate in your journal what I advocated in the "Masonic Mirror" years ago, viz., that instead of spending the money upon jewels of a given "carat" of gold, it should be given to the charity the brother shall select, and that our respected and worthy Secretaries of these several charities should institute a commemorative jewel in "silver gilt," recording the fact of its presentation by such and such a lodge. The numbers they would annually require would, I should fancy, enable them to get a very handsome jewel for about 30s. or 35s., and it would answer their purpose to give even a larger amount and secure the presentation amount of £5 5s., or, if more, the same could be recognized by "bars" on the ribbon. By this method our charities would be greatly enriched, and the money flow in the proper channel; and on a brother's decease his relatives would have the satisfaction of knowing that his jewels represented the good done to charity in the brother's lifetime, instead of finding that a number of very costly jewels are only realisable at "breaking up" price, which, in many instances, will not produce in shillings what has been spent in pounds, and thereby one of our "watchwords" grossly abused.

Yours truly,

P.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, the Provincial Grand Master, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of the county of Lancashire, was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Guildhall, Preston, for the transaction of the annual business of the province. "Proud Preston" has never before witnessed a Masonic gathering of a like magnitude and importance, and, therefore, it caused no small interest and excitement in the place. The popularity and acceptance of the rule of Lord Skelmersdale were clearly established by the attendance of between 500 and 600 brethren from every part of the province, with one exception, there being sixty-nine lodges represented. The arrangements for the conduct of business were admirable, and the meeting place was well adapted for the purposes of the annual gathering.

The Craft Lodge was opened shortly after noon, Bro. Hunt, W.M. 113, officiating as W.M.; Bro. Bowes, W.M. 148, as S.W.; Bro. Johnston, W.M. 203, as J.W.; Bro. Hughes, W.M. 220, as S.D.; and Bro. Richard Brown, W.M. 241, as J.D.

After the usual preliminaries, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale; R.W.P.G.M., the following other brethren also officiating:—Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg., acting as D.P.G.M.; Bro. A. Stoddart, S.G.W.; G. Remington, J.G.W.; the Rev. J. M. Morgan, P.G.C.; Reuben Pearson, P.G. Reg.; H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec.; Robert Wilson, P.G.S.D.; W. J. Turley, P.G.J.D.; George Owen, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C.; Wm. Leather, P.G., Assistant D.C.; T. Archer Lowe, P.G.S.B.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O.; Watson Barker, P.G. Purst.; and Armstrong, P.G.T. Amongst the other P.G. Officers present were Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C.; Gilbert Greenall, M.P., P.P.G.J.W.; Dr. J. T. Smith, P.G.S.; J. Lunt, P.G.S.; S. Johnson, P.G.S.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. Moore, P.P.G.S.B.; F. A. Binckes, G.S.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B. (Lincolnshire); N. W. Newell, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Doyle, P.P.J.G.D.

Amongst the principals from the Craft lodges were Bro. Thomas Shaw, W.M. 823; T. G. Bark, W.M. 1380; Richard Brown, W.M. 241; Henry Jackson, W.M. 1393; J. K. Digges, W.M. 673; Joseph Bell, W.M. 1356; F. W. N. Johnson, W.M. 1213; Edward Tale, W.M. 178; John Cockshott, W.M. 343; W. Jones, W.M. 1299; Robert Cross, W.M. 484; Thomas Ocklishaw, W.M. 667; William Archer, W.M. 1086; P. B. Forshaw, W.M. 1403; Harold Wyatt, W.M. 1473; H. P. Benton, W.M. 333; Thomas C. Preston, W.M. 703; Joseph Mackie, W.M. 1375; Hugh P. Price, W.M. 249; J. T. Callow, W.M. 1505; M. Fletcher, W.M. 986; G. Wightson, W.M. 113; Peter B. Gee, W.M. 1264; Thomas P. Griffiths, W.M. 613; T. J. Lloyd, W.M. 113; W. B. Caw, W.M. 786; R. Whiteside, W.M. 1256; H. Ashmore, W.M. 1325; H. S. Oppenheim, W.M. 1384; T. B. Myers, W.M. 1182; W. Harrington, W.M. 1094; J. Hughes, W.M. 220; H. Johns, W.M. 1476; E. Johnston, W.M. 203; E. B. Harding, W.M. 1496; J. Taylor, W.M. 1051; J. G. Dunn, W.M. 897; T. Delcock, W.M. 594; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; C.

W. Johnson, W.M. 1313; W. Karfoot, W.M. 730; J. C. Hunter, W.M. 1225; J. Heald, W.M. 1032; H. Nelson, P.M. 673 and 1505; H. Morris, S.W. 1505; W. Quayle, J.W. 1505; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas. 1505; J. Queen, 1505; T. Large, J.D. 1505; J. Dale, D.C. 1505; W. Harrison, I.P.M. 897; J. Jackson, P.M. 148; J. F. Roberts, P.M. 1313; T. Davies, Sec. 1182; J. A. Forrest, S.W. 1547; W. Roberts, S.W. 1264; A. Cotter, J.W. 1264; A. C. Wylie, Sec. 1264; J. Healing, P.M., Treas. 1264; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; W. C. Webb, S.S. 1264; J. Bushell, 1264; J. Hughes, 1264; C. Fothergill, 1264; J. W. Burgess, 1264; R. Ing, P.M. 594; W. Healing, S.W. 1094; A. Jarvis, J.W. 1094; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; F. Bell, S.W. 1398; J. Cottam, J.W. 986; J. Aspinwall, S.W. 580; G. Cornfield, P.M. 1225; J. Case, P.M. 995; R. Blake, Sec. 1398; R. Leason, I.G. 1393; T. A. Smith, P.M. 343; T. Green, 393; W. Blake, 1473; J. Goodman, S.D. 823; E. Cattrall, 203; J. Kenwright, 1356; T. Horne, S.W. 1356; W. H. Cooper, J.W. 1350; A. Samuels, P.M. 1350; T. A. Collinson, P.M. 1350; G. Dixon, J.W. 314; J. C. Lunt, P.M. 1086; Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 ("Freemason"); Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap. 1086; C. Haswell, 203; S. J. McGee, P.M. 241; J. Ball, 673; W. M. Chudley, P.M. 241; T. Salter, I.G. 241; G. Hutchin, S.W. 241; J. Kirwan, 241; T. H. Sheen, J.D. 241; T. Whitehead, 241; C. E. Hindley, I.G. 148; R. Collings, Sec. 249; W. Forrester, 1035; P. Ascroft, P.M. 986; H. E. Cullingworth, P.M. 613; J. Houlding, J.W. 823; J. S. Cuthbert, J.W. 823; J. Goodacre, P.M. 1086; T. Brown, S. 1393; C. Hunt, 1086; F. Chambers, 1086; H. Scott, P.M. 86; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; W. J. Raverty, 241; C. J. Reilly, 241; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; J. Moss, 1086; S. Millikin, 823; J. Vaughan, J.W. 86; J. Whitfield, 594; T. Roberts, S.W. 673; H. Burrows, J.W. 673; J. Thornton, P.M. 673 and 1182; E. Kyle, P.M. 673; D. Jackson, S.D. 673; R. Hulsey, Org. 673; J. Seddon, S. 673; L. Herman, I.G. 673; R. Landless, I.P.M. 1476; A. Woolrich, 1356; W. G. Veale, Org. 594; T. Buxton, P.M. 1345; W. Baldwin, P.M. 1398; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; F. W. A. Johnson, W.M. 1213; R. Williams, S.W. 1213; J. Frank, J.W. 203 and 1502; J. Jackson, S.W. 667; A. Bucknall, 667; H. Firth, S.D. 667; D. Stansfield, P.M. 730; J. B. Cardwell, Treas. 1032; W. J. Sly, 1051; G. Turner, P.M. 823; J. Hall, S.W. 1354; J. Beesley, P.M. 216; W. H. Holt, P.M. 786; R. Collinson, S.W. 1350; W. Wilson, S.W. 823; E. Airey, P.M. 281; J. Davison, P.M. 724; J. Hargreaves, J.D. 203; M. Williamson, 1393; H. Gooch, 613; J. Rowe, Treas. 1496; J. H. Caw, J.W. 1496; R. B. Preston, Sec. 333; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; T. Nevett, P.M. 113; H. W. Johnston, P.M. 113; W. H. Sharpe, I.G. 1086; T. B. Pye, P.M. 343; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; T. Roberts, S.W. 673; J. Jones, P.M. 594; J. McCarthy, S.W. 1393; J. C. Hunter, W.M. 1225; R. Braithwaite, S.W. 1476; A. Harvey, J.W. 1375; R. Martin, jun., S.W. 1182; T. Large, Sec. 1393; W. Heald, P.M. 1353; R. T. Martin, P.M. 1032; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; S. Tickle, J.W. 220; J. Winsor, S.W. 203; W. Troughton, S.W. 1013; J. Lecomber, J.W. 594; R. Turner, Chaplain 314; F. Cooper, 249; E. A. Wright, 249; W. P. Jennings, 249; J. Tewkesbury, S.D. 220; G. Becken, J.W. 724; F. Marshall, 1086; R. H. Evans, P.M. 1393; T. Nickson, J.W. 1356; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; W. Brackenbury, J.D. 673; H. Hunt, P.M. 594; J. L. Houghton, Sec. 594; R. P. France, S.W. 594; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; J. A. Edginton, P.M. 1182; J. Williams, J.W. 1182; J. W. C. Browne-Cave, Treas. 1547; R. Warriner, S.D. 1547; P. Macmudrow, P.M. 1299; G. Aspinall, J.W. 1299; Henry Liversage, Treas. 1299; W. Sephton, P.M. 1086; J. Wells, P.M. 580; E. Carter, 667; and others.

The roll of the lodges of the province having been called over, it was reported that every lodge in the province was represented with the exception of the Chorlton Lodge, 1387, held at Chorlton-cum-Hardy, the usual fine being imposed in this case.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, were read, and on the motion of Bro. Goepel, P.G.D.C., seconded by Bro. Dr. Kellet Smith, P.G.S., P.M. 1094, they were confirmed.

Bro. T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., submitted the annual accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge, from which it appeared that there was a balance in favour of Provincial Grand Lodge fees amounting to £429 15s. 7d., to the Fund of Benevolence £1328 7s. 3d., making a total of £1758 2s. 10d.

On the motion of Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.D.G.C., seconded by Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.G.S., the accounts were adopted and passed.

On the motion of Bro. T. Wylie, P. Prov. G. Reg., seconded by Bro. Alpess, P.G. Sec., it was unanimously resolved to vote the sum of £40 from the funds, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London.

On the motion of Bro. Goepel, P.G.D.C., Bro. T. Armstrong was re-elected P.G. Treasurer by acclamation.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed the following as his officers for the year 1875-6:—

Hon. F. A. Stanley	Dep. Prov. G.M.
Charles Fryer (Mayor of Preston)	Prov. S.G.W.
W. C. Deeley	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. J. M. Morgan	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Dr. J. Kellet Smith	Prov. G. Reg.
H. S. Alpess (re-ap.)	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Gillman	Prov. G.S.D.
W. Leader	Prov. G.J.D.
H. Bagot	Prov. G. S. of Wks.
J. Lunt	Prov. G.D.C.
S. Johnson	Prov. G.A.D.C.

Bowden	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Skeaf (re-ap.)	Prov. G.O.
W. J. Sly	Prov. G. Purst.
G. Cornfield, J. Pemberton, P. Mack-	
muldrow, J. S. Roberts, H. Collin-	
son, and J. Jackson	Prov. G. Stewards.
P. Ball	Prov. G. Tyler.
W. H. Ball	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The sum of £60 was voted from the Funds of Benevolence and P.G. Lodge in aid of the widows of deserving deceased Freemasons.

Bro. R. Wylie moved a resolution to the effect that for every brother initiated the sum of five shillings, and for every brother joining the sum of one shilling, be paid to a fund to be called a charity account, which should be devoted to the assistance of the London charities. The motion was seconded by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.G. Reg., and agreed to. Bro. R. Wylie also moved that the sum of £100 be voted to the Benevolent Fund of the Institution for aged Freemasons in London. Bro. Goepel seconded the motion, which was agreed to. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale stating that he would probably preside at the coming festival of that institution, and hoped that he would be well supported by the brethren from West Lancashire. (Loud cheers.) On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, the sum of £20 was voted to the Hamer Benevolent Fund.

Bro. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Secretary, read his report for the past year, which was of a very satisfactory character. It appeared that two new lodges had been added to the number in the province—the Lodge of Israel and the Liverpool Lodge. It was also reported that the Craft continued to increase in numbers, although many lodges had increased their initiation fee, with the view of keeping the Order as select as possible. The new Masonic Hall at Liverpool was reported to be greatly approved of, though some money, it was said, was still needed to complete the building.

The second annual report of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, submitted by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D. Hon. Sec., which was taken as read, showed that the state of the funds now warranted the committee in receiving applications for assistance from deserving brethren. The progress made during the past year was a proof that many brethren were convinced that great benefit was likely to be derived from the fund. It appeared from the Treasurer's account that £230 were invested in connection with the fund and £132 12s. 10d. in the bank. The report and accounts were adopted and office-bearers appointed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then constituted a Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. R. Brown, W.M. 241 (Merchants' Lodge), Honorary Secretary to the institution, has recently issued the following report, which indicates the present position of the charity:—

"Your committee, in once more presenting the annual statement of accounts for the year 1874, have again the pleasure to report the continued prosperity, progress, and usefulness of the institution; but, before referring to matters more immediately requiring notice in connection with the working of the charity, your committee desire to place on record their great and heartfelt regret at the loss the institution and the Masonic fraternity throughout the province have sustained through the death of Brother Andrew Cook Mott, who for eight years acted as honorary secretary, and to whose unexampled energy and exertions may be attributed much of the success of the institution during that period. Your committee cannot but feel that the result of Brother Mott's labours in this matter is a brilliant and lasting memorial to his great energy, perseverance, and Masonic zeal in the cause of charity. The statement annexed shows a gratifying increase in the progress of the institution, both financially and in the direction of extended usefulness. The income for the year from invested funds amounts to £481 12s. 11d., and the income from other sources, including donations and subscriptions, fees from lodges, the proceeds of the annual ball, &c., is £838 14s. 2d.; the result of the year's working being that, after making the necessary payments for the education and advancement of the children on the foundation of the institution, there has been added to the funds the sum of £969 6s. 7d., making the total amount to £11,815 1s. 4d. It is gratifying to note that this saving has been effected without in any way curtailing the excellent objects of the charity, the number of children receiving the benefits afforded by the institution having been increased from 44 to 48. This prosperous state of the funds warrants your committee in venturing to suggest that the time has arrived when they may fairly make such arrangements as will tend to enlarge the advantages of the charity, and to grant, in certain instances, in addition to the benefits of a liberal education, such clothing as will allow the children attending school to appear more respectable than some of them are at present enabled to do; and, with this object, such alterations in the rules as are necessary will be submitted for your approval at an early date. Your committee hope that the brethren throughout the province will endorse this desire to extend the benefits of the charity, by continued co-operation and support, and they have no doubt their exertions will be crowned by an abundant measure of success."

Bro. Brown read the minutes of the different meetings held during the year, and the office-bearers in connection with the institution were appointed.

When the Provincial Grand Lodge resumed, Bro. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G. Chaplain, said he did not see why the Masons of West Lancashire should be denied a privilege which was enjoyed by every other province in the kingdom, viz., that of attending church in connection with their annual meeting. It was satisfactory to find that charity prevailed, but charity without prayer was nothing, as prayer without charity was nothing. He hoped that in future the Craft would have the privilege of attending Di-

vine service in connection with their annual meetings. The P.G.M. concurred with Bro. Goggin in thinking they ought to attend church before proceeding with the Provincial Grand Lodge business, and promised that the matter would be considered.

The following letter was read from the Precentor of Chester Cathedral:—

Abbey Court, Chester, Oct. 5.

My Lord,—With every expression of apology for the liberty I am taking, I venture, on behalf of our Cathedral Restoration, to ask if you could give your kind assistance to the work by introducing to the notice of the Freemasons of Lancashire, at least as much of it as may be included in the diocese of Chester, the suggestion that a fund, similar to that raised by the lodges of Lord De Tabley's province in Cheshire, might possibly be generously subscribed to by members of lodges in West Lancashire.

A pulpit has been given by the Freemasons of Cheshire, at a cost of £450; and if any once special part of the work were to be undertaken by the Freemasons of West Lancashire it would be highly gratifying to the Dean and Chapter.

I venture to add three things which are much wanted:—The stone sedilia, £450; the pavement under central tower, £400; the corona, or means of lighting, £750.

With every apology for my bold intrusion, I am, my Lord, yours faithfully,

EDWD. L. Y. DEACLE,

Precentor of the Cathedral.

The P.G.M. thought such a contribution would be highly meritorious to the brethren, and he suggested that some of the brethren should take the matter in hand, and see what could be done—a suggestion which met with very general approval.

It was resolved that a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Brabner, widow of the late Bro. Brabner, so long identified with Masonry in the province, should be recorded on the minutes.

The Provincial Grand Officers then retired, and the Craft lodge was closed by Bro. Nevett, W.M. 113.

A large number of the brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the Temporary Corn Exchange, under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale, but the catering was so insufficient and inefficient that a large number of the brethren left and sought for sustenance elsewhere at the hotels, which was much needed, as many had fasted since early morning. It is to be regretted that this unpleasant episode in an otherwise pleasant and satisfactory day's proceedings should have occurred, and it is to be hoped that in future years the same state of things may not arise. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, it is said, were proposed during the evening, Bro. Alpess, P.G. Sec., proposing "The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale," who replied in a happy speech, "giving good sound advice to Freemasons, and counselling a more liberal support of the London charities. Bro. R. Brown, Hon. Sec., replied for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution in a capital speech, which was enthusiastically received.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, belonging to Cumberland and Westmorland, was held at Penrith on the 8th inst., under the banner of Lodge Unanimity, Sir Richard C. Musgrave, Bart., W.M.

It may be remembered that the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, some time ago announced his intention to hold the annual Grand Lodge this year at Kirkby Lonsdale, and afterwards to entertain the brethren to a banquet at his beautiful seat, Underley. Owing, however, to a painful domestic bereavement, this generous intention had to be abandoned. In this emergency the brethren of Lodge 339 were applied to, and they at once undertook to entertain the Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the billiard-room at the New Crown Hotel, by Bro. Jos. Kirkbride, P.M., P.P.G.P. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Warden of England, presided, in the absence of the Earl of Bective.

After the minutes had been read, the Grand Treasurer's accounts were approved and adopted, as also the Charity Committee's report, in which it was recommended that the support of all lodges and individual subscribers in the province be accorded to the son of a deceased brother of Solway Lodge, Silloth, in order to insure his admission to the Freemasons' Boys' School in London.

The Treasurer's accounts showed a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of £230 5s. 7½d. A notice of motion, signed by Bro. Thomas Dodgson, of Millom, was then taken into consideration, to the effect that it was desirable to form an institution in the province for the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased and distressed Freemasons. A committee was thereupon formed, to report to next meeting, amongst the members being Colonel Whitwell, M.P.; Lord Muncaster, M.P.; Sir R. C. Musgrave, Bart.; Rev. Dr. Simpson (Kirkby Stephen), Rev. E. Cockett (Upperby), &c. Bro. John Lemon, P.M., St. John's Lodge, Wigton, P.P.G.S.W., was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer; and Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M. 371, Maryport, was elected Provincial Grand Tyler for the ensuing year.

The officers for the year were invested by the R.W. Acting Grand Master as follows:—

J. Porter	Prov. G.S.W.
W. Dodd	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. W. Beeby	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. C. H. Gem	Prov. G. A. Chap.
J. Lemon	Prov. G. Treas.
W. B. Gibson	Prov. G. Sec.
Sir R. C. Musgrave	Prov. G. Reg.
J. R. Bain	Prov. G. S. Wks.
C. J. Smith	Prov. G.S.D.

J. Bain Prov. G.J.D.
 P. T. Freeman Prov. G. Org.
 T. B. Arnison Prov. G.D. of Cers.
 W. Armstrong Prov. G.A.D. Cers.
 Pratchitt Prov. G. Swd. B.
 James Cook Prov. G. Purst.
 Grand Stewards:—Bros. T. McMechan, Dr. Dinwoodie,
 J. J. Beattie, A. Hodgetts, W. F. Lamonby, J. W. Young.

After the officers were invested, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, addressing the brethren, said they would all remember that at the recent installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, two brethren were appointed from this province to attend as Stewards. They were brethren highly esteemed amongst them, one from the south and the other from the west, and they had discharged their duties on that occasion—no doubt at considerable expense of time and money—in a highly satisfactory manner, and he would suggest that in commemoration of that great event, and as a mark of their appreciation of the services of the two brethren, that the Steward's jewel which they were entitled to wear should be presented to them by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A motion embodying the suggestion having been proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, with some highly complimentary remarks, referring to the long and valued services of Bro. Lemon, Provincial Grand Treasurer, and to the energy and zeal Bro. H. Rauthmell, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, had displayed in Freemasonry, presented to each of them the jewel specially designed by Sir A. W. Woods, Garter G.D.C. of England, which was approved by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and is to be worn suspended by a ribbon of the Swedish national colours by the Stewards who officiated at the installation of His Royal Highness, April 28th, 1875.

Bro. Lemon thanked the brethren in feeling terms, and said that the jewel they had just presented to him would be highly prized and valued, as a token of their regard, so long as he lived, and that it would be handed down as an heirloom to generations that would come after him.

Bro. Rauthmell said, in thanking the Prov. Grand Lodge, that it did not need this additional proof to convince him of their kindly feelings towards him. He assured them that he felt it was a very great honour to have been appointed to represent as Steward so important a province as that of Cumberland and Westmorland on the occasion of the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master of their Order. Whenever he looked upon the jewel which they had just presented to him it would be with twofold gratification and pleasure; it would recall to his memory that brilliant scene he witnessed in the Albert Hall, in which he had the honour of taking a part; and secondly, but not less, he should value it for the kindly sentiments that had accompanied its presentation from the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A very sincere vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, on his recent severe bereavement.

A vote of thanks was also given to the brethren of the Unanimity Lodge for their kind entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge at so short a notice.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren were marshalled in order of procession, and marched to the parish church, Bective Lodge heading the procession, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. F. W. Wicks, St. Nicholas', Whitehaven, Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, from the following text:—Ephesians, c. 2, v. 21—"In whom all the building fitly framed together, growth into an holy temple in the Lord." Bro. Freeman, Provincial Grand Organist, presided at the organ.

Returning to the New Crown Hall, banquet was served, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., presiding, supported on the right by the Rev. S. J. Butler, Penrith; Rev. T. R. Holme, P.P.G. Chap.; Bro. J. Lemon, Grand Treasurer, and others; and on the left by the Rev. F. Wicks, Rev. W. Beeby, Bro. Porter, and others.

The Chairman proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." As Masons and Englishmen they loved their Queen, the mother of three sons who are Masons. (Cheers.)

The Chairman next gave "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." The toast he applied to the Prince of Wales as heir to the throne, and he should have an opportunity later on of proposing His Royal Highness's health in another capacity. (Cheers.)

The Rev. F. W. Wicks, in an energetic speech, proposed "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces."

The Chairman next proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." The Rev. S. J. Butler responded.

The Chairman said the next toast was one of no slight importance to the company; it was "The Health of their Royal Grand Master." (Cheers.) Many of those present in the room had seen the Prince of Wales installed on the throne of English Masonry the other day. That was an assembly that filled not only England, but the whole of Europe, with admiration, and for the reason that a society, proscribed by some potentates, had chosen for their ruler a prince who would one day become Sovereign of the greatest realm in the world. (Cheers.)

The Chairman then proposed "The Healths of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England; Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Officers of the Grand Lodge."

The Chairman next proposed the health of one who was not present with them, their R.W. Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers.) They all knew the reason of the Earl of Bective's absence that day. He had a letter from his lordship, who said he had never been absent from an annual meeting since his election as Provincial Grand Master. He begged to convey his extreme regret at not being able to be present. Their Provincial Grand Master had been congratulated on the increase in their ranks, and he

(the chairman) should be glad to congratulate his lordship on the entire success of their meeting to-day. (Cheers.) He only hoped that on the occasion of their next meeting they would have his lordship amongst them again.

The Rev. F. W. Wicks proposed "The Health of the Chairman, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." (Cheers.) He did not wonder at the outburst of enthusiasm which met the proposition, for he always heard the name of Colonel Whitwell spoken of by Freemasons with the heartiest respect and brotherly esteem. (Cheers.)

The Chairman, in returning thanks, said that when he came amongst Masons he found human nature in its truest form, and he felt that his feeble efforts were too much praised. Speaking of the progress of Freemasonry in Cumberland and Westmorland, he said it was a noble tree, whose branches were spreading out year after year.

Bros. Lemon and Gibson replied on behalf of the other Provincial Grand Officers.

Bro. Lemon proposed "The Health of the W. Masters of Lodges in the Province," each of whom present responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Tyler's Toast."

The company broke up about six o'clock. The arrangements of the meeting were admirably carried out under the experienced and energetic management of Bro. W. Kirkbride, P.M., Secretary of the Lodge of Unanimity. "Kendal Times," Oct. 9, 1875.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Sussex was held in the Music-room, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, 30th, ult. Bro. E. J. Furner, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G. M., presided, and there were about 130 members present. Two o'clock was the time fixed for the commencement of the proceedings, but it was nearly three before the meeting began. The first business on the agenda was to receive a letter from Lord Pelham, Prov. G. Master, requesting Bro. Furner, D.P.G.M., to transact the entire business of the province in his stead, and during his pleasure. The letter was read, and the Deputy Prov. G.M. explained that the Prov. G.M. was led to make this request in consequence of continued indisposition. The letter was ordered to be recorded in the minute-book. Bro. C. J. Smith, of Cliftonville, moved that the letter should be re-considered. He thought that the long-continued illness of the Prov. G.M. was one reason why he should resign the reins of office to the man upon whom its labours really devolved. His proposition was, however, ruled out of order. A letter respecting the funeral of the late Bro. Pocock having been read, the Acting Prov. G.M. proposed the following resolution:—"It is with feelings of deep regret that the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex record in their minute book the decease of Bro. Gavin Elliott Pocock, which took place on the first day of the present year. His untiring exertions during the twenty years of his Provincial Grand Secretaryship were duly acknowledged by a unanimous vote of thanks at the annual meeting, two years ago, and the high estimation in which he was held by his Masonic brethren was evinced by the testimonial which was presented to him last year; so that it is unnecessary now to dilate upon his worth. The melancholy duty, however, of formally declaring the loss Freemasonry has sustained by the removal from its ranks of so distinguished and so devoted a brother, still remains, and, therefore, the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge resolve to place on their minutes this record of their sorrow at the death of Bro. Pocock; and further, in order to perpetuate the recollection of the high regard in which he was held by them, and in recognition of the great services he rendered to Freemasonry, both as regards its ceremonies and its charities, they vote from the funds of this provincial Grand Lodge the sum of fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be registered in the books of that institution as the 'Pocock Memorial,' the privileges of this donation to be exercised in perpetuity by the Provincial Grand Master for the time being." Bro. S. R. Ade proposed the word "Deputy" before the term "Prov. Grand Master," contained in the last clause of the resolution, but subsequently withdrew his proposition, and the resolution was agreed to in its original form. The report of the Finance Committee was presented, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. G. Tatham was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer; and the following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested: Bro. E. J. Furner, Deputy Prov. G.M., acting as Prov. G.M.; Bros. J. Cunningham, as Dep. Prov. G.M.; W. H. Hallett, Prov. G.S.W.; L. J. Bridgen, Prov. G.J.W.; C. A. Woolley, Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. Scott, Prov. Sec.; W. H. German, Prov. G.S.D.; J. Dorman, Prov. G.J.D.; J. O'Brien, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Dixon, Prov. G.D. of C.; R. Pidcock, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; J. M. Reed, Prov. G. Sup. of W.; C. Walker, Prov. G. Swd.B.; Bostock, Prov. G. Purst.; and W. Smith, J. Eberall, Crouch, and W. Read, Prov. G. Stewards. Bro. Trollope, P. Prov. G.J. Warden, proposed the following motion, of which he had given notice:—"That Bro. John H. Scott and Bro. V. P. Freeman, the brethren appointed to act as Stewards for the Province of Sussex, on the occasion of the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., be presented from the funds of this Prov. Grand Lodge with the jewel struck by order of Grand Lodge, to be worn only by those who acted as Stewards on that memorable day." The resolution was unanimously agreed to, the Prov. Grand Secretary following it up with a few appropriate remarks. There was no ordinary business to be transacted. The lodge was closed in proper form and with solemn prayer. It was followed by a banquet, served by Messrs. Mutton Brothers, King's Road, Brighton, in the banqueting-room, in their best style, about one hundred brethren partaking of it.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Thursday, September 30th, the annual gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons belonging to the Province of Northumberland was held in the ancient town of Hexham, under the banner of the Northern Counties Lodge, 406. The brethren assembled in goodly numbers in the Town Hall, which was very beautifully decorated for the occasion by a rich assortment of green and hot house plants, ferns, &c., which were kindly lent by Mr. Ralph Robson, of Hexham, and the massive, elegant furniture of the new Albert Edward Lodge gave to the spacious hall an imposing and impressive appearance. The assembly was presided over by the Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland. The S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Winter, P.G.S.W.; and the J.W. chair by Bro. A. Potter, P.G.J.W. The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and received, the various reports for the past year were read and received, from which it transpired that the ancient Order was prospering within the province. The proceedings of the day were rendered highly interesting by the consecration of a new lodge in the town of Hexham called the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557. The solemn and imposing ceremony was duly performed with all the accustomed rites and usages by the Provincial Grand Master and his officers. The lodge having been duly consecrated, Bro. George White, of Dilston Villa, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., as the first Worshipful Master of the Albert Edward Lodge. The business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served up in first rate style. The banqueting hall was also beautifully decorated. The chair was occupied by the Right Hon. Earl Percy, P.G.M., and the vice-chairs by Bro. B. J. Thompson and Bro. C. Jarvis, W.M. Tyne Lodge. Upwards of 200 brethren partook of a recherché repast.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Governors, &c., of this Institution met on Saturday last in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Major Creaton, Vice-patron, presiding.

Among the other brethren present were R. J. Spiers, Thomas Massa, F. Binckes, Joshua Nunn, Benjamin Head, J. Stohwasser, William Stephens, Edward Harris, F. Tyerman, J. G. Sturch, W. J. Mantle, H. Moore, George Bolton, H. Massey ("Freemason"), Robert Kenyon, Walter Wellsman, H. Browse, John A. Rucker, George Kelly, A. H. Tattershall, Henry G. Warren, Edward Clark, Alfred H. Diaper, Thomas Kett, Henry Smith, J. L. Hime, Raynham W. Stewart, James A. Birch, John Sutcliffe, W. J. Stracey, C. Swan, Donald King, Charles Jardine, H. Hacker, W. Downing, J. Vaughan, D.P.G.M. Somerset; S. Rawson, John Symonds, T. J. Sabine, J. Terry, Griffiths Smith, Peter de L. Long, L. Keough, H. A. Dubois, W. Lane, F. J. Cox, R. W. Townsend, R. Spencer, R. H. Whiteman, R. B. Webster, James Bellamy, J. Bodenham, A. H. Edwards, John Simpson, 910 W.Y.; W. Hickman, D.P.G.M. Hants; William Hale, W. A. Bowler, C. Koeste, C. F. Hogard, J. Thompson, C. Waters, R. H. Wand, J. Porter, E. J. McIntyre, Richard Cope, John Boyd, Henry Dubosc, Edward Cox, F. H. Ebsworth, Thomas Meekham, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Manger, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. Watson, James Stephens, W. Lane, H. Muggeridge, H. G. Buss, Dr. Hogg, J. Emmens, F. Davison, W. Swallow, and Bro. Cole (Aldershot).

Bro. Hedges acted for Bro. Little.

The Chairman in opening the proceedings said he was sorry to inform the brethren that Bro. Little, the secretary, was ill, and unable to be present. A certificate had been sent by his medical attendant that he (Bro. Little) was unable to leave his room, a circumstance which he (the chairman) was sure all would regret. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Hedges having read the different minutes, which were put and confirmed,

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., rose to bring on the following motion, of which he had given notice:—

"With a view to enable the Institution to accommodate a greater number of children, found necessary by the increase of applications (four-fifths of the applicants at the next election cannot be admitted for want of room), and the vastly extending growth of the Craft generally, with the circumstance that space cannot be obtained on the limited site of the present School, as it is so hemmed in by railway lines and buildings, and which, at no distant period, will be required (or partially so) for increased railway accommodation, that year by year has extended since the School has been at Wandsworth.

"That a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand pounds (£25,000) be expended out of the Funds of the Institution in the purchase of land, and the erection of a suitable school-house and buildings, to educate and support two hundred children, and to be so arranged that in the event of the existing School being removed, space be found for extending the same, so as to contain all the children under one roof.

"In the event of my proposition being carried: That a Sub-Committee be formed out of the General Committee to carry out the details, and complete the same."

In doing so he said that the brethren had no doubt all read this motion, which had been advertised, and probably they might not all agree with him in his proposition to spend so large a sum as £25,000; but when he informed them that in the funds of the institution they had £40,000, perhaps they might think otherwise. An immense number of children were continuously knocking at their doors, and the time was

not far distant when, as it would be almost impossible for them to take any more girls in at the present building at Wandsworth, and they could not get sufficient additional land there to build further than they had already done, as they were hemmed in on every quarter, and the railways were drawing closer and closer, this Institution must go elsewhere. In asking the Court to favour a large vote, he had not done so without well considering what the necessities of the case were now, and what they would ultimately be. The proposition he had to make was that they should purchase land elsewhere, and build on it a certain school, which might be extended at some future time to meet the wants of any number of children if they were compelled to give up the premises they now held. He did not think they would be doing wrong in spending so much of their capital; the probability was that they would be doing a great deal more good than letting it lie idle at 3 per cent. by erecting a school which would be the nucleus of a larger one capable of holding from 300 to 500 children. He had not considered any particular site as desirable, but certainly not the present one, or near it; but he knew there were plenty of sites at a convenient distance from London. On the ground that it was a profitable investment of the money, without wishing to make a speech, he submitted his motion to the brethren, and would take the sense of the meeting upon it.

Bro. Nunn then read his motion.

A seconder being called for, no one answered, and the Chairman declared the motion dropped in consequence.

Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., then brought his motion forward:—

"That this Committee recommend that a Sub-Committee consisting of nine members, of whom not less than four shall be members of the House Committee, together with the Treasurer and Trustees of the Institution, be appointed, three to form a quorum, to consider and report to the General Court on the arrangements to be made for the admission of from thirty to fifty more children to the benefits of the Institution; that in case of need a Special General Court be summoned to receive such report, and that such report be read for information at any House Committee or General Committee that may meet between the completion of the report and the meeting of the (Quarterly or Special) General Court."

He said he thought that in admitting from thirty to fifty more children they would be admitting as many as the funds of the Institution would allow of, large as they were. The children were boarded, educated, and clothed for a comparatively small sum; at the same time this was the nucleus of a larger school; and he thought that notwithstanding the great increase in the subscriptions, and the large sum the Girls' School had in the funds, the great increase in the numbers of the Craft rendered it inadvisable that this institution should do at the present moment more than his motion proposed.

Bro. H. G. Warren, P.G.S., seconded the motion. As it was a matter which was to be referred to a Committee he would defer his remarks on it till the Committee made its report. He would not have been willing that a large expenditure should be incurred without such an enquiry as was proposed, and he believed that it was always better to take that course, because it was not to be supposed that in the limited time during which these Quarterly Courts lasted due consideration could be given to these matters.

Bro. John Symonds, P.G.D., said he was quite prepared to vote for the motion as it stood, if it came to that. He presumed it was through Bro. Rucker's modesty, as a member of the House Committee, that he did not propose that the subject should be referred to the House Committee, who, it seemed to him, were best qualified to deal with it, as they knew all the requirements of the Institution. He hoped that Bro. Rucker, with Bro. Warren's consent, would refer it to the House Committee, who could report to the Quarterly Court. Bro. Symonds explained the many advantages which would arise from this plan, and the opportunities which would be given to a much larger number of experienced brethren having full information as to the proceedings than by a reference of the matter to a Special Committee.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., said there was a motion of his on the paper which would carry out to a great extent Bro. Rucker's proposition to give an education to a larger number of Freemasons' children than at present. They had plenty of funds to do so with. It was admitted that a great many children were knocking at their doors and anxious to be received into the Institution. Much money had been spent in erecting an infirmary, which to his mind ought to be utilised by accommodating at once all the approved candidates. It would cost very little to get a home elsewhere for an infirmary, and if the railway required the existing premises at a future time the brethren would have done a wise thing not to remove till they had notice that the present site was required. If that did occur, then he hoped they would be able to accommodate 300 children, if necessary. He was in favour of a junior school being established, into which children might go when first elected. They should have a superior school and an infant school. Money had already been laid out very freely, and within the last two or three years the brethren had gone to great expense in enlarging the building, in its dining hall and lavatories, and also in erecting an infirmary. Supposing any of the children should be taken ill, it would be a very rare occurrence if they were more than four or five in number; and surely it would be cheaper to provide another building for them, with nurses and staff to attend to them, than to have such a large infirmary as they had now. The brethren were now anxious to accommodate a larger number of the children of the Craft. The Craft had come forward and given plenty of money, and what ought to be done was to provide at once for the children of this generation, and let posterity take care of the future. When the land and buildings at Wandsworth were required by the railways it would be time enough to look out for other

land for the Masonic Girls' School, and then they would have plenty of funds. What was wanted was immediate accommodation. With this and no other view, he would be willing to consent to Bro. Rucker's motion being referred, to see how the scheme could be carried out, but he would ask the brethren honestly and sincerely to make the infirmary of some use by converting it into a portion of the school.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield suggested that if Bro. Rucker's motion was carried to the House Committee, they should also have power to consider Bro. Stewart's motion.

The Chairman said he understood that to be the intention of Bro. Stewart.

Bro. Stewart.—Yes.

Bro. Farnfield, in reference to the observation that the railway company would be wanting the land of the Masonic School, said that it had always been said that the railway was coming there. The railway had only just laid out a large sum of money at Clapham Junction on the other side of the school, and it would be a long time before they wanted that as well. The school building did not extend right up to the railway, and unless the railway company took some portion of the school building they could not be compelled to take the whole. He had grave doubts whether the railway might not enlarge the line, taking only a portion of the land. All these matters could be dealt with, however, under Bro. Rucker's motion.

Bro. Stewart said he was quite willing not to bring his motion forward that day, provided the matter was referred to the House Committee.

Bro. Hacker, P.M. 723, while agreeing with Bro. Rucker, would like to add a rider, that before anything was done every brother entitled should have notice of it.

Bro. Kenyon enquired whether the Committee would receive suggestions from a Governor.

The Chairman.—Yes.

Bro. Kenyon added that he mentioned the matter because he knew there were brethren who could render the Committee efficient service.

The Chairman had no doubt that the Committee would gladly receive any assistance that could be offered.

Bro. Rucker said that as far as the question of the infirmary was concerned, that building had been erected when 70 children were laid down with scarlet fever. Although the children who were sick were hermetically sealed from those who were whole, it was only by the blessing of Divine Providence that there was not a death. The infirmary truly had cost a great deal of money, but it had answered the purpose for which it was built. He would alter his first motion to suit Bro. Symonds' proposition, as follows:—"That in the opinion of this Court it is advisable that arrangements be made for the admission of an increased number of children to the benefits of the Institution, and that the question he referred to the House Committee to consider and report thereon." It would be quite open to any brother to write to the Secretary of the school, with any suggestions, and it would be the duty of the Secretary to lay such letter before the Committee.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The brethren then proceeded with the election of six children, and at the declaration of the poll the following were declared successful:—

1 Taylor, Lucy Maria (West Yorkshire) ...	1431
2 Jones, Edwina Russell (Gloucestershire) ...	1395
3 Bowler, Mary Louisa (Suffolk) ...	1376
4 Cowley, Minnie Eliza (West Yorkshire) ...	1348
5 Saunders, Fanny Amelia W. (Norfolk) ...	1293
6 Kelley, Alice Elizabeth (Somerset) ...	1128

The following were unsuccessful:—

1 Daly, Eliza Edith ...	805
2 Milligan, Rosa ...	803
3 Bellamy, Sarah Lizzie ...	720
4 Bridgeman, Emma Lizzie ...	716
5 Norrish, Susan Jane ...	675
6 Moore, Florence M. G. ...	599
7 Bryant, Ida Mary ...	585
8 Herlan, Josephine Amelia ...	488
9 Boyd, Alice ...	474
10 Wright, Clara Isabel ...	433
11 Escott, Edith Harry ...	433
12 Douglass, Isabella ...	414
13 Wilton, Lucretia Catherine A. ...	379
14 Morgan, Marian Aline ...	370
15 Strong, Ann Maria ...	366
16 Potts, Emma Mary ...	328
17 Potts, Edith Maude ...	327
18 Morris, Diana Gordon ...	201
19 Hollis, Ellen Elizabeth ...	138
20 Clase, Ada Huyshe ...	85
21 Lindeman, Alice Evelyn ...	32
22 Lapington, Fanny Elizabeth ...	27
23 Perks, Blanche Jenny ...	24
24 Hellier, Catherine Louisa ...	17

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and Chairman were afterwards passed, and the proceedings closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, Vice-Patron, presided. The other brethren present comprised Bros. Thomas Hill, J. Wordsworth, Henry Smith, J. L. Hime, Wm. Birch, Geo. Hutt, Major J. Creaton, Richd. Spencer, James Robins, H. Browne, W. West Smith, W. Downing, A. H. Tattershall, Robert B. Webster, Wm. Lane, Alfred Layton, H. Massey ("Freemason"), James A. Birch, Jas. Terry, J. Stohwasser, John Simpson, Hyde Pullen, Jesse Turner, A. H. Green, E. T. Budden, J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., Cheshire; Raynham W. Stewart, Henry Dubosc, John Sampson, Perrie, J. W. Oram, Allen C. Wylie, J. Mason, F. B. Davage,

Charles Lee, P.M. 9; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C. G.R.; T. H. Pulsford, W. Watson, W. Hickman, D.P.G.M., Hants and Isle of Wight; A. D. Loewenstark, John Bodenham, F. A. Cole, George Wilson, J. N. Frost, Jos. Morrell, John Read, James Stevens, Edward Cox, A. Thellard, John G. Stevens, Edward Clark, Thos. J. Barnes, Thos. W. White, W. R. Marsh, John Constable, Alfred Avery, Peter de L. Long, R. J. Spiers, J. Finch, E. J. Harty, James Kindred and F. Binckes (Secretary).

At the conclusion of the formal business, the motion, of which notice had been given by Bro. Jesse Turner, "That the right to the presentation of a properly qualified boy, in perpetuity, for admission to this Institution, be secured to the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, on payment to the funds of this institution of the sum of £1050," was then taken, but Bro. Turner not being present, Bro. Birch, on his behalf, brought the motion forward, and requested that "Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire" might be substituted for "Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution."

Major Creaton (the alteration having been agreed to) seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

The Court then resolved to admit one boy by purchase on the 1st of January.

Bro. Alfred Layton, P.M. 181, suggested that the time had arrived when the building should be increased in size, so as to accommodate a still larger number of pupils than were at present in the school.

The Chairman said that the subject had not escaped the attention of the different committees of the Institution. Hitherto the school had been always in debt, and money had had to be borrowed from the bankers for various liabilities. The last festival, however, was so successful, that they would not be in the same position this year. The friends of the Institution would be very glad to see it enlarged, in order to receive more scholars, and as soon as they could see their way clear it would be done.

Bro. Layton added that at present the number of applicants was so enormous that unless a candidate had very strong friends he could not succeed.

Bro. Binckes said that, with reference to the question of enlargement, the size of the building had been extended the year before last, and again last year, and that at the present time the 176 boys in the school occupied every available space.

The election of ten boys out of an approved list of fifty-eight candidates was then proceeded with, and at the close of the day the following were declared elected:—

1 Price, Ernest Lavers ...	2157
2 Green, Alfred James ...	2081
3 Sutton, Herbert Henry ...	2008
4 Jones, John Llewellyn ...	1992
5 Barclay, James Archibald ...	1925
6 Tibbits, Elwood Blake ...	1893
7 Shipway, Henry Morrison ...	1858
8 James, Percy ...	1839
9 Duff, Robert ...	1802
10 Hunter, William Reginald ...	1675

The following were the unsuccessful candidates:—

11 Dawson, George Arthur ...	1661
12 Vivian, Alfred Greville ...	1658
13 Perren, Gilbert Palmer S. ...	1629
14 Cromwell, Charles Henry ...	1613
15 Lee, Vincent John ...	1470
16 Stansfield, William Ashton ...	1388
17 Gardner, Richard Thomas ...	1366
18 Wain, Leonard ...	1264
19 Cooke, William Astle ...	884
20 Rees, James Herbert ...	881
21 Austin, Charles Frederick ...	835
22 Quech, A. Christopher ...	668
23 Keddel, Robert Walter ...	500
24 Ginharn, Percy Norman ...	470
25 Chandler, Robert Stanley ...	461
26 Leyshon, Herbert Henry ...	424
27 Hambley, D. S. Wharton ...	414
28 Bourne, Arthur Richard ...	381
29 Lemarchand, Arthur F. ...	320
30 Wimpey, George Augustus ...	317
31 Head, Richard George ...	248
32 Allison, George Randall ...	206
33 Gurney, John Henry ...	172
34 Pipe, George F. Wilgrcss ...	143
35 Day, Arthur Harris ...	138
36 Stock, Henry Walter ...	130
37 Williams, George Alfred ...	116
38 Cox, George Samuel ...	109
39 Barnet William Glen ...	106
40 Shury, Solomon Hiram ...	99
41 Service, Stanley Heppell ...	89
42 Slate, J. Thomas London ...	88
43 Ludlow, W. Christopher ...	73
44 Bryant, Wrightson Robert ...	70
45 Stanton, George William ...	45
46 Butterwith, John ...	45
47 Jackson, Charles Henry ...	37
48 Evans, John McMillan ...	15
49 Hughes, William W. Poole ...	15
50 Johnson, Arthur Edwin ...	10
51 Price, Alfred Hingham ...	9
52 Cade, Richard Henry ...	9
53 Gover, Joseph ...	7
54 Furze, William Ernest ...	6
55 England, Herbert ...	2
56 Jackson Joseph ...	—
57 (Withdrawn.) ...	—
58 Morley, William Moore ...	—

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, October 22, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green, N.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

- Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 901, City of London.
" 907, Royal Alfred, Freemason's Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Stanhope Arms, Upper James-street, Oval Road, Camden Town, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
West Kent Lodge of Instruction (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), White Hart Hotel, Church-road, Upper Norwood, at 7.30; Bro. H. E. Francis, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (147), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. J. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
" 879, Southwark, Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho., Wandsworth.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Glengall Road, Millwall Docks.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

- Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction (1524), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 55, Constitutional, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 109, Temperance, White Swan High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebony Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.
Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1489), Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston; Bro. W. Stephens, Prec.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.

- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 23, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall Liverpool, at 5.
" 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, Mas. Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 23, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

- Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-street.
St. Mungo Encampment, Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

- Lodge 38, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Arms, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 117, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Partick.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-street.
" 571, Dramatic, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, at 3.
Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Lodge 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George H., Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 465, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Gamgad Road.
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbirnie.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 23, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

- Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

- Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E., Register-street.
" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-st.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.
" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.
Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street, Leith.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185).—The resumption of business after the vacation took place in this lodge at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John H. Ross, assisted by the following brethren:—J. D. Barnett, S.W.; D. Posener, J.W.; G. S. Pare, S.D.; W. D. Bosley, J.D.; F. Croaker, I.G.; and J. Rawles acting as Tyler. The summons convening the meeting contained the names of four gentlemen for initiation, viz., Messrs. Sailard, Sadlier, Bush, and Cohen, who, being in attendance, were initiated by the W.M. with all his accustomed ability. Notice of motion was given "That the sum of £5 paid by the W.M., as Steward, for the Royal Installation jewel be refunded from lodge funds." The lodge was closed, and the brethren, upwards of fifty in number, repaired to the banquet room, where they partook of such viands as the Terminus Hotel can provide, and upon this occasion they were neither too numerous or recherché. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through by the W.M. in regular form, and commendable brevity, and responded to in like manner, saving in the instance of Bro. Lean, P.M. 1087, who, replied for "The Visitors" in most eloquent terms, and pointed out generally the relative duties of P.M.'s and brethren, and descended fully upon the beneficent effects of our principles, and hoped the initiates would emulate the example of many old veterans in the Craft, to whom he could point with intense satisfaction for their integrity, probity, and faithful allegiance to Craft tenets. Bro. Terry replied for "The Charities," and, as a matter of course, had some interesting intelligence to lay before the members; he said he was much pleased to hear recorded on the minutes of the lodge the large sums collected by the members of the Tranquillity Lodge this year on behalf of the Masonic Charities, amounting to upwards of £470. This, added to the amount of the past year, aggregated a sum of nearly £1000, the production from a single lodge, a circumstance unprecedented in the annals of the Craft, and he hoped that the mere record, simple as it was, but a stubborn historical fact, would be an incentive to others to go and do likewise. He further stated that £27,000 had been produced by the last three festivals, but such sum was required to keep the institutions in working order, and urged upon the members not to lack in their exertions, for as the numerical strength of the Craft increased, so would the claims upon the charities run hand in hand. Bro. Terry called attention to the fact that the W.M. had offered to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, provided the lodge headed his list with £10. He ventured to express his belief that Bro. Ross's exertions would be a large addition to the funds of the charity. "The Tranquillity Benevolent Fund" was given, and responded to by Bro. S. Solomon, P.M., whose winning ways drew forth from his initiates a guinea each. The "Tyler's" toast concluded the evening, which was enlivened with harmony by the W.M., Bros. Child, and Bayley, who were never in better voice, and Bro. W. W. Morgan gave the "Balaklava Charge" with accuracy and great dramatic effect. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Lean, P.M. 1087; Plummer, 177; Field, 1321; Brown, 1426; Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Ilerts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Reed, 765; Atkins, 55; Frost, 1347; Herold, 1056; W. W. Morgan, 1385; Baker, 192. Amongst the members we noticed Bros. Constable, I.P.M.; Moss, P.M.; R. Bloomfield, P.M.; Holbrook, P.M.; Sidney, P.M.; Harteld, P.M.; S. Solomon, P.M.; Child, Parkinson, Brocksopp, and others.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—This lodge met on Monday evening at Anderson's Hotel, and was very well attended. Bro. Alfred R. Haey, W.M., presided, and raised Bro. Cole to the Third Degree. He also initiated Messrs. Thomas Smith, Thomas Richardson, and Wm. Devine. The election of W.M., which followed, resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. Thomas Kingston, S.W. The Treasurer, Bro. Gailty, was also unanimously re-elected, as was likewise Bro. James Weaver,

Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Haley in token of the brethren's appreciation of his able conduct as W.M. during the past year. The brethren then partook of banquet, and afterwards honoured the ordinary list of toasts. Bro. Hurlstone, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so descended on the great virtues and merits of Freemasonry. As a noble system of virtue and morality, the more it was considered, developed, and practised, both in public life and in private lodges, the more would the general public benefit by it. Why the system was condemned by any religious body he could not understand, and he presumed that if the head of the Church which denounced it only knew its real sentiments he would be the first man to support it. Instead of being condemned it ought to be prized. Look at the charity of the Order, which was not confined to one country, but was intended for all the world. Enough, however, of that theme. To come to the W.M. No other Master since the consecration of the lodge had progressed in the ceremonies of Freemasonry so rapidly or so satisfactorily as Bro. Haley. To him therefore was especial honour due. He had done everything that was required of a W.M. with advantage to the lodge and credit to himself, and in drinking his health the brethren would do it with sincere enthusiasm, and with earnest wishes for his happiness and prosperity in his retirement when he left the chair. The W.M. responding, said that he believed Brother Hurlstone, although sincere in his expressions, had said of him (the W.M.) far more than he was entitled to; but still he had said no more than he (the W.M.) wished to deserve. He had hoped to do better than he had, and he still desired when he should have left the chair to support and assist his successors in any emergency. While on his legs he would propose "The Initiates." They had three that night who he thought would be a credit to the body. Two of them he was personally acquainted with. He hoped they would study Freemasonry, many parts of which required and would repay the closest study, and the more they studied it, he could promise them, the more they would appreciate its advantages. It was a beautifully arranged system: it pointed out many moral virtues, and was in fact like the Bible—they could be always studying it and yet not know it all. He hoped the initiates would study it, avoiding the little, unimportant, formal, and unnecessary parts, but keeping in view its grand unequalled principles. Bros. Devine, Smith, and Richardson severally responded. The W.M. proposed "Bro. W. F. Smith, I.P.M.," who, having been obliged to leave, was represented by Bro. Jones, P.M. This was followed by the toast of "The Visitors," and regret expressed that they were but few on that occasion. Bro. Hubbard replied, congratulating himself on his visit to a lodge so distinguished in the Craft both for its numerical strength, the ability with which its ceremonies were known to be performed, and the good will which existed among its members. Although he had had much pleasure in attending, and meeting such old friends as Bros. Hurlstone, Smith, Jones, Kingston, Moore, and others, he greatly regretted the absence of Bro. Little, by whom he had been invited, and whom he had fully expected to meet. A week ago he had seen him in his room in very poor health; but since then he had been so desirous of attending to his duties at Freemasons' Hall that he went out and had thrown himself back. He hoped, however, that he would now stay at home for a little while, and endeavour to bring himself round again. Bros. Ross and Weist also responded, the latter informing the brethren of the pleasure he had in seeing the W.M. perform the ceremonies so fluently. The W.M., in giving "The Officers of the Lodge," reminded the brethren that Bro. Weist had been his preceptor. Bro. Kingston having replied, the W.M. next proposed "The W.M. Elect," for whom he had very great respect. It was particularly gratifying to him that Bro. Kingston had been unanimously elected that night. It just proved what his own ideas had previously been, that there was not a breath against Bro. Kingston. Bro. Kingston said he felt so highly elated at the compliment that he really did not know what to say. He would only thank the brethren for their unanimity in electing him as their W.M. for the ensuing year, and he assured them he would do his utmost to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of everybody. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated by ten o'clock. Among the brethren present were A. R. Harley, W.M.; T. Kingston, S.W.; C. Walker, J.W.; A. Moore, I.G.; W. J. H. Jones, P.M.; W. F. Smith, P.M.; J. S. Brown, R. P. Tate, S. Godden, F. H. Roberts, H. W. Evans, J. K. Ward, F. L. Prior, E. Sedgwick, and K. R. H. Mackenzie.

PROVINCIAL.
CANTERBURY.—UNITED INDUSTRIOUS LODGE (No. 3).—The first regular meeting of the winter session of the lodge the oldest but one in the province of Kent, was held on Thursday week at the Guildhall Concert-room, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Green Hall as W.M. for the ensuing year, when a numerous assemblage of the brethren was present, the beautifully solemn ceremony of installation being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Higham, P.M. At its conclusion the following brethren were appointed and invested with the respective collars and jewels of their offices:—Bros. B. Browning, S.W.; Willsher, J.W.; Higham, P.M., Treas.; John R. Hall, P.M., P.P. Assistant G. Sec., Hon. Sec.; Plant, S.D.; Dean, J.D.; Tice, I.G.; Longhurst, Organist; Pringuer, Tyler. After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to the customary annual banquet at the Rose Hotel.

FALMOUTH.—LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE (No. 75).—A large number of members of the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, assembled on Monday, the 11th October, to dispatch the regular business of the lodge, but more especially to witness the initiation of their esteemed townsman, Richard C. Richards, Mayor of the Ancient Borough of Falmouth. Many visitors being present

added to the attendance and pleasing sight, for the capacity of the old hall has never been more tested to its utmost as one announcement after another was made of brethren seeking admission. The lodge was opened by the W.M., William H. Dunstan, Prov. G.S. of Works, shortly after the time named on the summons, and the two Wardens, Bro. Thomas Webber, J.P., S.W., and Bro. Dr. Arthur B. Harris, J.W., with the other officers, were most exact in the performance of their duties. Amongst the Past Masters we noticed Bros. John Vivian, Walter F. Newman, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Francis Dennis, Prov. G. Purst.; Timothy C. Polglaze, and Michael Little. The ballot being, as was expected, unanimously in favour of the candidate, the Mayor of Falmouth was soon ushered into the lodge, and was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry in an effective manner by the W. Master, who is an old Past Master of the lodge. His worship paid a marked attention to the ceremony, and was most observant throughout. In fact we never remember being present at the initiation of a candidate who was evidently so desirous of understanding the ceremonies and appreciating the spirit of the "old charges" as the representative of this ancient borough. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Royal Hotel, served in a most agreeable way by the host, Bro. Richard Castle, P.S.W. 121, and at which the W.M. presided. The W. Bro. William James Ilughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England and P. Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall (who had also attended the lodge, of which he is an honorary member), was present and responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge, receiving from the brethren a most hearty reception. The maiden Masonic speech of the Mayor, Bro. R. C. Richards, was a model of its kind, and this ancient centennial lodge has added another polished stone to its old building.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The members of this old lodge met after their summer recess at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when, owing to the stormy weather no doubt, there was a much smaller attendance than is usual at "the gentlemen's lodge," as an old Mason tells us it has been called for some time past. The brethren present were Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; J. J. Burton, P.P.G.D.C. Cams., S.W.; S. Wright, acting J.W.; W. Bobby, P.G.S.W.; Emma Holmes, P.P.G. Reg. and P.G.D.C.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sec.; H. Miller, S.D.; J. Casley, acting J.D.; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D. Visiting Bro. Newton Garrett, P.P.G. Reg. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The Secretary announced that he had received letters from Viscount Mahon, M.P., and the Rev. A. W. G. Moore, J.W., regretting their inability to attend. Bro. Harry Ribbins being a candidate for the Second Degree was duly passed, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. with his customary ability. The other business of the evening having been disposed of, and two or three brethren having been proposed as joining members, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. Supper was served in the committee-room, the dining hall undergoing repairs, and ample justice was done to the excellent repast provided by Bro. G. Spalding. On the cloth being removed, the usual toasts were given from the chair. The W.M. in proposing that of "The Prince of Wales," alluded to his visit to India, and expressed a hearty wish that he might return to us safe and sound, a wish to which all good Masons will say, Amen, so mote it be. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. George remarked that they had a very distinguished brother amongst them, one who had done a great deal for Masonry, and one who was known for his charity and generosity everywhere in the province. Bro. Garrett, in responding, said he thanked the brethren very much for drinking his health. Thank God, he enjoyed very good health, and he hoped he might long continue to do so. He had heard a good deal of the British Union Lodge, and had been anxious to visit it, but he regretted that there was not a larger attendance on the occasion of his visit. He was very much obliged for the hospitable reception he had met with, and again thanked the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast. Our worthy and esteemed brother has long been a notable Mason in Suffolk, and his generous entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge at his residence at Aldeburgh some years ago will not soon be forgotten. The W.M. expressed great regret that the unpropitious weather had kept so many brethren away, and hoped that Bro. Garrett would visit the lodge again at the installation of the W.M. or the Feast of Roses, when they could assure him a very hearty reception. Bro. Garrett afterwards asked leave to propose a toast, that of "Their W.M." He said that he could see Bro. George was "one of the right sort." A lodge such as the British Union should be always careful to have "one of the right sort" as Master. The toast was cordially drunk, and Bro. George modestly responded. Bros. Miller and Emma Holmes contributed to the harmony of the evening by singing two or three songs, and the brethren, loth to part, separated at a reasonable hour, after enjoying as usual a very pleasant evening together. A history of this interesting old lodge will appear shortly in the "Masonic Magazine."

WINDSOR.—ETONIAN LODGE OF ST. JOHN (No. 209).—The first monthly meeting of the session was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. John O. Carter, presided, supported by Bros. Denne, S.W.; Canvin, J.W.; Hume, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Nicholes, S.; Dixon, P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; Reid, P.M.; Mellisham, P.M.; Hiscock, Bladon, Woods, Webster, Prince, Ferry, Legge, and others. Visitors—Bros. Devreux, P.M. 771; Bingham, P.M. 771; Johnson, 771. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. Bro. Legge was passed to the Second Degree. The Ballot was then taken for Messrs. Day, Waterson, and Cousins, as candidates for initiation, and proved to be unanimous in each case; the

two first-named gentlemen were unavoidably absent. Mr. Cousins was initiated into the light of Freemasonry by the W.M. The ballot was also taken for Bro. Stedwell, P.G.S. Eng., W.M. of Grand Steward's Lodge, P.P.J.G.W. Middlesex, P.Z., &c., &c., and Bro. J. B. Churchill, late of Montefiore Lodge No. 1017, as joining members, and was declared to be unanimous. Bro. Stedwell afterwards thanked the W.M. and brethren for having admitted him to the lodge as a member. A candidate for joining was proposed, and after some other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

LIVERPOOL.—MERCHANTS' LODGE (No. 241).—The usual monthly meeting of this most influential lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. Richard Brown, the W.M., signalled his first quarterly night by inviting all the newly-appointed P.G. officers resident in the locality. Many of these accepted, and the result was a gathering of the most enjoyable kind. Bro. R. Brown, W.M. (Hon. Sec. to the West Lancashire Masonic Institution), occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W.M. Chudley, I.P.M.; J. J. Knight, P.M.; J. W. Baker, P.M.; R. Wilson, P.M.; P.P.G.J.D.; Ralph Robinson, P.M.; G. Hutchin, S.W.; Councillor G. Peet, J.W.; S. J. McGeorge, P.M. Treas.; James Winsor, Sec.; T. C. Jones, S.D.; T. H. Sheen, J. D.; G. Broadbridge, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; F. E. Smith, Org.; T. Salter, I.G.; P. Ball, Tyler; W. Hopps, John Winsor, T. Goode, C. E. Jones, R. Wade, W. Savage, R. Jones, V. E. King, D. Hughes, J. M. Hewitt, F. Shaw, J. Quayle, A. Ballard, A. Woolrich, J. T. Pugmire, J. Pendleton, R. W. Williams, A. Hodgkins, R. Pruddah, W. A. Smith, J. Hall, B. Woolf, H. Marks, W. J. Raverty, Rev. C. J. O'Reilly, W. M. Norbury, W. Williamson, J. Kirwan, S. Broadbridge, T. M. Stanbury, and R. White. The visitors included Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.G. Reg.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S.; P. Macmudrow, P.G.S.; J. Lunt, P.G.D.C.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; B. Drake, 1094; H. Nelson, P.M. 1505, and 673; Capt. T. Berry, S.W. 155; G. G. Walmsley, 292; E. B. Smith, W.M. 1432; A. Taylor, 1432; J. Vaughan, J.W. 86; H. Vaughan, S.D. 86; R. G. Elston, 86; W. Levy, 1502; S. Levy, 1502; Rev. T. W. Richardson, J.W. 1380; J. Penney, 1393; T. G. Bark, W.M. 1380; S. Blinkhorn, 519; D. Meek, 203; W. Cooke, 1289; G. Maxwell, 594. During the business it was resolved that a Chaplain should be appointed to the lodge at an early meeting. After the transaction of some formal business, in the course of which Bro. Fairhurst, 1380, was unanimously elected a joining member, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, under the genial presidency of the popular W.M. (Bro. Brown). An excellent banquet was served by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst. The W.M. afterwards gave the toasts of "The Queen," and "The Prince of Wales." In giving the latter, Bro. Brown said at that moment their G.M. had started on his long journey, and he was sure that every member of that lodge wished him safety and prosperity during his travels. He was certain that H.R.H. would find in the east not the least hearty welcome from his Masonic brethren. As he journeys from west to east he would have the hearty good wishes of all under his care, and the hope that he might have a safe return to his native country. The next toast was that of "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire," coupled with the names of his P.G. officers, past and present. After referring to the interest his lordship took in Masonry, as was shown on the previous Wednesday at the P.G. Lodge, Bro. Brown said they ought to feel a special pride in West Lancashire, as the P.G. Master had been made the Deputy Grand Master. The new P.G. Lodge officers were now present, with all their "blushing honours thick upon them," and he felt proud in being honoured with the presence of brethren who would, no doubt, do their work in an admirable manner. In a province which comprised more than 2000 brethren it must be exceedingly difficult for their P.G. Master to make his selection of officers, but he (Bro. Brown) thought they would all acknowledge that the honours were distributed very fairly and with wise discretion. Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.G. Reg., said he had in his hands two or three apologies from brethren who were unable to attend that evening. He (Bro. Smith) thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Merchants' Lodge for the very hearty and enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been given and responded to. He cordially acknowledged that but for the Merchants' Lodge he would not have held his present proud position, and referred especially to the benefit he had derived from the Masonic training of the late Bro. Captain Mott. Bro. J. Lunt, P.G.D.C., and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., also responded. Bro. J. I. Knight, P.M., gave the toast of "The Charities." Bro. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., in replying for the London charities, said that Lord Skelmersdale on the previous Wednesday remarked that West Lancashire compared very favourably with East Lancashire in regard to these charities, but his lordship did not go quite far enough. He stated that East Lancashire had 1700 votes, to 200 possessed by West Lancashire for the Boys' School, but Lord Skelmersdale did not intimate that East Lancashire had two perpetual presentations for that school, which cost them 1000 guineas each. It had been suggested that they should purchase a presentation so that one of Captain Mott's children might be admitted without going to an election, and he thought there would be no great difficulty in securing this. Lord Skelmersdale, however, did not allude to the fact that in West Lancashire they had an institution of their own, which did not exist in East Lancashire. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., responded on behalf of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and Bro. R. Wilson, P.P.G.J.D., for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, of which he is Hon. Treasurer, urging the claims of the charity in an excellent speech. Bro. Chudley, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Brown, W.M.,

in responding, spoke of the proud position which the Merchants' Lodge occupied in that province, and the many excellent works of charity and true Masonic liberality it had displayed. Speaking of the furnishing of the Masonic Hall, Bro. Brown said that something like £400 or £500 was required for this purpose, and he could promise that the Merchants' Lodge would find £100 of the amount if the rest were contributed by the other lodges. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. P.M.'s Chudley and Robinson, the latter referring especially to the benefits of the Lodge of Instruction of which he is Preceptor. "The Visiting Brethren" was acknowledged by Bros. J. Vaughan, T. Foulkes, and Captain Berry. "The Officers" was responded to by Bros. G. Hutchin, S.W.; G. Peet, J.W.; and S. J. McGeorge, P.M., Treas. An excellent musical programme was provided by Bros. Forrester, Foulkes, and others, with Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., at the piano. Labour was then resumed, and after several propositions for initiation, the sum of five guineas was voted to the fund now being raised for the widows and families of the life boat men who recently lost their lives during the storm while trying to save the crew of the ship Ellen Southard. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, after a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

LEICESTER.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 279).—The first meeting of this lodge for the season was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday evening, the 6th of October. There were present Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M.; J. M. MacAllister, S.W.; G. W. Statham, J.W.; William Weare, P.M.; Treas.; Clement Edwin Stretton, S.C.; S. Cleaver, S.D.; Clement Stretton, P. Prov. G.W., P.M.; G. Toller, jun., P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M. 523; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., P.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.M. 523; F. J. Baines, P.M. 523; G. Clifton, P.M. 1391; J. Clemmey, 830; J. Young, I.G. 523; S. Knight, 1391; and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Crick was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed and the lecture delivered by the W.M. It was announced that a letter had been received from Bro. Hughan, P.G.D. (and an honorary member of this lodge), enclosing a presentation copy of his work, "The History of Masonry before the Union," and a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Hughan. Bro. Cleaver, S.D., was elected a P.G. Steward, and Bros. Smith, W.M., and Statham, J.W., were elected as the representatives of this lodge on the Hall Committee. Bro. MacAllister, S.W., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Partridge, P.G. Sec., for the trouble taken by him in compiling the valuable "Freemasons' Calendar for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland," which having been seconded by Bro. Stretton, P.M., and supported by the W.M., was carried unanimously. Bro. Partridge suitably acknowledged the compliment. At the conclusion of a large amount of routine business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren partook of refreshment, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts followed in their usual order.

PETERBOROUGH.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 442).—On Thursday evening, 23rd ult., the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, in response to notice issued by the Worshipful Master, Bro. R. H. Griffin, to receive, as a gift to the lodge, a large and beautiful likeness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, photographed from life by Watkins, and beautifully coloured by hand, framed &c., by Bro. Gladwell, to which is annexed the following inscription: "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. Presented by H.S.H. the Dowager Countess Gleichen to St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, to commemorate the Royal Installation, on the 28th April, 1875. Bro. Keddy had the honour of representing the illustrious donor, in formally presenting this gift, at a lodge of emergency, held at the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, the 23rd day of September, 1875. Bro. R. H. Griffin, W.M.; Bro. W. Dixey, Secretary." The following brethren were present:—Bros. Griffin, W.M.; Pilcher, J.W.; Buckle, P.M.; E. Vergette, P.M.; Paviour, P.M.; T. Pank, Treas.; Dixey, Sec.; E. Vergette, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; Marson, P.G.D.C.; Keddy, Beeby, Pearson, Bays, Rutherford, Foskey; S.D. Allen, P.M. P.P.G.S.W., 373; Robertson, 261. Several brethren who were previously engaged for the evening sent letters of apology to the Worshipful Master, regretting their absence, and the inclemency of the evening prevented many brethren from the country being present. The lodge being opened, the Secretary (Bro. Dixey) read the circular letter convening it. Bro. Keddy rose, and presented the picture to the Worshipful Master for the benefit and use of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442. Bro. Keddy remarked that it was gratifying to himself that he was permitted, in the name of Her Serene Highness, to offer for the acceptance of the lodge so appropriate a present as this tribute of respect to Masonry, as represented by His Royal Highness. The Grand Master of English Freemasonry had already proved himself worthy of the high and honourable position, and His Royal Highness had honoured Freemasonry by accepting the office as head of the Craft, whilst Protestantism would also be the gainer, for the cardinal principles of Freemasonry were inspired by the Holy Bible. It was to be hoped that His Royal Highness might favour Peterborough with his presence at the next annual provincial gathering in May next. The Countess knew nothing of St. Peter's Lodge, but as she insisted on making him a present for services rendered, extending over a period of several months, he (Bro. Keddy) suggested to Her Serene Highness, who was residing in the county of Suffolk, that such a gift as this portrait would be the most gratifying to himself and also most acceptable to the brethren. The Countess left England on the 16th ult. for Bombay, en route for her home in the Punjab, where she took up her residence shortly after her bereavement, and since then, for nearly twenty years, had devoted her life to the education and care of the young,

and was known and beloved by all classes. She was the first lady who drew the attention of the Government to the importance of the work to which she was devoting her life, and she had the gratification to find that, in order to carry out her desires, funds from the Treasury were placed at her disposal. Bro. Bays observed that this presentation was, he felt certain, the greatest honour that had been conferred upon St. Peter's Lodge. P.M. Bro. Ed. Vergette and P.M. Bro. Buckle made a few observations expressive of their appreciation of the gift. The W.M. said he had great pleasure and honour in accepting this very beautiful and admirable likeness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in his official clothing as Grand Master of England; and closed his observations by thanking Bro. Keddy for having been the means of the lodge becoming possessed of such a valuable tribute to loyalty and Masonry. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to her Serene Highness. At the close of the lodge the brethren partook of an excellent supper, P.M. Bro. Vergette having presented a really excellent haunch of venison. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and, after a most agreeable evening, the brethren retired to their respective homes.—"Peterborough Standard."

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178) met on Thursday, October 7th, at Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. E. Deakin, W.M., opened the lodge. He initiated three gentlemen. Bro. Dr. Dixon, P.M., installed J. A. Smith, J.W., W.M. Officers are:—W. Batchelor, S.W.; W. T. Lover, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.P. Midx., Sec.; F. Garbett, S.D.; J. Stock, J.D.; J. Wootton, I.G.; J. Porter, D.C.; G. J. Grace, P.M., W.S. A vote of thanks (to be entered on minute books) was given to Bro. Dr. Dixon for doing the installation. Banquet and dessert were served. Bro. C. Deakin, at the banquet table, had a five-guinea P.M.'s jewel presented to him. About seventeen visitors were present.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at the Royal Archer Hotel. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Walter Nicholson, and being favourable, he was duly initiated into Masonry by Bro. Henry Smith, W.M., the charge being very impressively given by Bro. J. E. Hall, P.S.W., W.M. Ashbury Lodge, 1459. This being all the business to transact, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and after duly honouring the Masonic toasts, that of the newly-initiated brother was proposed and suitably responded to. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and said it gave him greater pleasure than usual in proposing the toast on that occasion, seeing he had a brother present who had worked with him at the Lodge of Instruction, and from whom he had received much Masonic information and instruction. The bro. to whom he alluded was Bro. Henry Moxon, W.M. Faith, 581. He was also glad to receive Bro. J. Moorhouse, of the Imperial George, 78, and Bro. John Taylor, Sec. Ashbury, 1459. Bro. Moxon responded to the toast in suitable terms, saying he had many times promised himself a treat by visiting the Lodge of Truth, and he had not been disappointed; he had never felt more at home than he did that evening when he saw so many brethren whom he knew. He had also derived great pleasure in seeing the ceremony so ably performed. In conclusion, he wished the W.M. with as many of the members of the Lodge of Truth to pay him a return visit at their convenience before the expiration of his year as W.M. Bros. Moorhouse and Taylor also acknowledged the toast in suitable terms. After spending a very pleasant evening the brethren separated at 9.30 p.m.

LEOMINSTER.—ROYAL EDWARD LODGE (No. 892).—The first meeting of this lodge for the present season was held in the lodge-room on Tuesday evening, Oct. 12th. There were present Bros. M. J. Ellwood, W.M.; E. Gregg, S.W.; R. Hayes, J.W.; P.M.'s Jukes, Moore, Wormington, &c., and other brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to propose a vote of condolence to the widow of the late Bro. Bradford. The W.M. alluded to his sudden decease in May last, and to the fact of his attendance at the installation in the Albert Hall of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in April, where he appeared so thoroughly to enjoy himself. After some remarks as to his thoroughly good qualities as a brother, a husband, a parent, and a townsman, the Secretary was requested to draw up a letter expressive of the sympathies of the lodge, and transmit it in due course to Mrs. Bradford. The other business of the lodge having been disposed of, and the lodge closed in due and ample form, the brethren retired to banquet, and spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

HOLBEACH.—ALEXANDRA LODGE (No. 985).—Wednesday week was the day appointed for the installation of Bro. J. J. Bartram as W.M. of the Alexandra Lodge, now held at Holbeach instead of Long Sutton. The brethren assembled at 4 p.m., Bro. S. S. Mossop, W.M., opening the lodge. Bro. Woodrow, P.M., of Spalding, then conducted the ceremonies in a most impressive manner. At the close, votes of thanks to Bro. Woodrow for his services, and Bro. Cole, who has acted as Secretary to the lodge for many years, were carried with acclamation. The following officers were then invested, viz., Bros. W. Ridlington, S.W.; T. W. Curtis, J.W.; Hodgkin, S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Milns, Sec., and Hargrave, I.G. After lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Chequers Hotel, where a most sumptuous and liberal banquet was served by Bro. Hargrave, who deserves the highest possible compliment for the manner in which he catered. The wines were also very fine, and the evening passed off in the most harmonious and agreeable manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to; and from what we can learn, there is every reason to hope for a very successful year for the lodge in its new quarters.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the

Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Henry T. Bobart, W.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; J. H. Biggs, as J.W.; M. H. Bobart, Treas.; J. Worsnop, Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; Geo. Pipes, as J.D.; Jos. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slinn, Tyler; F. Campion, P.M.; Jos. Shaw, C. D. Hart, F. Rippon, J. O. Manton, Matthew Hill, Richard Daniel, Jas. Parkins, jun. Visitors: Bros. John Smith, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 731; T. H. Warner, P.M. 802; A. Frazer, 731. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Richard Daniel was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M. Mr. Joseph Griggs was ballotted for as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, and elected. Bros. Joseph Shaw and Geo. Pipes were nominated to act as Provincial Grand Stewards for the year. The lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until the first Wednesday of the ensuing month, emergencies excepted, of which due notice will be given.

WALTHAM.—KING HAROLD LODGE (No. 1327).—The installation meeting of the King Harold Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Britannia, Waltham New Town, when Bro. Charles Lacey, W.M., presided, and was assisted by his officers. Before the installation Bros. Newman, Bull, Ridley, and Fuller were passed to the Second Degree, and this ceremony was succeeded by the initiation of Mr. William Henry Hornsby, C.E., Langham Hotel, London. Bro. James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, then presented Bro. Gilbert, S.W., Prov. G. Steward and W.M. elect, to the W.M. for the benefit of installation. Bro. Copestick, P.G.J.W. Herts, taking the S.W. chair, and Bro. Young the J.W. Bro. Lacey thereupon proceeded to instal Bro. Gilbert as Master of the lodge, executing his work in an admirable manner. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M. were Bros. Charles Lacey, I.P.M.; Riley, S.W.; Tydeman, J.W.; Barwick, Treas.; Malcolm, Sec.; Holmes, S.D.; Jacobs, J.D.; Pritchard, Org.; Fisher, I.G.; Creed and Noyes, Stewards; Knight, D.C.; and Bro. Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Lacey then delivered the charges. Before the lodge closed the proposition of Bro. Young, Prov. G.D., to increase the Tyler's fee was carried. On the motion of Bro. Young, seconded by Bro. Tydeman, J.W., a vote of condolence with Bro. West, the first Master of the lodge, on the sudden loss of his wife, was also carried, and a letter was ordered to be sent to Bro. West, and the vote of condolence was directed to be entered on the lodge minutes. A vote of thanks to Bro. Lacey for performing the ceremony of installation was moved by Bro. Young, seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, and also ordered to be entered on the lodge minutes. The Worshipful Master afterwards rose to present a P.M.'s jewel and a Provincial Grand Deacon's jewel to Bro. Lacey, and in doing so said that this was at once one of the most important and most pleasing duties that could devolve upon any W.M. To present a token of recognition of his services to any brother was at all times a most pleasing duty, because it conveyed to the brother the ideas of the brethren upon the subject. (Addressing Bro. Lacey the W.M. said) I give to you what the brethren thought well to present to you as a mark of their sentiments; for I am sure that the way in which you have performed your duties must have won the approval of every one connected with the lodge. It is my pleasing duty to decorate you with a mark of the very great honour which we as Freemasons who are hard working greatly desire and work for, and for which you have worked so assiduously that no one will grudge you the honour that the decoration confers upon you. It is very pleasing for me to have to decorate you with this jewel, and may you long live to enjoy the privilege it confers upon you. I have also another decoration to confer upon you, which is that of the jewel of the Provincial Grand Deacon. It is one which you are entitled to in connection with the lodge in consequence of your being a Provincial Grand Officer. This will be a testimony to the Masonic world that you have so well pleased the brethren of the King Harold Lodge that they do not grudge to invest you with this mark of distinction. I hope you will continue long to enjoy the privilege of wearing it. Bro. Lacey thanked the W.M. for this mark of approbation of his conduct, but refrained from saying any more, as the time was short. The Secretary read the communication from Prov. Grand Secretary as to the wearing of commemorative jewels; also one from Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M., regretting his inability to be present, and hoping to be present at next Prov. Grand Lodge. The Secretary also read another letter from Bro. Wilson Iles, Prov. Grand Secretary, regretting his inability to be present. A circular from Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C., Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, asking for a Steward for next festival, on 9th Feb., 1876, was also read. The W.M. offered himself as Steward, and was accepted. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the brethren who were present during the ceremonies, and at the installation and banquet were Bros. J. K. Young, P.M.; James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, P.M.; Barwick, Treas.; A. Malcolm, Sec.; J. Tydeman, S.D.; and W. Holmes, J.D. Among the visitors were Bros. Jos. Gaskill, 1076; G. J. W. Mugliston, 1421; A. C. Wylie, W.M. 869; T. T. Asga Thorp, 1439; J. H. Hobbs, J. W. 749; W. H. Etherington, J. W. 869; Walter E. Gompertz, P.P.G.P. Herts.; J. Copestick, Prov. G.J.W.; Bradstock; G. T. English, P.M. 1227; H. Massey ("Freemason"); J. H. Thompson, W.M. 1237; John Maller, W.M. 754; R. T. Ingersoll, W.M. elect 1237; J. C. Wylie, 860; M. C. Lucy, 60; and T. J. Carter, W.M. 403, P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts; and Shelton. After the banquet the toasts were proposed in regular order. In giving "The G.M.," Bro. Gilbert commended His Royal Highness's earnestness and energy in Freemasonry, and applauded his sentiments; that the interest he took in the Craft was not for the jewels he wore, but for the glorious cause itself, and its watchwords,

"Loyalty and Charity." The toasts of "The Pro Grand Master," and "The Deputy Grand Master, &c.," also drew from the W.M. expressions of approbation of the manner in which those several brethren discharged their duties. In proposing "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," the W.M. referred to the letter from that brother, which had been read in lodge that day, and added that if he had been able to be present the brethren would have given a most hearty welcome. "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Sedgwick, and Provincial Grand Officers" was the next toast, and referring to those who were in attendance, the rejoiced to see Bro. Copestick, Prov. G.J.W., honour the lodge in conjunction with several other Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Copestick replied, and assured the brethren that the Prov. Grand Officers were ready to do their duty whenever called upon, and whatever it might be. When they considered what good examples were set them first and foremost by the Provincial Grand Master, whose assiduity was such as to deserve the greatest respect and thanks, and next, by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Wilson Iles, whose courtesy at all times cheered the brethren in the discharge of their duties, the other officers of the province could not but be energetic. The province was now attaining a very high position, and in a short space of time he expected to see it second to none in the kingdom. The number of lodges and the number of Freemasons was increasing; and the Freemasons he hoped were good men and true. It was one of the most important things in connection with Freemasonry at the present moment that the Order should have a strong army in the field of men of courage and esteem, and he believed that there were such men in the Craft. Bro. Lacey, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said it was the first time he had had the privilege and the honour to propose this toast in connection with Bro. Gilbert. For various reasons he had great pleasure in doing so; and among them was the fact that Bro. Gilbert was one of the founders of the lodge. It was very gratifying to see him in the chair; it was a position he was well entitled to. From the time he had been associated with the lodge he had carried out with great ability the various offices below it, and the brethren, as soon as they had the opportunity, conferred upon him the highest office they could bestow. When his term of office expired it would be found that he had done justice to his position. The W.M. replying, said, that when he was initiated the first thing that struck him was how Bro. Watkins, who was the Master, could remember the beautiful ritual. When he found that it was all committed to memory he made a resolve to imitate him if he could. Although he never expected to do it so well as Bro. Watkins he had endeavoured to perfect himself. He mentioned this to show that great difficulties appeared to present themselves at first, but by application and perseverance they were overcome. When he began to see the beauties of Freemasonry, the good society it brought him in connection with, and the excellent objects it had in view, he felt bound to go on in the direction which he had pointed out for himself, and he set himself to work to learn the Masonic ceremonies. He was happy to say he had succeeded. As to being one of the founders of the lodge, he was glad to say he was; and whenever the monthly meetings came round they were regarded by him with pleasure and gratification, and as a relaxation from his daily avocations. It was his desire to go on in the course he had marked out, and he hoped that he would receive the support of his officers and the members of the King Harold Lodge in doing so. When he looked at Bro. Lacey's career he felt he had only to imitate him, and he should retire from office with honour, and with the laurels which Bro. Lacey had so justly earned. He pledged himself to do his utmost to perform the duties that devolved upon him according to those true Masonic principles which were so well set forth in the ceremonies. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," for which Bros. Thompson, W.M. 1237, P.G.S.B. Middlesex; Ingersoll, Mallow, and Carter returned thanks, and the brethren then drank the remaining toasts and shortly afterwards journeyed homewards. The day was an exceedingly pleasant one, and the admirable banquet supplied by Bro. Sheldon added greatly to the general enjoyment.

HAMPTON COURT.—ERA LODGE (No. 1423).—This lodge met on Saturday, 9th inst., at King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Bro. J. W. Baldwin, the W.M., passed three brethren, and initiated Dr. Gilliespie (late 78th Highlanders). The Stewards to represent this lodge in 1876 were elected. The three charities will be represented. Banquet followed. There were present Bros. E. H. Thielley, S.W.; J. B. Langley, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P. Prov. G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Devereux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; and some dozen others. Several visitors were present.

TWICKENHAM.—FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—Two emergency meetings of this lodge took place at the Albany Hotel, on the 22nd and the 30th ult. At the first meeting there were present Bros. W. Wigginton, P.M. 902 and 1298, P. Prov. G.D.C. Worcestershire, and P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.D. of Norfolk, J.W.; Horsley, P.M., P. Prov. G.R. of Middlesex, acting I.P.M.; Walls, I.G.; Mitchell, Sec. The visitors were Bros. Artus, P.M. 34; Palmer, 1293; Court, jun., 113. This meeting was convened to record on the minutes a letter received from the G.S., Bro. J. Hervey, to the W.M., stating that the removal of the lodge from Hampton Hill to Twickenham, which had been approved by Colonel Burdett, P.G.M., had received the concurrence of the M.W. the Grand Master. The resignation of the Secretary, Bro. Mitchell, in consequence of his departure for America, was announced, and a vote of thanks for his services passed. Some minor matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. At the meeting on the 30th ult., in addition to the above officers, Bro. Knaggs, the Treasurer, was present. The W.M., assisted by his

officers, initiated Mr. F. M. Ashley into the mysteries of the Craft most ably and impressively. The ballot was taken as joining members for Bros. Ewens, 144; Court, jun., 113; Artus, P.M. 34; and upon investigation was declared unanimous. Several propositions having been taken, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent cold collation. The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given by the W.M., briefly, but to the purpose. Bro. Horsley responded for the "P.G. Officers of Middlesex," and proposed, in a neat speech, "The Health of the W.M.," who ably replied. "The Initiate, Bro. Ashley," was toasted, and he acknowledged the compliment. Bros. Palmer, 1293, and Carless (late St. George's) replied for "The Visitors." "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was most cordially proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Tomlinson, Knaggs and Walls. Bros. Horsley, P.M., and Walls having contributed some harmony, the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

A numerous meeting of the members of this young but exceedingly flourishing lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Colonel Wigginton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Worcestershire, P.G.S. of Middlesex, &c., W.M., assisted by Bros. Artus, P.M. (Mount Moriah), acting S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.D. of Norfolk, J.W.; Birchill, P.M., P.Z., &c., acting I.P.M.; Deeks, acting S.D.; Walls, acting J.D.; Sugg, P.P.G.O. of Surrey, acting Org.; Knaggs, Treas.; Court, sen., Sec., pro tem. The minutes of the previous meetings, both regular and emergency, having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate the Rev. Mr. L. M. D'Orsey, M.A., into the mysteries of the Craft. The solemnity of the beautiful ceremony, which was most ably performed, was further enhanced by the harmonious symphonies of Bro. Sugg, the acting Organist. The ballot was taken for Bro. C. Palmer, L.L.D. (1293), who was unanimously elected as a joining member. The election of two members upon the Library Committee resulted in favour of Bros. Taylor and Palmer, who each returned thanks for the honour accorded. A proposition of Bro. Rogers—"That each member of the lodge do subscribe one shilling per month towards a special fund for the Masonic charities, and that a ballot for a Life Governorship be taken as often as ten guineas may be collected; the brother receiving the largest number of votes to be nominated for the Life Governorship, the donations to be for the three Charities alternately, as follows: 'Aged Freemasons and their Widows, Boys' School, and Girls' School'"—was briefly discussed and adjourned until next meeting. Several important resolutions which had been passed during the year were ordered to be inserted in the bye-laws when printed, and the audit night fixed. This being the night of the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Colonel Wigginton was unanimously re-elected to that high position. The W.M., when the result was made known, made a most feeling reply, in which he stated, amongst other things, that although the work of a newly formed lodge was very great and exacting, he had endeavoured, and he hoped successfully, to establish the "Francis Burdett" upon a sound foundation, and that his labours to promote that end had been very considerably lightened by his brother officers. In being proudly placed again at the head of the lodge, he should strive still further to increase the prosperity of the "Francis Burdett," as well as the comfort and interests of its members, and in conclusion he hoped that upon the termination of this second year of his Mastership the lodge would be thoroughly well established, and second to none in the province. Bro. Knaggs was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison re-appointed Tyler. Both brethren having returned thanks, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a cold collation. The usual toasts were circulated, and a most agreeable evening brought to a conclusion with the "Tyler's" toast. The installation of the W.M. and banquet to celebrate the opening of the lodge at its new quarters will take place on the second Wednesday in November, when the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and many other distinguished members of the Craft are expected to be present.

PLUMSTEAD.—UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1536).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at the new Masonic Hall adjoining the Sir Robert Peel, Crescent Road, Plumstead, when a large number of the brethren and visitors attended. Among the latter were Bros. C. Santi, W.M. 706; T. Ward, W.M. 700; F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; J. McDougal, P.M. 913; J. Fenn, P.M. 1331; Donolly, 706; T. Dovey, 861; C. Mason, 295; J. Regan, 1205; J. Battersby, 1424; H. Fellows, 1208; R. McCoy, 1424; W. McCoy, 700; R. Beaver, 700; B. Plaisted, 913; B. Norman, 13, and C. Jolly, 913. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. Croisdale, P.M. 706, and who, on account of the serious illness of Bro. F. Pownall, the W.M., kindly officiated as W.M. for the evening; W. Weston, S.W.; G. Spinks, J.W.; T. Cooper, Sec.; A. G. Picken, S.D.; J. McCaffery, Steward; R. G. Lapham, I.G.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the following brethren were duly elected as joining members:—Bros. James Brooks, Serjt. Major R.A., 199; Alex. Masterson, Serjt. Major R.A., 1000; G. Webster, Battery Gr. Master Serjt. R.H.A., 434; and J. Fenn, Battery Gr. Master Serjt. R.H.A., 1331. The following were then balloted for and approved of:—S. Morrish, Battery Serjt. Major R.H.A.; J. A. Mason, Serjt. Major R.A., and G. Smith, Gr. Master Serjt. R.A. Band. The two latter not being present, Serjt. Major Morrish was duly initiated. Bros. M. Tormey, H. Harding, R. Thompson, R. Moore, J. Knight, and J. B. Gibson were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. E. G. Latham, T. Pearson, S. T. Smith, and W. Land raised to the Sublime Degree, the whole of the work being done by the W.M. in a most eloquent and impressive manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were most enthusiastically received, and the W.M., in proposing "The Initiate," said he had felt a deal of pleasure in unfolding to him some of the beauties of Masonry; as yet he had only taken the first step into its mysteries, but he had seen enough to know that its teachings were pure. He trusted the initiate would always look well to the best interests of the Craft, and prove himself a worthy brother among Masons. Bro. Morrish briefly replied. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said he heartily welcomed them in the name of the lodge, he was glad to see them present for many reasons, and he held that the interchange of visits between the brethren of the various lodges brought them into a knowledge of and an identity with each other's working, and caused a spirit of emulation to exist among them, the results of which showed itself in the excellent working of every lodge in the district that he had had the honour of visiting; it as well made them acquainted with one another, and at the social gathering, when labour was over, a genial spirit of good feeling and good fellowship was interchanged among them by visiting one another, and it bound them together truly in one bond of brotherly love. He begged to couple with the toast the name of Bro. Past Master Dawson, who he felt sure was esteemed by every one present. P.M. Dawson, in reply, thanked them for the very handsome and cordial manner in which the toast had been put before and received by the brethren of the lodge; but could not consider himself otherwise than as a victim of misplaced confidence in the case. He fully expected that Bros. P.M. Ward or P.M. Santi would have been called upon to respond, and hugged himself with the belief that one of them would have had to do penance by making a speech, and not he himself. However, he must say that he felt much pleased with what he had seen done in the lodge that night, more particularly with the great improvement made by the officers of the lodge in their working over that done by them a fortnight ago, and he must say that as a young lodge, with young and inexperienced officers, their working was a credit to them. The W.M., in speaking of the good results arising from the interchange of visits between neighbouring lodges, had truly said that it created a great amount of good and brotherly feeling; it as well made them one in heart and in work, and he endorsed every word the W.M. said on that matter. He regretted the absence of the W.M., Bro. Pownall; no one could help appreciating his energy in the cause of the Order, he was, in fact, a model for every Mason to set before himself and imitate, and in his affliction he had the full and heartfelt sympathy of every one who knew the sterling qualities of both his head and heart. He trusted soon to see him in that chair again, well and able to carry out the work that he had set his mind upon—the success and prosperity of the United Military Lodge, of which it might be truly said he was the father. He concluded by saying it was a pleasure to see a young lodge like this working so well together, and that it was a credit to the Province of Kent. Bro. P.M. McDougall said he felt sure the Province of Kent would be proud of this, the latest addition to its strength, and if the Most W. Grand Master of Kent, Lord Holmesdale, were present he would be the first man to acknowledge it, and as a Past Master of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, he felt it incumbent upon him to thank them for their kind and cordial reception of his lordship's name. For himself he thanked them heartily for their kind reception. P.M. Fenn then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. Croisdale, in reply, said he felt deeply sensible of the kind manner in which they had drank his health. He looked upon it not only as a compliment to him, but to those who had so ably helped him through the ceremonies of the evening. No one regretted the absence of Bro. Pownall more than he did. He trusted that it was only a temporary absence, and that he would soon be back to do his work once more among them, and to help on the progress and prosperity of this lodge as well as the whole Masonic Craft. The toast of "The Past Masters belonging to the Lodge" was briefly replied to by P.M. Fenn, and after a warm greeting to "The Officers of the Lodge," especially to Bro. Weston, who replied, thanking them all for the very kind and feeling manner in which they had spoken of the W.M., Bro. Pownall, and that it would give him great pleasure in conveying those expressions to him. He also thanked P.M. Croisdale, on behalf of the officers and brethren of the lodge, for his kindness in taking the chair on this occasion, also P.M. Dawson for doing the duty of I.P.M., and trusted that on their next meeting they would see Bro. Pownall in the chair again. He would not detain them any longer. Bros. Cooper and McCaffery having expressed a wish to say a few words, the "Tyler's Toast" concluded a most enjoyable evening.

INSTRUCTION.

EGYPTIAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 27).—On Thursday, the 28th October, the brethren of the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, which was established only six months ago, will meet at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, to work the Fifteen Sections. The hour of meeting is seven p.m., and Bro. Austin, P.M. 933, will preside as W.M., having Bro. Horsley, 933, as S.W., and Bro. Williams, 933, as J.W. The sections are to be worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section.....	Bro. Brown, 174.
2nd ".....	" Calverley, J.W. 1349.
3rd ".....	" Ellis, 933.
4th ".....	" Brient, 933.
5th ".....	" Hoare, P.M. 27.
6th ".....	" Horsley, 933.
7th ".....	" Gross, I.G. 1278.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section.....	Bro. Crane, 933.
2nd ".....	" Musto, P.M. 1349.
3rd ".....	" Fieldwick, I.G. 1364.
4th ".....	" Howe, P.M. 1445.
5th ".....	" Lowe, 1364.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section.....	Bro. Hocking, 933.
2nd ".....	" Webb, D.C. 174.
3rd ".....	" Williams, 933.

A large attendance of brethren will no doubt be present on this occasion.

Royal Arch.

VICTORIA CHAPTER (No. 1056).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masons' Coffee House, E.C., on Monday, October 4th, the anniversary of its formation. The M.E.Z., Ehnhus, opened the chapter in due form, and the minutes being read, and also a most satisfactory report from the audit committee, both were duly confirmed. Companion Newman was then duly installed in the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Gotthel, in his usual impressive and effective manner. Next Comp. Taylor was exalted to the chair of Second Principal by Comp. Pendlebury, whilst Comp. Noehmer (who is also Z. of Chap. 186) was, in virtue of his office, simply inducted into the Third Principal's chair, after which the subordinate officers received the usual investiture. For the first time since the formation of this now numerous and influential chapter, no candidate was exalted, those approved being unavoidably absent, through their public or private avocations. No further business presenting, the M.E.Z., after thrice rising in due form, closed the chapter, when the companions adjourned to partake of the bountiful and recherché repast which this hostelry provides for those guests whom the M.E.Z. delights to honour. The newly-installed Principal was well supported by, amongst many others, Companions Forsyth, P.Z., Hooper, Bedolfe, Musto, Forge, Bosworth, Payne, D'Arcey, sen., Leggett, Oliver, Taverner, Gompertz, Turquand, &c. The evening proved one of considerable social enjoyment, although the companions had to regret the absence of some they esteem, such as Comp. Brett, that "preux chevalier" of Masonry, Clark, Mackney, and others, and last, though not least, of one present at the last installation, the dear and beloved companion, W. Carpenter, P.Z., whom death has called away, but whose writings will long be remembered for their earnestness and simplicity in Masonic annals. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts "The Health of the newly-installed M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Ehnhus, I.P.Z., those of the Principal and other Officers following in due course. "The Health of the I.P.Z.," was then proposed, and the usual handsome and well-earned jewel presented, for he had long borne the burthen and heat of the day in assiduously toiling up the steps of the chapter. In replying he informed the companions in a touching manner that as a Dane he was about to return to his native land, expressing the regret he felt at leaving those with whom he had so long acted, and, referring to one and another friend, he could only feel towards each as—

"Sorrowing most of all that he
Should see that face no more."

As time wore on harmony prevailed, and Bro. Forsyth and others contributed pleasing melodies. Social chat also enlivened the evening. Some discussed upon the legitimacy of Mark Masonry, and the peculiar ideas some entertain with regard to its origin; others unbosomed themselves upon the antiquity of the "Craft," and the modified opinions now prevailing as to its historic theories; whilst a third set discoursed upon the Masonic charities, their uses and abuse. One companion, indeed, seemed to think that as the average cost of maintaining each child was £50, in many cases less than half that sum, if granted to the widowed mother, might so strengthen her other resources as to enable her to keep a home for all her children in that best of all schools—a parent's domestic circle, a point where the present system often lamentably fails. Others contended, also, that so magnificent a body as the Masons ought not to confine its operations to the present narrow bounds, but should seek some sphere in the domain of philanthropy and of human aims, so that it might make its mark in the world's history, and leave behind a memorial of its greatness (for Masonry is human) which shall not pass away—Floreat res Victoria.

LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 1326) was held at the Red Lion, Hampton, on Saturday, October 2nd. Comps. W. Smeed, as M.E.Z.; W. Hammond, H.; F. Walters, P.Z., as J. Bro. J. B. Shackleton was exalted. The ceremony was well done. Refreshment followed labour. Comp. E. Gilbert, P.S., did his part in an excellent manner.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The autumnal meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 16th inst. The W. Bro. Robert Berridge, W.M., being unavoidably absent, the chair of A. was occupied by the I.P.M.; the W. Bro. William Worrell, P.G. Organist, and amongst others present were: Bros. T. W. White, S.W.; N. Ritherdon, M.O.; E. Moody, S.O.; the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., P.M. and Treas.; and James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M.; the W. Bro. Charles Hammerton, P.G.D.C., P.M., and Sec.; Bros. W. P. Collins, S.D.; G. Yuxley, G.S., D.C.; John Close, W. Johnston, J. R. Williams, J. M. Wohlgermuth, J. H. Pitt, H. F. Partridge, G. W. Verry, Truman, Grant, &c.; and visitor, the W. Bro. Sigismund Rosenthal, P.G.D.C. There were several candidates for advancement, but in each case absence from

town prevented attendance, and the opportunity was thereby afforded for perfecting certain arrangements affecting the working of the lodge, which resulted satisfactorily for the good of the Order in general and the lodge in particular. The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet under the presidency of Bro. Worrell, who afterwards proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with considerable ability. The evening's pleasure was enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bros. Stevens, Meggy, Close, and Truman, and by a spirited recitation by Bro. Moody of "The Charge of the Six Hundred," in response to which the brethren "whipped round" for a donation to the fund for the forthcoming banquet of the gallant survivors of the glorious Balaklava Charge. For a few brief moments the meeting resolved itself into a gathering of "Craft Masons," to do honour to the M.W.G.M., and to wish the Royal traveller, health, happiness, and a "safe return to his native land." A most enjoyable evening, characterised by that earnest good fellowship and social harmony which has always been conspicuous in the Macdonald Lodge, was brought to a close shortly before eight o'clock, when the brethren separated, "sorry to part," but hoping to "meet again" in February next.

ERA MARK LODGE (No. 176) was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Friday, 8th October. Bro. H. A. Dubois, W.M., opened the lodge. Four candidates were advanced. One brother was elected an honorary member. Banquet followed. There were present: Bros. Dr. John Baxter Langley, S.W.; T. Horton, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; and others. Two or three visitors were present.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ABERDEENSHIRE (EAST).

On Tuesday, 21st Sept., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire (East) was held within the Keith Lodge, Peterhead, and the proceedings attracted a large attendance of Masons from all parts of the province. The chair was occupied by Captain Charles Hunter, the Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. W. Boyd and Major Lumsden, of Pitcaple Castle, the Depute and Substitute Grand Masters of the province. There were also present Dr. Beveridge, the Provincial Grand Master of the City of Aberdeen, with other strangers from a distance. Some formal business having been transacted and the roll of the lodges in the province having been called by the Provincial Grand Secretary and duly responded to, the nomination and election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The following is a list of the officials:—

Capt. Charles Hunter	Prov. G.M.
Wm. Boyd	Dep. Prov. G.M.
Major Lumsden	Sub. Prov. G.M.
Alexander Simpson	Prov. S.G.W.
William Davidson	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. James Stewart, Rev. M. Morgan, Rev. Wm. Webster	Prov. G. Chaplains.
John Ingram	Prov. G. Sec.
James Davidson	Prov. G. Treas.
David Gray	Prov. G.S.D.
James Laing	Prov. G.J.D.
Alexander Stuart	Prov. G. Architect.
William Stuart	Prov. G.D.C.
David Macdonald	Prov. G.O.
Alexander Macdonald	Prov. G.B.B.
Wm. Cowie	Prov. G.S.B.

It must be satisfactory to those interested in Masonry to know that the Provincial Grand Lodge has, specially through the zealous co-operation of the office-bearers, attained a high state of efficiency as regards its working and management. The large attendance present at the recent meeting is a proof of the interest which the revival of the institution long dormant has awakened, and induces a hope that at no distant date it may lead to an increase in the number of lodges in the province. We understand it is probable that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Fraserburgh.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).—This most ancient and flourishing lodge held their regular bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, the 7th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., assisted by Bros. McTaggart, Scott, Sinclair, and others. Bros. Dr. McInnes, S.W.; A. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown, No. 103, acting as J.W. As usual there was a good attendance. Among the visitors there was a deputation from Lodge 426, Prince of Wales, Renfrew, headed by their respected R.W.M., Bro. William Glen. The business of the evening was the admittance into the order of Freemasonry of Mr. W. McIntyre, who after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved of received the E.A. Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Scott, P.M., in a most efficient manner. The lodge then went to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, the toast of the evening being that of "The Visiting Brethren," which was ably responded to by Bro. W. Glen, R.W.M. 246. The intervals were much enlivened by several most excellent songs, especially those of Bro. J. G. Sharpe, the celebrated Scottish tenor. The R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, said before closing the lodge he had much pleasure in proposing for honorary affiliation into Lodge St. Mungo, 27, Bro. W. H. Bickerton, of the "Freemason," which was unanimously agreed to, Bro. Bickerton taking the usual obligation. This brought the proceedings to a close.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 5th

inst., with a fair attendance. Bro. J. W. Burns, R.W.M., occupied the chair and opened the lodge, when the minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved of. There were present on this occasion Bros. James Booth, S.W.; Wm. Wilson, J.W.; A. McPhee, Sec.; Paton, Treas.; Stuart, S.D.; McLachlan, J.D.; Barr, I.G.; Sinclair, Tyler; the R.W.M. being most ably supported by the two esteemed Past Masters, Bros. John Miller and John Fraser. The business before the evening was the passing of three E.A.'s to the degree of Fellow Craft, Bros. D. Nicoll and J. L. Barr being for Lodge Commercial, No. 360, they being about to leave this country for Monte Video. The ceremony of passing was performed in a most efficient manner by Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., Lodge Commercial, No. 360. This being the first time of Bro. Oliver working this degree, it reflects great credit upon him, and shows the great zeal he must have for the Order. At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Oliver, which was received with acclamation. The lodge was then closed.

EDINBURGH.—LODGE ST. JAMES (No. 97).—The opening meeting of this lodge for the season was held in their hall, Writers'-court, No. 317, High-street, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 14th inst., with a most sumptuous banquet, Bro. Robert Gordon, R.W.M., in the chair. Among those present, members of the lodge, were Bros. J. R. Turnbull, P.M.; Samuel Aitken, D.M.; H. McPherson, J.W.; Wm. Hannah, Treas.; Thos. Millar, Sec.; Jas. Fowler, Chaplain; J. Wilson, B.B.; B. Napier, Bard; Wm. Bell, Steward; John Anderson, S.B.; Wm. Martin, I.G.; J. Newbigging, Tyler; J. C. Tod, G.M.; J. Melville and J. Turner, the respected Past Masters of the lodge. There was a good attendance of visitors on this occasion, and deputations from Lodge Journeyman, No. 8, headed by P.M. Hendrie, and Lodge St. Stephen, headed by their R.W.M. and Bro. R. C. Brown, P.M. After the dinner, which had been most tastefully and plentifully served, the R.W.M., in proposing the first toast, that of "Her Majesty," said it was one that was always well received by all classes of her subjects, more especially Freemasons, and he hoped she might be long spared to reign over them. The next toast was that of "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason of England." He alluded to his departure for India, and wished him God speed and a safe return. Other toasts followed in quick succession. There were some excellent songs from several of the brethren, which contributed very much to the general enjoyment of the evening, which was spent in a most harmonious manner.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—A meeting of this lodge was held within their hall in Buchanan-street, on Monday 11th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. James F. Mitchell, presided, the office-bearers present being Bros. D. H. Miller and Thomas Halkett, Past Masters; A. C. Lindsay Gray, D.M.; William Nicholson, S.M.; Thomas Kerr, S.W.; A. C. Paterson, Treas.; John Smith, Sec.; Hugh McMillan, J.D.; and Seth Dory, St. Steward. There was a good attendance of visiting brethren, among whom were Bros. Dugald Butler, R.W.M. Lodge 27, St. Mungo; R. M. Yuill, R.W.M. Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle; Charles Scobie and E. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; David Horne, J.W. 34; J. Stewart, 360, &c. The lodge having been duly opened, the Chairman read applications for admission to the Order and to that lodge from three candidates, and the ballot was taken as regarded each serialim. It being found clear in each case, the candidates having been prepared, were brought in and received the First Degree at the hands of the R.W.M. On the conclusion of the initiation, the compliment of honorary affiliation to the lodge was bestowed upon Bros. Dugald Butler, of Lodge St. Mungo (27), and John Stewart, Lodge Commercial (360). Thereafter, the Chairman said he had a little piece of information to give with regard to their property in the lodge building, as to which he had spoken somewhat in detail at last meeting. It was that the matter had now entered upon an epistolary phase, and it had gone so far that the lodge committee had simply had it referred to their law agents, and asked the latter to have a meeting with the trustees. The lodge was then raised to the Fellow Craft Degree, when two brethren were passed to that degree by the R.W.M., and subsequently to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, to which two were raised at the hands of Brother Halkett, P.M. This concluded the business, and the lodge was duly closed.

OBAN.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 180).—This lodge, which is at present in a healthy condition, celebrated its annual excursion last week. About thirty of the brethren, with their wives and sweethearts, proceeded by the steamer *Mountaineer* to Ballaculish, and from thence in conveyances to wild and weird Glencoe, which was seen in its most savage beauty, mountain torrents being visible on every side, rushing in milkwhite foam down the sides of the scarred and given rocks; and towering over all were the cloud-kissed peaks of the "Lord Chancellor," and the wondrous Cave of Ossian. Refreshments were obtained, both going and returning from the glen, at Bro. P. Macculloch's tidy inn at Clachaig; and on reaching the steamer again a sumptuous repast was partaken of, served up in Bro. Cameron's superior style. On reaching Fort William, a landing was made for a short time, and in the evening all returned to Oban, well satisfied with the day's proceedings. Dancing was indulged in during the trip to the music of bagpipes and violin alternately, and mirth, melody, and Masonic geniality abounded, the esteemed R.W.M., Bro. John Livingston, doing all in his power to promote the enjoyment of the brethren and their lady friends. A movement, prompted by recent remarks in the "Freemason," is now being made to raise the fees of the lodge.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, No. 12, Trongate, Glasgow, on Monday, the 11th inst., and was very fully attended. Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., presided, supported by the following officers:—Bros. Jas.

Horn, J.W., acting S.W.; G. Miller, acting J.W.; Bro. Jasper Martin, D.M.; Smart, Treas.; Crawford, Sec., and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Burns, R.W.M. Lodge Thistle, 87; Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. Lodge Clydesdale, 556; Muir, D.M. 103; J. B. McNaught, S.W. 536; Weir, J.W. 556; McLeod, P.M. Shettleston St. John's, and a deputation from Lodge 347, Rutherglen, headed by the R.W.M., Bro. Ferguson. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Mr. John Brand was then admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry in the First Degree, the ritual being most ably rendered by Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. Lodge Clydesdale, 556. At the conclusion of the ordinary business the lodge was called from labour to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening with some excellent songs, to the general enjoyment of all present, the last toast bringing the evening to a close.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, Bro. J. Shaw, R.W.M., in the chair, and the other officers in their respective places. On the lodge being opened, Bro. W. R. Dunn, Secretary, read the minutes of last regular meeting and special meeting, which were approved of. Bro. Angus Drummond then received the degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. D. Reid, R.W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, 465, officiating. In the course of the meeting Bro. Shaw, R.W.M., passed a most handsome M.M. jewel and illuminated address round to the brethren for their inspection, which had been voted by the lodge for presentation to Bro. Carmichael, their late Treasurer, who had left Scotland for New Zealand, and Bro. Stafford, late Senior Warden, who was residing in Carlisle. The brethren were highly pleased with both, which will be forwarded to the above-named brethren at the earliest convenience. There being no further business, the lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, and spent a short time in harmony.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 8th inst., for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, and conferring the degree of Master Mason upon the following brethren who were about to leave Scotland for abroad in a few days, viz., Messrs. D. Nicoll, J. Lyle Barr, and Robert Wilson. Bro. Monro officiated in his usual impressive manner. Considering it was a wet night their was a good attendance on this occasion. Bro. J. M. Oliver occupied his position as S.W., and Bro. T. Graham, Junior Warden; there were also present Bros. D. Lamb, D.M.; W. Finlay, Treas.; Wm. H. Bickerton, Sec.; and other officers in their respective places. Among the visiting brethren was Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. Lodge No. 543, St. John's, Dalmeir. The following were nominated for office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Monro, R.W.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; W. Finlay, S.M.; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; T. Graham, J.W.; G. Scott, Treas.; James Coupar, Sec.; Wm. Keiller, S.D.; D. Reid, J.D.; W. H. Bickerton, Jeweller; James McCosh, Dir. of Cers.; R. Brodie, D. of M.; A. Sloan, B.B., and James Minnoch, Tyler, the offices of President of Stewards, Chaplain, and Inner Guard being held over.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. Lamb, D.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Monro, R.W.M., presided. Among those present were Bros. J. M. Oliver, S.W.; Bickerton, Secretary, who acted as J.W.; Wm. Finlay, Treas.; Wm. Keiller, I.G.; R. Brodie, 360; R. Wilson, 360; R. Reid, 360; J. Nelson, 360; J. Johnson, 34, and others. The business of the evening was the raising of Bro. Wm. Thomson to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. D. Lamb, D.M. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 437).—The eleventh anniversary of this most prosperous lodge, was celebrated on Tuesday, the 28th ult., with great success. A large number of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren left the lodge room, Portland Buildings, about 6 p.m. and marched in procession through the burgh, headed by the Govan instrumental band, returning to the Lorne Hall, where the brethren, with their wives and sweethearts, about 140 in all, sat down and partook of an excellent dinner, Bro. John McFarlane, R.W.M., presiding, Bro. A. Campbell, P.M., officiating as Croupier. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given. "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason of England," "The Three Grand Lodges," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," by the Chairman, Bro. McFarlane. In proposing the toast of the Queen, and the Prince of Wales, Bro. McFarlane, in a most neat and appropriate speech, pointed out the many good qualities of Her Majesty, and her appreciation and close relationship with the Order of Freemasonry, also the position of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. Bro. McFarlane said, respecting the toast of the Three Grand Lodges, he had much pleasure in coupling that toast with the name of Bro. Bickerton, of the "Freemason." Bro. Bickerton, in replying, thanked the chairman for his kindness in coupling his name with this toast, and in the course of his remarks pointed out the great amount of money that had been given for charitable purposes towards helping decayed Freemasons, their widows and orphans, in England and Ireland, also of their institutions for the support of the same, and he hoped that the day was not far distant when the Scottish brethren would have their institutions, for the same noble purpose. They had a most worthy brother, the Provincial Grand Master of Wigton and Kirkcudbright, doing all he possibly could, and he hoped one and all would put their shoulder to the wheel and make

Bro. Harriott's scheme a success. The toast of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was replied to by Bro. Carrick in a most able manner. The toast of the evening was then given, "Prosperity to Lodge Govandale," by Bro. Don in most genial terms, and duly responded to by the chairman, who, in so doing, was glad at being able to state that the lodge was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present. Their meetings were characterised by good attendance, good order, and good conduct, in fact, they were blessed with perfect peace. Several other toasts followed. Between the toasts the company was enlivened with some most excellent and humorous songs by Bros. McCall, Sutherland, and others. On the conclusion of the proceedings within the Lorne Hall, an adjournment was made to the lodge room, Portland Buildings, where dancing was commenced, and continued for some time. Altogether the anniversary was a great success, every one spending a most enjoyable and pleasant evening.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 106, Rose-street South, Glasgow, on Monday, 4th inst., Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. J. B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W. There were also present Bro. Dr. Russell, D.M., and others. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. John Morgan, R.W.M. 219; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. St. John's Operative, 347, Rutherglen. There was a fair attendance on this occasion. The business before the meeting was the initiation of Mr. J. McDermott; passing Bros. J. Ferguson, A. Malcolm, and J. Haggart to the Fellow Craft Degree; and raising Bros. J. Haggart, J. Ferguson, and T. Henderson to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. of the lodge, in the E.A. and M.M. Degrees, and Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M. Star Lodge, 219. The whole of the degrees were worked in a most able manner. Bro. Phillips read the applications for admission into the Order of Freemasonry (with the names of their proposers and seconders) from two gentlemen, who will be brought forward at next regular meeting, and if no objection be offered will then receive the E.A. Degree. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—CALEDONIAN OF UNITY CHAPTER (No. 73).—The annual election and installation of office-bearers in this chapter took place on Tuesday, 28th ult., within the Masonic Hall, at No. 170, Buchanan-street. A Mark Lodge was opened by Bro. G. W. Wheeler, assisted by Bros. George McDonald and David Gilchrist, acting Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively. The minutes of last meeting having been read and passed, an application for admission to that degree was read from Bro. David Andrew, M.M. St. John, 34; and there being no objections he received the same at the hands of Bro. Wheeler. The Mark Lodge was then closed, and the Royal Arch Chapter opened, when the following office-bearers for the ensuing year were declared duly elected, and thereafter installed into office by Comp. J. Crabb, P.Z., 50:—G. W. Wheeler, Principal Z.; John Stewart, Principal H.; John Kinnaird, Principal J.; James Balfour, Scribe E.; Edward Arthur, Scribe N.; John Bannerman, Treas.; Wm. McGregor, First Sojourner; John Gilles, Second Sojourner; Thomas Yuille, Third Sojourner; J. F. Hanbridge, First Captain; Thomas Renton, Second Captain; Alexander Penman, Third Captain; William Jamieson, Janitor. The chapter was then closed, and a pleasant hour was spent in refreshment.

CALTON.—CHAPTER CATHEDRAL (No. 67).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on Tuesday, the 5th instant. Present:—Comps. Duthie, M.E.Z., 73; G. Pridie, H.; G. W. Wheeler, Z. 73; James Goldie, P.Z. 67; Wood, Treas.; James Dickie, Third Soj., and others. A Mark Lodge was opened by Bros. Duthie, R.W.M.; G. Pridie, S.W.; J. Wood, J.W. Applications were read from Bro. J. Dove, Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27, and from Bro. McDonald, Lodge Commercial, No. 360. There being no objection offered, the aforesaid Master Masons entered and received the Mark Degree, and retired. The lodge was then closed, and opened in Excellent Degree, Bro. J. Duthie presiding; Bros. Pridie, S.W.; G. W. Wheeler, J.W. Bros. Dove and McDonald received this degree and retired. A chapter was then formed, Comps. J. Duthie, Z.; G. Pridie, H.; G. W. Wheeler, J.; J. Goldie, Scribe E.; G. Mason, Scribe N.; Wood, Treasurer, with other officers. Bros. McDonald and Dove then entered and received the R.A. Degree, Comp. James Duthie, Z., officiating in his usual efficient manner. There being no further business the chapter was closed in due form by the three Principals.

GLASGOW.—CHAPTER PARTICK (No. 113).—The meeting of this chapter took place in their lodge room, Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., for the election and installation of their office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following companions were duly elected and installed, viz., Comps. Thomas Hackett, Principal, Z.; G. Ward, H.; A. Brunton, J.; W. White, Scribe E.; W. Barr, Scribe N.; J. White, Chancellor; D. Stevenson, Treas.; J. Tomlinson, First Sojourner; J. Bain, Second Sojourner; W. Boag, Third Sojourner. The chapter was then closed in due form.

MOTHERWELL.—Tuesday, the 5th inst., was observed by the inhabitants of this town, as a half-holiday on the occasion of the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian to Dalzell House. The shops were closed and business generally suspended. At 5 p.m. the Masonic body marshalled into the Masonic Hall, and subsequently lined both sides of Merry-street from the arch towards the church, under the supervision of Bro. King, R.W.M., and included representatives from the following lodges:—St. John's Dalziel, 406; Hamilton Kilwinning, 7; Hamilton 233; St. Mary's, Coltness, 31; St. Clair, 427; St. John's, Woodhall, 305, and Livingstone, St. Andrew's, Motherwell.

Masonic and General Tidings.

In Brazil, notwithstanding recent struggles, Freemasonry is progressing. Up to last March there were in that country 169 Symbolical Lodges, of which 139 follow the Rite Ecossais, 16 the French Rite, 10 the Rite Adonhiramite, 1 the Rite Schroeder, 1 the Rite of York, and 2 the Rite of Adoption. There are also 121 High Grade Chapters.

In the Argentine Confederation, the elections for 3 years, from 1875 to 1878, have terminated in the election of Bro. Ch. Urien as Grand Master; Bros. Victory, Suarez, S. Boado, J. Miguens, F. Egusquiza, and Carbalado are elected Councillors; and Bro. Lima, G.S.

A telegram dated Milan, Tuesday night, says, "The Emperor has visited the Scala to-night, and the house presented a very brilliant sight. His Majesty came forward four times, and each time the applause was enthusiastic. He looked thoroughly delighted with his reception. He has expressed his satisfaction with the review. A large number of Freemasons have arrived to greet the Prussian Grand Master."

The "City of Westminster" Lodge, No. 1563, will be consecrated on Friday next, the 29th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, W., by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, at 3.30 p.m. The officers for appointment are, Bro. B. H. Swallow, P.M. 382, Prov. G.S. Middlesex, W.M.; Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex, S.W.; Bro. E. White, 177, 1305, J.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road, on Saturday the 30th October next, when Bro. T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, will preside. Lodge opened at 6.30 precisely.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Members of the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, at 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7 o'clock.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. Held at Bro. Allen's, "Royal Edward," Triangle, Hackney. Bro. Marx-Gross in the chair.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has received a reply to the address presented to the Prince of Wales by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. His Royal Highness, through General Knollys, expresses his admiration for the missionaries, and assures the Archbishop that there will be no omission of any opportunity that may present itself during his visit to India to give encouragement to those earnest men.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, Bro. Hadley, the Alderman-elect of Castle Baynard, entertained a large number of his friends and supporters at dinner, at the London Tavern. Following as it did immediately upon the declaration as to the result of the scrutiny, the gathering was naturally of a very hearty and enlivening character, the main business of the evening being the rendering of thanks on the one hand, and of congratulations on the other. Even the room in which the dinner was held presented a more than ordinarily attractive appearance, the London Tavern having been recently painted and redecorated, the effect being most satisfactory. The chair was, of course, occupied by Bro. Hadley, who was supported on either hand by Mr. Stafford Northcote and Dr. Hardy, the list of guests also including the names of Major Wieland, Mr. Blakesley, C.C.; Bro. J. Gale, C.C., Mr. P. McKinlay, C.C., Mr. Joseph Newbon, Mr. Stafford Northcote, jun., Mr. John Hudson, Mr. C. Walton, Mr. W. S. Oram, Bro. Dosell, and others, the party numbering about one hundred and fifty.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire took place on Wednesday in the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. Robert Canton will preside at the autumn dinner of the Past Officers' Club, to be held at the Raglan Hotel on Friday, 29th inst.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—The annual dinner, on the birthday of King Edward VI., will be held at the London Tavern, on Monday, the 25th inst. Bro. J. D. Allcroft, treasurer of Christ's Hospital, will preside.

LORINERS' COMPANY.—On the invitation of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Knight, the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants will accompany him in the civic procession to Westminster on the 9th of November next.

A very fine jack, weighing 17lbs., was caught on Saturday last at the Rye House Fishery (Bro. Teale's).

THE BALAKLAVA BANQUET.—The following railway companies have consented to grant free passes to any of the survivors of the Balaklava charge proceeding to London on Monday next who are unable to defray their own expenses:—The Great Northern, the London and North-Western, the Great Western, the London and South-Western, and the London, Brighton, and South Coast. Nearly £150 has already been subscribed towards the banquet fund. Sir Roger Palmer will be prevented from being present by his duties as High Sheriff of Dublin. Lord George Paget, the senior surviving officer, will attend the dinner, and it is hoped that he will take the chair on the occasion. It has been decided to invite to the banquet Miss Elizabeth Thompson, the well-known painter of battle scenes. The Great Northern Railway Company have kindly offered to convey all those invited to the banquet on Monday, 25th inst., at the Alexandra Palace. The "Daily Telegraph" of Tuesday last acknowledged the receipt of £155. from the members of the Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104, sent in aid of the "Balaklava Banquet."

PRINCE LEOPOLD AND THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY.—The City Lands Committee are making arrangements for the forthcoming presentation to H.R.H. Prince Leopold of the freedom of the City, to which he is entitled by patrimony. Upwards of 700 invitations have been issued for the dejeuner to the members of the Corporation, the masters of the principal City companies, the leading merchants and bankers, chairmen of some of the public companies, and other persons of distinction.

Bro. Sir John Bennett made a good fight for the vacant gown of Alderman for the Cordwainer Ward. He was, however, beaten by Mr. Nottage. Sir John bore his defeat with unflinching good temper.

The mother and friends of Lucy Maria Taylor, of Huddersfield, desire to return their warmest thanks to those Governors and subscribers who have so generously responded to their appeal on her behalf by recording their votes in her favour, so as to secure her election to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. George Newman, W.M. 192, has removed his "City Auction and Estate Agency" offices from 26, Great Winchester-street, to 51, London Wall.

A Convent General of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday next, the 29th inst., at 4 o'clock.

The "Bombay Gazette" of the 24th ult. says that the Prince of Wales will, during his stay in Bombay, present colours to the 21st Native Infantry, better known as the Marine Battalion, the oldest corps on the Bombay establishment, having been raised a century ago. Madras is prepared to spend £1000 in fire-works to celebrate the arrival of the Prince. The young Gaekwar of Baroda will present his Royal Highness with a magnificent silver tea service, exhibiting in high relief the character of the

Hindoo Pantheon. The work is to be executed by Trichinopoly and Tanjore silver smiths, under the superintendence of a European silver smiths' firm of Madras.

The Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, accompanied by his three daughters, Lady Anna Gore Langton, and suite, left Gravesend in Messrs. Green's steamship Sultan, to take up his new position as Governor of Madras. His Grace will officially receive the Prince of Wales at Madras on the 6th December.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS are informed that acknowledgments of remittances received will in future be published in the first number of every month.

NOTICE.—It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.P., S.V.P., in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., J.V.P., in the S.W. chair; and Bro. E. P. Albert, A.G.P., in the J.W. chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, P.G.M., China; John Savage, P.G.D.; Wm. Smith, P.G.S.; Samuel May, P.G.S.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middlesex; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; H. Bartlett, H. Garrod, W. Stephens, W. Mann, W. C. Parsons, C. Moody, F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Charles Lacey, Reed, Bingemann, Hunt, Marsh, Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; Benj. Head, P.G.D.; Moore, Dilley, Lewin, G. Brown, Thirkle, Fry, W. Steward, Tomkins, Wood, Cobham, Baldwin, Austin, Vockins, Keags, Thompson, Wise, W. T. Howe, H. M. Levy, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, and many others. Grants made at the previous meeting were confirmed, and the new cases were relieved with a total sum of £555.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The annual communication was held in the City of Montreal, on the 22nd and 23rd September. There was a large attendance of officers of Grand Lodge and delegates from private lodges from all parts of the province. The new regalia for the G.L. Officers, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London, England, was much admired.

OFFICERS OF G.L. OF QUEBEC.—1875-76.
M.W. Bro. John H. Graham, L.L.D., Richmond, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. James O. Halloran, Q.C., Sweetsburgh, D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Samuel Johnston, Esq., Montreal, G.S.W.
R.W. Bro. Cornelius Judge, Esq., G.J.W.
R.W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, Esq., Montreal, G. Treas.
R.W. Bro. H. R. Nye, M.A., Iron Hill, G. Chaplain.
R.W. Bro. S. R. Whitman, St. Armand's, G. Registrar.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, N.P., Montreal, G. Sec.
[The address of the Grand Master will be given next week.]

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

The usual October meeting of the above society was held at the Royal Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. Dr. Woodman, Rev. W. B. Church, Thomas, Foulger, Hubbard, Marsh, Massa, Rosenthal, Kenning, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Some other routine work having been performed, the M.C. was then closed.

THE TOTTENHAM MASONIC HALL.

The application made to the Middlesex magistrates by Mr. Poland, on behalf of Bro. Oddy, of the "Seven Sisters" Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, for a music licence to that establishment was unanimously granted. The memorial in support of the application was signed by the Vicar of Tottenham, the senior churchwarden, one or more of the overseers, and a large number of Bro. Oddy's immediate neighbours. The case was also recommended by the local magistrates, and there was no opposition of any kind. The primary object of Bro. Oddy in seeking the licence was to enable Masonic and other influential bodies to give occasional concerts and miscellaneous entertainments, in which music would form a chief feature, the splendid hall, which he has just erected at his own cost, being peculiarly adapted for such purposes. Few neighbourhoods possess such a fine room; and for Masonic business it may be said to stand unrivalled in the suburbs of London. The acoustic properties are perfect; and the ventilation—so important where large assemblies take place—is arranged on the most approved principles. It will comfortably seat nearly 250 persons. The decorations are now complete; and the artistic manner in which the painting, &c., has been carried through speaks much for Bro. Oddy's taste. The work, from first to last, was done from his own designs and under his personal superintendence; and the result is highly satisfactory. Brilliantly lighted and decorated with choice flowers as the noble apartment has been of late, it presents an appearance of which the visitors felt justly proud; and when better known, there can be no doubt that the hall will be largely patronised.

MASONIC BANQUET TO THE HON. F. P. BARLEE.

A banquet was given on the 7th July in honour of the Hon. F. P. Barlee, by the brethren of the Lodge of St. John, No. 485, E.C. at Perth, West Australia.

About sixty of the brethren assembled in lodge, and afterwards adjourned to the banquet room. The W.M., Bro. Thos. Sherwood, presided. After the usual loyal toasts (viz, "H.M. The Queen," "The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "H.E. The Governor," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales") had been duly honored,

Bro. P.M. Lochée stated that the W.M. had done him the honour of placing the next toast in his hands, and said that the toast he had to propose was sure to be cordially received by all present. It was the toast of the evening, and formed, in fact, the main purpose of their assembly that night: it was,—"The Health of our worthy Brother, P.M. Barlee." It was known to all the brethren, that Bro. Barlee was about to leave us for a time, and it had been the general desire of the members of the lodge that he should not take his departure without receiving some expression of the feelings of regard entertained for him by the brethren. In this desire he (Bro. Lochée) very cordially shared, and he could not but feel highly gratified that he had been deputed to convey such expression of esteem and regard to their worthy brother. Bro. Lochée went on to say that by the rules of the ancient Craft he was precluded from making any particular reference to the political acts of Bro. Barlee, but he was not aware that there was anything to prevent them all from acknowledging, even in that hall, the untiring industry with which Bro. Barlee had filled a most responsible and laborious public office,—in so far, at all events, discharging one of the main duties inculcated by the ancient Craft. Bro. Barlee had also, on more than one occasion, been elected to the high office of Master of that lodge, and he was sure that all the members would be ready to acknowledge the courtesy and ability he had displayed in the discharge of the duties that had devolved upon him, as well as his desire to further the interest of the Craft at all times. He would only add that the members of that lodge proffered to Bro. Barlee their very best wishes for his health and prosperity, and concluded by proposing,—The health of our worthy brother, Past Master Barlee, with all the honours.

Br. Barlee said that at a time when his mind was very much occupied in clearing up many matters of business, prior to his departure from the colony, he felt he should have the indulgence of the brethren if he did not express in as full a manner, or at such length as it deserved, his sense of the ovation accorded to him. He could sincerely assure them of his appreciation of the compliment paid him by the brethren, who as Masons had shown him that same good feeling which he had experienced from the whole community. He would be ashamed to admit that all the kind things said of him during the last few weeks were deserved; he was fully aware that they rose from the friendly feeling of those among whom he had lived so long; and even in what had fallen from Br. P.M. Lochée that evening he felt that he had looked on the bright side of the picture,—but they all knew there was a reverse side to every picture. He was very grateful for what had been said, and thanked them for the manner in which the remarks had been received; but when he looked back on his career as a Mason (and he was thankful to say he could do so with unmixed satisfaction), or, indeed, at his whole public career during his long service of twenty years in the colony, he was unable to recognize that he had done anything that did not come to him in the ordinary course of duty, done anything to receive so fully as he had done the approbation of his fellow colonists. He did, however, believe that any man who tried to do his duty, no matter in what position he was placed, who was loyal to those with whom he worked, honest in his actions, anxious to help those whom he believed deserved help, who, refraining from the natural desire to act on the

impulse of the moment, would be guided by that grand principle (a principle equally of Masonry as of Christianity) to do unto others as he would others should do unto him, would—whether he occupied a position of influence and was in a position somewhat as a leader of men, or whether he was in a subordinate position and had simply to carry out instructions—not go far astray, and would in the long run gain the esteem and respect of those among whom he lived. He (Br. Barlee) had endeavoured to act on those principles, and tried to do what he conceived to be his duty: how often he had failed in doing it he was painfully aware; but he thought that the entertainment of that evening, coupled with what had occurred during the past few weeks, might lead him to hope that he had not altogether failed. When he was first made a Mason he took great interest in the proceedings of the lodge; but as work increased, as fresh labours had opened up in various directions, he had retired from the active duties of the lodge; and he had in no degree found he had been missed. When he looked at what had been done by those who had preceded him in the management of the lodge, and those who had followed him, he could not see that he had ever done anything as a Mason which should entitle him to the distinguished compliment they paid him; and he was fain to believe that they had rather desired to meet him as an old friend, as one who had lived among them for a long time; and as such he thanked them, and told them that the proceedings of the evening would be held by him in grateful recollection. Br. Barlee then said he had been talking very much of himself: he was not fond of so doing, but it had really been forced on him, and at all events the responsibility was on their shoulders and not his. He then spoke of the spread of Freemasonry in England, and the interest that the appointment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the office of Grand Master had created, and followed by showing that in this colony the numbers of the Craft were steadily increasing. He alluded to the erection of the building they then occupied; of that lately erected by the Plantagenet Lodge at Albany; and of the arrangements almost definitely made for the erection of a handsome lodge at Fremantle; and expressed his opinion that in no other community where the population was so small (only about 26,000 or 27,000 inhabitants) had so much energy been shown in the interest of the Craft. After various remarks in connection with the proceedings of the Craft in this Colony, and having alluded to the handsome manner in which he had been received a few days previous by the members of the Fremantle Lodge, No. 1033, and on a late occasion by those of the Plantagenet Lodge at Albany, Br. Barlee again expressed his thanks to the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him.

We regret we are unable to insert a full report of the subsequent interesting speeches and proceedings, but must be content with giving a summary of the toasts which followed, viz.—"Fremantle Lodge, No. 1033," proposed by Bro. E. C. Dean, S.W., acknowledged by Bro. J. F. Stone, the W.M. of that lodge; "The Plantagenet Lodge," proposed by Bro. F. L. Hussey, J.W., responded to by Bro. P. M. Barlee; "The Lodge of St. John, No. 485," proposed by Bro. Sir Archibald Paull Burt, acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. T. Sherwood; "The Guests," proposed by Bro. P.M. Hillman, responded to by Bros. Landor, Helms, and Sir A. P. Burt; and "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. P.M. Smith, responded to by Bro. F. Pearce.—the last of which brought to a close a most delightful evening, the enjoyment of which will long remain in the memories of those who had the pleasure of being present.

A number of gentlemen interested in colonial affairs, especially in regard to the colony of West Australia, assembled at the Guildhall Tavern on Friday, the 15th inst., for the purpose of presenting to the Hon F. P. Barlee, Colonial Secretary of West Australia, a testimonial which had been subscribed for by many friends in that colony. The chair was taken at an elegant déjeuner by Bro. J. Farmaner, and besides the guest of the day, there were present;—Mr. W.

Felgate (vice chairman), the Hon. L. S. Leake, (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, West Australia), Mr. J. H. Monger, the Very Rev. G. P. Pownall, the Rev. G. Flack, Messrs. A. Hillman, J. Wilson, F. A. Edelston, Ellis Jones, R. S. J. Joyce, J. G. Neilson, D. Crombie, F. Lewis, T. Fifoot, J. French, T. Carleton, E. H. Barlee, G. Lawrence, J. G. Thomson, (West Australia), T. Grove, J. Hainsworth, W. Purdy, J. G. Shearman, W. Shearman, F. C. Farmaner, F. Harris, G. Farmaner. The Chairman, in presenting to Bro. Barlee the silver epergne which formed the testimonial, spoke as a colonist of some years' standing in that country, and could bear testimony to the very great kindness he had always experienced in business transactions with Bro. Barlee. He received all who came to him in his official position with the greatest kindness and attention, and was respected alike by rich and poor throughout the colony. All the legislative measures he had ever brought forward were for the benefit of the colony, and the prosperity of the colony was in great measure due to him. The Chairman having handed the testimonial to Bro. Barlee, that gentleman, in his reply, said that he regarded the compliment paid to him as a recognition of his official position rather than as a personal matter. He had been connected with every public movement in the colony for the past twenty years. They had passed through dark days previously, but things were now looking brighter. If he should never be called upon to return to the colony he would hold this testimonial as a memento of all he had done, though he assured them no such memento was required for him to bear all his old friends in affectionate remembrance. Since the inauguration five years ago of representative institutions in the colony he thought that matters had manifested a steady progress. Public works of all kinds were being carried out, and they would soon now be linked with the telegraph system of the world. New railways had been commenced, and communications with the coast opened up. All these things, he reminded City gentlemen, would have their effect on the London market. The Chairman proposed "Prosperity to the Colony of West Australia," and dwelt upon many facts showing the remarkable progress being made there. With the toast were coupled the names of the three gentlemen who are about to return to the colony—The Hon. Mr. Leake, Mr. Monger, and Mr. Thomson. "The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Bro. Barlee, and "The Health of the Vice-Chairman" and other toasts followed.

THE FREEMASONS AND THE RAILWAY JUBILEE.

Although the brethren of the "mystic tie" could not take part in the public demonstrations at the Railway Jubilee, still they were not behindhand in celebrating the event after their ancient custom. The happy thought occurred to some of the old members of the Restoration Lodge that as a large number of Freemasons from neighbouring lodges were certain to visit Darlington during the jubilee—who would not have invitations to the banquet in the cricket-field—it would be a fitting opportunity to offer them that hospitality which is the distinguishing trait of all loyal Craftsmen. The idea was no sooner communicated to the Worshipful Master, Bro. Andrew Farman, than he issued invitations to the brethren of the various lodges in this and the adjoining provinces. Here the ingenuity of some of the members was displayed in the composition and arrangement of the circular containing the invitation, it being a near counterfeit of the jubilee banquet ticket, and causing much amusement. Accordingly at five o'clock on Tuesday evening one of the largest gatherings ever assembled in Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, met to partake of a cold collation. A monster game pie, the particular contribution of the W.M., was the subject of general comment and request, while other equally satisfying dishes graced the festive board. The duties of the Stewards were heavily invoked, and never more cheerfully and ably rendered. The time was short before the illuminations and fireworks commenced, yet the following loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured:—"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," "The Visitors," proposed in an appropriate speech by Bro. Councillor Morrell, and responded to by representatives of the various lodges. "The Master," proposed by Bro. Babington Boulton, the Vice-chairman, was most enthusiastically received. The visitors hailed from Newcastle, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Stockton, Middlesborough, Redcar, Northallerton, Thirsk, Richmond, Manchester, and London.

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Prov. Grand Lodge of Staffordshire.

Letter to Mrs. Bradford.

Address of the Grand Master of Quebec.

Dedication of a New Masonic Hall at Bideford.

Presentation and Dinner to Bro J. B. Walker at Glasgow.

Reports of Lodges, 13, 228, 533, 710, 784, 1066, 1287.

Chapters 119, 185, 225, and Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATH.

WEST.—On the 4th inst., in child-birth, in the 37th year of her age, Sarah, the beloved wife of Bro. E. West, of the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, (W.M. 1437; P.M. 1076 and 1327; P.P.G.S.D. of Herts, and Chap. 13). Deeply and universally regretted.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 23, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales left Paris at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 Wednesday evening, and reached Turin Thursday evening. He left Turin at 9.40 Friday morning, and got to Bologna at 5 in the afternoon, and Ancona at 10.30 p.m. the same day. Many of the English residents were present at the station, and the Prince said, in answer to their fervent wishes for his prosperous voyage and safe return, "Thank you, gentlemen." The train departed amid enthusiastic cheers at 10.45, and arrived at Bari at 1.10 Saturday morning. He left for Brindisi at 7.23, which place he reached at 9.30, and was met at the station by the remainder of his suite. Accompanied by the Italian Minister of Marine, Admiral de San Bon, Count Maffei, and amid salutes from the British and Italian ironclads, he proceeded in the Royal launch to the Serapis, where breakfast was served. The weather was fine, and the Serapis steamed out of the harbour amid fresh salutes from the men of war. The Prince of Wales reached Athens after a fair passage on Monday, the 18th, at 10.10, and anchored in the harbour of the Piræus. He landed at 12.10, and went with the King to the palace, amidst the cheers of the densely crowded streets. The Serapis lost two anchors. He was to stay Tuesday and leave Wednesday. Next week we shall resume the story of his journey.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

A press of matter has prevented us noticing the full and interesting account of the meeting of the Grand Orient for 1875, which is contained in the "*Monde Maçonnique*" for September-October, which we received the week before last. We propose, however, to call attention to it next week.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Reflection has convinced us even more strongly than last week, how very unwise and how very unsound is the proposed motion relative to the Boys' School, to which we felt it to be our duty to allude. Unwise it is, as probably inflicting irreparable injury on the Boys' School, which is now in full and active work, where everything and everybody, we are assured, under the new regime, are falling into their proper positions. All is now proceeding harmoniously, and we fancy that there is little real doubt where the original fault lay. As we read over some published papers, printed too under very strange circumstances, we fancy that we can put our finger readily on the true cause of all the pettiness and unseemly spirit which have been exhibited. Some amusing exaggerations have been scattered broadcast among the Craft. It has been stated, for instance, that the four retiring Masters were university men. There is not a word of truth in the statement. Whether any of them had ever been at any university we doubt, certainly they had not university degrees. *Ex hoc disce omnia*. The course as proposed to be pursued by the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire by Bro. Cawthorn is, we think, most unwise therefore on every ground, as regards the true interests of the school, but Masonically we also deem it to be thoroughly unsound in principle. Bro. Cawthorn is, we understand, not even a subscriber to the Boys' School at all. How can he propose such a resolution? And how can the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire pass such a resolution, still less hand it on to the Grand Lodge? What possible right has the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire to express such an opinion as a corporate body? It has, it is true, paid certain monies to the school in days of old, and it has received a return in votes, and there its interest practically ends. It is impossible that on any known principle of Masonic law or equity it can pass such a resolution without thoroughly stultifying itself. We hope, therefore, that for the "honour and dignity" of West Yorkshire, the resolution will be withdrawn with a good grace. But how can Grand Lodge even interfere? How could it receive such a resolution? How could it act upon it? It gives £150 annually to the institution, a purely voluntary institution, which receives £10,000 in round numbers annually from the Craft as private donations and subscriptions. How can it on its grant of £150 profess to have a right to enquire as to the expenditure of the £10,000? It may, indeed, enquire how its £150 are appropriated, and, if not satisfied with the explanation tendered, may withdraw its own annual grant, but it can do no more, and can go no further. We think that those who propose such a resolution can hardly have realized to themselves its full effect, as if it could be passed it would, we venture to say, be fatal to the independence and self-supporting character of all our metropolitan institutions. No one can deny that Grand Lodge in times past has been very liberal to all our great charities, but such grants do not give it a right to appoint a committee to examine into the expenditure, past and present, of the Boys' School or the Girls' School, or even of the Benevolent Institution, and to lay down the salaries of the officials, and the proper mode of conducting the proper work of each, for such, though ingeniously veiled over, is the actual bearing of Bro. Cawthorn's motion. The only proper course for any to follow who have complaints against anything or anybody, is to go to the General Court, or to lay the matter officially before the House Committee. Until that has been done no one has a right to pretend to say that he has exhausted all modes of redressing real or imaginary grievances. Above all, no one, we venture to repeat, should seek by such revolutionary proceedings to undermine the very foundation on which the Boys' School rests, as a great voluntary institution, aided, no doubt, by Grand Lodge, but supported by the Craft at large.

MASONIC EGOTISM.

Those of us who know much of Freemasonry, (and some of us have seen its sunny as well as its hazy side for many long years) know well how

often we have been bored, and how much the Craft suffers from the personal egotism of more than one worthy and, perhaps, well-meaning brother. Too often the harmony of a lodge, the peaceful flow of work, the serenity of the witching hour of refreshment, are all alike sadly marred and affected by the intruding tendencies of an irrepressible personal egotism. Many of us even now can picture that well-known and active brother of ours, with many good points, no doubt, in his character, whose theory of Freemasonry is entirely based on its opportunity of individual display, or its occasions of personal assertion. To him Freemasonry, no doubt very good, proper, useful, and agreeable, whether in work, refreshment, or principles, is only worth anything at all to him as it affords him the means of putting forward his own overwhelming claims to position and to prominence. Hence he is always to the fore; go where you will you find him always busy, always agitated, always loquacious. He will take any work, or propose any health, or return thanks for everybody and everything. In short he is a Masonic "factotum," or "teetotum," call him what you like, so versatile are his talents, and so shifting are his "poses." Sometimes, no doubt, he degenerates into an awful bore, even a trying nuisance, as the educated and cultivated often protest inwardly and groan outwardly at his slipshod English, his unmeaning and unceasing assertions of his love, and his respect, and his labours for Freemasonry. They have heard it all over and over before; they have to listen to it, and will have to listen to it, over and over again. Well, this brother Tripod of ours is a not uncommon character, and many a lodge, as well as many a province, has to lament that every gathering, that every "alba dies," are made, as it were, only to minister to his personal grandeur, not to advance the career of brotherhood, not to enhance the wholesome influences of Freemasonry. No doubt something may be said, looking at the question merely socially, in favour of egotism, in respect of the struggles of life. As a general rule we are all taken at our own valuation, and some of our satirical writers have undoubtedly held, that if any of us wish to get on, or push our way in the world, we must assert ourselves, we must impress others around us with the prevailing idea of our own cleverness, ability, shrewdness, superiority. Indeed, some go so far as to assert that that man is always most looked up to who so proclaims his own merits that he makes himself disagreeable even to other people. They are the meek, the forbearing, the "goody-goody," as our young ladies say, who go to the wall. Such a view we believe to be a fallacy, and one, moreover, that does but little credit to humanity. It may be that by the vulgar and tawdry trappings of the Vanity Fair of life many are blinded and misled to-day; it may be that the recklessness of self-assertion and the claims of personal egotism may often impress the weak, the wavering, and the coarse-minded; but on the whole we are inclined to believe that the noble qualities of the mind and heart still sway, after all is said and done, the feelings and consciences of, at any rate, the most elevated of our race. Freemasonry, in its gentle and true teaching, ever forbids the domination of that encroaching egotism which claims all for No. 1, and forgets its neighbour, its brother, and its friend. Still, as of old, despite much of untoward and ill-omened individual selfishness amongst us all, still though egotism abounds on every side of us, and seems sometimes to go with us from our cradles to our graves, all who are not merely following in the ruck of the purely worldly, self-opinionated, self-seeking, irregular, and, as the Germans say, "gemein," must admire the holier and better laws of modesty and abnegation. We are not to yield to the bully or the blatant, we are not to fear the "tall talk" of the blusterer, we are not to surrender to the ingrained selfishness of the egotistical, but, preserving the golden mean between selfishness and sentiment, between modesty and self-assertion, we are never to forget that we are "members one of another," that we are brethren of one great family, creatures of one Creator. Above all, we are ever to prefer the interests of another to our own selfish strivings,

since Freemasonry has bound us all with its golden links of love Divine, and has knitted us close, amid every contingency of earthly life, to our brethren of the light throughout the world.

COLOURED LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Some good and worthy brethren of ours in America seem to think that we have somewhere pronounced a decided opinion in respect of this confessedly difficult question. But we have not done so. We have carefully avoided from our editorial "cathedra," laying down the law on the subject, good, bad, or indifferent. The subject has been, we believe, touched upon, and a distinct opinion has been expressed there anent, by some writers and bodies in Germany; but in England, so far, we have said nothing, and certainly not in the "Freemason," on the grave points at issue. We have, indeed, as all Englishmen naturally would, welcomed all coloured Freemasons who were received as bona-fide freemen, as we do not think that there is any distinction of colour in Freemasonry. But with respect to the position taken up by coloured Freemasons in the United States—as we note, they say because they cannot obtain admittance into white lodges—we have never advanced any views of our own, for this reason, that they are, owing to the peculiar question of "colour," somewhat hazy on the subject. The position of the coloured Freemasons is, we understand on unimpeachable authority, this. "There is no doubt that the Prince Hall Lodge was lawfully warranted, but owing to failure to meet for a number of years and making returns, and paying the dues to Grand Lodge, it certainly ceased to exist, and became, to all intents and purposes, a dead lodge"—as the lawyers say, a "caput mortuum"—in the body of Masonry. "It was not possible therefore for a number of the members of this defunct lodge, years afterwards, to reorganize, without any authority whatever, and assume themselves the powers of a Grand Lodge, and grant warrants to institute new lodges and form Grand Lodges." In the State of Pennsylvania it appears that there are two rival Grand Lodges. On this statement of facts, it is quite clear to us, that any lodges meeting under a warrant from the defunct Prince Hall Lodge are irregular lodges, according to the unfailing laws of Freemasonry, as not only are they acting "ultra vires," but the inception of their proceedings being radically wrong and illegal, all their subsequent acts are vitiated by their original wrongdoing. Their old warrant only gave them power to initiate, pass and raise profanes, and affiliate brother Masons; but it could not grant to them, and did not grant to them, the power to offer a delegated authority to others to do these special Masonic acts. The warrant being dormant could only be revived properly through the action of the Grand Lodge, the original grantor, and the grantee could not, without rehabilitating itself with Grand Lodge, by payment of overdue fees, &c., come into Masonic life again at all. Under these circumstances, notwithstanding the expressed views of some brethren in Germany and elsewhere, we have no doubt then, that, as the Spanish say, "to speak Masonically," the Prince Hall Lodge was an irregular and clandestine gathering of Masons, and had neither, legally, Masonic status or Masonic authority. All Masons made under its warrants are not and cannot be considered as "true and lawful Freemasons," or admitted "in a lodge just, perfect, and regular." But here comes in a grave question. Admitted, as we do admit most fully, that the regular Grand Lodges have all Masonic law and equity on their side, there are a large number of coloured Freemasons in the United States. What are you to do with them? There is no doubt the course of non-recognition, except upon submission, but we fear the controversy now is too embittered for that. There is an axiom very common of old, which often applies practically to this and other like cases to-day, "*fieri non debet factum valet*." For let us look at the whole matter fairly and fully. Are the regular white Grand Lodges and regular private lodges ever likely to welcome the coloured Masons under any circumstances? If they are, then there is not and cannot be the slightest excuse for the proceedings of the

coloured Masons. But if not, what are the coloured Masons to do? We do not see any abstract objection to coloured Masons meeting as such, supposing they can obtain legal warrants, as we are inclined to think that such an arrangement would be best for both sides. The only end of the controversy, as it appears to us, or escape from the dilemma, is for the coloured lodges to apply for warrants to the lawful Grand Lodges, and then, if they like, to form State coloured Grand Lodges of their own; these lodges meeting originally on regular warrants granted by the proper authorities. As it is, we are entirely with the Grand Lodges of the various American States, as we feel bound to say that the position of the coloured lodges in America, which hold warrants from self-constituted bodies, is neither in accordance with well-known Masonic law, nor can it be defended, except sentimentally, on any grounds of true Freemasonry.

ANOTHER MASONIC PERSECUTION.

Bro. Caubet gives in the "Monde Maconnique" for September-October a short statement to the effect that 14 Freemasons at Porto Rico have been condemned to imprisonment, simply because they were Freemasons, members of the Masonic family. Three of these unfortunate brethren have been sentenced to four years' imprisonment, eleven to two years of the same penalty. Bro. Caubet adds, "We shall publish the text of the judgment in our next," which we shall also duly place before our readers. If the fact be a fact, can nothing be done for them?

DWELLINGS FOR ARTIZANS.

One of the most beneficial, and practically useful of the many wise measures passed during the last session of Parliament was "The Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Bill." The state of the cottages and humble dwellings of our wealthy land, despite some notable exceptions here and there, notwithstanding the praiseworthy efforts of some benevolent landlords in special localities, has long been a disgrace to us as a civilized people. And no legislative enactment could therefore be more beneficial in its scope or operation, or could be to all patriotic citizens of our favoured country, a subject of more heartfelt support and rejoicing, than a good bill for the improvement of the homes of our labouring people! It is, no doubt, a subject in itself surrounded with some difficulties, owing to the grave complication of vested interests, and the serious question of expense, but yet, as no course of parliamentary interference is more needed, so none will be in the long run more acceptable to the toiling classes of our great and busy community. We are, therefore, glad to note by the reports of the proceedings of the Metropolitan Board of Works, that that important and active body is directing its attention to the practical carrying out of the act. In the "Times" of Tuesday, October 6th, we find these remarks, and which we read, as we think our readers will read them, with equal gratification and approval. "From the report of the last meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works it appears that body has received already several requests for the exercise of the new powers the recent act has conferred. The first application made to them was about a block of buildings in the neighbourhood of a main thoroughfare of Holborn, and immediately to the east of Gray's-inn-road. This region the Medical Officer of the Holborn District Board has pronounced to be so unhealthy and unfit for human residence as to be a proper subject for the remedial intervention of the Board of Works. We cannot be surprised that the Board has accepted the task thus primarily assigned to them. Those who are acquainted with the spot in question will be aware that it is one of the very worst in all London, and that as regards a great part of it we should do wisely to get rid of it on almost any terms, and to put up something better in its place, if no lighter remedy can be devised for the evils of its present state. The scheme which the consulting officials of the Board of Works have recommended fits in very happily other Metropolitan improvements. Some open spaces of ground will be secured in a

crowded region which much needs them. Gray's-inn-road will be widened, and streets and thoroughfares of a proper breadth and construction will be carried all through the parts in question, and will, we may hope, differ from the blind courts and alleys which exist there at present in being accessible with safety to the police. The total extent of ground over which the improvements are to extend is about 10½ acres, and the cost to the Board of dealing with it will be somewhat over £200,000, of which rather more than half may be looked upon simply as invested. The yearly loss on the remainder will amount to £3466, which will have to be provided from the rates. By this outlay a proper site will have been secured for buildings which it is hoped some one or other of the existing societies will erect, and the ground will be handed over to them on terms which will permit of the further expenditure being remunerative. The attention of the Board has also been already drawn to a locality in Whitechapel, for which the requisite plans or recommendations are in course of being prepared, but are not yet ready. We are told, too, that various other Metropolitan districts will yet remain to be somewhat similarly dealt with by the Board of Works. Some of these have been brought before their notice by the Resident Medical Officers, while with regard to others the Board knows only that a communication is certainly to be expected. There is thus no prospect that the labours of the Board in this direction will be soon or easily concluded. Rather the work to be done will be necessarily both long and costly. The arrears are very great, and the present generation must be prepared to pay heavily for the neglect of its more careless predecessors." In all this we fully agree, but we cannot concur with the following remarks of the "Times":—"We could wish there was any reason to think that the improvements contemplated in Holborn and elsewhere would be acceptable to the class for whose benefit they are intended." 'Tis true that the "Times" describes the Holborn population as a migratory one, but we venture to express our opinion, based on long study and some acquaintance with the subject, that no greater calumny can be devised or spread as regards the working classes, than to suppose that they are indifferent to, or opposed to the amelioration of such patent evils. The truth is that many of them are so accustomed to signs of squalor, and evidences of filth, so many live and die in crazy tenements, and in reeking alleys, and foul cellars, that they grow dull and apathetic on the subject, and actually prefer in their shortsightedness "*quieta non movere*." There also may be a class here, as elsewhere, that "*classe dangereuse*" of all great cities, too well known to the police, and which feels ever the deepest interest in the pockets and properties of their neighbours, which naturally objects to light, cleanliness and respectability. But there is implanted in the artizans, as in every class of England, a love of home, and home work, and home happiness. We never could see why working men should not, if you give them good air, good houses, and bits of garden or allotments, be as happy, and contented, and satisfied as those whom they call their "betters." They have an intense love of flowers, for instance some of the most industrious and persevering of botanists are to be found notably among the working classes of Lancashire and Yorkshire; they have a great appreciation of home, enduring attachment for their wives and children, for the most part they are thrifty and saving, despite all irrational charges to the contrary, and that they long for often a comfortable house they can call their own, no longer surrounded by dens of vice and dirt, is, we feel sure, incontestable. No improvement can, then, be more desirable on every ground, social, moral, or religious, than that of the dwellings of our artizan brethren. We have sighed to see in a room, 10 by 10, the grandmother, a married son and daughter, two unmarried daughters, and two lads, to say nothing of a baby, all using this one room as a sleeping apartment. In vain we remember saying years ago when our eyes beheld actually what our pen has now described, "in vain are the teachings of school, and the lesson of decency and morality, their normal life, by no fault of their own, is

one continued departure from every law which health would demand, or propriety suggest." We have, then, always advocated, and always shall advocate, the building of better cottages and dwellings for the labouring population of the Empire. In some places the good work has been done in a great measure, in many it is going on, in more, let us hope, this new act will set it in motion. Better late than never. Henri Quatre said he wished every Frenchman could enjoy his homely meal. Good old George III. declared he hoped that every Englishman would have his Bible; we say to-day that the best wish we can frame for those who compose the great base of the pyramid of society is that they may have a comfortable and decent dwelling, where they can learn for themselves the elevating lessons of self-respect, self-restraint, and self-improvement, and where they can teach their children alike by word and example the ever-needed maxims of prudence and propriety, of economy and industry, of piety to God, and of regard for their fellow creatures.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PHILADELPHIA IN 1876.

A kind brother correspondent having sent us from America a copy of the rules and regulations for this important gathering, we shall call attention to it next week, and publish in extenso the regulations for exhibition.

Original Correspondence.

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

A QUOTATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The ingenuousness of your correspondent signing himself "The Writer of the Article," as displayed in and by his letter headed "Hudibras" in your issue of the 9th inst., is most refreshing, and were I in possession of a scrap book for the effusions of newspaper correspondents, I should certainly think this one deserving a little trouble and paste, as a literary curiosity.

I rejoice to hear that I have been the means of "amusing" your correspondent, although by the tenor of his letter, I should have thought that "amusing" would more appropriately have expressed his feelings. At the same time I must candidly admit that it was not my intention to do either.

He continues by complaining "that hardly any one can write on the commonest subject without becoming personal." If this be true, I agree with him that it is much to be regretted, yet if he really thinks so, why do (sic) he act differently? It surely cannot, even according to his logic, be good in him and bad in others to follow the same course.

After sarcastically referring to me as "so learned a critic," he states, "I happen to know my 'Hudibras,' as well as he knows it, it may be even better. But comparisons are odorous." (sic) Self praise, I find by this, is now and then a great recommendation, and that "The Writer of the Article," amongst his other accomplishments, possesses, "undisturbed by conscientious qualms," the art of admirably blowing his own trumpet. What does he know of my familiarity with the work in question? I presume I am, even by name, to him a perfect stranger. His assertion, therefore, is simply absurd. If, however, he possesses the virtue which he assumes, why not do the author justice by quoting him correctly instead of making him talk nonsense. He should remember that the art of quotation requires more delicacy in the practice than those conceive who can see nothing more in the quotation than an extract. Whenever the mind of a writer is saturated with the full inspiration of a great author a quotation gives completeness to the whole; it seals his feelings with undisputed authority. As for comparisons being "odorous," (sic) I presume your correspondent means "odious," or he would not have misapplied this quotation. Shakespeare makes Dogberry use the expression, but not in the manner of a Mrs. Malaprop. As for his using the verse (the quotation in dispute) "as others have used it, better men than either of us (another comparison), with no question or concern as to its correctness," I can only say, that if an author is worth quoting from at all, that some "question or concern" as to the accuracy of the quotation is due to his reputation in return for the benefit derived at his hands. "The Writer of the Article" then tries to get out of his difficulty by saying, "I did not quote Hudibras at all!" He admits "using a verse." Whose verse was it then? As for not quoting Hudibras, that is true. He misquoted it, and as for conveying his "meaning" most appositely, that is a matter of opinion. I am informed that "for a long time every one who cares about such things has known that there was an error in the actual quotation itself." Where is the error, and what authority refers to it? I have examined two old editions of the poem, and a very good modern one, "published by J. Walker and the other proprietors," in 1817, besides reading several commentaries by eminent authors, yet cannot find any proof or mention of what your correspondent as-

serts. As for a man being "convinced against his will," being a state of mind not uncommon, I can only say that it is impossible. It is easy to understand a man "complying against his will," but I never knew or heard of an instance of one being so convinced.

What he means by "Burke's concluding sentence may be reckoned equally 'sublime and beautiful,'" I do not know. My concluding sentence, "With just enough of learning to misquote," was Byron's. Your correspondent's introduction of "The Sublime and Beautiful" prevents me attributing this to a misprint. Whether it looks like "greased lightning," or not, I cannot say. Of that article I know nothing, and therefore leave it without any encroachment of opinion, as a subject perhaps deserving of some attention from "The Writer of the Article." Hoping in the meantime that our little correspondence may not be unproductive of even a little good, and that where no offence was intended none will be taken,

Believe me, yours fraternally,

WM. BERNARD.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having seen Bro. Bernard's letter at the office, I venture to subjoin a short reply to his voluminous epistle. As Lord Derby, when Lord Stanley, once said to the famous Lord Macaulay, then Mr. Macaulay, and both in the House of Commons, "the honourable gentleman is a great critic," so I think I may venture also to say to Bro. Bernard to-day. Reading carefully now over his two letters, one is really in doubt which most to admire, the "feineness of his writing" or the lucidity of his style. Yet I fear that Bro. Bernard is one of those unfortunate persons you often meet with in the world, who always will be "convinced against" their "will," "pace," so very great an authority. I have already stated that I did not quote Hudibras in any way at all. Bro. Bernard is so polite and Masonic as to give me the lie direct, and to repeat his statement that I quoted, or, rather, misquoted, Hudibras. I have previously remarked that I was not likely to misquote Hudibras, knowing it better than Bro. Bernard, and I have attempted also to make Bro. Bernard understand, though in vain, that I used the words as an old Jametian "saw," without any reference to Butler's version of it. For the truth is, as another writer puts it clearly, the saying is older than Hudibras, and in its axiomatic form embodies, despite Bro. Bernard again, a very wretched condition of the human mind.

For it often happens that in an argument a man gives way, though not convinced by argument; but yielding the point for some reason or other, or withdrawing from the controversy, still retains his own opinion. This is the state of mind well pointed out by the almost proverbial saying, and which, notwithstanding Bro. Bernard's condemnation and anathema, I venture to believe, as I happen to know, is a very correct one. Would it not be well before Bro. Bernard attempts to set everybody else right that he should attend to his own grammar and spelling. I have never yet seen "odorous" spelt with an "e," nor do I ever remember such a sentence as "why do he act differently." It is really sublime.

But it is useless to go through Bro. Bernard's letter, as it is only another proof not only how much can be said about nothing, but how excessively personal a pseudo-critic can be. In fact, there is something excessively offensive and un-Masonic in the tone that Bro. Bernard has thought well to assume, though, as far as I can see, with no pretension to play such a role. I have, as it happens, more important work to attend to than to read, except often very cursorily, the tedious platitudes or the meaningless objection, and I confess to a "lapsus penne" in substituting Burke for Byron. The truth is the same remark is applicable, and in either case, such a quotation in Bro. Bernard's hands is evidently what the witty American termed "greased lightning." If Bro. Bernard wishes to improve his style, and learn to be civil and convincing, polite and critical at the same time, let us recommend to his perusal George Canning's famous critique on the "Reformation of the Knave of Hearts," in the "Microcosm," page 87, for I feel sure, that the good it must do him will be quite marvellous. Let me fraternally urge him to be a little more courteous when he again assumes the "stylus" of the critic, and not to forget that nothing is so absurd as that childish and carping hyper-criticism, which is generally the refuge of the incompetent, and the intolerant.

I am,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me whether the "Mark Degree" is a recognized Masonic Order (i.e.) by the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, and whether they support the various Masonic institutions?

Their origin, and why Mark jewels are not to be worn in Craft lodges.

Whether it is necessary to join the Mark Degree before going to the Royal Arch.

Having heard a diversity of opinion upon the matter by several M.M.'s is the reason of my troubling you with this enquiry upon the subject.

Yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING M.M.

[In answer to our correspondent we beg to state that the Mark Degree is not recognised by our Grand Lodge, but that it supports the Masonic institutions, we believe, as a corporate body, we are certain individually. There is some obscurity as to the real origin of the Mark Degree, but it is said to have taken its rise in this country in the latter part of the last century, and that the original lodges were dedicated to St. Mark. In our humble opinion it is an adapted Order, and has nothing to do with the operative custom of Masons, Marks. The reason why Mark jewels

cannot be worn in a Craft lodge is, that they do not appertain to any of the degrees recognized by the Grand Lodge of England. It is not necessary at all to join the Mark Degree before becoming a R.A.—Ed.]

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having read the correspondence in your valuable paper hereon, I take it that I am entitled and fully justified in wearing the "five-pointed star" as a jewel of the Third Degree, recognised by the Grand Lodge of England in my Craft Lodge, and that the W.M. and officers could not object to it.

Yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING M.M.

[With regard to the five-pointed star, our opinion is that under the wording of the Book of Constitutions it is clearly legal. Indeed, if it is not, we do not see clearly how any other jewels are so, except those actually specified in the Book of Constitutions.—Ed.]

MASONIC TOKENS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have taken in business during the past week a halfpenny token, in every respect similar to that spoken of by your correspondent, Bro. Samuel Dutton, excepting that the inscription on the rim is "Masonic Halfpenny Token, 1794."

I have also been shown another by a brother of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, so that I cannot think they are as scarce as many of your correspondents suppose.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM STEPHENS,
P.M. 1365 and 1489.

FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I desire, through you, to tender my thanks to an unknown correspondent, who has kindly forwarded me a copy of the address of the V.H. and E. Sir Knt. Col. MacLeod Moore, Grand Prior of Canada, delivered to the Knights assembled in Grand Priory at St. Catherine's, Ontario, on the 11th of August last.

Yours fraternally,

J. EDWARD CURTIS,

P. Prov. G. Reg. and Provincial Chancellor, Devon,
Member of the Council of Great Priory, England.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly favour me with a reply to the following queries through the above valuable paper:—

1. Is there such a distinction as honorary member in Masonry, without the word affiliated, and if so, what is the difference?

2. If an individual is entered in the minutes of a lodge as an honorary affiliated member, and that minute passed by the lodge in regular form, and said honorary member pays test fees from time to time, can he vote as an ordinary member, and is he eligible for office?

3. The Master of a lodge being absent, but his Deputy present, who is not an installed Master, but an installed Master is present as a visiting brother, has the Deputy the right to open the lodge in preference to that installed Master, if so, what are the privileges of an installed Master?

Your kind reply will oblige, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

R.M.

[1. Any brother can, by vote of lodge, be admitted an honorary member of the lodge solely. As such he pays no contributions.

2. A brother admitted as an honorary member (unless there be some special provision in the bye-laws to the contrary) cannot become a joining or affiliated member without notice, proposition, and ballot. As an honorary member, unless the bye-laws specially say so, and we believe that such a bye-law would be very questionable, he cannot vote, nor is he eligible for office, on the ground that he bears no part of the expenses of the lodge, and is not returned as a contributing member to Grand Lodge.

3. The third question is difficult to answer, as we have no Depute Master in England. In our humble opinion, if in a lodge the Master is absent, and no Past Master of the lodge is present, the Senior Warden rules the lodge for the purpose of all needful business. But he ought not to perform any of the ceremonies of the Craft, not being an installed Master, and it would be better for him to ask an installed Master who happens to be present, standing by his side, to go through the needful ceremonial.—Ed.]

A LIST OF PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I enclose a list of Provincial Grand Masters, deputed by and under the protection of the Grand Master of England.

Deputations for Provincial Grand Masters were granted:—

In 1726 by Lord Paisley, Grand Master, to Sir Edward Mansell, Bart., for South Wales; Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales.

In 1728 by Lord Kingston, Grand Master, to George Pomfret, Esq., for Bengal in the East Indies.

In 1729 by the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master, to Captain Ralph Farwinter, for the East Indies; Monsieur Thunannus, for the Circle of Lower Saxony; Mr. Daniel Cox, for New Jersey in America.

In 1731 by Lord Lovell, now Earl of Leicester, Grand Master, to Captain John Phillips, for all the Russias; Captain James Commerford, for the province of Andalusia in Spain; to Sir Edward Mathews, for Shropshire.

In 1734, by the Earl of Crauford, Grand Master, to Ed-

ward Entwistle, Esq., for Lancashire; Joseph Laycock, Esq., for Durham; Mathew Ridley, Esq., for Northumberland.

In 1736, by the Earl of Loudoun, Grand Master, to Robert Tomlinson, Esq., for New England; John Hamerton, Esq., for South Carolina; David Creighton, Doctor of Physic, for Cape Coast in Africa.

In 1737, by the Earl of Darnley, Grand Master, to James Watson, Esq., for the Island of Montserrat; George Hamilton, Esq., for the State of Geneva; Henry William Mareschalch, Esq., Hereditary Mareschal of Thuringia, for Upper Saxony; William Douglas, Esq., for the Coasts of Africa and Islands of America, where no particular deputation has been granted; Richard Riggs, Esq., for New York.

In 1738, by the Marquis of Carnarvon, now Duke of Chandos, Grand Master, to Will. Horton, Esq., for the West Riding of the county of York; His Excellency Governor Mathew, for the Leeward Islands.

In 1739, by Lord Raymond, Grand Master, to the Marquis Des Marches, for Saxony and Piedmont.

In 1740, by the Earl of Kintore, Grand Master, to His Excellency James Keith, for all the Russias; Matthias Albert Luttman, Esq., for Hamburg and the Circle of Lower Saxony; Edward Rooke, Esq., for the West Riding in the county of York, in the room of Horton, deceased; Thomas Baxter, Esq., His Majesty's Attorney-General, for the Island of Barbadoes, and of all the islands to the windward of Guadeloupe.

In 1741, Earl Morton, Grand Master, to William Vaughan, Esq., for North Wales.

In 1742, by Lord Ward, Grand Master, to William Ratchdale, for the county of Lancaster; Ballard Beckford, George Hynde, and Alexander Crawford, Esqs., for the Island of Jamaica; to Thomas Oxnard, Esq., for North America.

In 1744, by the Earl of Strathmore, Grand Master, to Alured Popple, Esq., for Bermudas.

In 1746, by Lord Cranstoun, Grand Master, to Captain Robert Commings, for Cape Breton and Louisbourg.

In 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, by Lord Byron, Grand Master, to William Allen, Esq., Recorder of Philadelphia, for Pennsylvania in America; Count Denneskiold Laurwig, for Denmark and Norway; Lieut. Col. James Adolphus Oughton, for the Island of Minorca; Francis Coelet, Esq., for the Province of New York.

In 1752, 1753, by Lord Carysfort, Grand Master, to William Pyc, Esq., for the county of Cornwall; James Montisior, Esq., for Gibraltar; His Excellency Governor Tinker, for Bahama Islands; Sir Robert de Cornwall, Bart., for the counties of Worcester, Gloucester, Salop, Monmouth, and Hereford; George Harrison, Esq., for the Province of New York; Thomas Dobree, Esq., for Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Arme in the British Channel.

In 1754, 1755, by the Marquis of Carnarvon, Grand Master, to Peter Leigh, Esq., Chief Justice of South Carolina, for South Carolina; David Jones Gwynne, Esq., of Talliaizes, for South Wales, in the room of Sir Edward Mansell; the Rev. and Hon. Francis Byam, D.D. for Antigua; the Hon. Roger Drake, Esq., for Bengal, for East Indies; Jeremiah Gridley, Esq., for all North America where no Provincial is appointed; William Maynard, Esq., for Barbadoes and all other His Majesty's islands to the windward of Guadeloupe; Edward Galdiard, Esq., for St. Eustatius, Saba, and St. Martin, Dutch Caribbee Islands in America; John Head, Gent., Collector of the Customs at Scilly, for Scilly and the adjacent islands; Jobsh Anthony Hinuber, for all His Majesty's dominions in Germany, with a power to choose their successors; John Page, Esq., of Hawthorn, for the County Palatine of Chester and the City and County of Chester.

In 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, by Lord Aberdour, Grand Master, to William Jarvis, Esq., for Antigua and the Leeward Caribbee Islands, in the room of Dr. Byam, deceased; Edward Bacon, Esq., Recorder of Norfolk, for Norwich and the county of Norfolk; James Bradford, Esq., one of the Council in Bahama Islands, for the same, in the room of Governor Tinker, deceased; Gottfried Jacob Jenisch, M.D. for Hamburg and Lower Saxony, in the room of Albert Luttman, resigned; the Hon. Robert Melville, Esq., lieutenant-colonel of His Majesty's 38th Regiment of Foot, and Lieutenant-Governor of Fort Royal, in the Island of Guadeloupe; John Smith, Gent., of Manchester, for the county of Lancaster, instead of Ratchdale, dismissed; Grey Elliot, for the Province of Georgia; the Hon. Colonel Simon Frazer, for Canada; John Lewis, Esq., for Andalusia and places adjacent, in the room of James Montisior, Esq., gone to Carolina; William Pepple, Esq., for Bermuda; Benjamin Smith, Esq., Speaker of the House of Assembly at Carolina, for Carolina; Thomas Marriot Perkins, for the Mosquito Shore; Culling Smith, Esq., for East India.

In 1763, 1764, Earl Ferrers, Grand Master, to Thomas Marriot Perkins, for Jamaica, as well as the Mosquito Shore; John Pluvit, Commander of the Admiral Watson, Indianman, for East India, where no other Provincial is to be found; George Bell, Esq., His Majesty's agent for the Paquets at Falmouth, for Cornwall; Dr. Dionysius Manasse, for all Armenia in the East Indies; George Agustus, Baron of Hammerstein, for Westphalia; James Todd, for Bombay; Ernest Siegmund de Leswitz, for the Dukedom of Brunswick; His Excellency Robert Melville, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of His Majesty's Caribbee Islands, the Greater and Lesser Grenadines, St. Vincent, Dominico, Tobago, &c., Brigadier-General of His Majesty's Forces in America; Milborne West, Esq., of all Canada.

In 1765, 1766, 1767, Lord Blaney, Grand Master, to John Stone, Esq., His Majesty's Solicitor-General for the Island of Barbadoes, for Barbadoes; John George Henry, Count de Wertbera, Lord Steward of the Household to the Duke of Saxe-Gotha, for all Upper Saxony; Charles Fullman, Esq., Secretary to Sir John Goodrich, Ambassador to Stockholm, for Stockholm; the Hon. Prestley Thorton,

one of His Majesty's Council in the colony of Virginia, and His Majesty's Lieutenant for the county of Northumberland; Samuel Middleton, Esq., for Bengal, in the absence of Culling Smith, Esq., should he be removed, then Thomas Burdell may act until a new one is appointed; Don Nicholas de Manuzzi, for Italy; John Peter Gogle, of Frankfort, for the Upper and Lower Rhine, and the Circle of Franconia; Capt. Joseph Dunbar, for Antigua, in the absence of William Jarvis, Esq.; Major Agdollo, in the service of His Highness the Elector of Saxony, for the Electorate of Saxony; Capt. Edmond Pascal, for Madras and its Dependencies; in case of his absence the lodge to have power to choose another till application can be had for another; Thomas Duncherley, for Hampshire; Edward Danial, for Montserrat.

"The office of Prov. G.M. was instituted and the first deputation granted by Earl Inchiquin, on the 10th May, 1727, to Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales, and on the 24th of June following to Sir Edward Mansell, Bart., for South Wales."—Preston, p. 225, ed. 1788.

At the Grand Lodge held at Devil Tavern, Temple Bar, on the 29th March, 1762. "The lodges in the East Indies having no Provincial Grand Master, sent a petition to the Grand Master, praying his worship would grant them one, and recommending Culling Smith, Esq., of Calcutta, to be the Provincial Grand Master for India, and sent the sum of fifty guineas to be paid into the Publick Fund of Charity."

"Ordered that a deputation be made out in the nearest manner, appointing Culling Smith, Esq., to be Provincial Grand Master of India, and the expense be defrayed out of the fund of the Grand Lodge."

Copied from "The Constitutions of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the History of Masonry from the Creation throughout the known world, with their charges, regulations, &c." Collected and digested by order of the Grand Lodge, from their old records, faithful traditions, and lodge books.

R.W.G.

THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If proof were needed of the "personal feelings" by which certain of the brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire are actuated, it will be found abundantly in the brochure just issued, entitled "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.—Reply to the Secretary." To characterise this production as it deserves—to speak, or write, of the authors (it is signed "T. W. Tew—O. G. D. Perrott"), in the terms they merit, would be to incur a risk, which in the present unsatisfactory condition of the law, I decline. All I can do, at present at all events, is to request the friends of the institution to refrain from giving a ready credence to the specious charges and exaggerated statements with which the pamphlet abounds. I must, however, ask at your hands the favour of sufficient space for two or three corrections, which will prove how easily the whole mass of vindictive accusations may be confuted.

On opinions as to conduct, &c., I shall not now dwell. Angry words, strong expressions, manner and demeanour, will be judged of very differently when associated with an intimate knowledge of the circumstances which cause or produce them, or when described in print with the aid of partial gloss or personal bias, and before venturing on censure, all the surrounding facts and events should be thoroughly known. My object now is to repel charges—direct or implied—with reference to monetary payments and statistical information.

As a specimen of the first, refer to p. 29, where attention is prominently directed to a "most serious and unaccountable blunder in giving the name of 'James Gasson,' whose name appears on p. 39 with a £5 grant. Whilst reckoning a second time, the grant under the same date is set down at £10, on p. 40! (the italics are the twin authors'!).

How does this terrible charge fade away, when it is explained that the grant was £15, £5 paid for outfit in May, 1872, £5 at commencement of apprenticeship, and £5 on expiration of twelve months therefrom. The insinuation is palpable, and what I complain of is that Mr. Tew, in commencing his crusade, did not first write to the office for explanations of what might appear to be "unaccountable,"—forming his own opinion of such explanations—instead of uncharitably assuming that what he could not quite understand, must be dishonest.

For errors in details—when information has been wished to be conveyed—as distinguished from accounts and balance sheets certified by proper authorities, I am willing to accept responsibility, and to bow to reproof. There is, however, a wide difference between error and fraud, and it is from the balance sheet, examined by the Audit Committee, that the actual amounts expended in any given year for "grants and outfits," or for any other item, must be taken, and the figures there will be found to be correct.

As regards statistics, the average number of boys is computed from the total number actually in the institution as per "Weekly Expenditure Book," and will bear the strictest examination.

In opposition to the views of Messrs. Tew and Perrott, I submit that the actual cost at which the boys in our institution are maintained is accurately shewn by classing under the head "Ordinary Expenditure" all that is absolutely essential for the purpose, without the addition of special outlay, every detail of which is susceptible of explanation, which, I repeat, in common fairness, ought to have preceded complaint.

The style and value of the criticism to which I am exposed is shown in the manner in which assumptions are treated throughout, as if they were facts. Numerous instances will present themselves to any one perusing the pamphlet.

Again, with respect to the discrepancy in the total number of boys in the institution. The number for which pro-

vision is made is 177, including 155 elected boys, and 22 admitted on "purchase" or "presentation," as regulated by the laws of the institution, or by resolutions of the General Court. Here the explanation is exceedingly simple, though these astute critics writing in ignorance cannot perceive it.

In the Report published in June, for instance, would appear the names of the boys elected in April, who would not be admitted until August, while boys leave monthly as they attain the age of 16 years, thus preventing the possibility of the total number being absolutely in the building at the same time. For the "Class Lists" &c. I am in no way responsible. It is, further, rarely that there are not absentees, varying in number from time to time, from causes over which we have not always control.

The question of salary—"extravagant" or not—can be discussed fully elsewhere, but is it fair to describe me as "drawing £581 9s. 6d. per annum, besides commissions and other remuneration?" The £81 9s. 6d. is money spent out of pocket in the service of the institution. The charge contained in the words "besides commissions" I indignantly denounce as false and unjust. While as to "other remuneration" I can only associate this with the impertinent remarks on the manner in which the festival stewards, in the exercise of their discretion, think proper to dispose of the surplus of their own fund. Why do not the writers inform those whom they address that in the 14 years to present date the sum of £510 17s. has been presented to the funds of the institution from this source.

It is impossible to compress a reply to the voluminous mass of malicious exaggeration within limits suitable for your paper, and I must suffer the consequences of delay, unless I can trust to the good feeling and strong common-sense of those whose confidence I am not conscious of having abused. To one whose mission it evidently was, by the exercise of unparalleled tyranny and persecution, to goad into resistance all who declined to cringe subserviently to his arbitrary rule, I can easily understand how unpalatable was my determination to maintain my own position, and this accounts for all the vituperation to which I have been subjected. The matron and myself are the only persons (non-residents excepted) now officially connected with the institution whom Mr. Perrott found in office on his unfortunate advent as head-master, and nothing will be left untried to distort truth, so that our action and conduct generally may be held up to reprobation.

One word as to "letters one, two, and three." What will be thought of a head-master, within fourteen days of his appointment, extorting from his assistants written testimony in favour of a system the result of which had yet to be ascertained.

I have never denied that I did dictate the reply of the matron to Mr. Perrott's insidious letter. I unreservedly deny any knowledge whatever of the letters of the assistant masters in reply to the same.

I pledge myself to the accuracy of the accounts given in my "Reply," of the interview between Mr. Perrott and myself, and positively asserting that Mr. Perrott did express to me his thanks for such influence as I exerted in his favour (to me a lasting cause of regret), and that his remark in connection with the pianos was literally, "for instance, I didn't purchase the pianos," no allusion having been made verbally to "commission," which never entered my mind, though in his it evidently had a place.

Apologising for thus trespassing upon you, and leaving the refutation of the remaining accusations to another opportunity.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDERICK BINCKES,
Secretary.

London, Oct. 16, 1875.

P.S.—A second edition of the pamphlet by "T. W. Tew and O. G. D. Perrott" has reached me since writing to you. In this, paragraph 6, page 3, reads—"We demand the appointment of a new committee, the dismissal of the Secretary and of the Matron, and a thorough investigation." Truly our two censors are worthy imitators of the "Tailors of Tooley-street," with little idea of the value or importance of any one save themselves. This, too, from those who charge others with being "arrogant" and "autocratic."

20th October.

Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

"La Gazette d'Italia" states, that "O'Connell was a Freemason." Is the fact so?

It states that he was received in 1799, in a lodge at Dublin, No. 189. Is this correct?

It also adds, though clearly an error, that he was Grand Master, which post he resigned in 1839.

Probably, if he was a Freemason, he was Master of a lodge, which, is the explanation of the mistake of the "Gazette d'Italia."

Not knowing the fact myself, I shall be glad if some Irish brethren can kindly enlighten me in your pages.

ENQUIRER.

CURIOUS SILVER JEWEL.

I have lately had placed in my hands a very curious jewel, evidently intended to be suspended from a collar, and probably used at times as a Tracing Board.

It is a solid silver oval plate with a number of emblems and figures engraved on both sides. The late owner of the jewel is the great grandson of the brother, who was, (it is believed), the first to wear it. In fact, the probability is that the great grandfather in question had it presented to him on the revival of his lodge in 1784. It was formerly suspended from a light blue, red, and black ribbon, representing likely the Craft, Royal Arch, Knights

Templar, and other degrees, agreeing also with the various emblems depicted on the medal. On the obverse are the Craft emblems represented, such as the two columns, the Arch and Keystone, square and compasses, sun, moon and stars, square, level and plumbline, 24-inch gauge, common gavel and chisel, Volume of the Sacred Law, trowel, beehive, cross, pens, key, the letter G, &c., forming a model little Tracing Board.

The reverse has the pilgrim habited as a neophyte of the Knight Templars behind being the dove with olive branch, hourglass, a cock, three crowns, &c. The first division contains besides these an ark, the Temple (?) &c. Below are other emblems connected with Knight Templary and Royal Arch Masonry, such as the mitre, burning bush, twelve lights arranged in the form of a triangle, emblems of mortality, &c.

I have been thus particular in describing the jewel, so as to discover if there are any more of the same kind, or similar, of the last century.

The medal has been in my friend's family for about a century, the Masonic body being much indebted in the past, as well as in the present, to several members thereof, and three generations at least have been most intimately connected with the Craft in Ireland, so that the handsome jewel is doubly valuable as a heirloom and for its Masonic character.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

HIGHRODIAMS.—ANOTHER EXPLANATION!

I have just heard from a good Masonic friend of mine that in all probability the "Highrodians" simply refer to the members of the Craft who travelled by road or coach on the high road. In an old newspaper, a little, older than the minute of the Gateshead Lodge, is an advertisement, being "The Humble Remonstrance of the Five-Foot-Highians against the Anti-Christian practice of using a Standard in Enlisting of Soldiers."

Those brethren who travelled, and stopped the night at a lodge meeting, having thus arrived by coach on the high road, would be called Highrodians, or Highrodians, and doubtless the term described certain brethren who were frequently visitors as suggested.

So far I think the above the nearest guess at the meaning of the singular term, and it is very likely to be the correct origin of the word.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

In a list of workmen, &c., for the building of King Solomon's Temple are the following, viz:—

1. Harodim—Princes, Rulers, or Provosts, in number	300
2. Menatzchim—Overseers and Comforters of the people in working, that were expert Master Masons	3,300
3. Ghiblim—Stone Squarers, Polishers and Sculptors, and Ishchotzeb; men of Hewing; and Benai—Setters, Layers, or Builders, being able and ingenious Fellow-Crafts	80,000
4. The Levy out of Israel, appointed to work in Lebanon one month in three, 10,000 every month, under the direction of noble Adoniram, who was the Senior Grand Warden...	30,000
	113,600

Can the above Herodim have anything in connection with the Highrodians?

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1558.

Another important link was on Thursday, the 14th of October, added to the great chain of Freemasonry by the inauguration of a new lodge, bearing the name of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, which took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, being the second event of the kind that has occurred at this new hall during the very brief period it has been established, it having been consecrated by the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, only a few months ago. The opening of this new hall has therefore met with a success that must be highly gratifying to its promoters, for as the performance of the Masonic ceremonies are here entirely separated from any tavern influence, it cannot fail to be appreciated by those who wish to see the noble Order unconnected with the public house, which in many instances is almost unavoidable; and as an encouragement to the directors of the Surrey Masonic Hall three Lodges of Instruction have already made this place their home, and several regular lodges will also remove there as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

The warrant for the holding of the Duke of Connaught Lodge was granted by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, about the end of July, but circumstances arose which prevented the consecration of it until Thursday last, when there was a large attendance of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. R. W. Little, Consecrating and Installing Master; W. Hammond, P.J.G.D. Middlesex, W.M. 1512, as S.W.; R. N. Field, W.M. 902, as J.W.; H. G. Buss, P.G.T. Middlesex, Director of Ceremonies; P. M. Holden, Chaplain, P.G.C. Middlesex; W. Snowden, W.M.; W. S. Cackett, T. Sleep, J. Dann, P.M. 72; W. Mitchell, A. Runacres, E. W. Boynton, Knight Smith, J. Kemp, W. Chalk, F. Geider, C. B. Rayne, P.M. 27; S. J. Harvey, 72; G. Harrison, 1326; E. Salisbury, P.M.; I. Lawrence, W.M. 901; C. B. Wright, 1319; W. Temple, W.M. 194; H. Thompson, 1426; J. Oliver, W.M. 1328; J. Martin, 188; J. H. Vockins, W.M. 1329; H. Massey, P.M. 619; W. E. Gompertz, P.M. and Secretary, 869 and 1475, P.P.G.P. Herts; and J. T. Dalby, W.M. 1475.

The important duty of consecrating the lodge and the installation of the new Worshipful Master was entrusted

by the Prince of Wales to Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Provincial Senior Grand Warden for Middlesex, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. P. Melancthon Holden, P.M., Grand Chaplain; and Bro. Henry G. Buss, P.M., Grand Treas. of Middlesex.

Shortly after three o'clock the brethren, who had assembled in an ante-room, were arranged in the order of rank, and amidst solemn music entered the lodge-room, and the Installing Master took the chair, appointing Bro. Hammond, of the Era Lodge, to take the position of S.W.; Bro. Field, W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge, J.W.; and Bro. Henry Thompson, of The Great City Lodge, as P.M. The installing Master then opened the lodge in the three degrees, after which Brother Knight Smith, Organist 1441, played a choice piece of solemn music. Brother Little then addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting and the cause which had brought them together, which was the promotion of their Order and to extend good will, kindness, and charity to all mankind.

Bro. Dann, the Secretary pro tem., then read the petition and warrant, and in answer to the Installing Master the petitioning brethren said they approved of the officers named in the petition and warrant.

Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden, Prov. Grand Chaplain for Middlesex, thereafter delivered a splendid oration on the objects and purposes of Freemasonry, which was listened to with the deepest attention, and at its conclusion there was loud and general cheering. The following hymn was then sung by the brethren:—

Oh, praise our God to-day,
His constant mercy bless,
Whose love hath helped us on our way
And granted us success.
God of the widow, hear,
Our work of mercy bless;
God of the fatherless, be near,
And grant us great success.

Some portions of Scripture having been read, the Presiding Officer gave the invocation, after which the lodge board was uncovered, and three P.M.'s carried corn, wine, and oil three times round the lodge.

The Chaplain having offered up the usual prayers, and read portions of Scripture, the Presiding Officer dedicated and consecrated the lodge, after which the following hymns and anthems were sung:—

O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see
The brethren join in love to Thee;
On Thee alone their heart relies,
Their only strength Thy grace supplies.
Lord, shower upon us from above
The sacred gift of mutual love;
Each other's wants may we supply,
And reign together in the sky.—Amen.
Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah!
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven!
Feed me till I want no more:
Open Thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing streams do flow:
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Guide me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer!
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

ANTHEM.

"Glory to God on High!
Let Heaven and Earth reply,
Praise ye His name;
Masons, His love adore,
Tiled in their mystic lore,
And cry for evermore
Glory to God."

The patriarchal blessing brought the consecration ceremony to a close, and it was the unanimous opinion of several Past Masters that in its performance Bro. Little had excelled himself for his careful and impressive rendering of this solemn rite.

THE INSTALLATION.

Bro. Little, the Presiding Officer, then proceeded with the installation ceremony.

Bro. William Snowden, the W.M. designate, was presented to receive at the hands of Bro. Little the benefit of installation. The brethren below the degree of an Installed Master having retired, Bro. Snowden was most impressively installed into the chair of K.S. as the first Master of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. The brethren having been admitted, he was in due form saluted in the three degrees, after which the following were the brethren appointed to office and invested by the W.M.:—Bros. W. S. Cackett, S.W.; T. Sleep, J.W.; J. Dann, P.M., Sec.; W. Mitchell, S.D.; A. Runacres, J.D.; E. W. Boynton, D.C.; Knight Smith, Org.; J. Kemp, I.G.; W. Chalk, Steward; and F. Geider, Tyler.

The addresses were then given by Bros. Little and M. S. Lariham, and the installation ceremony was brought to a close.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Cackett, and carried unanimously, Bros. Little and Holden were elected honorary members of the lodge. Six propositions were made for initiation at the next lodge, and the lodge was closed in due form.

At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave ample proofs of his ability to preside over a meeting where compliments are passed by the chairman to individuals and associations. Not forgetting Her Majesty and the ancient Craft, he proceeded to draw attention to the Grand Master, and while submitting his name to the brethren, reminded them that while they were highly honoured in having H.R.H. as their head, he had had to pass through the same ordeal as every other brother in being initiated, passed, and raised. Freemasons were loyal subjects, and

wherever the prince might be he was safe, as they were a law-abiding community. They were to him bone, blood, and sinew, and he would find in India, where he was going, hearty sympathy and support. He (the W.M.) was himself essentially loyal, and he was proud to be there that night, as the first W.M. of that body, to propose the Prince of Wales's health while he was on his journey. While wishing him long life and a prosperous and pleasant journey, he trusted that Freemasonry would benefit by it. Bro. Little proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to which Bro. Snowden made a short reply, but thanked the brethren very heartily for their warmth. In giving "The Health of the Visitors," he complimented Bro. Buss on the admirable style in which he had that day performed the office of Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Buss said it was always difficult to reply when there were so many eminent members of the Craft present who were better able to respond. Still, he had much pleasure in replying, because of the honour conferred on him by the W.M.'s attention. He had had the pleasure of being present at the Surrey Masonic Hall when it was consecrated, and he could not help feeling that the spot which had been selected for the hall was in the right part of London for such a structure. If the Craft did not rally round the promoters of the hall it would be their own fault if Masonry did not succeed on that side of the water. There was no other good place where Masonry was able to establish itself in that quarter of London. Much praise was due to the promoters, and it was with very great pleasure that he at any time took part in any undertaking which would increase to a valuable property Masons in South London could not do better than hold their lodges at the Surrey Masonic Hall. After again thanking the brethren, he left the further reply to the toast to the remaining visitors, who severally responded. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers of the Lodge," including among them Bro. Little, who replied. He thanked Bro. Mitchell for having come forward in support of these institutions the very first night of the meeting of the lodge, and hoped his example would be followed. Indeed, he was satisfied it would be, and that the W.M. would put before the brethren the principles of Freemasonry and the support of the charities. It had been aptly and justly said that loyalty and charity were the brightest jewels in the Masonic crown, because they were the practical result of Masonry. Those principles they all admitted. At so late a period of the evening he would not dilate on the principles of the Craft and the benefits that were being conferred in its name upon the world. Englishmen were practical, and English Masons saw that unless they carried out Freemasonry in its entirety they would not be worthy of the name of Masons. Ninety years ago they established the Girls' School, after that the Boys' School, and then the Benevolent Institution. Very great good had been done by all. The Girls' School had for ninety years past discharged its duty by boarding, clothing, and educating the daughters of Freemasons. Speaking on the subject of this institution, he might inform the company before him that it had been considered a reproach to the institution that it was comparatively rich. If this was considered in the proper light it was not a reproach, because they were obliged to husband their funds because they had no endowment. In the presence of representatives of the press he was happy to say that no less than forty girls had been added to the establishment. Not only that, but there was now a project before the subscribers for still further extending it. To accomplish this object the institution must depend on the liberality of the brethren. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Mitchell, S.D., said he was standing for the Girls' School. He simply mentioned this for an advertisement. He hoped the brethren of the lodge would support him, for he was going to try to work very hard for that charity. (Cheers.)

Bro. Hammond also replied, and in the course of his observations, remarked that he was glad to see the brethren taking what he considered a step in the right direction, by disconnecting the Masonic ceremonies from the "public" element. A great deal of the money subscribed in Masonry, no doubt had hitherto gone in the "Fourth Degree;" but at that Masonic Hall the brethren had an opportunity of seeing what could be done by disconnecting them from the taverns. At the same time he would not disparage that element of Freemasonry, for in the provinces Masons were compelled to seek the shelter of those houses. He would be glad to find Masons inaugurate a system by which they should have the major part of their funds devoted to the charities instead of creature comforts. They seemed to be doing this rather extensively now, and the Surrey Masonic Hall was assisting them in that work. Bro. Buss had made a very appropriate speech to this effect, and had brought before the brethren the duty that lay upon them to support the hall. In furtherance of that great end, he also (Bro. Hammond) would exhort all the lodges on the Surrey side of the water to hold their meetings at that hall.

This concluded the business of the evening, and the brethren soon after separated. The musical arrangements throughout the day were under the charge of Bro. Knight Smith, and both in the lodge and after banquet were of a very superior character. Miss Snowden, daughter of the W.M., added some pretty singing to the vocal performances of the brethren.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Mind and body are so closely intertwined that for the former to be vigorous the latter must be healthy. The first step towards the maintenance of health is to secure perfect digestion, which is readily attained by this noted medicine, the most competent effectually to restrain every adverse influence which can mar, impair, or vexatiously modify this all-important process. The student, merchant, man of pleasure, and humblest labourer, may each in turn derive vigour, ease, and strength, from occasional doses or a larger course of Holloway's purifying Pills. However wavering the mind, or unstrung the nerves, this fine medicine will track the derangement to its source, where it will overthrow it and establish order and purity in its place.—ADVT.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, October 13th, at the Masonic Temple, when a goodly number of brethren attended to show their fraternal respect to the esteemed Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D. Prov. G.M., who, owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., opened the Prov. Grand Lodge in form, supported by Bros. A. Schmitt, P. Prov. G.S.W., as Dep. P.G.M.; G. J. Renouf, S.W.; J. Oatley, J.W.; Ellis A. Owen, Reg.; P. W. Benham, P.P.G. S.W., Treas.; J. O. Le Sueur, Sec.; C. Kingsnorth, P.P.G.J.W.; W. T. Pugsley, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Leigh Bennett, S.D.; R. Barrow, P.S.D.; Ed. Martel, D.C.; Ed. Gilley, Asst. D.C.; J. Blampied, P. Asst. D.C.; Ph. Blampied, P. Asst. D.C.; Abr. Viel, P.G. Supt. of W.; Jos. O'Flaherty, Pursuivant; Prov. Grand Stewards, Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, which were unanimously confirmed.

The reports of several meetings in reference to the Local Fund of Benevolence were read and adopted, showing that they were able to alleviate the distresses of several really deserving brethren. The report of the Board of General Purposes was also read, received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Treasurer presented likewise the financial statement, which was unanimously adopted. From the various transactions of the Committees whose reports were read, we agreeably perceive that Masonry has progressed during the year, and that the funds, too, appear to be in a healthy state. The proceedings of the Preparatory Committee were now read, among which was the following notice of motion by Bro. P. Binet, P.P.G.S.W. :—

"That W. Bro. A. Schmitt, P.P.G.S.W., be delegated to represent the Province of Jersey as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for the Girls' School, to be held in May, 1876,—and that the sum of £15 15s. be voted towards the fund of sustenance of the said School."

Bro. P. W. Benham, in the absence of Bro. Binet, heartily advocated the cause of the Masonic Girls' School by impressing on the minds of the members present the imperious necessity of liberally supporting the claims of the orphans of our deceased but deserving brethren. The motion being put to the vote was carried unanimously and by acclamation.

Bro. A. Schmitt, kindly undertaking the duties of Prov. Grand Steward, expressed the gratification his heart felt at his being deputed to represent the Province at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and ardently craved the support of lodges, Chapters, and individual members, to whom his appeal to that effect will be made in due time, hoping it will be practically responded to; at the same time informing the Prov. Grand Lodge that the Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master, before he left the island in September, was pleased to signify his cordial pleasure in having his name placed on the list for £10 10s.

The brethren were now called to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. C. Kingsnorth moved :—"That Bro. P. W. Benham, who has for several years held that important office, be re-elected, upon whom he passed a well-deserved eulogium for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties. The nomination of Bro. P. W. Benham, seconded by Bro. J. O. Le Sueur, was then put to the vote, agreed to, and the Acting Prov. G.M. begged to observe that it was with pleasure he had to announce to Bro. Benham the pleasing intelligence of his unanimous re-election. The Treasurer, in acknowledging his obligations to the brethren for their continued confidence in him, begged to assure them that any efforts of his would not be wanting to carry out the duties of his office in as efficient a manner as he possibly could. The acting P.G.M. appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers :—

John Oatley ..	Prov. G.S. Warden.
Ellis A. Owen ..	Prov. G.J. Warden.
Ch. Marett ..	Prov. G. Chap.
R. Barrow ..	Prov. G. Reg.
P. W. Benham ..	Prov. G. Treas.
J. O. Le Sueur ..	Prov. G. Sec.

Gen. T. C. Kelly, C.B. ... Prov. G.S.D.
 Jos. O'Flaherty .. Prov. G. J.D.
 J. Blampied .. Prov. G.S. of W.
 Ph. Blampied .. Prov. G. Dir. of C.
 Ed. Simons .. Prov. G. Asst. D.C.
 J. Le Feuvre .. Prov. G.S.B.
 Ph. W. Binet .. Prov. G. Purst.
 Bros. G. F. Baker, S.W. 491; W. T. Dumaresq, S.W. 244; Wm. Wetherell, J.W. 1003;
 W. H. Chapman, J.W. 958; W. J. Ennis, S.W. 877; and Ch. A. Chanter, J.W. 244, Prov. Grand Stewards.

This being the regular period for electing members of the Local Board of General Purposes, the scrutineers collected the balloting papers and withdrew. On their return they handed to the A.P.G.M., a list of the result of the ballot, when the following brethren were declared members of the Board for the ensuing year :—Bros. A. Schmitt, President; Ellis A. Owen, P.M. 877; Ph. W. Binet, P.M. 590; Ed. Martel, W.M. 491; Jos. O'Flaherty, P.M. 958; F. P. Le Marquand, P.M. 491; Ed. Gilley, W.M. 291; R. Barrow, P.M. 491;—Moved by Bro. A. Schmitt, seconded by Bro. C. Kingsnorth, and unanimously resolved :—"That a sincere vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes to Bro. Ed. Martel, W.M. 958, for the very effective, able, and courteous manner in which he has discharged the rather onerous duties of Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies during two consecutive years."

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in form and perfect harmony.

The brethren adjourned to the refreshment hall, and sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the acting P.G.M., supported on his right by Bros. A. Schmitt, P. W. Benham, J. O. Le Sueur, R. Barrow, Abr. Viel; on his left by Bros. G. J. Renouf, W. T. Pugsley, C. Kingsnorth, Ed. Martel. Bro. Jn. Oatley occupied the vice-chair. On the cloth being removed, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. A. Schmitt gave "The Acting P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Le Cronier." In briefly passing in review his eminent services and the judicious manner in which the affairs of the Province have been conducted he needed hardly to dilate upon his many merits as a gentleman and Mason, because he is so well known to the brethren, and year by year he shows how his interest in the Craft increases. Bro. Dr. Le Cronier in every walk of life has shown himself kind and affable, while in Masonry he has displayed on all occasions, energy, zeal, and a noble desire to perform the functions of his post to the satisfaction of his brethren. The Chairman, in returning thanks, expressed his deep sense of gratitude for the good and true Masonic feeling shown towards him by the brethren, and that it would be an encouragement to persevere in the course he had marked out for himself, which, he ventured to hope, would be approved by the members of the Province.

The Chairman gave "The Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," and in so doing he expressed his thanks for their assistance since his appointment to the distinguished post he is holding. He also conveyed his gratitude to the brethren who accepted office that day, and trusted that the working of the Province would be as efficient and harmonious in the future as it had been in the past. The S.W., Bro. Oakley, in responding to the P.G.M., promised their most earnest and hearty support. Bro. J. O. Le Sueur in ardent terms proposed "The Masonic Charities," responded to by Bro. A. Schmitt, who thanked once more the brethren for the difficult task entrusted to him, and in alluding to the great forthcoming Masonic Festival in May, he trusted that the brethren would make up their minds to liberally support him in his exertions, so that they may be able to show their feeble efforts were not in vain, as the Great Masonic Institutions, in his conception, constituted the strength and glory of English Craft Masonry. After the Tyler's toast, the company separated shortly before 10 o'clock.

NEW ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER IN INDIA.

On the 26th August the New Royal Arch Chapter "Rock" was opened at Trichinopoly, Madras Presidency, by M.E. Companion Major W. L. Twentyman as Z., assisted by M.E. Comp. H. Bartels as H., and E. Comp. J. W. Borthistle as J. The provisional warrant from the

D.G.C. of Chapter was read. The proposed by-laws were read and passed. Comp. Colonel J. W. Doveton was then obligated, intrusted, invested, and installed as E. Comp. H. The companions saluted the newly-installed H. The following Master Masons were proposed for exaltation. Bros. J. C. Fowler; P. Soubier, S. Winfred, C. J. Littlewood, Rev. C. Smith, T. Ganapaty Jayer, J. E. Lillywhite, P. Sreenamalloo Naidu, C. V. Sayambu Jayer, J. G. Coombs, Dr. Mootosawmy, N. Gabriel (serving brother), Org.; G. Kalkovan (serving brother), Janitor. On the 28th August was the first regular meeting, when nine of the above brethren were exalted. There is every reason to hope the new chapter will flourish, there being already twenty one companions on the register.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was held in the Shire Hall, at Warwick, on Tuesday, 26th ult., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, P.G.M., and was numerously attended.

The brethren afterwards attended Divine service at St. Mary's Church. Bro. C. J. Sutton, W.M. 1180, presided at the organ, and, as a voluntary, performed "The Victoria March," by Bro. Otto Brown, of London. Special psalms were chanted. The anthem was "The Hallelujah Chorus." Meyerbeer's "Grand Coronation March" was played as the brethren left the church.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Randall, P.G.C., from the text, "Where is the house that ye built unto Me, and where is the place of My rest?" : Isaiah lxvi., 1.

After the closing of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Lord Leigh, at the Court House.

Reviews.

"The Royal Masonic Cyclopædia." Edited by Bro. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

We welcome the first number of this laborious work very sincerely. Knowing something of the toil of compilation, comparison, and collation ourselves, we must give our able brother credit for much care and persevering energy. We welcome gladly another aid to Masonic students, as an incentive to patient study, and intellectual improvement. It has been too much the custom in years gone by to discountenance all original research, and all explanatory works in our ancient Order.

And no doubt it is true that readers and students amongst us are few and far between, and most unthankful and unremunerative for the most part are the zealous endeavours of Masonic archaeologists.

We trust that Bro. Mackenzie may be rewarded for all his patient perseverance, and interesting labours, by the friendly patronage of a large circle of readers.

The first number is very well printed, contains a great amount of very valuable information, and promises to do credit alike to Freemasonry and to himself. We have perused the first number very carefully, and we again thank Bro. Mackenzie for this valuable contribution to Masonic literature. W.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 29, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.

Audit Committee Boys' School, at 3.
 Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 Chap. 176, Caveau, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 Red Cross Conclave, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Gt. Ilford.
 Cha p. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Stanhope Arms, Upper James-street, Oval Road, Camden Town, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), White Hart Hotel, Church-road, Upper Norwood, at 7.30; Bro. H. E. Francis, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
 " 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
 " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.
 " 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st, Millbank.
 Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. John Bingham, W.M. 55, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. J. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham.
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1415, Campbell, Mire Hotel, Hampton Court.
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's-terrace, St. John's Wood.
 Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction (1524), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.
 Chap. 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898) George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.
 Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1489), Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston; Bro. W. Stephens, Prec.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Preceptory 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.
 Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m., Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 30, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 30, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Lodge 102, St Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trogate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 122, St. James's-st., Kingston.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmauir.
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Calton.
 " 73, Caledonian of Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 505, Burns, St. Mary's Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Masonic Hall, Maryhill.
 Red Cross Conclave, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.
 Lodge 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
 " 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
 Chap. 117, Govandale, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 118, St. Bride's, Masonic Hall, Douglas.
 " 125, St. James's, Masons' Arms, Newton, Ayr.
 " 153, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Follokshaws.
 " 236, Wilsontown, St. John, Forth Inn, Carnwarth.
 " 347, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 511, Loudon Kilwinning, Black Bull, New Milns.
 Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.
 Council, R.A.M., 170, Buchanan-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 30, 1875.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Lodge 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Cockburn-street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 112, St. John, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-st., Leith.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—The winter campaign of this old and influential lodge commenced on Tuesday, the 19th inst. The rendezvous was the Bridge House Hotel—now almost a Masonic hall—and the brethren met in goodly numbers under the presidency of their highly-esteemed and energetic W.M., Bro. J. J. Hooper Wilkins. Evidently Bro. Wilkins has learnt the importance of the motto, "Punctuality is the soul of business," for he always takes the chair at the appointed time, and in this he is ably supported by his officers. Would that many of our brethren in a similar position would copy his example. How frequently do we find a meeting called, say for half-past five, and, having ourselves kept the appointment, are destined to wait wearily until six, or, perhaps later, before the W.M. puts in an appearance. As the W.M. makes his own appointment in this matter, it is of the utmost importance that he should keep it, as we are taught that "it is only by a strict observance of the laws in ourselves that we can expect obedience to them from others." But we are digressing. The chair was taken punctually at half-past five, when every officer of the lodge was present, viz., Bros. Dussek, I.P.M.; Rayden, S.W.; Knott, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M.; Treas.; Free, P.M., Sec.; Keeble, P.M. 1275, S.D.; Ireton, J.D.; Cooper, I.G.; Laing, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Ebsworth, P.M.; Klingenstein, Müller, Scott, Frankau, Chambers, Willoughby, Spencer, and many others. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then, in his usual impressive manner, raised Bro. Willoughby to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, giving the traditional history and the lecture on the tracing-board in full. He next passed to the Second Degree Bros. Chambers, Frankau, and Scott. A letter was read from the widow of a deceased brother, a P.M. of the lodge, asking for assistance, and the sum of £10 was voted from the Benevolent Fund. A further sum of £5 was voted to the widow of another deceased brother, a master mariner, who was lost at sea in the year 1869, and it was resolved to recommend this case to the Board of Benevolence for a further grant, the widow being now in very straitened circumstances. The W.M. and his officers also signed a formal petition to the Committee of the Boys' School in favour of the admission of one of the children of the last-mentioned widow. Another case of distress was brought under the notice of the lodge, and although the brother on whose behalf the appeal was made was not, and never had been, a member of the lodge, the sum of £2 was voted to him, and this was afterwards supplemented by private donations from many of the members who had known the brother in the days of his prosperity. The lodge was then closed in due form, and, there being no banquet, the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

LODGE OF SINCERITY (No. 174).—On the 20th inst. the new season of this lodge was opened at the Guildhall Tavern, when Bro. E. J. Moore, W.M., presided. Among other brethren, who were very numerous, there were present Bros. W. T. Wells, S.W.; G. J. Hilliard, J.W.; J. Newton, P.M., Sec.; S. H. Rawley, P.M. Treas.; Appleby, S.D.; Seddon, J.D.; Webb, D.C.; Verry, Tyler. P.M.'s Barlow, Lacey, Tuck, I.P.M., Palmer. Visitors: Bros. Robert H. Morrison, Attorney General, Michigan, U.S. America; Dr. Horwood, of New York; and Dr. Adrian, of Indiana; Dr. Self, S.G.W. of Essex; Binckes, and Terry. Bro. George Smith was raised. Messrs. Arthur Harper Bond, William Green Norman, George Gibson Harris, and William Taynton were initiated. Bro. J. Vigor was elected a joining member of the lodge. After some other formal business, the W.M. presented to Bro. J. Newton, P.M. and Secretary, in the name of the lodge, an address, elegantly emblazoned on vellum, and framed, together with a handsome gold watch and chain, as well as a gold locket and chain for Mrs. Newton. The presentation of these was made, accompanied by a speech from the W.M., in which he recapitulated the many Masonic virtues of Bro. Newton, and the eminent services he had performed to the lodge, not forgetting the great demands

on his time that his duties as Secretary of the lodge made.

The address was as follows:—Sincerity Lodge, No. 174. This testimonial, together with a gold watch, chain, &c., was presented to Bro. John Newton, P.M., in open lodge, 20th October, 1875, in accordance with a resolution passed at a lodge meeting, held 19th May, 1875, by the brethren, in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the lodge, and especially in acknowledgment of the zeal and efficiency with which he has for a number of years carried out the arduous and important duties of Secretary, and also as a mark of personal esteem and friendship for the truly Masonic spirit always manifested by him towards his brethren of the lodge. Signed on behalf of the lodge by the members of the Testimonial Committee: Chas. Lacey, P.M., Chairman and Treasurer; E. J. Moore, W.M.; W. T. Wells, S.W.; G. J. Hilliard, J.W.; Jno. Appleby, S.D.; C. H. Webb, D.C.; Jno. Miller, W.S.; S. H. Rawley, P.M.; Jno. Bulmer, P.M.; Jno. Adkins, P.M.; E. Tuck, P.M.; Jas. Thomas, W. T. Roberts Jno. Burchill. Fdk. Brown, Hon. Sec."

Bro. Newton acknowledged the gift, and said that although he had had great pleasure in performing his duties, and always would have such pleasure, the gifts made to him that evening would stimulate him to yet greater exertions. A banquet was provided at the conclusion of the lodge work, and the long list of Masonic toasts was systematically gone through. The "Health of the Visitors," drew an acknowledgment from the American brethren. Bro. Dr. Adrian, of Indiana, in his reply, observed that he and his brother visitors from the "other side" congratulated themselves very much on finding themselves surrounded by so many brethren of the mother country, who on all occasions during the present visit had extended the greatest hospitality to them. Their expression of thanks, however warm, was quite inadequate; but the brethren would allow him to say that there was a bond of union between the brethren of the Order, however distant the parts might be from which they came. This arose from the principles of the body they belonged to, brotherly love, relief, and truth, which taught them to regard the whole human species as one family; and the three great theological virtues, faith, hope, and charity, which united earth to heaven, and man to God. The strongest ties of fraternal feeling should exist between English and American Freemasons. Did the world but realise the fact that they were indeed brothers, with the feelings, emotions, and impulses which should move a brother's heart, this mundane sphere would soon present a scene of bliss that angels might wish to come down to, and make and call their own. The principles of Freemasonry in their practical exhibition were of untold value to the human family. It regarded man not only as a social being, connected by ties and impulses with his fellow man, but also as an immortal being, linked by nature and destiny with beings of a higher race, and a life that knew no ending. An institution invested with such attributes, and designed for the bettering of man's earthly condition and eternal destiny was a cause that must flourish, because it was the cause of civilization, refinement, virtue, and happiness. Wherever established its reign had been marked with numberless blessings, and it was destined to accomplish even more than it had yet secured for suffering humanity. Bro. Dr. Horwood, of New York, also replied. He said—Worshipful Master and Wardens of Sincerity Lodge, and brethren here assembled: Through the medium of electricity, about half-past six this evening I was summoned to this place, and what was to transpire on my arrival I was as ignorant of as our newly-elected and initiated brethren were. It has been my good fortune to fall into the hands of Bro. C. G. Hill, whom it seems to me is the prince of jolly good fellows, and the embodiment of a true Mason and an Americanised Englishman. This is my first visit to the mother country. Since my arrival here I have been on the Continent, where I came in contact with but one Mason. To-night is the first time I have been in a Masonic lodge since I crossed the broad and trackless ocean which separates your country from my own. I most heartily thank you for the very complimentary manner in which you have coupled my name and American Masonry with "The Visitors." I assure you I have been wine and dined to a considerable extent through your instrumentality. I have listened to some soul-stirring remarks by our British brethren, and have been thoroughly over shadowed by my American companion Bro. J. A. Adrian (as you can all appreciate), and considering the lateness of the hour I cannot do better than stand in the rear and second the words that have just fallen from his lips in your hearing. For myself, I will say that I shall carry to my home the pleasant recollections of this evening, and shall be glad to tell my countrymen of the warm grasp of the hand and the generous hospitality that you have extended to their fellow subjects. May the heartfelt pleasure you experience here in your lodge be your companion through life. The principles of Masonry are correct, are connected with the best interests of humanity, and, if properly lived up to, will alleviate every corrosion of care, heighten every sensation of joy, and in the hour of dissolution shed Divine triumph over your soul. (Great cheering.) After the other toasts had been given the brethren separated.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—This lodge held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday week, and had a large gathering, not only of the brethren of the lodge, but of visiting brethren from the provinces, who viewed the Old Gate of Clerkenwell, the lodge meeting place, with interest. In the temporary absence of the W.M. on a public duty in connection with a cause célèbre, Past Master Hillhouse, the Immediate Past Master, opened the lodge, the officers being all present—Bros. Robt. Griggs, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; Snare, S.D.; Halford, J.D.; Percy I.G.; Flaws, D.C.; and Patmore, W.S. There were also present Past Masters Bros. James Terry, Joseph Crump;

(Secretary for nearly twenty-five years); Winsland, Treas., Braid, Org.; Davies, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Thomas Cooke, S.W. of 948; G. Cumberland, J.D. of 475; F. J. Coleman, of 475; W. Whitby, of Faith, 141; Dr. W. J. Hunter, of 219, Scotland; M. Cuff, 511, Zealand; and Wm. Read, of 1507, Metropolitan. The P.M. in the chair passed Bros. Whiting and Bartlett (the latter is the well-known analyst), and the W.M., Bro. John While, having then arrived, took the chair. He put the necessary questions to Bros. Trewinnard and Dr. Franklin, who were candidates to be raised to the Third Degree, and performed the ceremony according to ancient custom, in the room beautifully fitted for the purpose. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the ballot having been taken for Mr. Jeus Stockholm Breinholt, a Danish gentleman, who, being unanimously elected, was at once initiated by the W.M., who did the work in good form. Five propositions for initiates were made for the next meeting, and several for joining members. The lodge having closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Gay, who had to meet a difficulty created in the lodge being late before the heavy work of the evening was discharged. After the cloth was removed the loyal toasts were given, and the brethren warmly echoed the W.M.'s expressions of "bon voyage" in regard to the W.M. the Grand Master's journey to India. The visitors replied to the toast, warmly given and received, of their health, and the initiate was also warmly toasted. Bro. Bartlett, who that night was passed, was introduced to the brethren as a brother who was initiated at the last meeting, and had to leave in order to attend to public duties. The W.M., referring to Bro. Bartlett's profession, said that the brother might, at the result of his investigations, have reason to warn the public against articles of food, but his investigations into our ancient institution would show him, if he carried his analysis far enough, that it was composed all of that which was true and good. Bro. Bartlett made a very appropriate speech in reply, and the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," having stated that he had obtained the promises of the brethren to make the lodge a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, as a compliment to their Bro. James Terry, the latter, in reply, referred to the W.M.'s successful summer banquet of the lodge, and said that the W.M. had proved himself a prophet, for he had foretold a fine day, and the lodge had the one sunny day which occurred in weeks of rain. Bro. Terry also urged the case of the late Bro. Vivian's boy upon the members, and trusted that they would use their best efforts to carry the son of their late P.M. into the Boys' School. The lodge ended with the Tyler's toast.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—On Monday last this lodge met, after the recess, at Anderton's Hotel. There was a large attendance of brethren on this occasion, there being no less than ninety present, including visitors. Through ill health, the W.M., Bro. Richard Noakes Field, was not present, and his place was consequently filled by Bro. Rogers, I.P.M. On this brother devolved the duties of initiating, passing, and raising, and the task was discharged in the most exemplary manner. The list contained the names of six gentlemen as candidates for initiation, but of these only three made their appearance. These were Messrs. George Stickland Criswick, Henry Woolcott Jeanes, and Henry Sladden. The passings were Bros. Cayat, 753; Finney, Wilkins, Reville, Hoslombe, Finlay and Creasey. The raisings were Bros. Wilcox, C. Young and Hodges. There were also several candidates for joining, and these were successfully balloted for, and were Bros. H. Lavington, 862; J. J. De Hain, 1053; G. B. Mackereth, 192; and J. Coker, 1441. Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treas., brought on the following motion:—"That a sum of fifteen guineas, to be taken from the charitable fund of the lodge, be handed to the Trustees now engaged in raising a sum in aid of the sustenance and education of the three orphan children of a lamented late brother, former Junior Deacon of this lodge, in which he was initiated on the 19th day of March, 1862, as the contribution of his mother lodge to that fund." This motion having been duly seconded, was carried, and Bro. Poynter then gave notice of motion for next lodge to increase the subscription to the lodge and the initiation and joining fees. After this the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the toasts were subsequently given. Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, asked for a Steward from this lodge for the next festival of his institution on the 9th of February, at which Lord Skelmersdale would preside; and in a long and able speech commended the pooraged and infirm who could not help themselves to the kind care and consideration of those who were yet in the happy possession of the blessings of prosperity, youth, and strength. Not forgetting the claims which the children of the Craft have upon the brethren, he thought that the aged, who had borne the burden and heat of the day, had a prior claim. The acting W.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him a speedy restoration to health and strength. The toast was drunk most cordially. An American brother responded for "The Visitors," and stated that he had been much interested in what he had witnessed, which was somewhat different from the American style. He would give a good account of it when he got back to his native country. Bro. H. Thompson, P.M. No 177, also replied, and in a few words alluded to the fact that he had been present when the lodge was consecrated in 1861, by the late Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson. An inspiration had been drawn in the lodge that brother had consecrated, and could he come back again in the flesh, he would himself be surprised to find the seed he had sown had produced such good fruits, not only in the number of members of the lodge, but in the attendance and working of its officers. The evening was passed very pleasantly and profitably, and the new season of the lodge opened under favorable circumstances, except the regretted indisposition of the W.M.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—At an emergency meeting, the second this season, held on Thursday, the 14th inst., there were present: Bros. J. Forbes, W.M.; A. Christie, J.D.; G. West, I.G.; J. W. Robinson, D.C. The offices of the S.W. and J.W. were ably filled by I.P.M. T. H. Staton and P.M. G. Webb. The business of the evening consisted of initiating Messrs. W. Cushion, H. Arding, and J. Hobbs, who, being elected, were duly admitted into the ancient Order. There were also present, besides the above-mentioned brethren, Bros. Stevenson and Trebell (the candidates at the former emergency meeting), P. G. Jupe, J. Arkell, Hammond, Hawtin, Hitchcock, Freshwater, Owen, Bathard, Jenkins, and Sadler. As there was no banquet, the brethren were invited by the W.M., before separating, to partake of some slight refreshment, which was gladly received. "The Health of the W.M." and "The Candidates" having been responded to, the brethren separated, to meet again on Thursday, 21st inst.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The installation meeting of this lodge, and first anniversary of its consecration, was held on the 21st inst. at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, Kings Cross. What the lodge has done during its first year may be judged of by the fact that about eighty brethren attended to participate in the ceremonies, and to hail with gratification the progress which the lodge has made. Among these were some brethren of considerable eminence in the Order, not only those belonging to the lodge, but others who came as visitors. There were, too, brethren from America, for whose presence the lodge was indebted to Bro. James Terry, himself a brother of both rank and energy. The lodge room was crowded, although it is of considerable size, and it required constant exertion on the part of the officers below the chairs to minister to the comfort of those present. The work of the lodge began about four o'clock, and Bro. James Willing, W.M., was under engagement to be out of the room by seven. There being two passages and to initiations to perform before the installation, that brother's abilities were taxed to the utmost to keep his engagement. The ceremonies, however, were speedily proceeded with, and Bros. Sayers and Erwood were passed to the Second Degree. This was succeeded by the initiation of Messrs. Gilbert and Swaagman, at the completion of which Bro. Willing requested Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., to take the S.W. chair, and Bro. Thomas Adams, P.G.P., the J.W. At this time there were in the lodge, among other visitors, Bros. Geo. Everett, W.M. 177; James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; the Hon. R. H. Morrison, Attorney-General of Michigan, 33rd; Dr. A. Adrian, of Indiana; Dr. Horwood, of New York; Miles, P.M. 1375; George Puzey, W.M. 1107; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157; S. Milles, P.M. 157; and H. Massey ("Freemason"). Bro. Terry presented Bro. Joseph Jacob Michael, S.W., and W.M. elect, to the W.M., who then formally installed him in the high and distinguished office of Master of his lodge. At the board of Installed Masters, among whom were the American brethren, some eighteen brethren were present, and, according to usual custom, they gave the salutes to Bro. Michael. After Bro. James Willing had been invested as I.P.M., the brethren wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, and the brethren were then admitted, and the ceremony was completed, and the following brethren were appointed to office and invested:—Bros. W. Williams, S.W.; Kingham, J.W.; Rose, Treas.; J. Timms, Sec.; Douglass (Standard Theatre), S.D.; Scales, J.D.; Side (of the Metropolitan Railway), I.G.; Stiles, D.C. and Asst. Sec.; George Colls, W.S.; and Daly, Tyler. Bro. Willing afterwards delivered the addresses, and was much cheered when he sat down. Bro. James Terry thereupon rose, and asked that he might have the pleasure of receiving the name of some brother who would take the office of Steward for this lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which is to be held on the 9th Feb., 1876, Lord Skelmersdale presiding. Bro. James Willing offered himself, and was immediately accepted by the brethren. There yet remained another piece of business to be done before the closing of the lodge, the presentation to the lodge of a portrait of Bro. Willing, painted by Bro. Tattenborn, and the Deacons having uncovered the same, the W.M. said, addressing the brethren, that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and it was the more pleasing because he knew it would meet with the brethren's approval. He had been for some time filled with apprehension that he might not be able to discharge the trust placed in his hands so creditably as his heart could wish. He need not comment, he was sure, upon the great merits of Bro. Willing as being the founder of the lodge in the chair of which he (the W.M.) had had the honour of being installed that day. Some time ago it was the expressed wish of many of the brethren to do something which would commemorate the founding of the lodge and its consecration a year ago. A committee was formed, which, after deliberation, decided upon a certain course, which was, that a portrait of Bro. Willing should be painted and presented to the lodge. This was done that the lodge might honour itself in what it did, and at the same time pay a tribute of respect to their brother, who was now the I.P.M. It was he who had borne the burden and heat of the day, and who never refused to devote any amount of time or trouble that might be required of him for the welfare of the lodge. No time or trouble had ever been irksome to him, and not a single thing they had asked of him had he denied them. It was the general wish that something should be done in recognition of his services. The scheme was most liberally responded to; it was so unanimous that it far exceeded the most sanguine expectations. They rejoiced that they that night had Bro. Willing among them in the possession of health and strength, and enabled to place his successor in the chair. The testimonial took the form of an oil painting

by Bro. Tattenborn in his happiest style; and he (the W.M.) would now ask Bro. Willing to stand up while he presented it, that all the brethren might see the brother who had done so much for them. The time might come and circumstances might happen when Bro. Willing might be removed from amongst them; but with this picture in the lodge-room he might know that he would still live in the hearts and memory of his brethren of the lodge he had founded. He (the W.M.) felt that it was utterly impossible for him, with the limited vocabulary he had at his command, to do full justice to the presentation, but he was quite sure that Bro. Willing would feel that in the presentation of this portrait the brethren had done the thing that was most gratifying to his feelings, and that they could not have chosen a more appropriate way of paying a tribute to his merits than by hanging a portrait of him where for years it might remain when Bro. Willing himself and many of the other brethren had passed away. Bro. Willing, who was nearly overcome with emotion, said in reply that he hardly knew how to acknowledge this compliment. He had believed that when he had anything to say he could say it with fluency. "Out of the fulness of the heart," King Solomon said, "the mouth speaketh." It was not so, however, with him. His words came slowly and with more difficulty at that time than at any other time. He was, though, very much pleased—aye, more than pleased—with the mark of esteem bestowed on him by the brethren for the way in which he had carried out the duties of his office. He was pleased that in his endeavours to carry out these duties he had endeared himself to the brethren as they had all endeared themselves to him. He had through this lodge made the acquaintance of brethren which he hoped would last the whole of his life. He had likewise been pleased to find throughout his year that so many brethren came, and gave such great attention to his working. It greatly encouraged a W.M., and he hoped that the same courtesy would be extended to his successor, and the successors of his successor. He also trusted that the brethren would continue to be as unanimous and happy as they had been hitherto, and with these few remarks he thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart. Banquet followed; and the toasts were subsequently given; and Bro. Joseph Smith in replying as one of the Grand Officers, made a special reference to the working of the I.P.M., and his installing his successor. At one time, he said, there was scarcely a Master of a lodge or a Principal of a chapter who could install his successor. Now, however, it was astonishing to find a principal officer who could not do so. Bros. Cubitt and Adams also replied. Bro. Willing proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Michael, in reply, observed that at present he had not done much for the credit of the lodge, and he could only promise that he would do. What he could do he would do. If his year of office should turn out to be as fortunate and happy a one as his predecessor's he should be pleased to retire into the ranks of the P.M.'s, as he would feel that he had had an unlimited reign of success. After again assuring the brethren that he would do everything in his power for the benefit of the Metropolitan Lodge he urged them to assist him to their utmost in that object, for without the aid of his officers a W.M. could not possibly do that amount of good which he desired. Bro. Michael then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and presented him with a Masonic P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge. He hoped that for many, many years he might live to wear it. The brethren, he was sure, while presenting this small testimonial, accompanied its presentation with their heartiest good wishes. On the jewel was an inscription showing that Bro. Willing was the first Master of the lodge, and those who knew anything of Freemasonry would bear him (the W.M.) out in saying that that represented a great deal more than any of them could possibly say in words. It represented much anxiety and care, and many of the greatest qualities that could be possessed by a brother. Bro. Willing responded, and acknowledged the gift with much warmth of expression. He had felt great pleasure in founding and being the first W.M. of the lodge, and all he had done was for his love of Freemasonry. His efforts in its behalf would not be relaxed in any way, and he should always take a pleasure in promoting the interests of the lodge of which he had been the W.M., and in which he had received so many kindnesses from the brethren over whom he had been called to rule. "The Visitors" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., but while expressing the great pleasure the lodge had in receiving visitors, the W.M. was compelled to make his speech very short on account of the advanced hour of the night. He made special allusion to the visit of the American brethren, and informed the lodge that American and English Freemasons speaking the same language were on identically the same platform. Bro. Geo. Everett, W.M. No. 177, was the first to respond, and knowing Bro. Willing in another sphere, he was able to supplement the W.M.'s observations by adding that Bro. Willing was a sincere and true friend. He could say this without flattery and in all sincerity, and he might be pardoned for saying with what pleasure he saw the tribute presented to him on that occasion. After some further complimentary remarks with respect to the I.P.M., Bro. Everett thanked the lodge for its hospitality. The lateness of the hour will preclude any extended remarks on my part. I can say in all sincerity, that it is with no ordinary degree of self-congratulation that we find ourselves surrounded by so many of the brethren of the mother country, and especially so as we have met with such munificent hospitality, and such warm and cordial greeting among you. Believe me, when I tell you, that warm is the heart that feels and willing the tongue that speaks, and yet I cannot, in an appropriate manner, express to you those feelings and emotions that come welling up from the deepest fountains of the heart, in response to the warm, cordial, and fraternal greeting which you have extended to us on every and all occasions. There is, indeed, a bond of union between brethren, how-

ever distant—there is a common tie that comes up unbidden from the deepest fountain of the heart, in response to those great and glorious principles of Freemasonry. And what are the great principles of Freemasonry? I answer, brotherly love, relief, and truth. By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family. The high, the low, the rich, and the poor, as created by one common parent, and placed on the same theatre of action, are to support, aid, and protect each other. These, in connection with the three great theological virtues, namely, faith, hope, and charity, are the golden links of that chain which unite earth to heaven, man to God. The strongest ties of fraternal feeling should ever exist between Masons of the mother country and that of America. And, brethren, did we but realise in all its force the fact that we are indeed brothers, and with the feelings and emotions and impulses which should move a brother's heart, endeavour to promote each others welfare and best interest, this world of ours would soon present a spectacle of bliss that even angels might wish to come down to make and call their own. Freemasonry, in all its parts, is essentially an organisation of principles brought from the highest source of human reason and Divine revelation, which in their practical exhibition and moral influence are of untold value to the human family. Freemasonry looks from its throne of brightness, upon man, in all his natural and accumulated depravity regarding him in the light of a glorious future—not only as a social being connected by ties and impulses to his fellow man, but also as an immortal being, linked by nature and destiny with beings of a higher race, and a life that knows no ending. An institution invested with attributes of such glorious consequences, and in the plentitude of inherent power, tearing down the bulwarks of human misery and awakening up in the heart of man new thoughts, new hopes, and new desires, and telling him that he may not only be happy himself, but how to make others' happy, is a cause that must flourish; it is the cause of civilization, refinement, virtue, and human happiness. Wherever its empire has been established its reign has been marked with numberless blessings, and its votaries have much to rejoice in a cause which has already done so much, and is destined to accomplish still more for suffering humanity. In conclusion, allow me to offer as a sentiment, "The Brotherhood of the mother country and that of America—now and for ever, one and inseparable." The other toasts were given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

THE ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—The last meeting for the year of this new summer lodge, held last Saturday, looked like the opening meeting of a winter lodge, for the year's work had been prolonged into that season when the "woods decay and fall," and the uncompromising manner in which, to put it very gently, "the vapours wept their burthen to the ground," gave the Palace anything but a summer aspect. So wretched indeed was the day, that the general public, who are ever eager to take the most remote part in anything which concerns the army and navy, most sedulously stopped away from looking on the preparations for the Balaclava banquet, and the happiest and most numerous party in the building was that of the lodge named after the palace. It was again as on previous occasions, short of its head, Bro. Parkinson, the W.M., being, as on other occasions, absent, and his place was most efficiently filled by the Senior Warden, Bro. Kelly King, whose place in the S.W. chair was taken by Bro. Dyte, while Bro. Palmer occupied his own part as Junior Warden. Bro. Haigh was Senior Deacon. Bro. Lee, Junior Deacon, and Bro. Daniel, newly raised, tried his hand at Inner Guard, the lodge being determined to work its own members, and in the course of the long day's work, Bro. John Rowlands was called to the Senior Warden's chair, in the time that Bro. Dyte proceeded to fill the duties of his other office. Bro. Kelly King had the pleasing task of initiating "un frère de la plume," Mr. Senior, an author and journalist well-known, in the former capacity, to the reading public, but though only known in the latter, as is the fate of English journalists, to his brothers of the press, he has acquired a reputation as a man of mind and mark; and "Red Spinner" of the "Gentleman's Mag" found the door of the Craft open at his knock, and brethren of his Craft and favourite sport by the waterside welcome him within the portals. Then a habitat of Dr. Johnson's favourite street was admitted in the person of Mr. Alfred Arnold. The other work of the day, the passing of Bro. J. E. Ward, and the raising of Bros. Matthews and Denison, had to be handed over to Bro. P.M. Stacey, the Secretary, for the Master and Wardens were called by business relating to the Fourth Degree, into consultation with Messrs. Bertram and Roberts. The two ceremonies were rendered by Bro. Stacey in that faultless style as regards memory, and masterly manner so far as elocution is concerned, for which the brother is famous. It will be a point of honour among the young Masons of this lodge to "do the work as well as P.M. Stacey." After the working a letter was read from the brethren connected with the palace, who were to have joined the lodge and to have shared its early honours, expenses, and difficulties. It will be remembered that the lodge was started as one to be held on Saturday afternoon, its raison d'être being that it would offer Masonic life and light to that tribe which cannot call its time its own, especially during the time from Sunday night until Saturday morning—the tribe of London journalists. After the lodge was under way the palace authorities found they could not join a lodge on Saturday afternoon in summer, and they desired the day altered, and this was met by the lodge offering to give up the meetings in the midsummer and to meet in the spring and autumn months. This offer has not been accepted, and the letter read was in effect a withdrawal of the palace authorities from the working of the lodge. It fortunately happens that the lodge has never had the benefit of the presence

thus formally withdrawn, and therefore practically the lodge sustains only a sentimental loss. At the dinner, which was well served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts. Acting W.M., Kelly King, presided, supported by Bro. Rooke, P.G.S.; Bro. T. L. Fox, P.M. 19; Bro. A. Cameron, P.M. 180; J. While, W.M. 228; Brother Styles, Metropolitan; Brother Hallford, and Bro. Freeman. The usual loyal toasts were given with the accustomed fervour, and the Royal Grand Master's journey was the theme which found point for expressions of hope that His Royal Highness would return from his journey in safety and would accomplish the good which was anticipated from his visit. The W.M. then gave in appropriate terms "The Health of the two Initiates," whom he termed two worthy foundations of our great structure, both possessing the qualifications which were necessary to carry men through the Craft. Bro. Senior, in responding to the toast, which was most warmly received, said that as speechmaking was not one of his gifts he hoped the brethren would not measure his gratitude by his fewness of words. Though belonging to a profession which, by bringing its members behind the scenes, raised in their minds a cynicism regarding things which the world generally regarded with respect, he would say, speaking as a very young Apprentice, that what he had that day seen, the Masonic Craft raised in his mind very different feelings to those to which he had alluded, and he felt that if he could only act up to what had been imparted to him that day, he should want no other religion to fit him for the next world. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him by electing him a member of the Craft, and then Bro. Arnold made a suitable response. Bro. Rooke then proposed "The Health of Bro. King," and the brethren gave the toast the warmest reception in recognition of the service which he has done by taking the place, time after time, of the absent Master. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," all of whom responded in brief terms, for the warning had come that the brethren must prepare to retire, as the last train from the palace at that late hour—it being a little after eight o'clock—was about to depart. The toast of "The Officers," was coupled with the names of the Senior and Junior Wardens, these posts being filled at the banquet table by Bros. Palmer and Haigh, and justice in speech was done to Bros. Stacy, Dyte, Lee, and the other active brethren of the lodge. Then the party hastened away to find that the last Palace train had gone, and they had to tramp through the dark dark grounds to Wood Green Station, where they caught the something after nine o'clock train, which landed them at Finsbury Park. Here they had to wait in the damp for some time until a train came to carry them on to King's Cross. Some of the lodge being of the class who make Ludgate their point of journey, had booked from there, and struggled to return to this centre, which they did after nearly two hours travel and stoppages, most of them astonished at the ease with which the combined railways manage to carry passengers the six miles to or from this hapless undertaking in the course of nearly two hours.

PROVINCIAL.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo (No. 13).—The above lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 13th Oct., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and we were rather sorry to see so few of the officers present. Bro. F. G. Pownall, the S.W., was unfortunately too ill to attend, and his place was most ably filled by Bro. G. W. Reed. Bro. T. J. Carnelly, the W.M., was at his post, and the following brethren filled the several offices:—R. H. Smith, J.W.; T. Hutton, S.D.; H. Russell, J.D.; N. Brown, I.G.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Treas.; H. S. Syer, Sec.; and N. Norman, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. H. Carlin, 1536; J. Dallen, 640; J. A. Elder, 1472; G. Green, 1076; and C. Jolly, 913. The lodge having been duly opened, and with solemn prayer, Mr. E. W. Crews was, after ballot and approval, regularly initiated into Freemasonry; and Bros. Cleall, Archer, and Matty were raised to the Sublime Degree, the whole of the work being most impressively done by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. De Grey's, Freemasons' Tavern, opposite the dockyard station, for refreshment, where, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. G. Davis, P.M., in eloquent terms proposed the health of the W.M., who responded in a most feeling manner, and in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," regretted most sincerely the absence of Bro. Pownall, who, he said, was a most excellent officer and worthy Mason. The "Initiates" health followed, and Bro. C. Jolly's name was warmly received as coupled with the "Visitors," and then, after a most cordial and harmonious evening, the brethren separated.

CONGLETON.—Eaton Lodge (No. 533).—On Wednesday, 13th inst., the brethren of the above lodge celebrated their festival of St. John the Baptist, when Bro. Andreas Edward Cokayne was installed as W.M. The installation ceremony was very correctly and admirably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Samuel Blackshaw, who had occupied the chair for two years, the address to the Master, to the Wardens, and to the brethren being given by Bro. W. Blackshaw, P.M., Sec. The attendance was larger than on any former occasion, and the event passed off with every success, and the utmost harmony and heartiness prevailed. Bro. Cokayne was already a Past Master of the lodge, having filled that office a few years ago. He appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Terry, S.W.; Henry Clarke, J.W.; Furnival, S.D.; John Brown, J.D.; E. B. Fraunceys, I.G.; Chadlock, O.G.; Beales, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire, Treas.; and W. Blackshaw, P.M., Sec. The brethren, to the number of forty, afterwards banqueted at the Bull's Head Hotel (where the lodge is held) under the presidency of the W.M. Among the visiting brethren were members of lodges in Cheshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire, and Shropshire.

TOTNES.—Pleiades Lodge (No. 710).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the

14th day of October.—Bro. William Bennett Mayo, W.M., in the chair. Numerous visiting brethren were present. After the minutes of the previous lodge were confirmed, the principal business of the day was proceeded with, viz., that of installing Bro. James Westhead into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Rev. Robert Bowden, P.M. The Board of Installed Masters was dissolved, and the brethren admitted, the W.M. being proclaimed and saluted in the usual form. The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, viz., Bros. Robert Drennan, S.W.; Edward Seale, J.W.; William Cuming, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Mitchelmore, S.D.; George Cheers Challoner, J.D.; Richard James Steward, I.G.; William Henry Taylor, Org.; Thomas Luscombe was invested as Treasurer; John Crocker was unanimously re-elected Tyler, and duly invested. The remaining business was adjourned to the next meeting. Heartly good wishes were tendered by the representatives of various lodges. The lodge was then closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer. The brethren then retired to the Seven Stars Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. John Heath, P.M. The usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

DEAL.—Wellington Lodge (No. 784).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present:—John E. Apps, W.M.; A. F. S. Bird, P.M., S.W. pro tem; A. E. Ralph, P.M. and P.G.D., J.W. pro tem; J. M. Browning, P.M.; T. E. Mason, P.M.; W. Harding, P.M.; W. M. Cavell, Secretary; W. H. Hayman, S.D.; F. Fitch, J.D.; S. Olds, Steward; J. C. Doorne, Org.; T. Stubbs, I.G.; and W. J. A. Norris, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Woodward, Moon, and Robert Brown, and the following visitors:—Bro. Henry S. Watts, J.W. of the Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 1206, introduced by Bro. Bird, P.M.; and Bro. T. Lawler, Organist of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, introduced by Bro. Hayman. The lodge opened in due form in the First Degree. Mr. W. S. Thornton, of Deal, was balloted for, and, being unanimously elected, was initiated into the sacred mysteries of the Craft. Our correspondent who kindly furnishes the above adds that the Wellington Lodge is, in truth, an ornament to the Craft, the several duties, from the W.M. down to the Tyler, being carried out with far greater precision and perfection than that which is occasionally met with at lodges in the metropolis and its environs.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—Pelham Pillar Lodge (No. 792).—Although the day was exceedingly unpropitious there was a very strong muster of the brethren of Pelham Pillar and from other lodges within the province, and several brethren from Yorkshire also honoured the old Pelham Pillar by their presence. The Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. Major Smyth, D.P.G.M.; John Sutcliffe, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Capt. E. Locock, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Rev. J. E. Hodgson, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; Anderson Bates, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. W. Copeland, P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Hadfield, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. Harriss, P. Prov. G.J.D.; W. G. Mure, P. Prov. G. Reg.; R. M. Vivien, P. Prov. G.S.D., Yorkshire; M. Kemp, P. Prov. G.J.D., Yorkshire; J. S. Wilson, P. Prov. G.S.W., Yorkshire; Jack Sutcliffe, W.M., St. Alban's Lodge; Fryer, W.M., Ancholme Lodge; S. Walsley, P.M.; Ashton, W.M. elect. St. Matthew's; Sissons, J. Chapman, Porlett, Nelson, Haddelsey, Brown, Hunt, and about 40 brethren of Pelham Pillar Lodge. The brethren having assembled at the Masonic Hall, in Bull Ring Lodge, Bro. Marshall opened his lodge in due form, when he at once presented to the Installing Master Bro. Copeland for installation, the W.M. elect, Bro. Robinson, and Bro. Copeland as Installing Master, performing the ceremony in a most masterly and impressive manner. Bro. Robinson then invested his officers, addressing each in appropriate terms:—Bros. Marshall, I.P.M.; Gough, S.W.; McSheen, J.W.; Hump, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D. Chaplain; Bates, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. Sec., Master; Dawson, Treas.; Clark, Sec.; Fox, S.D.; Teasdale, J.D.; Roberts, D.C.; Steffense, Almoner; Bramme, Org.; Tongue, Steward; Bruton and Dawson, Assist. Stewards; Wardle, Tyler. Bro. Robinson, the newly Installed W.M., then returned thanks to the brethren of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, saying: I cannot allow the present opportunity to pass without thanking the brethren of my mother lodge very heartily for the honour conferred upon me, the more to be appreciated being the highest honour that you, brethren, can bestow, that of electing me to fill the chair of this prosperous lodge, and I depend upon every officer of the lodge to support me at all times on this to me most important question. I take this opportunity of announcing that the lodge will be opened exactly at the stated time. I feel assured that my newly-appointed officers will be regular and punctual in their attendance. Bro. Robinson then proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Copeland for the invaluable services rendered to the P.P. Lodge year after year as its Installing Master. Bro. Robinson remarked that he was individually under marked obligations to him for having performed the ceremony placing him in such a distinguished and coveted position as W.M. of that lodge. Bro. Robinson then thanked the W.M., the D.P.G.M., and the many distinguished brethren for their presence on that occasion. He considered it a very high compliment paid to his mother lodge, the Pelham Pillar. The D.P.G.M., Major Smyth, remarked that it gave him extreme pleasure to be present. The rendering of the installation ceremony by Bro. Copeland was certainly beyond anything that he had heard in the province, and although Bro. Copeland's feelings overcame him, we all knew well the cause—he was thinking of the recent loss sustained by the sudden death of a brother of that lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the St. Alban's Lodge, at the

Royal Hotel, under the able direction of Bro. Jack Sutcliffe as W.M. After which a sumptuous banquet was partaken of by all the brethren at the Royal Hotel. Bro. Robinson, as presiding officer, proposed "The Queen," remarking that under our present constitution we were the freest, happiest, and most prosperous nation on the face of the earth. The prerogatives of the Crown were never more judiciously exercised than by our present Sovereign and Lady Queen Victoria. As the Sovereign, the wife, the mother, she had justly earned the loyal devotion, affection, and respect of the people. "Prince of Wales, G.M. of England, Princess of Wales, and rest of the Royal Family," Bro. Robinson said, We cannot do otherwise than entertain a deep sense of the importance of H.R.H.'s visit to India. It must tend to strengthen the cordial feelings that already exist between India and this great country. It must also strengthen the hand of the Queen's representative in that vast empire. H.R.H.'s visit to India must be of much benefit to him as our Heir Apparent; the experience he will gain will not benefit him alone, but also this seagirt isle of ours as well. It is natural that there should be much anxious care for the Prince by the subjects of Her Majesty, and no small amount of solicitude as to the Prince's safety by his brother Masons. We wish him on the present occasion a pleasant voyage and safe return to old England. "Our Masonic Heads." The Earl of Carnarvon, the [Pro G.M., and Lord Skelmersdale, our D.G. Master, being quite unknown to me, I must be particularly guarded in what I say. I can, however, state, brethren, that they have been placed in that most distinguished position because they were found "true and trusty." This recommendation is all-sufficient. We are proud to tender our allegiance to our Masonic heads. Bro. Robinson next proposed "The R.W. His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M., and his Deputy, our much respected bro. the W. Major Smyth, the D.P.G. Master." We come nearer home now, brethren, when we speak of Provincial Masonic heads. We should certainly like to see our P.G. Master, my lord duke, amongst us a little more frequently. We all must and do admit that we have in our D.P.G. Master, Major Smyth, a very intelligent and able substitute. I have every brother present with me when I say that a more affable, agreeable, and obliging brother could not be found to fill that post than our worthy and much esteemed Bro. Smyth, and the Province would never suffer as long as we had such a brother to rule over the Craft. The D.P.G. Master, Major Smyth, in rising to respond was received with much applause. He remarked that he was much pleased to be with them that evening. He had spent a very agreeable day, having, in his capacity as D.P.G.M., visited two lodges, and he must say that the work in each had been performed admirably. The D.P.G. Master had the permission of the W.M., Bro. Robinson to propose a toast for their acceptance not on the list; it was "The Masonic Hall Company." They had had ocular demonstration that day that the hall now occupied by the lodge was not sufficiently capacious. Bro. Hadfield responded. Bro. Robinson next proposed Bro. Marshall, I.P.M. of P.P.L. In bringing this toast before your notice, and for your acceptance as the toast of the evening, Bro. Marshall will pardon me if I attempt during his presence to pay him a just and deserving compliment, I claim to be however, the mouthpiece of the brethren of Pelham Lodge, when I state that as superintending officer of the lodge he performed his duties in a most able and efficient manner, having faithfully, zealously, and impartially performed the duties that devolved upon him, and thereby gained the esteem of every brother of the lodge. Bro. Marshall I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the newly instituted W.M., Bro. Robinson," remarking that he (Bro. Robinson) had paid him a very flattering compliment; he had only done his duty, and to the best of his ability, and I feel assured that our W.M. will do even better than I have done. "The Past Officers and Newly-appointed Officers" were next proposed by Bro. Marshall, and suitably responded to by Bro. Smyth, S.W. Bro. Chapman next proposed "The Health of the Installed Master," paying a very high compliment to Bro. Copeland for the masterly style of rendering the installation ceremony. Bro. Copeland responded and acknowledged the compliment paid him, further stating it was a pleasure to him to do anything to further the interests of the Craft. Bro. Vinan (Hull) next proposed "The Health of the W.M. of St. Anne's Lodge, Bro. Jack Sutcliffe." He was very pleased indeed to bear testimony to his worth; like his father, his heart was in the right place, and he must in time become, like his father, a prominent and shining star in Masonry. Several more toasts were circulated, "The Masonic Charities," Visiting Brethren," Seafaring Brethren," "All Poor and Distressed Masons," "Bro. Clark, Sec. P.P. Lodge," "Bro. Dawson, Treasurer," "Wardens and Officers St. Albans Lodge," W.M. Sutcliffe Lodge M.M. Masons," "Host and Hostess," and "The Ladies." After a very agreeable evening had been passed the brethren journeyed homewards.

LEOMINSTER.—Royal Edward Lodge (No. 892).—The following address to the widow of Bro. Bradford was received too late for insertion in our report last week:—

To Mrs. Bradford,—

We the undersigned officers, on behalf of the members of the Royal Edward Lodge, hereby desire to assure you of our most sincere sympathy in the loss occasioned by the death of your beloved husband and our affectionate brother.

He with us had learnt that, where we [at his burial placed a sprig of acacia, must not be considered his final resting-place, so we hope that you, with us, will think of him now as having received the "crown of life."

"Death is the Crown of life."

"Death, the deliverer, who rescues man."

"Death, the rewarder, who the rescued crowns."

"Death, that absolves our birth, a curse without it."

"Death wounds to cure, we fall, we rise, we reign."

"Death gives us more than was in Eden lost."

"This King of Terrors is the Prince of Peace."

"When shall we die? When shall we live for ever?"

Please accept our condolence and believe us to remain, yours very faithfully, M. I. Ellwood, W.M.; E. Gregg, S.W.; R. Hayes, J.W.; C. I. Saxby, S.W.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., the business being of a highly interesting kind. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. R. C. Yelland, W.M., and amongst others present during the evening were Bros. Richard Washington, P.M.; Richard R. Martin, P.M.; D. W. Winstanley, P.M.; Wm. Healing, S.W.; Alfred Jarvis, J.W.; Jos. Wood, Treas.; Thos. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; Sec.; T. G. Winstanley, S.D.; W. B. Jones, as I.G.; T. Birch, Steward; John Alexander, Thos. Knott, M. G. Balemam, Jas. Tyson, T. Durrans, W. Callow, J. R. Cave, W. Harrington, Fred. J. Jeffery, H. Horspool, J. G. H. Pugh, G. B. McGachen, &c. The visitors were Bros. H. Prince Hiram, New Orleans, U.S., 70; A. K. Paynter, 1276; W. Davidson, 1276; E. Morgan, 823; J. Curtis, 1035; Wm. Waring, 32; &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for candidates the ceremony of initiation was admirably performed by the W.M., the charge being beautifully given by the S.W. Several propositions were afterwards given for initiation. At the banquet, which followed business, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In reply to the toast of "The Newly Initiated," Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lowe spoke as follows:—Worshipful Master, Officers, and brethren—Although I cannot aver that I am unaccustomed to public speaking, yet I experience considerable difficulty in giving expression to my thoughts and feelings on the present occasion. It behoves me, however, according to the best of my ability, to tender my most hearty thanks to the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren for the extremely kind manner in which they have this evening initiated me into the primary mysteries of Freemasonry and for the manifestly cordial welcome they have accorded me as a brother. I owe especial thanks to the brother whose rather troublesome duty it was to aid me in attaining the high honours of being a Mason. I beg also to tender my fervent thanks to Bro. Dr. Kellet Smith and Bro. Wood, who rendered me the kind office of being my proposer and seconder. Allow me to say, Worshipful Master, that, after having gone through the laborious and instructive ceremony of being made a Mason, I feel exceedingly proud of the honours thus conferred on me. In addition to, or rather in expansion of, the reasons I have already been obliged to give for desiring to join this illustrious and ancient Order, I may say that I have an intense love for everything which is good and has been handed down to us from the remote past. Ever since my boyhood, my intellectual pursuits as well as my professional duties have caused me to live much amongst the ancients; and it would be strange if the ambition had not sprung up in my heart of being, even in a humble way, identified with a Craft which the ceremonies of this evening compel me to regard as one of the most precious legacies bequeathed to modern times by antiquity. I was, also, attracted to the Order by its well-known cultivation, and manifestation of the splendid principles of brotherly love and charity, and by the fact that its creed, though stern in its requirements, is at the same time so pure and simple as to present a ground on which all virtue-loving men may meet and clasp each other's hands in a world-wide fellowship. Besides, although I live a somewhat retired and monkish life, I sought, in desiring to be one of the brethren of this great Order and a member of the Temple Lodge, occasional opportunities of mingling in such a society as this, possessing, as it does, at once a social and an intellectual character. I am glad to find myself surrounded by a body of men whose countenances bear the impress of high intellectuality. I love a warm grasp of the hand, a good laugh, and a good song, although, in this last regard, I cannot myself contribute to harmony. In fine, Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren, I thank you for the honour to which you have raised me. I feel that, in being made a Mason, I have achieved a most desirable and honourable distinction; and I shall strive with your generous aid to be a good Mason. I am always seeking opportunities of adding to my knowledge; and you will allow that, if Mr. Charles Knight had seen me this evening, he might have included me among those heroes of whom he has so ably written, and who distinguished themselves by the "pursuit of knowledge under difficulties." The scope of my knowledge has this evening been greatly increased; and I am especially rejoiced to know that he who is a good Mason must of necessity be a true man. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—Rutland Lodge (No. 1130).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., Bro. S. Weaver, the W.M., in the chair. The attendance was small, there being nothing of any importance on the agenda paper. Bro. John Selby was elected P.G.S.

SEACOMBE.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at five o'clock, for the installation of Bro. James Ridehalgh, the W.M. elect. The following brethren were present, viz., Bros. W. R. Bainbridge, W.M. and P.M. 721; T. H. Ward, I.P.M.; R. W. Holt, P.M. and D.C.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J. Warden; T. Platt, P.P.G.J.D.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.I.G. North Wales and Salop; E. Haddon, W.M. 605; J. Radcliff, P.M.; C. Leedham, P.M.; Ellis Davis, P.M. 605; John Williams, J.W.; H. Skinner, S. Deacon, J. Lawrence, J.D.; W. H. Frances, Treas.; W. Jones, Sec.; T. M. Pennington, J. Harding, A. Paynter, W. Davidson, J. Webster, H. Matthews, J. Howard, J. Taylor, Wm. Price, G. Monroe, M. Ellaby, J. Burgess, A. Caterall, J. Manson, W. Evans, J. Looney, J. M'Murdie, T. Yeats, J. Hindley, E. G. E. Snow, W. Williams, G. Henderson, A. M'Kay, T. Burrows, J. Martin,

W. McGraa, E. A. Pemberton, W. Beard, 447; M. Mc Nerney, 605; W. Egerton, 605; T. Birch, 1094; J. Alexander, 1904; E. Harris, 605; Henry Ridehalgh, and a large number of other brethren. The lodge was opened. The minutes of last regular meeting, also a lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed. Bro. G. J. Kani, 31, U.S. of America, was balloted for and admitted a joining member. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the business of the evening was then proceeded with by Bro. James Ridehalgh being presented to Bro. Platt, the Installing Master. The charges having been read and assented to, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when all brethren not Installed Masters retired, and a board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of twelve, and the usual formalities gone through. The brethren having been admitted, and the new Master saluted in the manner conformable to ancient custom, Bro. Ridehalgh, the W.M., invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. R. Bainbridge, I.P.M.; John Taylor, S.W.; W. Jones, J.W.; W. H. Frances, Treas.; H. Skinner, Sec.; W. Price, S.D.; T. Yeats, J.D.; J. S. Jones, P.M.; D.C.; H. Matthews, S.S.; J. Looney, J.S.; each brother receiving their charge from Bro. J. P. Platt, after which the lodge was closed, down to the First Degree, when Bro. P.M. Holt moved that the sum of five guineas be given to constitute the Treasurer for the time being a Life Governor of the Cheshire M.E. Institution, which was carried. Bro. Bainbridge gave notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be given to constitute the W.M. for the time being a Life Governor of the Boys' School in London. Several propositions for initiation having been given, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Seacombe Hotel to the banquet, the W.M., Bro. Ridehalgh, being supported on his right by Bro. J. T. Lea, P.M., P.P.G.S. Works, as D.C.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Platt, P.P.J.G.D.; Haddon, W.M. 605; on his left by W. R. Bainbridge, I.P.M.; T. H. Ward, P.M.; R. W. Holt, P.M.; Ellis Davis, P.M. When the dessert was placed upon the tables, and, grace said, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, and the Craft," which was received right loyally. (God save the Queen). The next toast was "Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." ("God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. Harding.) The W.M. then gave "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G. Master," which was duly honoured. The next toast was "The Right Worshipful P.G. Master, the Right Hon. the Lord de Tabley, and the P.G. Officers," coupling the name of Bro. T. Platt. Bro. T. Platt, appropriately replied. Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, the Immediate P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Ridehalgh," and stated that if the officers appointed that evening gave him that support which he expected he would receive, the lodge would soon be second to none in the province for its usefulness. Bro. Williams rendered a capital song. Bro. Ridehalgh, in responding, sincerely thanked the I.P.M. for proposing his health, and also the brethren for the flattering manner in which they had received it, assuring them that it would be his earnest study to promote the welfare of the Warren Lodge. The W.M. then said,—Brethren, you know the toast I am about to propose, it is, "The I.P.M.," and you will, I think, drink his health in a bumper, previous to which I beg to present to you, Bro. Bainbridge, this gold hunting watch, the committee thinking, you having so many jewels, that it would be more acceptable to you. The inscription is "Presented to Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, P.M. 721, and Warren Lodge, 1276, for his meritorious services during his year of office as W.M., 1875." Bro. John Williams, P.J.W., then advanced to the W.M., and asked his permission to present a testimonial, and said,—Bro. Bainbridge, I.P.M., on behalf of a few friends, and the seafaring members of this lodge, I present you with this P. Master's jewel. This called forth a ringing cheer from the brethren. (The jewel is 18-carat gold, set with diamonds, beautifully made by Bro. T. M. Pennington, a member of the lodge). Song by Bro. Paynter. Bro. Bainbridge said he must confess that if ever he had a difficulty he had one now in finding words to sufficiently express his feelings at that moment. He thanked the brethren of the Warren Lodge for their very handsome present. He then said,—Bro. J. Williams, please accept my heartfelt thanks, and convey them to the seafaring brethren, and tell them while I live I shall value this gift more than any I possess. Brethren all, please accept my sincere thanks. The W.M. then said,—I have another pleasing duty to perform. It is to present our Treasurer, Bro. Frances, with a gold Treasurer's jewel, also his likeness, and he hoped that Bro. Francis might live long to wear this jewel (supplied by Bro. Kenning, of Liverpool and London). Bro. Frances then said,—W.M., Officers, and brethren,—I thank you very much for this mark of esteem. You appointed me Treasurer of this lodge, and I merely did my duty. I may tell you that we have had a very prosperous year, though an expensive one. We have given between £20 and £30 in charity; we commenced the year with £20, and at the end of the year we have in hand over £80 pounds. This announcement was heartily received. The W.M. then proposed "Success to the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution," and he had very great pleasure in coupling the Installing Master and Founder of the Institution, Bro. John Parry Platt, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire. Bro. Platt thanked the W.M., officers, and brethren for the way this toast was received, and stated that it was very pleasing to him to hear that the Treasurer was made a Life Governor of the Institution, and to hear Bro. W. R. Bainbridge give notice that he would propose that the sum of ten guineas be given to constitute the W.M. for the time being a Life Governor of the Boys' School. He also begged to thank the brethren for unanimously electing him an honorary member of this lodge, that he would be glad at all times to give advice should it be required, and he strongly recommended the W.M. to be particular in looking into the character of all

candidates for initiation. The next toast was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bros. Holt, Ward, and Bainbridge. The officers were then toasted, each responding for the compliment. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," coupling the names of Bro. Haddon, W.M. 605, and Bro. E. Davis, P.M. 605. During the evening Bro. Bainbridge presented, handsomely framed, the likeness of the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Lord de Tabley, which he received from his lordship at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Hyde, September 23, at which meeting Bro. Bainbridge was supported by nineteen members of the lodge. We must not omit a word of praise for the admirable manner in which the duties were discharged by Bro. Looney, the wine Steward. The Tyler then gave the final toast, to all poor and distressed Masons. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and the enjoyment of the brethren was enhanced by the excellent manner in which Bro. Lea, P.P.G.S. Wks., discharged the duties of Director of Ceremonies, and the excellent harmony during the evening.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—The Mitre Hotel, at Hampton Court, on Saturday last, the 23rd inst., was the scene of a most enjoyable meeting of this lodge. The brethren, including Colonel Burdett, Prov. G. Master F. Keily, Prov. G. Steward; the W.M.; D. W. Pearce, S.W.; J. W. Burrie, J.W.; Little, Prov. S.G. Warden, Treas.; Buss, Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; Mallam, P.M.; Woollard, Levick, Brookes, Ball, Sanders, Dr. Clayton, Palmer, and others, assembled at an early hour in the afternoon. The summons showed a goodly quantity of work to be done, but from various causes the candidates for the several degrees were unable to attend, and sent letters explaining the cause of their absence. The lodge, consequently, at once proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Bro. D. W. Pearce was elected Master, Bro. Little was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Phythian, the I.P.M., then proposed, and Bro. Little seconded, a motion to the effect that a P.M. jewel should be presented to Bro. Keily, the retiring Master, and also as a small token of the esteem and regard in which he was held, and in appreciation of his services as Master and Prov. G. Steward, such jewel should be supplemented by a presentation of one of Bro. Harty's pictures, which is shortly to be published, illustrating the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master at the Royal Albert Hall on the 28th of April last. This resolution was most heartily concurred in by every member of the lodge, and several of the brethren spoke of the W.M. in the most eulogistic terms. Bro. Keily expressed his thanks for the honour the lodge conferred upon him, of which he should ever retain a lively remembrance, and also his grateful acknowledgments for the very flattering manner in which the brethren had been pleased to speak of his services as W.M. The lodge having been closed, the brethren retired to the banquet supplied by our esteemed friend Bro. Charles Sadler, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to in a hearty manner. The Provincial Grand Master, in reply to the toast of his health, alluded, in glowing terms of satisfaction, to the present prosperous state of the Province of Middlesex, and to the good order and regularity with which the affairs of the different lodges and chapters in the province were conducted, and expressed the pleasure he felt in being again amongst his brethren after a short sojourn in the North. He referred to the gratification he felt in witnessing the prosperity of the Burdett Lodge, of which he was the first W.M., and also of the admirable and unanimous manner in which the business of the lodge had been conducted by the W.M. and officers. Amongst the visitors on this occasion were Bros. Chas. Horsley, Past Provincial Grand Registrar Middlesex; Sugg, Provincial Grand Organist for Surrey; Thicellay, Provincial Grand Pursuivant Middlesex, who, in responding to "The Health of the Visitors," severally expressed their thanks, and their acknowledgement of the pleasurable evening they had spent on this occasion. The last toast having been given in due form, and responded to, the brethren separated at an early hour, evidently much pleased with the proceedings.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, October 15th, at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, in place of the usual monthly one on the 4th, Mrs. West having died on that day, and therefore rendered it impossible that any business could be done under such sorrowful circumstances. Upon the present occasion the W.M., Bro. B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076, was present, supported by the following officers: Bros. Turner, who officiated as S.W. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Ives; W. Steele, J.W.; J. Silver, S.D.; N. Stansfield, acting J.D.; Manning, I.G.; and H. Sisley, P.M. and Sec., and P.M. 1076. The business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. Berry, and the passing of Bro. Fletcher, but as neither of those brethren were present, Mr. J. Plume, licensed victualler, and Mr. G. Cavey, engineer, were, after being duly balloted for and approved of, initiated by the W.M. in excellent style. The lodge then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation in an adjoining room, and afterwards, in true Masonic spirit, spent a very happy evening together.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The usual monthly meeting of this new and flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday week. This being the night appointed for the election of W.M. and Treasurer, a full attendance of members were present. Amongst them were Bros. R. Robinson, W.M.; M. De Frece, S.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, J.W.; Rev. P. Prag, Chaplain; J. De Frece, Treas.; M. Hart, Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; S. Schoustadt, J.D.; B. Woolf, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; Crozier, and A. Hart, Stewards. Amongst the private members were Bros. R. Brown, W.M. 141, Hon. Sec. West Lancashire Educational Institution; B. Levy, Silver, Goldberg,

Lyons, Lumb, L. Hart, W. Levy, Joseph, Rev. Dr. Stern, Prensland, S. Levy, and others. Among the numerous visitors might be noticed Bros. Bell, W.M. 1356; W. Aronsberg, 1052; Manchester, who is justly and worthily known by his many charitable gifts of surgical, optical, and mathematical instruments to the principal infirmaries and institutions in East Lancashire; Barnett, S. 249; Goldstone, 249; Parker, 1474; Trevitt, I.G. 724, and others. After the usual opening, reading of the minutes and balloting for candidates, the W.M., Bro. Robinson, P.M. and Preceptor of the Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, initiated in his usually instructive manner Mr. A. Cohen, Mr. J. L. Levy, and Rev. A. D. Marks, Minister of the South Manchester Synagogue, the other officers doing their work in an efficient manner. The ballot was then taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. A. J. Henochberg, J.W., was unanimously elected to fill the chair; the S.W. declining to accept the office on account of his continued ill health. Bro. J. De Frece was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, a post he has filled during the past year to the extreme satisfaction of officers and brethren. Auditors were then elected, and also the Committee and Trustees to the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge. We believe this is the first lodge in the Province of West Lancashire that has attached a Fund of Benevolence, to enable its members' widows and orphans to receive substantial relief in cases of necessity, and it is to be hoped this good example will be emulated by other lodges in this province. Bro. W. G. Veale was then unanimously re-elected Organist. The W.M. having temporarily left the chair, it was taken by Bro. Brown, W.M. 241, when it was proposed, seconded, and carried without dissent, that a testimonial be presented to Bro. R. Robinson, W.M., the first Master of the Lodge of Israel, 1502, as a mark of esteem for his courtesy, his ability, and the faithful manner he has performed the arduous duties of Worshipful Master. Several brethren having been proposed for joining, relief having been granted to a deserving case, and other business of a formal character having been transacted the lodge was closed in the usual solemn form.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45).—At a meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday, 25th October, 1875, there were present—Bros. Stock, W.M.; Percy, S.W.; Tolmie, J.W.; Kidder, S.D.; Crawley, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Christopher, Tyler; Beckett, Preceptor; Killick, Hon. Sec. Visitors—Bros. Powell, 186; Hall, 898; Mitchell, 1360, and a large muster of the members. The Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Walker being the candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections, and Bro. Beckett, the 4th of the first lecture, ably assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mitchell, 1360, was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Tolmie, W.M. for the ensuing week, under whose presidency the fifteen sections will be worked.

Royal Arch.

PYTHAGOREAN CHAPTER (No. 79).—The regular convocation of this young but prosperous chapter was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Thursday, the 21st inst. The M.E.Z., being unavoidably absent, Companion Griffin, P.Z., occupied the post of honour, supported by Comp. Halsey, P.Z., as H., and Comp. Leman, P.Z., as J. There were also present Comps. W. West Smith, P.Z. acting Scribe E.; I. J. Hooper Wilkins, Scribe N.; Dussek, acting P.S., and other companions. The chapter having been duly opened, and the companions admitted, a letter of apology was read from the candidate for exaltation, explaining the cause of his non-attendance, and letters were also read from the officers not present, in which the absence of each was respectively accounted for. Another letter was read from the widow of Comp. Wilson, announcing the death of her husband, an announcement which was received with great regret, as Comp. Wilson, though not absolutely one of the founders of the chapter, was very active in its promotion, was present at its consecration, and made a very handsome present towards its furniture. The Scribe E. was ordered to write to Mrs. Wilson, expressing the regret manifested by the chapter at the melancholy intelligence. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and after a fraternal "good-bye," the companions went their several ways rejoicing.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on Wednesday, October 13th. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. John Barr; E. Fearon, H.; and John Bowes, P.Z., &c., as J.; assisted by [Comps. W. Gibson, P.Z.; Kenworthy, P.Z.; and James Porter, P.Z., No. 327, Wigton, after which the remainder of the companions, an unusually large number, were admitted. Several candidates were balloted for, and afterwards exalted by the M.E.Z., the Historic Lecture being delivered by Comp. E. Fearon. After some routine business had been disposed of, Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z., in the name of the chapter, presented to the M.E.Z. a handsome gold P.Z. jewel, which bore the following inscription, "Presented to M.E. Comp. Barr in recognition of his invaluable services as M.E.Z. of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, October 13th, 1875." The M.E.Z. then called upon E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. West Lancashire, to take the chair as Installing Principal, who installed the Principals and invested the officers as follows:—Comps. John Barr, re-elected Z.; E. Fearon, H.; W. Sandwith, J.; John Tickle, S.E.; W. Armstrong, S.N.; E. Tyson, P.S.; J. McKelvie, Treas.; John Rothery and W. F. Lamony, Asst. Sojs.; and W. Corrie, Janitor. On the conclusion of the ceremony E. Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z., said they were in the habit

of according to their kind Comp. Bowes annually a vote of thanks, but he had an addition to propose on that occasion—it was that in consideration of the great assistance afforded by E. Comp. Bowes to the chapter for a long time past, he elected an honorary member for life. This proposition was seconded by Comp. Fearon, supported by Comp. Tickle, S.E., and unanimously agreed to. The chapter then voted ten guineas to the Boys' School. The business of the chapter being concluded, the companions adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent repast awaited them. The chair was occupied by the M.E.Z., Comp. Barr, supported on the right and left by Comps. W. B. Gibson, P.Z.; James Porter, P.Z.; E. Tyson, P.S.; John Bowes, P.Z., &c.; Kenworthy, P.Z.; McKelvie, Treas. The cross tables were presided over by Comps. Tickle and Armstrong. The Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts. Comp. Bowes then proposed "The Three Grand Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England," and in doing so referred to each individually, and said that with such chiefs they had every reason to be proud of that, the highest Order of recognized Freemasonry.

Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z., proposed "The M.E.Z., Comp. John Barr." He said they were all deeply indebted to their M.E.Z. for the zeal and ability with which he had managed to work the chapter, and therefore it was the unanimous desire of the members that he should retain the position another year. The M.E.Z., in responding, said that he was deeply indebted to the companions for their kindness. He assured them that it was no easy task to master the ceremonial part of his labour; that he had succeeded owing in no small degree to the untiring exertions of their Preceptor, Comp. Bowes. Comp. Pagen proposed "The Second and Third Principals and Officers of Chapter No. 119." He said he could not but echo the feelings of regret expressed by the M.E.Z. in chapter at the enforced absence of their worthy and E. Comp. Dr. Henry, H. elect. He had written from London to say how sorry he was that he could not be with them to receive the benefit of installation at the hands of his friend Comp. Bowes, and they shared his sorrow, and sincerely hoped that his health ere long would be completely restored. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast because he felt confident that the chapter would be efficiently worked by their present staff. Comps. E. Fearon, W. Sandwith, McKelvie, Tickle, Armstrong, Tyson, and Rothery severally responded. Comp. McKelvie proposed "The P.Z.'s of Chapter No. 119." He said the age of their chapter precluded them from having many P.Z.'s, but out of the small number two were present, Comps. Gibson and Kenworthy, and two more worthy brethren and trusty companions could not be found. Their zeal in the Masonic cause was well known and appreciated in the province. They were both Past Senior Wardens of the province, and, as they all knew, Comp. Gibson was at present Prov. G. Sec. Their interest in Masonry was unabated, and they therefore might congratulate themselves that they had their names on their muster roll. Comp. Gibson thanked them very heartily for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and said Comp. McKelvie was not far wrong when he said his friend Comp. Kenworthy and himself took a warm interest in Masonry. Their engagements were frequent, and it afforded them great pleasure to undertake the duties which they were invited to discharge. Comp. Kenworthy also responded, and expressed the great delight he experienced in witnessing the efficient manner in which their chapter was worked. When they lost their friend and companion, Capt. Mott, it occurred to him when, M.E.Z., that Comp. Bowes would take the chapter under his care and put it in working order. This desirable object had been achieved, and they rejoiced on all sides. Comp. Fearon proposed "The Installing Principal, E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B. West Lancashire," complimenting him upon the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day. He said Comp. Bowes was always both ready and willing to impart instruction to those who required it. On reaching the town the night before, he at once expressed a wish to meet the officers in the Chapter Room, to talk about the work they had successfully completed that day. He had very great pleasure in proposing the toast. Comp. Bowes, in responding, said that having lived in the county, and some of his oldest friends still living in it, he was naturally attached to Cumberland. With respect to Freemasonry, he had been a "working" brother for many years; but he was one of those who did not wish to keep the work in his own hands. When he first visited their chapter, which he did on the invitation of his old friend Comp. Kenworthy, they could do little of themselves. He offered his services to any companion who desired instruction, and Comp. Barr came forward. What they had witnessed that day was a proof that they were both sincere. No one could have listened to the ceremony of exaltation without feeling that they were deeply indebted to the M.E.Z. for the labour he had bestowed upon the requirements of his office. He (Comp. Bowes) never remembered having a more apt pupil. He would only add that his best offices should always be at the disposal of the province. He was rejoiced to see that due care and oversight of Royal Arch Masonry was about to be inaugurated. A new chapter was shortly to be consecrated at Kirkby Lonsdale, with Lord Bective at its head, and then they might soon hope to see a Provincial Grand Chapter constituted. He thanked them very heartily. Comp. Alop proposed "The Principals, Officers, and Members of Chapters in the Province," and coupled with it the name of Comp. James Porter, P.Z. of Wigton, who responded. Comp. Kenworthy, in proposing "The Visiting Companions," said he had much pleasure in discharging that duty, as he should couple with it the names of two Cumberland men now resident in far distant climes, but who happened to be on a visit to the land of their birth. Comp. George Glasce, of Victoria, Hong Kong, and John R. Smith, of Chicago, U.S. America, responded, and were warmly

received. Comp. McKelvie proposed "The Newly-elected Companions" and Comp. Cowman responded. Comp. Gibson proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so alluded in gratifying terms to the recent election to the Boys' School of Robert Duff, of Silloth, due in a great measure to the active personal exertions on the spot of Comp. James Porter, with whose name the toast was coupled. Comp. Porter responded in a most interesting and instructive speech. Comp. Bowes asked permission to propose a toast not on the list. The officers had all been considered, but there was an unofficial member who, if they would excuse the paradox, was always in office, and one to whom the chapter was deeply indebted; he referred to Comp. White. The toast was heartily received. Comp. White briefly responded. The Janitors' toast completed the list. During the evening a number of companions kindly favoured the company with songs, &c., under the able direction of Comp. Cooper, Organist.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—The first meeting since the summer recess of this old chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 12th inst. There were present Comps. Smith, M.E.Z.; Holbrook, acting H.; Elsam, J.; Davage, Scribe E.; Wagner, N.; P. Robinson, P.S.; Mander, Second Assist.; Loewenstark, P.Z.; Webb, Walls, Watts, and others. The minutes of the April chapter were read and confirmed. Two brethren of the Jordan and Royal Union Lodges were to have been exalted, but in consequence of business arrangements they were unable to attend the chapter. A letter having been read from Comp. Hammond, the Second Principal, apologizing for his absence, the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the M.E.Z. gave the Royal toasts, and alluded to the departure of H.R.H., the G.Z. of the Order, for India, and hoped that before the Jerusalem Chapter separated for the annual recess the Prince would have returned in good health to his native country, to renew those duties of his high position which hitherto he had discharged with credit to himself and to the national satisfaction. Comp. Loewenstark, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and congratulated the chapter upon possessing so energetic a First Principal, who frequently came several hundred miles in order to be present at the working of the chapter. Comp. Smith acknowledged the compliment, and in the course of his speech stated that he was one of the few first Principals present when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed G.Z. of the Order, and the ceremony was so efficiently and impressively performed that it had created an impression upon his mind which could never be effaced. He concluded by assuring the companions that, although he resided so many miles from London, nothing short of ill health or domestic calamity should prevent his coming among them. Comps. Loewenstark and Davage replied for "The Past Principals," and Comp. Elsam responded on behalf of himself and Comp. Hammond, who was unavoidably absent, to the toast of "The Second and Third Principals." The health of the other officers having been drunk, Comps. Robinson, and Mander replied. Between the toasts Comps. Robinson, Mander, and Walls vocally and dramatically entertained the companions, who separated at an early hour, after spending a most agreeable evening.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—A meeting of the above chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City, on October 20th. Members present:—Comps. Henry Mugeridge, M.E.Z.; G. Newman, H.; F. D. R. Copestick, J.; Henry Birdseye, S.N.; Edward Jones, P.S.; Charles Arkell, First Asst.; T. C. Chapman, Second Asst.; Edward King, P.Z.; George Kenning, P.Z. and Treas.; Joseph Copestick, T. Burdett Yeoman, E. J. Storr, J. G. Dunn, John Kent, C. W. Cheese, John Curle, Francis Fellowes, George Phythian, Edward H. Lidbury. Visitors:—Comps. W. T. Howe, 217; Samuel Poynter, 720; Peter Wagner, 185; J. B. Sorrell, 176; J. E. Russell, 22; J. R. Foulger, P.Z. 177; Gilbert, Janitor. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Edward H. Lidbury. It being unanimously in his favour, and Bro. Lidbury being present, he was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the result of the ballot being in favour of Comp. George Newman, M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, H.; Henry Birdseye, J.; Edward J. Jones, S.N.; Francis Fellowes, S.E.; Charles Arkell, P.S.; George Kenning, Treas.; Gilbert, Janitor. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried that the Audit Committee should consist of the Present and Past Officers, also Comps. Joseph Copestick, John Kent, and T. Burdett Yeoman. It was also proposed, seconded and carried, that the bye-laws of the chapter should be printed and circulated amongst the members. Comp. F. D. R. Copestick proposed Bro. Charles Tustin, of the Gresham Lodge, for exaltation at the next meeting. Comp. Charles Arkell proposed Bro. George G. Potter, A.I.A., of the Domestic Lodge, for exaltation at the next meeting. The chapter was then duly closed, and adjourned to January, 1876. The companions dined together. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. The evening was enlivened by recitations and songs, Comp. Henry Mugeridge giving the "Balaklava Charge." Some good vocal music was rendered by Comps. Poynter, Foulger, Fellowes, Chapman, Arkell, and Birdseye.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Chapter (No. 225).—On the 22nd ult. the usual quarterly meeting of the St. Luke's Royal Arch Chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich. Present—Comps. Emma Holmes, M.E.Z.; J. Turner, P.Z., as H.; Dr. Mills, P.Z., as J.; G. Abbott, P.S.; A. Barber, Scribe E.; J. Whitehead, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. Barber called attention to the fact that several brethren were very much in arrears with their subscriptions; and it was resolved that all members more than three years in arrears should be struck off, due notice being

given. Comp. Turner moved that Comp. Findley be elected an honorary member of this chapter, which was carried unanimously. Comp. Findley, who has been a very faithful member of the Craft for many years, is now bed ridden, and never likely to enter a Masonic meeting again. He has lately been elected a pensioner of the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and it was a graceful act of the chapter to elect one of the oldest and most respected P.Z.'s an honorary member of the chapter. The other business of the chapter having been transacted, Comp. Mills gave the exordium. The chapter was duly closed, and the companions partook of the customary frugal fare provided for the chapter.

WINDSOR.—Windsor Castle Chapter (No. 771).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, Oct. 21st, at the Masonic Hall. Present: Comps. J. Stevens, M.E.Z.; H. H. Hodges, H.; J. Tolley, J.; E. Grisbrook, S.E.; G. W. Dixon, S.N.; G. H. Powell, First A.S.; J. Strange, Second A.S.; J. Devereux, P.Z.; J. Reid, P.Z.; W. S. Cantrell, J. H. S. Reid, and others; with the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.Z., and Lewis Birjett, S.N. 834, visitors. Bros. Stocken and Barton were duly exalted into the Holy Royal Arch by the M.E.Z. Comp. J. Reid, P.Z., then installed the following Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. H. Hodges, M.E.Z.; J. Tolley, H.; E. Grisbrook, J. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers as follows:—Comps. J. Devereux, P.Z., Treas.; G. W. Dixon, S.E.; G. H. Powell, S.N.; F. Fleck, P.S. (by proxy); Nowell, Janitor. Comp. Devereux then rose and commented in most appropriate terms upon the zeal and assiduity with which Comp. J. Stevens, I.P.Z., had ruled over the chapter as M.E.Z. during the three years he had held that important office, and proposed that some suitable recognition be made to him, and that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the chapter for that purpose, and that a committee consisting of Comps. Hodges, M.E.Z.; J. Tolley, H.; E. Grisbrook, J.; G. W. Dixon, S.E.; G. H. Powell, S.N., and Devereux, P.Z., be formed to decide as to the form of the testimonial, &c. Comp. Stevens expressed his thanks to the companions, and assured them of his continued interest in the chapter. A cordial vote of thanks was then given to Comp. John Reid, P.Z., for the services he had rendered to the chapter. Comp. Reid having replied in suitable terms, the chapter was closed according to ancient rite.

INSTRUCTION.

THE METROPOLITAN ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—The first meeting of the session was held at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 5th of October. Comp. Brett, the much-esteemed Preceptor, was unable to attend, but the other permanent officers, namely, Comp. John Boyd, Treas., and Comps. Thomas William White and J. Rumsey, S.E.'s, were in their places. Comp. Boyd, as the senior officer present, assumed the chair of M.E.Z., and appointed the following companions to the various offices for the evening:—E. Gouthail, H.; John Wyer, J.; Thomas William White and J. Rumsey, S.E.'s; A. H. Lilly, S.N.; E. Gilbert, P.S. In addition to whom there were also present Comps. R. Wyatt, W. H. Kempster, G. K. Lemann, J. Allsopp, William Stephens, R. W. Goddard, &c. The business of the evening was commenced by completely rehearsing the ceremony of exaltation, Comp. Lemann acting as candidate. At the conclusion of the addresses the audit committee was elected, and Comp. Edward S. Norris, who was unavoidably absent, was appointed Assistant S.E., in the room of Comp. E. H. Finney, jun., whose decease was recently noted with sincere regret in our obituary column. By the time the officers for the ensuing fortnight had been elected, half-past eight had nearly arrived. The chapter was, therefore, closed with the customary forms, and adjourned to the following Tuesday evening at half-past six. It would be well to remind Royal Arch Masons that this chapter meets every Tuesday during the Masonic season, and every companion is welcome who can satisfy the officers that he is entitled to enter. It must be a matter of considerable gratification to Comp. Brett and his colleagues that the Treasurer has been enabled during the past year to hand over the sum of twenty-five guineas to the Masonic charities, and it is to be hoped that the small balance in his hands will be considerably augmented between now and next May. As to the "working" it is only necessary to say that it is Companion Brett's, with which every Arch Mason is, or ought to be acquainted.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTH MOLTON.—The Fortescue Lodge (No. 9) held its monthly meeting on Monday Oct. 18, at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Sanders, W.M.; Brewer, Prov. S.W.; J. T. Shapland, J.W.; E. Galliford, Wood, and Widgery, Overseers; Bros. Galliford, Sec.; Cole, I.G., and other brethren. Bro. J. T. Shapland, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. J. Galliford, Treas.; and Bro. Richard Kingdon, Tyler. Bro. Arden A. Shapland, a member of the lodge and son of the W.M. elect, having been recently accidentally drowned at Teignmouth whilst bathing, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Bro. Wood, P.M., seconded by Bro. Brewer, that the sympathy and condolence of the lodge be given to Bro. J. T. Shapland and his family for the severe loss they had sustained. Bro. Hancock, W.M., and Bro. Huxtable, P.M., both of Lodge No. 1135, Ilfracombe, were proposed for advancement.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—Howe Lodge (No. 21).—The autumn meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., when there was a fair attendance. Bro. J. C. Duncombe, W.M., presided. The candidates did not come for advancement, so, after routine business was ended, Bro.

R. Boughton Smith, S.W., was complimented on having got in much of the arrears of the subscriptions which had been owing for several years. The lodge, which has not done much for some time, seems to be looking up again under the able Mastership of Bro. Duncombe, who does not scruple to travel 20 miles to attend any Masonic gathering.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 34).—he regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presided, supported by his office-bearers, together with a large number of members and visiting brethren. Bro. J. Dick, Sec., at the request of the R.W.M., read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Applications were then read from Messrs Thos. H. Kirk and James Orr, craving to be received into the Order through Lodge St. John, No. 34. The applications being sustained they were prepared, and received the E.A. Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. After spending a pleasant and profitable hour in harmony, the lodge was recalled to labour, and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Thistle and Rose Lodge (No. 73).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday evening, 19th inst., Bro. George McDonald, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. G. Weston, I.P.M.; J. Bannerman, D.M.; the Wardens, and other office-bearers, in their proper places. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. David Reid, R.W.M. 465; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; J. Adams, 360; John M. Innes, S.W. 408; E. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning, &c. The lodge having been opened in the First or E.A. Degree, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. An application was read from Mr. John Wright, who was admitted, and received the E.A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543. The lodge was then raised to the Fellow Craft Degree, and from the Fellow Craft to the Master Mason Degree, when Bros. Sigismund Gentile, of Lodge Union, 332, and Robert Smith Cross were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. Degree, and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle (No. 87).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Bro. Jas. Burns, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Booth, S.W.; W. Wilson, J. W.; J. Fraser, P.M.; J. Miller, P.M.; J. Love, S.M.; D. H. Miller, P.M. 102; H. W. Jackman, S.W. 571; W. Sivewright, J.W. 571; and others. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Applications for admittance into the Order were read from Messrs. A. McLachlan and A. Mundi, who were approved and received the E.A. degree, Bro. J. Booth, S.W., officiating. The lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., when Bros. Troop and Fraser were put in possession of that degree, Bro. John Miller, P.M., officiating. This formed the working part of the business before the lodge. The remaining business was the question of raising the fees. This was introduced by the Chairman, Bro. James W. Burns, R.W.M., who reminded the brethren that it had been an understood thing when they came to their present quarters, the hall of Lodge Commercial, No. 360, that their fees should be raised to the level of that lodge—that is to say, from £2 15s., as at present, to three guineas. He would now say that the matter should be considered as early as possible. Bro. John Fraser, P.M., said he really did think that the fees were much too small for a lodge holding the position of No. 87, and that the time had now come for an advance. Independently of Lodge Commercial altogether this should be done. All throughout the province there was a tendency in this direction; and at the last meeting of Lodge St. John, 34, they had raised their scale to five guineas. It was not for the mere sake of raising the fees, by itself, but it would increase their power of giving away in charity, of making larger grants, and thus enable them to assist in confuting the cry which was all over the United Kingdom that Scotland had nothing to show in the way of charity. The Chairman having briefly endorsed the spirit of Bro. Fraser's remarks, Bro. Miller, P.M., moved that the fees of the lodge be raised to three guineas, and Bro. Fraser seconded the motion. Bro. James Love, D.M., then moved that they be raised to £3 10s., which was seconded by Bro. Best. Finally, Bro. Wm. Wilson, J.W., moved that the annual test fee of the lodge be 10s., which was seconded by Bro. Love. The respective motions will be put before the lodge for decision in due course.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, 24th inst., in honour of Bro. Alexander Bain, a respected Past Master of the lodge, and also present B.B. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. Rarely, if ever, has there been a larger number of brethren congregated with the walls of the Masonic Hall at No. 170, Buchanan-street, which was filled almost to discomfort by an attendance mostly of members of No. 103, gathered together to testify to the respect in which they held their Past Master. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Andrew M. Wright; other office-bearers of the lodge present being Bros. Geo. Muir, D.M.; David Murray, S.M.; Wm. Thomson, S.W.; Robert Munro, J.W.; Neil Cameron, Treas.; and James Gillies, Sec. There were also present, among affiliated and visiting brethren, Bros. George Sinclair, Treas. of P.G. Benevolent Fund; James Thomson, P.M. 362; Thomas Fletcher, I.P.M. 34; John Morgan, R.W.M. 219; John Cunningham, R.W.M. 347; John Johnston, &c. and others. The lodge having been opened

in the First Degree was thereafter adjourned to refreshment, at which the R.W.M. presided. After the standard, loyal, and Masonic toast were duly honoured, the Chairman gave the toasts of the evening—namely, "The Health of Bro. Bain, P.M. of Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103." This he did in brief but well-chosen and most cordial terms; and in concluding presented Bro. Bain, on behalf of the lodge, with a valuable gold watch, gold Albert, and locket, as a small testimony of the esteem in which he was universally held amongst the brethren. Bro. Bain acknowledged the compliment in a feeling reply, in concluding which he said that he loved Masonry, he loved its principles, and he loved all deserving Masons. It would ever be a source of great happiness to him to think that he enjoyed the good wishes of his brethren; and he could only thank most sincerely all who had contributed to the magnificent testimonial he had received that evening. The remainder of the evening was passed most harmoniously and agreeably in every way.

PARTICK.—St. Mary's Lodge (No. 117).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mary's Hall, Partick, on Wednesday evening, 20th inst., Bro. William Wylie, R.W.M., in the chair; D. Peacock, S.W.; Andrew Agnew, J.W. Present: Andrew Brunton, P.M.; John Bain, D.M.; Thos. Granger, P.M.; Wm. Borland, P.M.; John Wylie, Treas.; and John Maitland, Sec.; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543, and a number of visiting brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last two meetings were read and adopted. An application was read from G. S. Rowling, master mariner, was favourably received, and he was admitted and initiated into the E.A. Degree of Freemasonry by Bro. John Bain in a very careful manner. The lodge was then raised to the E.C. Degree, when Bro. George W. Kean was passed to the square degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. Wm. Borland officiating. The lodge was then closed in due and proper form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 15th inst., Bro. J. Monro, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. A. Morton, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; Finlay, Treas.; Bickerton, Sec.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The R.W.M. then called upon the Secretary to read the names of the brethren who had been recommended for office for the ensuing year at the meeting of the 8th inst. for the approval of the lodge. There being no objection raised, the R.W.M. declared the officers, whose names had been read and met with their approval, duly nominated. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Colquhoun was then passed to this degree, Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., officiating. This brought the business to a close.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, (St. Mark's), 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 3 o'clock. Bro. J. E. Dobson, R.W.M. presided, supported by Bros. H. W. Jackman, S.W.; W. Sivewright, J.W., and the other office-bearers. Among the visiting brethren were J. Burns, R.W.M. 87; J. Booth, S.W. 87; W. Phillips, R.W.M. 556; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; D. Lamb, D.M. 360; W. H. Bickerton, Sec. 360, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was raised to the F.C. Degree, when Bro. Donald Noble received that, the R.W.M. officiating. This was all the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clydesdale (No. 556).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S., on Monday evening, 18th inst., Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. T. Russell, D.M.; J. McNaught, S.M.; T. Phillips, acting S.W.; Jackman, 571, acting J.W., and the other office-bearers in their places. There were also present Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M. 275; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543; and a number of visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved of, after which applications were read from the following gentlemen, and favourably received, they were admitted, and initiated into the E.A. Degree by the R.W.M., viz.:—Robert Paterson, William Wallace, and William Riddall. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and raised to the M.M. Degree, when Bros. A. Malcolm and J. Ferguson were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the R.W.M. officiating. The lodge was then closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).—This chapter met in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 14th inst., when the office-bearers for the ensuing year were installed by Comp. G. W. Wheeler, Z. of No. 73, in a very elaborate and graceful manner, and that ceremony ended, a deputation from the P.G. Chapter was received, consisting of Comps. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Supt.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.E.; T. Halket, P.G., Treas.; J. Balfour, J. Miller, P.G. Director of Music, and others. Comp. Barrow expressed himself highly pleased with the condition of the chapter books, and said he was very much gratified at the success which had attended the chapter during the past year, and which he hoped would continue with them during the year now commenced. Comp. Miller, Z., then thanked the P.G. Superintendent for his friendly report and good wishes, and shortly afterwards the chapter was closed. The Mark Masters' Lodge was afterwards opened, and that degree conferred on a worthy brother, and while that degree was being wrought in the large hall, Comp. A. Barrow, assisted by Comps. T. Halket and J. Balfour, conferred the degree of Installed J. on Comp. James Louttit in the adjoining room. The office-bearers for the ensuing year are Z. John Millar, H.; Wm. Bell, J.; James Louttit, S.E.; Robert Morrison, S.N.; Walter Robertson, Treas.; Peter Agnew, First Soj;

Colin McKenzie, Second Soj.; George Gourlie, Third Soj.; John Wright, Superintendent of Works; Daniel Leeds, Janitor; Robert Gardner; Messrs. John Baikie and Andrew Holmes were appointed Auditors.

PRESENTATION AND DINNER TO BRO. JAS. B. WALKER.—On Thursday evening, the 14th inst., a meeting of members of Lodge St. John, No. 34, was held in the large hall of Middleton's Restaurant, Trongate, Glasgow, to do honour to their much esteemed Past Master, Bro. J. B. Walker, on occasion of his leaving the province to take up his residence in Edinburgh. The R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. William Bell, presided; and in addition to the guest of the evening there were present Past Masters Gavin Park, John Baird, Jas. McMillan, and Thos. Fletcher—the latter of whom officiated as croupier. There were also present Bros. James Steel, P.M. No. 4 (Glasgow Kilwinning); Archd. McTaggart, P.M. No. 27 (St. Mungo) and P.G. Secretary; George Sinclair, P.M. No. 27 and Treasurer P.G. Benevolent Fund; Jas. Thomson, P.M. No. 362 (St. Clair), &c. Amongst brethren unavoidably absent was Bro. W. Montgomery Neilson, R.W.P.G.M., and one of the subscribers to the presentation. The Chairman gave in order the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The Croupier then proposed "The Lord Provost and Magistrates of Glasgow." In so doing he referred, *inter alia*, to the work done by the City Improvement Trust in clearing away "rookeries" in various districts—which, he said, was so far good, but he was only sorry to see that they were now raising up structures which were not much better. The Chairman then presented Bro. Walker with an address which had been drawn up on behalf of the lodge and, with a gold watch and appendages. A beautiful gold brooch and ear-rings for Mrs. Walker, of exquisite design and workmanship, were afterwards presented by the Croupier (Bro. Fletcher), with whom Bro. Walker had been intimate from boyhood. Bro. Walker replied in fitting terms. A number of toasts were afterwards given, and at intervals in the course of the evening the proceedings were agreeably varied by song and recitation, contributed by Bros. Beveridge, Leitch, Thomson, Park, and Lockhart.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda paper of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, to be held next Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall:—

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England:—

"The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 22nd July, 1875, to the 19th October, 1875, both inclusive, which they find to be as follow:—

To Balance Grand Chapter	£308 0 3
" Unappropriated Account	146 18 11
" Subsequent Receipts	244 11 0
	£699 10 1

By Purchase of £200 Consols at 94½ and Commission	£189 5 0
" Disbursements during the Quarter	304 8 7
" Balance	149 10 7
" " in Unappropriated Account	156 5 11
	£699 10 1

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., bankers of the Grand Treasurer."

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

From Companions Robert Margrave as Z., Aaron Stone as H., John Beavan Phillips as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 671, Llanelly, for a chapter to be called "The St. Eliw Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Llanelly, in the county of Carmarthen.

From Companions Benbow Backhouse Marson as Z., Joseph Bell as H., Richard Brown as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, Liverpool, to be called "The De Grey and Ripon Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, Lancashire.

From Companions Richard Charles Elise as Z., Alfred Thrale Perkins as H., Edward Bath as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Benevolent Lodge, No. 446, Wells, to be called "The Avalon Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Wells, in the county of Somerset.

From Companions Horatio Lloyd as Z., John Chesworth Robinson as H., John Oswald Bury as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, Chester, to be called "The Cestrian Chapter," and to meet at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.

From Companions Richard Arnaud Brooke as Z., Robert Hooker as H., Myles Haslam as J., and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Hindpool Lodge, No. 1225, Barrow-in-Furness, to be called "The Abbey Chapter," and to meet at the Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire.

From Companions the Earl of Bective as Z., William Dodd as H., John Talbot as J., and fourteen others for a chapter to be attached to the Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale, to be called "The Bective Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale, in the county of Westmoreland.

From Companions Edward Thomas Inskip as Z., William Burbank Stocker as H., Frederick William Fisher as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, Gloucester, to be called "The

Royal Lebanon Chapter," and to meet at the Spread Eagle Hotel, in the city of Gloucester.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed)

JOHN SAVAGE,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th Oct., 1875.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE SKEAF CONCERT IN LIVERPOOL.—The complimentary concert to Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.M. 216, P.G. Organist, organised and carried out by the brethren of West Lancashire, especially by those resident in Liverpool, promises to be one of the most successful and brilliant public Masonic gatherings which Liverpool has ever witnessed. Bro. Skeaf's ability and zeal in Masonry are well-known in the province, and it has been considered that a concert, liberally supported, would be a fitting recognition of the valuable services he has so ably and cheerfully rendered to the Craft generally and to many other charitable institutions. The scheme has been submitted to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, numerous Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, and many of the influential brethren in this and the adjoining provinces, and has met with cordial approval and promises of valuable support. A dispensation has been granted, permitting the brethren to appear at the concert in the clothing and insignia of the various Masonic Orders, and the arrangements entered into are calculated to render the gathering truly Masonic, in every way successful and honourable to the Craft generally, and a significant compliment to a worthy brother. The concert is fixed for the 23rd November, at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, and Madame Liebhart's concert party has been specially retained.

THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.—We extract the following from the "World":—"The social aspect of affairs under which, in 1874, the Duke of Abercorn was induced once more to resume the position that he had occupied from 1866 to 1868 was decidedly critical. When, in the former of these years, he was appointed to the august post—the first Conservative Minister for seven years—it was unanimously declared by those Irishmen who were competent to speak on the subject that Lord Abercorn was the only man who could possibly occupy the office which a Tory noble like Lord Eglinton had filled with such splendid efficiency. When, in 1874, Mr. Disraeli was called upon to nominate a Lord-Lieutenant for Ireland, the same tribunal was unanimous in its protestation that the only nobleman who could reign where Lord Abercorn had reigned six years ago was none other than the Duke of Abercorn himself. Reluctantly, he was prevailed upon to accept the proffered honour, which could indeed be esteemed no new honour to him. Magnificently, at great expense and with great self-sacrifice, he has discharged its duties. The Viceroy's official salary is £20,000 a year; the Duke of Abercorn's official expenses cannot be less than £40,000; and though his Grace is not badly off even for a duke, the fiftieth part of a million is a fair slice out of the statist's incomes. . . . The Duke of Abercorn is an ornament to the peerage, from his presence, his manner, his position, and his resources. But he is also one of its bulwarks. He is a brilliant instance of the truth that to be a handsome and polished patrician need not mean to be a fribble, and that a capacity hitherto undreamed of may be hidden under a brow that wears the strawberry leaf."

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Camden Lodge of Instruction, on Monday next, at 7 o'clock, at the Stanhope Arms, James-street, Camden Town.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesday next at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction.

STATISTICS.—Bro. Drummond's table of statistics shows that in 48 American Grand Lodges there are 985,269 members. There have been raised within the year 37,984, and admitted 17,091. There have been dimitted 18,472, expelled 1,117, suspended 563, suspended for non-payment of dues 12,620. The number of deaths reported was 6357, and of rejections 8871. In England and her colonies there are 91,750 Masons; in Scotland, 21,000; in Ireland, 18,400; in Prussia, 35,193; in Italy, 12,053; in Spain, 4200; in Portugal, 2800; in France, 10,800; in Belgium, 2185; in Switzerland, 1800, and in Norway and Sweden 10,800. Total, 210,981. From this it appears that American Freemasonry exceeds all these countries in strength and influence.

Captain Matthew Webb, the celebrated swimmer, was been proposed for initiation in the Neptune Lodge on Thursday last.

The Lord Mayor presided over the final meeting of the Executive Committee of the fund for the relief of the distress caused by the French inundations. The total amount of the subscriptions was £26,497, of which a balance of £716 remaining in hand was ordered to be sent to Madame MacMahon for distribution by the local committee.

A Royal Proclamation appears in the "Gazette" further proroguing Parliament to the 15th December, and Convocation to the following day.

It is announced that General Sir James Alexander, K.C.B., has joined the board of directors of the Briton Life Association, and that Dr. William Henry Pilkington, J.P., Clayton de Moors, Lancashire, and Mr. James H. Clarke, Nottingham, have become extraordinary directors of the same association.

A telegram from Milan says that on Friday, the 22nd inst., His Majesty the Emperor of Germany received the Freemasons, who presented an address to him from the representatives of all the Italian lodges. He expressed his deep sense of the importance of Masonic institutions, and asked for minute details respecting the Italian lodges. The brethren were enchanted with his genial cordiality.

Bro. the Rev. A. G. Shears, for some time Masonic editor of Loomis' "Musical and Masonic Journal," Hartford, Connecticut, has retired on account of infirmities and domestic cares.

The Memphis "Jewel" is endeavouring to stir up the brethren of Tennessee to a proper sense of duty, in urging upon them the necessity of completing the Masonic Hall at Memphis, and the establishment of a Masonic Home.

Visiting the Museum of the Guildhall we were struck by the improved lighting of that underground and hitherto gas-lit apartment, due to the "Luminarum" reflectors of Mr. Chappuis, of 69, Fleet-street, that have recently been fixed outside the windows. These reflectors, which throw in a quantity of daylight from the narrow area allotted to lighting, are placed at two angles, the object of this arrangement being that the upper and flatter part of the reflector reflects the light of the sky to the further side of the Museum, and the under portion, which is at a steeper angle, reflects the rays on the floor and upon the cases.

Bro. Emma Holmes' articles on the Freemasons and Architecture appear to be attracting some attention outside the Masonic pale, particularly as regards his suggestion that the Grand Lodge of England should contribute towards the restoration, or rather completion, of St. Paul's. The leading organ of the Civil Service, our clever contemporary the "Civilian," notices the proposal with approval, so do the "Suffolk Chronicle," the "Peterborough Advertiser" of the 16th inst., the "Essex Standard" of the 22nd, and the "Sunderland Times" of the same date. The last named paper, however, in quoting Bro. Holmes' strictures on the apathy of the north country Masons, says, "Mr. Holmes does not seem to be aware that during the past twelve months the Freemasons of this province (Durham) have placed a window in Durham Cathedral to commemorate the completion of a quarter of a century as Prov. Grand Master by John Fawcett, Esq."

BALAKLAVA BANQUET.—Mr. Pennington, "the brave soldier," and now "eminent tragedian and gentleman," who recited Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade," is a brother Mason, rank M.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge 780.

The "Voice of Masonry" says: "It is an astonishing, and not a flattering fact, that of the 600,000 members of the Craft in the United States of America, not a hundred thousand have an interest to fully know the history of the Order to which they belong."

The Prince Frederick William Chapter of Instruction in Royal Arch Freemasonry, held at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, will for the future meet every week on Thursdays, at 8 p.m., and so give extended opportunity for officers of chapters and other companions to practise their duties. The instruction chapter has all requisite furniture, and companions can minutely go through the working of the various offices, and perfect themselves for their chapter duties, which must give confidence, and enable them to perform their duties more efficiently.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., has laid the foundation-stone of some new Church schools at Roby, near Liverpool. His Lordship expressed a wish to see children compelled to pass in a certain standard before they could be employed.

On Tuesday the Lady Mayoress held her last reception at the Mansion House.

The King of Greece has conferred the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Saviour upon the Duke of Sutherland, Sir Bartle Frere, and Bro. Lord Suffield; the grade of Grand Commander upon Lord Alfred Paget and General Probyn; and that of Commander upon Bro. Knollys and Dr. Fayer. Bro. Lord Aylesford, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, Colonel Williams, and Canon Duckworth have been created Officers, and Captain Fitz-George, Mr. Grey, and Mr. Hall, Knights of the Order.

At the Cheshire Quarter Sessions, held at Knutsford on Monday week, Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.G.S.W. of Cheshire, Recorder of Chester, was appointed Chairman of Quarter Session. The name of Bro. G. W. Latham, Past G.S.B. of England, was also proposed, but at his own request his name was withdrawn, Bro. Latham intimating that he should retire from the County Bench. This intimation will be received with great regret throughout the county, as he has long been greatly respected, both by magistrates and the public.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS: Good spirits.—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The weather oftentimes receives the blame, when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach, and improving digestion. They entirely remove the sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue, and act as a wholesome stimulant to the liver and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.—Adv.

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All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Careful attention will be paid to all MSS. entrusted to the Editor, but he cannot undertake to return them unless accompanied by stamped directed covers.

"GENTLEMAN MASONS."—Too personal for our peaceful pages!

W. B. BUCHAN.—Declined with thanks.

The following stand over:—

Bros. Tew and Verrett in our next; too late for this week.

Coloured Lodges in the United States; J. J. Findel in our next.

Consecration of a New Lodge at Morecombe.

Entered Apprentices Song; Bro. Burdett Yeoman.

Consecration of a Lodge at Dunmow.

Consecration of a Lodge at Didsbury.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The Early History of the Antiquities of Freemasonry." George F. Fort. Putnam, Philadelphia.

"The Old Story." By S. C. Hall, Esq., F.S.A.

"The Indian Graphic."

"Bye-Laws of the York Lodge, 236."

"A Channel Steam Ferry."

"Transactions Grand Lodge of Michigan, U.S.A., 1875." MASONIC MUSIC.—"The Craft that has Weathered the Storm." London: Geo. Kenning.

NOTICE.

The SECOND EDITION OF THE "FREEMASON," which will be ready early Saturday morning, will contain full reports of the proceedings at the installation of Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of Herts, the General Committee of the Girls' School, and the Red Cross Conclave at Cambridge.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 30, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales took leave of the King and Queen of Greece off Hydra, and entered Port Said at 8.10 a.m. on the 23rd, where the Khedive's son and General Stanton came on board, amid salutes of cannon. The Prince of Wales, with his suite, was transferred to the Royal Yacht Osborne, and proceeded at 10.30 to Ismailia by the canal, where they landed at five o'clock. A guard of honour received the Prince, to whom great honours were offered. A special train conveyed the Royal party to Cairo, where they arrived at nine and had a magnificent reception. The Khedive was at the station with his Ministers and the English and foreign Consuls, while vast crowds of people were gathered outside. Military regiments were drawn up, and the bands played "God Save the Queen." At Zagazig, near Ismailia, the Prince received a reply to a telegram sent to the Princess from Port Said. On the 24th Divine service was performed. On the 25th there was an investiture of the Star of India and later an illumination of the Pyramids. H.R.H. invested Prince Teufik with the Star of India in the presence of the Khedive with great éclat. The Serapis left Suez at 8.10 on the 26th, after a brilliant reception. All well. The "Times of India" of Oct. 4, thus refers to the preparations making for the Prince's visit: "Preparations for the Prince's visit still occupy public attention, especially in Bombay, as the western capital is to have the honour of welcoming the Prince to India. It has been arranged to have a grand Freemasons' ball in the Town Hall, and the Byculla Club will give one to the officers of the Flying Squadron, at which the Prince has promised to be present, if only for a short time, during the evening. The visit to Poona has been decided upon, and we believe

Ahmedabad is also to have the honour of receiving the Prince. In Calcutta and Madras addresses are being prepared and arrangements for his Highness's reception matured. The committee appointed at Madras to draw up the address have fixed upon a very chaste design for the casket which is to hold it. The casket will be made of ivory, ornamented with gold, engraved after the swami pattern. The whole will be supported by four elephants made of gold. A Hyderabad nobleman is having a gorgeous palanquin and two tonjons constructed for presentation to his Royal Highness. The palanquin is painted in imitation of gold, and lined with rich velvet to match, and bears on the panels the coat of arms of the giver. When completed, with silver mountings, &c., it promises to be a very handsome piece of workmanship. Preparations on an extensive scale are being made for the visit of the Nizam to Bombay to welcome the Prince. It is expected that fifteen Hyderabad rajahs will accompany the Nizam to Bombay. His Highness will have an escort of four hundred cavalry of the re-formed troops, and two thousand retainers. The rajahs rajahlings, and chiefs in India are contributing most liberally towards the reception of the Prince. The largest contribution from a native Prince towards the visit is that of the Maharajah of Benares, who gave 25,000 rupees towards founding a hospital in that city to commemorate the Prince's visit. The Maharajah of Vizianagram gave 15,000 rupees on that occasion. But the Zemindar of Ettapooram, in the Tinnivelly district, though yet a minor, has signified his intention to the collector to expend 30,000 rupees on the occasion of his Royal Highness's visit to Tuticorin." Admiral Drummond reports that the engines of the Serapis now work in the most satisfactory manner.

A PRECEDENT.

We beg most earnestly to invite the attention of all our brethren to a little matter which affects the constitutional interests of Freemasonry, and the present and future welfare of our great Metropolitan Educational Institutions. It has been contended that a Provincial Grand Lodge, and, of course, "a fortiori" of Grand Lodge, has the power of passing a resolution which would tend either to inquire into the government, the expenditure, or the internal economy of these voluntary Masonic institutions. We have always contended, and always shall contend, that such a motion is unconstitutional and altogether "ultra vires." We are happy to find that our humble view of the matter is fully confirmed by the expressed and deliberate opinion of our quondam, noble, and admirable ruler, Lord Zetland. At the Quarterly Communication of March 3rd, 1858, our distinguished Bro. Beach, M.P., and now P.G.M. for Hampshire, raised a point of order as to the refusal of the Board of Masters to receive a resolution proposed to be submitted to Grand Lodge, relative to the examination of the children in the two Freemasons' Schools. What are our admirable old chief's wise remarks, remarks which we venture to press on the constitutional feelings and Masonic principles of a great many excellent brethren, who do not for once seem to apprehend the vital principles at issue? The M.W.G.M. said, that he believed the question of Bro. Beach arose out of the fact that the Chairman of the Board of Masters had refused to receive a notice of motion referring to two of the Masonic charities. In his opinion the Chairman of the Board was perfectly right in taking that course. It was a motion, as he had already stated, having reference to two of the Masonic charities, with which "Grand Lodge had nothing more to do than as subscribers. If a notice proposing to interfere with the British Orphan Asylum at Clapham had been put before the Board of Masters there could be no doubt that they would be justified in refusing to receive it. Grand Lodge had little more to do with the Masonic charities than with the British Orphan Asylum; that was to say, that it had nothing more to do with them than had any individual subscriber." This decision, Ex cathedra, by our lamented and constitutional G.M., Lord Zetland, will, we think, influence many whom our own inferior authority

has not naturally convinced. Thus, then, the proper course, and the only proper course, for complainant and complaint, is to go before the House Committee, or the Quarterly Court; and no other proposal or proceeding can be anything else but a "brutum fulmen," or a step taken unadvisedly in entire ignorance of the true position of the Masonic Schools, towards the constituted bodies of our Masonic system. We have but one interest to serve, the interest of the Craft; and we trust we may be credited for being actuated in all that we put forward in the "Freemason" by a fervent desire to uphold the proper constitutional precedents of our valuable Order on the one hand, and the real interests and permanent welfare of our great educational institutions on the other.

MASONIC MEMORIES.

We all of us at times go back in the spirit of our minds to other days and ancient friends. For in Freemasonry, like in every thing else, Time, the great disturber and destroyer of all mundane institutions, often lays its heavy hand on us and the lodge, where we have spent so many happy hours. Change or sickness, absence or business, take us away for a short time from the company of contemporaries, and the gatherings of our confederates, and like as in some tale of the genii, in the meanwhile, a magic transformation has taken place. The old friends we knew so well have gone. Bro. Jones is sick and suffering, Bro. Brown has gone to live in the country, Bro. Simpson can't leave home of an evening, Bro. Barker has got tired of Freemasonry, Bro. Pogson is advised by his doctor not to face the night air, one or two have become married men, one or two have migrated elsewhere, and lo and behold, the whole personnel of the lodge is completely metamorphosed. We enter the lodge once again as of yore, we find the external appearances unchanged, and the old Tyler greets us with a smile, and nod, and a few words of fraternal welcome, "Long time since we have seen you, Bro. Cropper, where have you been? And then we approach the mystic sanctum, and find ourselves once more in a well-known seat. All looks as it ever did, except that array of faces, the greater part of which is actually unknown to us. Oh, we say, "Quando mutatus ab illo" is the lodge of to-day, from that good old assembly in which in happier hours we wiled innocently away a few sunny hours of life, amid the calls of duty, or the labours of refreshment. And then we almost start. No more good old P.M. Jones with his dogmatism and his lectures, his laying down the law, his infallible authority, his ready utterance, and his good memory. No; all is changed. A young P.M., excessively well got up, very civil, very pleasant, and very fluent, repeats those cherished formulæ which we have heard so often from friendly lips of old, from the brave, the true, the warm-hearted, and the most fraternal alike in speech and heart, and which we know so well, and have been acquainted with so long. The old lodge is the same in some respects to us, as it, indeed, must be, and yet it is not the same. We miss the smiling faces and warm hearts of the past; we miss friendship that never wavered, and fraternal feelings that never changed; we miss the old familiar companions of many an hour of work, of many a merry re-union; and, like ghosts in an assembly of the living, we are like strangers in a home which once was ours, and new comers in a lodge room which we aided to establish and adorn. And all we can say is, "Such is life." Time and change come to us all in turn; they dim the after hours of life with lowering clouds, they undermine friendship, and they deaden affection. The world is moving on, and we are growing old, and the "postnati" are getting the advantage of us, and think that we are not quite go-a-head enough for them. Like Masonic philosophers, let us accept calmly then, the inevitable and the actual. We have worked our work, we have done our duty, we have laughed at old Jowler, and cheered Pat Maguire's song, and have declared that our W.M. is a "jolly good fellow, which nobody can deny—ny." We have upheld the cause of Masonic order, or have furthered the claims of Masonic benevolence, and as every dog as its day, we have had ours. But still the

memories of the past will supervene to whisper to us of many pleasant hours and happy gatherings, and to remember us of that good old lodge "quorum pars," once upon a time "magna fuimus."

RECENT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

We have had to report the meetings of several of our important Provincial Grand Lodges lately, and as a general rule they all display much Masonic activity, and a happy and peaceful and constitutional progress, on the good old foundations and according to the safe old landmarks of Freemasonry. In one Provincial Grand Lodge, indeed, which shall here be nameless, the brethren were told to report nothing to the press, and the so-called official report is alike meagre and unsatisfactory. Any alarm or jealousy of the Masonic Press, which only caters for the information of the Craft at large, is alike unworthy of our age and our Order. In West Lancashire, under the presidency of our active and distinguished Deputy Grand Master, the P.G. Lodge, in accordance with the powers of the Book of Constitutions, has unanimously resolved to tax all the lodges in West Yorkshire for the purposes of benevolence, and in order to aid the charities. No doubt this may appear, and probably will be, a heavy burden on some lodges which are not so prosperous as others, but it is a step which we venture to deem greatly calculated to promote the cause and real end of Freemasonry. For one thing is quite clear even to the most careless observer of the current claims and work of our great Masonic Institutions, that what they want is the general support of the Order at large. We do not say—because we know that our brotherhood, despite the opinion of some, is not a rich body—that every brother should subscribe alike, but we do contend that more yet might be done by our lodges and chapters, and by our brethren, if not individually, on the principle of association and co-operation. For if a certain number of brethren cannot afford properly each to be a Life Governor and Steward, they can club together and endow some of the chairs of the lodge, or offices of the lodge with a perpetual Life Governorship. People sometimes talk as if every member of the 91,700 Freemasons who are said to belong to our English Constitution at home and in the colonies could each become a Life Governor of our metropolitan charities. But this is an impossibility from the simple fact, that a large proportion at any rate of our Order have only fixed and limited incomes to deal with. When then this is the case, the principle of association and co-operation comes in. What you cannot do singly you can do combined with others, and we therefore urge on all our readers to make an election of one of the charities for 1876, and give it either personal or conjoint support. There can be no doubt that, if the example of West Lancashire is generally followed, the provinces will have a larger sum to deal with in support of the charities or of local benevolence than they have ever had before, and as the great aim and object of Freemasonry are ever said to be the active principle of fraternal benevolence, of aid to the distressed, of succour to the needy, of protection to the orphan, we are glad to call attention to the unanimous action of a very distinguished province under its noble and amiable head, and to note its hearty and truly Masonic proceedings, for the information of our readers, and the imitation of other provinces.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

The annual meeting of this body is over for 1875, after a long and laborious session, beginning Monday, September the 13th, and ending Saturday the 18th. There does not seem to have been any matters of very great importance decided at this annual assembly, that is for those who are extra to French Freemasonry. The one point about which there seems to have been most discussion, and considerable excitement, was the proposal to enable the "Conseil de l'Ordre" to deal judicially with the case of a Master or an Orator, where the lodge had been led into irregularities of one kind or another, and which were opposed to the laws and regulations of the Grand Orient. As this was a departure from the normal

condition of affairs, from the actual "Regime Maconnique," it led to much opposition, and was finally rejected. It was then a defeat for the Conseil de l'Ordre which formally proposed the alteration. The object, no doubt, was to strengthen the hands of the Conseil de l'Ordre in dealing instantaneously with some aberrations and vagaries, of which individual Masters and lodges have been guilty, and which may occur again, and to repress any deviations from the neutral and unpolitical path, which ought ever to be that of Freemasonry. But whether or no, the Grand Orient thought it better "stare super vias antiquas," we know not, but it unmistakably objected to and rejected the proposition. Beyond this we see little to note, as most of the business transacted was purely interesting to our brethren under the French Constitution. The Grand Orient took a very decided line as to the dissident chapters, and it is quite clear that the present anomalous arrangement will be perpetuated for some time longer. If we may venture to express an opinion on the matter, we should say, let the Grand Orient govern Craft or symbolic lodges, and a High Grade Metropolitan Chapter the High Grade Chapters. Our distinguished Bro. St. Jean has been re-elected President of the Conseil de l'Ordre; Bro. Cousin, Vice-President; Bro. Armand, Vice-President; and Bros. Caubet and Poule, Secretaries. The following brethren were also elected members of the Conseil:—Poule, Bremond, Roche, Loubatieres, Doué, De Heredia, Duhamel, Andrieux, Lagache, Bruand, André Rouselle, Marchal, Blanchon. We had prepared a translation of Bro. Pinchinat's oration at the close of the meeting for the week before last, but the great press of Masonic reports and correspondence has compelled us to abandon the project, and it will appear in the December "Masonic Magazine."

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PHILADELPHIA.

Pressure in our columns of Masonic matters prevents us alluding to this subject, as we said last week.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE FREEMASONS' BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe in your notice of the proceedings at the last General Court of this Institution I am reported as having suggested that the time had arrived when the school building at Wood Green should be enlarged. Now, this is altogether so different from the import of the few words I ventured to address to the committee that I ask for space to be allowed to say, I attended the Court on purpose to point out that the very small number of boys which it was proposed to elect seemed not to be proportioned to the very large amount of Masonic benevolence which had been entrusted to the Committee of the Boys' School during the past and preceding years, and also to urge, in view of the continued support given to the institution, that a greater number of poor Masonic children should be provided for; and I pointed out that in consequence of so small a number being elected it requires such an enormous number of votes to be collected as to render it a distressing task to any poor widow to undertake a canvass, unless supported by influential Masonic friends or some powerful Provincial Lodge.

It is possible my diffidence in addressing so large a body of Governors may have rendered my meaning not quite plain, but it is a great stretch of imagination to interpret my remarks into a suggestion for increasing the building of the Boys' School: considering the large amount which has been expended on its erection, it appears to me improbable that it could not be made to accommodate a considerable number of children beyond those now under its roofs.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ALFRED LAYTON.

THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A few explanatory corrections in continuation of mine in your last week's number, in reply to Messrs. Tew and Perrott.

At p. 29 we have the expenditure under the head "Grants, Outfits, Gratuities," most strongly animadverted upon, it being stated that "the amount so expended in 1872, 1873, and 1874 is £114 5s. 0s." Quite right, but from this should be deducted £9, £4 10s., and £5 in the three years as gratuities of 10s. each to boys on leaving, and which Mr. Perrott knew was given to each boy personally by the chairman, and therefore could not appear in the tables, and

of £1 5s. for silver medal in 1874 "most unaccountably" (I admit) charged under the wrong head of expenditure. This leaves £294 10s., thus made up:

Grants and Gratuities 1872	110	0	0
" " 1873	122	0	0
" " 1874	62	10	0

Of this the "Reply" states only £294 10 0

Leaving "unaccounted for" £122 0 0

(with the £19 15s. = £141 15s.) "of which no account is rendered." The inference is obvious. Pray attend to the annexed statement:—

In the Report for 1873, published in 1874, the total accounted for on p. 37 is	50	0	0
" " p. 38 is	105	0	0
" " p. 39 is	95	0	0
" " p. 40 is	75	0	0

Deduct clerical errors, "Duplicate Entries,"

4, Collingwood Howe, Recknell, Holme, at £5 20 0 0

Deduct, paid in 1871, because the table really shows results commencing in the year 1871

55 0 0

And add, as shown on p. 48, Report 1875,

because absolutely paid in 1874 47 10 0

And you have a sum £297 10 0

covering the whole amount paid in the three years, instead of a deficit of £122 (141 15s.) "of which no account is rendered."

It may be urged that this account is not readily intelligible, nor perhaps is it so, without explanation. The tables—pp. 37-40 in Report for 1873 (or those in previous Reports)—were not intended to serve any other purpose than that of showing

- That certain boys had left the institution.
- Date of leaving.
- Amount of grant on obtaining situation.
- Calling or occupation.

e.g. Samuel Collingwood left the institution in 1868. Obtained a situation in 1871. Was granted £5 on June 6, 1873, which was paid on 20th June, 1873.

I give this as an instance proving the impossibility of comparing the tables with the amount expended in any given year as shown in the balance sheet, and contend that it is quite sufficient for the information of the subscribers to set forth the manner in which boys on leaving the institution are assisted from time to time.

It is for the Audit Committee to examine and to satisfy themselves that the money granted by the General Committee has been properly expended, and, having done so, to certify the fact in the published balance sheet. And this has been done most scrupulously with reference to every shilling of expenditure.

To this statement, on behalf of the Audit Committee, I challenge contradiction.

This does not permit an examination sufficiently minute or careful to discover the cause of the discrepancy of £3, but it will be ascertained, while every grant and payment can be verified by reference to minute and cash book.

My paramount anxiety being to set myself right on money questions, I trouble you no further at present, leaving other misstatements for future correction.

If, however, simple integrity and common honesty are to be ruthlessly destroyed by the reckless attacks of self-constituted censors, whose reputation will be safe? I confidently rely on the qualified members of the Order to show unmistakably that personal spleen shall not be gratified at the expense of private character, or by the sacrifice of the interests of a noble institution, which already has suffered much at the hands of one who for eighteen months unfortunately interfered considerably with its usefulness, and who now, under the guise of an exponent of abuses, seems to be labouring as far as his petty power extends to produce its ruin.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

London, 26th October, 1875.

LODGES OF EMERGENCY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Book of Constitutions, page 64, says that "a lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the Master," provided "the business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon."

Further, at page 84, it says, "In cases of emergency" such and such points are to be attended to, "and the circumstances which cause the emergency" are to be stated.

I have ever been in doubt what latitude the Master of a lodge has in calling a lodge of emergency. I have initiated candidates at a lodge of emergency who have been going abroad at short notice, and conferred other degrees on properly qualified candidates who have come across the seas and who were not able to stay for a regular lodge, but I have always hesitated to do more than this.

It has been put to me that I can call a lodge of emergency at any time to initiate, pass, and raise brethren, provided they are elected at a regular lodge and the due time has elapsed between the degrees.

That is, supposing I did not find it convenient to confer degrees at a regular lodge, I could call a lodge of emergency the next week, if I pleased, and do the work. If this latitude be allowed by the Book of Constitutions I am sorry for it, and shall be glad of information thereon.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
HENRY JEFFS,
P.M. and W.M. No. 493.
Gloucester, Oct. 21, 1875.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the question of "An Enquiring M.M." as to his right to wear the "five-pointed star," as a jewel of the Third Degree, I must confess I do not think he is entitled to wear it. Certainly the rule laid down in the Book of Constitutions is rather vague, but we have no intimation, either in the ritual or elsewhere, that I know of, that that jewel in any way appertains to the Third Degree.

The only jewel I know of that could be legally worn in a Craft lodge, besides those specified in the Book of Constitutions, are the Charity jewel and R.A., and I cannot understand how they came to be omitted among the legal jewels.

Surely "An Enquiring M.M." might be content with the "badge" which fully designates his rank.

I am, yours fraternally,
E. Y. NEPEAN, P.M. 1373,
P.P.G.C. Hants and Isle of Wight.

FREEMASONRY IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be very pleased to assist Bro. George Markham Tweddell in the compilation of a History of Freemasonry in the North of England.

The work is an extensive one, and at present I am not aware what materials Bro. Tweddell has collected, but if he will communicate with me, and explain his intentions as to the History, what information he lacks, &c., &c., I shall be delighted to supply all in my power, so as to render his work as complete and accurate as all the previous productions from his pen, and I feel sure Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., will also gladly assist.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,
Truro, 23rd Oct., 1875.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to correct a slight mistake which was published in your valuable paper the "Freemason" of last week. I had the pleasure of visiting King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, to the installation meeting and banquet. The mistake is in the name. The name in your paper is McLucy, of No. 60, instead of McLevy, of Widow Son Lodge, No. 60, Charlottesville, Va., U.S. of America. By putting this correctly in your valuable paper next week, you will greatly oblige.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully, and fraternally,

McLEVY.

BRO. NORTON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the memorial you so kindly inserted on my behalf, I find my address was omitted when the brethren signed the paper. I now hasten to repair the oversight, informing the Craft I shall be most happy to give full particulars of any distressing case on receipt of stamped directed envelope to,

Hopefully yours,

B. S. NORTON.

Tettenhall, Wolverhampton.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A brother, in a fit of pique, writes to the W.M. that he will never enter the lodge again. The W.M. writes to him to ask whether the letter is intended as a resignation, but receives no answer. He then calls, and by word of mouth receives the reply that it may be taken in that light if the W.M. likes. My opinion is, that the letter did not imply resignation of membership; and that, therefore, no verbal communication, even if it amounted to resignation, outside the lodge, could justify the W.M. in having the brother's name taken off the books. I should like to hear the opinion of some of the many brethren, (your correspondents), who are much older and more experienced Masons than myself, as to the matter.

I remain, yours fraternally,

SIGILLUM.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir,—

Your answer to "An Enquiring M.M." in your last issue is that rather of a hostile, than of a friendly informant. Permit me to supplement your replies.

1. Is the Mark Degree a recognized Masonic Order, i.e. by the Craft Grand Lodge?

It is not, any more than the 33° and the Temple, of which the Prince of Wales is G.M. But it is recognized by the 33°, by the Temple, by the Grand Chapters of Canada and the United States, and virtually by the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

2. Does it support the Masonic Charities?

The Mark Grand Lodge is a Vice-President of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, as are several of its Provincial Grand Lodges.

3. Their origin? In the 17th century Mother Kilwinning Lodge made members choose their marks, and charged them a fee of four shillings.

On January 7th, 1778, the Banff Operative Lodge laid down regulations for taking the degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master.

Mark lodges existed in England under the York Constitution; the minutes of the St. John's Mark Lodge at Bolton, dating from 1779.

The English Mark Lodges formed themselves into a Mark Grand Lodge under Lord Leigh in 1856, who was succeeded in 1860 by the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master of the Craft.

4. Is the Mark Degree a necessary preliminary to the Royal Arch? Not in England, but in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and the United States, no one can be a Royal Arch Mason unless he is a Mark Master; and an English R.A. Mason, unless he were a Mark Master, would find himself debarred from entering a chapter in these countries where any work was going on.

Yours fraternally,
[We do not see how we have incurred the animadversions of "A Mark Master." We were asked as to the Grand Lodge of England alone, and we answered accordingly, exactly as "A Mark Master" has answered with reference to England. We answered bona fide to the best of our knowledge and belief, and "A Mark Master" has himself shown that we were perfectly correct. We disclaim any hostility.—ED.]

A MARK MASTER.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see a paragraph in a Sheffield paper, in the account of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, in that town, on the 20th, which sounds to me rather oddly. In the Sheffield "Daily Telegraph" of October 21st these words which follow are reported as forming part of the speech of our estimable P.G.M. "These efforts have resulted in the election of the two girls, and one boy also has got in. For this we have to thank our Bros. Thomas Tew, D.P.G.M.; Thomas Hill, Chairman of our Charity Committee; H. Smith, our P. G. Secretary, and Bro. Simpson, of St. Oswald's Lodge, who acted as scrutineer." In the first place, may I ask what a "scrutineer" has to do with the election, since it is his duty to hold himself entirely aloof from any questions of voting? And in the next place, may I respectfully inquire what Bro. Thomas Tew, D.P.G.M., had to do with the election? Was he even present? And lastly, is it too presumptuous to ask, to whom is our excellent P.G.M. indebted for this garbled version of the real facts of the case? Can our worthy Bro. Hill say, as the presiding representative of West Yorkshire, that such a version given of P.G.M., who no doubt spoke to the P.G. Lodge in all good faith, as he always does, is a correct one in any way?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
PALMAN QUI MERUIT FERAT, W.Y.

Rebels.

THE BYE-LAWS OF THE YORK LODGE, 226.

We have been greatly pleased with this little book, which has been edited for this well-known lodge by Bro. Wm. Cowling, P.M., and P.P.S.G.W. West Yorkshire, and by Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., P.P.G.O. It is a very admirable addition to our lodge histories, and to Masonic archaeology generally. For, in addition to a very lucid history of the York Lodge itself, it contains a very animated account of Freemasonry at York, and both these papers do great credit to the two able brethren who have respectively compiled them. The little work also contains a photograph of the oldest known Masonic picture in the world, that is of Sir Walter Hawksworth, G.M. of the ancient Grand Lodge of York from 1711 to 1713. We only regret that our pages, full now to repletion, will not allow of a longer review, but as we understand that a full review of this acceptable lodge history, admirably printed as it is, will appear in the "Masonic Magazine" for December, we must refer our readers to that serial for further particulars and a more detailed review. We can only congratulate the York Lodge and Bro. P.M.'s Cowling and Todd on this happily completed "labour of love," and we take this opportunity of adding, that the spirit in which the York Lodge has ever treated the question of its own valuable records is in the highest degree creditable to the lodge and brethren, because based on the true principles of general courtesy, and the Masonic characteristics of liberality and consideration to all. W.

AN OLD STORY. By S. C. HALL, Esq.

We have before us a very neatly printed and prettily got up story in aid of the cause of Temperance. As Freemasons we always endeavour, or ought to do so, to be temperate in all things, and, therefore, anything which will help forward a very praiseworthy endeavour after reformation in respect of evil habits or untoward excess deserves, and will command our friendly approval. We do not presume to be dogmatic or dictatorial, or to lay down the law on the matter, for, to say the truth, we are no admirers of the laws of Maine on this subject. But we gladly welcome all persuasive words and kindly efforts, whether in prose or verse, to improve defective habits, to restrain unhappy tendencies, and to point out to all, old or young, the healthful, and wholesome, and pressing claims of temperance on all who love their country, their families, their children, their neighbours, and their friends. We, therefore very readily commend Bro. Hall's poetic little tale to the kindly notice and perusal of our many readers at home and abroad.

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THE INDIAN GRAPHIC.

We have been much pleased with this extra issue of the "Graphic." It is well got up, and reflects credit on its enterprising publishers. The visit of our Grand Master to India makes all that relates to India just now very interesting to Freemasons and to Englishmen. We fancy this extra number will have a large sale.

MASONIC MUSIC.

"The Craft that has Weathered the Storm." By Bro. SHERWIN.—George Kenning.

We commend this sprightly and effective little song, alike eloquent in words and harmonious in melody, to the notice of our many musical brethren. It will suitably increase their own "repertoire," and greatly please their auditors.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

For the first time, the annual gathering of Freemasons of the Province of Staffordshire has been held at Lichfield, and the old city was on Tuesday aroused from its ordinary quietude by the assembling of nearly 200 brethren of the Craft. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened about one o'clock in the St. John's Lodge-room, at the George Hotel, when the Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by the Very Worshipful Bro. Frank James, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the officers of Grand Lodge, and a large number of Past Provincial Officers entered the lodge-room, and took their respective positions, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, &c., being saluted and received by the brethren Masonically. The other officers of Grand Lodge present were H. Wilson, 456, P.J.G.W.; the Revs. S. T. Tozer, 347, and T. B. Mundy, 1039, P.G. Chaplains; John Bodenham, 726, P.G. Treas.; W. Cartwright, 460, P.G. Sec.; E. Scrivener, 460, P.S.G.D.; James Watkin, 490, P.J.G.D.; S. Hill, 546, P.G.D.C.; Benjamin Love, 549, P.M. and P.G.A.D.C.; Thomas Bedmore, W.M. 1039, P.G.O.; Sampson Bennett, 91, P.G.S.B.; Herbert Russell, 1039; John Fowler, I.G. 1039; J. H. Henry, Sec. 1039; W. H. Durrad, 1039; J. Turnock, 1039; Chas. Lomas, 1039, P.G. Stewards; and H. Baggeley, 460, P.G. Tyler. The following Past Provincial Grand Officers also inscribed their names in the Tyler's book, viz.:—John Burton, 539, P.D.P.G.M.; Jos. Newman, 539, P. Prov. J.G.W.; George Singleton Tutor, P.D. P.G.M.; James Downess, 539, P.P.G. Chaplain; James Symons, 539, P.M. and P.P.G.S.B.; W. Bayliss, 539, P.M. and P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. W. Hancock, 1068, P.M. and P. Prov. G.P.; T. A. Jackson, 353 and 624, P.M. and P. Prov. S.G.D.; George Charles Richards, 301, P.M. and P.P.S.G.D.; J. C. McLean, 1039, P.P.G.P.; George Higham, 526, P.M. and P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; W. J. Gothard, 624, P.M. and P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; J. S. Witham, 850, P.M. and P.P. G.S.B.; James Rodgers, 418, P.P.G.S.D.; W. W. Burton, 731, S.W. and P.P.G.P. Derbyshire; Charles Matthews, P.M. and P.P.J. G.W.; George Spilsbury, 726, P.M. and P.P. S.G.W.; Clement Marsh, 463, P.P.S.G.W.; Sampson Bennett, 98, P.M. and P.G.S.B.; Henry Parker, 451, P.M. and P.P.J.G.W.; A. G. Prince, 546, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.P.; Henry Kilner, 526, P.G. R.; W. J. Whittall, 482, P.M., P.G.R.; Jas. F. Wileman, 586, P.P.J.G.T.; Frederick P. Derry, 482, P.M. 1551, and P.P.G.W.; Thos. Taylor, 418, P.M., and P.P.G.S.W.; R. Bindley, 1060, P.M. and P.P.G.P.; John L. Gibbons, 425, P.M. and P.P.S. of Derbyshire; M. W. Wilson, 794, P.P.S.G.W. Warwickshire; George Cooper, 456, P.P.G.P., and a large number of officers and members of the various lodges in the province.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the R.W.P.G.M. requested Brother Cartwright, P.G. Secretary, to read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held in the Talbot Gallery at Alton Towers, and also the minutes of the three quarterly meetings which had taken place at Cannock, Longton, and Handsworth, and these were subsequently confirmed. Brother J. Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer, reported that the receipts to Grand Lodge for the year amounted to £115 16s., and the disbursements to £80 15s. 10d., leaving a balance of £105 1s. 2d., in addition to £110 belonging

the Shrewsbury Benevolent Fund. The report was received and confirmed, and on the proposition of the R.W.P.G. Master, who referred to the deep indebtedness of the province for the work he had done, seconded by the V.W.D.P.G. Master, Brother Bodenham, was unanimously re-elected Tyler for the 39th time. These two offices are the only ones in connection with which the lodge has power to exercise their choice of selection.

Letters of apology were read from Brother Col. Vernon, P.P.G.M., and Brother Howells, P.P.G. Treasurer, the latter conveying his thanks to the brethren for the presentation of a jewel ordered by the last P.G. Lodge.

The R.W. the P.G. Master then proceeded to the appointment of his officers for the ensuing year, prefacing his selection by a few terse observations on his endeavours to confer the various appointments on those who Masonically merited them. After a few words of strong commendation, the R.W.P.G. Master re-appointed Brother Frank James, 539, as D.P.G.M., and re-invested him with the jewel of office.

The following is a list of the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.—

Frank James, 539	Prov. D.G.M.
Charles Trigg, 1039	Prov. G.S.W.
J. F. Wileman, 546	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. Brooke Lambert	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. Charles Lea, 526	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Francis Chaddick, 662	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Bodenham, 726	Prov. G. Treas.
W. Cartwright, 460	Prov. G. Sec.
Thomas Moore, 726	Prov. G.S.D.
John Waterson, 482	Prov. G.J.D.
W. Jones, 1520	Prov. G.S. Wks.
S. Hill, 546	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Payne Hall, 456	Prov. P.G.A.D.
John Lucas, 624	Prov. G. Swd. B.
T. Bedmore, 1030	Prov. G. Org.
T. R. Bettely, 482	Prov. G. Purst.
Richard Booth, 657	Prov. G. Std. B.
H. Bagguley	Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W.P.G. Master, on presenting each jewel, accompanied it with some commendatory remark—in the case of Bro. T. Moore, as S.D., he said “as a near neighbour I have had the pleasure of seeing the manner in which you have conducted the duties of your lodge, and I give you this jewel feeling that you richly deserve it;” and to Bro. W. Jones, as Superintendent of Works, he observed, “you well deserve honour as the originator and first Master of the Shrewsbury Lodge.”

Some discussion then took place on the subject of the Shrewsbury fund, and suggestions were made as to the advisableness of concentrating the voting power of the Province, the result being the unanimous adoption of a resolution, earnestly recommending W.M.'s of lodges and also individual subscribers to forward their votes to the Committee of the Masonic Charities Association as the most likely method of concentrating and making effective the voting power of the Province.

The business of the lodge was then suspended and a procession took place to the Cathedral, headed by the band of the 1st Staffordshire Militia, the brethren wearing their respective jewels and Masonic clothing. Prayers only were read, in consequence of some established regulation by the Dean and Chapter, that none but prebends or clergymen connected with the cathedral are permitted to preach there. The Rev. Bro. Tozer, P.G. Chaplain, who had been selected by the R.W.P.G.M. to preach, not having any local standing in connection with the sacred edifice, it was ruled by his lordship that the sermon should be delivered on the return of the brethren to the lodge-room, and this was subsequently done after the usual evening service and anthem at the cathedral. Before leaving the latter place a collection of £21 was made, and this amount was voted by the brethren, on their return to the lodge-room, in the following way:—£5 5s. to the organ fund of St. Mary's Church; £5 5s. to the Rev. Bro. Tozer's schools; and £10 10s. to the Shrewsbury Benevolent Fund. £30 was also voted from Provincial Grand Lodge to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows; and £11 was granted to pay off the balance due to the fund raised by the late Bro.

J. Pilling, for the purpose of providing Staffordshire ware to the Royal Institution for Boys, and also as a mark of respect to his memory.

The P.G. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren “retired from labour to refreshment.”

The banquet took place at St. George's Hall, which was decorated with banners, &c., belonging to various lodges in the province. The tables were arranged so that the brethren of each lodge had their respective positions assigned to them, the R.W.P.G. Master and several Past Provincial Officers being seated at a cross-table at the head of the hall, immediately in front of the stage or platform. The choristers of the cathedral, under the presidency of Bro. Bedmore, who accompanied on the piano, occupied the stage, and interested the company with singing several pieces; and in the galleries were a large number of ladies, who appeared to take a deep interest in the proceedings, and to whom the Provincial Stewards served cake and wine.

The dinner was served by Bro. J. Owen, of the George Hotel.

“Non nobis Domine” having been sung by the choristers, the R.W.P.G. Master proposed, in suitable and loyal terms, the toast of “The Queen and the Craft,” “The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family,” “His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England;” “The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro Grand Master;” “Lark Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past.” These were all drunk with enthusiasm.

This was followed by the V.W.D.P.G. Master proposing “The Health of the Right Worshipful the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire,” referring in the most flattering terms to his deep solicitude for the furtherance of true Masonic principles in the province, to the interest he evinced in affording every facility for the brethren at the Albert Hall on the occasion of the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and to the influence and assistance he had given to the Masonic charities in presiding at their annual festivals.

The V.W.D.P.G. Master then alluded in happy terms to the marriage of the noble earl's daughter, Lady Theresa Talbot, and stated that a substantial proof of the love and respect of the brethren of the province for their noble chief had been shown by the handsome present to his daughter, now Lady Castlereagh.—The R.W.P.G. Master feelingly acknowledged the toast, expressing the pride he felt in wearing the medal which had been presented to him in connection with the Masonic charities, and his desire that every Mason in the province should carry out the tenets of the Craft. It was a gratification to him and his family to receive such numberless instances of kindly feeling on the occasion of his daughter's marriage. But lately he had received a large deputation from his tenantry, whilst the school children, the servants, in fact everybody, seemed to be vying with each other in expressions of kindness and good-will.

The toast of “The Very Worshipful Bro. Frank James, D.P.G.M.,” was next humourously proposed by Bro. Dr. Burton, P.P.D.G.M., and responded to by Bro. James in his usually practical and eloquent manner. This was followed by the toasts of “The Provincial Grand Wardens and other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge,” “The Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province,” “The Visitors,” acknowledged by the Rev. R. Bigge, P.M. of 146; “The Provincial Grand Stewards,” and “The Ladies,” acknowledged by Bro. James Rodgers. “The Tyler's” toast closed the festival.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, 20th inst., notwithstanding a steady down-pour of rain the whole day, a goodly number of the brethren of West Yorkshire assembled at the Cutler's Hall, Sheffield, in connection with the above lodge, about 50 out of 61 lodges being represented. The preliminary lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. M. Tindall, and officers of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened,

it was presided over by Colonel Sir H. Edwards, who, after the customary salutation, said it afforded him much pleasure to meet the brethren that day, the first time the Wentworth banner had borne the honour. It afforded him an additional pleasure because of the unmistakeable loyalty the brethren had displayed on the occasion of the recent visit of H.R.H. the Grand Master of England and his amiable Princess in August last. He wished to express his gratitude to those who had lent them the use of the building for their meeting, and he was glad to learn that the brethren of Sheffield were contemplating the enlarging and improving of their own hall. He trusted the time was not far distant when every lodge in the province would hold their meetings in a building dedicated to Masonry. He next addressed the brethren on the subject of the Masonic Charities, and congratulated the province on the great accession of voting power it had attained this year. In the province of West Yorkshire no less a sum than £2000 had been subscribed during 1875 for the three great charities; but this amount has been contributed by only 174 brethren, leaving 2600 who had not directly contributed. As the Marquis of Ripon had often said, so must he—that he always found the same names in the list of subscribers. The province of West Yorkshire should do more. Never had such great exertions been required as at the recent elections in London, when the province secured the victory for their two girls and one boy. Referring to the growth of Freemasonry, the Prov. Grand Master said as admissions into Freemasonry were greatly on the increase, especially in this province, he earnestly urged W.M.'s of lodges to use the greatest care as to who were admitted into the Order; several Masonic clubs, he said, had been established in various towns by members of lodges, and he recommended that, whatever was the hour for closing public-houses in those places, that hour ought to be adopted for closing those clubs, as any later hour in opposition to the laws of the country tended to bring Freemasonry into disrepute. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, before concluding, passed a high eulogium on the ability of the late Bro. Freeman, of Huddersfield, who had died since the last meeting, and paid a high tribute to his memory.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master having been saluted, briefly responded, after which the routine business of the meeting was proceeded with.

Bro. Thos. Hill then made a report of the Charity Committee, and stated that in order to secure the election of a second girl the brethren of Huddersfield, from which district the girl came, had subscribed the handsome sum of 200 guineas.

The next subject brought before the meeting was one which engrossed the interest of all the brethren present; it was a resolution brought forward by Bro. J. Cawthorn, P.M., on the subject of the management of the Masonic Boys' School.

Bro. Cawthorn said he came there as no man's champion, nor at the instigation of any one. He felt a deep interest in the educational work of the charities, as well as in the number of candidates who had from time to time been refused admission, and it was as their champion that he stood before that meeting. He contended that the sum of £67 per annum per boy looked exorbitantly high, and if the Prov. Grand Lodge, by adopting his resolution, were instrumental in securing the same advantages for £37 which they now got for £67, and so secure a greater number of admissions to the school, they would attain a great work. He moved, “That this Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire take into consideration the necessity of thoroughly investigating the management and expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to the end that a more economic system of collecting and dispensing the funds of this institution may be arrived at, so that candidates who from time to time are excluded from its benefits by reason of the present system may, by a more judicious and less expensive management, be enabled to participate in the benefits of the charity.”

Bro. Isaac Booth, of Halifax, seconded the resolution, and in the course of an effective

speech contrasted the excessively large and extravagant expenditure of the Boys' School with some other institutions of which he personally knew something. The Masonic Boys' School at Wood Green cost £52 per annum per boy, exclusive of interest for capital; whilst the London Orphan Asylum, which afforded as good an education, cost under £32; the Manchester Orphan Asylum a fraction over £34; and the "costly" Halifax Orphanage, with a far superior education, cost £27 7s. 10d. This year the number of applicants who were unable to gain admission was about 60, and the margin between the London Orphanage and the Masonic Boys' School was sufficient to clothe, maintain, and educate more than double that number.

After other brethren had expressed their opinion, much in the same strain, the resolution was put and carried, with only one dissentient.

Other resolutions in support of the various charities were then considered, after which the Prov. Grand Lodge was duly closed.

About 130 of the brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, served in the dining room of the Cutlers' Hall. Mr. Robert Brookes, of High-street, Sheffield, was the purveyor.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received, and an enjoyable few hours were spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

By direction of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., a Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the Province of North Wales and Shropshire was held at Bangor on Friday, the 22nd inst. The Grand Lodge was opened in the Penrhyn Hall, which was extemporised as a lodge-room, being tastefully fitted up under the direction of Bros. T. Hathaway, P.M.; John Jones, W.M.; T. Purvis, and Evan Evans, of St. David's (Bangor) Lodge, 384. The brethren, who mustered very strongly, proceeded to the cathedral, where Divine service was held at four o'clock. The procession entered the cathedral by the great west door under Bishop Skeffington's tower, the brethren appearing in full Craft Masonic clothing and jewels. The service was full choral, and was intoned by the Rev. D. H. Ellis, Mus. Bac., and Bro. the Rev. J. R. Walters, Chaplain of the Segontium (Carnarvon) Lodge. The anthem was Dr. Wesley's "Blessed be the God," which, with the other portions of the service, was magnificently sung by the cathedral choir. Brother Roland Rogers, Mus. Doc., Oxon, organist of the cathedral, presided at the organ. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Bangor, and at the close of the service, which attracted a large congregation, a collection was made in aid of the Masonic and local charities. The local arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. R. Roberts, S.W., and other members of the Bangor Lodge. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel, and was provided by Mr. Denman.

Obituary.

LATE BRO. D. D. BECK.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. David Davison Beck, which occurred on the 13th inst. Bro. Beck was initiated into Freemasonry in the Industry Lodge, 186, London, on the 25th February, 1868, and he became Master of the same lodge in 1874. He was also a member of the Royal Arch, and was First Principal Elect of the Industry Chapter, in which office he was to have been installed last Tuesday. He was one of the principal founders of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1,306, and was inducted in its chair in 1872. In the following year he installed his successor, and was presented on that occasion with a very handsome gold watch, besides a ten guinea jewel, in recognition of his services. At the time of his death Bro. Beck was forty-eight years of age. His loss will be deeply deplored by a large circle of friends and brethren, by whom he was admired for his genial qualities. He leaves a widow and five children, the eldest of whom is only fifteen years of age. His remains were interred in Nunhead Cemetery on Monday last, and were followed to their last earthly resting-place by a numerous concourse of brethren.

Felton and Sons' (of Albermarle-street) "Spécialité" sherry has now maintained its reputation more than three years. Comparing an analysis which we made recently with the analysis of three years ago, we are glad to see that it is still an honest, sound wine, free from acid, and of excellent quality. It has attained and deserves a great medical reputation.—"Medical Record."

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

We have received from Bro. Graham the address of the Grand Master, of which the following is an abstract.

Officers and Brothers,--

The time for the annual meeting of Grand Lodge is a time for self-examination on the part of the Grand Master. He is called upon to review his own acts; to consider whether he has been faithful and diligent in the discharge of his duties, and whether he has laboured as zealously as he ought to have laboured in the interests committed to his care. Whilst I will not say that I have wilfully neglected any important duties, I must confess my consciousness of many lost opportunities to do good, for which I invoke your consideration towards myself.

In the kind feeling and harmony that prevail in our jurisdiction you will recognize the handiwork of the Great Architect of the Universe, and return Him thanks for this and all His other blessings bestowed upon us.

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England was an event that caused much interest, not only among the Freemasons in the Empire, but among all classes of people. The exalted position of the Prince of Wales, the magnificence of the ceremonial of his installation, the demonstration of warm affection excited by his appearance in Grand Lodge, the admirable spirit of his address on assuming his official station, and his own acknowledgment of attachment to our time-honoured fraternity, and of his determination to further its objects, are sufficient to make this event one of the most important in the annals of Freemasonry in the British Empire, and it is one that I trust will shed a lustre, not only upon the institution, but upon our distinguished brother.

Another striking Masonic event was the dedication in the city of Rome of a magnificent suite of apartments for the uses of the Craft—a ceremony in which nearly one thousand brothers united, and the public celebration of which demonstrates the Masonic unity now prevailing in Italy, as well as the growth of liberty in the Eternal City.

The dedication of the fine new Masonic Temple in New York was an event of more than ordinary interest. The Grand Master of that State courteously extended to the G.M. and other prominent officers of this Grand Lodge an invitation to be present and participate in the ceremonies. The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary concurred with me in the idea that the occasion was one to call for the congratulations of the entire Craft in the Province, and we, therefore, sent the following telegram to the Grand Lodge of New York:—

St John, New Brunswick, June 4, 1875.
To Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master:

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick fraternally greets the Grand Lodge of New York, and congratulates the fraternity of the Empire State on the great events of the week. May the Hall just dedicated ever be the abode of brotherly love, and the projected Asylum soon be an accomplished fact—a monument testifying alike to the great principles of our institution and of the devotion of New York Masonry to those principles.

John V. Ellis, Grand Master,
Robert Marshall, Deputy Grand Master,
Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary.

With all the Masonic jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal communication the most kindly relations prevail.

Commissions have issued to W. Bro. W. W. Estabrooks, Past Grand Chaplain of the Lodge of Iowa, and a native of this province, as our representative at that Grand Lodge; and to Bro. Christopher Dhal as our representative at the Grand Lodge of Utah.

MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.

It is a pleasing sign of the times that lodges of instruction, besides the contributions which the members give in their subscriptions to the charities, have instituted and are instituting Masonic Benevolent Associations for the purpose of making members of the Craft, their wives, sons, and daughters Life Governors of the institutions. One is in full working in the St. James's Union, and a new one

is to be started next week in connection with the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, which is held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, every Friday at 7 o'clock. The members pay a shilling a week, but the non-Masons take no part in the government of the association. The President is Bro. P.M. Stacey, 180; the Vice-President, Bro. John While, W.M. 228; and the committee are: Bros. Squirell, 206; Skelton, J.W. 1056; W. P. Webb, 985; Abell, 55; Collett, 190; F. Caton, 1349; J. Caton, 765; Dodson, 55; J. Rowlands, 1098 and 1541; Monroe (of the Rifle Lodge, Edinburgh). Bro. Bingham is the Treasurer, and Bro. Snelling, 180, the secretary.

The New Concord Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Rosemary Branch, Hoxton, has started a similar one for obtaining a Life Governorship in one of the charities. The officers are:—

PRESIDENT, Bro. Pearcey, 228.

VICE-PRESIDENT, Bro. Vanderling, 199.

TREASURER, Bro. Halford, 228.

COMMITTEE: Bros. W. H. Main, 813; Hobbs, 749; Braine, 65; Sadler, 1471; Cook, 65; Hickman, 228; Killick, 228; Isaac, 188; Stock, 1178; Knight, 1366; Trewinnard, 228; Madders, 1309.

HON. SECRETARY, Bro. Casworth.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 6, 1875.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec. Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-street.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

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

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Stanhope Arms, Upper James-street, Oval Road, Camden Town, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.

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

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), White Hart Hotel, Church-road, Upper Norwood, at 7.30; Bro. H. E. Francis, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Colonial Board at 3.

Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Regent's Masenic Hall, Regent-street.

" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent's Masonic Hall, Air-st., Piccadilly.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Upper-street, N.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.

Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. John Bingham, W.M. 55, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. J. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Grand Chapter, at 7.
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1491, Athenæum, Camden-road, Holloway.
 Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Nole, P.M., Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction (1524), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Mason's Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1351, St. Clement's Danes, King's Head Hotel, 265, Strand.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.

Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 Rose Croix Chapter 8, St. George's, 33, Golden-square.
 Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.
 Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1489), Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston; Bro. W. Stephens, Prec.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter of Instruction, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. Comp. Baker, P.Z., Preceptor.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.

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PYTHAGOREAN LODGE (No. 79).—This lodge held its second meeting of the season at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Monday the 25th ult., and there were present Bros. Charles Munyard, W.M.; Roberts, P.M. as I.P.M.; Charles Nash, P.M. as Sec.; Shaw, S.W.; J. J. Hooper, Wilkins, J.W.; Dussek, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; Partridge, I.G., and several other brethren. The minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed. A petition was then presented from a distressed brother, and on the motion of Bro. Wilkins, seconded by Bro. Dussek, a sum of three guineas was voted to him from the benevolent fund of the lodge, and it was also moved and seconded by the same brethren that a petition in his favour be signed for presentation to the Lodge of Benevolence, and the motion being unanimously carried, the petition was signed accordingly. The lodge was then closed and adjourned until the last Monday in the ensuing month.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Anderson's Hotel. Bro. S. Pardoe, W.M., presided. Bros. Southron, Channon, Everett, and Woolf were raised, and Bros. Shute and Brown passed. Bro. G. Read, P.M. and Secretary, installed Bro. W. J. Russell as W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. S. Pardoe, I.P.M.; Whitlock, S.W.; Elborn, J.W.; A. Barfield, P.M., Treas.; G. Read, P.M., Sec.; Avery, S.D.; Webber, J.D.; Ward, I.G.; Schofield, P.M., M.C.; and Cole, W.S. Bro. S. Pardoe was presented with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel. £20 was given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and thirty guineas to the Girls' School. Nearly 120 brethren sat down to banquet. Bros. Hodges, Vaughan, and Channon responded for the initiates, and Bro. Dixon, P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, for the visitors, of whom there were twenty-eight present. Bro. Knight Smith having presided at the organ during the evening, and also favoured the company with some excellent singing, was also complimented with a special vote of thanks in a speech from the W.M.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of this well established lodge was held at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, October 28th. Bro. S. O. Lewin, W.M., presided. There were present Bros. H. J. Tison, J. J. Pakes, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., and forty members. The visitors were Bros. C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middlesex, P.M. 33, &c.; H. P. Steil, 781; J. T. Adams, 1326; T. W. Crout, 1326; W. Bardman, I.G. 1531; J. Marking, 879; H. R. Harker, 79; J. Triptree, 13; H. W. Wieland, 1428; J. Topp, 913, and others whose names we were unable to ascertain. Bro. S. O. Lewin, W.M., opened the lodge in the several degrees. Bro. J. Andrews, I.P.M., in a perfect manner passed T. W. Crout, 1326, and H. W. Wieland, 1423, to the degree of a Fellow Craft Freemason. He raised Bros. J. McDonald, and J. T. Adams, 1326, to the Master Masons Degree. By a large majority being but four dissentients it was resolved that the lodge from its funds reimburse Bro. S. Andrews, P.M., the cost of the jewel worn by him as one who assisted as Steward at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. J. Baxter Langley, J.D., was elected as Steward to represent the lodge at the annual festival, to be held for the Royal Benevolent Institution Festival in 1876. All business being ended, the lodge was closed. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 25th. An important notice of motion was given by the Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, to revise the bye-laws. A good supper was served.

ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319).—On Monday last the annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, in the beautiful room which is adorned with Sir Godfrey Kneller's painting of Sir Christopher Wren, Master of the Old St. Paul's Lodge, (now Lodge of Antiquity), in 1685. This meeting of the Lodge of Asaph, is the only one in the year at which there is a banquet, all its other meetings, (and there are eight of them) being devoted to work only. At all the meetings there is a large attendance of brethren, the lodge, which was founded for the convenience of members of the theatrical

and musical professions, meeting in the day time, generally at two or three o'clock, and leaving the evenings open for the fulfilment of professional engagements. On the occasion of the installation the lodge meets at two o'clock, and in conformity with the usual custom this was the case last Monday. Immediately after two the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Edwin Frewin, assisted by Bros. C. S. Jekyll, S.W.; W. A. Tinney, J.W.; E. Stanton Jones, P.M. Sec.; E. Terry, S.D.; George Buckland, J.D.; Henry J. Tinney, I.G.; Charles Coote, P.M.; James Weaver, P.M.; Edward Swanborough, D.C.; John Read, A. A. Pendlebury, H. Massey ("Freemason"), John Boatwright, George Tyler, W. F. Cremer, Steward; Henry Baker, Thomas W. Gough, Joseph Perry, George Horton, John M. Ball, Henry Snyders, Julian Egerton, John Strachan, William Graves, Joseph Horton, John Friskney Hutchins, Olaf Svendsen, Henry Lazarus, Gustavus R. Egerton, Frederick Kendall, William Lewis Barrett, James Greenhill, James Romberg Poulter, Arthur Thomas, Harry Cox, and several others. In the course of the afternoon several other members and visitors were present; among the former being Bros. Cox, C. H. Stephenson, A. Swanborough, Wellard, Henson, Soutar, Coles, Maclean, and Wand; and among the latter Bros. Charles Dickens, W.M. of the Maybury Lodge, 969; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; A. Kirseborn, St. Olaf's, Christiana; R. J. Spiers, P.M. 10; J. White, S.D. 860; J. Finch, P.M. 173; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; J. Poole, 1050; J. Sugg, S.W. 862; J. Strachan, P.P.G.W. 24; J. Barnett, S.W. 185; V. Tussaud, 231; Carter, 382; Thomas Lawler, 92; J. Goucher, 1017; H. Mackintosh, 4; W. Hilton, P.M. 780 and 1351; J. Large, 771; and H. Buckland, 9. The minutes, which had been very carefully prepared by Bro. E. Stanton Jones, were read by him and confirmed; and the statement of accounts shewed a balance of nearly £60 in the treasurer's hands. The accounts of the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge (Bro. E. S. Jones, President) exhibited the total sum of £143 invested, a result which was hailed with great applause on its being announced. The work of installation of a new Master was thus inaugurated under most cheering circumstances, and at the request of the W.M., Bro. Frewin, Bro. James Weaver, I.P.M., took the chair, and opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. Frewin then presented to Bro. Weaver Bro. C. S. Jekyll, S.W. and W.M. elect, and with all due formalities Bro. Jekyll was installed W.W. of the Asaph Lodge. Bro. Frewin was invested as I.P.M., and the offices of the lodge were distributed among the following brethren:—Bros. W. A. Tinney, S.W.; E. Terry, J.W.; Charles Coote, jun., Treas.; E. Stanton Jones, P.M., Sec.; George Buckland, S.D.; Edward Swanborough, J.D.; C. Wellard, I.G.; Cox, D.C.; C. H. Stephenson, W.S.; Gustavus R. Egerton, Organist; and Gilbert, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses, Bro. E. Terry, J.W., proposed, and Bro. Weaver, P.M., seconded the transmission of a letter of condolence, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, to Bro. Frederick Burgess, on the loss of his son. The motion was unanimously adopted; and a similar motion on the sudden death of Bro. Ambrose Austin's wife, was proposed by Bro. Charles Coote, P.M., seconded by Bro. Frewin, I.P.M., and also adopted nem. con. Lodge was then closed, and the whole party adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a splendid banquet was prepared for them by Bro. C. E. Francatelli. On the removal of the cloth the toasts were proposed. There being no Grand or Past Grand Officer present, Bro. Binckes responded for the "The Grand Officers," and explained that in the absence of Grand Officers he had high authority in the Order for saying that a Grand or Past Grand Steward was the proper brother to reply to the toast. He thought that in such an assembly he would have their indulgence, because he might be looked upon in a managerial point of view as a general utility man, who, when a star of some brilliancy had been engaged and had disappointed the manager, was called on to fill his place. Speaking as a general utility man, in the absence of Lord Skelmersdale, he would say of that nobleman that he had youth, zeal, energy, and ability on his side to occupy such an exalted position with. Masons hailed the advent of such Grand Officers to rank and dignity with delight, and it was on behalf of such brethren that he returned sincere thanks to this lodge for having remembered them. The W.M. next proposed "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund of the Asaph Lodge." At these annual banquets the W.M. appealed to the members of the lodge to support this fund. It was not much in want of means, but the brethren must remember that the subscriptions to the lodge were small, and as it was only once a year the W.M. asked for support of the fund, he hoped they would not forget that which was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and as liberally as they could support the Benevolent Fund. Bro. E. Stanton Jones said he felt it a high honour to have his name associated again with this toast, not that he could do justice to it, but because it gave him an opportunity to bring the fund again before their notice, and to ask them to support it. He wished he had Bro. Binckes's power of speech or his ability, as he would then be able to show the brethren better how they should subscribe. But they were all acquainted with the object for which the fund was started, and in a lodge like that, comprising the professors of the sister arts of the drama and music, it would only be necessary to mention the word charity to obtain from them the means of devoting a sum of money on behalf of an object of distress, not only a brother in distress, but his wife or family. To those who were in affluent means, or so considered themselves, he would say "Give to the fund, I am sure you will not regret supporting it." To those who might not be so well off he would say "give." If it was only from a selfish motive he would say "give," for the proper time to give was now. When adversity met a man and he asked for assistance from this fund, the committee

received the application, and certainly did justice to the fund itself by distributing it according to the manner in which each brother had contributed towards that fund. He hoped the fund would now have a very liberal addition. The brethren were to be congratulated on the very steady manner in which the fund, though small, was progressing. This was due to the prosperity of the members of the lodge, and he sincerely wished that that prosperity might ever continue. But if they went on at the present rate it would take twenty-eight years to place the fund on what he might consider a stable basis. He would therefore ask the brethren now to give to the utmost of their ability. The W.M. then rose to present a Past Master's jewel, value ten guineas, to Bro. Frewin, I.P.M., and said that those brethren who had been present in lodge were aware of the very satisfactory manner in which Bro. Frewin had discharged the duties of the chair. The lodge had therefore been pleased to vote him a small recognition of his services in the shape of a jewel. On it was the superscription,—"Presented to Bro. Edwin Frewin, Past Master of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, in recognition of his very efficient services as W.M., and one of the founders of the lodge, 1874-5." He (the W.M.) sincerely trusted that Bro. Frewin might be spared for many years to come to the lodge and take his seat as a P.M. Bro. Frewin said that as it had always been a rule in the Asaph Lodge not to make long speeches he would not break that rule, but he might say that he felt a little bit proud that night—as a distinguished statesman of the present day would say—for three especial reasons; 1st, because the jewel belonged to Freemasonry; 2nd, because it was an emblem of the lodge; and 3rd, because of the lodge from whence it came. 1st. Ever since he had the honour and pleasure of becoming a Mason he had used his best endeavours to act really and truly as a Mason. 2ndly. If it had not been for the peculiarity of the Asaph Lodge—meeting in the day-time—it would have been impossible to have ever obtained the honourable position he held that night. Lastly, he was proud of the jewel, because the brethren of this lodge had given it him. Many of the brethren he had known ever since they were boys. He and they had been boys together; they had grown together in their professional duties, and now they had presented him with this jewel. On this account, too, he was proud of it; it was a mark of their respect and esteem for him, and a little memento that the brethren had been satisfied with his endeavours to do his duty during the year. He had now a much more pleasing task than to return thanks for himself—to propose "The Health of the W.M." They had known him in the lodge in the various offices which he had filled in a style that warranted their selection of him as their W.M. His year of office would be a prosperous one for the lodge, even more so than previous years. It was pleasing to have to remark that they never had one word of contention in the lodge, and they expected to be as happy under Bro. Jekyll. The W.M. responded. It was a proud thing to be Master of the Asaph Lodge, and he thanked the brethren for electing him to that office. He would endeavour to carry out his duties in an able way. The Asaph Lodge was purely a working lodge. The brethren met during the year purely for the objects of Masonry, and they were satisfied with one banquet during the year. He hoped that that would always be their rule, and he also trusted that the way in which he performed his duties would meet with the approbation of the brethren. Bro. E. Stanton Jones here announced that the contributions that evening to the Benevolent Fund amounted to £20 6s. 6d. Bro. Charles Dickens, in reply to the toast of "The Visitors," said,—It is, I confess, with feelings of no little disappointment that I rise to return thanks for my brother visitors on this occasion—not with a feeling that comes of being disappointed in the expectation of a pleasant evening, because that, I think, I can speak for them—certainly I can speak for myself—we have enjoyed to the full, not only in those material blessings for which the Freemasons' Tavern is, we will say, more or less distinguished, but also for those sweeter pleasures for which this lodge has been so long held in so honourable a reputation, a reputation which I am sure we can go away and confirm by our own experience. But my disappointment is a personal matter, notwithstanding. I was certainly in hopes when I took my seat at this hospitable board and saw so distinguished a Mason present as our Bro. Binckes, that at all events there was no chance of my being called upon to make any sort of speech at all; but that Bro. Binckes would, if he would allow me to say so, be selected as the scapegoat on this occasion, and would carry our thanks and compliments to you into a species of oratorical wilderness, in which he is so much at home. But, W.M. and brethren, a cold shudder came over me when I suddenly reflected that my Bro. Binckes was so high and distinguished in the Craft that he would be selected to respond for "The Grand Officers," and when I heard him "perorating" in that manner I wished that I had the art of doing it. I felt at least that I should have very possibly to say something to you, and I have been endeavouring to frame some little formula of thanks which would convey to you a portion of what I, and I am sure what my brethren around me feel, for your kindness to us this evening. My Brother Spiers and I have taken counsel together on this point, and we have come to the conclusion that the heartiest thanks we can give you will be summed up in the words, "We thank you most sincerely." We claim your indulgence when I say there is a peculiar fitness in the scheme which produces the Master of the Maybury Lodge as the representative of the visitors to your lodge, our two lodges not only bind brethren together by those ties of brotherhood by which all Freemasons are united, but ours are what we may call sister lodges. We have, besides our Masonic affinity, a greater affinity still—we are fellows and kindred in art. The Maybury Lodge, as you are doubtless all aware, was founded by the most esteemed, I may go so far as to say most distinguished, actor of our

time—Benjamin Webster. It consists at this moment, and among its ranks are to be found many of the most distinguished exponents of the drama. Therefore, as representing them, I can assure you it is a particular pleasure to me, and one which I shall not fail to report to them, that I have had the honour of sitting at the board, where I have had the honour of seeing so many well known faces around me. I can say again I thank you for the visitors for the great kindness you have shown to us to-day, and in the name of the brethren of the Maybury Lodge "I greet you well." Bro. Charles Coote, P.M., replying for the "P.M.'s," said that as each succeeding Master took possession of the chair he felt he was getting somewhat older, and lower down in the lodge. He had the honour of being a very old P.M.; he did not mean in years, because a man of thirty might be an old P.M.; but he would like to begin again being the Master of the lodge, and go on and come back again. In all his Masonic career he had never felt anything equal to the pleasure he had had in being one of the founders of the lodge. It was a body which brought men together who were associated in their professional duties. He could endorse what the W.M. had said that there had been no contention among the brethren. They were doing their work as well as any lodge in existence. The brethren enjoyed themselves whenever they had a banquet, which was once a year, and they devoted their money to what he would call the essence of Freemasonry, the institutions. He did not like the use of the word "charity;" it ought not to be introduced. Freemasons subscribed to that which might be of some use to them in adversity. This lodge showed how much pleasure brethren who did not indulge in banquets had in the fruits of their abstinence. They ought to meet for truly Masonic purposes; but still he would be very sorry to see the day come when they could not meet for social enjoyment, as they had that evening. Bro. Jones and Bro. Weaver also replied, and Bros. W. A. Tinney, S.W., and C. Coote, jun., Treas., responded to the toast of "The Officers." The brethren then separated. In the course of the evening some beautiful vocal and instrumental music was performed, in which Bros. Buckland, Lawler, E. S. Jones, W. J. Ward, George Tyler, H. J. and W. A. Tinney, John Read, and several others took part.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The regular meeting of this late addition to the muster roll of lodges was held on Wednesday evening last at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark (Bro. Spencer's), but from unavoidable causes the two principal officers were absent. Bro. T. J. Sabine, the W.M., as Grand Sec. to the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex, was, in virtue of his office, obliged to attend the behests of his Provincial Grand Master at Hastings, while Bro. Catley Mason was prevented from assuming the Senior Warden's chair in consequence of the death of his father, whose funeral was to take place on the following day. The lodge was called for six o'clock, but Bro. F. Walters, the Sec., who had been appointed by the W.M. to preside, did not attend until ten minutes to seven. This worthy and veteran brother had no doubt good reasons for being so late, but he did not state what they were, although he apologised to the lodge. Naturally the brethren were impatient at this long delay, and we sincerely hope that such a hitch will not again occur. However, everything in this sublimity abode must come to an end, and as we have said, Bro. Walters formally opened the lodge at ten minutes to seven. There were present Bro. J. J. Hooper Wilkins, acting as I.P.M. and Sec.; the Senior and Junior Deacons and the Inner Guard. There were five candidates for passing, viz., Bros. E. Emanuel, J. Emanuel, Worster, Willats, and Crosbie, and the acting W.M. performed the ceremony in his usual clear and impressive style. In the absence of the W.M. the bye-laws of the lodge were left over for further consideration. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

PROVINCIAL.

ROCHDALE.—**Probity and Freedom Lodge** (No. 367).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, Smallbridge, Rochdale, on Oct. 21st. The lodge was opened in due form at 7.15 p.m. by Bro. J. J. Ashworth, W.M. The minutes of last meeting were read and declared correctly recorded. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, when Bro. Henry Ashworth was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Jones, P.M. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Swift was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. T. Baker Ashworth, P.M. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.15 p.m. by the W.M. The brethren and visitors afterwards sat down to banquet.

ORMSKIRK.—**West Lancashire Lodge** (No. 1403).—On Wednesday week the brethren of the West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403, celebrated the festival of St. John, at the Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, when the installation of P.M. Bro. John Batty Lambert, P.P.G.S.D., East Lancashire, the W.M. elect, took place. The career of the lodge, which was consecrated three years ago, has been of the most satisfactory character, and on the present occasion the brethren of the "mystic tie" mustered in good force to do honour to the pleasing event. The lodge was opened according to ancient custom by Bro. Philip B. Forshaw, W.M., who was supported by Bros. John Prescott, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Baxendale, P.P.G.J.W.; S. Wyld, P.M.; W. C. Edge, P.M.; G. Gould, J.W.; H. Ashmore, W.M. 1325, as S.W.; J. B. Forshaw, Treas.; P. Draper, Sec.; R. Chamberlain, S.D.; J. Winstanley, J.D.; J. B. Lambert, P.M., D.C.; and W. G. Watts, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. E. Ashton, W.M. 580; J. Fogg, 580; J. Taylor, St. Helen's; Geo. Barton, St. Helen's, &c. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. P. B. Forshaw, being in the chair, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Lambert, made the necessary declaration as prescribed previous to

his installation as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree. After the prescribed exits, Bro. P. B. Forshaw proceeded to install Bro. J. B. Lambert as the W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being performed by him in a most masterly and effective manner, characterised by great taste and impressiveness. The ceremony of installation being completed, the newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. P. B. Forshaw, I.P.M.; Geo. Gould, S.W.; P. H. Ryder, J.W.; J. B. Forshaw, Treas.; P. Draper, Sec.; J. Winstanley, S.D.; W. G. Watts, J.D.; J. Grundy, I.G.; J. J. Nunnerley, Tyler; and Joseph Robinson and James Hiram Taylor, Stewards; and S. Wyld, P.M., D. of C. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and a candidate was initiated by the newly-installed W.M. After the lodge ceremonies had been brought to a successful issue, Bro. J. Prescott presented the lodge with a portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in his official costume as M.W.G.M., in a beautiful gilt frame, and on the motion of Bro. P.M. P. B. Forshaw, seconded by Bro. P. M. Wyld, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Prescott for his handsome present. After the lodge had been finally closed the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which had been provided by Bro. H. Brown, of the Commercial Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. B. Lambert, W.M., who gave the usual toasts in a very pleasing and talented manner. During the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. P. B. Forshaw, I.P.M., to whom the W.M. paid a very high compliment, not only for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year, but for the able manner in which he had discharged the difficult duties of Installing Officer, and which was attended with the very unusual incident of the Installing Officer having to install a brother as W.M. who had himself had the pleasing duty of raising the Installing Officer into the mysteries of the Craft. The evening's proceedings were interspersed with songs, &c., which were ably given by Bros. G. Barton, J. Holt, G. Gould, J. Fogg, and Taylor, who were accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. J. H. Watts, Organist.

HAMPTON.—**Hemming Lodge** (No. 1512).—The installation meeting of this young lodge took place at the lodge-room, Lion Hotel, Hampton, Province of Middlesex, on Thursday, the 21st Oct., when Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, &c., W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by the First Master of the Hemming Lodge, Bro. W. Hammond, P.M. 201 and 1326, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, W.M. The officers present were, in addition to the W.M. and the W.M. elect, Bros. S. Hill, P.M., J.W.; J. Hurst, S.D.; T. W. Ockenden, acting J.D.; T. Wheeler, I.G.; D. B. Raw, P.M., Treas.; J. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; B. Gutteridge, D.C. The lay members were Bros. Jessett, Tagg, Phillips, T. W. Kent, Hiscox, Hunt, and, later in the evening, T. C. Walls. The visitors were Bros. J. Wilson, P.M. 209; W. Platt, P.M. 144 and 176; W. Snowden, W.M., and J. W. Mitchell, S.D. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1558; A. Nuthall, 889; and Steven Fane, 1158. Previously to the installation of the W.M. elect, and immediately after the routine work presented by the agenda, the W.M. initiated Mr. Benjamin Richard Aston into the mysteries of the Order, and passed Bros. Hunt and Hiscox to the Second Degree. Bro. John Bond, S.W. 889, was also duly balloted for and unanimously elected a member of the Hemming Lodge, and during the ceremonies formally entered upon his position in the lodge. The W.M. now appointed his Wardens for the installation ceremony, viz.: Bros. Samuel Hill, being a W.M., to retain his post as J.W.; and W. Platt, to replace the W.M. elect in the chair of the S.W. He added that the office of D.C., although a very important one on many occasions, was generally filled by a junior member, or at all events by an aspirant only for a junior office; he should therefore ask Bro. Past Master Wilson to act in that position pro tem., as it must be occupied by a P.M. for the installation. The D.C. thus appointed then presented Bro. Edward Hopwood, P.M. 141, S.W. 1512, and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation by his predecessor, the better to fit him for the high duties of that important trust, remarking at length upon his adaptability for the discharge of those duties, not only as evidenced by the unanimous election by the Master, Wardens, and fellows in open lodge assembled, but by the able assistance he had rendered the W.M. in successfully launching this lodge on the smooth water of prosperity, and in the conduct of the onerous duties of the first year of its existence—that his amiability of temperament, firmness of purpose, and career in a similar position already achieved, commended him particularly to an installing officer, more especially to the W.M., than whom no one was better able to appreciate these services. Bro. Hammond made a suitable reference to the qualifications as enumerated by the D.C., and addressed the lodge Masonically upon the essential qualifications of candidates for the Master's chair, and Bro. Hopwood in particular, in whom they had already so patiently shone. Having completed the usual lodge portion of the ceremony, the Installing Master requested the usual retirement of members below the degree of Installed Master, and constituted the Board, when, to use the words of the W.M., "our esteemed Bro. Hopwood" was installed into the chair of King Solomon in ancient form, and the members of the Board invited to encircle him for the purpose of salutation. The admission of members in the prescribed form, with the ceremonials of each degree, was then proceeded with under the proper arrangements by the D.C., and the officers were installed according to form in the following order:—Bros. Saul Hill, P.M., S.W.; J. Hurst, J.W.; D. B. Raw, P.M. 282, Treas.; John Hammond, P.M. 201, Sec.; T. Wheeler, S.D.; C. W. Fox, J.D.; J. C. Jessett, I.G.; T. W. Ockenden, D.C.; B. Gutteridge, Steward; J. Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; leaving the office of Assistant Steward to be subsequently filled, the first step in the honourable road to office. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were very effectively and eloquently

rendered by Bro. Wilson. The W.M., before rising for propositions, stated that he had a very pleasing duty to perform—that of presenting the first Master of the lodge with a P.M.'s jewel. This he did with extra pleasure because it was so well earned. The manner in which the arduous duties of the first W.M. had been carried out had commanded the esteem and admiration of the entire members. The chaste rendering of the ceremonies during his year of office was really depicted in the neat and elegant jewel, which had been designed as a model for the future jewels of the lodge for similar services, and which he now placed upon the breast of the I.P.M. The jewel consists of the coat of arms of the late Dr. Hemming, engraven in solid gold in the centre of the blue ribbon of the Order, with Euclid's forty-seventh proposition pendent thereto, also in solid gold. The following is the inscription on the back thereof:—"Presented by the members of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, to Bro. William Hammond, P.M. 201 and 1326, and P.G.J.D. Middlesex, the founder of the lodge, as a token of esteem for the zeal, ability, and courtesy displayed by him while presiding over the lodge as first W.M. October, 1875." Past Master Hammond rose and said,—"Worshipful Sir, brother Wardens, and brethren,—I esteem it a very great honour to have been intrusted by our M.W. G.M. with the guidance and direction of this new lodge during the first year of its existence; but there is a still greater satisfaction arising from this substantial indication of your unanimous approbation at the manner in which the duties of that high and responsible office have been carried out. While I thank you most heartily for this token of your regard, I must, without for one moment disparaging the motives which influenced and brought forth this kind expression of gratification, revert to the circumstances attending the first announcement in the lodge. I then stated that it would personally have given me much greater delight to have had the satisfaction of handing over the cost of this splendid piece of workmanship to one of the Masonic charities, as I had done the five guineas after my year's labours in the Jordan Lodge, and the ten guineas after my two years' similar services in the Lebanon. You, brethren, overruled that desire, and I was bound to submit to the general wish of the lodge. I now trust the effect which you anticipated will be most fully realised, that this honour I now so gratefully receive will form a wholesome stimulus to perseverance in the younger members of the lodge to emulate the exertions and secure the reward of those who have travelled before them. I thank you most sincerely. The lodge next unanimously resolved that the late Treasurer, Bro. H. Jepson, become an honorary member of the Hemming Lodge, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to the worthy brother the deep fraternal respect entertained for him by the members, and the satisfaction it would afford them to meet him as frequently in lodge as his professional duties would admit. Dr. Jepson was initiated in the lodge room in which the brethren were now assembled, and by Dr. Hemming himself, whose name the lodge has taken. The report of the Permanent Committee on the audit of the accounts for the first year was of a very satisfactory nature, and was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ordinary business of the lodge having been resumed, several propositions were recorded for the ensuing meeting, the third Thursday in November, and the W.M., the work having absorbed about three hours' time, called upon the brethren to assist him to close the lodge. At 6.30 the members and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Hiscox, after which the rest of the evening was spent in that Masonic decorum and interchange of thought which ever characterise gatherings of the fraternity. The W.M. dilated upon the advantages likely to arise to both the mother country and to India by the visit of our M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a matter which specially interested the W.M., he having been born in India, and having spent his early boyhood among the hills and dales and the enchantingly varied scenes of that extensive portion of our empire. Bros. Wilson, Snowden, and Mitchell responded to the toast of "The Visitors," the first making a happy reference to the graceful manner in which the W.M. had acknowledged the kind services rendered by Bro. Wilson during the ceremonies, and Bro. Snowden assuring the brethren that however fully they might participate in the sanguine anticipations of the W.M. as to the efficient working of the Hemming Lodge, metaphorically they would ere long see the Duke of Connaught, No. 1558, quietly stemming the current up the Thames in close proximity with 1512. A most enjoyable evening was spent, which was further enhanced by the vocal abilities of many of the brethren, interspersed by Masonic recitations of other s.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73) held its regular meeting on Thursday, 14th of October, 1875, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High Street, Southwark. There were present Comps. Edward Harris, M.E.Z.; Frederick Walters, P.Z., as H.; James William Baldwin, J.; Frederick Walters, S.E.; Benjamin Isaacs, P.S.; and many others. The visitors were Comps. H. Potter, P.Z. 11; E. Gilbert, P.S. 1326; J. B. Shackleton, 1326, and others. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., F. Walters, P.Z., S.E., as H.; J. W. Baldwin, J.; and others. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots for exaltations were unanimous in favour of all the candidates. Apologies were received from all the candidates excusing and regretting non-attendance. Propositions were received for candidates for exaltation at next meeting. The chapter was closed until Thursday, November 11th, at half-past six o'clock. The usual banquet followed.

BARNSTABLE.—**Chapter of Loyalty and Virtue** (No. 251).—This old chapter held its usual

quarterly meeting on Wednesday last. Present—Comps. C. Whilshire, Z.; Elsworth, H.; W. Britton, J.; J. T. Shapland, P.S.; H. Hancock, Assist. S.; List, Treas.; Oliver, Sec.; Nicklin, Org.; together with a large number of other companions, some of the chapter, and others visitors. This chapter is vastly improving in every respect. Bro. Day was exalted, and five other brethren were proposed for exaltation. It will very shortly become one of the largest and best working chapters in the neighbourhood.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. Gosden's, Masons' Hall, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. Rev. E. J. Brette, D.D., W.M.; Charles Horsley, S.W.; E. H. Thielay, J.W.; H. Dubois, M.O.; George Newman, S.O.; W. T. Howe, J.O.; H. C. Levander, Treas.; R. W. Little, Sec.; T. Burdett Yeoman, I.P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; John Boyd, Frederick Walters, and others. Two candidates were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master. Bro. T. B. Yeoman was presented with a valuable jewel, in recognition of his services as Worshipful Master for the past year. Several names having been proposed for advancement at the next meeting, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards dined together, the usual toasts being ably proposed by the Worshipful Master and duly acknowledged.

MANCHESTER.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 28th October, and was largely attended by the members, who had invited many visitors to assist them in receiving the Deputy G.M. Master of England, Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., Prov. G.M.M. Lancashire. The lodge was punctually opened at 6 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Rome, Prov. G. Reg., assisted by his officers, Bros. W. C. Gilles, S.W.; Arensberg, J.W.; Milligan, Bennett, Richardson, Miller, &c., and Bros. Sallon, Treas., and Green, Sec. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the usual routine business transacted, after which several candidates were elected. The announcement was then made that the D.G.M.M. of England was in the ante-room and desired admission. The W.M. requested the Deacons, Overseers, Wardens, and two Past Masters to conduct the D.G.M.M. to the lodge. This was accordingly done, and the procession entered in the following order:—Bros. W. O. Walker, P.G.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.O.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G.M.M.; W. Romaine Callender, D.G.M.M. On arriving at the East the procession halted, and the chair was assumed by the D.G.M., who was saluted by the brethren under the direction of Bro. W. H. Hopkins, Prov. G.M.O., as D.C. The gavel was then restored to the W.M., Bro. Rome, and the following brethren were admitted to the degree of Mark Mason, and afterwards to that of Mark Master—Bros. Harvey, Middleton, and Weddle. We have seldom seen the ritual more accurately rendered than on this occasion by the W.M. and the officers, all of whom were, without exception, perfect in the ceremony, the impressiveness of which was much increased by the chants and music, presided over by Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.M. The D.G.M., then rose and said that since his entrance into the lodge he had been requested to undertake a very pleasing duty, that of presenting, in the name of the lodge, a massive gold P.M.'s jewel to their first Worshipful Master, Bro. C. F. Matier, whose services in the cause, not only of Mark Masonry, but of every other degree, he had much pleasure in recognising. Bro. Callender then gave a most interesting account of the rise and progress of the degree in Lancashire, especially as connected with the St. Andrew's Lodge, and their founder, Bro. Matier, and concluded by affixing the jewel to his breast, with the hearty wish that he might long have the honour and pleasure of wearing it among the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Matier was then saluted as a P.G.W. of England by the brethren, and thanked them for the great honour conferred on him in a few brief remarks. The business being concluded, the procession retired in the same order as it entered, and the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then proceeded to supper, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Rome, who was supported by the distinguished brethren already mentioned, and the following visitors and Prov. Grand Officers. Bros. Richard Dewhouse, Prov. G. Sec. Cheshire and North Wales; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Petty, P.P.G.S.D.; Alex. Andrews, Dublin Mark Lodge; Benj. Smith, W.M. elect, Union M.L.; and many others whose names we had not the opportunity of learning. The toasts of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The M.W.G.M., the Earl of Limerick," were proposed by the W.M. Bro. Matier then asked the brethren to drink the toast of the evening, and said that in many cases where the health of the chief rulers of the Order was proposed it seemed to the brethren words and nothing besides, but in the province of Lancashire they were highly honoured by having in one and the same person the D.G.M.M. of England, and their own well-beloved and esteemed Prov. G.M. The name of Bro. Callender was in Lancashire a tower of strength and a household word, and he begged to congratulate the St. Andrew's Lodge that they were the first lodge who were thus honoured by Bro. Callender since his elevation to the dignity of Deputy Grand Mark Master of England. He begged to assure Bro. Callender, in the name of the lodge, of the high appreciation they placed on his visit, and trusted they would again be honoured on some future occasion. The health was drank with great enthusiasm and loud cheers from the brethren, which were repeated when the D.G.M. arose to reply, which he did in some brief and well chosen sentences, apologising for not making a long speech on the ground of the Prov. Grand meeting at Liverpool taking place the following day. The

next toast, "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. Entwisle, P. Prov. G.M.M. of Lancashire; and "Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers of Lancashire," by Bro. Goepel, P.G.O. The remaining toasts were "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. Callender; "The P.M.'s," by Bro. Brockbank, and responded to Bro. Robberds; "The Visitors," by Bro. Hopkins, P.M., and replied to by Bro. Petty, as representing England, and Bro. Andrews, from Ireland. "The Candidates" was proposed by the S.W., Bro. Gilles, P. Prov. G.D.; "The Masonic Charities," by Bro. Matier, and replied to by Bro. Hine, Chairman of the Charity Committee. The Tyler's toast brought a delightful evening to an end, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

PLYMOUTH.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 35).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at St. George's Hall, Plymouth, on the 1st inst. Bro. J. G. Shanks, R.M., F.R.G.S., Captain Royal Marines Light Infantry, was duly installed as W.M. The beautiful ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Elliott, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon, in a most impressive manner. Bro. Shanks then appointed the following officers:—Bros. Curteis, I.P.M.; Tester, S.W.; A. Latimer, J.W.; Rev. Bellamy, Chaplain; Rae, P.M., Sec.; Bayly, P.M., Treas.; Col. Fitzgerald, M.O.; Rev. T. Lemon, S.O.; Croydon, J.O.; Evans, S.D.; Dr. Griffiths, J.D.; Horton, I.G.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Conclave (No. 55).—The usual meeting of this Conclave was held on Thursday week at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Gen. Sir Knight J. E. Jackson, M.P.S., occupied the post of honour, and the other Knights of the conclave present were Sir Knights G. H. Turner, V.E.; J. Capell, J.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; H. Burrows, Prefect; H. James, St. B.; P. Armstrong, Orator; T. McWean, Herald; P. Thomson, I. W. Robinson, J. W. McWean, T. Roberts, and W. Doyle, P.S. Sir Knight H. Nelson, P.S. 77, was the only visitor present. Bros. Cook and Archdeacon were installed Knights of the Order. It was resolved to have the meetings of the conclave every two months, instead of quarterly, at the Masonic Hall, this being the first meeting there.

CAMBRIDGE.—The University Conclave (No. 128).—The above named conclave was consecrated on Wednesday, 27th ult., by Sir Knight Robert Wentworth Little, assisted by Sir Knights Colonel Burdett, Colonel Peters, Rev. P.M. Holden, John Boyd, H. C. Levander, Thomas Cubitt, A. B. Cook, J. L. Thomas, Dr. E. Brette, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, W. E. Gumbleton, and others from London. Sir Knight Edward Amphlett was installed the First Sovereign.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in St. Mark's Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Thursday, evening 28th October, 1875, Bro. Frederick A. Barrow, Deputy P.G. Master, in the chair; Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M. St. John's, 34, acting P.G.S.W.; George McDonald, R.W.M., Thistle and Rose Lodge, 73, acting P.G.J.W. There were also present Bros. A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas.; George Sinclair, P.G. Treas. and Convenor of Benevolent Fund; J. Gillies, P.G.S.D.; R. Robb, P. G. Marshal, J. Fraser, Assistant P.G. Marshal; J. Balfour, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; Wm. Phillips, P.G. Sword Bearer; J. W. Burns, R.W.M., Thistle Lodge, 87, acting P.G. Inner Guard. There were present, among other Masters and Past Masters, Bros. John Campbell, R.W.M., St. John's Shettleston 128; James S. Scott, R.W.M. Neptune Lodge 419; David Reid, R.W.M., St. Andrew's Lodge, 465; John McNaught, D.M. Clydesdale Lodge, 556; David Peacock, S.W. St. Mary's Lodge, Partick, 117; John Horn, Sec. Shamrock and Thistle, 275, with a very large number of brethren from the province. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened on the E. A. Degree, and Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., read the minutes of previous meetings, which were confirmed. Bro. George Sinclair, Treas. and Convenor of Benevolent Fund, also read minutes of Benevolent Committee (which showed that a large number of sums, varying from £1 to £5 had been paid during the last quarter, towards charitable purposes), which were also approved of. The D.P.G.M. intimated to the brethren that in consequence of the Edinburgh Sacrament falling on Sunday, immediately preceding the first Monday of November, the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland would not be held until Monday, 8th November. A good deal of business was then gone through, and after a number of questions had been asked, and answered satisfactorily from the chair, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form by the D.P.G.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 34).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 26th ult. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., took the chair, supported by the following office-bearers: F. Fletcher, I.P.M.; D. Horn, J.W.; P. Brownlee, S.D.; Robt. Dalglish, Treas.; John Dink, Sec., &c. The meeting was well attended. It was expected that the business would have commenced with initiation, but that was postponed through the unavoidable absence of the candidates. The lodge was therefore passed from E.A. to that of F.C., when Bros. John Davidson (gas manager), A. M. Morrison (writer), Thos. H. Kirk (writer), Robert McNab (traveller), and James Orr (mariner), received that degree. The lodge was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., when the same brethren were intrusted with that degree, after which the lodge was called to refreshment, when a pleasant and profitable hour was spent. Being again called to labour, they closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Mungo (No. 102).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 25th ult., in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street. The meeting was well attended, and the business was excellently gone through. Bro. James F. Mitchell, R.W.M., presided, supported by his Wardens. Among others present were Bros. A. C. Lindsay Gray, D.M.; D. A. Miller, P.M.; T. Halkit, P.M.; W. Bell, R.W.M. 34; John Smith, Sec.; A. C. Paterson, Treas.; D. J. Forsyth, Director of Music, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and an application read from Mr. John C. Shand, craving admittance into Freemasonry. He passed the ballot clear, and received the E.A. degree, the R.W.M. officiating. The lodge was then raised to the F.C. Degree, when Bro. Neill Campbell and David Macrae received that degree, the R.W.M. again officiating with his accustomed ability. There being no further business before the lodge, it was accordingly closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. The meeting was exceedingly large, probably owing to the nomination of office-bearers having to take place that night. The chair was occupied by Bro. Alexander Bain, P.M., who was supported by the following able brethren:—G. Muir, D.M.; D. Murray, S.M.; W. Thomas, S.W.; R. Munro, J.W.; James Gilles, P.M. and Sec.; Neill Cameron, Treas.; W. Anderson, S.D.; J. W. Pollock, J.D.; also W. Bell, R.W.M. 34; J. Campbell, R.W.M. 128, and many other distinguished brethren. The lodge being opened for the dispatch of business, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were pronounced correct, and were confirmed. The nomination of office-bearers for the next year was then proceeded with. The whole of the members seemed to take a deep interest in the matter, and the competition for the various offices was very keen. The result was the nomination of the following:—For R.W.M., Bros. George Muir and David Murray; for S.M., Bros. D. Murray and W. Gibson; for S.W., Bro. W. Thomas; for J.W., Bro. W. Forsyth; for Treasurer, Bro. Neill Cameron; for Secretary, Bro. J. Gilles (P.M.); for Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. C. Stewart; for S.D., Bro. J. W. Pollock and William Anderson; for J.D., Bros. Archd. Gray and J. W. Pollock; for B.B., Bro. Peter Cullen; for Jeweller, Bro. James Cameron; for S.S., Bro. John Derry; for J.S., Bro. George McLuckie; for Standard-Bearer, Bro. James Kennedy; for P.G.S., Bro. Collin Robertson; for I.G., Bro. James Gray; for O.G., Bro. Robert Boyd. The lodge was then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, when Bros. George Waters and Joseph Ferguson were intrusted with that degree, Bro. G. Muir, D.M., officiating. From this the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, when the following brethren were raised to that degree by Bro. Bain, P.M., in his own able and clear style of working the various degrees of Masonry. This brought a heavy night's work to a harmonious termination, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

POLLOKSHAW.—Lodge Royal Arch (No. 153).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their new lodge room, Cogan-street, on the 29th ult. The meeting was exceedingly well attended. Bro. John Peters, R.W.M., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. Wm. McGeorge, Adam, D.M.; W. M. Paton, S.W.; James Black, J.W.; Wm. Johnston, Sec.; D. Allan, Treas.; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; G. B. Adams, Mother Kilwinning (No. 6). The Secretary was called upon by the R.W.M. to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. A communication was then read from St. John's Operative Lodge (No. 347), Rutherglen, asking a deputation from the Lodge Royal Arch, Pollokshaws, to be present at the consecration of their new hall, which will take place on Friday, 12th November, at 7 p.m. A deputation was made up, and the invitation accepted. A circular from Bro. G. Kenning was also read, asking for a return of the number of copies of the new "Scottish Masonic Calendar for 1876," that would be required by the Lodge Royal Arch (No. 153). On the fly leaf of the circular is a form to be filled up, and returned to 9, Howard-street, Glasgow. In the form there is space for the names of the newly-elected office-bearers; and each lodge taking 100 copies of the "Calendar," at 3d. each, will have a full page for the names of their office-bearers. The matter was left over till after the election of office-bearers. The R.W.M. then said they were all aware that the nomination of office-bearers must take place that night, and they would now proceed with that duty. The result was the nomination of the following:—R.W.M., Bros. John Peters, D.M.; W.M. Paxton and Lem, S.M., James Peters; S.W., James Black; J.W., James Hart; R.C., Lynas; S.D., D. McNaught; J.D., Alex. Magee and James Hart; S.S., Bradford; J.S., Tommie; Std. B., Wood; (Marshall), Baird; Director of Music, Wm. M. G. Adam; (B.B.), James Hart; I.G., Campbell; O.G., no change; Jeweller, Macrae; Sec., Baird and Johnston; Treas., Allan; Auditors, John McFarlane and R. C. Lynas. This finished the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Star (No. 219).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, No. 12, Trongate, Glasgow, on the 25th ult., Bro. J. Morgan, R.W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. J. Garth, S.W.; Jas. Horn, J.W.; B. Smart, Treas.; J. Crawford, Sec.; and the other office-bearers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., and the minutes of previous meetings read and confirmed. The names of three candidates for admission into the Order of Freemasonry were then submitted to the brethren for their approval, and if no objection be raised before or at next regular meeting they will be admitted and receive the E.A. Degree. The lodge was then raised to the degree of M.M., when Bros. Colin McNiven, Peter Kennedy, and Wm. McNicoll received this Sublime Degree, Bro. John Morgan,

R.W.M., officiating in a very suitable manner. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due form.

RUTHERGLEN.—St. John's Operative Lodge (No. 347).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in their new Masonic hall, Rutherglen, on Friday evening, 29th Oct. Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Samuel Abbot, D.M.; David Smart, S.M.; John Murdoch, S.W.; Thomas Alston, J.W.; Alexander Warnock, Sec.; William Gardner, P.M.; Thomas Brodie, S.D.; John McCallum, S.S., with the other office-bearers in their respective places, and a large number of members and visiting brethren present, numbering in all about sixty. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. David Reid, R.W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge; William Phillips, R.W.M. Clydesdale Lodge; William Fergusson, 543; James Scott, 116; Findlay Sinclair, 108; William Galbraith, 557; John Sharp, 413; Alex. Lockhart, 176; John Templeton, 180; J. Bairnsfather, 7; Robert McLellan, 128; George Cunningham, Dugald Ritchie, and Hugh McFarlane. The lodge was opened in the first, or E.A. Degree. Bro. Warnock, Sec., read minutes of the last regular and two special meetings, which were approved of. Bro. Smart, S.M., then brought forward a motion he made at last regular meeting, to have their annual festival in the month of February in the new hall, which was unanimously agreed to, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Two applications for admission into the Order were then read and favourably received. The candidates being forward, were admitted, and received the E.A. Degree at the hands of the R.W.M. in a careful and impressive manner, viz., Messrs. William Morrison and Thomas Simpson. The R.W.M. then intimated to the brethren that the next business before the lodge was the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year, and in the course of a few remarks he thanked the office-bearers and members of the lodge for the hearty support they gave him during his term of office, being now R.W.M. of the lodge four years in succession. The nomination of office-bearers was then proceeded with, after which the lodge was closed in due and ancient form by the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Thursday evening, 28th inst. Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Munro, R.W.M.; Wm. Findlay, acting S.W.; T. Graham, acting J.W.; with the other office-bearers and a number of brethren present. The lodge was opened on the E.A. Degree. Applications were read from two gentlemen, viz., Messrs. John Mitchell and John Clark, and the same having been formally balloted for, were admitted and initiated into the First Degree of Freemasonry by Bro. J. M. Oliver, the acting R.W.M. No further business being brought forward, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Athol (No. 413).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 26th ult. The meeting was well attended, and a goodly number of visiting brethren were present. Bro. J. Wallace, R.W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Colin McKenzie, S.W.; J. Louttit, acting J.W.; J. W. Stevenson, Sec.; P. Agnew, Treas., and others. On the lodge being opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Sec., and confirmed. The case of a brother who had been shipwrecked was then brought up, with a view to assist him a little in his present difficulties. The brother, it appeared, was a member of Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4. A sum of money was at once granted him to relieve his immediate wants. An application was read from Mr. David Jameson for initiation into Freemasonry. He was proposed and seconded by Bros. Robert Jameson and Robert Barr, both members of the lodge. On the ballot being found clear in his favour, he was prepared and received the E.A. Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. The lodge was then passed to that of F.C., when Bros. Geo. Strathearn, David Jameson, Duncan McPherson, and Chas. McIver received that degree, Bro. Louttit officiating. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

MARYHILL.—Lodge Maryhill (No. 510).—The brethren of this lodge held their regular fortnightly meeting in the Masonic Hall, 167, Main-street, Maryhill, on Wednesday evening, 27th ult. Bro. John McKay, D.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Lockhart, R.W.M., occupied the chair. Bros. M. Carey, S.W.; D. McLachlan, J.W.; with the other office-bearers and a large number of brethren present. The lodge was opened in the E.A. Degree, and the minutes of last meeting, which showed that 15 Fellow Craft were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, were read and adopted. Two candidates who were proposed and seconded at last meeting were then balloted for, admitted, and received the E.A. Degree at the hands of Bro. J. McKay, D.M., in a careful manner, viz., Messrs. John Fisher and Andrew Lithgow. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

CROSSHILL.—Lodge Marie Stuart (No. 541).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, in Prince of Wales Terrace, Crosshill, on Monday evening, 25th ult. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Julius Brodie, R.W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Munro, R.W.M., Commercial Lodge, No. 360, Glasgow, supported by Bros. W. Mc G. Mason, S.W.; Samuel Findlator, J.W.; and the other office-bearers in their respective places. The lodge was opened in the E.A. Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were adopted. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, when the following brethren were duly elected, viz., Bros. W. Mc G. Mason, R.W.M.; Julius Brodie, I.P.M.; William Gillies, D.M.; Samuel Findlator, S.M.; John Fraser, S.W.; Andrew Hillcot, J.W.; R. A. Buchanan, Treas.; Robert Walker, jun., Sec.;

Robert Walker, sen., Chaplain; James Murray, S.D.; Charles Rutteray, J.D.; John Thomson, I.C.; and James Mimmoch, Tyler. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

DALMUIR.—Lodge St. John (No. 543).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their new Masonic Hall, at Dalmuir, on Tuesday evening, 26th ult., Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. T. T. Johnstone, D.M.; John Crawford, S.M.; James Barrie, S.W.; Robert Struthers, J.W.; Thomas Scott, Treas.; Samuel Leckie, Sec.; and the other office-bearers in their places, with a large number of brethren present. The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. Bro. A. McDougall, E.A., then presented himself to be passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and after having passed that degree was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., he having to leave this country in a few days, the R.W.M. officiating in his usual careful manner. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. Degree, and after the usual routine business, was closed in due and proper form. The brethren then retired to refreshment, when the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts were given and responded to, and after spending a short time in song and sentiment the brethren separated, happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again.

GLASGOW.—Cathedral Chapter (No. 67).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the chapter-room, situated at 22, Struthers-street, on the 26th ult. Comp. J. Duthie, P.Z., presided, and was supported by Comps. Rirdie, P.H.; Ronald, P.J.; the office-bearers, with three exceptions, being all present, together with a large number of companions. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. An application from Bro. May, M.M. of Lodge 441, for admittance into the Holy Royal Arch. There being no objection to him, he was admitted, and received the degree of Mark Master. The lodge was then raised to that of Excellent Master, and the aforementioned brother was advanced to that degree. The lodge was now closed, and a chapter of Royal Arch Masonry was constituted, when Bro. May was exalted to the R.A. degrees, and accepted as a companion of the chapter on the R.A. Degree. The companions now prepared to receive a visit from a deputation of the Prov. Supreme G.R.A. Chapter for Lanarkshire, which was headed by F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent. The deputation, after carefully going over the accounts and books of the chapter, Comp. A. McTaggart, P.G.S.E., read their report to the companions, in which the Chapter "Cathedral" was highly complimented for the correct manner in which everything had been transacted during the past year, and congratulated the P.Z. and companions of the chapter on their prosperity. The M.E.Z., in most graceful terms, returned thanks for the visit and the kind way in which they had been pleased to speak of them. He said he was glad to inform them that the chapter had neither debts nor creditors, but a fair balance in their favour on hand. The chapter was then closed in due and ancient form.

[Masonic Demonstration at Perth; and Reports of Chapters 73, and 117 will appear next week].

DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT BIDEFORD.

Greatly to the credit of the people of Bideford, they can now boast of the most commodious and finest public rooms in North Devon, and a building, also, which should arouse a feeling of jealousy on the part of the sister towns of Barnstaple. Some years ago, seeing that Bideford was neglected in the matter of public entertainments, and believing also that, if better accommodation were provided, a superior class of entertainment would occasionally be given, some gentlemen of the town and neighbourhood decided to form a company for the purpose of erecting a suitable building, which would also include other wants. This has now been accomplished, with the exception of a part of the interior and frontage. The rooms, which are situated in Bridgeland-street, comprise several compartments of different sizes, lodgings for the curator, and cloak and retiring rooms, with large double entrance-doors. One of the extra rooms has been selected by the Lodge of Benevolence of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (No. 489, Bideford) as their Masonic Hall. It is situated in the front of the building, and is nicely and comfortably furnished. On the entablature of the centre window, facing the street, are the carved square and compasses, to show the purposes for which the room is used. The architects for the building are Messrs. R. D. Gould and Son, of Barnstaple, the contractor being Mr. Hookway, of Bideford, and their work has been executed in a very creditable manner. In addition to the present accommodation, it is probable that a waste spot of ground at the back of the building will be utilised for the purposes of a billiard-room. The ceremony of the dedication of the Masonic Hall took place on Wednesday at one o'clock by the Rt. Worshipful Brother, the Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.C., Provincial Grand Master of Devon. The ceremony commenced by the Right Worshipful the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, entering in procession. The P.G.M. and his Wardens took their chairs, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the First Degree by the W.M. of the Lodge of Benevolence. The W.M. of the Lodge of Benevolence requested the P.G.M. to dedicate the Masonic Hall agreeably to ancient form, and the P.G.M. signified his assent, and directed the P.G. Chaplain to commence the ceremony proper by reading 1st Kings, viii. 22 to 30 inclusive. After that the anthem commencing "Hail! Universal Lord!" was sung. A procession was then formed, the P.G.M. proceeding round the room, the D.P.G.M. and the P.G. Wardens following and bearing the elements of dedication. Solemn music was played at intervals; and the P.G.M. having returned to the east, the

D.P.G.M. presented him with the vessel containing corn—which he scattered over the lodge—the P.G. Chaplain reading, at the same time, Psalm lxxvii. 16. The first prayer having been pronounced by the P.G.M., and the hall solemnly dedicated to Masonry, the brethren chanted "Glory be to Thee, Most High God," &c. The second circuit was then formed, and the Provincial Senior Grand Warden presented the vessel containing wine. The P.G.M. poured it upon the lodge, while the P.G. Chaplain read Numbers xv. 7. The second prayer having been pronounced by the P.G.M., the hall was then solemnly dedicated to "Virtue." The brethren again chanted, and the third circuit was made; and the vessel containing oil was presented, and poured by the P.G.M. upon the lodge, while the P.G. Chaplain read Exodus xxx. 25 and 26. The third prayer was then pronounced, and the hall was dedicated to "Benevolence and Charity." The brethren again chanted, and the P.G. Chaplain offered up the dedication prayer, the brethren all standing. The remaining part of the ceremony having been gone through, the grand honours concluded the ceremony. Bro. J. Edwards, P.P. Grand Organist, presided at the harmonium. Amongst those present at the ceremony were:—The Right Worshipful John Huyshe, P.G.C., P.G.M. of Devon; and Bros. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M. Devon; J. Davey, P.P.S.G.W. Devon; Rev. Thomas Russell, J.G.W. Devon; P.P.G.C. Oxon, W.M.; C. Smale, 489, P.M. and Org.; T. Elsworth, 251, P.M.; W. E. Stone, P.P.G.W.; W. G. Rogers, 112, P.G.S.; W. Haynes, 106, P.M. and P.Z.; W. Cole, 421, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. T. Shapland, 421, P.M.; J. Hill, 251, P.M.; W. Parker, 847, P.G.R.; T. Hancock, 1135, W.M.; W. C. Oliver, 251, S.W.; W. Britton, 251, P.M.; Joseph Harper (Mayor of Barnstaple), 251, P.M., P.G.S.; W. Hyne Haycock, 251, I.P.M., P.G.S.D.; T. Higgs, 106, W.M.; H. Woodgate, 847, W.M.; J. Mills, 1125, P.P.G.O., P.M.; W. Cocks, 106; J. Hancock, P.M., P.P.Z.; W. Wilmott, P.M., P.P.Z.; B. Wills, 1135, J.D.; J. Atwood, 1135, P.G.P.; J. Chadwick, 444, P.M.; Thos. Wadham, P. D. Michelmore, 1138, P.M., P.G. Steward; W. H. Anthony, 105, P.M.; J. R. Chanter, P.P.S.G.; H. Storke, 1396, S.W.; F. J. Pratt, 1396, W.M.; J. Heywood, 1136; Charles Willshire, 251, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; Samuel Jones, 112, P.M., &c.; W. Vellacott, P.G.M.; and P. S. Blanchard, 444, acting as Grand Tyler. At the dedication ceremony the W.M. (Rev. Thomas Russell) delivered a vigorous oration on the defence of Freemasonry, principally with reference to the objections urged against it on the points of secrecy and its position with regard to religious faith. At half-past three o'clock a grand banquet was held in the large room, at which about a hundred sat down. The table and room were prettily decorated with flowers, &c., a profusion of banners hanging from the ceiling. The dinner was provided by Bro. Ascott, of the New Inn, Bideford. In the evening a Masonic soiree and conversazione were held, the programme comprising vocal and instrumental music, readings, and recitations, exhibitions of microscopes, dissolving views, and curiosities and objects of general interest, the latter of which were so plentiful and unique as to give the room the appearance of a museum. Tea and coffee were served at 9.30, and at 10 o'clock a special train ran to Barnstaple with the contingent from that town, and at 10.45 a similar train ran to Torrington.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHITECT CHAPTER, No. 1375, AT DIDSBURY.

The consecration and first convocation of this chapter was held at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, on Wednesday, Oct. 13th, at two p.m.

The ceremony of consecration was conducted by the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Second Grand Principal of England, and Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Lancashire, assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers.

A chapter was opened by Lord Skelmersdale, as Z.; Comp. A. Stephens, P.G.H., as H.; and Comp. J. McKune, as J. There were also present Comps. H. S. Alpass, P.G. S.E.; R. Wylie, P. Prov. G.D.C.; T. Armstrong, P.G.T.; T. Buxton, P.G.A.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; P. Ball, P.G.J.; J. A. Birch, P.G.J. of East Lancashire, and P. Prov. G.J. of Cheshire; J. Hall, P.G.P.S. East Lancashire; C. T. Sergeant, Z. 203; D. Jones, P.Z. 216; C. E. Austin, Z. 152; and several others.

The imposing ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, Comp. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., performing the appropriate music.

The installation of Comps. George Davenport Pochin, as Z.; Carl Götz, as H.; and Joseph Mackie, as J., was performed by Comps. Wylie and McKune.

After the ceremony the companions below this rank were again admitted to the chapter.

The following companions were then proposed and duly elected:—Comps. E. B. Harding, as Treas.; J. A. Elliott, E.; J. Gilman, N.; T. J. Broome, as P.S.

The M.E.Z. proposed eleven brethren for exaltation.

The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to dinner, which took place at 5 o'clock, and did the utmost credit to Bro. Lugton and his good lady, everything giving the greatest satisfaction.

After dinner the M.E.Z. proposed "The Queen," which was heartily responded to. He afterwards gave "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal, and the rest of the Grand Officers," expressing the pleasure they all felt at the presence of the Second Grand Principal among them that day.

The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale returned thanks. It gave him great pleasure in assisting at the consecration of the chapter, and he thought from the admirable manner everything had been arranged that day that it augured well for its success. Before sitting down he begged to propose a toast, although not on the programme, which was "Health and Prosperity to the Three Principals of the Architect Chapter."

The M.E.Z. first returned thanks, saying he had great faith in the prosperity of the chapter, and would use his utmost endeavours to make the working second to none in this or any other province, and felt certain that the other Principals and officers of the chapter would support him.

Comp. Götz, H., also responded.

Comp. Mackie, J., had but little to add to what had been already said, except to return his sincere thanks for the very kind way in which his name had been received, and to assure them, as the W.M. of the lodge, he would do all in his power to assist the chapter.

"The Principals of Chapters in the adjoining Provinces" was then proposed by Comp. Mackie, and responded to by Comp. J. A. Birch, P.G.J. of East Lancashire.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Comp. J. Brooks, and "The Ladies" by Comp. T. J. Broome.

Many of the toasts were necessarily brief, as his lordship and the Provincial Grand Officers had to leave by train. Altogether a most agreeable afternoon and evening were spent.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROSSLYN LODGE, NO. 1543, AT DUNMOW.

An addition has been made to the Essex Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons by the consecration on Wednesday, the 27th ult., under the most favourable auspices, of a new lodge at Dunmow.

The brethren, who included twenty P.M.'s, and several Grand Officers, assembled in the Town Hall, where the ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, assisted by V.W. Bro. the Rev. Spencer R. Wigram, Grand Chaplain, and by special permission of the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, and representative of G.L. England, the lodge was designated the "Rosslyn Lodge," numbered 1543 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.P.G.C. and P.P.S.G.W., P.M. and P.Z. 276, was installed as the first W.M.; and he appointed as his Wardens Bro. G. D. Clapham and Bro. F. J. Snell. At the conclusion of the ceremony, about forty brethren adjourned to the Saracen's Head, and partook of a sumptuous and well-served banquet, which was followed by the usual Masonic toasts. Among those present during the day were—Bros. Matthew E. Clark, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; John Wright Carr, P.G. Secretary; Joseph Burton, P.G. Treas.; Andrew Durrant, P.G.S.G.W.; James Nicholl, S.P.G.J.W.; Frank Whitmore, W.M. 276; Harold E. Stidolph, 276; P.P.G.O.; Alfred F. Ginn, 276; D.M.B. Wheeler, 276; W. Johnson, 1312; W. Cook, 1312; E. Shed, 276; Percy W. Taylor, P.M. 409; John S. Taylor, S.D. 409; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M. 1224, P.G.C.; W. D. Merritt, 1000; Thos. Smece, P.M. 276, P.G.S.D.; A. C. Veley, P.M. 276, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, 1000, G.C.; Alfred Jones, W.M. 1280, P.J.G.W.; Percy Leith, 1118, P.S.G.D.; C. A. Harker, 1280; John Gilling, I.G. 1280; William Spicer, 1280; Joseph Bell, P.M. 1280, P.P.G.J.W.; Arthur Goodchild, P.M. 276, P.P.G.J.D.; Matthew H. Winder, 1280; Joseph Hills, 1224, P.P.G.J.W. (Suffolk); H. C. Bocking, 34; Fred. Wheeler, P.M. 1224; George H. Grimwood, W.M. 1224; and the following members of the new Rosslyn Lodge—Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276; George Dixon Clapham, Fred. J. Snell, H. J. Burt, George F. Skill, J. H. Beaman, John B. Frankham, and Joseph F. Bott, P.M. 276.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Wm. Romaine Callender, M.P., a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons belonging to the County Palatine of Lancaster was held at the new Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Friday, the 20th ult.

There was a good attendance of brethren. A Mark Masters' Lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock by Bro. H. Nelson, as W.M.; Bro. W. Shortis, S.W.; Bro. Henry Jackson, J.W.; assisted by other officers.

A procession was then formed, and Bro. W. Romaine Callender, Prov. G.M.M., entered, and took the chair, accompanied by Bro. H. S. Alpass, acting D.P.G.M.M.; Bro. W. H. Prince, P.G.S.W.; Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.G.J.W.; Bro. John Chadwick, P.G.S.; and others.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M.M., was in the building, but did not enter the lodge-room, as he had a most important engagement to fulfil.

The roll of lodges was called over, and letters of apology were read from absent Prov. Grand Officers.

The minutes of the previous Prov. Grand Mark Lodge meeting at Oldham, on the 30th Nov., 1874, were read and unanimously confirmed.

The sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds on behalf of the Royal Masonic Educational Institution for Boys.

Bro. W. Romaine Callender, R.W.P.G.M.M., subsequently appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Lord Skelmersdale.....	D. Prov. G.M.M.
W. O. Walker.....	Prov. G.S.W.
Dr. J. Kellott Smith.....	Prov. G.J.W.
H. F. Hopkins.....	Prov. G.M.O.
J. C. Lunt.....	Prov. G.S.O.
J. W. Kenyon.....	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. C. R. Hyde, LL.D.....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. John Dunning.....	Prov. G.A. Chap.
J. B. Champion.....	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Duffield.....	Prov. G. Treas.
John Chadwick.....	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Crompton Lee.....	Prov. G.S.D.
W. J. Sly.....	Prov. G.J.D.
W. Shortis.....	Prov. G.S. of W.

Amos Stott.....	Prov. G.D.C.
A. B. Roberts.....	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. Bell.....	Prov. G.S.W.D.B.
Joseph Wood.....	Prov. G. Std. B.
B. Briggs.....	Prov. G. Org.
T. Bradshaw.....	Prov. G. Purst.
Henry Jackson.....	Prov. G. Steward.
Henry Burrows.....	Prov. G. Steward.
R. Cain.....	Prov. G. Steward.
J. Sly.....	Prov. G. Tyler.

After the transaction of some formal business the lodge was closed, and the majority of the brethren sat down to banquet, under the presidency of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P. The catering of Bro. W. S. Vines was of the highest quality, and was the subject of universal commendation.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given and cordially responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a pleasant evening.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

A Convent General of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta was held at the City Terminus Hotel, on the 29th October, when Sir Knight the Earl of Limerick acted as Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master in place of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master. Among the other Sir Knights present were Sir Knt. S. Rawson, as First Superintendent; Sir Knt. Capt. Philips, as Lieutenant Superintendent; Sir Knt. General Doherty, Aide-de-camp; Sir Knts. H. D. Sandeman, Sir Patrick Mac C. de Colquhoun, Chevalier Colquhoun, Gooldeen, A. H. Royds, R. J. Spiers, Major Barlow, Chas. H. Gregory, Charles Horsley, Rev. Luke Rivington, Wilhelm Ganz, Malcolm O. Sim, Alex. Ridgway, George Lambert, Warden of Regalia; Joseph Starkey, W. Tinkler, Vice-Chancellor; Cruickshanks, the Rev. Dr. Ringlands, and Dr. J. F. Townshend, Arch-Chancellor.

After the formal opening of the convent, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of former convents,

The Earl of Limerick reported that the Committee of the Council had recommended an address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his departure for the East.

Sir Knt. Colquhoun then brought the motion forward and read the address, the motion being that the address be embossed and illuminated on vellum and sent to Marlborough House, and a copy of the address be forwarded to H.R.H. in India.

The Grand Seneschal seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The Earl of Limerick next withdrew the motion, notice of which stood in his name on the paper of business.

Sir Knt. Capt. Philips afterwards withdrew the motion, notice of which stood in his name, referring to an Order of Merit, or Star, to be instituted in consequence of the abolition of Past Grand Rank.

Sir Knt. Dr. Townshend, Arch Chancellor, read a letter from an Irish Knight, requesting permission of Grand Council to withdraw his notice of motion also.

Upon this a discussion arose as to the competency of any Sir Knight to withdraw a motion of which he had given notice, on the ground that it prevented the due discussion of the subject of which the Sir Knights had had full notice, and in regard to which many might have travelled a considerable distance to attend Convent General. After several Sir Knights had spoken,

Sir Knt. Ridgway suggested that the matter was not one either of right or of courtesy, but a plain question of fact—the Knight was not there present to move the resolution of which he had given notice, and as a matter of fact it fell to the ground.

Sir Knt. Ridgway further suggested that if the question were to be raised at all it should be raised upon the withdrawal of the notice by Sir Knt. Philips, who was there present in his place, and quite able to propose the motion, were it considered right and courteous to the Grand Convent General that it should be brought forward, for it appeared eminently inconvenient as a matter of principle that Convent General should be thus taken by surprise by the withdrawal of a notice which Sir Knights had come prepared to discuss.

The Earl of Limerick, however, ruled that it was competent to a Sir Knt. to withdraw his motion.

No further discussion, therefore, on the point took place.

Sir Knt. A. H. Royds asked permission to introduce a motion, the effect of which was the abrogation of the recent laws relating to past rank.

After some discussion, it was ruled that as Sir Knt. Royds had not given notice of this motion at the last Convent General the matter could only be received as a notice now, and must stand over to the next Convent General.

The Treasurer's accounts were then read.

Sir Knt. George Lambert thereupon rose, and in a few terse and stringent words reflected in the strongest manner upon the unsatisfactory character of those accounts, pointedly observing that when a public officer openly admitted in Convent General that his accounts were, to use his own words, in a muddle and a jumble, it was quite time that some other officer should be appointed in his place. He was happy to say that he did not know who was Grand Treasurer, and he desired not to know; but whoever he was, he moved that his name be not brought forward again for the appointment.

Sir Knt. Gooldeen, Grand Vice Treasurer, was then nominated as Grand Treasurer, whereupon the name of Viscount Newry was also proposed; but upon a show of hands being taken, Sir Knt. Gooldeen was elected by a large majority. Sir Knt. Gooldeen was then duly appointed Grand Treasurer. Sir Knt. G. Lambert asked whether it would not be advisable for Convent General to appoint a paid auditor, but

Sir Knt. Gooldeen stated that he would immediately look into the accounts, and he felt that there would be no necessity for such an office.

Sir Knt. Colquhoun proposed Sir Knt. Ridgway as auditor, considering that as a man of business, and a banker of considerable Masonic experience, Sir Knt. Ridgway would be the right man in the right place.

Sir Knt. Ridgway intimated that he would accept the office if it was the wish of Convent General.

Sir Knt. de Burgh, representing Ireland, was proposed as a second auditor.

Sir Knt. Captain Philips proposed Sir Knt. S. Rawson.

Sir Knt. S. Rawson declined, and the nominations were confirmed.

Sir Knt. the Rev. Dr. Ringlands proposed that power should be given to the Provincial Priors to dispense with the rule laid down regarding clothing and arms in the statutes, in consequence of some of the preceptories being held in proclaimed districts.

This resolution being seconded, after an amendment to it had been rejected, was duly passed, and some other business having been transacted, Convent General was closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to banquet.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Ellington Lodge, No. 1566, will be consecrated, and the Worshipful Master, Bro. Wm. Berry Farr, P.M. 825, P.G.S.W. Bengal, installed, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the lodge rooms, Maidenhead. The proceedings will commence at 2.30. R.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. for Berks and Bucks, will work the ceremonies. It is expected that several officers of the Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge will be present.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., has been appointed Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Greece.

The new Masonic Hall at Bridlington will be dedicated and the officers of the Lonsborough Lodge, No. 734, installed by the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, on Tuesday, the 7th proximo.

The Aldershot Camp Lodge and the Aldershot Chapter met on Thursday, but too late for a report in our impression of this week. A full report will appear in our next.

The installation meeting of the Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, will take place on Wednesday next, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Col. Wigginton, P.M. 902, and 1298, P.P.G.D.C., Worcestershire, will be re-installed as W.M. by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.W., Middlesex. It is requested that Provincial Grand Officers will appear in full dress to receive the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

The St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction will in future be held at the Commercial Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea, every Friday evening, at seven o'clock, instead of 86, Fulham-road.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire will be held at Dewsbury, November 10th, when our distinguished Bro. Bentley-Shaw, J.P., and P.P.D.G.M. for West Yorkshire, will be installed P.G. Superintendent of West Yorkshire by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E.

DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 860).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this Lodge of Instruction by Bro. Marx Gross in a very satisfactory manner, assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Brand, Ellis, Berry, Lowe, H. Lloyd, Pinder, Gilchrist, Cambridge, Musto, Austin, Lee, Wallington, Brown, and Perrin. There was a large attendance of brethren.

The Directors of the Briton Life Association announce that they will proceed with the allotment of shares on the 10th inst.

The Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, will be solemnly constituted in due form on Tuesday, 9th inst., the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in honour of whom the lodge has been named. R.W. Bro. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M., assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers, will perform the ceremony, and afterwards install the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, P.M. 779, as W.M. The Rev. Canon Burfield, P. Prov. G. Chaplain West Yorkshire, will be the S.W., and Dr. Hunt, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., J.W.

The New York "Square" infers from the character of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that Masonry in that jurisdiction is in a highly encouraging condition.

The Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory was duly constituted on the 21st July last, with the following Principal Grand Officers:—M.W. Bro. Thomas H. Brown, Grand Master; R.W. Bros. F. J. Dewitt, D.G.M.; C. G. Shaw, G.S.W.; H. H. Blair, G.J.W.; G. H. Hand, Grand Treas.; Mark W. Bailey Canton, Grand Sec.

The first meeting of the Owl Club at its new quarters was most successful. It will be noticed in our next.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Tuesday, the 26th inst., under the presidency of Bro. H. C. Okeover, Past Grand Warden of England, the Acting Provincial Grand Master of the Province. There was a large muster of the Craft, the more distant parts of the province being well represented.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 1.30 in firm, prayer being offered up by the P.P.G. Chaplain (the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., vicar of Wormhill, Buxton, P.Prov. G.S.W.)

After the roll of officers had been called over, the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed; the Worshipful Masters of Craft lodges presented their reports.

The reports of the Masonic Hall Committee and the Charity Committee were read and confirmed. The Acting P.G.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—

W. H. Marsden	Prov. S.G.W.
H. E. Diamond	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. W. J. M. Ellison	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W.	Prov. G. Treas.
John Maxwell	Prov. G.R.
William Naylor, P.P.S.G.W.	Prov. G. Sec.
G. E. Cox	Prov. S.G.D.
E. Grindrod	Prov. J.G.D.
John Howill	Prov. G.S. of W.
J. C. Merry	Prov. G.D. of C.
H. T. Bobart	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
W. Clark	Prov. G.S.B.
G. Marsden	Prov. G.O.
H. Cooper	Prov. G.P.
W. Lannox	Prov. G. St. B.
Thomas Slinn	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. W. C. Watson, F. J. Robinson, William Whitaker, Alex. Frazer, Joseph Shaw, and George Pipes were appointed Provincial Grand Stewards. After the lodge was closed the brethren, to the number of fifty, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Low, in the Lower Hall, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the A.P.G.M. occupying the chair.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

In addition to our last report, we have been requested to publish the following shorthand writer's notes of the proceedings and speeches, which we very readily do:—

At the outset a letter was read from Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.L. (late Deputy Prov. G.M. of the Province), regretting his inability to attend, and advising, in reference to the proposed discussion on the subject of the Royal Masonic Boys' School, that the form of the proposed resolution was objectionable, unconstitutional, and such as he thought rendered it impossible for it to be received. He therefore hoped it would not be put in the shape in which it stood, however desirable an enquiry might be.

Bro. Cawthorne, who had given notice of motion, was then called upon. In introducing the resolution he said he came there as no man's champion, but as a Mason who had for many years taken great interest in their noble charities. He felt that the circumstances which had recently arisen rendered it especially important, as well for the interests of the school itself as in the interests of justice, that an enquiry should be instituted. Without going into the merits of the various questions which had been raised, he therefore asked that the Prov. G. Lodge of W. Yorkshire should use its influence in bringing about such an enquiry as would be satisfactory to the brethren. If the results of the enquiry showed that the institution could be placed on a better footing, so as to render it more extensively useful, a great good would have been achieved by the agitation which had been raised; but if, on the other hand, the charges which had been made against the present management were groundless, it were surely better that this should be at once made clear, in order that the institution might not suffer from the imputations which had been made. For his own part, he could not think the committee of the institution would be against the enquiry; in fact, they would, he should suppose, court investigation, and he hoped if any such steps were decided upon the enquiry would be conducted with good feeling on both sides.

Bro. Cawthorne, however, is submitting the motion, obtained leave to omit the words after "benefits of the charity," so that it now contained no reference to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Isaac Booth, in seconding the motion, argued that apart from the questions which had been raised elsewhere, as to the disputes between the Secretary of the institution and the late Head Master, there was abundant reason for an enquiry, as there was evidently an extravagant expenditure, which demanded the serious attention of all supporters of the charity. He instanced the Crossley Orphanage, where the expenditure per head was £27 7s.; another well managed institution in Manchester, where the expenditure was £34 per head; and the London Orphan Asylum, where the cost per head was £34, as showing that something ought to be done to reduce what he considered the extravagant sum of £52 7s. per head, which was being spent on the boys in the Royal Masonic Institution, apart from any calculation as to amounts of interest on expended capital, &c., and this without any exceptional advantages to the boys themselves, as in one case he had mentioned even a better education was offered, besides providing well for the comfort of the boys. He thought the sooner an enquiry was made, the better it would be for the charity itself.

Bro. Moss asked whether the matter had yet been brought under the notice of the Charity Committee attached to Prov. Grand Lodge, and Bro. Hill, (the Chairman of the committee) replied that it had not.

Bro. Brittain, Prov. G. Warden, supported the motion for an enquiry, provided no unconstitutional measures were resorted to, as he thought the damaging statements which had been put forward, whether true or not, were such as could not be allowed to remain unnoticed, and the sooner the reproach could be removed the better it would be for all the charities.

Bro. Captain John Wordsworth (a member of the House Committee of the R.M.B.I.) said he believed the committee of the school would be only too glad of a strict investigation, though he felt sure the charges which had been made would be proved utterly groundless. He did not believe in nigardiness, and would never support such a policy, but he denied that there was any undue extravagance.

The resolution, as amended, was carried with only one dissentient.

Bro. Chalmers, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, then proposed and Bro. Drury, P. Prov. G. Warden, seconded a resolution to the effect, that a committee be appointed to take steps for instituting an enquiry, such committee to consist of six members to be nominated by Prov. Grand Lodge, and six members to be nominated by the Charity Committee.

Bro. Moss proposed that the appointment of the committee be left in the hands of the Charity Committee. This was seconded by Bro. Cawthorne, and supported by several other brethren.

Bro. Ridal supported the appointment of a committee of enquiry, but protested against the idea of £52 a head per year being considered too extravagant.

On being put to the vote, Bro. Chalmers' resolution was carried.

The nomination of the six members on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge was left in the hands of the Prov. G. Master (Sir Henry Edwards).

GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening in the Zetland Room, Freemasons' Hall. Notwithstanding there was so little business before Grand Chapter, there was a large attendance of companions. Comp. S. Rawson presided as Z.; Comp. Sandeman as H.; and Comp. Capt. Platt as J.; Comp. John Hervey, S.E.; Comp. Major Creaton as S.N.; Comp. Rucker, P.S.; Comp. W. Speed, 1st Asst. S.; Comp. Grey, 2nd Asst. S.; Comp. T. Fenn, Sword Bearer; Comp. A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; Comp. Joseph Smith, as D.C. Other P.G. Officers: Benj. Head, N. Bradford, A. Holman, Joshua Nunn, H. J. P. Dumas, H. Muggeridge, Jas. Glaisher, J. Percy Leith, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; Robt. Hollom, and Hyde Pullen.

There were also present Comps. W. S. Gover, H. Massey (Freemason), John Boyd, J. M. Case, G. Newman, Thomas W. White, Chas. F. Hogard, G. Lemann, W. Stephens, Herbert Dicketts, W. Hammond, W. F. Nettleship, Alex. Ridgway, W. Young, Thomas Cochrane, C. W. Noehmer, John Seax, James Lewis Thomas, Richard Spencer, George Lambert, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, and C. B. Payne.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the report of the Committee of General Purposes, published in the "Freemason" last week, was taken as read.

Comp. Major Creaton, S.N., moved, and Comp. Joseph Smith, D.C., seconded, the granting of the petition for a chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 671, Llanelly, to be called "The St. Elli Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Llanelly, Carmarthen. The petition was granted.

Major Creaton S.N., moved, and Comp. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., seconded the granting of a charter for a chapter to be attached to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, Liverpool, to be called "The De Grey and Ripon Chapter," to meet at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. The petition was granted.

Comp. Philbrick asked who had the control over the names to be given to chapters, as he thought it was rather a thing of the past to give this chapter its name, and he questioned whether it was desirable to perpetuate things of the past any longer.

Comp. Joseph Smith, D.C., said it was customary to give chapters the names contained in the petitions. If there was nothing objectionable in the name the warrant was granted for the chapter under the name applied for, unless an amendment was moved.

Comp. Philbrick said he did not move an amendment; he only asked for information.

The M.E.Z. said if Comp. Philbrick had any objection his objection came too late, as the warrant was granted.

Comp. Philbrick replied that he made no objection.

Col. Alex. Ridgway, P. Prov. G.J. Deacon, reminded the companions that the name was a very worthy one in the Craft, and well deserving of being perpetuated.

Comp. Major Creaton, S.N., moved, and Comp. Joseph Smith, D.C., seconded the granting of the petition for a chapter to be attached to the Benevolent Lodge, No. 446, Wells, to be called "The Avalon Chapter," to meet at the Town Hall, Wells, Somerset. The motion was carried.

Comp. Major Creaton, S.N., moved, and Comp. Joseph Smith, D.C., seconded, the granting of a charter for a chapter to be attached to the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, Chester, to be called "The Cestrian Chapter," and to meet at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester. The motion was carried.

Comp. Major Creaton, S.N., proposed, and Comp. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B. seconded, the granting of the peti-

tion from companions for a chapter to be attached to the Hindpool Lodge, No. 1225, Barrow-in-Furness, to be called "The Abbey Chapter," to meet at the Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire. The petition was granted.

Comp. Major Creaton, S.N., proposed, and Comp. Joseph Smith, D.C., seconded, the granting of the petition from companions for a chapter to be attached to the Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale, to be called "The Bective Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland. The motion was carried.

Comp. Major Creaton, S.N., proposed, and Comp. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., seconded, the granting of the petition for a chapter to be attached to The Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, Gloucester, to be called "The Royal Lebanon Chapter," and to meet at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester. This petition also was granted, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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The Grand Lodge of Hungary has asked for an exchange of representatives; we have not, however, entered into fraternal relations with that body, and whilst the fraternity in Hungary continues in its present divided condition it is advisable that our present attitude should not be changed.

The lodges in Prince Edward Island united in the formation of a Grand Lodge for that province of the Dominion, and a courteous request was sent to me and to the officers of Grand Lodge to attend on the 24th of June to instal the Grand Master and other officers of Grand Lodge. Satisfied with the regularity of their proceedings, the movement of the Freemasons in Prince Edward Island was one that met with my hearty concurrence, as I have no doubt it will with yours, and I readily accepted the invitation.

I attended the new Grand Lodge, and installed M.W. Bro. Yeo the Grand Master, and the other officers.

The Grand Secretary will lay before you the papers connected with the formation of a Grand Lodge in the province of Manitoba, together with the official application for a recognition. I have looked through the report of the proceedings, and I believe you will find the action taken to have been perfectly regular, and the new Grand Lodge entitled to our warmest fraternal regard and sympathy.

The transactions of our sister Grand Lodges record the death, during the year, of many eminent and distinguished brothers. In the number is included the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, R.W. Bros. John Meredith Reed, Lucius H. Scott, and James Paige; M.W. Past Grand Master John N. McJilton, of Maryland; and Past Grand Master John H. Anthon, of New York. The Craft in Massachusetts recently sustained a severe loss in the death of Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis, not only a devoted and active Mason up to the time when death closed his illustrious career, but a citizen and a man adorned with the graces of mind and character which made him eminent in society, and in the State generally useful to his fellow man.

In our own Dominion the death of M.W. Bro. Wm. Mercer Wilson, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, excited deep and general sympathy. When I was made a Mason in the city of Montreal, nearly twenty years ago, Bro. Wilson was then at the head of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for several times, at various intervals, he has been called to the same position, the duties of which he discharged with discretion, zeal, and ability.

In our own jurisdiction we have to mourn the death of R.W. Bro. W. P. Flewelling, who died at Clifton on March 26th, at the age of sixty years. For many years Bro. Flewelling was an active member of the Midian Lodge, in which he filled nearly every important office, and of which he was Treasurer at the time of his death. He took an active interest in the formation of our Grand Lodge, and was its first Senior Grand Warden.

The reports of the Board of General Purposes and of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer will show the Craft in this jurisdiction to be in a satisfactory condition. If we are not making as rapid progress in increase of members and in wealth as some of the more ardent of our bre-

thren would desire, the returns will show that there is a healthy increase; and that there are no discordant elements at work to disturb the harmony that should be the great characteristic of all Masonic bodies. The Grand Master or the Board has not been called upon to settle any important disputes between lodges or members, and we can all heartily exclaim "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

When advice has been asked by lodges or brethren on any question it has been freely given, through the Grand Secretary; but I have made no decisions of particular importance to the Craft generally. In one case, where an enquiry was made as to whether a brother could hold office in a lodge of which he was not a member, an answer was returned in the negative, for although there is no constitutional enactment on the subject, it would seem to be opposed to common sense to allow a brother to be an officer where he was not a member; and the absence of any regulation might be taken as a proof that no regulation was thought to be necessary. Of course, the case of a Tyler, who is a serving brother, and whose duties are entirely different from those of any other officer, is entirely exceptional, custom as well as necessity permitting one brother to serve many lodges. In another case, the Grand Secretary advised a lodge that it was contrary to sound Masonic policy to initiate in 1875, without a fresh ballot, a person who had been accepted in 1871. The reasons are obvious. In that number of years many persons might be initiated into the lodge who would not be willing to receive the candidate, whilst, in the four years, his own character and habits might unfortunately have undergone changes which would unfit him to be made a Mason. Every lodge by its by-laws ought to provide that a candidate neglecting to come forward within a reasonable period after his election, should have his election set aside. A lodge asked whether it could rent its lodge-room to another society. Of course, with the control of the property of private lodges the Grand Master has no power, or even desire, to interfere; but the enquiring lodge was advised that the interests of the Craft would be best served by reserving its lodge room for its own exclusive use. I am aware that in some places throughout the country, lodges cannot help a common tenancy with other societies, in places where Masonic halls have been erected by the joint action of the lodge and the community the lodge room is used for various purposes. It should be the aim of every lodge, however, to secure as soon as possible its own room for its own exclusive use. A lodge enquired whether objection would be taken to its holding a "Masonic Gift Enterprise" in aid of its Hall fund. The Grand Secretary fraternally advised the lodge to abandon the idea, as the whole feeling and spirit of the Craft is against undertakings of this kind—and they have been positively condemned by many Grand Lodges. The advice was at once acted upon in the most commendable spirit by the lodge—a circumstance that I note with pleasure, for the burden entailed upon it by the fine hall it is erecting is very great, and the "Gift Enterprise" seemed a very easy way of financing. A lodge was also advised that a native of this province, who has resided many years in California, and returns on a short visit to his friends, is to be regarded as a sojourner merely.

At the last session of Grand Lodge a resolution was adopted making the production of a Grand Lodge certificate a pre-requisite for examination, from brothers hailing from another jurisdiction, desirous to be received as visitors into lodges in this province. I invite Grand Lodge to a further and fuller consideration of this subject. If it is desirable to continue this regulation it should be made a constitutional enactment; and it appears to me that if continued it should be made to apply to brothers hailing from lodges in our own province, as well as to those coming from other jurisdictions. The European practice is to insist upon the production of a Grand Lodge certificate, as a proof that the applicant has been made a Mason in a regular lodge. On this continent the production of the certificate is not generally required,

though it is in some places. However, the brethren have now had several months' experience of the practice, and they ought to be able to say whether its continuance is or is not desirable.

The Constitution of Grand Lodge provides for the existence of a Charity Fund, to be styled the "Fund of Benevolence," for the relief of poor and distressed brethren, or the widows and orphans of deceased brethren in good standing, upon the request of Grand Lodge. Up to the present time this fund exists only in name, and I earnestly urge upon Grand Lodge to consider whether some practical steps cannot be taken towards the creation of the fund. If we begin in ever so humble a manner something even then will be achieved. Out of the surplus now on hand at least 200 dol. might be funded and placed at interest for this purpose. I sincerely believe that a fund created for such a laudable object will rapidly grow, and will commend itself to the warm consideration of charitable and well-disposed brothers; but until a commencement is made by Grand Lodge the "donations" contemplated by the Constitution are not likely to be received from individuals. The establishment of the fund itself is a duty the performance of which we ought no longer to postpone.

In Fredericton, last winter, Solomon's Lodge and St. Andrew's Lodge united in the formation of a Lodge of Instruction, principally upon the model of "Emulation Lodge of Instruction," held in St. John by the Grand Secretary, and which proved of great benefit to the Craft here. The lodge at Fredericton worked very satisfactorily. St. George's Lodge, No. 60, recently gave its permission to a number of its members resident in Pennfield to hold a Lodge of Instruction in the Temperance Hall at that place; but I have asked the lodge not to act upon its resolution until your opinion is given upon the subject. It appears to me that a very important principle is involved. With the desire of the brothers at Pennfield to receive Masonic instruction we must all heartily sympathise; but we must consider the effect of allowing a Lodge of Instruction to be worked elsewhere than in the village where the lodge itself is held, and in a different place of meeting from the lodge room, away, perhaps, from the control of the Master. If a lodge may authorize such a Lodge of Instruction in one place, may it not authorize a similar lodge in another; and what limit is thereupon its powers in this respect? I ask your serious consideration of this important matter.

A complaint was received from Alley Lodge, No.—, to the effect that Lewey Island Lodge of Princeton, Maine, had refused to examine or receive in any way as a visitor Bro.—, of that lodge. It did not appear, however, that Lewey Island Lodge declined to receive as visitors all of the members of Alley Lodge. The objection appears to have been made simply to an individual brother, and recognizing as I do the right of a lodge to refuse admission to a visitor who may be objectionable, I did not deem it advisable to interfere. Of course, it is our duty to secure for our subordinate lodges, from the Masonic powers with which we are in amity, every right to which they are entitled; and whilst it is sometimes difficult to prevent differences among lodges of different jurisdictions whose territory is contiguous, yet our relations with the Grand Lodge of Maine are of the most satisfactory kind, and we can rely on its best efforts in aid of our own to promote peace and harmony.

In conclusion, I have to thank the various officers of Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes, and many members of the Craft, of every station and rank, for the advice or assistance rendered me, as I have asked it, in the discharge of my official duties. The courtesy and kindness shown towards me personally I gratefully appreciate. Whilst the cheerfulness with which assistance has been rendered me has not only lightened my own labours, and made the performance of them very pleasant, it has also shown to me what must be equally pleasing to you all, the deep and hearty interest that is felt by so many of our brothers in the welfare of this ancient and honourable fraternity.

Reviews.

"The History and Antiquities of Freemasonry." Bro. G. J. FORT, Putnam, Philadelphia.—Sampson, Low, Son, and Marston, London.

We welcome this and all other like contributions to Masonic history and archæology. The history is well got up, and most carefully put together, and reflects the greatest credit on the industry and research of the author. The novelty of his treatment of an "oft-told tale" consists in this, that Bro. Fort takes back Freemasonry practically to the Scandinavian mysteries, and also seems to think that it is of Byzantine origin, with a Judaic colouring, and came into Lombardy, via Venice, soon after that the Roman Empire became Christian. As we understand his work, he accepts the operative basis as one side of the true history of the Order, and takes Bro. Findel's view of a 12th century creation, ignoring any question of the Roman guilds; but he also subjoins a theory of an occult side to the teachings of Freemasonry, a counterpart of which is found in the Scandinavian and other mysteries.

Among other peculiarities of his theory is that which looks upon the Locke MS., as it is called, as authentic, upon "internal" evidence too. Now this we do not profess to understand. The whole history of the so-called MS. is so full of suspicion that it is impossible to accept the statements respecting it. This is an English formula, said to have been re-translated from a German pamphlet, which professes to have been published at Frankfurt in 1748. But no one has ever yet seen the German pamphlet, nor the English MS. of which it was an alleged translation.

About 1756 this so-called MS. appeared in the "Gentleman's Magazine," as a translation from the German, or, rather, a translation of a German book translated originally from the English. Who was the author of this ingenious mystification nowhere appears, probably one of that Rosicrucian fraternity, then very busy and restless.

From its internal evidence alone it has long been given up by all English students of MSS. Its archaisms are not the archaisms of Henry VI., and are evidently, it is said, archaisms for a purpose. We regret that Bro. Fort should, in the face of all critical studies in this country, boldly announce that from "internal evidence" he accepts the document. All, we think, that can be said of it possibly is this, that it represents an old Masonic catechism, of some sort, but garbled and added to, and greatly expanded, by the "fraus pia" of some ingenious mystifier. As an evidence of any value we must reject it utterly. Bro. Fort, we see, places Pius VII. in 1738, an anachronism which may be a typographical error, and we might take exception to one or two statements, or, rather, perhaps deductions, drawn from a mistaken view of the force of certain evidence. But it is useless our going over the same ground again, as our views are well known. Bro. Fort seems to think that it is now pretty clear that the Anglo-Saxon guild system is not a perpetuation of the Roman one, but if he accepts, as we do, the Anglo-Saxon guild system as the precursor of the mediæval guilds, so, to be consistent, he must go back to the Roman and pre-Christian guilds for the origin of the Anglo-Saxon guilds. But though we do not agree with all Bro. Fort's views, we have read his work with much pleasure, and can conscientiously commend it to all Masonic students. Bro. Fort writes clearly and agreeably, and if he does not always convince, at any rate he always pleases. His book cannot have been put together without much of thought, care, and study, and we are glad to note that in the United States so many valuable works are now appearing, all tending to prove that there is much literary activity amongst our intelligent brethren in America. W.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The seeds of disease are often unconsciously sown by some neglect of those precautions which are so necessary in this changeable climate of ours. The earlier symptoms of deranged health are often neglected, and hence another great source of after consequences of a serious character arises. Amongst the precautions, most necessary at the change of season, is that of attention to the clothing, and to the advent of any cough or throat disorder, which should at once be treated by these remedies, which will quickly remove all chance of their taking hold of the system and producing consumptive symptoms. A few doses of these Pills are the best remedy for all hepatic and dyspeptic symptoms.—ADVT.

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We will publish Bro. Shepherd's letter if he think well, otherwise we can hardly make use of the information.

Bros. Tew and Perrott's letter received; shall appear next week. We could not publish two letters on the same subject the same week.

Bro. Iggleston's interesting communication also received with thanks.

W. Geyt's communication requires consideration.

The following stand over—T. O. Bailey, P.M.; Knights of Malta at Hinckley, Consecration of a lodge at Morecambe, Grand Masonic Demonstration at Perth, Masonic Jewels.

BOOK RECEIVED.

Oration by Bro. Richard T. Russell, D.D., at Bideford.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
Baxter, H. A., Ontario (P.O.O.)	0	18	6
Alcazar, L. J., Trinidad	1	0	0
Nalty, V. F. A., South Australia	0	13	0
Hickox, F. Clunes (P.O.O.)	0	10	0
Gabbidon, S.N., Cape Coast Castle (P.O.O.)	1	0	0

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATH.

HASELWOOD.—On the 1st November, Bro. William Haselwood at Fooks Cray, Kent, late of Burfords, Hoddesdon, Herts, in his 84th year, member of Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge No. 12.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOV. 6, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

We learn from the "Times" that His Royal Highness the Prince received and answered an address at Aden, Nov. 1, inspected the 2nd Grenadiers, the Borderers, the Garrison, and the Tanks, and received and rewarded the Arab chiefs. He lunched with the Resident. There was a great reception and much rejoicing. The weather was fine, and the Prince and his suite were all well. The Sultan of Lahej received a medal and ring of honour at the hands of the Prince of Wales, after a "levée" attended by all the military, civil, and Consular residents. At 4.30 the Prince embarked again, and at 7 received the Resident and a small party at dinner, the town and port being brightly illuminated. His Royal Highness expressed great pleasure at the reception he had received. A telegram was received from Sandringham in reply to the announcement of his arrival here. The Serapis, with His Royal Highness on board, sailed from Aden at 10 o'clock, Nov. 1st. The "Times of India," received by the overland mail on Monday, says:—"It is understood here that the Prince will visit the capital of the Nizam before leaving India, and an official letter which has been published regarding the dress to be worn by officials at the Residency during the visit seems to confirm the rumour. A correspondent writing from Hyderabad, says:—"Preparations and presents on magnificent scales are being got ready for the occasion; carriages, jewellery, and novel trinkets of Hyderabad manu-

facture are being prepared for presentation to the Prince. The city of Hyderabad is, so to speak, alive with workmen of every description. Nothing seems to be wanting on the part of the Prime Minister, Sir Salar Jung, G.C.S.I., to do homage to our future King and Emperor on behalf of his young master, His Highness the Nizam." The following description of the railway arrangements for Madras is taken from one of the local papers:—"Seventeen carriages in all will form the Royal train—viz., two saloon carriages, six first-class, and nine second-class carriages. The hangings of the saloon carriages are of crimson silk, with cords and tassels to match. Two full-length mirrors decorate each extremity of these carriages, and the mouldings and metal fastenings are richly gilt. The accommodations for lavatory and other purposes will be in strict keeping with the furniture of the State apartments, and nothing is omitted in the way both of luxury and convenience which can be missed by the most fastidious. Elegance, simplicity, and taste have been very happily blended in the arrangements now rapidly carried out by Perambore workshop authorities for the ease and comfort of his Royal Highness. Bunting is being prepared, we hear, to a large extent to flutter forth its welcome to our future King. It is expected that the Prince of Wales and party, including the Staff, will number thirty, with 37 European servants and postillions. The lowest estimate formed of the native establishments is 40 jemadars and kitmutgars, 100 personal servants, 100 horses, 9 carriages, 159 attendants on horses, and 12 coachmen and postillions. The above do not include local officers, who will accompany the prince through the districts. Four Arab horses—very handsome animals—have been purchased at Bangalore, and were forwarded by rail to Poona for the use of the Prince of Wales. The Rajah of Cochin will meet the Prince at Madras. The following K.C.I.'s are to be invested at Calcutta:—Maharajah Punna Rajah Nahun Kashee Rao, Holkar's brother; Ranodeep Sing, of Nepaul; Gunputram Kirkey, Dewan of Gwalior; Faiz Ali Khan, Minister of Kotah. Maharajahs Scindiah and Holkar are making great preparations for the reception of the Prince when he visits their capitals."

COLOURED LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES.

It seems from a letter we publish elsewhere, that an article of ours, October 23rd, has sadly discomposed our good Bro. J. G. Findel, of Leipsic. He writes, as will be seen, in a very hasty and, to say the least, not a little intemperate strain, upon a subject which requires calmness of temper, courtesy of treatment, and, above all, a judicial frame of mind in its treatment. And for this reason, that it is not a question of colour or sentiment, but a simple, hard, dry matter-of-fact question of vital Masonic law which has to be decided between us. We pass over in silence the personal accusations of ignorance and incompetence, which we laugh at, we overlook historical misstatements and petulant apostrophes, and we come "au fait." What we stated on October 23rd we repeat to-day, equally distinctly and a little more fully. The Prince Hall Lodge was originally warranted at Boston from the English Grand Lodge in 1784, by a lodge charter, or warrant, granted by the Earl of Effingham, Acting G.M. under the Duke of Cumberland, G.M., to Prince Hall, Boston Smith, and Thomas Sanderson, and others there, these brethren being respectively the first W.M. and the first two Wardens. We do not now go into the question how far in 1784 the English Grand Lodge had a right to grant a warrant for a district where another Grand Lodge is said to have existed, for that is a point which we do not feel, at this moment well enough posted up in to argue. But we go simply upon this known normal constitutional position of all English warranted lodges. The grant of a warrant implies two things—first, that the Grand Lodge recognizes a certain lodge as belonging to its roll; and, secondly, the warranted lodge takes upon itself certain obligations, on the fulfilment of which the validity and vitality of its warrant depend. If for instance, a lodge makes no returns and pays

no annual fees, and becomes dormant, it forfeits its active character, and after a time, if not revived by the payment of back reckonings and a fresh understanding with its mother Grand lodge, it is erased from the roll of lodges, and nothing under that warrant can call it into activity again. It is, as far as the Grand Lodge of England is concerned, Masonically defunct, and its warrant is forfeited. Such we apprehend to be, as far as our English law is concerned, the position of the Prince Hall Lodge. But, in addition to this, the warrant only gave authority to do known Masonic acts, and it is impossible to base on it any authority to open other lodges, much less to form a Grand Lodge! Thus, then, we have this anomaly: a lodge is dormant and defunct, not having complied with the conditions on which the warrant was originally granted, and it is revived without any legal Masonic authority whatever, and without any reference to the granter of the warrant, who alone could revive the dormant lodge. This lodge, brought into activity proprio motu, proceeds to commence Masonic working, to open other lodges, and eventually to form a Grand Lodge! All these acts are "ultra vires," and, as far as English Masonic law is concerned, utterly null and void. We must, therefore, beg respectfully to adhere to our expressed opinion, that on the facts of the case historically, and on the broad basis of English Masonic law, the position of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge is utterly vicious and unsound. Bro. Findel in the ardour of his advocacy ventures to place the Prince Hall Grand Lodge on the same footing as our English Grand Lodge. Now on this point much confusion of ideas exists in the minds of many continental brethren, and Bro. Findel seems to share in it. With us a Grand Lodge is an aggregate of private lodges, forming themselves by conjoint action into a corporate body, with a central Masonic authority. Abroad, many Grand Lodges were originally, and some still are, only private lodges which have assumed to themselves unmasonically the title of a Grand Lodge, but without any authority of aggregation, or any principle of delegation or representation to warrant such an appellation. The English Grand Lodge is the result of those four old lodges, who originally met, and very properly and very naturally formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, over which they nominated a speculative brother as first Grand Master of the revived Grand Lodge. And it is on this principle we contend, and only on this principle, that a Grand Lodge can properly or Masonically ever be formed. Bro. Findel dogmatically declares that the four old lodges were all operative. Where does he find any authority for such a misleading statement? In 1717, 1718, 1719, a speculative Mason was elected Grand Master, and there is no proof whatever of such an assertion, as far as we are aware of. The author of "Multa Paucis" tells us, "au contraire," that Captain Elliott was one of the Grand Wardens for 1717. The truth is that good Bro. Findel is a little angry at one of his hobbies being questioned by us audacious chaps in England, and, like angry people, he writes without that clearness and Masonic knowledge which mostly distinguish his writings. We confess that we have understated and undervalued unintentionally the amount of German recognition and of German opinion on the subject, but we had not looked very clearly into the facts of the case until our attention was called to them from America, and we had regarded the matter as more a question of feeling, than, as it now turns out to be one, of Masonic law. Our brethren in Germany are so free-spoken and honest themselves that they will, we feel sure, credit us with speaking frankly and fearlessly on the subject, on which, begging Bro. Findel's pardon, and despite his depreciatory estimate of ourselves, we are as competent to form an opinion as he is.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Some questions having arisen with reference to the power of a P.G. Lodge, and of G. Lodge, to pass a resolution affecting the outward government of the Boys' School, we thought it right and due to our readers in our issues of the 23rd and 30th ult., respectively, to express our opinion, and to quote a precedent with respect to the abstract

point at issue. Our view, as originally expressed, has been more than confirmed by the unimpeachable and exalted authority of our good old and faithful G. Master, Lord Zetland, and we can, therefore, afford to smile at the pretentious impertinence of the sciolist or the illogical aberrations of the unmasonic. The point at issue is this: Can a Provincial G. Lodge, or G. Lodge, pass a resolution as a corporate body affirming the necessity of an enquiry into any matter connected with the school and appoint a committee of investigation? We say no; and Lord Zetland said no on a former occasion. A very distinguished brother of our Order, Bro. Beach, P.G.M. for Hampshire, had submitted a resolution to the Board of Masters for discussion in G. Lodge. This was an abstract resolution, enforcing the advisability of an annual examination for the two schools. The Board of Masters declined to allow the resolution to appear on the agenda paper, on the ground that G. Lodge was incompetent to pass such a resolution. On appeal by Bro. Beach to the G.M., he sustained the action of the Board of Masters, and for this reason:—The G. Lodge gives £150 per annum to the schools. Such an annual payment only placed it in the category of subscribers. The only course open to subscribers was to pass a resolution to that effect either at a Quarterly General Court or Special General Court, or at a General Committee. Lord Zetland's dictum goes to this effect, that G. Lodge, through its annual gift of £150, has no exceptional privileges as none are accorded to it by the laws of the Institutions, and that therefore all such resolutions can only be moved by individual subscribers, not by the G. Lodge or P.G. Lodges, or lodges as separate bodies. This is the common sense view of dealing with the matter, the practice and course of all similar institutions. Any one who has the hardihood to assert the contrary, in a Masonic or profane print, or is so perverse as to seek to mislead others, either through crass ignorance or jesuitical evasions, has no claim to be listened to, and is out of court altogether. One should pay no more attention to his remarks than if they had been never penned, put forth, as such silly animadversions evidently are, in a spirit of childish opposition, and in a way which shows limited acquaintance with Masonic teaching. The distinguished Province of West Yorkshire has passed an abstract resolution (much altered from the original matter in the P.G.L. agenda paper,) affirming the need of enquiry into the present condition of the school in all respects, and has also passed a resolution for a West Yorkshire Committee of Investigation of twelve members. This is a fact, though for some reason kept back in a report sent to us from W. Yorkshire, but we give elsewhere the shorthand writer's notes of the actual speeches and resolutions. We are, then, distinctly of opinion that on Lord Zetland's dictum the resolution so carried and the action so taken are ultra vires and can have no practical effect. If any body has any complaint to make, or grievance to expose, or wrong to redress, he must act legally and give notice of a motion that the General Committee shall call a Special General Court to devise a special resolution on the subject. Had the P.G. Lodge of West Yorkshire passed a resolution calling upon the General Committee to convoke a Special General Court to consider a certain resolution to be brought forward relative to the administration of the Institution, (though even in such a course it would be going beyond its constitutional right), yet considering all West Yorkshire has undoubtedly done for the Boys' School, the General Committee would, we think, probably have acceded to such a request. But as it is, the action of West Yorkshire threatens the very independence of our great educational institutions, is altogether taken in ignorance or forgetfulness of the constitutional position of the P.G. Lodge in the matter, and cannot be sustained by any who have the real and lasting interests of the Boys' School at heart.

MASONIC JEWELS.

Some controversy has been going on lately in our pages as to what jewels may or may not be worn in lodge, and we therefore think it well to call attention to a subject which has a special

interest for many and a general interest for all. It is quite clear in the first place that all jewels or decorations which belong to the Christian grades in Mark Masonry are not wearable in a Craft Lodge, or P. Lodge, or G. Lodge. The Book of Constitutions distinctly lays down the normal regulation of English Freemasonry in the provisions of its pages, but all tending to the same one point and end. At page 18 it is said "Nor shall any member be permitted to wear in the lodge or in any private lodge any jewel, medal, or decoration belonging or appertaining to any order or degree not recognised by the G. Lodge of England as part of pure antient Masonry." The G. Lodge having decided that "pure antient Masonry" consists of the three Craft Degrees and the R. Arch, necessarily in limine forbids absolutely all "jewels, medals or decorations" in Craft Lodges which belong to any grade or degree except these four. But "Ex converso" "jewels, medals and decorations" belonging to such recognised degrees may be worn in Craft Lodges. Here the question arises, what are the "jewels, medals, and decorations" belonging to such recognised degrees as may properly be worn in lodge? And here we confess we feel much difficulty in answering the question. In two other places in the Book of Constitutions G. Lodge has dealt with the question, in addition to the section just specified, and we must go to them to see what G. Lodge really says on the matter. At page 68, sect. 22, we find these further words—"No jewel shall be worn in a lodge other than those specified for the officers, except such honorary or other jewels as shall be consistent with those degrees recognised by the G. Lodge as part of antient Masonry." Thus, having previously said "belonging or appertaining to" the Book of Constitutions now adds "consistent with." At page 118, sect. 2, the G. Lodge thus further deals with the matter: "No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the G. Lodge which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognised and acknowledged by and are under the control of the G. Lodge as part of pure and antient Masonry." Thus we see all jewels, emblems, medals, or devices which are not consistent with and do not belong or appertain to one of the degrees acknowledged and recognised and under the control of G. Lodge are illegal. At first sight this last section would seem to exclude R.A. jewels, which belong to a grade not actually under the control of G. Lodge, but as the three sections quoted are based upon and all allude to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of certain degrees, as forming true and antient Masonry, we are led back to the Articles of Union for 1813, in which the three degrees including the Royal Arch are acknowledged and declared to be such. The Royal Arch jewels are worn under the direction of the regulations for Royal Arch Masons, and we do not feel quite sure, despite custom, that a strict interpretation of the words "under the control of Grand Lodge" might not even exclude them from a Craft or blue lodge. It seems too that the general idea of the Book of Constitutions is to be very chary indeed of jewels at all, and that the only jewels it actually recognizes, in addition to the jewels pendant to collars, and significant of rank, are such honorary or other jewels as shall be consistent with the three degrees it recognizes. The Book of Constitutions recognizes centenary jewels, and it mentions, as we have seen, honorary jewels, whatever they may be, but it does not allude to the charity medal, nor does it apparently give any authority for any dispensation for any other kind of jewel. Still, as often happens, custom is more powerful than law, and "mos est lex." We wear in our lodges many honorary jewels, medals, emblems, and devices, such as those of P.M., the five-pointed star, &c.; and some lodges, though very few, have a lodge jewel granted by special authorisation of the Grand Master. The number of lodges having a lodge jewel is so small that it cannot, we fancy, exceed a dozen, if so many. Now, we believe that under the law all devices, emblems, medals, or honorary jewels, which are consistent with the degrees recognized by the Grand Lodge, may be worn legally. An Entered Apprentice might wear a jewel on which were represented the working tools of the First Degree, for instance, and so too, as regards the Second

Degree, and in respect of the Third Degree, either the five-pointed star, its emblem, or a jewel with its working tools, might constitutionally, we apprehend, be worn in lodge, and for this reason—if not, what emblems, devices, jewels, or medals are legal? The jewels specified by the Book of Constitutions belong actually to officers, not to degrees; and if the Book of Constitutions admits that, other honorary jewels, emblems, devices, or medals may be worn, if consistent "with the recognized degrees." What are they? The word "degrees" cannot by any possibility be strained so as to mean "degrees of rank," so that it can only refer to the three Craft Degrees, including the Royal Arch. Why should it not then be stated what jewels, &c., may be actually worn in lodge? Why should not the charity medal come under the same law as the centenary jewel? And hence the question naturally almost arises, would it not be well to modify the law, and settle it fully and finally, and once for all. Why should not each lodge have its own lodge jewel, by sanction of the Grand Master, and by regulation of the proper authorities, and by the provisions of the Book of Constitutions? Each lodge would then keep up its own "esprit de corps" by the possession of its distinguishing badge, and a very large sum might be raised for the Fund of Benevolence, which, if the present strain on it continues, will want ere long increased supplies. We have spoken simply, and we trust clearly, and we venture to think what we have advanced may be worthy of a little consideration by those who we know well have ever the best interests of our great Order most truly and loyally at heart.

THE WESTMINSTER GAZETTE AGAIN.

The proceedings and deliverances of the Roman Catholic body in this country would be very saddening were they not so very ludicrous. Here is a religious organization of great power and greater influence, agitated and troubled about Freemasons and Freemasonry to a degree we could hardly have thought possible or credible. We have never in the history of the past, or in the controversies of the present, witnessed an excitement so silly, or a fear so craven. Day by day, in one form or other, the various publications of the Ultramontane school are pouring forth the most childish invectives, and the most venomous diatribes. There is nothing too hard or too bad to say of Freemasons and Freemasonry. We are accustomed to the violence of foreign Roman Catholic journals and ecclesiastics, but we confess we are not prepared for this absolute manqué of all "égards" of politeness, even for this unscrupulous use of perverse calumny, the "suppressio veri," and the "suggestio falsi," which we have to encounter in free-spoken, truth-loving England. But we fear, after a certain correspondence at Hastings that has appeared in the public prints, that we may expect anything at the hands of some Ultramontane partizans which violence can suggest or vulgarity inspire. Sir Geo. Bowyer in his kindness, attempts an appeal ad misericordiam, and asks us all not to judge of the many by the few, but, alas "facta" are more powerful than "verba," and at this moment some of the more violent and the least scrupulous of ultramontane writers have got the bit between their teeth, and words of moderation and counsels of restraint are worse than vain. The "Westminster Gazette," a sober Roman Catholic journal, in its issue of October 20th, puts forward an article entitled "The Secret Societies and their Aims," which we deplore, protest against, and laugh at at the same time. We deplore it in the interests of religion and of truth; we protest against it on behalf of a peaceful, loyal, and unrevolutionary society; we laugh at it because it simply displays at this moment the Ultramontane monomania, and as regards Freemasonry is a burlesque on fact, and a mockery of common sense. Any Roman Catholic taking up the article, or a non-Roman Catholic, for the matter of that, would believe that the whole of Freemasonry is simply a camp of secret conspiracy, a focus of revolutionary, socialistic, communistic, irreligious intrigue, a dangerous and destructive combination against all order, law, government, morality, and religion.

A REFERENCE.

With respect to the quotation in our last issue from the printed reports of the Quarterly Communication, March 3rd, 1858, we beg to refer our readers to the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror," vol. from January to June, 1858, p. 453, and to the "Masonic Observer" for March 20th, 1858, p. 5. We understand that the official minutes are naturally more condensed, but our readers will see who collate the reports of the "Masonic Magazine" and the "Masonic Observer" that they are almost identically the same, word for word.

A WORD OF WARNING.

We publish, as we promised, in another column a letter which came too late for insertion last week, relative to the Boys' School, and signed by Bros. Tew and Perrott. We have printed the letter at the request of our two brethren, though we are fully sensible of the deep evil which may accrue to an excellent institution by Parthian attacks and a protracted controversy, affecting alike the character, work, and progress of the school. Still, as we are unwilling to close our pages to the real or supposed grievance of any brother, the more so as we have admitted Bro. Binckes's letters, we shall continue to publish such further correspondence as we may be favoured with on both sides, but minus personalities. We give fair notice to all who henceforth forward to us their "gravamina" or their rejoinders, that we shall rigorously excise all personal reflections, come from what quarter they may.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We note in your issue of Friday last a letter from the Secretary of the Boys' School with reference to our pamphlet, and we crave space in your columns for a brief reply.

For obvious reasons we pass by the Secretary's abuse, and go straight to the point. Bro. Binckes, unfortunately for himself, adduces the case of "James Gasson" to convict us of error, and assures the friends of the institution that all our statements—"mass of vindictive accusations"—may be as easily confuted.

The Secretary states that £5 was paid for an outfit on leaving in May, 1872. We find, however, that "James Gasson," according to a Report, 2nd edition, before us, did not attain the age for leaving, viz., fifteen, in 1872, till the 28th October of that year, and, as we are informed in a contemporary that "James Gasson" was "an orphan and entirely friendless," it is very strange he left the school six months before his time. Again, the Secretary states that £5 was paid at commencement of apprenticeship, which, according to the same authority, must have been in the year 1872. Why then is this second grant of £5 not shewn in the 1872 Report, where other grants of the same amount, as late as December, are duly recorded? Everything concerning "Gasson" is most perplexing: in two Reports, one reaching a second edition, we are informed that he left in December, 1871; in another that for 1865, "second edition with corrections," we are told in two places that "Gasson's" time for leaving would not be till the 28th October, 1872; and now the Secretary states that £5 was paid for his outfit on leaving in May, 1872. We fail to see how the Secretary has improved his case, which appears to us to be only more involved, and all we can say of the Reports for the last three years is, that they are thoroughly unreliable, and therefore worthless. The repetition in Report for 1873 of grants made in 1872 and previous years, is in direct contradiction to the heading, "With amount of grant not previously made or ascertained."

As regards numbers "in the institution," as the several lists are headed, and not on the Secretary's books, we see no reason for altering our verdict, which is, that they are all wrong; this we have shewn conclusively in our pamphlet, and it will hardly escape the notice of our readers, that Bro. Binckes offers none of his solutions for the other blunders, which, being made in two editions of the same Report, ought not to be explained away as "clerical blunders."

Since the issue of our pamphlet several other errors in these Reports have been brought to our notice by correspondents. What the Secretary means by the sum of £510 17s. from this source we do not know; and have only to remark concerning his salary and office expenses, that the total cost last year for the Clergy Orphan Schools under this head, for 210 orphans, amounted to only £802 5s. 10d., whereas at the Masonic Boys' School, with 170 inmates, the total cost was £1274 18s. 9d. In the matter of clothing too, our school compares unfavourably with the Clergy Orphan School, where the cost per head is only £5 10s.

44d., whilst each of our boys cost last year £7 11s. 7d. These are facts, and speak for themselves.

The till-now-unheard-of charge of "unparalleled tyranny and persecution," &c., against Bro. Perrott argues the extremity to which the Secretary is reduced, and it will strike your readers as most strange that, withal, Bro. Perrott was spontaneously offered by a sub-committee of the governing body, formally appointed to treat with him, an opportunity of withdrawing his previous resignation. The letters from the masters were sent in order that they might offer any suggestions for alterations in the different time-tables.

We are glad to observe that the Secretary has at length seen fit to admit, though doubtless with many mental afterbirth pangs, the paternity of the Matron's reply, characterised by a member of the House Committee as "highly improper." Its authorship was one of Bro. Perrott's crucial questions, which the Secretary three months ago publicly announced should be crucially answered, and its late constrained recognition does not say much for a parent's natural pride.

We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
THOMAS WM. TEW.
O. G. D. PERROTT, M.A.

Pontefract, Oct. 26th, 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the hurry of complying with the exigencies of the press, I copied from the uncorrected MS. a statement with reference to outfits, &c. The amount "paid in 1871" is £45 (instead of £55), and that appearing in Report 1875, "paid in 1874," is £37 10s. (instead of £47 10s.), the result not being affected. Regretting having thus to trouble you,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDERICK BINCKES.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to your correspondent, "An Enquiring M.M.," I can assure him that the "five-pointed star" is a perfectly legitimate jewel, and may be worn by any M.M. I have many times worn it in Grand Lodge, but what is perhaps of more consequence, I wore it at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, when I had the honour of acting as Steward, and when, as you are aware, every jewel was rigidly examined, so that nothing unorthodox should by any possibility be admitted. You, Sir, have already pointed out that such a jewel is not contrary to Masonic law (Craft), and I trust that "An Enquiring M.M." will rest satisfied that he is perfectly in order in wearing it. Should the W.M. and officers of his lodge make any objection, he has an appeal to the Board of General Purposes, when the question will be settled once for all, and I for one will gladly assist him in making such an appeal, if necessary.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, your truly and fraternally,
J. J. HOOPER WILKINS, W.M. 73, &c.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Bro. the Rev. E. Y. Nepean, the jewels allowed to be worn in the Craft lodge include not only those specified in the "Book of Constitutions," and the charity and Royal Arch jewels (Principals, &c.), but also all special jewels, like those of the Lodge Antiquity ("Royal Medal"), and the Prince of Wales's Lodge.

I cannot myself see that the "five-pointed star" is a legal Masonic jewel, though it is just possible that the editor of the "Freemason" is correct, and that it comes under the definition of the "Book of Constitutions" as to decorations.

In addition to the foregoing there is the centenary jewel, a drawing of which appears now in the appendix to the "Constitutions." Many of these centenary jewels, however, are very handsome, the patterns formerly varying considerably, and the designs in many instances being most ornate. A brother may of course belong to twenty centennial lodges, and thus be entitled to wear as many centenary jewels, just as he may serve as Master of as many lodges, and be decorated with a corresponding number of Past Masters' jewels, but we are of the decided opinion that it would be ornamentation at the expense of common sense and a waste of money, much better turned into our charitable institutions.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

COLOURED LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the "Freemason" of Oct. 23, p. 467, there is an article on the Coloured Lodges of the United States, and especially on Prince Hall G.L. of Boston, which, I cannot deny has astonished me very much, not only with regard to the want of information and care of the author, but still more because it is written in a most regardless and unbrotherly style. The author speaks there, that "a distinct opinion has been expressed thereanent by some writers and bodies in Germany." But if he is at all informed on the subject he touches upon, he will know that the "some" bodies are four independent lodges and the German Grand Lodge League, composed of all the Grand Masters and representatives of Grand Lodges, i. e., the whole fraternity of Germany. And the "some" writers are the publishers of the "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "Bauhütte," "Am Reissbrett," and "Hamburger Logenblatt," and their contributors (except one brother), i. e., again, the whole fraternity. I may ask the English brethren whether it is allowed in such a case to speak of "some" writers and bodies?

There is a very great difference between the course taken by the author of that article and the German bodies; for the first gives his statements only after an "unimpeachable

everywhere. We can simply say that such an assertion is an utter falsehood, and a falsehood which is known to be a falsehood, deliberately persisted in, and calmly repeated without hesitation or regret. The writer makes no distinction between foreign and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, even supposing all his allegations against Freemasonry abroad be true, which they are not; and he simply lumps all Freemasons every where together under the appellation and character of a "horrible" society. Now, for the moment leaving out continental Freemasonry, in Great Britain, and the United States, and Canada, with our 800,000 or 900,000 Freemasons, the Roman Catholic authorities know as well as we do that we are entirely non-political, and a peaceful, loyal, benevolent, and religious brotherhood. Even Barruel, when he poured forth his bitter accusations against his compatriots and others, admitted that English Freemasonry had never adopted the "wild notions," he professed to discover in the continental system. And so it has ever been, so it still is, so it will ever be. Our great principles are still loyalty and charity, brotherly love, relief, and truth. Hence it is a very sad spirit of absolute mendacity which persists in ascribing to Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry any such revolutionary tendencies as these highly agitated Ultramontanes are ascribing in their nervousness and vexation to Freemasonry generally. And even abroad it is not true. The writer declares that the Freemasons are at the bottom of the German struggle, and of everything just now which does not go as Rome wishes, a fact which has never been proved, and which we believe to be an entire fiction, the result of a deceased Jesuit brain, or an overwrought Ultramontane imagination. That foolish Masons, (for all Masons are not wise,) and individual lodges may not have been discreet, and have put forth regrettable manifestoes, we do not deny, but we doubt if the governing body of any Masonic Grand Lodge or Grand Orient has ever endorsed such views, or publicly approved such proceedings. Even the Bishop of Orleans got no further than the acts of individual Masons and lodges, and we do not believe ourselves that anything more is proveable. To clinch his arguments, to drive his complaints home, the writer in the "Westminster Gazette" gives us the following passage of an anonymous Freemason in 1838, which we now present to our readers simply because, first, we doubt that any Freemason ever uttered such words, and secondly, because they are such a parody on our true teaching that we should ourselves be prepared, if really ever made, at once utterly to disavow them. Here they are, and we append the conclusion of the writer. "But let us listen again to the initiated Freemason of 1838, and our readers, we fancy, will almost believe with us that we are listening to the voice of a Bismarckian Prussian of 1875. Rising in his frenzy, he exclaims:—'Entice away the priest from the altar and from virtue; make him idle, or vain, or a patriot. He will then be better able to do our work than if the point of our dagger was blunted on his tanned skull. Corrupt the people by means of the clergy, and the clergy by our means. Such a demoralization will alone enable us to bury the Catholic Church. It is a noble aim, and fit for men of our stamp. Let us not be led astray from it by indulging in the miserable satisfactions of individual revenge. The best dagger for the assassination of the Church, the best blow at her heart, is demoralization. On, then, to our work.' It seems to us that Freemasonry, painted by itself, looks even more horrible than when it is painted by its enemies, and Freemasonry, to say the least, is as much condemned in the eyes of honest men by its own voice as it is by the voice of the Church." Do any of our readers believe that such words ever were spoken by a true Freemason? We do not; and we hope that the writer in the "Westminster Gazette" will give us a specific reference to the source whence he has obtained this passage. We see he speaks of an initiated of "Judice" writing from Castellamare to a fellow conspirator of the "Nubio," but in what actual publication did these words appear? We pause for a reply, as after the proof of the writer's absolute unfairness and mental aberration as regards Freemasonry, we are sorry to say we must decline to accept his statements, or credit his "ipse dixit."

authority," without the name of this "authority" to prove its value; the latter have decided the question, after having proved all documents and reasons pro and con. on the only authority of law, true Masonic principles, and justice. And from this standpoint four independent lodges of Germany, and the Grand Lodge League have acknowledged Prince Hall Grand Lodge as a just and perfect Masonic body. The Grand Lodge of Hungary and the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina have done the same.

The highly-esteemed independent lodge, Baldwin zur Linde, at Leipzig (Worshipful Master Bro. Professor Dr. Marbach) has voted the acknowledgement after having heard a committee charged to prove all documents and writings, and has published the report of this committee in the "Reissbrett," a paper for Master Masons. It would be only right and just, if the "unimpeachable authority" of a writer should like, to translate that report, and to discuss the reasons laid down therein.

In the whole Masonic world the members of a dormant (not defunct) lodge have the right to resume the labour. The Prince Hall G.L. especially had this right, on the ground of the legal warrant still in its possession, and more, as Prince Hall, or African Lodge, regularly constituted from the G.L. of England, has not ceased the intercourse with London; but the Grand Lodge of England, as in so many other cases of olden time, has cared nothing for her daughter lodges, i.e., the mutual relations have gone asleep on both sides.

Indeed, I am very much astonished to find in an English Masonic paper such a boasting on the warrant, and the strict outer legal form. May the author and the "Freemason" first criticise the strict outer legal right of the existence of the Grand Lodge of England before moralizing other bodies? Has any other Grand Lodge warranted the first Grand Lodge of England? Had the four old lodges of London, without the other then existing lodges of England, an undeniable right to form a Grand Lodge and choose a Grand Master? Had they any strict legal right to convert simple operative lodges into pure symbolical lodges? Had they a right to put aside the Old Constitutions, and to vote the old charges of 1723? No, no, no; if the strict outer formal right is in question. And, further, if the author and the "Freemason" deny the legal existence of Prince Hall Grand Lodge as a just and perfect body, with the right to institute new lodges, it is not just and perfect for Freemasons to judge all Grand Lodges of the Universe with the same measure after the compass? Well, if this is done, then, with the exception of the newly-formed Grand Lodge of a recent date, scarcely a single Grand Lodge would have an undisputed right of acknowledgment, neither most of our German Grand Lodges, nor the Grand Orient of France, nor the Grand Lodge of Sweden, and others. But enough. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Boston is as much a just and perfect Grand Lodge as the Grand Lodge of England and other bodies, and all its members are true and lawful Masons.

I am, fraternally yours, J. G. FINDEL.

DANIEL O'CONNEL.

The original of the following appeared in the "Dublin Post, and is the best answer to "Enquirer" in last week's "Freemason." About five years ago the question was discussed in the "Freemason":—

"Sir— London, April 19, 1837.

A paragraph has been going the round of the Irish newspapers, purporting to have my sanction, and stating that I had been at one time Master of a Masonic Lodge in Dublin, and still continue to belong to that society.

"I have since received letters addressed to me as a Freemason, and I feel it incumbent on me to state the real facts.

"It is true that I was a Freemason, and a Master of a Lodge. It was at a very early period of my life, and either before an ecclesiastical censure had been published in the Catholic Church in Ireland prohibiting the taking of the Masonic Oaths, or, at least before I was aware of that censure. I now wish to state that, having become acquainted with it, I submitted to its influence, and many, very many years ago unequivocally renounced Freemasonry. I offered the late Archbishop Dr. Troy to make that renunciation public, but he deemed it unnecessary. I am sorry to have this opportunity of doing so.

"Freemasonry in Ireland may be said to have (apart from its oaths) no evil tendency, save as far as it may counteract in some degree the exertions of those most laudable and useful institutions—institutions deserving of every encouragement—the temperance societies.

"But the great, the important objection, is this. The profane taking in vain the awful name of the Deity, in the wanton and multiplied taking of oaths, of oaths administered on the book of God, either in mockery or derision, or with solemnity which renders the taking of them without any adequate motive only the more criminal. This objection, which, perhaps, I do not state strongly enough, is alone abundantly sufficient to prevent any serious Christian from belonging to that body.

"My name having been dragged before the public on this subject, it is, I think, my duty to prevent any person supposing that he was following my example in taking oaths which I now certainly would not take, and consequently becoming a Freemason, which I certainly would not now do.

"I have the honour to be your faithful servant,
"DANIEL O'CONNEL."

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having read the short paragraph in the last week's "Freemason" of the proceedings of the above lodge, although short it contained a few trivial errors. It was at first arranged that the procession should proceed through High-street and enter the cathedral by the great

west door under Bishop Sheffington's Tower and proceed along the nave to the transept. Owing to an oversight in the railway arrangements for the month, the R.W.P.G.M. and officers did not arrive by their appointed time, which caused a delay. At the last moment the order was given to proceed to the cathedral by the shortest way, which was just long enough to be able to form a procession before entering the cathedral, which they did by the north door, to the great disappointment of the inhabitants and visitors in not being allowed to have a glimpse of the R.W.P.G.M., their "Prince, in Wales." Bro. R. Roberts is not the S.W., but our respected P.M. and Sec.

I enclose you the sermon preached on the occasion by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, to show the great contrast felt for the spiritual welfare of the Craft by the head of Christ Church in this diocese, and that of the so-called head of Christ Church at Rome. "Ye shall know them by their fruits" and "According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay."

Yours fraternally, R. O.

MARK MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much interested in the Mark Degree, and have perused with interest the communication of a "Mark Master" in the "Freemason" of to-day on the subject.

1. As to the charities, I know one of its Provincial Mark Masters is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and numerous members of the degree are foremost in aiding our three Grand Institutions, but we need not surely present any defence of the degree in that respect?

2. What does "Mark Master" mean by saying "Mark Lodges existed in England under the York Constitution the minutes of the St. John's Mark Lodge at Bolton dating from 1779?" Are we to understand by York Constitution that of the "Grand Lodge of all England," held at York, for some years extinct? If so, I deny the statement, for it has never yet been proved that the York Masons worked the Mark Degree, and as to Bolton, there was not a lodge working there last century under the Grand Lodge of all England (York).

I shall be glad to know what "Mark Master" means by his statement, and though I feel sure the lodge in question was not of the York Constitution, yet I should be exceedingly gratified to see an account of its records from 1779 in the "Freemason."

Those of "Banff" chapter have already appeared in the "Freemason" from our friend Bro. Hughan.
Joppa, Oct. 30. P.M. OF MARK LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, a "Mark Master," is clever, and I am therefore justified in assuming that his letter is penned for effect. Pity he does not sign his name to his communications, in order that we may see who is who.

I will content myself by criticising the historical evidence he adduces in support of the genuine nature of the degree of Mark Master, because opinions may differ in regard to the value of a recognition of such a degree by the Order of the Temple, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

He is correct, no doubt, in regard to some degree called the "Mark" having been given at Banff and elsewhere at the close of last century, but when he adduces the instance of "Mother Kilwinning," I cannot help noticing that he is intelligent enough to know that he is only trying to hoodwink his readers. All the Kilwinning Lodge (or any other Scottish lodge) did was to record and register the Mark of the Apprentice Mason, a thing which the Scottish lodges were bound to do by an ordinance of the early part of the seventeenth century, and nearly two centuries before any degree of any kind called the Mark Degree existed anywhere.

Further, the York Constitution never did acknowledge the Mark or any analogous degree; they only recognised the Royal Arch, Knights Templar, and Priestly Order of Melchisedek.

Fraternally yours, JOHN YANKER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am W.M. elect of our Mark Master Masons' lodge. At our next meeting I shall have to be installed, and there are two candidates to be advanced. Will you, or some of your readers, kindly tell me which ceremony ought to take place first, and oblige,

Very faithfully and fraternally yours, J. T. S.
[It is immaterial, so Bro. Binckes informs us].

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this institution met on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John A. Rucker, Vice-Patron, in the chair. Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Richard Spencer, H. A. Dubois, R. B. Webster, George Kenning, F. Binckes, Walter Wellsman, H. M. Levy, H. W. Hemsworth, Henry Dubosc, Henry Moore, S. Rosenthal, W. F. C. Moutrie, John Boyd, Thos. Cubitt, and R. W. Little, (Sec.)

The minutes of the last General Committee were read and verified, and the minutes of the Quarterly Court and Audit Committee were read for information.

Five petitions were then read, of which four were approved and one was deferred. The committee then adjourned.

[The above appeared in our second edition last week].

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. HALSEY, M.P., AS PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

After a lapse of eleven years the meetings of the Grand Chapter for the Province of Herts have been revived. The province has for some time been without a Provincial Superintendent, but Royal Arch Masonry has not hitherto been very flourishing in the province, and there has been very little for a Superintendent to do lately, however, the Order has become more numerous, and the holding of a Provincial Grand Chapter become a necessity. The office of Superintendent being vacant, it could not be conferred on a more worthy Comp. than the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., a Past Z. of No. 404, a provincial chapter, a very popular chief, and one under whom the Craft in the province is flourishing considerably. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Z., therefore, appointed Comp. Halsey as Provincial Superintendent for Herts, and on Thursday last the installation of that companion was performed at the Masonic Hall, Watford, the first stone of which was laid by Comp. Halsey some time ago. There was a good attendance of companions at the installation, most of them, however, being, as might be expected, provincial companions.

The following is a list of the company:—Comps. John Hervey, G.S.E.; A. T. Brett, P.Z. 404; F. Davison, Z. 404; I. N. Edwards, 1385; R. T. Andrews, H. 403; T. S. Carter, Z. 1385, and J. 402; W. Marks, 1385; W. Cutbush, J. 1385; H. C. Finch, P.Z. 404; J. R. Cocks, P.Z. 403, S.E. 403, 1385; J. Lowthin, H. 1385; J. Livingston, 1385; H. C. Heart, Z. 403; G. P. Bernard, 404; G. Finch, P.Z. 403; H. Massey ("Freemason"); J. Terry, P.Z. 403, 1385; R. Horton Smith, P.Z. 404; A. J. Copeland, P.Z. 404; J. E. Dawson, 404; J. Wilkinson, 1248; H. Lloyd Thomas, P.Z. 403; J. Purrott, 1385; and H. F. Burchell Herne, P.Z. 404.

Comps. Hervey, as Z.; F. Davison, H.; Heard, J.; H. C. Finch, P.S.; G. R. Cocks, First A.; H. Lloyd Thomas, Second A.; Dr. Brett, N.; F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., E.; J. Terry, D.C.; T. S. Carter, R. T. Andrews, J. Lowthin, G. Finch, H. Massey, and other P.P.s, opened the chapter, and the companions having been admitted, Comp. Hervey thus addressed them:—

You are all aware of the object for which we are met on the present occasion, and I may congratulate those members of the Province of Hertfordshire who have been deprived of a Grand Chapter so many years on having the opportunity of meeting together again as a Provincial Grand Chapter. I need hardly say that it has afforded me great pleasure to come down to-day to resuscitate the Grand Chapter of the Province of Hertfordshire, and I hope that now that there is a Grand Chapter established we shall find that the Order of the Royal Arch will increase in this province, and that instead of three chapters, as I believe is now the number in the province, we shall soon see double the number. I will not detain you longer now, because time unfortunately flies, rather too rapidly to suit many of us. I will not take up your time needlessly, but will now proceed to the business of the day, when I shall have the pleasure of placing one to preside over you in this province better than I, who am the exponent of the G.Z. on the present occasion. I shall leave you this evening with a head of your own, instead of being as you have been for some time without a ruler to govern and control the Order of Royal Arch Masonry in the province. The business was thereupon proceeded with by Comp. Iles, calling over the roll of chapters, the Hertford, 403; the Watford, 404, and the Gladsmuir, 1385, when the several companions, belonging to those chapters answered. Comp. Iles afterwards stated that the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter, was held on the 9th Sept., 1864, when the officers for the province were appointed. At this point of the proceedings S.N. announced that the Provincial Grand Superintendent Designate was without the chapter, when the Z. requested that he would send in his patent. S.N. having obtained it, handed it to Comp. S.E., who read it aloud and handed it to the M.E.Z. for examination, and appointed a deputation consisting of Comps. Finch, Cocks, and Thomas (Sojourners), T. S. Carter, and James Terry, D.C., to introduce Comp. Halsey for the purpose of being installed. These companions retired, and afterwards returned, conducting Comp. Halsey into the chapter. The M.E.Z., addressing him, said:—I congratulate you, sir, on being appointed Prov. Grand Superintendent of this province. It must be a gratifying feeling to yourself to receive that appointment from so eminent a member of the Craft as the head of our Order now is. He, of course, is one who will be the general disseminator of honours on some future occasion for the realm at large. He now is the King, one may so denominate him, for the time, of Masonry, the exponent of all our principles, one who, I am sure, during the time that he has been at our head, has conducted himself in a manner to recommend him to every member of our Order, whether it be in Craft or R.A. Masonry. It must, therefore, be an additional pleasure to you to be appointed by so eminent a member of society; and it must also be gratifying to you that after the province has had a lapse, I may say of 21 years in Royal Arch Masonry, it is considered advisable to resuscitate the Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire, and that you, sir, are appointed to be at its head, in which position I hope you will not only resuscitate the province as a province, but likewise that it will be in your power so to disseminate the seeds of the Order that we shall see chapters springing up in other parts of the province than those which now possess them. I am sure that during the time that you preside over the Order you will do it with that diligence and with that desire not only to further the interests of the Order in general, but render yourself in Royal Arch Masonry, as

you have done in the Craft, popular among its members and agreeable to the whole province. (Hear, hear and cheers). I may congratulate you on having done so during the time you have been Provincial Grand Master; and I am quite sure that if it should again be my lot to visit a chapter in this province, I shall have the same feeling of gratification that you were appointed to be at its head—a feeling of intense satisfaction that not only you are at its head, but that the Order of Royal Arch Masonry is increasing and multiplying. I will not detain you longer, sir, because I am sure the companions round this room will be much more gratified to see you in this chair than the individual who now occupies it. I am simply the instrument, I may say, the link between the province and yourself. That link will soon be cut off, and you will remain the head of the chain which will connect London and Watford. It affords me pleasure to have come down here to-day to install you in the chair of Grand Superintendent, as I had some time ago the pleasure of installing you in the Grand Master's chair of this province. As I have said before, the companions will be gratified to see you in the position you are about to occupy, and to feel that they have once more one at their head who will not only look after their interests, but do the best he can to promote the good of the Order in general and the Royal Arch in particular. It now only remains for me to enquire if you are willing to take the office. (Cheers.) Comp. Halsey having signified his assent, he was formally installed and invested, amidst much cheering. His first act was to appoint Comps. H. C. Finch, P.Z. 404, H.; J. R. Cocks, P.Z. 403, J.; F. H. Wilson, P.Z. and S.E. 404, S.E.; T. S. Carter, S.N.; F. Davison, 2, 404, P.S.; Heard, First Asst.; Lowthin, Second Asst.; Lumley Smith, G.R.; Andrews, S.B.; Foord, Std. B.; James Terry, D.C.; Dibdin, Org.; Thomas, Jan.; and Wright, Assistant J. Comp. T. S. Carter, S.N., proposed, and Comp. Thomas seconded, Comp. Copeland as Prov. G. Treasurer, which having been carried unanimously, the Grand Superintendent invested him accordingly, and complimented him on attaining that office. The Grand Superintendent afterwards said it would be advisable to have a committee appointed to frame the laws for the province; and Comp. Iles said it might be interesting to know what laws existed in the former Grand Chapter. The first meeting was held on the 22nd Sept., 1845, when a committee was appointed to frame a code of bye-laws. The committee met on the 17th Oct. that year, and resolved and recommended that the bye-laws of Grand Chapter were sufficient with the exception of some minor points. At the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter on the 7th Sept., 1846, this report was read and confirmed. No meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held from that time till the 19th Sept., 1864, when it was resolved that the payment of arrears of dues should not be enforced, but all dues should date from that meeting. (Laughter.) But no subsequent meeting had been held, and no money had been received, except £1, which the family of the late Comp. Tootal, Prov. G. Treasurer, had forwarded with his books to him (Comp. Iles). This £1 appeared to have been received at the last meeting eleven years ago. (Laughter.) Perhaps it would be as well to appoint a small committee. It was not necessary to frame any new bye-laws, but there might be questions arising in the province which it would be requisite to advise upon at next meeting. The Grand Superintendent said he also thought a small committee would be desirable. Of course some dues would be necessary to defray the expense of Grand Chapter, such as clothing, jewels and collars. Large contributions would be unnecessary.

Comp. Hervey remarked that there was one thing usual in Provincial Grand Chapters, a fee of honour on appointment to Grand Office, some trifling sum, which was graduated according to the office a companion filled. It did not press heavily on the individual, but it greatly assisted the province in meeting the expenses which necessarily fell upon it. This was a general rule prevailing in provinces for raising funds. Comp. Cocks, J., thought this suggestion a right one. The fee of honour with a small sum as a due from each member of the chapters in the province would raise quite sufficient. It might be left to the committee to fix what the amount should be, but for himself he thought as a member, the same as a brother in the Craft paid, would be a fair amount to fix. He mentioned this just in conversation, in order to get at the opinion of the companions in general, upon the subject. Comp. Thomas thought there would be no difficulty in getting a subscription from each member in the meantime to provide clothing. Comp. Horton Smith believed it would be better to appoint a committee, and leave it to them. He would propose the three Grand Principals, the S.E., and the Treasurer to form the committee who was to report to Grand Chapter. Comp. Terry, D.C., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Comp. Iles, S.E., read communications regretting inability to attend from Comps. Sedgwick, D.P.G.M.; Humbert, Z. 404; Martin, J. 404; Goodliffe, 404; Fellows, and Lumley Smith, after which Grand Chapter was closed, and the companions sat down to a choice banquet provided in the banquet-hall by the proprietor of the Essex Arms. The usual toasts were subsequently proposed and drunk. The toast of "The Queen," as the mother of a Mason who presides ably over every branch of the Craft in this country, having been duly honoured, the Grand Superintendent next gave "The Prince of Wales, G.M.," and said that, as Comp. Hervey would vouch, the Prince of Wales was no mere show or ornamental Mason, but that he had the interests of the Craft at heart, that he was Grand Master and G.Z., not only in name, but in fact, and promised to be second to none of the previous Grand Masters of the Craft. They must all wish him success through his journey in India, and trust he would come back in safety to preside over Masonic meetings. The toast of "The Pro G.Z., the G.H., and G.J.," coupled with the name of Comp. Hervey, was next proposed and

the Grand Superintendent, in giving it, referred to Comp. Hervey's performance of the ceremony that evening. It had made a deep impression upon him (the G.S.) which would last throughout the whole of his Masonic career. It was not the first time he had heard him, for Comp. Hervey had previously installed him as Provincial Grand Master. They were fortunate in having such a representative of Grand Officers present. He looked upon it as a white letter day in the history of the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Herts that the ceremony had been gone through so ably as it had been performed by the G.S.E. (Hear, hear).

Comp. Hervey said he was much honoured in having his name coupled with the names of the noblemen who held the three offices below the Prince of Wales. If England were sought through it would be difficult to find three men more devoted to the interests of the Craft, or who carried out the duties they had undertaken with more anxiety that they should be well performed. Lord Carnarvon was well known in every position in life, as a politician (which perhaps he ought not to mention there), as a man of letters, and in social and family life. So also with Lord Skelmersdale and Lord De Tabley, men who were distinguished as deserving well of their country and their Craft. For the kind feelings expressed towards himself, he (Comp. Hervey) felt very grateful to the Grand Superintendent, and to the companions for the way in which they had received them. He had come down to Watford with a great deal of pleasure to install the Grand Superintendent in the chair he now occupied, feeling that in doing so he was not only performing the duty which every Mason owed to the Craft—to do the best he could to forward its interests. He did not think he could have forwarded those interests better for Herts than by installing Comp. Halsey as Grand Superintendent. The duties he (Comp. Hervey) had performed had been very light. The ceremony was but a short one, and hence it was that there was little in it to attract brethren other than feeling that they were taking part in the ceremony of inducting the Grand Superintendent. The companion appointed to preside over them was one whom they respected as a neighbour, whom they looked upon as possessing high character and great ability, and whom they wished to see presiding over them, who they felt would carry out his duties to their satisfaction, and temper justice with mercy. He (Comp. Hervey) was sure that if the Grand Superintendent found it necessary to administer justice, he would not shrink from it. He hoped that during his term of office (which he trusted would be a lengthy one), he would have no cause to execute any particular or severe sentence as far as justice was concerned; but he must be a hopeful man who on becoming the head of any society, great or small, could look forward to filling that position without some little difficulties, drawbacks, and stumbling blocks in his way. That Comp. Halsey's course might be a smooth one he sincerely hoped, if he felt that the brethren around him would assist him in carrying out all the duties he had to perform, that they would lighten his labours as far as it was possible to do so, and that they would support him whenever he should require it. The companions were very much pleased at having him as their Superintendent, and they trusted he might long remain so. Comp. Hervey then congratulated the Prov. G. Superintendent, and hoped he would never have cause to regret the 28th Oct., 1875. He then proposed Comp. Halsey's health.

Comp. Halsey, in reply, thanked Comp. Hervey for the very flattering way in which he had spoken of him. He felt it a very great honour to have been called on to preside over the Province of Herts, which had laid dormant so long. He was much pleased that the Grand Z. had thought fit to revive it, and he hoped that, being revived, it would prosper. He remembered being present at the last meeting eleven years ago, one of the three meetings referred to by Comp. Iles. On that occasion there was only one chapter in the province, and the meeting of Grand Chapter was one of the ordinary chapter days of the Watford Chapter. The only difference was the special business was performed before the ordinary began. It was with satisfaction he found there were now three chapters in the province, and when the next Provincial Grand Chapter met he hoped to see more. He did not think they should be satisfied with the progress hitherto made. The companions no doubt looked upon the Royal Arch Degree as the necessary complement and fulfilment of the M.M. Degree, that until a Mason had taken that degree he had not really completed his Masonic career. He therefore hoped the day would come when they would see a Royal Arch Chapter attached to every lodge in the province which up to the present time had not got them. He was aware that there was a rule which prevented the younger lodges from having chapters, because it was customary not to grant a charter for a chapter until the lodge had been in existence a certain time. That was quite right, because from circumstances brethren were constantly changing their domicile, and many of them who had taken the Third Degree in Craft Masonry were not able to go on to the Royal Arch Degree. A lodge should therefore have a certain amount of stability by length of existence before it had a chapter. It was true that for Royal Arch purposes some of the lodges seemed tacitly to agree to unite together. In the Watford Chapter there were many brethren of the Berkhamstead Lodge and others; but at the same time it would be more appropriate and fitting that they should have a chapter connected with each lodge, because, as he had said before, the Royal Arch Degree was the complement and completion of the Third Degree, and if a brother having taken his Master Mason Degree, who was desirous to take the Royal Arch, should be able to do it in the chapter belonging to his own lodge. Especially should this be so in country districts, in scattered, rural places like the North Eastern parts of the province, where the brethren were comparatively

out of reach of a chapter. (Hear, hear.) Craft Masonry was flourishing, and had been flourishing for a long time. New lodges were being formed, and it was only that day he had been informed of the probability of another Craft lodge being added to the roll of Herts. R. A. Masons of Herts had now set the ball rolling by reviving and resuscitating Prov. G. Chapter, and he sincerely hoped that this degree as well as the Craft would go on increasing. As long as he had the honour of presiding over the Order in the province, he would do all he could to support it, and he again appealed to the Companions to assist him. (Cheers.) "The Provincial Grand Officers" was the next toast, which was responded to by Comp. Finch, and "The Visitors" having been replied to by Comps. Wilkins and Massey, the janitor gave his toast, and the companions separated.

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CONSECRATION OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

The City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, was consecrated on Friday week at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, who was assisted by the Rev. P.M. Holden as Chaplain, Brus. C. A. Cottelbrune as D.C.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; W. Stephens; Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. Midx., and the following brethren:—Edward White, Benjamin Phillips, George Fowler, 1305; G. T. Carter, 145; John Hodges, 1319; G. Bubbs, P.M. 180; Thomas Lansdown, 813; T. Dayson, 382; A. Cameron, P.M. 180; W. H. Pope, 1305; W. E. Phillips, W.M. 435; G. J. Hill, S.W. 1336; John Hancock, 765; Thaddeus Wells, 205; J. Mason, 309; Theo. Distin 173; E. C. Woodward, W.M. 382; H. Massey ("Freemason"); Thomas Bull, P.M. 145; F. H. Cozens, Org. 907; Edward Moody, Sec. 1426; John Woodward, 1446; F. R. Gibson, 1446, 1460; A. Flately, P.M. 205; A. C. Burrell, 1446; W. Morphew, 1446; H. Reed, 733; J. T. Baker, 1305; J. L. Lucas; J. E. Shand, 1507; E. Farwig, 180; Thomas Pratt, 1446; A. Stewart, 1158; C. W. Wise, W.M. 1158; J. Waugh, 177; R. H. Morrison (Michigan) P.M. 297; A. B. Grabbam, P.M. 1494; James Kench, P.M. 538; C. Burmeister, 538; J. Marshall, 538; S. Willis, 177; James Morrell, P.M. 111; A. Bassington, I.G. 205; W. S. Lee, 120; E. M. Haigh, P.M. 29; and T. B. Yeoman, 1460. The W.M. designate was Bro. B. H. Swallow, P.M. 382; the S.W. designate, the Rev. P.M. Holden; and the J.W., Bro. Edward White. Bro. Little opened lodge at four o'clock in the handsome lodge-room, which, as may be imagined from a perusal of the above list of names, was full. The consecration was adorned with a beautiful musical accompaniment, which was provided by Bro. Thaddeus Wells, who also took part in the singing. Bro. F. H. Cozens presided at the organ; and the professional brethren who assisted were Bros. Hodges, G. T. Carter, and Theodore Distin. The ceremony of consecration was magnificently rendered, and the chants were given in splendid voice, and with exquisite taste. Bro. Holden, who delivered the oration, said,—Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, W.M., and brethren,—The occasion on which we meet together this day is, I conceive, interesting, not only to ourselves as Masons personally and individually, but to the Craft at large, inasmuch as it denotes the continued prosperity and vitality of our venerable Order, which like the famous Indian tree, the banana tree, perpetually renews itself in scions as vigorous and flourishing as the parent stem. To me, as you will readily understand, it is a particularly interesting occasion, inasmuch as in a short time I shall be invested with the S.W. collar of the lodge. And I assure you it is also a special gratification that I have been permitted to-day to assist and officiate as chaplain at so important a ceremony as the consecration of the City of Westminster Lodge, more especially as I feel convinced that those brethren who unite with me as founders of the lodge are eminently qualified to discharge the various duties of the high offices to which they have been appointed. They, it is true, have already made their mark in Masonry, and they have also won "golden opinions" for their zeal in its cause; and they are now, like myself, extremely anxious to devote their ability, time, and influence to the further advancement and development of so noble, so very interesting a science. It has been remarked, by a great and distinguished writer, of literary men, that they are a perpetual priesthood, standing forth from generation to generation as the dispensers and living types of God's everlasting wisdom; and the same remark, I think, may very fairly and properly be applied to the members of our enlightened Craft; and I rejoice to see so many worthy and talented men in the ranks of our fraternity. To their enfranchised minds Freemasonry unveils a universe of thought. To them it is and must be ever a keen source of delight to trace and to interpret those grand and solemn truths that were dimly foreshadowed in the mystic rites of the ancient world. Looking through the mists of ages, they behold the white-robed Athenians a kindred race. Amidst the darkness and gloom of occult ceremonies they discern a faint glimpse of the true light in which we all now rejoice. In every land they find tokens and traces innumerable graven by the hands of skilful Masons upon the walls of ruined fane and temples; and they establish the affinity of our Order with the society of Dionysian artificers, with the disciples of Pythagoras, with the College of Architects at Rome, and with the various operative associations of the Middle Ages. They demonstrate clearly that the great ethics of Freemasonry were known and taught by the very wisest sages of Greece, whose names are still honoured and revered by the whole civilized world. They prove that our Order, though often persecuted and often derided, has never yet passed, failed, or faltered in its sublime career, although meanwhile the mightiest and most powerful empires have been compelled to succumb to the destroying hand of conquest or to the effacing fingers

of time. And I would ask what nobler exercise of the mental faculties can be found than a calm and earnest pursuit of Masonic knowledge, thus gleaming and gathering, as it were, in our onward path those rich treasures of wisdom which it unfolds to our view? But it is not merely to the intellectual pleasure to be derived from the study of Freemasonry that I would desire to direct your attention. Our institution possesses other and more practical claims upon our sympathy and support. Freemasonry is founded upon principles that are an honour and an ornament to human nature. It bids us hasten to the rescue of the young and helpless from the snares of poverty, ignorance and vice. It calls upon us to ameliorate the sad condition of those who in the decline of life require our assistance, consolation, and support. And I am proud to add, that English Freemasons have ever been highly distinguished, not merely for their zeal in promoting the welfare of our venerable Order, but for their large hearted benevolence and diffusive charity. The very best answer that can be given to the cavils and the sneers of the unenlightened world is to point to those excellent, those honourable institutions that have been raised for the culture, and nurture of the young, and the shelter of the old. I believe nearly a century has now passed away since the Masonic Girls' School was founded; and who shall venture to estimate the vast amount of good it has achieved? The Boy's School was established some ten years later, and the crowning act of our charitable undertakings was effected by the erection of a suitable building for those who, having borne the heat and burden of the day, and standing as it were on the very threshold of the Grand Lodge above, desire to end their days in peace and tranquillity. (Hear hear.) My brethren, it is our duty to prove to the world that Freemasonry is something more than a name, something infinitely better and higher than a mere excuse for social gatherings, be those social gatherings never so pleasant; it is our solemn duty to prove to the world that its principles are pure and lofty, its designs admirable and praiseworthy; and the best and the clearest and most logical way of convincing the scorner or the sceptic is by a steady and consistent practice of the beautiful precepts of our Order. Freemasonry will then not only present to the mind of the philosopher and the student a regularly-organised system of knowledge, unfolded in ritual and ceremonies known only to the initiated; but it would appear to mankind in general as a beneficent and beautiful institution, teaching and inculcating morality and visibly bearing the glorious fruits of charity and good will. May then the lodge which we inaugurate this day prove a conspicuous example of all those virtues that adorn and beautify the Masonic character; may it convey to distant posterity those grand, those august lessons that have been handed down from our forefathers; may it ever be the shrine of intellect and the temple of thought, the home of peace and the abode of joy, established, as I humbly hope it has been, by the hands of true, faithful, and devoted Masons; and resting upon the firm pillars of intelligence, may it remain as an imperishable memorial of its founders, growing year by year in happiness and prosperity, and shining brighter and still brighter in the glorious firmament of Masonic fame. (Applause.) After this oration, which was listened to with deep attention, the consecration ceremony was completed, and Bro. B. H. Swallow was installed as Master of the lodge. Bro. Cottebrune was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren were appointed:—Bros. the Rev. P.M. Holden, S.W.; E. White, J.W.; C. A. Cottebrune, Treas. (unanimously elected); Scott, Sec.; Phillips, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Parsons, I.G.; Potter, Tyler; Shand, D.C.; and Hutchinson, W.S. The addresses having been delivered Bro. Scott read a long list of brethren desiring to join the lodge, and of gentlemen wishing to be initiated. Col. Burdett was elected an honorary member, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W. The same compliment was also bestowed on Bros. Little and Cottebrune, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Little for consecrating the lodge and installing the W.M. was also adopted. This concluded the formalities of the day in open lodge, and the W.M. with the usual assistance closed down, and afterwards presided at a choice banquet. The Masonic toasts followed, and Colonel Burdett replied for "The Grand Officers," and expressed the pleasure he had experienced in being present at the consecration of a lodge which held out such promise of becoming distinguished. He then referred to the great progress made by the Order of late years. Going back only as far as five years, when he was at the consecration of a lodge numbered 1293, in the time that had elapsed since that event another 250 lodges had been added to the roll. That showed how Masonry was spreading throughout the world, and was creditable in every way to the Order. Masonry stood in a higher position now than it ever did, and from the high aims it had in view it was fully entitled to that position. The W.M., in the course of proposing "The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Little," made reference to the presence of Bro. Morrison, from America, and said he did not look on Americans as foreigners. He drew the brethren's attention to the occurrence of an event to an English brother when in America, who was stricken down by illness. Bro. Morrison took him to his home, and gave him not merely the right hand of fellowship, but the consolation and encouragement which a man in the circumstances of the sick man most required. Bro. Hill, who was the sick brother, was for months in Bro. Morrison's house, and when the latter brother came to this country his services were recognised in the Highgate Lodge and the Domatic Chapter by making him an honorary member. The more these great facts were known in connection with Freemasonry, the more we should see Freemasonry increase. (Cheers.) In reply to Bro. Little, who proposed "The W.M.," Bro. Swallow said that although it was nine months since the lodge was first started its promoters were quite satisfied with its success. He felt sure it would prosper. He was supported by good officers, he knew he would have many initiates, and he should suit

their convenience by calling as many emergencies as possible. He hoped the lodge would be able to send the first W.M. as a Steward with a good sum for the charities. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Morrison (Michigan) replied as a "visitor." It afforded him a great deal of pleasure, he said, to respond and to acknowledge the kind courtesy extended to himself and the other visitors. That time the evening before he was ignorant of the fact that he should enjoy the pleasure of seeing a Masonic lodge consecrated by his respected Bro. Little, much less that he should see a lodge start with such prosperity before it. He had seen lodges consecrated before, and the ceremony performed with some ability, sometimes in places where there were less than half a dozen huts in the wide woods. When he came to think of Masonry in new tribes and countries, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and then came to the mother country, the home and cradle of Freemasonry, and witnessed such a consecration as he had that night, he could not but feel proud that he had been enabled to see, to his mind, one of the greatest contrasts there could be in the fraternity. But he was happy to say that Freemasonry in his own country was very successful. A town had a lodge where there were less than 200 inhabitants at the time, and now that the same town's population had increased to 30,000 it had five Masonic lodges, and two of them owned a hall creditable to any lodge outside the City of London. He then passed a high eulogium on the Masonic Institutions of London, and said that the Masons in London were favoured beyond most other Freemasons of the world in having such institutions. He certainly had had no comprehension of the extent and working of those charities, and he was proud to see that they were all extending their benefits. Before he visited England he thought the Masons of America were more benefited in their necessity than others; but he would frankly admit that he was deceived in that respect. There was no place he knew of where charity was so well bestowed as in the City of London. He would go back to America and tell his brethren with pride of what he had seen. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Boyd, P.G.P., P.M. 145, also replied. Bro. Cottebrune replied for "D.C.," and wished prosperity to the lodge. The officers responded to the toast drunk in their honour, and the brethren shortly afterwards retired. The musical brethren enlivened the proceedings with some capital singing.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, November 12, 1875.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Ho., Cannon-st.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey,
77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Proc.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby,
New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin,
Preceptors.

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street,
Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Ho., Cannon-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Red Cross Conclave 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord
Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Klugland, at 7;
Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern,
Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern,
Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Stanhope Arms,
Upper James-street, Oval Road, Camden Town, at
8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-
end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship
Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union
Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey,
Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan,
Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.

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

Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria
Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W.
Kent, Preceptor.

Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), White Hart Hotel,
Church-road, Upper Norwood, at 7.30; Bro. H. E.
Francis, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and
Horses Hotel, 223, Strand, at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem, St. John's
Gate, Clerkenwell,

Lodge 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hotel, Bowd-street, W.
" 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Rose Croix Chapter, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon,
Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall,
Canberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), 2, Westminster Chambers,
Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8;
Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

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

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward,
Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern,
Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather,
P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.

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

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf
Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. John Binge-
mann, W.M. 55, Preceptor.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Wind-
mill-street, W.

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

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's
Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King,
P.M., Preceptor.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee
House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp.
J. Brett, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Gen. Com. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution See Advt.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

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

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

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Limchouse.

" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, Wapping.

" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-street, St.
John's Wood.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle
Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke,
P.M., Preceptor.

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

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Ab-
church-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park
Tavern, Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction (1524), Havelock
Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

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

Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-
Street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

" 879, Southwark, Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks.

" 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tav., Holloway.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.

" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.

" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Brid. Hou. H., London-brid.

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

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

K. T. Precep. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel.

" 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple.

Rose Croix Chapter 8, St. George's, 33, Golden-square.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern,
Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.
 Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1489), Albion Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston; Bro. W. Stephens, Prec.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter of Instruction, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. Comp. Baker, P.Z., Preceptor.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, New Wandsworth.
 Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.
 Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m., Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Commercial Tavern, King's Road, Chelsea.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 13, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
 " 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 " 721, Independence, M. R., Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, M. H., Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Mas. Rooms, Warrington.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
 Chap. 537, Zion, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheathead Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1547, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, M. H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.

Lodge 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgwater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 5.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 7.
 Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 13, 1875.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 102, St Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
 " 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
 " 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
 " 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masonic Hall, Crosshill.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
 " 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.
 " 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
 " 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Kingston.
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.
 " 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmauir.
 Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Masonic Hall, Maryhill.
 Chap. 113, Patrick, Masonic Hall, Patrick.
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.
 Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
 " 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 203, St. John's Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
 " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
 " 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Leven.
 " 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13.
 Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
 " 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 13, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court.
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.
 Lodge 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.
 Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, Writers' Court.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Blackfriars-st., High-st.
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.
 Chap. 56, Canongate, Masonic Hall, John-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—An exceedingly strong meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on October 16th last. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Kennett, assisted by Bros. Waygood, S.W., and W.M. elect; Davis, J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Darcy, I.G.; Cater, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Themans, I.P.M.; Bye, W.S.; Davis, D.C.; Hopwood, P.M.; and Taylor, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Auditors, Bros. Walls, Wilson, Hewlet, Bye, and Holland, was received and adopted. The W.M. then initiated Mr. F. A. Ormston into the mysteries of the Craft, and passed Bro. Martin. Bro. Kennett having vacated the chair, Bro. Themans, at his request, passed Bro. Politzer to the Sublime Degree. The whole of the ceremonies were most ably carried out. This being the night of installation, after the usual preliminaries a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the S.W., Bro. Waygood, was duly and according to ancient form inducted into the chair of K.S. Upon the return of the brethren the ceremonial was proceeded with and brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The whole of the beautiful ceremony, including the investiture of the officers, was carried out by the retiring Master, Bro. Kennett. The officers appointed were as follows: Bros. Davis, S.W.; Mallett, J.W.; Fox, S.D.; Darcy, J.D.; Bye, I.G.; Davis, W.S.; Rumbold, D.C.; Carter, Treasurer; Stuart, Secretary; Longstaffe, Tyler. The lodge having closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Hill, J.W. 228; Snare, S.D. 228; Cook, 382; Bull, 907; Simpson, 1178; and Dr. Heringer (Philadelphia). The Royal and Craft toasts were given briefly by the W.M. and well received. The "Health of the W.M." followed in due course and was heartily drunk. Bro. Waygood, in reply, stated that he hoped the brethren would excuse him from making a long speech that evening, as he was new to the position, but that at the next meeting he would endeavour to fully express how gratified he felt at having been elected to preside over so important a lodge as the "Faith." "The Health of the Initiate" (Bro. Ormston) was then given, and that brother made a most excellent reply. "The Visitors" toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Hill and Snare acknowledged the compliment on behalf of themselves and their visiting brethren. In proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. paid a high compliment to the I.P.M., whose attention and ability in the discharge of a very heavy year of office had been most praiseworthy; and with regard to the other Past Masters of No. 141, their abilities were too well known to the brethren to need any eulogy from him. Bros. Kennett and Stuart replied in well-set terms to the compliment passed them. Bro. Walls having recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade," "The Health of the Junior Officers of the Lodge" was then duly proposed and drunk, and Bro. Davis, the S.W., made a neat reply. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Bird, Themans, and Walls. Bro. Longstaffe having given the concluding toast, the proceedings terminated.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held on the 4th inst., when there was a good gathering of brethren and visitors. The three Craft Degrees were on the summons, providing therefore the prospect of a full evening's work, but owing to the absence of the candidate for the passing the "work" was limited to the First and Third. The business in lodge, however, included some interesting proceedings, which it will not be out of place to mention. Bro. G. Newman, the W.M., presided, and was supported by the whole of his officers, with the exception of one who was absent through illness. There were present Bros. G. Abbott, I.P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; T. Cohn, S.W.; C. Arkell, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M. and Sec.; H. Legge, J.D.; F. Fellowes, I.G. The visitors included Bros. Captain G. J. Kain, P.M. of the Shakespear, and William Preston, and I.G.S. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire; J. F. Raalte, of the Cosmopolitan, No. 917; A. Morgan, of the South Middlesex, No. 858; W. Arnold of the Burgoyne, No.

902; T. J. Sterne, of the St. Marylebone, No. 1305; While, W.M. United Strength, No. 128, ("Freemason"); F. Walters, P.G.P. of Middlesex; G. T. Thorne, of the Lily, No. 820; G. Milton, of Peace and Harmony, No. 60; H. Dunn, of the Old King's Arms, No. 28; W. T. Smart, of the William Preston, No. 766; J. Bradley, of the New Zealand Pacific, No. 517; and Bro. J. Moore, of the Great City, 1426. Bros. E. C. Scholes and T. T. Hampton were raised to the dignity of M.M. by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his most efficient officers, the work being according to the teaching of Bro. Muggeridge. The ballot was then taken for four candidates for initiation, and the box showing in their favour, they are to present themselves for the ceremony at the next meeting. The ballot was also taken for the election of Bro. S. H. Roberts as a joining member with the like result. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. Kenning seconded, that Bro. J. Hordern Jukes, P.M. of 120 and 892, P.P.J.G.W. of Herefordshire, should be an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Jukes had placed the lodge under an obligation, for having come into possession of a very curious apron, and an old certificate of one Jonathan Smith, who was initiated in 1801, Bro. Jukes made diligent search after the lodge in which Jonathan Smith was initiated, and having identified the Lion and Lamb as that lodge, forthwith presented the apron and certificate to the lodge which now represents that to which Jonathan Smith owed his first knowledge of the Craft. It was for this kind service that it was now proposed to confer the honorary membership upon Bro. Jukes, and the proposal was carried with cordial unanimity. The I.P.M., Bro. Abbott, then announced that the W.M. had kindly acceded to a wish he had expressed to initiate Mr. W. Portch, the candidate of that evening, who was an old friend, and had been a companion from boyhood. Bro. Abbott, being invested as Master, then initiated Mr. Portch, and the work was perfectly rendered according to the language employed in what is termed the Muggeridge "work." It was brought to the notice of the lodge that when in April last, at the "emergency" meeting, it was resolved to present the W.M. with a Steward's jewel for attending the Grand Master's installation, the lodge had not the power to do it, and that the vote was informal. Bro. Abbott now proposed, and the S.W. seconded, that notice of motion should be given for a proposal to carry out the action of the emergency. The lodge, after the greetings of the visitors, was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren then adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where an excellent banquet was served. The W.M. gave the toasts of "Loyalty to the Head of the State," and to "The Rulers in the Craft" in a few effective sentences, and his remarks were warmly received, and the toasts cordially accepted. Bro. Abbott then took the gavel, and proposed the toast of "The W.M.," for his own part thanking the Master for the cordiality with which he had assented to having part of his work of the day taken out of his hand by permitting Bro. Portch to be initiated by his old friend. He also bore testimony to the earnestness of the services which the W.M. gave the lodge, and said that the brethren were always glad to testify their appreciation of their Master in every possible way. The W.M., in reply, expressed himself as deeply gratified by the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and said he had besides to thank the lodge for the many honours the members had conferred upon him, not the least of which were electing him as Steward for the installation of the Grand Master, and then presenting him with the jewel. These jewels were, he said, limited in number, and he was sorry to say that the wearers had become lessened in number through death, no less than thirteen having died since the installation. The lodge had two members wearing them, Bro. P.M. Marsh, who, as a member of the Colonial Board, was a Steward, having one as well as himself. For himself, he should wear the jewel thus presented to him as one of the highest honour, and he could assure the members that he should always have the best interests of the lodge at heart. Some harmony was given by singing brethren, and the W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Portch," who, in a short speech, thanked the brethren for having elected him a member of the brotherhood, and expressed his appreciation of the ceremony. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and said the Lion and Lamb Lodge was always glad to see visitors, and often did see them, and having read the list of those present he coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Kain and F. Walters. The former bore testimony to the excellence of the work—even to the Fourth, and the latter, after recalling his memories of the lodge in bygone times, thanked his Brother Kenning for the opportunity of visiting the lodge that evening afforded to him. He also congratulated the lodge upon having as the Secretary a Provincial Grand Officer, whose earnest love of the Craft was shown by his busy work in many lodges. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the "Masonic Press," saying that to it the Order had much to be thankful for, and expressing his opinion that if the whole of the Craft became subscribers to the "Freemason" the members would be led to take a warmer interest in the work of the Order. He pointed out that in the columns of this journal were regularly recorded not only the proceedings of lodges over the kingdom, but reports were given, by authority, of the meeting of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, besides supplying the readers with the working of the Craft in all parts of the world. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. While, as representing the "Freemason." The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. While, in responding, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the compliment, and said that what the general press was to the public the Masonic press was to the Order. The time was when some small portion of the public of this country and Parliament were opposed to a free press, and the battle of that free press was fought for us by men who had left honoured names in our history. The battle for a free press in England had given

us what we now claimed as a birthright, all who "speak the tongue which Shakespeare spake," looking to these prints for the daily history of our globe. The "Freemason" gave the Craft what the general paper gave the public. Grand Lodge was closed to the large body of the Craft, just as Parliament was closed to all but the representatives of the electors; yet the constituent body of the Craft could know all that was done by Grand Lodge, and all that was proposed to be done, and by reading the columns of the Craft organ the members of the Order would, besides acquiring knowledge of the work of the Craft over the world, become qualified to exercise the privilege of giving instructions to those who represented them in Grand Lodge. Whatever might be the prejudices in the minds of some against printing in regard to the affairs of the Craft, there should be none against a free and acknowledged organ, for no dangers could exist in regard to that, such as existed when the organs of opinion were without responsibility and character. After again thanking the W.M. and brethren for coupling his name with the toast, the speaker concluded by stating that the energy which had characterised the "Freemason" from the first would not be lacking to make it the worthy representative of the Craft. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and took occasion to call the attention of the brethren to the lamented deaths of two from their ranks, Bros. Trott and Goodyear. Of the former, he said, that having been disappointed in regard to a position which he looked to achieve he fell into a decline, which caused his death, and he had left several young children. The lodge had undertaken to endeavour to place a boy in the school, and as the boy could, from his age, only stand at one election, the utmost energies would be required, for 2000 votes would be required. Bro. Abbott, in reply, after acknowledging the toast, also warmly urged the claims of Bro. Trott's boy upon the brethren, and said that if the boy should not be elected it would be a great disappointment to the brethren, and a great calamity to the mother. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Officers," and spoke in warm terms of the support they gave him. The toast was responded to by the S.W., and by Bro. Marsh, the Secretary, who said that every brother was ready to render suit and service in the work of the Craft. The Tyler's toast brought the harmonious proceedings to a close.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Gate of St. John of Jerusalem, St. John's Lane, Smithfield, Bro. While, W.M., presiding. The officers were Bros. Griggs, S.W.; J. Hill, J.W.; Snare, S.D.; Halford, J.D.; Pearey, I.G.; and Todd, Flaws, and Patmore. There was a good attendance of the brethren, both members of the lodge and visitors, among the latter being Bro. Dr. H. Dempster, W.M. of the Earl Spencer, 1420; Thomas Fox, P.M. of the Royal Athelstan, 19; Lane, of St. John the Baptist, 475; W. H. Main, P.M. of the New Concord, 813; Terry, P.M. of the West Kent, 1297; Edward Harty, S.D. of the Eclectic, 1201; and A. Smith, P.M. of the Royal Arthur, 1360. The lodge having been duly opened in the two degrees, Bro. Prof. Bartlett underwent the examination preliminary to the third. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Bartlett was in due form raised to the Master Mason degree. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Whiting was introduced as a candidate for the raising, and the ceremony was repeated. The working was greatly enhanced by the skill and ability with which Bro. Harty presided at the organ. The ballots were then taken for the election of five gentlemen for initiation, and for Bro. T. R. Bull, of the Southwark Park Lodge, and Bro. Dr. W. J. Hunter, of the Star Lodge, 219, Scotland, as joining members. The ballots were unanimous, and the new admissions to the Craft were Mr. G. C. Baker, Mr. Edward C. Adams, Mr. W. Stedman Gedge, Mr. George Bellott, and Mr. Edward Holmes. The repetition of the ceremony gave hard work to the W.M. and officers, and the whole was performed without a call off from beginning to end. In the concluding business of the lodge the W.M. moved that certain words be omitted in one of the by-laws, these words seeming to be contrary to the principle of equality, in asking the members, when electing a W.M., to prefer an initiated member of the lodge to a joining member. The proposition came hastily before the lodge, for time did not permit of its being fully discussed, and though the majority present did not vote for or against, the show of hands was in opposition to change. The lodge, on the motion of Bro. Halford, adopted resolutions to raise the initiation fee from five to seven guineas, the joining fee from two to three guineas, and the country members' subscription from ten shillings (the unaltered rate from bygone times) to a guinea, exclusive of the subscription to the Benevolent Fund. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by the host, Bro. Gay. The W.M. was supported by the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Crump Bros. Winsland, P.M. and Treas.; Coulson, and Davies. After the loyal toasts, the loving cup went round in honour of the Grand Master's natal day, and he was followed in his journey by the good wishes of the brethren. The usual toasts as to the Grand Officers were given, and then P.M. Winsland proposed the toast of "The W.M.," remarking that this year had been one of the most prosperous the lodge had had, and that the balance to the good of the lodge stood in three good figures. The W.M. responded, and thanked the brethren, who, in support of the W.M.'s proposition that the individual members should make the lodge a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution of which their Bro. Terry is the Secretary, and as a testimonial of appreciation to him as their twice Master, subscribed at once more than half the requisite funds to carry out the purpose. The W. Master then gave "The Visitors," and in the name of the lodge thanked Bro. Harty for the assistance he had given them at the organ, in the enforced ab-

sence of the Organist, Bro. Braid. Bro. Dr. Dempster responded for "The Visitors," and congratulated the lodge on the excellent working. He said the initiates and raised brethren would carry to their last hours the remembrance of the impressive ceremonies which had been so ably rendered. He thanked the brethren for their affable and kindly reception of the visitors in the lodge, and said that no stranger could have marked out the visitors from the initiated brethren of the lodge, such was the good feeling existing among all. Bro. Lane also responded, and invited the brethren of the lodge to Bedfordshire, an invitation they promised they would all accept. The initiates were warmly toasted; and Bros. Gedge, Bellott, and Holmes especially made excellent speeches, and they all convinced the brethren that they fully appreciated the ceremony. The P.M.'s had their healths proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Winsland responded. "The Health of the Host and Hostess" was given, and acknowledgment was made of the earnest endeavours of Bro. Gay to promote the happiness of the members of the lodge, and the visitors. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening's proceedings.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The first regular meeting of the season was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, 21st ult. The lodge was summoned to transact the following business, viz.: To raise Bro. Short, to pass Bros. Stevenson and Trebbell, and to ballot for and, if approved of, initiate Messrs. Whewell, Fisher, Wymark, and Phillips. The W.M. was supported by I.P.M. Bro. Staton, and P.M.'s Webb (Treasurer) and Reed; Bros. E. Lancaster, J.W.; P. G. Jupp, Secretary; A. Christie, J.D.; G. West, I.G.; J. W. Robinson, D.C. In the absence of the S.W. (Bro. Bescoby) and the S.D. (Bro. Ritchie) their duties were undertaken by P.M. Reed and Bro. Robinson, respectively. The W.M. opened the lodge in the First Degree, when the minutes of the last regular meeting and those of the two emergency meetings, having been read and proving correct, were agreed to. Bro. Short not attending, the W.M. proceeded to examine Bros. Stevenson and Trebbell, and having been found efficient they were entrusted, and after the necessary preparation were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The ballot was then taken for the above-mentioned gentlemen, which proving satisfactory, the W.M. very carefully initiated them all into the mysteries of the Ancient Order. This having brought the business to a close, the W.M. rose for the first, second, and third time, which resulted in the resignation of the late S.W. being accepted; also that of P. M. Moody. It was decided the name of the late S.D. should be continued as a country member. The sum of £5 5s. was voted out of the lodge funds to pay for P.M. Webb's Installation jewel, he having acted as Steward on that occasion. The W.M. then closed the lodge in due form, and with the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Francatelli, and proved all that could be desired, both brethren and visitors expressing their hearty approval. Amongst the latter we may mention Past Masters Rogers, 193; Warne, 193; H. Webb, 72, 193, 390; Foster, 435; Mackney, 134; Izod, 169; and Bros. Paterson, Davison Foss, Peyler, Arkell, Middleton, Barnard, and others. Grace having been said the W.M. rose, and gave the accustomed loyal toasts, which were responded to with Great Northern fire. The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, P.M. Reed singing the E.A. song. The initiates (seven in number including those admitted last week) rose to reply, and gave their various ideas of the ceremony they had just gone through, and their reasons for joining the Craft, which would be superfluous to relate, although very amusing. "The Health of the Visitors" was next given. P.M.'s Rogers, Webb, and Mackney returned thanks, the latter in a manner peculiar to himself; whilst P.M. Webb, in a very telling speech, reviewed the past career of 1287, concluding by congratulating the members on their good fellowship and kindly hospitality. The I.P.M., handling the gavel, gave the toast of "The W.M.," which it is unnecessary to state was well received. Returning thanks for the same, the W.M. gave the toast of "The P.M.'s," which was replied to by those present. "The Health of the Officers" was given, the W.M. passing some kindly remarks. This having been replied to by Bro. Lancaster for himself and others, the Tyler gave his toast, and brought this very pleasant evening to a close. During the evening the pleasure of all was greatly enhanced by the songs and recitations of P.M.'s Mackney, H. Webb, S. Webb, Bros. Middleton, Jenkins, Schnerl, Barnard, Arkell, and Owen.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. The lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Gardner, assisted by the following brethren, who, in the absence of the regularly-appointed officers, acted for them:—Bros. Wallis, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; Higgins, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Hayward, I.G. There were also present Bros. Koch, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Page, P.M., Treasurer; Mann, P.M.; Kohler, A.W.S. The visitors were Bros. Frampton, P.M. 87; Smith, W.M. 1360; Speedy, J.D. 742. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by Bro. Stuart, P.M., raised Bro. Stranger, passed Bro. Brooke, and initiated Messrs. Saunders and Muller. A notice of motion by Bro. P.M. Mann, "that the fee for initiation be raised to £8 8s." was fully discussed and unanimously carried. The W.M.'s motion that the visiting fee, on partaking of refreshment, should be increased to 2s., and on installation nights to 1s., was also unanimously passed. The lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," which was well received. He then gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and mentioned the great interest that attached to his Indian tour, and how gratifying it must be to those members of the Craft in India to have the "head ruler" of the English Freemasons amongst them, and that his Royal

Highness's visit to that ancient abode of Freemasonry would be productive of great good to all classes of society. This toast was enthusiastically drunk. The rest of the toasts followed in quick succession. The I.P.M. having proposed "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Gardner made a most excellent reply. The initiates, Bros. Saunders and Muller, were toasted, and each made a suitable response. Bros. Smith and Frampton replied on behalf of the visitors. The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and stated that without the attention, assistance, and advice of those worthy officers he would have found the duties and responsibilities of his position too onerous to bear. Bros. Koch, Mann, Page, and Stuart severally responded, and expressed the gratification they felt at witnessing the increasing prosperity of the lodge, and that no efforts should be wanting on their parts to still further enhance its interests. In proposing "The Health of the Junior Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. paid a very high compliment to those members, who had rendered him and the lodge great assistance by carrying out the duties of several officers who, through business and other causes, had been prevented from attending the "working of the lodge." This toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Walls and Webb briefly acknowledged the compliment on behalf of the subordinate officers present and absent. The Tyler having discharged his duty, the members adjourned until the first Tuesday in December.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (1445).—On Thursday, 4th November, the brethren of this lodge, fast growing into celebrity because of its superior working, met at that most worthy of hosts, Bro. Townsend's, the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Hackney. Attached to this lodge is the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, under that able preceptor, Bro. T. Austin. On this gathering there were two gentlemen for initiation, Messrs. Gilbert and Press. The initiatory working was performed in a splendid manner by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers, much to the satisfaction of all brethren, which was marked by their Masonic approbation. The following brethren belonging to the lodge were present:—Bros. Myers, W.M., P.M.; Wilkins S.W.; J. Pindar, J.W.; J. E. Simms, S.D.; J. Clark, J.D.; T. E. Goddard, I.G.; W. T. Howe, P.M., Treas.; G. E. Walton, Sec.; G. C. Young, Org.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; F. Green, I.P.M.; Partridge, Hill, J. Clark, J. Badkin, Long, Ide, Vollum, Smith, F. Trebeck, Walker, Cambridge, Creed, and others. Visitors: T. Burdett Yeoman, 1460, 18; J. Byfield, 860; T. Trebeck, 30; G. C. Young, 820. The ceremony of initiation being finished, the lodge was closed in ancient form. After labour came a substantial English supper, which was served by Bro. Townsend. On the removal of the cloth, the usual principal toasts were given and drunk, with much heartiness, the speeches in response to the toasts causing rare hilarity from their brevity. During the evening some good singing was heard at the proper intervals. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE (No. 1539).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when a very numerous number of brethren met together. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Larham, who at once proceeded to business, and initiated Mr. Albert Martin into the Order, passed Bro. J. A. Waterman, and raised Bro. J. A. Allen, all of which he executed in his usual masterly manner. After labour the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a very excellent supper was provided. Besides those already mentioned we noticed amongst those present Bros. Ramsey, S.W.; Oliver, Sec.; Clark, I.P.M.; S. G. Harvey, E. Pinder, Percival, E. Nairne, Soper, W. Chartres, A. Waterman, E. Seale, &c., and the following visiting brethren:—Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. C., Middlesex, P.M. 1423, W.M. 1326; W. Snowden, W.M. 1558; W. Mitchell, 1326; E. Akenhead, 176; E. Lidbury, 656; Morrell, 704; N. H. Parker, 1328; and A. W. Frankling, of the Unity Lodge, Sydney, N.S.W. After the supper the W.M. proposed and the brethren most heartily responded to the usual loyal honours to the rulers of the Craft, not forgetting H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the G.M., and wishing him a prosperous and pleasant voyage; and Lord Selknersdale, the D.G.M., a brother who is never forgotten in this lodge, his lordship being present at the consecration, besides being a member of the lodge. This lodge fortunately possesses many musical brethren, and the toasts being varied by songs the brethren adjourned after spending a very pleasant evening. The following lodges, &c., already meet at the hall:—The Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, the Duke of Connaught Lodge, the St. Mark's Lodge, the Peckham Lodge, the Sphinx Lodge, the St. Mark's R.A. Chapter, the Domestic Lodge of Instruction, and the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction The Ivy Lodge, 1441, and several others are contemplating removal to this Hall.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—In the report of the consecration of this lodge in our last week's impression, an error occurred in ascribing to the W.M. the observations made respecting Bro. Robert H. Morrison, Attorney-General of Michigan. The remarks were made by Bro. Little, who from a long correspondence and acquaintance with American brethren had obtained the facts narrated, as well as many others in connection with the brethren of the new world, which are highly interesting, and greatly redound to their honour.

PROVINCIAL.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The brethren of this military lodge assembled on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, for the purpose of witnessing the ceremony of the installation of Bro. F. Anderson in the W.M. chair. The gathering was very numerous, there being altogether about a hundred brethren present. The scene was a most effective one, the scarlet and blue uniforms, the usual Craft regalia, and the provincial purple, striking the eye as nothing short

of gorgeous. The spacious dimensions of the room greatly assisted the beauty of the spectacle, the brethren not being crowded together, while the arrangement of banners over the platform supplied a background which harmonised well with the costumes, at the same time that it added a warmth of appearance to the chamber. These adjuncts to the Masonic furniture were well supplemented by a nicely-executed portrait of Her Majesty, when a youthful Queen, which has now hung at the head of the room for some years. It was apparent to all the brethren as they entered the lodge that the installation of Bro. Anderson would be a great success. Shortly after half-past four p.m., Bro. R. White, W.M., Sergeant-Major R.E. Train, P.G.P. Hants and I. of W., ascended the chair, and opened the lodge, when Bro. Usher Lucas, the Secretary, read the minutes, which were unanimously passed. He then read the accounts as reported by the Audit Committee, from which it appeared that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer was £63 19s. This report was thereupon adopted. The W.M. then proceeded to instal Bro. F. Anderson, Master Gunner R.A., S.W., and W.M. Elect., and performed his duties in true military style. After Bro. Anderson was installed he invested Bro. White as his I.P.M., and the following brethren were appointed officers for the year:—Bros. T. W. Mayer, late R.E., S.W.; John Smith, R.A., J.W.; Capt. Richardson, R.E., Treas.; E. Harper, A.S.C., Secretary; Usher Lucas, R.E.T., S.D.; Field, A.S.C., J.D.; Clisham, Gymnasium, I.G.; Edmonds, R.A., D.C., and Thompson, R.E.T., Tyler. The addresses followed these appointments, and Bro. White finished the ceremony with the same ability as he exhibited in commencing it. When he sat down he was loudly applauded, as well as congratulated on his achievement. The W.M. lost no time in exercising his functions, and therefore rose and said that his next duty was a very pleasing one, and was one in which he was sure all the brethren would concur. They had seen how ably the I.P.M. had done his work, and they would feel gratified at what was about to be done. He had to present their worthy Past Master with a Past Master's jewel. However, he need not dwell on the merits of Bro. White, or how well he had earned the jewel during the last twelve months. There had been 25 initiates in the year (and he wished they might have as many next year), and Bro. White therefore had had no very easy time of it. The jewel now presented to him it was to be hoped would remain an heirloom in the family for time immemorial. Bro. White said, in reply, that he thanked the brethren very sincerely for their kindness in presenting him with this mark of their approbation of the manner in which he had performed his duties while W.M. He hoped that as long as he lived he would always do his best to be a good Mason. The W.M. next rose and said he had still another pleasing duty to perform, to present Bro. Usher Lucas with a Past Secretary's jewel, in recognition of his services in that capacity for the last three years. The zeal he had displayed in his office, he (the W.M.) trusted he would also display in the new office which he had been called upon to fill. The brethren's knowledge of how he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary would relieve him (the W.M.) of the task of adding anything further. His merits were known to all. Bro. Lucas said he received the testimonial with great pride and pleasure. He would be proud to wear the jewel on every possible occasion. Bro. Richardson, I.P.M., proposed, and the W.M. seconded, a vote of thanks to the I.P.M. for performing the ceremony of installation, and the motion was carried unanimously amidst cheers. Bro. Richardson announced that at the next meeting they would be able to ballot for a Life Subscription to one of the Masonic institutions, and this announcement was also received with cheers. Lodge was then closed, and the whole party adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a splendid banquet was provided. About half-past eight, as the banquet was drawing to a close, the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. Beach, was obliged to leave on account of the inconveniently early hours appointed for the trains. He therefore rose and said he wished to say a few words, and he would be failing in courtesy very much to the brethren if he did not thank them for the very hospitable way in which they had received him and the other Provincial Officers and brethren. He must, however, take that opportunity of expressing his extreme pleasure at having an opportunity of visiting the Aldershot Camp Lodge, though unfortunately he had not been able to get there in time to be present in the lodge during the ceremony of installation. He was very glad to hear that the work had been well and creditably performed by the I.P.M. of the lodge. It was a very gratifying circumstance that the lodge had within its own ranks a brother who was able to discharge the duties of Installing Master with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. It was also highly pleasing to him (Bro. Beach), who had the gratification of consecrating this lodge, that he could congratulate it on the flourishing state in which it was at the present time. It had increased in numbers, but numbers would be nothing did it not bear within its ranks those principles which characterised the Craft. He was indeed glad that such was the case, because he thought they must look to this lodge to perform a great work in the future. It was of great importance that a lodge should carry out its work in its own immediate locality. But the Aldershot Camp Lodge had an important work to perform besides this. They knew the universality of Freemasonry. It extended throughout the world. Many members of this lodge might go to distant parts of the world. There they would be called upon to associate with other brethren in Freemasonry. They would no doubt meet with warm Masonic reception, but they would have to carry out there lessons learned in the Aldershot Camp Lodge. It was one thing to carry out the principle of Freemasonry and another thing to carry it out well. The principles of Masonry were nothing unless they were carried out thoroughly. They created a true and strong impression on those who observed them. Brethren

who learned their lessons here, who had within their own breasts the firm resolve to act on those principles, and to do their best to make others act up to those principles, would do a good and strong work, creditable to the lodge in which they were brought up. Such, he was sure, would be the wish of the members of the Aldershot Camp Lodge. They would be, of course, called upon to do much of this; and from the proofs they had already given here he was sure they would not hesitate to adhere to those principles elsewhere. They had at present their Royal Master on a distant journey, and in India, to which he had gone, he would be called upon to visit many strange scenes. He would be called upon to receive many deputations and loyal addresses, and the offerings of many hearts; but he would receive probably a warmer reception from none than the Freemasons of India, who would offer to him the loyalty, not only which subjects owed to their future Sovereign, but which Masons owed to the head of their Order. He believed that the visit the Grand Master was paying in the East would have an important and no light effect on the future—important, not only with reference to our Order, but as drawing together those bonds of friendship between our Eastern fellow subjects and ourselves. He believed that in India there would be found no lack of loyal hearts, and when they found the Prince of Wales going out and showing himself among them, in oriental as well as English hearts there would be a feeling to give him a right royal reception. Again, he (Bro. Beach) would thank the brethren for their kind greeting, and he wished it was not imperative for him to depart. It was extremely annoying to him that the moment should arrive at which he was obliged to tear himself away. He had hoped to have the opportunity of remaining with the brethren much longer. He had to offer his apologies, and this he did while taking his leave. He, however, hoped to have an early opportunity of witnessing the ceremonies performed in the Aldershot Camp Lodge, which he had not had an opportunity of seeing that day. The Prov. G.M. then retired, the brethren rising while he did so, and cheering. Banquet was afterwards finished, and the toasts were proposed and drunk, and Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, replied to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, &c.," explaining that the Grand Stewards were in a curious position; they were not Grand Officers—in fact, "neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring," or like Mahomet's coffin. He then eulogised the Grand Officers, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and all below them, who did all they could to promote the dignity of the Order. Bro. Eve responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master," mentioning the gratification the brethren of the province had of the Masonic government of the province. They had been much pleased with his visit to them, but were sorry that his numerous engagements rendered it impossible for him to stay longer. Speaking for the other provincial Grand Officers who were included in the toast, there were a great many of them, and he could safely say that none of them shrank from their duty. Bros. Lefevre and Hacker also replied. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was next given by the W.M., who called upon the brethren to respond most liberally. He was informed, he said, by Bro. White that it was the intention of the lodge to send Stewards year by year to the festivals of the three institutions. He must thank them very much for their support hitherto. One candidate had been got into the Girls' School, and 327 votes had been obtained through this lodge. The brethren knew the work the institutions were doing; it was known to all; but he might add that at the last festival of the Boys' School £12,700 were collected. There was something being said now against the institution; but the matter would be before the committee on Saturday, when it would be grappled with. Bro. Binckes, in replying, said there were considerably over 200 persons on the funds of the Benevolent Institution; 177 boys in the Boys' School; and 153 girls in the Girls' School. Those figures spoke volumes for themselves. He only placed those figures before the brethren to show what an amount of work was being done through the medium of those institutions. It was but a comparatively small number of brethren that the subscriptions came from. This year it would be found that the subscriptions would not fall far short of £30,000. This was a large amount; but it was a great work, which every Mason might be proud of; and he might boast of it wherever and whenever he heard the Order criticised, as it was unquestionably by the outside world. Let them place that fact before the world and ask where were to be found three institutions supported by the same small number of people who subscribed as much. He reminded the brethren that every one could do something, and begged them to do it. He also thanked the Aldershot Camp Lodge for what it had hitherto done. He asked the brethren, when in the discharge of their duties they were called to other lands bearing the flag of England, that they would grasp in the other hand the flag of Freemasonry, whose watchwords were "Loyalty and Charity." Referring to the attacks that had been made upon himself recently, Bro. Binckes mentioned the phrase that had been used, "the plausible speeches of an extravagantly-paid official," and said that with respect to the words "plausible speeches," he had been plausible enough in fourteen years to find about £90,000 for the institution, which had enabled them to erect a building which now held 177 boys. As to the charge of being "extravagantly paid," he had always accepted the doctrine that the labourer was worthy of his hire. The Secretaries of all the institutions were bound to appeal to the Craft, and if they failed in their duty or shrank from placing the claims of their institutions before the Order properly, they fell short of their duty. Bro. H. Muggeridge thanked Bros. Eve and Hacker for supporting the Girls' School last year. The box was then sent round, and produced £4 4s. 6d. Bro. White proposed "The W.M." The W.M., in replying, said he should follow the example of his predecessor in endeavouring to make the Aldershot Camp Lodge what it was now

and had hitherto been—famous for its prosperity and good working; in fact, keeping it up in accordance with the customs of Freemasonry. By what he saw that evening great honour had been paid him and the brethren of the lodge. There had been some most eminent Masons present; and this he thought ought to stimulate the members of the lodge to make it progress. The lodge was now 100 strong, and he hoped in 1876 it would be 50 more. Bro. Eve proposed "The I.P.M.," who had displayed his abilities particularly well that day. The lodge had prospered exceedingly under his Mastership, and as an old friend of his, it was very gratifying to think of it. Bro. White replied. The approbation he had met with was what he should never forget. After a few other remarks of a general character, Bro. White sat down greatly cheered. Some excellent singing was given during the evening by the brethren, and Bro. Muggeridge gave "The Charge of the Six Hundred." Among the brethren present were Bros. Major Durnford, Adjutant Irving, Army Service Corps; Asst. Com. Dolton, Captain Paymaster Richardson, R.E.; late Vet. Surgeon Mayer, Capt. Adjt. Coles, late R.E.; Quar. Master Cole, R.E.; Riding Master Gillon, R.E.; Usher Lucas, John Smith, T. H. Field, S. Cole, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. MacKenzie, P.G.P.; W. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D.; John Clisam, W. Staley, T. Wally, W. F. Simmons, G. Faulconer, C. J. Monro, R. Hurst, W. Hepburn, W. Robinson, C. Munro, J. Harper, J. B. Tapell, E. Harper, R. Russell, J. Edmonds, J. Mount, Cudden, W. Duke, R. Duke, F. Binckes, H. Muggeridge, and H. Massey ("Freemason.")

CHIPPING SUDBURY.—Tyndall Lodge (No. 1363).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the lodge-room, Town Hall, Chipping Sudbury, and was most numerously attended by members and visitors. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. John Dennis Brookes Trenfield, W.M. and P.G. Sword Bearer, presiding. Bro. Charles A. Bush, W.M. elect, S.W., and most of the subordinate officers were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.C. of England, P.Prov.G.C. of Somersetshire, Wiltshire, and Gloucestershire, P.M. of 53, Bath, and 855, Wotton-under-Edge, then installed Bro. Charles A. Bush into the chair in a manner which elicited the highest commendations. After receiving the usual congratulations and salutes, the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. John Dennis Brookes Trenfield, I.P.M.; A. Sudlow, S.W.; C. M. Henn, J.W.; John Trenfield, Treas.; the Rev. J. J. Gardiner, Chaplain; James P. Curtis (for the third year), Secretary; F. Townsend, S.D.; Wm. Higgs, J.D.; Ed. Crossman, D.C.; W. H. Hartley and Wm. Taylor, Stewards; James Iles, Org.; J. Limbuck, I.G.; Ed. Holliday, Tyler. The W.M. and brethren complimented the I.P.M. very highly for the way he had discharged his duties, not only for the past year, but from the very commencement of the lodge, and from his gentlemanly manners and examples he had won the good opinion of all, not only as their Worshipful Master, but as a man. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grapes Hotel for refreshment, where a splendid banquet was served by Hostess Codrington in her usual style. The cloth having been drawn, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with great heartiness, and followed by the "National Anthem," Bro. Iles, Organist, taking the solo parts. The next toast, "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," was enthusiastically responded to, followed by the song of "God bless the Prince of Wales," after which Bro. J. P. Curtis sang the new verse, written by Bro. Hook, of the Great City Lodge, 1426, which was heartily applauded. The other usual toasts were afterwards given, concluding with the Tyler's. The harmony of the evening was much increased by the excellent songs of Bros. Watts, Iles, Curtis, Ilandy, and others. The whole business of the lodge and banquet table was carried out in the ablest and most kindly manner, and there was not present a single brother who did not thoroughly enjoy the whole proceedings of the day.

TWICKENHAM.—The Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1505).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, under the happiest auspices, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. The occasion was the re-installation of Bro. Colonel Wigginton, P.M. of 902 and 1298, P.P.G.D.C. of Worcestershire, P.G. Steward of Middlesex, who had been unanimously re-elected to the chair in this, the 2nd year of the lodge. There were present many distinguished Masons, who had attended to do honour to the much-esteemed R.W. Prov. G. Master, Colonel Burdett, and among others were Bro. C. Horsley, P.P.G. Registrar of Middlesex; Bro. Hammond, P.M. of Lodge of Lebanon; Bro. Buckland, P.M.; Bro. Williams, of the Apollo, 357; Bro. Dr. Seaton, P.M. of St. Mark's, 857; Bro. A. Clarke, P.M. of 255; Bro. Tudor Trevor, W.M. of 944. There were also present Bro. Court, of 946; Bro. White, W.M. of 228 ("The Freemason"); Bro. Artus, &c. The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the W.M. passed Bros. Briggs and Dawson to the Second Degree, and initiated two gentlemen who had been regularly balloted for and approved in open lodge. This work took the whole afternoon, and brought the lodge to the time when the ceremony of installation was to be performed by Bro. Little, Secretary of the Girls' School and S.G.W. of Middlesex. To the great disappointment of all, a telegram came from Bro. Little saying that he was suffering from a sore throat, and was therefore unable to be present. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master in the kindest manner possible undertook to instal the W.M., and he was then inducted into the chair as Installing Master, the other chairs being taken by Bros. A. Clarke and L. Artus. Bro. Horsley, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, etc., then presented Bro. Wigginton to the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master, and in making the presentation, Bro. Horsley, in an eloquent address, said that the performance of this

task gave him the greatest possible pleasure, for he considered that the lodge had doubly honoured itself, first in having taken the name of him who at that moment graced the chair of the lodge as its Installing Master, and secondly in re-electing Bro. Wigginton. For this re-election the lodge paid the best tribute that could be paid to their Master of the past year for the eminently industrious, intellectual, and social qualifications he had displayed in his year of office as the first W.M. in the existence of the Francis Burdett Lodge. Such an honour as re-election was but very rarely conferred upon first Masters; but upon this occasion it had been given with an unanimity and brotherly affection which showed at once the real esteem and earnest regard in which Bro. Colonel Wigginton was held by his officers and his brethren in the lodge. The speaker went on to say that among the numerous lodges formed in Middlesex, there was none which had more than the Francis Burdett, which entirely devoted itself to the determination of promoting the good of the province, and furthering the objects of the Provincial Grand Master the enhancement and glory of the province—and he (Bro. Horsley); felt sure that in the new year of office of Bro. Colonel Wigginton these objects would be fully asserted and insured. With these remarks he begged to present Bro. Wigginton to the Provincial Grand Master, to receive at his hands the distinguished honour of installation, and added that the P.G.M. would not have a more efficient subject in his province, or one who would more devotedly carry out the purposes of the Craft, and the views of the head of Craft in the province. The R.W. the P.G. Master, replied that he had great pleasure in accepting the duty, which, unfortunately, Bro. Little was unable to carry out. Nothing, he assured the brethren, would give him greater pleasure than to see the lodge which bore his name prosperous in every sense of the word, and with such good and true men as he saw were entering the Craft by this lodge, he could not but hope that it would be one of the best in the many good lodges in the province. The formal proceedings preceding installation then ensued, and the lodge was closed against all but Installed Masters. The Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Wigginton passed from his short lived rank of I.P.M. to that of Installed Master. He stated that it was not possible for him to appoint an I.P.M. for the year, or he should have had pleasure in appointing Bro. Horsley, but he should appoint that brother to the office meeting by meeting. Accordingly, Bro. Horsley was invested with the badge of I.P.M., and performed the work of that office on an occasion so arduous as that of installation. On the investment of officers, Bro. Horsley presented Bro. W. H. Saunders for re-appointment and investment as S.W. The W.M., addressing him, said it was with great pleasure, and if that could be reconciled, with a tinge of sorrow that he re-invested Bro. Saunders. The pleasure was with regard to his re-investment—his tinge of sorrow was from his regret that Bro. Saunders was not that day seated in the chair of the lodge. There were circumstances which had prevented this—circumstances, he was glad to say, which were not of a personal character, but they were circumstances which had relation to the work of the lodge, and, to the difficulties attending a young lodge; and it had been thought by the brethren that the hand which had hitherto piloted the ship should continue to do so. The brethren would receive with acclamation the re-appointment of Bro. Saunders, and, for his own part, the W.M. thanked Bro. Saunders for accepting the position, and promised him that he would give him all possible support if, as the W.M. hoped they would, the brethren elected him to fill the chair at the next regular period of election. Bro. Horsley then presented Bro. Tomlinson for re-investment as Junior Warden, and said that the brother by the acceptance of the office would feel himself doubly bound to the discharge of his duties in a better manner, if that indeed were possible, than in the previous year. The W.M., on re-investing Bro. Tomlinson, said the brother had no honour to gain on this occasion, but one to confer, for he conferred an honour on the Francis Burdett Lodge last year by accepting office, and had done so again this year. The W.M. hoped that the time would come when the Francis Burdett Lodge would confer an honour on Bro. Tomlinson, who had always been an earnest worker in the lodge. Bro. Sidney Knaggs was called by the W.M., who addressed him as the "first born" of the lodge, and congratulated as the re-elected Treasurer of the lodge. He was invested with the collar and badge of office, and the W.M., addressing him, said that when the lodge was poor, and in distress, Bro. Knaggs, who was the first brother initiated, consented to act as Treasurer. As Treasurer the lodge recognised his services by re-electing him, and the W.M. added that he heartily endorsed the election, and with pleasure invested Bro. Knaggs with the keys of office, hoping that he would give, as he had given, his best attention to the interests of the lodge as associated with "£ s. d., etc." Bro. Horsley then presented Bro. Court for investiture and appointment as Secretary, who, Bro. Horsley said, had always looked kindly upon the lodge, and had acted as he looked. The W.M. said he should be happy to invest Bro. Court, but he must first ask him if he had made up his mind to discharge the duty as he had discharged it during the time he had been Secretary pro tem. Bro. Court replied that he was quite willing to do so, for the W.M. had himself taken the lion's share of the duties. After the laughter which this incident gave rise to had subsided, the W.M. invested Bro. H. Court. Bro. Horsley then presented the Treasurer for the appointment of S.D., and the W.M., in investing him, said that the brother now invested had acted for a long time as J.D., and most efficiently, and the lodge would have every faith in the manner in which he would discharge his duty in future. Bro. Horsley then presented Bro. W. Taylor to the W.M. for "some mark of his favour." The W.M. said that Bro. Horsley seemed to lay stress upon the words some "mark of his favour." The W.M. had only to perform

one duty in this case, and that was to look after those of the initiates of the lodge who "worked." Bro. Taylor had worked as a member of the Lodge of Emulation to be an officer; and he had had proof that Bro. Taylor was equal to the discharge of the duty which would devolve upon an officer of the lodge. The lodge looked to the initiates of the lodge to follow in regular succession to the chair, for it was felt that it would be a greater honour to a brother to take the chair of his mother lodge than to take any other chair. The Chaplains appointed were Bros. Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C., M.A., and Rev. L. M. D'Orsey, M.A. The W.M. said he thought it was a matter of great thankfulness to him that the lodge had two Chaplains, one of whom was the Chaplain at the consecration, while the other, their Bro. D'Orsey, had been regularly initiated and passed in the lodge. Bros. F. Honeywell, and H. E. Sugg were appointed Organists; L. Artus as D.C.; J. N. Rogers as Steward; Dr. Palmer as W.S.; and G. F. Ewens as I.G. The last appointment made was that of Tyler, Bro. Howson being appointed to the office. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent dinner was served. After the dinner, so long after dinner, in fact, that there was little time for speaking, the W.M. began a long list of toasts. In proposing the toast of "The Queen," the W.M. spoke warmly of the loyalty of the people of this country to Her Majesty, and as to the fealty owing to him by the Craft as their Sovereign, their patron, and the mother of their G.M. The next toast was that of "The Grand Master," of whom the W.M. spoke in the warmest terms, and reminded the brethren of the deep debt of gratitude they owed the Prince of Wales, for undertaking the Grand Mastership at a time when, from the circumstances attending the secession of the last G.M., the Order was under a sort of ban. The importance of the step which the Royal Highness thus took could not be over-estimated, and it had created the greatest sensation on the continent, and in other parts of the world. The toast like the preceding was accepted with all honours. The next toast was that of "Our Brothers in the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces." The R.W. Prov. Grand Master responded for the Army, saying that the British pluck would ever be the same, and that the deeds of modern times by our army were no shame to the sons of the men who had fought in bygone times. Bro. Knaggs, the S.D. and Treas., responded for the Navy; Bro. Capt. Burchall responded for the Militia; and Bro. the J.W. for the Volunteers. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Past and Present." The toast was duly honoured, and it was followed by that of "The Provincial Grand Master," of whom the W.M. spoke as godfather of the lodge, in his having given it its name—a name, the W.M. said, which was beloved and revered. The Prov. Grand Master responded, and said he was most happy to see the position the province was taking in the Craft—for it was rising to the utmost eminence and was happy in having a most efficient number of officers. It was gratifying to see the great progress the province was making, too, for not only was it gaining a number of lodges, but those lodges were being constituted by the very best men in social life. He was happy indeed to see that the lodges in the Province were acting on the principle that it was not "quantity" but "quality" that was wanted, and the lodges would generally see that the best interests of the Order were not advanced by numbers joining the Craft as by a great discrimination being exercised in the selection of those who offered themselves as candidates. This lodge was doing this, and was in all respects doing good work, and he was glad to have had an opportunity to assist that day in its work. The W.M. followed this toast with that of "The Visitors," which was replied to by Bro. Hammond, of the Lebanon Lodge, and the name of Bro. While was associated with the toast of "The Masonic Press," he representing the "Freemason." Bro. C. Horsley, in happy terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and the W.M. shortly responded, for the time of closing was now at hand. "The Initiates" were toasted, and Bro. Palmer replied, and "The Officers" having been given, the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast. The lodge has to be congratulated on having several poets among the brethren, for two very excellent pieces, one anonymous, and one by the Colonel in command of the lodge, were sung by the brethren in the course of the long day's work.

Royal Arch.

ALDERSHOT.—Panmure Chapter (No. 723).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 4th inst. at the Wellington Hotel, Aldershot. At the request of Comp. J. S. Hickley, M.E.Z., Comp. H. Muggeridge, P.Z., presided, with Comp. A. Mackenzie, H.; and Comp. H. Hacker, J. The other companions present were W. Sowdon, I.P.Z.; J. Smith, S.E.; C. C. Gold, S.N.; Samuel Cole, P.S.; H. Bridger, Second Asst.; G. Ambrose, Neild, Joseph Pomeroy, Sergeant Minnus, A. Richardson, W. Peterkin, H. Robson, and H. Massey ("Freemason"). Four brethren were candidates for exaltation, three of whom attended to take the degree—Bros. T. Anderson, W.M. elect of No. 1331, Aldershot Camp Lodge; James Mount, No. 1331; and W. J. Lendrim, No. 184. The work of Principal Sojourner was ably performed by Comp. S. Cole, and the onerous duties of the three chairs were all discharged by Comp. Muggeridge, who afforded a great treat to the companions assembled by giving uncurtailed the whole ceremony. At the conclusion of the conferring of the degree Comp. Muggeridge was warmly cheered, and the companions expressed their obligations to him for giving them so admirable a view of Royal Arch working. The chapter was afterwards formally closed and adjourned, and the companions proceeded to the Aldershot Camp Lodge

to witness the installation of Comp. Anderson in the Worshipful Master's chair.

CLAPTON CHAPTER (No. 1365).—The ceremony of consecrating this new Royal Arch chapter was performed on the 4th inst., at the White Hart, Clapton, by Comp. R. Wentworth Little, who was assisted by Comp. Rumsey, No. 430, as H., and Comp. Wright, No. 22, as J. Comp. James Brett, P.Z., kindly lent the consecrating vessels for the occasion. Comp. Jones, 360, acted as P.S. Comp. W. Stephens, P.M. of the Clapton Lodge, and J. of the Whittington Chapter, 862, was, after the chapter had been consecrated, installed first as H., and afterwards as Z. Comp. Miles, also a P.M. of the Clapton Lodge, and companion of the Sincerity Chapter, 174, was installed first as J., and then as H., by Comp. Rumsey, Comp. W. Lutwyche, another P.M. of the Clapton Lodge, and also a companion of Chapter 174, was installed J. by Comp. W. Stephens, Z. Comp. Hastings Miller, Grand Organist Middlesex, was elected S.E. pro tem.; Comp. Joseph Hobbs, Scribe N.; and Comp. J. Simms, P.S. The rules for the government of the chapter were read in draft and unanimously adopted; and the chapter was then closed in ancient form. The companions afterwards partook of supper, and then honoured the usual toasts, the M.E.Z. observing, in proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales," that all Masons wished His Royal Highness good health in his travels, and a speedy return home to occupy the distinguished position so long and worthily filled by his illustrious relatives, the late Dukes of Kent and Sussex. The thanks of the companions were conveyed to the consecrating officers, and to the visitors, and a most agreeable evening was brought to a close with the Janitor's toast. A long list of intending exaltees was read by Scribe E. during the course of the proceedings, and a favourable career was predicted for the new chapter.

Red Cross of Constantine.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY CONCLAVE, No. 128. In last week's "Freemason" we gave a brief account of the successful inauguration of this new conclave, but a more complete report of the proceedings will doubtless prove interesting to many of our readers. Upon reference to "A Sketch of the History and Records of the Order of Constantine," page 32, it will be found that a meeting of the Grand Council of the Order was held at Cambridge so far back as June, 1810, when the Rev. Wm. Gretton, D.D., and Rev. Robert Hole were installed Knights of the Grand Cross, and Bro. Joseph White was admitted to the First Grade. Bros. Okes, Burleigh, and Beales, from Cambridge, also appear to have joined the Order in London, on the 15th December, 1810. After the lapse of more than 65 years the Red Cross flag has again been hoisted in the famous seat of learning, and this time, we feel assured, it is destined to be upheld by zealous Knights and true for many years to come. The founders of the University Conclave, No. 128, Sir Knts. Edward Amphlett, of St. Peter's College; Cuthbert Edgar Peek, Pembroke College, and Frederick Woodin, Downing College, having issued invitations to all the members of the Imperial Council and to several Senators, the following Knights responded to the call, and assisted at the opening and other ceremonies, viz.:—Colonel Francis Burdett, G. Viceroy; W. E. Gumbleton, G.J. General; Rev. W. B. Church, G.H. Prelate; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, G.H. Prelate; H. C. Levander, G.H. Chancellor; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; J. Boyd, G. Architect; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G. Architect; T. Cubitt, G. Marshall, G. Toller, G. Orator; Rev. Ernest Brette, D.D., G. Sub Prelate; Lieut. Col. J. Peters, G. Sub Almoner; also the Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, 330; Rev. Philip M. Holden, and Captain Arthur B. Cook. The conclave was opened by Sir Knt. Little, and the chair of Constantine was then filled by Sir Knt. E. Amphlett, P. Sov., and M.P.S. Designate, who then in a masterly manner installed the following candidates as Knights of the Order, viz.:—Bros. Rev. J. L. Paterson, R. Kallely Miller; J. H. Dickson, of St. Peter's College; J. A. Fowler, A. E. Caldicott, of Trinity; R. Mittra, St. Catherine's; R. Roy; C. H. Buckmaster, Downing; and W. D. Jones, Trinity. The new knights were installed, as the first business of the day, in order that they might witness the splendid ceremony of inaugurating and dedicating the conclave, which immediately followed their installation.

The prescribed procession having been formed, comprising in its ranks no less than six clergymen, Sir Knt. Little, assisted by Sir Knt. Rev. P.M. Holden, performed the dedication service, the oration and prayers being magnificently rendered by his clerical colleague, whose elocutionary powers are so well-known to the metropolitan brethren. The M.P.S., Sir Knt. Amphlett, was then inducted into the chair of Constantine, Sir Knt. Peek into that of Eusebius, and the rest of the officers were also invested. Sir Knts. A. J. Brogden, Downing; E. A. Maund, St. Peter's; W. E. Gordon Leith, Trinity Hall; Rev. A. B. Frazer, and Capt. A. B. Cook were elected joining members; Sir Knt. Brogden being elected Treasurer, and Gordon Leith appointed Recorder. Sir Knt. Brogden then presented to the conclave a richly chased silver cup, of enormous size and great value, to be used as a "loving cup" by the members. This gift having been suitably acknowledged, the rank of honorary members was conferred upon all the distinguished visitors who had attended the inauguration. A committee to draw up bye-laws was appointed, and the conclave was closed. A commandery of St. John was then opened, and several Red Cross Knights were created K.H.S., and Knights of St. John the Evangelist. The knights then adjourned from 294, Green-street, where the work was performed, to Downing College,

where a sumptuous dinner awaited them, the entire expense of which was defrayed by Sir Knt. Brogden, Int. Gen., East Lancashire.

Nothing could exceed the preparations he had made for the comfort of his guests, except the superb style in which the whole entertainment was carried out. At one table the M.P.S., Sir Knt. Amphlett, presided, and Sir Knt. Brogden at the other. The toasts were given by each alternately, and the enthusiasm with which the names of Col. Burdett, R. Wentworth Little, the host himself, Sir Knt. Amphlett, and other prominent knights were received, simply baffles description. It was an occasion never to be forgotten by those who had the good fortune to be present, and the newly installed knights seemed to enjoy the meeting with a verve and zest which augur well for the future of the conclave in Cambridge. Sir Knt. Holden gave "The Charge of the Light Brigade" with his usual ability, and several other knights also contributed to the harmony of the evening. The party broke up about midnight, and the London visitors returned to the Bull Hotel, and left for the metropolis by an early train next morning. We must not omit to add that the knights unanimously recommended Sir Knt. Amphlett (nephew of Baron Amphlett) for the post of Intendant General for Cambridge, and that Sir Knt. Brogden undertook to represent the University Conclave as a Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the 10th May, and he expects to have a list of subscriptions worthy of the Order, and "Varsity" men in particular. It is reported that the townsmen of Cambridge will shortly send in a petition for a conclave, one brother's name having already been sent up to London for installation in a metropolitan conclave.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday evening, the 8th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street, Edinburgh. The throne was occupied by Bro. Colonel W. Montgomery Neilson, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, and supported by Bro. Major Hamilton Ramsay, of Garion, S.G. W.; W. Hay, acting J.G.W.; Rev. Dr. Gray, G. Chap.; A. Hay, G. Jeweller; D. Robertson, G. Bible Bearer; J. Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; A. N. Clarke, acting Grand Secretary; Captain Colt, Grand Sword Bearer; A. T. Aphorpe, Grand Marshal; F. S. Melville, President of Grand Stewards; Wm. Officer, Lindsay Mackersy, and W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler. There was a large number of brethren from the West of Scotland present, among whom were Bros. Wm. Bell, R.W.M. St. John's 33; Wm. Barr, R.W.M. Dumbaron, Kilwinning, 11; G. McDonald, R.W.M. Thistle and Rose, 73; J. W. Buras, R.W.M. Thistle, 87; A. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown 103; A. Brunton, P.M. St. Mary's Partick, 117; David Peacock, S.W. 117; Andrew Agnew, J.W. 117; G. C. H. McNaught, P.M., Shamrock and Thistle, No. 275; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543. The Grand Lodge was opened in due form in the Master Mason Degree, when the acting Grand Secretary read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication and minutes of Grand Committee meeting, which were adopted, and after the usual preliminary business, the nomination of Grand Office Bearers and Grand Stewards for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, viz., Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason. The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, R.W.P.G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, R.W.S.G.M.; Major Hamilton Ramsay, of Garion, R.W.S.G.W.; the Right Hon. Lord Rosehill, R.W.J.G.W.; Samuel Hay, G. Treas.; John Lauri, G. Sec.; the Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D., and the Rev. A. Thomson Grant, V.W. joint G. Chaplains; William Hay, R.W.S.G.D.; David Kinnear, R.W.J.G.D.; D. Bryce, W.G. Architect; A. Hay, W.G. Jeweller; D. Robertson, W.G. Bible Bearer; J. Coghill, W.G. Director of Ceremonies; J. Ballantine, W.G. Bard; Captain G. F. R. Colt, of Gartsherrie, W.G. Sword Bearer; C. W. M. Muller, W. Grand Director of Music; R. Davidson, W. Grand Organist; M. McKenzie, W. Chief Grand Marshal; A. T. Aphorpe, W. Grand Marshal; W. M. Bryce, W. Grand Tyler; F. Baikie, W. Outer Guard; F. S. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards; John Haig, Vice-President.

A petition for charter to Lodge St. Ninian, Nairn, was remitted to Grand Committee with powers. The appeal of Bro. James Wallace against sentence of suspension from Masonic privileges in the City of Glasgow, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of that district, and report of Grand Committee (per sub-committee) thereon was amicably arranged, by Bro. Wallace stating that he never intentionally meant anything out of place towards the said P.G. Lodge, and withdrawing any statements he may have made, which was received with much applause. The appointment of Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., a representative of the Grand Lodge of England, in room of the late Earl of Dalhousie, was confirmed. The resignation of the Hon. A. Jocelyn, as representative at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, was accepted, and the recommendation of Grand Committee that Major-General H. Darby Griffith, C.B., be successor, was also confirmed.

Arrangements for the Festival of St. Andrew, on the 30th Nov., were made. No further business of importance was transacted, and Grand Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Caledonian of Unity Chapter (No. 73).—The usual monthly meeting of this chapter was held in their chapter rooms, 170, Buchanan-street, on the evening of the 26th day of Oct., 1875. Present: Comps.

G. W. Wheeler, Z., in the chair, ably assisted by Comps. George McDonald, P.Z., acting as H.; John Kinnaird, J.; James Balfour, Scribe E.; John Bannerman, Treas.; Edward Arthur, Scribe N.; and others, a deputation from the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Lanarkshire being present, consisting of the following office-bearers, viz., Comps. William Smith, P.G.P.J.; Archd. McTaggart, P.G. Scribe E.; John Fraser, P.G. Scribe N.; and George Thallon, P.G.C. After having carefully examined the various books, and read a minute to the effect that they had found everything correct, Comp. McTaggart explained the cause of absence through indisposition of our much respected Most Excellent Superintendent, Comp. F. A. Barrow. Comp. Smith made a few congratulatory remarks on the good workable condition of the Chapter No. 73, and trusted it would long continue to uphold the true principles of Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Wheeler returned thanks to the deputation for their visit, and regretted very much the cause of absence of our Provincial Grand Superintendent. The deputation retired, and the chapter was afterwards closed and opened, to the Mark Degree, when Scribe E. read the minutes of the 28th Sept. and 6th Oct. which were adopted. An application was read from Bro. John Broadfoot, Master Mason of St. John's Lodge, 34, the application being favourably received, and the candidate being in attendance, he was admitted and received that degree. The Mark Lodge was then closed, and opened to the degrees of Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch respectively, when the aforesaid candidate, along with Bro. David Anderson, mentioned in minute of the 28th Sept. last, received those degrees at the hands of Comp. Wheeler, ably assisted by Comp. Balfour, as First Sojourner, who, without flattery, is one of the best Sojourners in the province. This being all the business, the chapter was duly closed.

GLASGOW.—Govan Chapter (No. 117).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Portland Buildings, Govan. Comp. John McFarlane, the retiring Z. of the chapter, presided, supported by his office-bearers, and opened a R.A. chapter. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. From these it was shown that the installation of the office-bearers for 1876, who had been elected, was the programme of the night's business. The companions elected for office were as follows, viz.:—Robert Muir, Z.; John Sutherland H.; John Hutcheson, J.; Robert Allan, S.E.; John Miller, S.N.; Robert Danlop, Treas.; William Ferguson, First Soj.; John Brown, Second Soj.; William Barr, Third Soj.; and John McIntyre, Janitor. A letter was read from Comp. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent for Lanarkshire, stating that he could not be present to instal the office-bearers on account of other pressing Masonic business, but suggesting that the installation should be proceeded with. The M.E.Z. then intimated that Comp. James Crabbe, P.Z. of Chapter 50, had kindly consented to perform that duty, which intimation was heartily received by the companions present. Comp. Crabbe then stepped forward to the altar, and proceeded to instal the newly-elected office-bearers who were present, viz.:—R. Muir, Z.; J. Sutherland, H.; R. Allan, S.E.; J. Miller, S.N.; W. Ferguson, First Soj.; and J. McIntyre, Janitor. At the close of the installation ceremony, Comp. Crabbe, in a short but very clear and able address, pointed out the great responsibility the office-bearers had taken upon themselves, and to the companions the duty they had to perform in supporting their office-bearers in all that would tend to the elevation and prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry. The M.E.Z. then proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Crabbe for the services he had rendered to the chapter that night, and also to Comp. G. B. Adams, Chapter 50, for the assistance he had given, and also that they should be made honorary members of this Chapter, No. 117, as a mark of respect for their earnest endeavours to further Royal Arch Masonry. This was carried unanimously, and the two companions stepped to the altar and took the necessary obligation from the M.E.Z. Comps. Crabbe and Adams, in a few brief but well-chosen sentences, returned thanks for the great honour that had been conferred upon them that night. This finished the business of the evening, and the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and several other lodge reports, will appear next week.

CONSECRATION OF THE MORECAMBE LODGE, No. 1561.

The members of the ancient fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons resident in Morecambe and its vicinity, having the welfare of the Craft at heart, and having considered for some time past that the establishment of a lodge to be held at Morecambe would conduce much to the facility with which they could attend to their Masonic duties, and be a benefit to the Craft in general, decided to call a meeting of the resident Masons, &c., with a view to the consideration of what steps should be taken in furtherance of that object. Accordingly Bro. Dr. Moore was invited to attend a meeting held at the King's Arms Hotel, Morecambe, on Monday, the 14th June, 1875, when the following Masons were assembled, viz.: Bros. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; W. Duff, Thomas Longmire, Henry Hartley, William Aspden, James Shaw, William Longmire, and others.

After some consideration it was resolved that it was advisable that a lodge should be established

to meet in Morecambe, and that a petition be sent to the M.W.G.M., praying for a warrant of constitution. The petitioners agreed that the lodge should be called the Morecambe Lodge, and that Bro. Moore should be the first Master, and Bros. Duff and Thomas Longmire the first Wardens. It was also resolved that until other suitable premises could be provided the lodge should meet at the North Western Hotel, Morecambe.

A petition in due form was prepared and sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary for the approval of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and it was afterwards transmitted to the Grand Secretary of England, from whom the Worshipful Master Designate (Bro. Dr. Moore) received the warrant, under the sign manual of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Several meetings were held with regard to Masonic and general arrangements, and on the 6th October the R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed Tuesday, the 26th October, as the day for the consecration. Half-past twelve o'clock was the hour fixed for the ceremony, and for the convenience of those members of the Craft living in Lancaster, who wished to witness the consecration, it was arranged that a special train should leave the Green Area Station for Morecambe at twelve o'clock. The train started within a few minutes of the appointed time, and on the arrival of the brethren at Morecambe they at once proceeded to the North Western Hotel, where for the present the lodge will hold its meetings.

After a short delay, the brethren invested themselves in their Masonic clothing, and proceeded to the apartment set apart as the lodge-room, which was properly and appropriately furnished for the forthcoming ceremony.

Amongst the members of the Craft present were the Most Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England; Charles Fryer (Mayor of Preston), Prov. S.G.W.; J. W. Morgan, Prov. G.C.; W. M. Deeley, Prov. J.G.W.; Thos. Armstrong, Prov. G.W.T.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; Reuben Pearson, Prov. P.G.R.; Robert Wylie, Prov. P.G.S.D., and Grand Director of Ceremonies; Joseph Skeafe, Prov. G.O.; W. J. Sly, Prov. G. Purst.; J. Holme, P.P.G.J.W. (Cumberland and Westmoreland); J. Talbot, P.P.G.J.W. (C. and W.); W. Tattersall, P.P.S.W. (C. and W.); Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; E. Airey, I.P.M. 281; W. Duff, T. Longmire, W. Longmire, W. Aspden, J. Shaw, K. A. Stansfeld, J. J. Crookell, T. G. Thompson, W. S. Carr, W. H. Bagnall, P.M.; W. Heald, P.M. 1353; J. Acton, W.M. 1353; Joseph Barrow, W. Hall, P.M. 281; J. Taylor, W.M. 1051; J. L. Bradshaw, I.P.M. 1051, J. A. Baldwin (Dalton); T. Atkinson, S.W. 281, H. Longman, S.W. 1051; J. Simpson, 1353; J. M. Jameson, W.M.; W. Stewardson, P.M.; J. Gibson, P.M. and Treas.; and H. Rawes, 950; J. H. Charnley, E. Storey, P.M., and A. McRaith, 281; C. Heswell, 204; H. W. Johnson, P.M. 113; J. B. Macguire, and J. Hessep, 995; H. J. Atkinson, 1505; W. Parker, J. Ellershaw, R. Wolfenden, F. G. Dale, J.W.; E. Barsby, and S. Dobson, 1351; W. Fleming, P.M.; J. Jowitt, S.D.; E. Simpson, P.M.; W. Wearing, P.M.; James Hatch, P.M. and Treas.; R. Jervis, J. Atkinson, John Hatch, P.M.; W. Storey, P.M.; J. Fenton, P.M.; F. Dean, P.M.; R. Whiteside, J. B. R. Pilkington, and J. Stanley, I.G. 281; B. R. Stansfeld, 859; John Beeley, and John Watson, 281, Tylers.

The brethren being assembled in the lodge-room, Craft lodge was opened by Bro. Wylie, who appointed Bros. John Hatch, P.M. 281, S.W.; James Taylor, W.M. 1051, J.W.; John L. Bradshaw, I.P.M., S.D.; W. Hall, P.M. 281, J.D.; and J. Gibson, P.M. and Treas. 950, I.G. Shortly afterwards the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, entered the lodge-room, preceded by the Provincial Grand Officers and the Worshipful Master designate, namely, Bros. Morgan, Fryer, Deeley, Armstrong, Alpass, Pearson, Sly, Skeafe, and Dr. Moore, a processional march being played whilst the R.W. Prov. G.M. took his place in the Master's chair.

On entering the lodge the R.W. Prov. G.M., as we have already stated, was conducted to the Grand Master's chair, when he appointed Bro.

Fryer to fill the chair of the S.W., and Bro. Deeley, J.W., the other officers remaining as before.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then called upon the brethren to salute the Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master according to ancient form, and the consecration of the lodge was proceeded with.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. Morgan) read a portion of the Holy Writ, and then offered up prayer, after which an ode in honour of Masonry was sung.

Bro. Alpass, the Provincial Grand Secretary, then informed the Provincial Grand Master that the brethren desired to be formed into a new lodge, and read the petition, the dispensation, and the warrant or charter of constitution, which latter was attested by the sign manual of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by virtue of his office as Grand Master.

The brethren who intended to be formed into a new lodge were then required to stand up, and the Grand Master inquired if they approved of the officers nominated in the warrant to preside over them. Assent was signified in Masonic form, and the Grand Master then delivered an oration on the nature and design of the institution.

The lodge was then consecrated in ancient form, according to Masonic rites and ceremonies, the elements of consecration—the cornucopia, wine, oil, and salt—being carried three times around the lodge, amidst solemn music, by four Provincial Grand Officers, and afterwards the censer in like manner by the Chaplain.

The Worshipful Master designate was then presented to the Grand Master by Bros. Pearson and Armstrong, the latter saying, "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present this my worthy brother to be installed Master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity, whosoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

The Prov. G. Master having placed the candidate at his left hand, and asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the members present, appointed him Master of the lodge. The Grand Director of Ceremonies then rehearsed the charges and regulations of a Master, to all of which the candidate signified his submission. The Grand Master then proceeded to instal the Worshipful Master into his office, but before doing so, those members who had not attained to the office of Past Masters were asked to retire and the installation was then performed with Masonic ceremonies. The members were then re-admitted, and the newly-installed Master was presented with the warrant of constitution, the lodge book, and the instruments of his office, one after another, receiving with each the customary charge.

The brethren then congratulated the newly-appointed Master, which having been acknowledged, he proceeded to invest his officers (presenting to each of them the instruments of their office) as follows:—Bros. William Duff, S.W.; Thomas Longmire, J.W.; William Longmire, Sec.; William Aspden, S.D.; James Shaw, I.G.; and K. A. Stansfeld, Steward. The investiture of the Treasurer was postponed on account of the illness of the candidate, Bro. R. Hartley. At the request of the Worshipful Master, Bro. E. Airey undertook to accept the office of Immediate Past Master.

The brethren having signified their obedience to the new Wardens, the lodge was then completely constituted, and registered in the Grand Master's book.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then called for the accustomed vote of thanks, which were given in the manner peculiar to the Craft.

Two members were proposed, and the lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

The R.W.P.G.M. performed the ceremony of consecration in an exceedingly impressive manner, in which he was ably seconded by his Provincial Grand Officers, the manner in which Bro. Wylie performed the duties pertaining to the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies being alike creditable to the Craft no less than to himself. The musical portion of the ceremony was ably performed by a trio under the direction of Bro. Skeafe, who presided at the harmonium.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELLIOT LODGE (No. 1567).

Last Saturday another lodge for the Province of Middlesex was consecrated at the Railway Hotel, Feltham. The consecrating officer was Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand S.W., who was assisted by the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.C., as Chaplain, and Bro. Thomas W. White, Past Grand Steward, as Director of Ceremonies. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G. Master, attended, as did also numerous other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. The S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, and the J.W. chair by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Past Grand Pursuivant. Bro. W. I. Howe, Prov. Grand Steward, was I.G., and among the other brethren present were Bros. Lt.-Col. Peters, Prov. S.G.D. of Middlesex; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer; P. F. Knight Smith, Organist, 1441; J. H. Pearson, Frank Green, W. Dunham, J. R. Nichols, T. W. Clark, Tudor Trevor, (944, Bombay), H. Massey ("Freemason"), D. W. Pearse, S.W. 1293; John Elliott, J.W. (1348, Ebury), C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Fred. Keily, W.M. 1293, P.G.S. Middlesex; T. W. Clarke, John Coutts, P.G.P., &c.; A. J. Iretton, F. A. Pemberton, 1348; Wm. Hale, P.M. 1351; S. Lovegreen, and C. B. Payne, G.T. of England. Bro. R. Stone, of the Thames Valley Lodge, also attended.

The brethren having been formally erected into a lodge, the ceremony of consecrating, constituting, and dedicating the Elliot Lodge was proceeded with according to ancient custom, and the Rev. P. M. Holden delivered the oration, in which he said that Freemasonry was an institution founded, not as the ignorant and uninstructed vainly imagine, upon unmeaning mysteries supported by mere good fellowship, but upon eternal reason and truth, whose deep recesses are the civilization of mankind, and whose everlasting glory it is to have the immovable support of those two mighty pillars, science and morality. In proof of this assertion and as appropriate to their illustrious gathering, let him touch on the antiquity, extent, and comprehensiveness of their mystic art, concluding with a few words as to its excellence and utility. First, then, with regard to its antiquity. Now, Masons were well informed that the building of King Solomon's Temple was an important era from whence they derived many mysteries of their art. Be it remembered that this great event, the building of King Solomon's Temple, took place 1000 years before the Christian era, and therefore a century before Homer, the first of the Grecian poets, wrote, and about five centuries before Pythagoras brought from the East his sublime system of truly Masonic instruction to enlighten our Western world. But, remote as this period unquestionably was, we dated not from thence the commencement of our art; for although it might owe to the wise and glorious and great King of Israel some of its many mystic forms and several of its hieroglyphic ceremonies, yet certainly the art itself was coeval with man, the great subject of it, nay, even with the Creation itself, when the Sovereign Architect raised, on strictly Masonic principles, this beautiful globe, and commanded that master science, geometry, to lay the line to the planetary world and regulate by its laws the whole stupendous system. And as Masonry was thus of remote antiquity, so was it also, as might readily be imagined, of boundless extent. We traced its footsteps amongst the most remote and distant ages of the world; we found it in the first and most celebrated civilizers of the East; we could trace it regularly from the first astronomers on the plains of Chaldea, to the wise and mystic kings and priests of Egypt, the sages of Greece, the philosophers of Rome, and even to the rude and Gothic builders of a dark and degenerate age, whose vast temples still remain among us as monuments of their attachment to the Masonic art, and as signal proofs of the taste which, however irregular, must always nevertheless be considered awful, beautiful, venerable, and sublime. In very truth, in no civilized age or country had Masonry ever been neglected. The most illustrious characters, kings and nobles, sages, legislators, authors and artists, warriors, statesmen and philosophers, had thought it their glory to

advance, defend, protect, and honour it. And even at the present time, when our brotherhood is successfully established in every kingdom on the earth, Masons were proud and happy to include in that list names which did honour to their own, and which indeed have done honour to any age; and he could not but remark with infinite pleasure and satisfaction that in whatever else men might dispute and disagree, they were all, without exception, unanimity itself in their esteem and support of Freemasonry, which united all parties, conciliated all private opinions, and caused those who by their Almighty Father were made of one blood to be also of one heart and mind, brethren firmly bound together by that most indissoluble of all ties, the love of God and the love of their kind. And not only was it a great civilizer to the world, but it was as, Young described, a place where

"Christians, and Jews, and Turks and Pagans stand,
One blended throng, one undistinguished band."

This alone might be judged a sufficient reason for the extent and, if he might so say, the universality of the Craft, and when to all this was added the comprehensiveness of the institution, the vast circle of arts and sciences which it took in and embraced, then we could no longer for one single moment wonder at its vast extent, but must feel persuaded that it would ever keep pace and run parallel with the culture and civilization of mankind. Nay, we might pronounce with the strictest truth, that where Masonry was not, there civilization would never be found. And so in fact it appeared, for in those savage countries and barbarous climes where operative Masonry never laid the line or stretched the compass, where skilful architecture never reared the dome or planned the well-ordered columns, in those uncultured regions, without form and void, liberal science never softened nor did ingenious art exalt, refine, embellish, and beautify the mind. After these few and imperfect remarks could any man doubt for a single moment as to the excellence and utility of Freemasonry, thus deep in antiquity, boundless in extent, universal in its comprehension of every science, operative and speculative; thus, as it were, in its wide bosom embracing the whole circle of arts and morals. Allow me, then (continued the rev. gentleman), worshipful sir, to congratulate you and all those present upon the advancement and the present most flourishing state of our useful, ancient, and beautiful Masonic art. Allow me more particularly and especially to congratulate you, the founders, officers, promoters of the Elliot Lodge, upon the happy event of to-day, the consecration of your Masonic edifice, reared, I trust, upon a solid foundation, and which I hope will add stability and glory to Freemasonry in general, and to the province of Middlesex in particular. May the Craft always meet safe, happy, and secure within its sacred walls, and may it flourish for ever like the palm tree, may private friendship and public virtue distinguish and adorn the heart and character of every Mason who shall ever form and fill the sacred and Masonic lodge which we consecrate to-day to Freemasonry, to virtue, and to universal benevolence. May they adorn and ennoble the art they profess; and I would, after thanking you for listening to me, complete my remarks with some old lines which occur to me as applicable to the Order:—

If all the social virtues of the mind,
If an extensive love to all mankind,
If hospitable welcome to a guest,
And speedy charity to the distressed,
If due regard to liberties and laws,
Zeal for our house, and for our country's cause;
If these great principles deserve the name,
Let Masons then enjoy the praise they claim.
(Cheers.)

The ceremony of consecration was afterwards completed, and Bro. Little installed Bro. John Mason as W.M., on the presentation of Bro. Thomas W. White, D.C.

The brethren invested were Bros. Frank Green, S.W.; W. Dunham, J.W.; Elliott, Secretary; J. R. Nichols, S.D.; A. J. Iretton, J.D.; Pearson, I.G.; Samuel Love

Green, D.C.; T. W. Clarke, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. After this, Bros. Little and Hervey delivered the charges. Bros. Col. Burdett, John Hervey, H. G. Buss, R. W. Little, Thomas W. White, Rev. P. M. Holden, Sir G. Elliot, Lt. Col. Peters, and C. A. Cottebrune were elected honorary members, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W.; and the W.M., in addressing the newly elected brethren, said that he felt there was much work still to be done in the province, and he hoped that often when there was this work to do the new members of the lodge would be present.

(The continuation of this report will appear in our next.)

Masonic and General Tidings.

A new Masonic lodge, the "Zetland," No. 326, Toronto, Canada, was consecrated last month, M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master, officiating, assisted by P.W. Bros. Spry, Stephens, and F. J. Menet.

A fine Masonic Hall is being built at Lexington, Missouri, U.S.A.

On the 10th of August the corner stone of the Union Agency building for the five largest nations of Indian Territory—the Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks, Chickasaws, and Seminoles—was laid at Prospect Hill, near Muskogee, by the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Territory.

The monument to Fitz Greene Halleck, the poet, was dedicated on July 8th, 1869, at Guilford, Conn. New Haven Commandery, K.T., and St. Albans Lodge, No. 38, assisted.

In connection with our Royal Grand Master's visit to India, Bro. Matthews, an enterprising chemist of Camberwell, has discovered the means of composing a solution of lime which is considered to be an antidote against diarrhoea or dysentery. The profits of the medicine are to be given to the Masonic charities.

Bro. Alderman Hadley has received an address of congratulation from the London Coffee-house Keepers Benevolent Association.

On Tuesday last the Prince of Wales completed his thirty-fourth year, having been born on the 9th November, 1841. There were the usual celebrations in London, at Windsor, and at Sandringham.

Bro. George Abbott, of the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, has been presented with a valuable gold watch and chain, by the members of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society, in testimony of their esteem, and in recognition of the ability and zeal displayed by him while chairman of the General Committee for five years. The presentation was made at the society's usual monthly meeting at the Birkbeck Institute, on the 27th ult., and was accompanied with an address beautifully illuminated on vellum, expressive of the cordial esteem evinced to our brother by the members of the above society.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked, by a number of brethren from various lodges, in the St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The proceedings will commence at 7 o'clock.

Our readers will be glad to hear that Bro. Major Creation was gazetted on Tuesday night as Lieut.-Colonel.

The Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, is held at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall, every Wednesday evening, at 7.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk, and the installation of Bro. Walpole as the new Provincial Grand Master in the room of the late Bro. B. B. Cabell, will take place at Norwich, next Saturday. Lord Skelmersdale will instal. It is expected that 500 Freemasons will attend the banquet, which will be held in St. Andrew's Hall.

Bro. Tom Jackson, P.S.W., was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for ensuing year of the Lodge of Truth, Huddersfield, 521.

The first meeting of the committee for making arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Masonic Ball in Liverpool, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held on Friday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., will be the chairman of the ball committee; Bro. W. M. Chudley, P.M. 241, the vice-chairman; and Bro. H. Neilson, P.M. 673 and 1505, was elected the Secretary.

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THE "COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR."—
London: Bro. GEORGE KENNING.

Twelve months ago a facetious contemporary chaffed us for reviewing the "Cosmo" because belonging to our own publisher. We did not see the force of his remarks, however pungent, then; we do not see it now. Our publisher has survived the chaff, so have we; and, as a proof of our vitality, we beg to announce the reappearance of the "Cosmo," and to recommend it to all our readers to-day. As of old, well got up and carefully compiled, it is a convenient and portable "vade mecum" for the Craft, and as we turn over its pages we are struck with the fact, so convincingly brought home to us, of the cosmopolitan character of our good Order. North and South, East and West, not merely as *Præd* sings, "The chains of Hymen jingle," but Freemasonry is established, lodges are many, and Freemasons are to be found. When George Canning said he meant to call a "new world into existence to redress the balance of the old," we feel almost certain now, in the light of after years, that he foresaw the spread of the Masonic body, and his words have already received a part fulfilment in that Freemasons in the new world are twofold more numerous, at the least, than those of the old. Bro. Kenning's *Cosmopolitan Calendar* takes us among them, tells us their local habitation and their name, so that the golden link of brotherhood, of which Masonic bards often write, unites us with many, many thousands of brethren across "Atlantic billows." Well, we thank Bro. Kenning for his "little stranger" of 1876, and we trust as this good year closes, and as the new year dawns upon us, the demands for it may be many, and the sale of it may be great. If any of our brotherhood are anxious to possess it, let them look in at any of Bro. Kenning's depôts in town or country, where their wants will be courteously attended to, and their requirements fully supplied. W.

"CASSELL'S DICTIONARY OF COOKERY," No. 1.
We are very much pleased indeed with this, the first number of a very useful work. We have long felt deeply how much improvement was needed in the great and necessary art of domestic cookery, and how far too severe and abstruse were many of the manuals in use. We, therefore, hail with pleasure this plainly written but perfectly understandable cook's *vade mecum*. We think it will be a very useful one, and a good present for that meritorious class of the community who are often expected to do a great deal on a very little. Now we all of us, say what we will, like a good dinner, and there is all the difference in the world between a well-cooked dinner and a bad one. Dyspepsia, indigestion, blue devils, bad temper, general uncomfotableness, personal disagreeableness, are the inevitable result of the latter state of things; while cheerfulness and amiability, bonhomie and good-health, comfort and satisfaction, are the wonted accompaniments of the former. We have no hesitation in saying that it makes all the difference possible, both to your digestion and your disposition, whether you eat a tough chop or a tender one, whether your fish is well fried, or your mutton well boiled, whether the omelette is really an omelette, whether your potatoes are mealy, or, as the Irishman said, "bursting from their beautiful skins." We feel, then, how important such a work is for our cooks, and how much good for us all alike might be the "outcome" of its clear directions and sensible maxims. If only our cooks will but attend to them what a blessing it would be for us all. Cooks are said to be not always good-tempered, but they have much to try them. They are very hardworking, for the most part, and they are most indispensable members of the Briton's domicile, where they kindly provide for the wants of Britons and Britonesses, and little Britons and little Britonesses, with great assiduity and plentifulness. If, then, they can be induced in their calmer moments to attend to Messrs. Cassell's *Dictionary of Cookery* all may yet be well, we feel, with our country, our constitution, with ourselves, with our appetites, our

tempers, and our digestions, our household expenditure, and our banker's balance. We, therefore, recommend the work to our readers, and all who value the "savoir faire," and economical arrangement of a well-regulated kitchen, and the health, temper, and amiability of their own immediate family circle, and even—we say it deferentially—their own. W.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The regular meeting of Lodge Concord, No. 757, E.C., was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 18th Sept., 1875. Present: Wor. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; Bros. F. Burdett, as S.W.; W. Fearn, as J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davis, J.D.; J. Luke, D.C.; J. E. Tyers, Organist; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler; F. Lean, W. E. Craddock, J. May, John Widdle, E. Fuelling, J. Holt, W. Hobbs, C. J. Hall, H. Watson, W. W. Wilson, J. H. Burrett, and others.

The visitors were Bros. S. Counsell, W.M. 1100, E.C.; C. Parker, H. D. Summers, 563, S.C.; Horamjee Pestonjee, 1359, E.C.; and others.

The lodge was opened with prayer at 7 p.m.

The summons convening the meeting was read.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Permanent Committee were read and adopted.

The ballot was then taken for Mr. John Armstrong as candidate for initiation, who was announced elected.

The Secretary then read a letter, dated the 10th Sept., from the D.G. Secretary, and was directed to lay the same before the Permanent Committee at their next meeting.

A letter to and endorsed by the Wor. Master, re Bro. W. W. Whittaker, S.W., was then read. It appears there has been some error in not writing Bro. W. W. Whittaker's name off the roll of the lodge since the 15th May inclusive, about which date he left for England in consequence of being invalided home, and is not likely to return to India.

Bro. W. C. Rowe, Wor. Master, proposed, and Bro. B. Robinson, P.M., seconded that Bro. W. W. Whittaker's name be taken off the roll of the lodge from the above date, his dues being paid up to the time he left India an invalid for England. Carried.

Mr. John Armstrong, properly prepared, was then duly admitted and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Bros. Ernest Fuelling and Dr. Joseph Gerson Da Cunha were then examined as to their qualifications to be passed to the Second Degree, and having passed a very creditable examination, were entrusted and passed out.

All below the rank of Fellow Craft were then requested to retire.

The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree.

Bro. Ernest Fuelling was then duly admitted and passed to the Second Degree.

Bro. Dr. Joseph Gerson Da Cunha was afterwards duly admitted and passed to the Second Degree.

The working tools were then presented, and their uses explained by the Worshipful Master to the newly passed brethren.

The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and resumed in the First Degree.

A letter from Bro. J. W. Seager, Tyler, returning thanks for the donation of fifty rupees, and requesting some kind brother would use his influence in obtaining for him employment, was then read.

Rupees three annas four was then taken from the charity box, and duly taken into account by the Treasurer.

There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer at 9.10 p.m.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

A convocation of Leinster Chapter, No. 166 (I.C.), was held (in accordance with the laws and constitution of the Order) at the Masonic Temple, Hasskien, on Tuesday, the 28th Sept., there being an unusual attendance of companions, it being the installation of K. and officers for ensuing term.

The chapter was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, by Comp. R. MacGill, M.E.K., supported in council by W. Dorrell, H.P., and A. Noble, C.S.; the other officers present were Comps. J. Lindsay, C.H.; J. Rawe, S.T.; W. Teadstill, R.A.C.; T. Johnson, Capt. S. Veil, T. Dickenson, C.P.V.; J. Nock, C.B.V.; W. Webb, Reg. and Treas.; P. Flucker, Janitor; the chapter being honoured by the attendance of Comps. W. Harvey, M.E.Z., of the Thistle of the East Chapter, No. 107, (S.C.), accompanied by Comps. H. Arnold, P.Z., and W. S. Botler and W. Cadwallader, who, by request, assisted at the opening of chapter.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read, put to vote, and confirmed.

The business for the evening (as per circular) was the installation of K. and officers, and to hear and, if approved, adopt Auditors' report.

The M.E.K., in a very able manner, referred to the presence of the M.E.Z. and officers of the Thistle of the East Chapter, and called upon the companions to salute them as per ancient Irish custom.

The M.E.Z., W. Harvey, in most affectionate terms, complimented the Leinster companions upon their working, and duly acknowledging the honour paid him and his officers, called upon the companions of 107 to salute the K. as per ancient Scottish usage.

The Auditors were then called upon for their report, and Comp. J. Rawe, Senior Auditor, having laid the accounts before the chapter, congratulated them upon the progress made since last audit, and paid a flattering compliment to the Registrar upon the lucid manner in which they found the accounts kept. Upon due consideration the report as read was duly accepted, and a vote of thanks awarded the Registrar.

The time having arrived for a change of officers, the M.E.K. very ably referred to the working of the chapter during his term of office, stating that, however reluctantly, he may divest himself of the honourable badge of office, and however acceptable his services may have been, he felt that the change would be beneficial, as circumstances did not permit him to give the attention that was necessary, and which he felt in honour of the position as K. he ought to have given, and referring to the ability of Comp. W. Dorrell (his successor), and the staff of officers elected to assist him, he felt sure that the progress of the chapter was thus far guaranteed for some time to come. The sentiments of the M.E.K. were acquiesced in by the companions present. The installation ceremony commenced, and P. K. Arnold, acting as D.C., presented Comp. W. Dorrell, as the K. elect, for installation. The ancient charges having been read and duly assented to, the companions below the rank of K. retired, and Comp. W. Dorrell was duly installed in the council chair of K.S., the ceremony being carried out according to the constitution of the G.R.A.C. of Ireland.

The companions were readmitted, and being informed of the said installation of the K. elect, duly assembled and saluted the K. with the R.A. salute, as per ancient custom. The installation of K. being over,

Comps. A. Noble, H.P. elect, and J. Rawe, C.S. elect, were presented and duly invested with the insignia of their office, and conducted to their seats in G. Council, thus forming the Principals of the chapter with full power to work the degrees of R.A. and Mark M.M.

The following officers were also duly presented and invested with the badges of their several offices, viz., W. Teadstill, C.H.; T. Johnson, S.T.; P. Flucker, R.A.C.; T. Dickenson, J. Nock, and J. Lindsay, Captains of the Three Veils; W. Ile, Janitor. Upon the officers taking their several stations, the I.P.K., R. MacGill, delivered to the newly installed K. the warrant from the G.R.A.C. of Ireland, the constitutions and the bye-laws of the chapter, and a true inventory of all furniture, jewels, clothing, &c., &c., belonging to the Chapter and Mark Lodge, and in the course of a few well-chosen remarks congratulated the chapter upon the election of its officers. The success of the chapter depending upon the efficient working of the officers, he charged them to, at all times, strictly adhere to the landmarks of the Order, and pay great attention to their several duties.

Upon the I.P.K. resuming his seat, the installed K. in a very able manner thanked the companions for the honour they had conferred in electing him into the exalted position which he now held, and assured them that their confidence should not be misplaced, and referring to the able manner the installation ceremony had been executed, he thanked the I.P.K., and assured him that the charges laid down should receive his attention, his aim being to propagate Arch Masonry in its true form. He also expressed feelings of gratitude for the large attendance of companions, visitors, and members, upon the auspicious occasion, and having declared that the officers now elected for the chapter would stand duly elected for the M.M. Lodge (as per constitution), it was his intention to hold a Lodge of Instruction every alternate Tuesday. The chapter was then closed in due form, in love, peace, and harmony. The companions subsequently adjourned to the large banquet hall, where a banquet was held, to celebrate the occasion, and several hours were spent, wherein the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and "The Health of all P.M.s" being proposed and responded to (songs intervening toasts and speeches). The well-known Tyler's toast having brought the festival to a close, the companions separated, as the small hours were creeping in.

COLCHESTER.—Bro. Emra Holmes has been lecturing at Colchester. We cull the following from "The Essex Journal" of the 5th inst.:—"The subject was 'Tom Hood,' and the lecturer gave a very graphic and interesting account of his parentage, birth, and life, quoting some of Hood's gravest and most comical sayings, which alternately held the audience spellbound, and in irresistible roars of laughter. He paid high tribute to Hood's religious views, and very impressively delivered some of his choice compositions. Mr. H. S. Goody occupied the chair, and it appeared, from remarks made during the proposing the votes of thanks, that there was a misunderstanding as to the subject, it having been announced that the subject was to have been 'Wit and Humour.' In proposing a vote of thanks to Miss Lewis for presiding at the piano, however, Mr. D. C. Fraser accepted the entire responsibility of having been the cause of the mistake, and he felt sure that the audience would freely forgive him for the error, it virtually being the cause of their having enjoyed, unexpectedly, such a rare treat as that with which the lecturer served them that evening." We understand that the lecture will be shortly published in the pages of our contemporary, the "Masonic Magazine," in which paper Bro. Holmes' "Notes on the British Union Lodge" are about to appear.

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The following stand over:—

"Masonic Jewels"; "W. M."

The Geneva paper kindly forwarded by W. E. G. will be used next week. See Leader.

T. C. G. H.—On consideration, we do not deem it advisable to publish the extract on "Spurious Orders."

Chevalier Ramsay and Freemasonry, W. J. Hughan, in our next.

Reports of Lodges 141, 209, 279, 1085, 1167, 1337, 1351, 1458; Chapters 177, 424.

Several Reports of Scotch Lodges, noticed under that heading, stand over.

Consecration of a Lodge at Newquay.

BOOK RECEIVED.

The Pythagorean Triangle, by Rev. G. Oliver, D.D., John Hogg and Co.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOV. 13, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

Our Royal brother landed at Bombay at four o'clock on the 8th inst., accompanied by the Viceroy and his suite, who had gone on board the Serapis immediately on her arrival. On leaving the Serapis, a procession was formed astern of the Royal barge by the Admirals and Captains of the Queen's ships in their boats. Salutes were fired by the squadron and the shore batteries. All the ships in harbour were dressed with flags and their yards manned, forming a grand spectacle. His Royal Highness, who wore the uniform of a Field-Marshal, was received on landing by Sir Philip Wodehouse, Governor of Bombay; Lord Napier of Magdala, Commander-in-Chief in India; the Hon. Sir Michael R. Westropp, Chief Justice of Bombay; and other high civil and military officials. Upwards of 70 native Princes, Chiefs, and Sardars, in glittering Oriental costume, were also present. An address of welcome was presented by the Municipality of Bombay, to which the Prince briefly replied. A brilliant procession was then formed, which proceeded at a slow pace towards the Government House. Troops lined the road as far as the native town, from which point the way was kept by the police. The greeting given by the people to his Royal Highness was at once cordial and respectful. The utmost enthusiasm was manifested along the whole line of route, a dense, seething mass of people of all castes occupying every inch of standing room from the ground to the house-tops. It is computed that nearly 200,000 persons came from the Mofussil alone. As the Prince neared certain points, the excitement increased, the mob gathering round the carriage and catching the enthusiasm of the Europeans. Nevertheless, excellent order prevailed. His Royal Highness looked very well, and appeared highly gratified with the demonstrations in his honour. The whole city is splendidly decorated, and there is a series of eight triumphal arches along the route taken by the procession. In celebration of the Prince's visit there will be a general holiday until the 15th inst. The Parsees met on the 6th inst. at the splendid Fire Temple

belonging to the Ardaseer Hormusjee Wadia family, of Cowjee Castle, in order to offer prayers for the safe arrival and departure from India of the Prince of Wales. The reception of the Native Princes by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the 9th, was stately and splendid. After the Rajahs of Kolapoor, Mysore, Oodeypore, Kutch, and Baroda, came Sir Salar Jung, with the Nizam's deputation, which contained many Rajahs, Nawabs, and Chiefs. The Prince's birthday was celebrated by salutes all over India. At 4 p.m. the Prince visited the Admirals. Salutes were fired, and the fleet was illuminated on the departure of the Prince. On his landing he was received by the Viceroy and the Governor at the Mazagon Stairs. The Prince and the Governor and Viceroy, with their suites, drove in seven carriages for two hours through Bombay, which was illuminated. It was a marvellous sight with the miles of lamps and the cheers, which are unusual from natives. There were myriads of quaint devices; among others, "Tell Mama we are happy." After the Queen's health, the Governor proposed that of the Prince, who expressed pleasure at his reception. He had, he said, always wished to see India, and never would forget his 34th birthday, which had been passed in that great Empire of the Queen. Among the natives in general the impression was most satisfactory, and the important Chiefs were greatly pleased. The thermometer is at 88 degrees. Every one is well. Bombay is still en fête, and there is tremendous excitement, never such a sight having been beheld there. The Prince thanked the Governor for the arrangements. He gave a dinner to the crews of the Serapis and Osborne.

The "Times" of Thursday has the following:— "During the Guildhall banquet on Tuesday evening the Lord Mayor addressed the following telegram to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Bombay:—'The Lord Mayor and his distinguished guests now assembled wish your Royal Highness many happy returns of the day.' Yesterday morning the Prince replied by a telegram dated 'Parell (Bombay), 11.40 a.m., 10th November:—'Accept my very best thanks for your kind wishes and those of your distinguished guests on the occasion of my birthday, and I wish you and the Corporation every possible prosperity.' A similar message was sent by the Benchers from Middle Temple Hall, and as promptly and graciously acknowledged."

NEW LODGES.

Our readers will note, as week follows week, that our columns record the consecration of new lodges and the dedication of Masonic halls. Our present issue contains the account of the consecration of two lodges, one chapter, and one Masonic hall. Our muster roll of lodges is fast approaching to 1600, and that number will, no doubt, ere long actually be reached. This ought to be a subject of rejoicing to all loyal Freemasons. We cannot affect to sympathise with that lackadaisical or apathetic view of the case which, if it had any encouragement, would throw cold water on any tendencies amongst us to enlarge and to advance. On the contrary, we firmly believe that all such ideas are both shallow and meaningless, and that, of course within due limits, the extension of our lodge system is greatly to be desiderated and heartily to be welcomed. Two points seem to press upon us from the facts before us which we shall do well to notice. The one is a note of warning, the other a voice of encouragement. Freemasonry is not, let us bear in mind, a plaything or a sensation. It is a very useful, unassuming, benevolent, and valuable Order, a friend to true progress and improving civilisation, which asks for and obtains the warm support of the intellectual, the moral, the kindly disposed, and the honest hearted. It is an institution around which we may freely rally, amid many opposing schools of thought and sympathy to-day, as offering us a standpoint, to use a German phrase, on which we ourselves can plant as on a firm basis its goodly standard of toleration, honour, loyalty, and charity. Freemasonry does not ask our adhesion or our adherence simply because it is a pleasant social institution, because it dispenses honours or bestows rank, or

even because in it we can frequent the agreeable gathering, and enjoy some beneficial moments of needful recreation! These motives may sway some, no doubt, but they are all secondary motives, and not the motives which Freemasonry requires and approves. But when to us Freemasonry has become something more than a name, when we have mastered its esoteric teachings as well as its exoteric forms, we think we discover and clearly discern how specially suited it is to the conflicts and exigencies of the hour. We are all of us now, in this self-asserting age, too much inclined to put forward our subjective theories of religion, truth, and sound teaching, for instance, as if they were objective realities. We like to invest our own personal "doxy" with the belief and the feelings of the Ego, with the colouring of abstract truth and of everybody else's "doxy." And hence arise inevitable collisions of thought and action, the regrettable though apparently unavoidable outbreaks of that "odium theologicum," which has wrought so much mischief in the world. Now, Freemasonry seems to speak to us all to-day in the calm, convincing tones of reason, charity, and common sense. "Do not allow yourselves ever to surrender the best feelings of your nature to polemical strife, to meaningless controversies. There are times, indeed, as we all know, in the history of individuals and nations when we have to be very bold for the truth as we hold it and cling to it. But, as a general rule, men waste a deal of time hurtfully on puerile contentions, on shallow logomachies. Come, then, within my peaceful portals, and learn the lesson I would teach you and all my members. Hold what you deem the truth in love, not judging one another, not condemning one another. Within my dwelling no disputes prevail, and no discussions perplex. All is calm and kindly, forbearing and serene. I know neither of the cries of party nor the differences of religion, but I welcome all good men who bow before the great Creator of all. Be you content to abide by His moral law, not asking about the precise creed of a brother, not involving yourselves in doctrinal discussions beyond my scope, but offering every loyal heart a safe and consistent platform of religious sympathy, morality, piety, and brotherly love!" Such seems to be the voice and words of our "Alma mater" to-day, and amid all that noise of angry combatants, which fills our streets with the din and turmoil of sectarian animosities, it is pleasant for us all to remember that Freemasonry affords a "Rendezvous" for all who like for a few passing hours to forget the animosities of humanity, and to welcome the pleasant emotions of harmonious concord, toleration and union, friendship and affection.

SEMPER EADEM.

Roman Catholicism is ever the same, in that it seems to oppose itself, no doubt on some wonderful principles of its own, not patent indeed to the uninitiated, to the claims of individual liberty of thought and action, to the wants of an emancipated conscience, and even to the stern requirements often of actual fact and historical truth! In nothing more do we see this than in the effect that Roman Catholic teaching often has on enlightened minds and ardent wills. The Roman Catholic would no doubt say, that the very axiom of Romanism proper is the surrender of the moral judgment and the intellectual powers of the individual to the voice of the Church, and the decision of the successor of St Peter. But here it is where we join issue with our Roman Catholic brethren. We cannot think it to be a good thing, that human reason and understanding, the sympathies and sentiments of the individual, should be subjected to this severe strain of iron, unbending, irresponsible authority! For the effect is simply the effect of reaction. The string has been too tightly extended, and the bow snaps. Hence, as a general rule, in all Roman Catholic countries the revulsion from Ultramontanism has led to scepticism, Voltairianism, infidelity. We do not say that such a state of things is not also to be found in professedly un-Roman Catholic countries, because it undoubtedly is, but those who have ever lived in Roman Catholic countries, or mixed much with Roman Catholic laymen, must be well aware, that

too often beneath hollow forms of outward conformity are lurking, in full swing and energy too, the baneful emotions of a sneering scepticism, a disregard of ecclesiastical claims, and even of moral restraints. It is then this benumbing and intolerant influence of Rome to which we so strongly object. You may be the most amiable and benevolent of men, kind, cultivated, and "sympatico" in the highest degree, but once hug the Ultramontane chain of infallible authority, and unerring dogma, all is changed with you, you are hardly the same person. You who were so benevolent, so philanthropic, so menschenfreundlich as the Germans say, in all that concerns the Roman Church of your birth or adoption, are as violent as Allen, and as un pitying as Torquemada. Let us take Daniel O'Connell's letter on Freemasonry, in our last issue, as an illustration. Daniel O'Connell was emphatically in himself a large-hearted man; he had a genial and kindly spirit, a love of pleasantry and fun, and seems to have represented in many respects all the most amiable aspects of the Irish character. He once was a good Freemason, he had learnt and taught its lessons of toleration and goodwill, and no doubt, had cracked many a joke and had been a very pleasant companion of the social hour. But no sooner does he become thoroughly under the power of his spiritual advisers than he gives up Freemasonry, and denounces it. He, it is curious and amusing to note, professes not to have known of the decrees of Clement, of Benedict, or of Leo, and seems to say that their famous Bulls had not reached "Ould Ireland." But all of a sudden his conscience is awakened, and he gives up the "filthy thing." We take no notice of his angry remarks, or unfair animadversions, for they mean nothing, and count as nothing. He is making out the best case he can for himself, and we can afford to be charitable to him. For Rome had mastered his fiery spirit, and he "caved in." We like truth, and so we published his letter, that the fact might be clearly and finally disposed of. But the moral to our mind is simple and plain. Rome dislikes Freemasonry, condemns Freemasonry, curses Freemasonry. Why? Because Freemasonry, without wishing to interfere in religious discussion or denominational differences, gives a warran hand, offers a hearty welcome, to all who are friends to the freedom of the human conscience, and the right of private judgment; who condemn no man for his creed or church; who love toleration, charity, peace, and goodwill; and who in a spirit of true religion, while avowing and adoring the great Creator of all, decline to act as inquisitors into the faith or feelings of others, and especially object to that "crematory" process, which has ever been the "ultima ratio" of the persecutor, the bigot, and the intolerant.

MASONIC TRUTH.

It might almost seem superfluous to write on such a subject, since "Truth" is supposed to be a Masonic cardinal virtue, and said to be one of its distinguishing characteristics! But alas! Freemasonry is human, and of this earth, earthy, like everything else in this sublunary world, and it has not escaped altogether the process of worldly adulteration or "decay's effacing fingers." Freemasons, like all men, do not always practise what they preach; they do not always square their deeds with their professions! In society and in common life, amid its struggles and its cares, and its business, and the pursuit of wealth, to which we all more or less devote the best energies of our wills, our feelings, and our affections, we are often, despite our good Masonic teaching, led to identify ourselves with the fashionable dicta of the hour, apt to be affected by the hidden leaven ever upwards working of a debased morality, of a corrupt code. We think all means righteous to gain our object. We echo the old saying, "in love and war all things are fair;" we are very ready to think that the "end justifies the means;" and we applaud the sophistical axiom, that "we may do evil that good may come." Hence very often there comes over even our Masonic dealings, and words, and ways, a colouring of insincerity, of unreliability, of a want of openness, of a tendency to go beyond a brother. We do not run straight. We smile in a brother's presence, we backbite him in his

absence. We listen to the ready tongue of the malicious or revengeful; we greedily catch up some idle story to his discredit, and we pass it on with zest, or we palm it off eagerly on some credulous listener "as a fact, sir," a reality, a truth! Now, friendship itself is a very sacred bond, given by the Great Architect of all for the happiness and peace of man here, and ought always to be looked upon as something very dear, precious, and inviolable. It is one of our greatest blessings and our purest joys. But Masonic friendship has charms and claims of its own. We are members of a little band of warm and genial friends, children of the light, brethren of love, guiding our steps over life's troublous sea by the beacon lights of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Truth! To ignore a brother's claims upon us for kindly consideration and fair treatment, to be slanderous where we should be chivalrous, and detractors where we should be upholders, is indeed a sad commentary on the reality of Masonic principles, on the vitality of Masonic practice! It is base enough in the common vulgar crowd of hurrying mortals to sacrifice right and truth to low expediency and cowardly subterfuge. It is sad to see friendship betrayed and loyal trust disappear in the too frequent violations of every law of honour, morality, and duty. But to forget that as brethren we seem to form a phalanx of kindly hearts and honourable associates, that we are bound to be true to one another and our good old Order in every contingency of life's often trying pathway, is, and must be a subject of deep regret to every good Freemason. If faith and charity are destined to leave our toiling hosts of mortals to-day, if the progress of society is only to be marked by the sad evidences of a failing love of veracity, by demoralizing habits and mournful prevarications, let us seek to keep our lodges still the home of truth, the refuge of honour, friendship, and devotion, where brethren can meet as brethren, and friend rely on friend.

JOTTINGS OF TRANSATLANTIC FREEMASONRY.

We were glad to have been able to give a report from the "Old Dominion" of the progress of our good brethren under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and we always heartily welcome the reports of Canadian Freemasonry. Our brethren have two very able periodicals there, the "Canadian Craftsman," and the "Canadian Masonic News," both very well edited, and we are pleased from time to time to cull from their columns many an interesting item of Masonic intelligence from that far-off land, for the information of our brethren at home. We are always happy to hear of Canadian "sayings and doings." We have also received the "St. Francisco Chronicle" of October the 14th, in which is contained the meeting of the Californian Grand Lodge of October 13th, under G.M., G. C. Wilkins. From his address we learn that all is prospering with Freemasonry, and with the Grand Lodge. We are glad to hear, and our readers will too, what the Grand Master terms the "moral influence of Freemasonry" in that remarkable land. "Could the secret history of our own State be unfolded," he says, "the works of charity and pure beneficence bestowed by Masonry would command the reverence of many who now revile it. For many years in the mining portions of our State it was the prevailing moral influence that kept men within the bounds of moderation, and taught them to 'do unto others as they would wish that others should do unto them.' Its votaries ministered to the sick, relieved the destitute, and performed the last sad tribute of respect to the dead. Thus is Masonry ever quietly and unostentatiously performing its mission among us, receiving within its folds those only who voluntarily knock for admission and are found worthy—men of every nationality and creed, with no religious prohibition except the one requisite belief in God, the Supreme Intelligence which prevades all nature. Jew and Gentile, Mahomedan and Christian, meet within our lodges upon one common level, working harmoniously together for their moral improvement and social regeneration." It seems that there are 198 lodges in this jurisdiction working under charters

from the Grand Lodge, and four working under dispensation. These 202 lodges have a membership of about 12,000, all the lodges having during the year increased their membership. The financial report of the Grand Lodge is said also to be very good, and the Grand Master thus speaks of the Board of Relief, though, as will be seen, no actual figures are given. "The earnest appeal of the Grand Master, in his last annual address in behalf of the Masonic Board of Relief in this city, I would again commend to your consideration. The good work daily performed by the members of that board is deserving of all praise and honour. Their report will, I think, show a very large increase, during the present year, in the number who have applied to the board for assistance, who, if they are found worthy and deserving, are always granted aid sufficient to relieve them of their immediate necessities, and as far as practicable they are assisted to some work where they may earn an honest livelihood. I trust that the Grand Lodge will make a liberal appropriation to this truly benevolent organization." The address was well delivered and loudly applauded. The Grand Master closes with the following incident, which we think is well worthy of note and remembrance:—"A certain man, before leaving his old home in the East, had been made a Mason, but since coming to the Pacific coast had not visited a lodge, but had fallen upon evil paths and been led into dissipation. One day he was looking for some articles in his trunk, when he came upon a forgotten package, which, when opened, was found to contain his lambkin apron (for the lodge wherein he was made a Mason had made it a custom to present each member with this emblem of Masonry). The sight of the spotless vestment, more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, aroused a flood of recollection in his bosom. In imagination he was carried back to his old home where he had been honoured and respected; to the time when he stood in the north-east corner a just and upright man, where it had been given him strictly in charge thus ever to act and walk. He asked himself how he had fulfilled the charge? Had he walked as an upright man? He felt that he had not. But the spark of manhood which still lingered in his bosom was strong enough to kindle a raging fire for reform. He put the apron away, and went forth determined to conquer the terrible demon that had been leading him on to the abyss of destruction." It is then, we trust, an interesting fact in itself, and one very encouraging to all Freemasons, that our great brotherhood is even more powerful, and more advancing, in the new world than in the old. In the Dominion of Canada, under the Canadian Confederation, and in the United States, the number of Freemasons cannot be less than 650,000, and if to this be added English, and Irish, and Scotch Freemasons, and our lodges in India, the Mediterranean, the Cape of Good Hope, the West Indies, the Mauritius, &c., Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, without much exaggeration, may be placed at something short of a million of members. May all of good attend the onward progress of our universal brotherhood.

ALBÆ DIES.

Since last we met our readers two great anniversaries have been observed and have taken place within the good City of London. The one, the birthday of our Royal Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the other, Lord Mayor's Day. Both of these events have much meaning and interest for all patriotic Englishmen. Despite the unwholesome virulence of a few unreasoning fanatics, the great mass of our free English people is emphatically loyal to their hearts' core! We may have our days of trial and even discontent, low wages may affect us, a bad trade may try us, but the pulse of England always beats full and true in its healthy hours, unchanged in its loyalty and devotion to the best of Queens, and the great and glorious institution of our free and constitutional government. Under it a wise and understanding people has thriven and progressed in contentment, order, comfort, peace, and wealth. Party cries have become less and less, social reforms long needed, now attract the energies of the statesman, and the sympathies

poem is made up of many old "saws," which he has incorporated into and perhaps expanded in his witty verses. Bro. Bernard will have it that I did quote Butler, though I say I did not, and in his superabundant spirit of the truest Masonic teaching, he not only gives me the lie direct but is persuaded that I have never read Butler at all. This, I beg to observe, is a piece of gratuitous and vulgar impertinence.

After a longish life, and much careful study of the English as well as foreign and ancient classics, it is a little too bad to be told by a brother who professes to write Masonically, though he knows nothing of me he says, that he will be "greatly surprised" if I possess "any familiarity" with the poem.

Those of us who have read "Typee" will remember how the amusing writer finds one great merit in poor "Toby," that he knew his Hudibras, and as Butler has been very familiar to me for many years, and many are the quotations I have transcribed for "lectures" and other purposes from its pleasant pages, I am not likely to have blundered. I was also aware that an old controversy had taken place about this very couplet, and that the commonly quoted verses were not Butler's actually, though very commonly attributed to him—that is to say, that the correct version was somewhat different. I should then not have been guilty of such literary "laches," as quoting Butler for what he did not actually write.

III. With regard to Bro. Bernard's misspelling, when in one place he spells "odorous" "orderous," and in another "oderous" in the same copy one cannot but feel that a writer who is so slipshod in his spelling, and also in his verbiage as "do he," which is a pure "provincialism" is not a competent critic of any other writer, and that all such pseudo criticism in his hands is ridiculous and unmeaning, in fact hardly deserving of notice.

IV. One thing is clear from this correspondence, how personal and how perverse some Masonic correspondents can be.

Let me recommend Bro. Bernard before he ventures again to assail others to remember, that ignorance is not criticism, and vulgarity is not wit.

The Freemasonry we both profess to believe in might have taught him a truer lore, and as I do not wish to waste my time in replying to a correspondent who, instead of being critical, is only personal, I must decline the honour of continuing such a puerile and worthless logomachy.

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

[This correspondence must now cease].

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to correct what appears to be an error in your article entitled "Recent Provincial Grand Lodges," published in your last number.

You say, "In West Lancashire, under the presidency of our active and distinguished Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Lodge (in accordance with the powers of the Book of Constitutions) has unanimously resolved to tax all the lodges in West Yorkshire for the purposes of benevolence, and in order to aid the charities." And you further add, "No doubt this may appear, and probably will be, a heavy burden on some lodges which are not so prosperous as others, but it is a step which we venture to deem greatly calculated to promote the cause and real end of Freemasonry."*

Now I think you must surely be in error, for West Lancashire has no power or authority to tax West Yorkshire for the benefit of the Masonic charities.

But if you really mean that West Lancashire is about to tax all the lodges in that province for the benefit of the charities, I for one am very glad to hear of it, inasmuch as I have for a long time thought that a pro rata system of support of our charitable institutions would be more reliable and efficient than the present impulsive and desultory mode.

In fact, I have on two separate occasions brought the subject under the notice of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire; the first time was so far back as 1868, and the second was at our last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Sheffield on the 20th ult. On the first occasion I proved from statistics extending over the previous five years that less than twopence-halfpenny per member would have been sufficient to meet all the claims made upon West Yorkshire during that time; and I have not the slightest doubt that a similar small sum pro rata would meet all our present claims.

This, I think, is an answer to your remark that the pro rata principle would be a heavy burden on some lodges, for surely any lodge ought to be able out of its yearly income to afford such a small sum, nay, even were it doubled or trebled, it would only be cutting down a supper or two during the year, in order to meet any additional demand for the support of our charities. And when we consider that the lowest yearly subscription to a lodge is one guinea per year, it is obvious the pro rata system would not be a burden upon any.

I remain, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

S. O. BAILEY, P.P.G.S. of W., W. Yorks.

* West Yorkshire was a misprint for West Lancashire.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me (through your paper) to thank "Mark Master" for answering my queries so fully, and for which I am obliged, especially for answer No. 4, and if the English Royal Arch Masons, not being Mark Masters, are debarred from entering a chapter while at work in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and the United States, &c., the sooner it is made likewise compulsory in England the better, either before

exaltation or before Royal Arch certificate is granted. If the Mark Degree is recognized by the lodges so much abroad it should be in England; at all events, I am about to be exalted (hence, my making the enquiry I have), and have come to the conclusion that I had better become a Mark Master also, as I should feel rather vexed, as an English Royal Arch Mason abroad, to find myself shut out of a chapter at work through not being a Mark Master. The English Masonic laws want mending on this point, it appears, otherwise it would render their own Royal Arch perfect, so as to enable them to enter foreign chapters without the inconvenience of being debarred therefrom.

Yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING M.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not propose to take part in this controversy, for it is in able hands, further than to say that I quite concur with "P.M. of Mark Lodge" as to his statements about the York Grand Lodge and Mark Masonry.

I note a statement of Bro. Yarker's that the York Masons recognised the Knights Templar and the priestly order of Melchizedek. Where Bro. Yarker got his information from I know not; it is new to me, and will be, I fancy, to Bro. W. J. Hughan. The York Masons worked no degrees but the three Craft, and the R.A. Knight Templarism appeared among them about 1780, not earlier, and it was altogether a separate grade, though the G.S. of the York Grand Lodge then appears also to have been a Templar—hence the seeming union. Bro. Yarker may be in possession of facts of which I am ignorant. Of course he has some authority for his statement, so I shall be glad to know it. The old idea, so long prevalent, that York was the origin of High Grade development is a pure myth.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very much obliged to Bro. Nepean for his reply to my letter upon the subject of Masonic jewels, but I certainly cannot agree with him in his saying that the jewel does not appertain to the Third Degree. I beg to quote Bro. Nepean's words, "Certainly the rule laid down in the Book of Constitutions is rather vague, but we have no intimation either in the ritual or elsewhere that I know of, that that jewel in any way appertains to the Third Degree." Now, in the first place, the "five-pointed star" represents the five p—s of f—p, which appertain to the Third Degree, and in the second place, on those points you are raised, and therefore must consider that the jewel belongs to the Third Degree. As the question regarding this jewel has turned up, it will be as well to have this question finally settled at the Grand Lodge "whether the jewel is a Third Degree jewel," and all M.M.'s entitled to wear it," should they wish to do so. What is the "Charity jewel" mentioned by Bro. Nepean?

I remain, yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING M.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The much-vexed question of the legality of wearing such jewels as the five-pointed star, and square and compasses, as honorary jewels, is still open in your columns, and I am greatly surprised to see that they find in you an editorial adherent.

I fail to discover that the Book of Constitutions in any way mentions the five-pointed star as a jewel appertaining to any degree in Masonry, nor do I see it mentioned anywhere amongst the jewels, except as forming part of that appointed for the D.G.M. Your correspondent Bro. J. J. H. Wilkins very dogmatically assures "An Enquiring M.M." that the five-pointed star is a perfectly legitimate jewel, &c., because, forsooth, he has worn it in Grand Lodge, and at the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., but because he incorrectly wears it, and it passes unnoticed by those who are engaged in more important work elsewhere, it does not follow that it is a legal jewel. I have seen the Mark jewel worn both in Grand Lodge and at the installation referred to, but that does not constitute it a legitimate jewel. I agree with him, however, that the question should be at once set at rest, and can only say further that so much am I convinced of its illegality that should a brother enter a lodge in which I were W.M. I should at once request him to remove it.

I am yours fraternally,

J. DANIEL MOORE,

P.G.S.B., Eng., P.M. 281, 1051; W.M. 1561, &c.

[Our correspondent does not see that the five-pointed star is "consistent" with the three degrees recognised by Grand Lodge, the Mark jewel is not.—Ed.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, November 6, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Symonds, Vice-Patron, in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. J. Boyd, Winn, Montrie, Herbert Dicketts, I. J. H. Wilkins, S. Rosenthal, Jesse Turner, J. C. Dwarber, J. G. Chancellor, J. W. Dosell, H. V. Garman, Hyde Pullen, George Palmer, W. Paas, A. H. Diaper, F. Adlard, W. Roebuck, Col. Ridgway, N. G. Philips, F. J. Cox, C. Horsley, H. Day, J. France, Benjamin Head, and others.

Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, read the minutes of the General Committee of October 2nd, which were confirmed.

On the minutes of the Audit Committee being read, and which showed a balance in favour of the institution of £3681 5s. 5d., it was recommended that £2000 Consols should be purchased as an investment.

Bro. Dwarber wished upon this to ask a question. He was not so frequent in his attendance at their committees as he ought to be, and the question he wished to put was solely for the purpose of obtaining information, and that was, would the vote of the committee be final upon this matter as to the proposed investment in Consols.

The Chairman said he believed so, as it was so in the Girls' School.

Bro. Dwarber said he wished to have an answer either in the negative or affirmative. Had that committee the power to come to such a vote, or was there any other power to negative their action in this matter?

Several members.—No, no.

Bro. Dwarber was very happy to hear it, and so he believed would be every brother present, and he thought they ought to congratulate themselves on their prospects for the future. He was glad they had got some money to be invested in Consols, but at the same time he hoped there would be no attempt to force this charity beyond its healthy and natural limits. He hoped that it would allay the agitation which had been got up out of doors, and as they had got something in Consols, it would be a happy thing for them to point to, and thus allay those agitating spirits who made attacks on their institution.

It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that £2000 Consols be purchased on behalf of the institution.

Bro. Col. Ridgway said, as one of the members of the committee, although he was not so frequent in his attendance as he ought to be, he thought that was a good opportunity for expressing his great satisfaction at the resolution which had just been passed. He could scarcely agree, however, with the brother who had just sat down, that while they invested a sum in Consols, they ought not to push the benefits of the society beyond natural and healthy limits. Now, for his part, he believed that there could be no limit to charity in Masonry, and that no limits could be deemed unnatural or unhealthy when they looked at the progress of the school, the good that was done in it, and the interest that was taken in it by the Craft. Their school afforded an immense amount of education to the sons of their poorer brethren, and there could scarcely be any limits to such a healthy extension of it. (Cheers.) He knew not what took place out of doors, but he thought that too much attention ought not to be paid to it, and if there was any complaint to be made, let those who made it come in doors and bring forward some specific resolution, for they all had a deep interest in the institution. They had to consider the proper condition of the school, and after having secured such great results in the benefit of education, they had still been enabled to invest £2000 Consols for future operations. It was for that the committee had great cause for congratulation, and it ought to inspire them with confidence for the future (hear, and cheers); and show to the world at large the successful position to which they had attained.

The next business was the reception of three candidates for the next election, and their names were ordered to be placed on the list.

Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, then rose, and said he wished to call attention to a charge which had been made against him in a pamphlet which had been circulated by a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, in conjunction with the late Head Master of the School, this being the first committee meeting since it had been issued. He should not have brought the matter forward were the charges confined to the management of the institution or its condition, his own manner, demeanour, or the language he employed, for those were matters upon which every brother had the right fully and freely to express his opinion; but when imputations were made upon him in a pamphlet circulated throughout the Craft, in which he was charged with being guilty of a malversation of the funds of the institution, and after having for 14 years acted as their Secretary, he felt bound to clear himself in the mind of every member of that institution. Such a charge could not be made with impunity, for it cut at the very root of mutual confidence which without he had no right whatever to hold the position of their Secretary. He confidently asserted, without fear of contradiction, that no item of expenditure, whether it was for food, clothing, or anything else, had ever been passed without the proper voucher for it being brought before the committee. In a pamphlet published in reply to one by himself at page 29 he found the following words:—"Since writing, and as we had hoped, concluding, the preceding pages, we have discovered an item in the accounts for 1872, 1873, and 1874, which of itself is enough to warrant us in condemning in the strongest terms the way in which the school expenditure is presented. We refer to the item under the head of 'Gratuities' to (with grants and outfits for) boys leaving the institution. The amount expended (see different reports for 1872, 1873, and 1874) for the last three years is £314 5s. (viz. £119 in 1872, £126 10s. in 1873, and £68 15s. for 1874), of which sum only £172 10s. are accounted for, leaving £141 15s. of which no account is rendered." In page 30 it goes on to say:—"In fine, all the returns under this head of grants are so confused that it is not surprising that those who before investigated them have been entrapped. We have looked in vain for the missing sum of £141 15s., and must wait, perhaps, till some satisfactory explanation is given of this most bewildering statement of accounts of a great and noble institution, supported by the voluntary gifts of some hundreds of our brethren." Now, he said, it did not require any great knowledge of the English language to see that if these words meant anything at all they meant this, that he, as the Secretary of their institution, had embezzled the sum of £141 15s. Although every item was doubly checked, the inference which his accusers wished to be drawn was that he had appropriated £141 15s. to his own use. Now, he had had a statement prepared,

in which it would be found that there was a voucher from every boy for every farthing of the total sum of £314 5s. This was laid upon the table amidst the enthusiastic cheering of the entire meeting.) He most urgently asked and wished the committee to examine these documents, and then see if he had not completely cleared himself from the atrocious charges which had been brought against him (renewed cheering). He had worked hard for the institution for fourteen years, and had during that time enjoyed the confidence of every committee of management, and never had there been the slightest charge brought against him as to his conduct, and he repudiated with scorn the charge made in a public print that he had embezzled a sum of £141 15s., which ought to have been received by the poor boys of their institution (loud cheering).

Bro. Jesse Turner said he could not help thinking that the sooner anything in the form of a charge was grappled with the better it would be for all parties. He might be told that every one was not acquainted with, he would not say the facts, but the statements in the pamphlet which had been placed before the world by two brethren, and it was their duty to set the matters contained in this pamphlet at rest. According to the statements of it the House and Audit Committees were but mere puppets, and were moved to do anything by the Secretary. Now, as a member of the Audit Committee, he would not say such a charge was utterly and entirely false, but he would say such an assertion was a complete mistake (a laugh). There was something more to which Bro. Binckes had alluded in the remarks he had made, and in which, to some extent, his (Bro. Turner's) honour was impugned, and that was that he had connived at Bro. Binckes appropriating to himself a sum of money to which he was not entitled. Now that was another mistake. Then the matron of the institution was attacked, and an attempt was made to injure her fair fame, at the time it being well known that she was not in a position to issue a counter pamphlet. If there was any charge to be made, why was it not brought forward, so that it might have been investigated, and if any improper performances had been gone through that it was not creditable to the institution should take place, why was not the charge brought forward, so that it might have been inquired into and thoroughly investigated? As an individual he repelled it all as a foul slander, but he would ask them to appoint a committee, so as to give their accusers an opportunity of proving their charges if they could, but at the same time he did not believe that they could do so, and it would be found, after all, that it was but a "mockery, a delusion, and a snare." He moved, "That a special committee be appointed to investigate the management and accounts of this institution, and report thereon to this committee."

Bro. Dosell seconded the motion. He said that from his experience he knew there was a double check upon all the accounts, and during the last five or six years he had been on the committee he never found an error that was not easily corrected, but as regarded the charge of their Secretary having embezzled £142, that must be a matter for special investigation. The committee were to a certain extent bound up with Bro. Binckes, and they must set their character right before the public.

Bro. Col. Ridgway said it appeared that two members of the committee were about to pass censure upon themselves, as charges of this sort had never been brought before the committee, but were merely charges floating in the air, and that reminded him of a saying, "Give a lie to the air, and in twelve months you will not catch it again." He felt they ought not to take up so much time with so atrocious a slander as that which had been promulgated by this pamphlet, and he would move as an amendment, "That this General Committee have unqualified confidence in the business ability and honour of the Audit Committee, and in the unquestionable integrity of their Secretary." It seemed to him that it was not so much a question about the £142, as to endeavour to inculpate their Secretary, and by throwing as much mud as possible in the hope that some of it might stick. (Hear, hear.) He could remember some sixteen years ago, when this school was in a very different position to what it is at the present moment. At their annual festivals then £1500 or £1600 was looked upon as a very respectable sum, as they were then compelled to remain at a very respectful distance from the pet charity of the Craft, which was the Girls' School (hear, hear); but when their present Secretary came all was changed, for now they considered £1500 as a mere trifle, and looked forward to something like £15,000 or £16,000. Since Bro. Binckes had been their Secretary they had doubled and quadrupled their income, and in fact he had been the making of their institution for the benefit of those poor children who were there grouped together. What the life subscribers had done might be counted by tens and hundreds, but what their Secretary had done could only be counted by thousands and tens of thousands, and it was to his zeal, ability, integrity, and honour that they were enabled to boast of the proud and useful position in which their institution stood at the present time. (Cheers.) He concluded by moving his amendment.

Bro. Rosenthal seconded.

Bro. C. Horsley said he agreed in every syllable spoken by Bro. Ridgway, but he considered the conclusion to which he had come was contrary to the eloquence of his speech. It seemed to him that the Audit Committee might stand on the consciousness of their own rectitude, and that this committee were of the same opinion; but were he one of the Auditors he would press to the death the passing of the original resolution. For himself he might say that they were fully worthy of their confidence, but there was a vast body of Masons outside that room, not only throughout the kingdom, but in India, Australia, and other parts of the world, where the virus of this poison had been disseminated, and even that very week he had heard that not only the charges contained in the pamphlet would be proceeded with, but that graver charges of a criminal nature would

be prosecuted. He asked the Board if such statements were going broadcast over communities, and they had others watching with vigilance to take offence if there was the least semblance of a ground for doing so, whether such charges ought not to be investigated. The vote of confidence which the Board was desirous to give ought to be such as Auditors would be glad to receive. If he was an Auditor he would not receive such a vote of confidence as that Board could give, as it might be said that they were his friends, that they were only a unit, while in the world there were millions, and therefore he said that these charges should undergo a thorough investigation, so that they might get rid of the vile calumnies which were thrown first at the head of their Secretary, and next at the governing body at large; and therefore he supported the original resolution.

Bro. Head, as a member of the Audit Committee, claimed an investigation, for such charges ought not to be made against them without it being proved which was right.

Bro. W. Winn said if the motion proposed by Bro. Ridgway was passed by 30 brethren then assembled, outside there were millions, and such a resolution would not be satisfactory to West Yorkshire. He thought, however, that when the committee was appointed a professional accountant should also be appointed to assist them in the investigation of the accounts. For the honour of the Audit Committee and Bro. Binckes, he hoped there would be the fullest inquiry. He spoke feelingly when he said the brethren of West Yorkshire were not satisfied with the accounts, but he hoped on investigation that every figure would be found correct.

Bro. Binckes said that all the accounts were certified by the committee in gross, and were doubly checked; but he published in detail particulars more fully than there was a necessity for, and it was simply in carrying out the details that these discrepancies had occurred. He would ask any one who was conversant with accounts if clerical errors were not almost inseparable from published accounts. He courted the fullest investigation as to every shilling that had passed through his hands. As to the remark of Bro. Winn, with reference to the Province of West Yorkshire, he questioned if there were six brethren of that province who supported the views of the Deputy Prov. G. Master.

Bro. Ridgway withdrew his amendment, as he wished to see an unanimous vote upon the question, but at the same time he had the utmost confidence in the honour of the committee that the accounts were correct, and his faith in the integrity of their Secretary was unshaken.

The original motion of Bro. Jesse Turner was then put, and unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Col. Ridgway then moved, "That it be a special instruction to the committee to report specifically on the charge in page 29, in the pamphlet now produced, as to whether there is any ground for the charges brought by Bro. Tew and Bro. Perrott, that £141 15s., or any part thereof, is not accounted for, as stated in the pamphlet."

Bro. Horsley seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The committee was named, and consists of the following brethren:—Bros. Col. Ridgway, Dwarber, Dicketts, Diaper and Motion.

Bro. Winn moved "That the committee be empowered to call in the assistance of a professional accountant, to assist them in the investigation of the accounts."

Bro. Moutrie seconded the motion, which was also put and agreed to.

Bro. Col. Ridgway protested against the assumption of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire in respect to the government of the Boys' School, and said that it was entitled to no more weight than that of a single individual subscriber.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and a meeting which had been all but unanimous throughout the whole of its proceedings was brought to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of this institution was held on Wednesday in the library, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut. Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Benj. Head, Dr. Jabez Hogg, W. Stephens, R. W. Little, James Brett, Charles Lacey, C. A. Cotterburne, Raynham W. Stewart, Joseph Smith, Hyde Pullen, W. Hilton, Thos. Cubitt, J. G. Stevens, H. G. Warren, Thos. W. White, Joshua Nunn, F. Adlard, Col. Ridgway, J. Newton, L. Stean, J. M. Stedall, H. Massey ("Freemason"), James Terry, (Secretary), and W. Lane.

A letter was read from Lord Skelmersdale stating that the 9th of February, 1876, would suit him admirably, and he should be most happy to preside at the festival on that day.

The Secretary announced the death of one annuitant after having received £246 in annuities.

Three candidates were placed on the list for next May.

A discussion followed as to the receipt of some subscriptions from a brother whose relatives said he was insane, and the matter in the end was ordered to stand over.

The committee then adjourned.

In compliance with a requisition, signed in conformity with the laws of this institution, a special general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, to take into consideration a proposed alteration of clause 19 of the laws, and also any further proposition or motion which might be made to give effect to the same. The chair was occupied by Bro. Lieut. Col. Creaton, Vice-Patron, who was supported by

Bros. Benjamin Head, L. Stean, John Newton, Charles Lacey, John G. Stevens, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, J. A. Farnfield, Col. Alex. Ridgway, H. M. Levy, John Symonds, H. Massey ("Freemason"), James Terry, (Secretary), and W. Lane.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, which appeared in the advertisement columns of the "Freemason" last week,

The Chairman explained the object of the meeting; whereupon,

Bro. John Symonds rose, and said he begged to move that the following words be added to Clause 19:—"Every Steward at the anniversary festivals who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than £50, in addition to his own donation, shall receive two additional votes at each election, and two further extra votes for every additional sum of not less than £50." He supposed that he need not enter into any detail on this matter. The question was fully discussed when the alteration was made both in the Boys' and the Girls' Schools, and the alteration now proposed was the same, with the difference of the number of votes, in accordance with the different practice of the different amount subscribed in this institution as compared with those. He might just mention that the main reason for the proposed alteration was this—that many brethren put their names down as Stewards, and subscribed £5 or £10, and secured thus additional privileges as Stewards without giving themselves further trouble in the matter, or adding another sixpence to the funds of the institution. Another brother perhaps would take no end of trouble: he would serve as Steward for an important province; he would go about visiting various lodges; he would incur great expense in postages and journeys; and he would receive no higher privilege than the brother who had given himself no trouble about the matter. Then it was thought that the brother who had taken so much trouble should have some reward in the shape of a few extra votes; and it was in order to carry out that view that this alteration was proposed. If the proposition was adopted, the laws of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution would be brought in harmony with those of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and he thought that as far as regarded the success of the festivals of the Benevolent Institution the Stewards should not be in a worse position than the Stewards of the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. Benj. Head seconded the motion.

The Chairman then put the resolution to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. Symonds again rose, and said he would now move the remaining portion of the proposition contained in the requisition for this meeting,—"To expunge the following words:—If unaccompanied with a personal donation, but by means of his services, not less than £20 shall be paid to the funds, he shall be entitled to one additional vote for every subsequent Stewardship." That had not been found to work well in the other institutions, and it had consequently been expunged from their rules. The alteration made by expunging these words would likewise bring the laws of the Benevolent Institution equally in accord with the rules of the other Masonic institutions.

Bro. Head seconded the motion.

The Chairman having read the proposition,

Bro. Jno. G. Stevens said he took it that it was a matter of course that these words should be expunged. They must come out if the first proposition was carried.

The Chairman said that was perfectly correct. He took it for granted that they would have to come out; that was why the motion was made.

Bro. Jno. G. Stevens thought so. If the law was to be properly made it must be done in this way.

Bro. J. Symonds would suggest that the new law that they had adopted should follow between the 2nd and 3rd clause, as a clause by itself.

Bro. James Terry:—Immediately after the words—"served as Stewards."

Bro. Symonds:—I have now very great pleasure in moving "That the thanks of this special general meeting be given to our worthy Bro. Lieut. Col.-Creaton, for attending here this day and presiding over us." We have heard with great satisfaction of the additional honour that has been conferred upon him. He has been a faithful servant of Her Majesty for a long while, and I am quite sure that the honour thus bestowed has been very well earned. I am sure that we have every reason to be gratified with the kind attention our brother always gives to the affairs of this institution, as well as to the affairs of the other institutions connected with the Order. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Benj. Head:—I have very great pleasure in seconding this motion. I have seconded the other motions of Bro. Symonds to day; but I second this one with even still more pleasure than I did those. We have been associated together so long that I am quite pleased to congratulate our brother chairman on having attained the additional rank which has been conferred upon him by Her Majesty.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The Chairman.—Bro. Symonds, Bro. Head, and brethren, I thank you very sincerely for the compliment you have paid me; and in reference to my promotion in military rank I do feel very much gratified, for this simple reason: I have not been pitchforked into that rank, I have served a quarter of a century; and by having done so I feel that I have earned my title. Consequently, as I said, I feel very much gratified at it. As you have been kind enough to refer to it, I regard your doing so as a very great compliment. I thank you all, brethren, for your kindness.

Bro. James Terry.—We will report what we have done to day to the Board of Masters next Wednesday, and it will come before Grand Lodge this day three weeks.

The brethren then separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, NO. 1554, AT CAMBORNE.

The twenty-seventh Masonic Lodge in Cornwall was consecrated on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., by the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Grand Master of the Province. The first effort to form this lodge was made about the spring of the year, there being several Masonic brethren residing in and about Camborne. A committee was formed, consisting of Bros. Angove (chairman), W. Rowe, W. Bailey, E. Lakey, J. Rodda, F. Bartle, W. H. Thomas, and F. J. Lee. A petition, signed by thirty-three members, was sent to the P.G.M., and his lordship's sanction was obtained. After a little difficulty a suitable room was found in Fore-street, Mr. Rabling allowing one of a row of houses to be adapted to the wants of the brethren of the Craft. The decoration of the lodge was done by the committee, the gas fittings were given by the Camborne Gas Company, and the centrepiece was presented by Bro. W. Bailey, the Secretary's desk by Bro. W. Rowe, the set of gavels by Bro. John Coombe, and there were various other gifts. The lodge-room is capacious and is exceedingly well fitted up.

Bro. Colonel Peard acted as Prov. S.W., in the place of Bro. T. Chirgwin, who was unable to be present through illness, and letters were received from the following absent brethren:—K. R. Rogers, Chirgwin, E. T. Carlyon, Lethbridge, Rev. G. L. Church, Polkinghorn, Solomon, and Jenkins.

The P.G.M. announced that Bro. Lyne, the P.G. Registrar, had met with his death by a fall from his horse, and the P.G.M. gave the vacant collar to Bro. N. J. West, 450, Hayle.

The P.G.M. delivered a forcible and practical address on the nature of Freemasonry. In the ceremonial of Freemasonry, and especially in the consecration ceremony, religion was always most prominently brought forward. The volume of the Sacred Law, which always lay open, contained unmistakeably the command of the Great Architect Himself—that His name should not be taken in vain; and while, therefore, they in their ceremonies invariably invoked His name, and prayed for a blessing upon their endeavours, it would be very great hypocrisy on their part, and hypocrisy of a most hateful nature, if they were not to act upon the feeling of religion, with a desire to please God. Freemasonry must be either one thing or the other. It must either be a high system of morality, based upon the highest principles, or else be a form of hypocrisy of which they all should be greatly ashamed. They could all acknowledge with pride that Masonry was free from all religious controversy. Those who were not Masons sometimes thought it was a form of religion of their own, and that it was inconsistent with true religion, with Christianity, or with any form of religion. But Masonry was not so, and for this reason it never touched in any way upon the form or manner of the worship of God. It simply inculcated and enforced, as strong as it could, the one thing which must form part of every true religion, and most certainly a part of every Christian religion, that they should do unto their neighbours as they would their neighbours should do to them, and act honourably, honestly, and unselfishly in their dealings with mankind, not only from the idea of doing them good, still less from the idea of getting credit for themselves, but from the highest motive of all, to please the Most High. He did not for one moment consider that Masonry could be a higher principle, or a higher inducement to right action, than religion. It was not a substitute for religion, in that respect, and far be it from him to say so. But it did this. It enabled most men who had no other thing in common between them, whose business and whose position would keep them naturally apart, to meet together and to speak upon questions which perhaps they never would touch upon otherwise, questions as to what was right, and what was wrong, what was noble and what was mean; and, in fact, all that which really was the sum total of religion was the matter about which Masons could openly talk in a lodge, which they never would think of doing without a certain feeling of shyness and reserve which existed in every man's mind unless they had this open communion to-

gether. In this way Masonry very often did good. He mentioned this particularly at the establishment of a new lodge, because no doubt many new members would be enrolled, and it was of the greatest importance that these points should be more or less made known to them before they were initiated. Although a candidate came into Freemasonry blind with regard to their secrets and to the mysteries of their ceremonies, he should be made acquainted with the principles upon which the Order was founded, and upon what would be expected of him as a member of the Craft. He trusted that great care would be exercised as to those who would be admitted members of the lodge. It was very important that this should be attended to; indeed, too much attention could not be paid to the matter.

The installing ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Penrose. The following are the officers of the lodge:—John Rosewarne, W.M.; John Coombe, I.P.M.; William Teague, jun., S.W.; W. H. Thomas, J.W.; H. Bartle, Treas.; W. Rowe, jun., Sec.; W. Bailey, S.D.; W. Trevithick, J.D.; J. Hensley I.G.; F. J. Lee, D.C.; J. T. Rodda, Org.; Edmund Lakey and E. Vine, Stewards.—"Western Morning News."

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, AND THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The following has been forwarded to us for publication, and is, we believe, the account submitted by the Secretary of the School (Bro. Binckes) to the Special Committee appointed last Saturday to enquire into the charges contained in the pamphlet of Messrs. Tew and Perrott:—

	£	s.	d.
Total additions, page 37	50	5	0
Report June, 1874 { 38	100	0	0
{ 39	90	0	0
{ 40	65	0	0
" 1875 48	67	10	0
" 1871 41 & 42	15	0	0
	£387	15	0
Total additions for 1871, 2, 3, 4, 5			
Deduct paid in 1871	72	15	0
Less, not printed, being a grant to a pupil teacher for clothes,	2	15	0
Deduct paid in 1875	30	0	0
	100	0	
	£287	15	0

Discrepancies.			
Add to G. W. Martin's grant as a pupil teacher	5	0	0
Grant to Henry Smith, for clothes, being educated out of Institution	2	0	0
	7	0	0
Deduct clerical error at p. 37, Report 1874, £5 5s., should be £5	5	0	
	£294	10	0
PAMPHLET, PAGE 29.			
Amount expended 1872, 1873, 1874	£314	5	0
From this is deducted			
Gratuities, 1872	£9	0	0
" 1873	4	10	0
" 1874	5	0	0
And amount charged	18	10	0
In error for silver medal	1	5	0
	19	15	0
"Duly accounted for"	172	10	0
"Unaccounted for"	141	15	0
	314	5	0
Deductions as shewn above	19	15	0
	294	10	0

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Durham was held on 26th October, in the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, and was a most successful gathering. The lodge was opened at two o'clock by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. John Fawcett, assisted by Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Deputy Provincial Grand Master; the Rev. Canon Tristram, P.G.S.W.; Henry Lawrence, P.G.J.W.; Rev. F. W. Bewsher, D.G. Chaplain, and other officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The Treasurer's report having been read, the reports from the different provinces were received, all of which were of a highly satisfactory and gratifying nature. The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the brethren, and expressed great satisfaction at the favourable reports he had heard read from the different lodges within his jurisdiction. He briefly alluded to the honour that had been conferred upon the Craft by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in of England. The officers of the past year having been thanked for their services, the following elections took place.—Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., D.P.G.M.; Dr. S. Gourley, P.G.S.W.; W. Hunter, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W.

having undertaken the duties of the office of Grand Master Leeman, M.A., P.G. Chaplain; Rev. J. Cundill, B.D., P.G. Treasurer; R. T. Richardson, P.G. Registrar; W. H. Crookes, P.G. Secretary; A. S. Fowler, P.G.S.D.; J. Laidler, P.G.J.D.; J. S. Wilson, P.G. S. of W.; R. Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; G. Greenwell, P.G. Assist. D. of C.; W. Coxon, P.G.S.B.; Angelo Forrest, P.G. Organist; J. H. Coates, P.G. Pursuivant; J. Thompson, P.G. Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the Town Hall, when 130 sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Mrs. Carr, Half Moon Hotel, Durham. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given and responded to, the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and that of the Provincial Grand Master being enthusiastically received.

THE OWL CLUB.—This well-known club for musical evenings has migrated from the Langham Hotel to the Guildhall Tavern, and opened its winter season most successfully on Monday week, under the presidency of J. H. Buckingham, Esq. The club is under the management of several well-known brethren, and they have taken care to show that the "Owls" do not desire to limit their amusements and entertainments to their own sex, for provision has been made for two ladies' evenings in December, and on the closing night, the 27th of March. On Monday week a most attractive programme was presented, and the opening piece was Sir H. Bishop's charming serenade, "O by rivers, by whose falls," which was exquisitely sung by Messrs. Burgess Perry, Thornton, Evison, Moss, Hubbard, and Master Matthews, the latter's voice, having all the melody and sweetness of a woman's, lent an additional charm to this fine old poem. Messrs. Terry, Thornton, Moss and Hubbard, then gave the glee, "Go Idle Boy," by Calcott and presented a perfect rendering of this gem of English music. Mr. Albert Hubbard and Master Matthews were then the singers, the first of the part song, "Lady, rise, sweet morn's awaking," and the latter of the touching and plaintive ballad "The Skipper and his Boy." Master Matthews fully proved by his performance that he has, young as he is, discovered the art of seizing and holding his listeners' sympathy, and the end of his song came as the end of a story too briefly told. In the interval between the first and second parts the President addressed the gathering, welcoming old and new friends, stating that the club would be open on each alternate Monday, and that the club room would contain newspapers, and such means of comfort as citizens required after the toils of the day. For the comfort of all, the smoking did not commence until after the first part, and for the encouragement of the too long neglected art of music, if any of the members or their friends felt inclined to take a part in the entertainment, the Secretary, Mr. A. Berry, would be happy to receive their names. For the second part, pieces by Mendelssohn, Tours, Calcott, Morley, and Bishop were performed, and Mr. John C. Ward, added, if possible, to his reputation by the ability with which the musical arrangements were conducted. Mr. W. H. Harper ably presided at the pianoforte.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, November 19, 1875.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13.	
Lodge	108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
"	173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
"	1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
"	1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
"	1426, The Great City, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
"	1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
INSTRUCTION.	
Manchester (179), 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.	
Lily (820), Greyhound, Richmond.	
Star (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road.	
Sinai Chapter Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.	
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15.	
Lodge	8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
"	21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
"	58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
"	185, Tranquillity, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
"	720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
"	862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
"	901, City of London.
"	907, Royal Alfred, Freemason's Hall.
"	1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap.	12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
INSTRUCTION.	
Prince Leopold (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Kingsland.	
Strong Man (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green.	
Sincerity (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station.	
Camden (704), Stanhope Arms, Up, James-st., Camden To.	
Eastern (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road.	
British Oak (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end.	
St. James's Union (180), Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.	
Wellington (548), White Swan, Deptford.	
West Kent (1297), St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill	
Perfect Ashlar (1178), Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.	
Sydney (829), White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.	
Metropolitan, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand.	
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.	
Lodge	30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern.
"	73, Mount Lebanon, Brid. Hou. Ho., London-brid.
"	95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
"	162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
"	165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern.
"	704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
"	857, St. Mark's, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
"	1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-road.
Chap.	46, Old Union, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
"	933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
INSTRUCTION.	
Yarborough (554), Green Dragon, Stepney.	
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.	
Faith, (141), 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.	

INSTRUCTION.

Prince Fredk. Wm. (753), Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within.
St. Marylebone (1305), British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional (55), Wheatheaf Ho., Hand-court, Holborn.
Percy, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road.
Royal Arthur (1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Metropolitan Chapter (975), St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
" 700, Nelson, M. H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho., Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F. M. Hall.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Millwall Docks.

INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon (73), Windsor Cas. Tav., Southwark-bd.-rd.
Pythagorean (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Confidence, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Finsbury Park (1288), Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark (879), Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught (1524), Havelock Tavern, Dalston, E.
United Strength (228), Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgcombe (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington (1471), Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 55, Constitutional, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-road, S.W.
" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.

INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street.
Fidelity (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-street, W.
Finsbury Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road.
United Mariners', Three Cranes, Mile-end-road.
Whittington (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn.
Temperance in the East (898), Catherine-street, Poplar.
Ebony, 12, Ponsonby-street, Millbank.
Highgate (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City (1426), 111, Cheapside.
High Cross (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.
Marquis of Ripon (1489), Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Doric Chapter, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo (13), Thomas-street, Woolwich.
St. George's (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.
Belgrave (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), Freemasons' Hall.
Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton (1365), White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
Metropolitan (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street.
Westbourne (733), Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's (144), Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Courts (1278), Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
Pythagorean Chapter (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 20, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1051, Rowley, Mas. Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 267, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Mas. H, Liverpool.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Ho., Ormskirk.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 425, Cestrian, Mas. Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 433, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Mas. H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lo. of Instruction (1181), M.H. Liverpool.
Jacques de Molay Preceptory, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 20, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-street.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Arms, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Lodge 117, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Partick.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-street.
" 571, Dramatic, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, at 3.
Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Lodge 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George H., Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 465, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Gamgad Road.
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
" 31, St. Mary's Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Wellgate-street, Larkhall.
" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 471, St. John's, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Lodge 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Kilbride.
" 544, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 20, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, E., Register-street.
" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.
" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.

Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street, Leith.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Chap. 56, Canongate, Masonic Hall, John-street.
Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

[ADVERTISEMENT.]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASON.

I see, with very great regret, a correspondence in your papers of a most un-Masonic character, in reference to the Boys' School management.

What has become of our grand principles, "Brotherly Love, and Charity?" They appear to be converted into "envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness."

The course of action now taken can never bring about a satisfactory settlement of the question. It is a most unjustifiable course on the part of Bros. Tew and Perrott to publish as they did an "ex parte" statement to all the outer world.

Why Bro. Binckes should have been attacked so personally I cannot see, except to satisfy the spite of a disappointed clergyman. His question had been decided by the House Committee, and they, not Binckes, are the responsible parties, if injustice has been done him.

One or two Brethren should be selected by each party to investigate and set at rest the whole question privately, and report result of their inquiries, and not as is now being done, holding up the Craft to the ridicule of all its enemies.

I would advise Bro. Binckes to keep quiet, and not lay himself open to be "shot at" as he now is.

I think it will be quite time enough to get up a Testimonial to Bro. Perrott after the report is out, and when it is found the amount of injury he has done to the Charities of our Order.

Yours truly, JOHN SUTCLIFFE.
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Craft Masonry.

BRITANNIC LODGE (No. 33).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 12th inst. There were present Bros. J. Chynoweth, W.M.; J. Pendered, S.W.; John Davis, J.W.; Lewis Crombie, Treas.; Thos. A. Chubb, Sec.; J. S. Pearce, Dir. of Cer.; and Edward Strouts, Steward. The following P.M.'s: Bros. G. E. Eachus, Wm. Smith, John Strapp, Magnus Ohren, Jas. Glaisher, Fredk. G. Finch; and the following Bros.: Geo. Furness, G. N. Strawbridge, Chas. Horsley, Chas. W. Turner, Jno. Robertson, Wm. Clouston, Chas. Pawley, David Hodge, Wm. Sugg, Henry Finlay, John Ricks, Wm. P. Boddy, A. E. Hodge, A. J. Dudgeon, W. L. Dudgeon, Geo. T. Huntley, J. W. Goodall, Fredk. H. Varley, J. S. Tamburini, Wm. G. Davis, and other brethren and several visitors. Bros. William Battye, P.M. 142; Wm. Robt. Woodman, M.D., 66; and Charles Bennett, P.M. 25, were proposed and accepted as joining members. Bros. Hallows and Millar were raised, and Bros. Hald, Davidson, and Campbell were passed. A motion, of which notice had been given by Bro. Ohren, P.M., was duly carried—"That after the word 'deposit' in the Bye-Law No. 15, page 10, line 12, the following words be added: unless the joining brother be a Principal or Past Principal of the Britannic Chapter, in which case the joining fee for such brother shall be five guineas only, including the deposit." Stewards were appointed to the Masonic charities for the ensuing year, the usual sums being voted to head the Stewards' lists. The sum of £5 was given from the charity box for a distressed brother. The lodge adjourned to banquet about half-past six, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Lawler, as usual, being the leader of the professionals, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The regular monthly meeting of this old lodge was held on the 12th inst. at its usual quarters, Anderson's Hotel. The W.M., Bro. George Everett, presided, having a great number of brethren to assist him in his work. Among these were many visitors. The officers were Bros. A. Treadwell, S.W.; James Willing, jun., J.W.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.M., Treas.; Thomas Williams, Sec.; J. W. Palmer, S.D.; John Buscall, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; and J. Daly, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. Baschett, 5, I.C.; James Mazzini, 957; Charles Matthew, 263; George Darcy, 901; W. Porter, 1269; Sampson George, 813; J. H. Ryley, 188; G. J. Scales, 1507; E. Conrau, 73; T. G. Walls, 141, &c.; F. Somers, 1489; W. D. Evans, 1286; W. Battye, W.M. 749; George Anderson, 60; Rev. P.M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex; and H. Massey ("Freemason"). Bro. Osborne was raised. Bros. Harding, Wigmore, Beverstock, Pierpoint, Pinhey, and Sherlock were passed, and Messrs. Ferrier, Zoebeli, W. Friend, W. J. Bennett, and J. Billinghurst were initiated. Bro. F. Kent, C.C., moved "That a committee be formed for the purpose of considering and determining upon the propriety of the removal of the lodge," a motion which was seconded by Bro. G. Plummer and carried. The committee was then named, the P.M.'s and officers of the lodge, and Bros. Plummer, F. Kent, W. H. Richards, Foxcroft, Montague, and J. Jones being the members. Bro. James Willing was announced as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, after which the lodge was closed, and the usual banquet held, about eighty brethren partaking thereof. The W.M. proposed the toasts subsequently with considerable ability, and in proposing that of "The Initiates," dwelt with much emphasis on the pleasure it afforded not only the Domatic Lodge, himself, and all Masons to welcome new members to the Order, particularly when, as was then the case, the gentlemen introduced were men of such exceeding promise. One of the initiates replied for the whole body, thanking the brethren of this lodge for holding out the hand of brotherhood to them, and promising that their object should be to promote the good of the Craft, which

made all its members equal. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, the W.M. remarking that there was always a goodly number at the meetings of the Domatic Lodge. In the lodge there had been some mention made of visitors not meeting with sufficient attention, but, nevertheless, there were fifteen visitors present on that occasion. The practice of visiting lodges was a very wholesome and happy one. It served to show what was going on in the Craft, and enabled brethren to compare one lodge with another. It was quite true that as the banquets of this lodge were crowded the brethren were unable to afford the visitors all the attention they would wish, but if the visitors would accept the will for the deed they could see that they were heartily welcome. Nothing pleased the lodge more than to minister to the comforts of the visitors, and as often as they chose to come there was the same cordial reception awaiting their arrival. Adverting again to what had been said in lodge, he hoped everything had been done to the visitors' satisfaction. Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex, was called on to respond, and in returning thanks, he said he felt very deeply the cordial way in which the W.M. had proposed the toast. Something had been said in the lodge-room with regard to the hospitality and the good cheer the brethren received. He paid a visit to the lodge about twelve months ago, when Bro. Kent was in the chair, and the reception he then met with was excellent, and every attention was paid to his wants. Perhaps the brethren might say that that was owing to some other cause than his being simply a visitor. Being a substantial person he was not likely to be overlooked. Perhaps his Masonic father, Bro. Smith, gave him a good recommendation. Perhaps, more than any other reason, it was because he was a clergyman. He could assure the brethren that during the last two years he had always found, wherever he had been in a Masonic lodge or at the banquet table, the greatest kindness and attention paid to him as a clergyman. He was proud of being a Mason, because the more he knew of Masonry, the more he studied Masonry, the more he found in it to instruct, improve, and enlighten his mind. He spoke what he sincerely felt from the bottom of his heart when he said that he was all the better a man for being a Mason. No doubt there were many clergymen in the Masonic Order; and he wished there were more. Sometimes clergymen who were out of the Order said to him, "Well, but, Holden, you don't mean to say really that you are a Mason." He replied, "Yes, I do." "But," said they, "Surely not a Mason! Why, they are a parcel of heathens." He had rejoined, "Come, be a Mason yourself, and you shall soon see whether we are heathens or not." And he really and truly thought that if all clergymen could only be Masons, they would get rid of one peculiarity there was about clergymen. He did not wish to say a word against his own profession: he was proud of it; and there were many brilliant exceptions to the rule: but he did say if there was one objection against the clerical profession, it was that they were disposed to be rather narrow-minded. He was sure that if the clergy could be all Masons, their narrow-mindedness would be done away with at once and for ever. Bros. Walls, Ryley, and Conran also replied to the same toast. The W.M. proceeded to toast "The P.M.'s," for whom, he said, in some lodges there was but little to do. In the Domatic Lodge it was not so, however, for there was plenty for them to do there. If it was not for them, the W.M. would not be able to get on with his work at all. At all times he had been assisted by them, and it was on their account that he had gone through his year so successfully. The P.M.'s of this lodge were very able men, and they had contributed essentially to the prosperity of the lodge. He might mention the names of Bros. Walford, Kent, and Joseph Smith, the Treasurer, and he was looking forward eagerly to the time when he himself would be able to recline on those happy benches on which they sat, and where he would probably have nothing to do. With regard to Bro. Smith, he was the best of Treasurers, and what the Domatic Lodge would do without him would not really bear thinking about. He was always looking after the interests of the lodge, and he had the gratification of reflecting how prosperous it had become. Bro. F. Kent, C.C., P.M., was the first to reply, and he said that it was usual for the Lord Mayor, when elected, to promise that he would support and maintain all the rights and privileges of the corporation. As he (Bro. Kent) was the Immediate P.M. of the lodge, it was his duty to maintain the rights and privileges of the P.M.'s; and the privilege was always accorded to the I.P.M. of responding to the toast. Therefore, although Bro. Smith was associated with this toast, he (Bro. Kent) claimed the right of responding to it; and he might say to any P.M. who might succeed him that he would never be able to lay to his (Bro. Kent's) charge that he had not supported the privileges of his office. He was quite aware that he was a very unworthy representative of them; but, unworthy though he was, he had striven in that position to do his duty; and whether he had succeeded or not, in his own mind he felt that he had, and the way in which the toast had been received was a proof to his mind that such was the case. But he had to complain of the W.M. that evening, for he spoke very unkindly when he reminded that he (the W.M.) had Divinity on his right hand, and Law on his left. (Laughter.) He spoke of them very improperly (laughter), so much so, that he (Bro. Kent) felt inclined to say, as they used to say when he was young, "Between two stools the fool falls to the ground." But that was a mistake, for no one fell to the ground on that occasion. (Hear hear.) The P.M.'s were the ornate bench of this lodge. He looked round, and he was only too pleased to think that his name was coupled with such a glorious past. His friend, Bro. Walford, one of his particular friends—how well he was supported as W.M., and how worthy he was of support, for the way in which he performed the ceremonies, all the three degrees. No doubt he could still do so. The other P.M.'s also could perform the ceremonies. The lodge had there-

fore a strong body of P.M.'s, and he would say of them that they were all ready to take the chair of the lodge at any time. That was a very gratifying position for a lodge to be in; and as long as the brethren would stand by them they (the P.M.'s) did not intend to prove unworthy of them. (Cheers.) Bro. Joseph Smith said that in another capacity, as Treasurer, his position was a very responsible one—very different from that of the P.M.'s. He had to take all their money, and then to take care of it. Sometimes there was great difficulty in doing it. He was not surprised at the W.M. leaning towards the P.M.'s now, because he knew that at the next meeting of the lodge the brethren would be called upon to elect a new Master, and he, instead of being at the top of the tree, as he was now, would then be at the bottom. He might inform the brethren that whenever a W.M. was in a difficulty he was sure to fall upon the P.M.'s. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge." With respect to Bro. Willing, who was one of them, he could say nothing but what was good of him. A more valuable officer or assistant in the duties of the lodge it would be impossible to find. The S.W., Bro. Treadwell, S.W., was likewise, always at his post, ready and able to do his duty. Of Bro. Williams, acting J.W., he could say the same. Looking round from the highest to the lowest he found all his officers most efficient, most able, and always ready at the proper time to do their duty. He included Bros. Buscall and Clark in these remarks. Bro. Treadwell, S.W., responded. Perhaps he might be allowed to say that that day month the brethren would be again called upon to elect a successor to the chair, at present so ably filled by Bro. Everett. Having been 20 years a member of this, his mother lodge, and five years in office, and never absent one evening, and having received many votes of thanks (by which he felt very much flattered, because he saw that any little services he had rendered were acceptable to the brethren), he might perhaps look forward with some confidence to being elected to fill the proudest position a brother could fill in any lodge, or the Craft could confer on a brother. It was a proud position for a brother to occupy the chair of any lodge, and more particularly was it so in such a lodge as the Domatic. If ever it should be his good fortune to occupy the chair he would promise that he would do nothing that would be detrimental to the interests of the lodge. He would promote its interests in the same way as his predecessors had, and he would take no step that would promote anything but amity. He would make it his study to do everything in his power that would cause the brethren, at the end of his year of office, to say that he had given them satisfaction, and himself to feel that he had discharged his duties properly. Bro. Willing said he had not been in the room while the W.M. was mentioning his name, and it was his peculiar fatality to be absent when anything flattering was being said of him. He was glad to say that the lodge was so prosperous and happy that the brethren regretted they did not meet twelve times a year instead of six. Respecting the removal of the lodge, they ought to be very careful. He would candidly admit that the room was not large enough to accommodate the lodge; but this was not the only large lodge that met at Anderson's. The Zetland Lodge met there in the same large numbers, and the same objection applied to that lodge as to this. The Domatic wanted to move, no doubt; but the brethren must bear in mind that they were well received by the landlords, who did everything in their power to make them comfortable. The lodge, therefore, ought not to make an alteration unless that alteration was an improvement. Before they decided to move the lodge he wanted to know where they were going, what would be done for them where they were going, what they would have to pay for their accommodation, and how they were going to get there. The room they had at present was undoubtedly small for their numbers; but that was the only objection. The other officers also replied, and shortly afterwards the brethren separated.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 534).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. G. Moore, W.M., assisted by Bro. Edward B. Grabham, P.M., Provincial Grand Steward of Middlesex, acting as I.P.M. (in the absence of Bro. Cherrill, the Immediate Past Master), and the following officers:—Bros. Rath, S.W.; Cummings, J.W.; Ebner, S.D.; Aspinall, J.D.; Taylor, I.G. Visitors: Bros. Sorrell, W.M. 176; Seigert, P.M.; R. V. Hayday, P.M. 157; Edward B. Grabham, P.M. 1494, P. G.S. Middlesex; J. L. Dulan, 1426; and several others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Bro. William Paas, P.M., and unanimously confirmed. Ballots were separately taken for Mr. Washington Hayday, candidate for initiation, and Bro. E. V. Hayday, P.M. 157, and Bro. J. L. Dulan, 1426, for joining, the result being unanimous in favour of all three candidates. Bro. Barnes was raised to the Third Degree. Mr. Washington Hayday was initiated. No further business offering, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M. On the cloth being removed, the usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P. Treas., proposed in very complimentary terms "The Health of the W.M.," which was drunk with much enthusiasm by all present. "The Health of the Initiate" was responded to by Bro. Washington Hayday, in a few well chosen sentences, in which he expressed his appreciation of the important ceremony which he had witnessed, and the honour thus conferred upon him. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Edward B. Grabham, P.M., who congratulated the brethren upon having so efficient a W.M. as their present one, and predicted a prosperous year for the lodge whilst under his presidency. "The Health of the Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" having been responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers," and thanked them for the support they

had rendered him by the very satisfactory manner in which they had severally discharged their duties, and trusted they would render to his successor the same support, so necessary in the well governing of the lodge. Bro. Rath, S.W., and the other officers having responded, the "Tyler's" toast was duly honoured, and the brethren separated, after the enjoyment of a most successful meeting.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening at Anderson's Hotel, and was presided over by Bro. A. R. Haley, W.M. As usual at installation meetings, the lodge was full, members and visitors being very numerous. Among these were, besides the W.M., Bros. James Weaver, P.M.; W. F. Smith, P.M.; W. Hurlstone, P.M.; R. W. Little, P.M., Sec.; F. N. Quilty, P.M., Treas.; John Walmisley, J.D.; and Alfred Moore, I.G. Visitors: Bro. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; F. Binckes, P. G.S.; T. A. Adams, P.G.P.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; F. Davison, P.G.S.W. Middlesex; James Moore, 714; James W. Baldwin, 1423; Edward W. Davis, P.M. 95 and 172; Peter Robinson, 201; J. F. Wuest, P.M. 753; Alex. Adams, P.M. 252; T. J. Maidwell, 17; W. Langridge, 1425; Chas. W. Hudson, J.D. 315 and 1540; W. F. Savage, W.M. 1425, J.W. 834; James Forbes, W.M. 1287; C. Hampton, P.M.; John George Marsh, P.M. 28, P.G.P. Middlesex; M. S. Larham, W.M. Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge; T. W. Clarke, Elliot Lodge; Samuel T. Kingston, Stanhope Lodge; Henry Webb, P.M. 72, 193, 890; C. Chesterton, 72; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); G. Clarke, 177; A. Beasley, P.M. 780; J. Readly, 597; J. S. Brown; and J. H. Chaplin. The lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock, and after the usual preliminaries Bro. Alfred Allen, jun., 813; and Bro. D. J. Ross, 813, were unanimously elected joining members. Bros. Smith, Richardson, and Devine were afterwards passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Bro. James Weaver, P.G. Org. Middlesex, P.M., afterwards took the chair by desire of the W.M., who presented to him Bro. Thomas Kingston, S.W. and W.M. elect, for the purpose of being installed as Master of the lodge. Bro. Thomas Adams, P.G.P., took the S.W. chair during the ceremony. After Bro. Kingston had been installed in the chair and saluted according to custom, he appointed Bro. A. R. Haley, I.P.M.; Bro. Walker, S.W.; Bro. Moore, J.W.; Bro. F. N. Quilty, P.M., Treas.; Bro. James Weaver, P.G. Org. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund; Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, Sec.; Bro. Walmisley, S.D.; Bro. Blakemore, J.D.; Bro. Packer, I.G.; Bro. Gilbert, Tyler; Bro. A. R. Haley, P.M., W.S. Bro. Little, on being re-invested as Secretary, thanked the W.M. for the appointment, and also the ten W.M.'s under whom he had served for their uniform kindness and courtesy. This was the last time that he would hold the office of Secretary; but the brethren would allow him to say that it was with great gratification he had witnessed the prosperity of the lodge in past years, and he hoped it would continue unabated. He now must inform the brethren that he only held the office of Secretary until the W.M. was pleased to appoint his successor. Bro. Weaver then delivered the addresses, after which the W.M. immediately proceeded with his work and initiated Mr. John Collinson in Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably performed, the W.M. giving proof that the brethren had made an excellent choice in electing him as their head. The other new officers were also well up in their work. Notice of motion for a revision of the bye-laws was given by Bro. Haley, I.P.M., and the Secretary read a circular from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, requesting a Steward from this lodge for the next festival of this Institution on the 9th February, 1876. There being no further business before the lodge, the brethren then adjourned to the banquetting rooms, where an excellent repast awaited them, to which they did ample justice. At the clearing of the cloth grace was said, and the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. In giving that of "The Queen and the Craft," he said it was a toast which was always received in assemblies of Englishmen with enthusiasm, and particularly at Masonic gatherings, Her Majesty being, as they were well aware, a patron of the noble charities of the Order. In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," he said Masons were all proud of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, both as heir to the Crown and head of the Craft. He sincerely hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would be with his Royal Highness in his travels both by sea and land, and restore him safely to his home. It was very gratifying to all Masons to see the great interest he took in Freemasonry, and those Freemasons who were present at the installation of his Royal Highness some months since must have felt proud of him when they saw the admirable way in which he discharged his duties as Grand Master. The W.M. observed, in proposing "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, &c.," that the Craft were deeply indebted to, and ought to be proud to have one so able and willing to fill the lofty position of Pro Grand Master as Lord Carnarvon. Col. Burdett responding, said although there were other Grand Officers present who could respond to this toast, no one could do so with a greater wish for the benefit of the Order than himself. The Grand Officers were continually being asked out to these festival meetings, and they felt great pleasure in attending them. Happily they did not seem to interfere much with their digestion or health. One of the Grand Officers present that evening (Bro. Adams) had reached the age of four score years and four, and he was one among many instances of those whom Freemasonry had not deteriorated. The Grand Officers were glad to be able to feel that while they had done all the work required of them conscientiously, they had done it so well that they had met with the approbation of the Craft. (Cheers.) Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P., also replied, and, referring to the remarks of Col. Burdett respecting the age of Bro. Adams, said that there was a Past Master of the Whit-

tington Lodge present, (Bro. Hurlstone,) who was 87 years of age, and still in the enjoyment of excellent health. It was a great pleasure to him (Bro. Boyd) to see him present. When he (Bro. Boyd) was a young man in Masonry, Bro. Hurlstone was comparatively an old man, and yet he went through the different degrees in lodges of instruction. It was very gratifying to Freemasons to find that such a brother had had conferred upon him the highest honour the lodge could bestow. Moreover, there was not a brother around that hospitable board who was not pleased to see Bro. Hurlstone, notwithstanding his age, able to join and sit amongst them. Bro. A. R. Haley, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He stated that it was with much pleasure he did so. Those of the brethren who had known him a long time knew how to appreciate him. Those who had seen him for the first time that evening performing the work in the lodge would also appreciate him for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation, and also conducted the affairs of the lodge. As far as he (Bro. Haley) was concerned, he had never seen a W.M. the first time he was in the chair so fluent in his working. What, then, might they expect from him during the remainder of his year? He concluded by calling on the brethren to drink the W.M.'s health in bumpers, and most heartily. The toast was drunk with the utmost cordiality, after which the W.M. said:—Worshipful Bro. Haley, P.M.'s, Wardens, and brethren,—It is with a great deal of pleasure that I rise to return thanks for the very kind manner in which my health has been proposed and received as W.M. of the Whittington Lodge. I need not tell you that I feel very proud to fill so distinguished a position as Master of this lodge. I only hope I shall be able to discharge my duties to your entire satisfaction. This being the first time in my life that I have filled the chair of King Solomon, you must not expect me to make a long speech, as I feel somewhat out of my element. Therefore, you must excuse me. I hope I shall be better next time. I again thank you very much for the kind manner in which my health has been proposed and received. The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Visitors," observing that the lodge was very much pleased to see so many around the table, and hoping not only that this would not be the last time they would come, but that they had had a pleasant evening. Bro. F. Davison, P.P.G.W. Middlesex, replied. From what he had seen that day, and from what he had heard fall from the lips of the W.M., he thought the Whittington Lodge would lose none of that lustre it had already secured, or the position it had taken in Freemasonry. He hoped the W.M. would have a year of office as pleasurable to himself as to the brethren at the table. He would depute to Bro. Binckes the duty of concluding the visitors' reply. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, after some preliminary observations, said that the visitors had been extremely happy to have had the opportunity of being present on such an auspicious occasion as the installation in the Whittington Lodge. His first duty was to return the brethren's sincere and warm congratulations to the W.M. on being placed in the chair, the highest position the lodge had the power to confer on any of its members, and secondly to wish every prosperity to the lodge over which the W.M. had been called upon to rule. To the W.M. he wished all the health and happiness which he could wish himself. From what the visitors had witnessed, they could entertain no possible doubt that the brethren had exercised a most wise discretion in the choice they had made of one so accomplished as the W.M. to be their ruler. Comparisons were always invidious; but when he looked back on a long line of distinguished brethren who had ruled over this lodge and displayed a large amount of ability, he would be doing an injustice to them and paying no compliment to the W.M. if he did not expect that the W.M. would not excel all former efforts and prove himself equal to any who had gone before him. That, in the opinion of the visitors, was very high praise indeed. He looked around the table and saw a great number of visitors to this lodge, many of whom he knew, some of whom he did not know; but he and they had all had the pleasure, as well as the honour, of being guests of the Whittington Lodge. He had looked forward to this visit with much pleasure, and it would have been a great disappointment to him if he had been prevented coming. By coming he had the opportunity of expressing the warmest thanks of the visitors for the hospitality of the lodge, and of tendering their best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the lodge during the W.M.'s reign. At the hospitable board the W.M. had been no less distinguished than he had been in the working of the lodge, and the less the visitors deserved the more merit to the lodge's bounty and hospitality. The W.M. proposed "The Initiate," and said: Brethren, the toast I am now about to propose I know will be received with the greatest enthusiasm by you all when I tell you that it is the health of our brother initiate. Bro. Collinson I have known for a great many years, and feel proud in having had the honour to initiate so worthy a brother to so distinguished a lodge as the Whittington. I feel satisfied that he will be an ornament to the Craft and a valuable addition to this lodge. Bro. Collinson, in reply, thanked the W.M. for initiating him. He had had but a very faint idea of what he would have to go through. He knew it would be something very serious. From what he had heard he gathered that he was expected to be a very honourable and virtuous man, and he should endeavour to carry out those excellent qualities. The W.M. next gave "The P.M.'s." Without P.M.'s the W.M.'s would often find themselves in a very serious dilemma. The P.M.'s were always ready to assist, and he hoped they would help him in his year of office. The lodge was very proud of its P.M.'s, and he had very much pleasure in presenting Bro. Haley, the I.P.M., with the jewel of his office, wishing him many years of life to enjoy the wearing of it. Bro. A. R. Haley, I.P.M., replied, thanking the brethren very much for the handsome jewel just presented to him, as well as

for the handsome jewel commemorative of the Prince of Wales's installation as Grand Master. He felt it a very great honour, and hoped he would always so consider it. His experience of the W.M. chair was that if a brother wished to do his duty in it, and determined to do it, the brethren would sympathise with him, and would render him all the assistance in their power. In the choice they had made of the present W.M. he thought they could not have done better, as they would all find as they went into the chair that the principle on which to govern a lodge was to conduct it in harmony, to sink yourself as much as you could, and study the happiness of the brethren. Bro. W. Hurlstone, P.M., said the P.M.'s were at all times anxious to assist the W.M., as well as to encourage those who were desirous of going into the Master's chair. It was a position that any man might be proud of. As the oldest P.M. of the lodge he felt that position a great honour. The lodge had been successful in its career, although that had been but a short one. The lodge had arrived at a high position in the Craft. It had many P.M.'s, some of them Past Grand Officers. He had himself met with great kindness from the brethren. Time, however, had the advantage of him now, but still he was able, thank God, and desirous to perform some little duties; and he was proud to meet the brethren on this occasion. When he entered the lodge that night he little thought that he should meet his younger brother (Adams), or so many distinguished Masons. He found many brethren there whom he did not know before; but it was a great pride to him in his latter days to make these new acquaintances. With respect to the W.M., he felt that he had fair to make a worthy addition to the P.M.'s of the lodge. Though he (Bro. Hurlstone) could not say much for himself, because his day in Freemasonry had gone by, he was a great admirer of Freemasonry; and he would not have adhered to it so long if he had not seen that it was good. He should remain a Freemason as long as he lived, and if he should not again have the opportunity of thanking the brethren for this toast, he would say now with heartiness and sincerity that he thanked them very much for not forgetting him on this important occasion. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the W.M. reminded them that if they brought their best efforts to bear in assisting him during his year of office, in due time they would arrive at the position he had attained to. Bro. Walker, S.W., said it was his pleasure, as well as his duty, to assist the W.M., and he was thankful that his efforts had been recognised by placing him in the S.W. chair that night. It was about ten years ago that he and the W.M. joined the lodge, the W.M. as an initiate, and himself as a joining member. They were now next to each other in office, and he would use his best exertions to promote the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the W.M.'s year of office. Bro. Alfred Moore, J.W., also replied. He appreciated most highly the W.M.'s kindness in placing him in the distinguished position of J.W. He would fulfil the duties of that distinguished position with due ability. Any office in a lodge was a dignified one; in fact, every one as soon as he entered Masonry was, if he proved himself a true Mason, a more dignified man than he was before. The man became a Mason, and if he held any position whatever, however humble, it was dignified. He was gratified when the W.M. invested him with his collar of office, and told him his situation was in the south. They all knew that that position was not the highest, although the sun was at its highest, at the meridian. In that position they might remember the J.W. was high up, and ere long, if no clouds intervened, would shine still brighter. He also remembered the duties the W.M. apprised him of; and he would remind the brethren that their pleasures in Masonry or in any other capacity in this life should be accepted in such a way that they might never exceed the bounds of what was honourable. The brethren should always so place themselves as to be capable of performing their duty. He would do his utmost to merit the esteem of the W.M., and of the brethren. "The Health of the Treasurer, Bro. Quilty," and "The Secretary, Bro. Little," followed. Bro. Quilty, Treas., said that it was a source of great gratification to him to see the lodge prosper as it had. As far as his individual efforts were concerned he had endeavoured to support the lodge as much as he could. In entrusting him with the care of their funds, they might rely on it that he would do everything he could to promote their interests. Bro. James Weaver, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, said he had £77 15s. in hand, but he wanted to get rid of it and invest it. He asked the brethren to contribute enough to enable him to purchase £100 stock. It was a fund that must ultimately grow, and if it was now invested the brethren would not want to touch it. If any draught was wanted to be made for a small amount they would not have to sell out. At the audit meeting brethren had told him if he wanted any addition to the fund they would be £5 each to it. He did not want so much; he only wished to have a small individual contribution. It was, however, necessary that they should have a fund to apply to in case misfortune should overtake a brother. He therefore appealed to the brethren for the means to purchase £100 stock. Bro. Little, Sec., as one of the officers included in the toast, was pleased that the brethren and visitors were gratified with their reception that evening. He then referred to what he had said in lodge as to his inability to continue to discharge the onerous duties of Secretary. He found that the duties of his Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls increasing so much that he could not also discharge the duties of Secretary of the Whittington Lodge. It was with very great pleasure he found the lodge so flourishing. They had been increasing for a long time, and the lodge was now enabled to say it would have some funded property. The members introduced during the time he had belonged to the lodge were men of the right calibre; men disposed to do their duty to the Craft; men imbued

with the true principles of Masonry. This was very pleasing and satisfactory. The time had now come when he must sever his connexion with the lodge as its Secretary. The Girls' School (he spoke it in the presence of Bro. Binckes) must claim his first attention; he could not, perhaps, say his undivided attention, because his greatest pleasure was in Freemasonry, which had always been his feeling. He became the Secretary of the lodge through a deputation waiting upon him, and asking him to accept the office; and this he consented to do, and in that position he had striven hard to perform his duties. His endeavours had been successful, and he had had the pleasure of seeing the lodge most prosperous. Not the least part of that success was the establishment of the Benevolent Fund. It would always be a pleasure to him to see the lodge flourish, and to see it extend, as it always had extended, to brethren the right hand of fellowship. "The Tyler's" toast was then given, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

ST. CLEMENTS DANES LODGE (No. 1351).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Carr's, King's Head Hotel, Strand, on the 5th of the present month, when, as is usual, a goodly number of brethren assisted in the working, which was performed in a manner that few lodges so young can boast of. Bro. Steward, the W.M., raised, passed, and initiated, and went through the working with ease and impressiveness; Bros. Livett, S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; Porter, S.D.; Wigg, J.D.; Perryman, D.C.; Butler, I.G.; Barnes, Org., were at the working; whilst that which is always a feature and a most welcome one at this lodge—the presence of the Past Masters of it—was not wanting, as there were the well-known faces of Bros. Betts, I.P.M.; Hilton, Sec.; Parker, Treas.; Hamilton, and Hale to be seen, making the younger brethren feel how deep was the "mystic tie" that bound them and their seniors in the Craft so closely together. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Carr, which was as ample as it was inclusive of all that is in season. Amongst those who were present at it were, besides the above named, Bros. Mott, Arthur Betts, Wiseman, Hepburn, Chas. Blamey, Duncan Harrison, Townley, Brannan, Gages, 3; Harward, Hutton, 2; Movand, William H. Hall, Tedbury, &c., and several visitors. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were duly given and responded to, and a most agreeable evening was spent, to which the brethren possessing musical accomplishments greatly contributed. We are glad to state that the lodge of instruction, held on a Wednesday evening, is well attended, and that not only those brethren who were amongst the first to constitute the lodge, but the younger ones, Masonically speaking, also put in an appearance, and the word "instruction" is really shown to be the meaning of the gathering.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there was as usual a capital attendance of brethren. Bro. J. Hamilton Townend, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Seax, S.W.; Stanway, J.W.; Blackie, S.D.; Catchpole, J.D.; Thomas Preston, I.G.; Edward Moody, Sec.; Henry Thompson, P.M.; and others. By the kind courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Henry Thompson, P.M., whose eldest son was a candidate for the Second Degree, took the chair for that ceremony, and passed Bros. Wright, Wynne, W. E. Thompson, Cadiot, Bertram, and Evenett. Bro. Townend, W.M., performed the other ceremonies, raising Bros. Skinner, Benskin, J. Hartley, Lockitt, and Clark; and initiating Messrs. Powell, M. K. Frith, T. E. Lugg, and L. J. Hudd. The W.M. performed the raising three times, and admirably acquitted himself as W.M. Four propositions were given in for new candidates at next meeting. Bro. Edward Moody gave notice that he would move at the next lodge meeting that the initiation fee should be raised to ten guineas. This was the whole of the business before the brethren, who then adjourned to a nice supper, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts. The W.M. presided. In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," he wished his Royal Highness the best of health, and that his journey to India might prove a benefit both to that country and to this. In giving "The Pro Grand Master," the W.M. referred to him as a brother who had been of eminent service to the Craft, and was also a good-Mason and able statesman. When giving the toast of "The D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, &c.," the W.M. reminded the brethren of The Great City Lodge that the Junior Grand Warden of England for the present year (Bro. Alderman Stone) was a member of their lodge, and therefore more especially might be asked them to do all honour to the toast. Bro. N. B. Headon, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." It was the first time since his installation that he had had the pleasure of doing so. He might say that the W.M. had that day disposed of a large amount of business, and every one who had witnessed it must have been gratified at the able manner in which it had been done. He felt assured that the more the brethren saw of the W.M. the more they would be pleased with him. He would be glad when the time arrived that he would have to make room for such a worthy Mason. After Bro. Hook had rendered in a superior style "The Village Blacksmith," the W.M. replied, and said the remarks of the I.P.M. were very flattering, and he was much obliged for the kind feeling which had dictated them. He was afraid, however, that Brother Headon had, for friendship's sake, passed over his imperfections, as it was known he worked a different system, although he wished to follow in the steps of his predecessors. He regretted that there was a difference in the rituals; but he thought by blending the two together one of the most beautiful rituals might be produced ever known in the world. He hoped that he should get better as he went on. He would do his best to serve them as Master of the lodge, and trusted that at the end of his year

of office they would have no cause to regret having placed him in the chair. The W.M. next gave "The P.M.'s," for whom Bros. Headon and James Stevens returned thanks. He then gave "The Initiates," remarking that since The Great City Lodge had been formed it had never met without having an infusion of new blood. Very seldom had it met without four or five gentlemen coming forward for membership of the Craft. Frequently also an emergency had to be called to admit them. The Great City Lodge always held out to them "the right hand of fellowship." Without initiates a lodge would soon die out, an event which was not likely to befall The Great City Lodge. Bro. M. K. Frith and the other new brethren responded to the toast of "The Initiates." A brother from China replied for "The Visitors," and remarked that he had been in China for 18 years, and he had found Freemasonry there to be in a very flourishing condition. On his way to England he had passed through France, and visited a lodge at Marseilles. He there found a very great difference in the working of lodges, but he found the same principle carried out in all, fitting brethren for admission to the Grand Lodge above. Several other toasts were given, and the evening was delightfully spent.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).—This lodge held its first regular meeting on Thursday, the 11th November, 1875, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Present: Bros. Wm. Snowden, W.M.; W. S. Cackett, S.W.; T. Sleep, J.W.; J. Dann, Sec.; W. Mitchell, S.D.; A. Runacres, J.D.; E. W. Boyton, D.C.; J. Kemp, I.G.; W. Chalk, Steward; F. Geider, Tyler. Also visitors: Bros. V. Wilson, P.M. Etonian, 209; P. Tonten, Victoria, 1056; W. Rowlands, Royal Jubilee, 72; and A. Martin, jun., Joppa, 188. Business.—To confirm minutes of consecration and installation, also lodge of emergency of 28th October. A ballot was taken for Messrs. C. E. Power, T. Taylor, E. Pearman, E. Sims, and J. E. Pentreath. The ballot was unanimously favourable in each case, and the candidates being present, were initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient custom. On the W.M. rising for the first time, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the following votes of thanks be recorded on the lodge minutes, viz.:—To all the officers of the lodge, for kindness and generosity in presenting their collars and jewels to the lodge; to the W.M., for zeal and untiring energy in the formation and establishment of the lodge; to the S.W., for lending harmonium to lodge at consecration; to the S.D., for presenting a box for safe keeping of collars, jewels, &c.; to the Steward, for services rendered to lodge as Secretary at preliminary meetings; to Bro. S. J. Harvey, D.C. Royal Jubilee, 72, for present of square and compasses for Sacred Volume. Notice of motion was given to raise the initiation fee from five to seven guineas. Proposition was made and seconded for three gentlemen as initiates. The bye-laws, as sanctioned by Grand Lodge, were read in open lodge and confirmed. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, &c., and adjourned till the second Thursday in December. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and the remainder of the evening was very pleasantly spent in the enjoyment of creature comforts and complimentary speeches. This new lodge is now fairly established, and its success appears to be sure and certain.

PROVINCIAL.

HINCKLEY.—The Knights of Malta Lodge (No. 50).—On Monday, the 1st inst., the regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel, when there was a very good attendance. Bros. Tippetts, W.M., in the chair; T. Worthington, S.W.; C. S. Preston, J.W.; T. W. Clarke, Treas.; Wm. Crow, Sec.; A. C. Smith, S.D.; T. Mason, J.D.; W. T. Blastock, I.G.; Alfred Young, Tyler. Amongst the P.M.'s of the lodge were also present Bros. S. Davis, J. Atkins, W. H. Griffiths, and Rev. W. Langley; and visitors: Bros. J. T. Thorpe, W.M. of 523; R. B. Smith, W.M. elect of 1007; Phillips, 1333; Nugent, P.M. 432; Ewing, J.D. 1391; and others. The minutes having been confirmed, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, when Bro. T. Worthington, S.W., was unanimously called to the chair. Bro. T. W. Clarke, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Some propositions of candidates for initiation were postponed until next meeting. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when a very sumptuous dinner was fully done justice to, and thanks duly awarded for the liberal catering of the host. This old lodge, which has on more than one occasion nearly died out, seems now to be in a good way to become one of the best in the province out of Leicester.

PRESCOT.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86).—The annual installation meeting of this ancient lodge, now about 110 years old, was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby-street, Prescott, near Liverpool. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was not so large as might have been expected. Bro. Reginald Young, W.M., occupied the chair at the beginning of the proceedings, and amongst the other officers and brethren present were Bros. J. W. R. Fowler, P.M.; J. T. Hall, P.M.; W. Tyrer, S.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., P.M., Treas.; R. G. Elstone, acting Sec.; H. Vaughan, S.D.; F. Smith, I.G.; A. Tebbutt, S.; J. A. Stoddart, S.; G. Morgan, acting J.W.; A. Fraser, W. Jameson, W. Jackson, J. Matthews, A. S. Reynolds, and others. The visitors were Bros. Councillor G. Fowler, S.W. 216; H. W. Collins, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. McCarthy, S.W. 1393; S. G. Dunn, W.M. 897; and others. The position of Installing Master was taken by Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, who placed Bro. W. Tyrer in the chair of W.M. with much ability. The charges to the following appointed officers were given by Bro. Fowler, jun.:—Bros. R. Young, I.P.M.; J. Vaughan, S.W. (by proxy); H. Vaughan, J.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, Treas.; F. Smith, Sec.; A. Tebbutt, S.D.; R. S. Reynolds, J.D.; W. Jackson, I.G.; J. A. Stoddart,

Org.; A. Fraser and R. G. Elstone, Stewards; and Cowherd, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the King's Arms Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Tyrer, the W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with terseness and force. "The Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire, Past and Present," was responded to by Bro. Collins, P. Prov. G.J.W., and Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Bro. R. Young, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master and Officers," and in doing so paid a high compliment to Bro. Tyrer, promising him his cordial support during his year of office. Bro. Tyrer, W.M., briefly acknowledged the compliment, and also Bro. H. Vaughan, J.W. The W.M. then presented Bro. Reginald Young, I.P.M., in the name of the brethren, with an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of fraternal regard and esteem, and admiration for him during his year of office. Bro. Reginald Young suitably responded, and subsequently presented Bro. J. W. J. Fowler with a chaste and valuable silver salver, on the occasion of his leaving Prescott to take up his residence at Southport, the testimonial being got up by his Masonic friends in recognition of his long and valuable services in connection with the Craft, Royal Arch, and other Masonic Orders. Bro. Fowler responded in suitable terms. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" was acknowledged by Bro. J. T. Hall, P.M., who referred to the rapid increase of Freemasonry all over the country, and the necessity for a more cordial support of the charities. About a century ago, he said, Masonry began to revive in England, and in London and district there were now 200 lodges, and nearly 1600 belonging to the Grand Lodge in England. The number of Masons connected with these lodges was about 170,000; in Scotland there were about 100,000 Masons; in Ireland, 50,000; on the Continent of Europe—say 600,000; and in the United States, 300,000. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Councillor Fowler, S.W. 216. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—This lodge met on the 2nd inst. at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. John O. Carter, W.M.; Denne, S.W.; Canvin, J.W.; Strange, P.P.S.D. Berks and Bucks, P.M., Sec.; Hume, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Nicholes, S.; Dixon, P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, I.P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; Reid, P.M.; McIlwham, P.M.; Bryett, P.M.; Jones, Pennicott, Hiscock, Clay, Garrett, Wood, Prince, Legg, Cousins, &c. Visitors: Bros. Bingham, P.M. Windsor Castle, 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; Grisebrook, P.M. 771; Johnson, 771; Newlands, W.M. of Royal Sussex, 342; J. Lee, Watford, 404; Brown, Great City, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The business of the evening consisted of initiating Messrs. Day and Waterson, which ceremony was performed by Bro. McIlwham, P.M.; passing Bro. Cousins by Bro. Dixon, I.P.M.; and raising Bro. Legg, by the W.M. As the election of W.M. for the ensuing year will take place on the next lodge night, a list of the brethren eligible for the chair was announced. Before the lodge was closed a prayer for the safety of our Grand Master during his visit to India (composed by Bro. the Rev. A. Robins, Chaplain of Windsor Castle Lodge, 771), was read by the W.M. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Bro. Tolley for the excellent manner in which he presided at the organ during the evening. His performance during the third ceremony was very effective.

GIBRALTAR.—Lodge Friendship (No. 278).—At a regular meeting held in the lodge rooms on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at 9 p.m.—Present: W. Bro. B. Carver, I.P.M. 278; Bros. W. Glassford, S.W.; E. Gatt, J.W.; C. V. de Sauter, Sec.; R. E. Owen, S.D.; N. Claveresse, J.D.; J. J. Aboab, I.G.; Capt. Sir A. Mackworth, Steward; J. Peterkin, Tyler. Members: Bros. A. Frolick, P.M.; P. McCormick, P.M.; J. Ashton, P.M. 115; R. B. Hepper, P.W. 278; W. J. Henry, P.M. 153 and 115; W. Stanley, P.W. 413; E. Harrison, W. Anderson, N. Nangle, A. Aparicis, Capt. J. Collins, J. W. Crisp, Dr. G. R. Rae, Biretta. Visiting Brethren: W. Bro. J. Beal, P.M. 325; Bros. Arthur, Prince of Wales Lodge; A. F. Pickard, 1383; W. Crompton, 153; W. Bro. G. Gilbard; P. Prov. D. G.M.; Bros. J. Hepper, 153, P. Prov. S.W.; H. E. Batchelor, 153; H. Severny, 743, P. Prov. J.W.; H. Ryan, 43; D. Thigiers, 153; J. Blair, P.M.; J. F. Francini, W.M. 325. The lodge was duly opened by W. Bro. Carver, the I.P.M., and the usual business of confirming minutes, &c., having been gone through, the Rt. Wor. the D.G.M., Bro. Cornwall, was conducted into the lodge by P.D.G.M., Bro. Capt. Gilbard. Bro. Biretta was advanced to the degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed in the usual impressive manner by Wor. Bro. Carver. Immediately after the ceremony the Rt. Wor. the D.G.M. and the P.D.G.M. escorted our visiting Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught into the lodge, when, after some ordinary business had transpired, the lodge was closed in the usual manner by the W.M. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual refreshment awaited them; and W. Bro. Carver having taken the chair, being supported by the D.G.M. and his efficient Wardens. The usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. The W.M., the D.G. Master, then arose to call the attention of the brethren to the presence among them this evening of our distinguished Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and after a very appropriate and warm address regarding the connection of His Royal Highness and his distinguished brother, the Grand Master of England, with the Craft, called upon the brethren to drink his health with the usual honours, which were heartily responded to by the brethren. The newly raised brother having also duly responded, the brethren separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd, at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Smith, W.M., supported by the following

officers and brethren:—Alfred Palmer, P. Prov. G.A.P., I.P.M.; J. M. McAllister, P.G.S.D., S.W.; W. G. Statham, P.G. Steward, J.W.; W. Weare, P. Prov. G.D., Treas.; Clement Edwin Stretton, P.G.A.P., Sec.; S. Cleaver, S.D.; James Bird, as J.D.; Orlando Law, I.G.; Clement Stretton, P. Prov. G.W., P.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., P.M. 523; G. Toller, jun., P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M. 523; J. T. Thorp, P.G.A.D.C., W.M. 523; F. J. Baines, P. Prov. G.P., P.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.G. Treas., P.M. 523; Dr. Hunt, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. 523; E. Mason, S.W. 1391; W. Walters, Grecian Lodge, U.S., and a large number of brethren and visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Crick to the Third, and also to pass Bro. Manton to the Second Degree. Bro. Statham, J.W., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stretton, P.M., for a presentation of firing glasses to the lodge, which having been seconded by Bro. Weare, P.M., and supported by Bro. Smith, W.M., was carried unanimously. Bro. Stretton suitably acknowledged the compliment. The Grand Lodge certificate having been presented to Bro. Bird, and a gentleman proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The musical talents of Bros. Palmer, Cleaver, Weare, and Dr. Hunt causing the evening hours to swiftly "speed on."

MAZAGON.—Lodge Concord (No. 757).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 16th October, 1875. Present: W. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; J. N. Dady, P.M.; Bros. F. Burdett, as S.W.; W. Fearn, as J.W.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davies, J.D.; J. Luke, D.C.; J. E. Tyers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members: Bros. W. E. Craddock, W. Wilson, E. Lucas, J. Weddle, E. Fuelling, J. Middleton, W. Hobbs, J. Armstrong, J. H. Burrett, J. Anderson, J. Longden, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. Counsell, W.M. 1100; H. W. Barrow, P.M. 944; C. Tudball, 944; Rev. C. Gilder, 1100; W. Simpson, late of Concord, 757; C. Parker, 1100; Pestonjee Hormusjee, and others. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last meeting of the Permanent Committee were read and adopted. Bro. John Armstrong was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. E. Fuelling, and Dr. J. G. Da Cunha were raised to the Sublime Degree to a Master Mason. All below the rank of M.M. were requested to retire. The Secretary, then read a letter dated 4th October, from the D.G. Secretary, in reference to the coming Masonic demonstration, viz., the laying of the foundation stone of the Elphinstone Docks by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The W. Master had, in order to save time, and to ensure the keeping of the brethren informed of the arrangements, appointed Bros. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M., and J. Luke, to represent Lodge Concord as members of the committee for making the necessary arrangements. This was then put to the meeting and carried. Letter from Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., tendering the resignation of Bro. H. A. Moss, which was accepted with regret. Letter from Bro. Calderwood, acknowledging receipt of his clearance certificate read. Letter from Bros. C. J. Hall and Isaac Holt, asking to be placed on absent dues, read and seconded. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. £10 sterling was voted to the widow of a late brother. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer at 9.40 p.m.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first meeting of the members of the above lodge after the usual summer interregnum took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, and a goodly number of both members and visitors assembled to welcome the new W.M., Bro. A. Penfold, to the position he has so well earned as head of one of the most flourishing and influential lodges in the Province of Kent. The following officers were present beside the W.M.: J. McDougall, I.P.M.; T. Vincent, S.W.; H. Butler, J.W.; T. H. Hayes, S.D.; W. B. Lloyd, J.D.; B. Lester, O.G.; R. G. Cook, D.C. Bro. H. Mabbett, in the absence of Bro. Chapman, acted as I.G. Among the visitors present were Bros. T. Ward, W.M. 700; H. Carnelly, W.M. 13; F. G. Dawson, P.M. 700; C. Hobson, P.M. 700; T. Butt, S.W. 700; W. A. Weston, S.W. 1536; H. S. Syer, Sec. 13; E. B. Hobson, 700; R. Beaver, 700; W. T. Beaver, 700; H. Shaw, 700; E. W. Fisher, 700; J. Warren, 700; T. Hastings, 829; and W. Topp, 879. The lodge having been opened in due form and the usual business settled, Mr. T. Cartland (silversmith) was, after ballot and approval, initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and Bro. D. Capon was raised to the Sublime Degree, both ceremonies being most eloquently and impressively worked by the W.M. The W.M. then read a letter from the P.G. Lodge respecting the wearing of jewels in the lodge, which we may say is the same in text as the letter sent to the Metropolitan Lodge from G.L., from which arose a discussion respecting the commemorative jewel spoken of as being necessary to celebrate the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the Grand Chair of England. The discussion was ultimately adjourned till the next monthly meeting. Two guineas were then voted to the widow of a deceased brother, this being the second donation to her. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to a most excellent dinner, served in good style by Bro. Tucker, the new host. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk most enthusiastically. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was, by the W.M., in the toast of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," wished every health and success upon the im-

portant mission of peace and goodwill that he has so nobly undertaken to India, and a safe and speedy return when that mission was accomplished. The name of "Lord Holmesdale, the P.G. Master of Kent," was most cordially received, as was that of "Bro. Eastes and the rest of the P.G. Officers." The latter was acknowledged by Bro. P.M. T. Smith, P.P.G.P. of Kent. P.M. McDougall then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a few choice sentences, saying that the brethren might see what they had to expect in the working of the lodge during Bro. Penfold's year of office from the really excellent manner in which he had carried it out that evening. He (the W.M.) was, and always had been, a credit to the lodge, and he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would long spare him, and make the lodge increase tenfold, both in numbers and brotherly love, under his guidance. The W.M., in reply, thanked them for their kind reception of his name, and modestly accused himself of some trifling imperfections, which certainly were not inexcusable, more particularly as that was his first effort, and he therefore said, with the Scriptures—"Let him who thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." He spoke highly of the late W.M., Bro. McDougall, and trusted he should ever sustain the high prestige and best interests of the Pattison Lodge by doing his duty and following the example set by not only the late but every P.M. who had sat in that chair. He again thanked the brethren for their kind wishes and assistance. Bro. Ward, P.M. 700, responded for "The Visitors," and expressed the pleasure he felt at visiting and receiving the brethren of the Pattison Lodge—a feeling, he said, he felt sure was reciprocated by every member of the Nelson Lodge, and which he hoped would long continue between both lodges. He paid a most hearty tribute of praise to the W.M., who, he said, must have studied hard to acquire so high a standard of efficiency as they had witnessed that evening in the working of the lodge. He regretted the absence of Bro. P.M. Pownall, of the United Military Lodge, through illness, who, he knew, looked forward to visiting the Pattison Lodge with a deal of pleasure, and concluded a clear and forcible address by wishing both the lodge and its W.M. every success and prosperity. "The Initiate" was of course duly honoured, and P.M.'s McDougall, Paine, Smith, and Denton had their health drunk most cordially. Bro. Tucker (host) was especially complimented by the W.M. for his excellent catering, and then "The Tyler's" toast concluded a very happy evening.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., the monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Henry T. Bobart, P.G.A.D. of C., W.M.; F. Hille, P. Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; J. H. Biggs, as J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P. Prov. S.G.W., P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P. Prov. G.P., P.M., Sec.; E. R. Ward, as S.D.; Thos. Gadsby, J.D.; G. Pipes, D. of C.; Jos. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slina, O.G.; T. Mainprize, J. M. Moore, P. Prov. G.R., P.M.; W. Heathcote, Thos. Roe, jun., P.M. 802; W. B. Hextall, C. D. Hart, T. H. Hepworth, S. Steele, E. Taylor, J. O. Manton, M. Hill, W. Butterfield, Henry Mills, Rd. Daniel, J. Parkins, Jos. Griggs. Visitors: J. Smith, W. Whitaker, Stafford, Burton, J. C. Merry, W.M. 731; Thos. Merry, A. Frazer, A. Moore, J. Brown, G. T. Wright, all being members of the Arboretum Lodge, 731; W. H. Marsden, P.S.G.W., P.M. 253. The lodge was opened in the First Degree at 7 p.m. After the circular convening the lodge was read, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Mr. Joseph Griggs, elected at a former meeting, was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. The charge was given by the S.W. in a masterly style, and the lecture on the Tracing Board was ably delivered by Bro. J. M. Moore, P.M. The lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to the quarterly supper, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

NORTHALLERTON.—Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 3rd. Bro. J. Fairburn, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, as follows:—G. F. Clarkson, S.W.; R. Palliser, J.W.; W. A. Hutchence, Treas.; Thomas Bell, Sec.; J. Wheldon, S.D.; H. Rymer, J.D.; M. Walmsley, I.G.; E. Wilkinson, Tyler; P.M. Warstell and Bros. W. Hardy and E. Milburn were also present. The work performed comprised the initiation of Richard Henry Sootheran, the ritual being most ably rendered by the W. Master. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the evening was spent in the most harmonious manner, and in the true spirit of Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at the Royal Archer, Dale-street. The lodge was opened at 4.30 (called for four o'clock) by the W.M., Bro. Henry Smith. The minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Nicholson was passed. Bro. Brayshaw was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and, to the surprise of many, the J.W. was elected in preference to the S.W., and more especially as Bro. Pearson, the S.W., is known not only in this lodge, but throughout the Province of East Lancashire, to be such an excellent worker, and to possess every qualification for the office of W.M. Such a circumstance can only be accounted for by the votes of some of the junior members—who have had little Masonic experience—making a personal matter of the election without studying the interests of the lodge, thereby looking for preferment by disposing of the S.W. The more experienced of the members would have preferred the election to have gone otherwise. Bro. Tyers, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, as also Bro. Beswick, Tyler. The business was concluded about seven o'clock.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Hensley Lodge (No. 1472).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, there being a good attendance of members. Bro. P.M. West, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Brayshaw, fulfilled the duties of W.M., and duly initiated Mr. Cavey, engineer, assisted by the following officers:—J. Ives, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; I. Silver, S.D.; Chambers, J.D.; Manning, I.G.; and Steadman, O.G. After the initiation Bro. Brayshaw, who had now arrived, resumed the chair, and presented P.M. West, in the name of the lodge, with a letter of condolence on the death of Mrs. West, to which Bro. West replied in a feeling and most suitable manner. Bro. Turner was then elected Assistant Secretary, and the lodge closed in due form. The brethren and visitors then adjourned to supper, and afterwards spent a most enjoyable evening in pure Masonic fashion.

LANCASTER.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The first meeting of this newly consecrated lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the North Western Hotel, Morecambe, Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England, the W.M., opening the lodge and presiding over its business. Messrs. Ward and Bannister were initiated, the working being efficiently performed by the W.M., in which he was ably assisted by Bro. E. Airey, I.P.M., and Bro. H. Longman, 1051, as S.W. Two joining members were proposed, and after a pleasant meeting, the lodge closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, 11th of November, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Present—Comps. Edward Harris (collector of the Boys' School), M.E.Z.; J. H. Butten, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. W. Baldwin, J.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; M. D. Loewenstark, S.N.; B. Isaacs, P.S.; W. Smeed, P.Z.; J. S. Sweasey, J. H. Spencer, and some others. The visitors were Comps. E. Gilbert, P.J. 1326; H. Cutress, 1326; and others. The chapter was opened by Comps. E. Harris, M.E.Z.; W. Smeed, P.Z., as H.; J. W. Baldwin, J.; F. Walters, P.Z.; and others. The minutes of the meeting held in October were read and unanimously confirmed. Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., as M.E.Z., installed Comp. J. H. Butten as M.E.Z.; and exalted Bro. T. W. Adams, Southwark Lodge, 889. Business being ended, the chapter was closed. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11th, 1876. A slight refreshment followed, after which the presentation of the usual five-guinea P.Z.'s jewel (which had been unanimously voted to him from the chapter funds) to Comp. E. Harris, P.Z., took place. On behalf of the chapter, Comp. F. Walters, P.Z. (the father of the chapter), pinned on the jewel to Comp. E. Harris's breast, expressing the pleasure he felt after twenty years' acquaintance in presenting him with the jewel.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—A convocation of this old established chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, October the 28th last. There were present Comps. T. A. Adams, acting M. E.Z.; C. Cottebrune, P.Z., acting H.; M. Scott, J.; J. R. Foulger, I.P.Z., acting S.N.; Palmer, S.E.; C. J. Hill, P.S.; Tredwell, First Assistant; D. Lawrence, Second Assistant; H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treasurer. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. G. Everett, 975, and W.M. of 177, as a joining member, and resulted in an unanimous vote of approval. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Ambrose (177) and Clarke (Ebury) for exaltation, and having been declared unanimous, those brothers were duly exalted. From the names of the Principals engaged in the ceremony, the companions anticipated a fine rendering of the ritual, and they were not disappointed, for the working of Comps. Adams and Cottebrune, assisted by Comp. Scott as J., left nothing to be desired. At the conclusion of the ceremony a very pleasant circumstance took place, viz., the conferring of a honorary membership upon Comp. Morrison, P.Z., No. 26, Michigan, U.S.A., as a slight recognition for the valuable aid he had rendered to Comp. Hill, P.S., while suffering from a dangerous illness when in America. The convocation having been closed, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by Comp. Foulger, the I.P.Z., in the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Bolton. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual Royal Arch toasts were given and enthusiastically received. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed and drank, and most ably responded to by Comp. Foulger on behalf of Comp. Bolton, whose absence, he regretted to say, was owing to indisposition. "The Health of the Newly Exalted Companions" was then proposed, and responded to at length by Comps. Ambrose and Clarke. The "Visitors" toast was responded to by Companions Morrison, H. Pullen, Lathbury, and Walls. The former acknowledged the great honour that had been conferred upon him that evening by the companions of the Domatic in electing him an honorary member. In the course of his speech he said that the services he had rendered to Comp. Hill in America were only what every brother, of whatever grade in Freemasonry he might belong, should cheerfully and voluntarily do to one in distress or danger. Ever since he had been connected with Masonic institutions he had endeavoured to carry out to the best of his ability and means those vital principles of the Craft, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." "The Health of the P.Z.'s of the Domatic" having been given, was acknowledged by Companions Buss, Adams, and Little; and Companions Palmer and Hill replied on behalf of the junior officers. Between the numerous toasts Companions Palmer, Law-

rence, Walls, and Lathbury vocally amused the brethren, who separated at a late hour after enjoying a most instructive and agreeable evening.

GATESHEAD.—De Burgh Chapter (No. 424).—On Thursday, 28th October, the members held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, West-street, for the purpose of installing E. Comps. James Hune Thompson, Z.; Andrew Harkness, H.; and John Edward Robson, J. Comp. Robert Smaile, P.Z., Installing Master, performed the ceremony. The following were invested as officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—A. Clapham, P.Z., Treas.; Rd. Gregory, E.; J. D. Stephen, N.; M. Guthrie, P.S.; N. Brown, First A.S.; J. Montgomery, Second A.S.; and J. Curry, Janitor. Amongst the visitors and members were Wm. Henry Crookes, Prov. G.E. Durham; Wm. Liddell, P.G.J.; E. D. Davis, P. Prov. G.H.; Dr. R. F. Crook, P.Z.; F. P. Jonn, P.Z. 414; Jas. Humphrey, 97. The companions then adjourned to the banquet, after which followed the various loyal and Masonic toasts.

Mark Masonry.

DOVER.—Cingre Ports Lodge (No. 152).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday at Bro. Terson's room, Townwall-street, Dover. The lodge was opened by Bro. Terson, and afterwards Bro. Iggesden was installed as W.M. by Bro. F. Binckes. The following P.M.'s were present:—H. C. Fuhr, Osmond, Terson, Bros. T. Terson, Camm, Wilkins, Whiche, Turner, H. M. Baker. After the lodge work was completed the brethren adjourned to Bro. Fuhr's Hotel de Paris, where a banquet, in all respects unexceptionable, was provided, to which the brethren did ample justice, and afterwards honoured the toasts usual at all meetings of Mark Masters. The lodge, which has been in abeyance for some time, appears now to have taken a fresh start; and it is said there is every prospect of it becoming very successful. Already there are four candidates for advancement at next meeting, and several others are expected to come.

[The above appeared in our second edition of last week.]
HINCKLEY.—The Knights of Malta, Time Immemorial Lodge (No. 30 on the roll of the English Grand Lodge of Mark Masters), after two years' inaction, met again for an emergency meeting on Monday, the 1st inst., Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, Past Chaplain of Grand Mark Lodge and D.P.G.M.M., in the W.M.'s chair. Bros. R. Boughton Smith, S.W. 21, as S.W.; T. W. Clarke, J.W.; Nugent, M.O.; Griffiths, S.O.; J. Atkins, J.O.; T. Harrold, Secretary; J. T. Thorpe, S.D. of 19, as Deacon; Tippits, as I.G. The minutes of the last lodge having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for five candidates: Bros. F. Worthington, C. Synsome Preston, Thomas Marson, Joseph Barber, and Robert Bradshaw Smith, all members of the old Craft, Lodge 50, and being unanimously elected, they were advanced to the honourable degree of a M.M. by the acting W.M. and the old officers of the lodge, assisted by Bros. R. Boughton Smith and Thorpe, who most ably performed their duties. Bro. Rev. W. Langley was then unanimously elected W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Clarke, Treasurer. Two brethren were proposed as candidates for advancement at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. Letters of apology for absence were then read from Bros. W. Kelly, Prov. G.M.M., and J. Spittall, W.M. Now that a little fresh life is stirred up in this old Time Immemorial Lodge it will in all probability make up for lost time, and regain its position in the province as second only to the well worked and prosperous Fowke Lodge, No. 19, held at Leicester. It is hoped by the Hinckley brethren that Bro. Kelly will hold his next annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge under its banner, and so give encouragement to those who have taken great interest in its resuscitation.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Keystone Mark Lodge (No. 178).—The annual meeting of this young lodge, which was consecrated a year ago, was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, when the Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.G.M. Ch., the W.M.M. elect for the ensuing year, was duly installed in the chair of A. by the retiring Master, Bro. Wm. Nott, G. Mk. St., assisted by Bro. William Munro, W.M.M. 119. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers, the principal of whom were as follows: The Rev. Henry Richardson, S.W.; John Chandler, J.W.; D. A. Gibbs, M.O.; F. V. Holloway, S.O.; J. H. Chandler, J.O.; D. A. Gibbs, Treas.; W. Nott, I.P.M. Sec.; H. J. Ward, Reg. A candidate for advancement at the next meeting having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned and afterwards dined together at the Crown Hotel.

Royal and Select Masters.

A Council of this body met on Wednesday at the new lodge rooms, Red Lion Square. The Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., M.P.G.M., presided, and he was supported by Captain N. G. Phillips, D.G.M.; Comps. Frederick Binckes, G. Recorder; Hyde Pullen, G.P.C. Work; Frederick Davison, G. T.; Shadwell Clarke, T. W. Coffin, S. Rosenthal, T.I.M. No. 3; and John Read, Org.

A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, and the minutes of former meetings of council were read and confirmed.

Two candidates presented themselves for reception, the Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, and the Rev. Wm. Ambrose Hall, of Walton-on-the-Hill. These worthy companions were respectively acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters, received Royal Masters, greeted Select Masters, and created Super Excellent Masters.

The council was then duly closed and adjourned.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PERTSHIRE, EAST.

On Friday, the 29th ult., a meeting of the Prov. G.L. of Perthshire, East was held in the hall of the R.A. Lodge, Perth, at four o'clock p.m., for the purpose of installing the Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird, K.T., as Prov. Grand Master, and his officers. The officers were as follows:—Bros. J. B. Brown-Morrison, Depute Master, Dr. William Cowan, Substitute Master; Rev. W. G. H. Carmichael, Chaplain; William MacLeish, Senior Warden; Colonel D. R. Williamson, of Lawers, Junior Warden; Robert Mitchell, Secretary; Right Worshipful Bro. John Chalmers, Scon and Perth Lodge, No. 3, Treasurer; Past Master Robert Dow, Royal Arch Lodge, 122, Senior Deacon; Robert Lees, Lodge St. Andrews, 74, Junior Deacon; Past Master John Young, C.E., Lodge St. Andrews, 74, Architect; John Baird, Scon and Perth Lodge, Jeweller; John Wilson, Royal Arch Lodge, Bible-Bearer; Right Worshipful Bro. George Hutton, Royal Arch Lodge, Director of Ceremonies; John Scott, Royal Arch Lodge, Sword Bearer; William Bryson, St. Andrew's Lodge, Director of Music; James Rolfe, Royal Arch Lodge, Standard Bearer; Peter Carmichael, Scon and Perth Lodge, Steward; John Robertson, St. Andrew's Lodge, Inner Guard; David Cockrane, St. Andrew's Lodge, Tyler.

The lodge having been duly constituted, a prayer was offered up by the Worshipful and Rev. Chaplain, W. G. H. Carmichael, and opened in due and ancient form.

The installation ceremony was performed in a most imposing and impressive manner by Bro. George R. Harriot, of Kilmore, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Wigtown and Kirkcudbrightshire. There was a large attendance of the fraternity, the number being over 200, and included deputations from the lodges in the Province, as well as from Dunkeld, Dundee, Forfar, and various other places. There has seldom been in Perthshire such a large gathering of the respectable and ancient fraternity, and certainly no gathering where the success was so great. After the installation ceremony, Right Worshipful Bro. Harriot gave a most interesting address on the great and universal principles of the Order, which are founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue.

It may be mentioned that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Kinnaird, has taken a great interest in restoring to the province the benefits of a Grand Lodge, which will now be able to take that supervision over the various lodges in the province which is so necessary for the proper and efficient working of the ancient Craft. This Provincial Grand Lodge has been in a dormant state for several years, and it is due to the Provincial Grand Master to say that when a proposal to resuscitate the lodge was put before him, he entered into the whole matter with that zeal and amiability for which he is so well and deservedly known and respected. The brethren in the city have made a determination to range themselves round his lordship, and, shoulder-to-shoulder, press forward in the work of brotherly love, benevolence, and charity, which are well known to be the watchwords of the Craft.

After the installation ceremony had been concluded, the brethren, in a quiet way, and without any parade, pomp, or ceremony, wended their way towards the Salutation Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared for them by Bro. Peter Carmichael, Provincial Grand Steward. The chair was occupied by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Kinnaird, and the croupiers were Bro. William MacLeish, who filled the chair of Senior Warden; Bro. John Young (in the absence of Colonel Williamson), Junior Warden; and Bro. Robert Dow, Senior Deacon. Over 200 brethren were seated round the tables in the great hall of the hotel, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, by the care and industry of Bro. Dow, with various banners, on which were painted a number of beautiful symbols and emblems of the Craft. There were many brethren present clothed in the uniform of the 42nd Royal Highlanders and the 79th (Queen's Own) Cameron Highlanders; and these brethren, along with the officers and Wardens of the various lodges present, clothed with their aprons, collars, gauntlets, and jewels, presented a very pleasing effect, and one that is not likely soon to be forgotten by the brethren who were present.

After the lodge had been opened in due and ancient form, and constituted by prayer by the W. and R. Chaplain,

The Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Health of the Queen." Although Her Majesty was not a Mason, and could not by the rules of Masonry be one, yet from what he personally knew of her virtues, he felt quite sure that she was a Mason at heart, and he had no doubt the Masons present, as did every Mason throughout the empire, would enthusiastically drink to Her Majesty's long life, health, and happiness. (Applause.) One of the first things that a Mason on being initiated learned was to be loyal and obedient to the laws of the realm, both of his own country and of any state or country in the world where Providence might cast his lot.

The toast was responded to with great heartiness, and the band—under the efficient leadership of Bro. William Bryson, Director of Music—played "God save the Queen."

The Provincial Grand Master then said that although this toast had been put upon the list as "The Queen, and the rest of the Royal Family," he considered it right and proper, on the present occasion, that the two should be separated, especially on account of an interesting fact which he had to announce, and of which the brethren were previously ignorant, namely, that her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh had that day given birth to a daughter. (Applause.)

The toast was then drunk with all the honours.

The Provincial Grand Master next proposed "The Grand

Lodge of England, and Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He hoped that His Royal Highness would safely return from the far country to which he had gone, after having spent a pleasant, happy, and profitable time in India. They were well aware that recently a certain body had taken away their Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Ripon, and thus a blow was struck at the Order, which was supposed at the time to have a most dangerous effect; instead of this, however, it had been quite the opposite, as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales came manfully forward, and filled the breach, and thus gave to Masonry an impetus which it never had before. (Applause.) He trusted that the impetus which had been given to the Craft in England would extend, as undoubtedly it had extended, to Scotland, and that this Grand Lodge which had now been restored in their midst would be one of those branches of the grand old Craft which would tend to extend the Order wider and deeper than ever. (Applause.) He concluded by expressing the hope that God would grant His Royal Highness long life, health, and happiness. (Applause.)

The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm,

Brother Greig of Glencarse responded for the Grand Lodge of England. In the course of his reply, Brother Greig said he had been made a Mason in England some fifty years ago. His being present on that occasion brought to his remembrance a banquet that was given to the late Earl of Yarborough, who was adopted Grand Master of England, and it was attended by many of the elite of the land, and there, as he found in Scotland, Masons proved themselves right good fellows. (Cheers.) No doubt, the very fact of His Royal Highness being the Grand Master of England would bring thousands to join the Craft, and the impetus that must be given from what had taken place that day in the Fair City of Perth would add hundreds, he should like to say thousands, to the Craft. (Cheers.) He had great pleasure in being present that day to witness their noble Chairman placed in the position he now occupied. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Brother the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M." He knew but little of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the doings of the daughter lodges in that part of the kingdom; but as he was connected by family ties to Ireland, he could vouch that the brethren of Ireland were good men and true, and paid great attention to their duties as Craftsmen. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Brother Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, M.W.G.M." He said that Sir Michael Shaw Stewart paid great attention to the duties of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which was in good working order, and he hoped that this branch which had now been restored would be useful in aiding and assisting in the work.

The Provincial Grand Master next proposed "The Sister Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland." He was glad to see such a large representation of the brethren from Dundee and Forfar—a province he knew which was endeavouring, as had that day been done in Perthshire East, to restore to that province a Provincial Grand Lodge; and he was quite sure, from the efficient manner in which the duties of the evening had been performed by their Installing Master, the Right Worshipful Brother George R. Harriot, they would leave the "Fair City" after having learned many useful lessons that would enable them still further to proceed with the work they had in view. (Applause.)

This toast was very ably responded to by the Right Worshipful Master of the Operative Lodge, Dundee, and also by the Right Worshipful Master of one of the Forfar lodges.

R. Wor. Bro. R. G. Harriott then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire, East, and Bro. Lord Kinnaird, R.W.P.G.M." In submitting the toast, he said it gave him great pleasure to be present. He had no doubt from what he had seen of Lord Kinnaird, and the officers and brethren of this lodge, in their endeavour to restore the lodge to the province, that they would do their work in an able and efficient manner, and would be enabled to raise the Craft to that position in the eyes of the world which it should ever hold. If Masonry was not a religion, it was at least a handmaid to Christianity, and embraced all the principles which ought to guide a man through life. Freemasonry enabled a man of whatever country, clime, or race, to live a righteous life, and showed him his duty to God, his neighbour, and to himself.

The toast was drunk by the brethren of the visiting lodges with great enthusiasm.

The Provincial Grand Master replied in an able and impressive manner. He hoped that the lodge which had now been restored would prosper, and stated that he personally would make every endeavour to secure this end. He trusted, and, indeed, he had no doubt, the officers who had that day been installed would manfully support him, and he had great hopes of their doing much good amongst the lodges in the province, and restoring many of them now in a dormant state to life again. He knew that there were sometimes great difficulties in working country lodges in a proper and efficient manner; but now that a uniform standard had been sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, there could be little difficulty in Masters of Lodges informing themselves of the same, as any Master within the province could make application either to himself personally or to his Depute or Substitute Masters, and receive the information which would enable them to do their work efficiently. He begged, in the name of the lodge, and of himself and officers, to thank Right Worshipful Bro. Harriot for the very able and effective manner in which he had performed the duties of the day, and for his great kindness

in being present, as well as for the interesting address which he had given to the brethren concerning the great principles of their universally-spread Order.

Bro. Dr. William Cowan, R.W.P.G.S.M., proposed "R. W. Bro. George R. Harriot, Wigton and Kirkcudbright, Installing Master." In proposing the toast, Dr. Cowan said they had great reason to thank Bro. Harriot, and to be proud of having such a brother amongst them. He knew Bro. Harriot to be an enthusiastic Mason and a good man. Masonry itself, he said, was a great and good thing. He himself had traversed throughout every region of the globe, and wherever he had gone he had felt the benefits of Masonry, not only in his own person, but he was enabled on many occasions to assist worthy and deserving brothers, with whom by no other means he could have become acquainted or have known of their difficulties. While he had been enabled to assist those worthy brethren in earning their daily bread, he had also been assisted, both professionally and otherwise, on every occasion he had sought it. If Masonry was not a system of religion at all events it was the closest approach to a universal religion on the face of the earth, for by it a brother Mason was enabled, and he had been so enabled, to take by the hand a Mahomedan, a Jew, a Parsee, a Hindoo, and even a Cherokee Indian, and call them brothers. While Master of a Canadian Lodge (Great Western Lodge, No. 47) in Windsor, Canada West, he had on his left hand while sitting in that lodge, a Cherokee chief, who was Master of a lodge working in the Rocky Mountains. That chief had dropped the tomahawk, and taken to preaching the principles and tenets of Freemasonry; and should any of the brethren now present ever be called, in the Providence of God, to visit that distant region, they would probably find that worthy brother—who was a brother-professional of his (Dr. C.), being a great medicine man—who would greet them warmly as brethren, and who, in place of offering them the scalping knife, would hold out his hand as a pledge of brotherhood. This brother to whom he referred could not only work the lodge of which he was Master in his mother tongue, but he could also work it fluently in English. This was not the only lodge among the Cherokee Indians, as there were three working lodges within that tribe, as he had been informed both by this chief and brother Mason himself, and by worthy brethren in Detroit and Windsor. Such, then, being the principles and results of Masonry, it was well worthy of the acceptance of all men, and of the support of every worthy brother. Their Right Worshipful Bro. George R. Harriot was a most enthusiastic Mason, and was at the present moment spending large sums of money from his private purse, and giving a great deal of his time, in endeavouring to establish in their midst, a benevolent institution for decayed and distressed Masons, and for the widows and orphans of Masons. They ought warmly to cherish such a brother, and give him every support and assistance in their power, in so noble, and useful, and benevolent an undertaking. Large sums of money have been expended in nearly every other country in the establishment of such institutions, and in the sister kingdom of England there at present existed an institution of his kind for which during the past year above £27,000 had been raised by donations and subscriptions—not to establish it, for it had been in existence for several years, but to carry it on, and pay its working expenses. Surely Scotland would not be behind in this noble work. He hoped the brethren present would do all in their power to forward the great cause which Bro. Harriot had so much at heart, and again returned his sincere and heartfelt thanks to Bro. Harriot for the way in which he had come forward to do the duties of the day, and for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the recent imposing ceremony.

The toast was drunk with all Masonic honours.

Bro. Harriot in reply, said Bro. Cowan had pretty nearly taken the words out of his mouth. This was the only country almost in the world which had a Grand Lodge of its own which had not a place of refuge for its widows and orphans. In the States of America these institutions existed. Some had orphanages and some had homes, but in every State there were some such institutions. Ireland had two institutions; England, three; France had its institutions; and Sweden, that poor, small, thinly-populated country, had an orphanage which would shame the world to know it. It maintained 800 children. If a poor, thinly-populated country like that could do what he had said what should they do with their boasted rights in Great Britain? England and Ireland had done its quota. It remained for Scotland to perform its proportion. The taunt had been thrown in his face that many Scotch beggars, saying they were Masons, were continually crying for alms. There were as good and as independent Masons in Scotland as there was anywhere else, but what they wanted was an institution or institutions such as he had indicated. He professed no originality in his scheme; he simply adopted what was in use in other countries. He referred to the fact that he had been sounding the country on the subject, and sat down amid great applause.

Brother Morison, R.W.G.P.D.M., proposed "The Daughter Lodges beyond the Province." His toast included the welfare of Masonry throughout Scotland. He said Freemasonry was perhaps not a religion, but it was the next thing to it—it had the elements of Christianity strongly developed. And if the different members of the lodges of this country would square their actions, and have them tested by the level and the plumb-line, so that when at last they were called upon to pass through that valley which they knew was illustrated in Freemasonry, and when at last they ascended to the Grand Lodge, they might receive from the Great Architect of the Universe the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The toast was replied to briefly by Bro. John Wilson, R.W.M., Operative, Dundee, No. 47; Bro. Da-

vid Anderson, R.W.M. St. David's, Dundee, No. 78; Bro. Robt. Jack, R.W.M. Operative, Dunkeld, No. 152.

"The Daughter Lodges of the Province" was proposed from the chair, and briefly and ably responded to by the Senior Masters of the lodges present, namely, Bros. John Chalmers, R.W.M. Scone and Perth, No. 3; and John Young, P.M. St. Andrew.

Bro. M'Currah proposed "W.P.G.S.W. and J.W., Bros. William MacLeish and Colonel D. R. Williamson, of Lawyers."

Bros. MacLeish and John Young replied, the latter officiating for Bro. Williamson.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed "All poor and distressed Masons wherever dispersed throughout the world, and a speedy relief to their sufferings."

After this toast R.W. Bro. Cowan in capital style, sung "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again,"—a song which had never been heard in Perth before, and which was greatly relished.

The sentiment of the song was then proposed by the Provincial Grand Master; after which the lodge was closed in due form and harmony, all being delighted with the proceedings.

The lodges represented at the banquet were:—St. John, 14, Dunkeld; Operative, 47, Dundee, deputation of three, R.W. Bro. Henry; Ancient Dundee, 49, Dundee, deputation of four, R.W. Bro. James Thompson; St. David, 78, Dundee, deputation of four, R.W. Bro. Anderson; Kilwinning, 90, Forfar, deputation of four, R.W. Bro. Hill; Operative, 152, Dunkeld, deputation of six, R.W. Bro. Jack; Forfar and Kincardine, 225, Dundee, deputation of three, R.W. Bro. Fyffe.

The deputations from country lodges within the province were:—St. John, 105, Coupar Angus, deputation of four, R.W. Bro. Gill; St. John, 174, Dunning, deputation of three, R.W.M. Bro. Mensies.

There were present at the banquet about seventy brethren from the three city lodges, viz., Scone and Perth, 3; St. Andrew, 74; and Royal Arch, 122.

It may be added that the lodge jewels, which were very valuable, were supplied by Bro. John Baird, Grand Jeweller, George-street, Perth; and the clothing by Bro. George Kenning, 9, West Howard-street, Glasgow, and were the subject of general admiration.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly convocation of this body was held on Thursday, in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. Bro. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Depute Master, presided, and the other office-bearers present were Bros. James B. Walker, Treas.; Archibald M'Taggart, Sec.; James Gillies, S.D.; G. Thallon, J.D.; Robert Robb, Marshal; John Fraser, Asst. Marshal; A. Bain, B.B.; J. Balfour, Dir. of Cers.; J. Miller, Dir. of Music; Wm. Phillip, Sword Bearer; and Geo. Sinclair, Treas. of P.G. Benevolent Fund; Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M. Lodge 73, as J.W.; and J. W. Burns, R.W.M. Lodge 87, as I.G.

There was an unusually large attendance of visiting brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the chairman stated that he had that day communicated with Grand Lodge, calling their attention to one or two matters in the way of irregularities calling for their interference. Referring to one of these, namely, as advertised in the "Citizen," instructions to be given in Masonry in some non-Masonic hall at the east end, he said that anything so irregular and illegal had never occurred in the province before, within his knowledge.

The Secretary (Bro. M'Taggart) then read the minutes of last convocation, which were passed; and Bro. Sinclair those of several meetings of the Benevolence Committee, which were also passed.

The bye-laws of Lodges 73 and 219, after amendment, were passed.

Bro. Jas. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. 102, then called attention to the systematic violation of Grand Lodge laws by various lodges, especially in regard to giving more than one degree in one night. He added that he knew there was an agency in Glasgow for taking persons out of the province to get made Masons, and where they got made so much cheaper than, in addition, they could pay their railway fare and get a good supper, all for less than they could get made in town. He brought the matter forward now to ask what would be the best way to bring it before the Grand Lodge.

The chairman said that in his opinion it was quite correct to go forward in the matter; but Bro. Mitchell should have given a notice of motion regarding it, and that would have backed up his application. However, he thought it was quite competent at that moment to approach Grand Lodge and say that such things were going on, and asking them to deal with it. That is to say, if they, the P.G.L., were unanimous on the subject they could take action in this form at once.

Ultimately, Bro. Mitchell's views were shaped into the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. James S. Scott, R.W.M. No. 419, and agreed to nem. con.:—"That the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow having been called to the fact of the systematic violation of Grand Lodge of Scotland laws by lodges holding charters of said Grand Lodge, by giving more than one degree in one night, without just cause, thereby bringing Freemasonry into contempt; therefore the P.G.L. of Glasgow protests against the system in question, and unanimously resolve to transmit to Grand Lodge this requisition, requesting them to take steps to prevent a continuance of such violation."

Thereafter, in reply to the Secretary (Bro. M'Taggart), who desired to know whether an honorary affiliated member of any lodge, his name having been inscribed in the books of said lodge, was eligible to hold office therein, the P.G. Depute Master ruled that there was no such designation as "honorary affiliated member." Any member of the

Craft could be made an honorary member of a lodge, but to become duly affiliated he must pay the affiliation fee specified in the bye-laws of said lodge, and then the "honorary" ceased. The Grand Lodge said distinctly that an honorary member had no vote nor voice in a lodge.

Bro. McNaught called attention to the fact that a lodge in the province was holding a meeting on that evening simultaneously with the meeting of the P.G. Lodge. The chairman said that such a proceeding was quite illegal, and instructed the Secretary to write to the lodge in question regarding the matter. If a proper explanation was not given they ought to be fined.

There being no further business on the card the Chairman expressed his gratitude for the very harmonious and orderly meeting they had had, and the P.G.L. was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this crack lodge was held in their lodge-room, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 2nd inst. Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. T. Fletcher, P.M.; D. Neilson, D.M.; D. Horn, J.W.; Robt. B. Dalziel, Treas.; John Dick, Sec.; D. Lindsay, Chaplain; P. Brownlee, S.D., and a goodly number of members and visiting brethren. The business which ought to have come before the lodge was initiation, a considerable number of candidates being on the roll for the First Degree. None of these candidates having come forward, possibly owing to the extremely wet and stormy night, left the members without any work, a most unusual occurrence in St. John's Lodge. They therefore went into a little practical instruction in Masonry, after which the lodge was called to harmony. After enjoying a short time in pleasure and profit, the lodge was duly closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Kilwinning (No. 4).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the evening of the 3rd inst. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. Prout, S.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. W. T. Henderson, S.W.; John Currie, Sec.; W. McCulloch, S.D.; Walker, Chaplain; Jas. Booth, S.W. 87; Sage, P.M. 360; and others. The lodge was opened for the dispatch of business. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed. An application from Mr. James McGilvrey for initiation was received and approved of, and he received the E.A. Degree, Bro. Prout, the acting R.W.M., officiating. It was then arranged that they should meet on the 9th November for the nomination of office-bearers for the next year, and on the same night the business of passing and raising would take place. The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to the side room for a short time in harmony.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Mungo (No. 27).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday evening, 4th inst., Bro. Dugald Butler, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. George Sinclair, P.M.; Arch. McTaggart, D.M.; J. McInnes, S.W.; G. McCome, J.W.; A. K. Wilson, Chaplain; Thomas Lochhead, Treas.; and William Niven, Sec. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren present, among whom were Bros. James Gillies, P.M. 103; Alex. Bain, P.M. 103; J. Morgan, R.W.M. 219; W. Ferguson, 543; ("Freemason"); A. Cameron, 34; D. Couper, 34; J. Dykes, 7; A. C. Paterson, 102; James McFarlane, 103; James McGuire, 103; John Cullen, 116; W. M. Howie, 116; John McDonald, 117; Benjamin Sutherland, 117; John Bain, 117; James Connel, 117; David McIntosh, 145; John Grant, 197; James Duthie, 219; John Brown, 219; Seth Dory, 290; R. Gardner, 413; William Lockie, 413; W. Herschman, 609; J. C. David Dick, 27; Wm. Brown, 27; Thomas Hastie, 27; Wm. Syme, 27; Wm. B. Paterson, 27; Thomas Brodie, 27; J. Taylor, 27; John Walker, J. McEwan, James Kidd, R. Carmichael, and others. The lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree, and the Secretary read minutes of last regular meeting, which were adopted. The R.W.M. then called upon the Secretary to read the list of names of office-bearers recommended by the committee, which were also approved of. The R.W.M. read applications from two gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Moses McGregor and Robert Speirs, which were favourably received, who were then admitted and initiated into the Entered Apprentice Degree of Freemasonry by Bro. Arch. McTaggart, D.M., in a beautiful and most impressive style, explaining the emblems and symbols of the Order to the delight of the brethren present. The lodge was thereafter transferred from labour to refreshment, and a short time spent in harmony. The lodge on being re-transferred was closed in due and ancient form. [The report of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102, in our impression of the 6th inst. was incorrectly headed as St. Mungo's.]

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst. in the hall, situated at 170, Buchanan-street. The meeting was a good one considering the unfavourable state of the weather. Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M., presided with his usual ability, and was supported by Bros. Macgregor, S.W.; J. F. Hanbridge, J.W.; Bannerman, S.M.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; James Ampleford, Sec.; William Walton Treas.; T. Kay, S.D.; Thomas Yule, J.D.; John McInnes, S.W. 408, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was one application before the lodge to be disposed of, viz., that of Mr. William Caldwell, Sapper Royal Engineers, who had been proposed by Bro. Walton, Treas., and seconded by Bro. Ampleford, Sec. This application being sustained, the gentleman was admitted and received the First Degree, the R.W.M. performing the ceremony with his accustomed ability. The lodge was thereafter raised to the F.C. degree, when Bro. John Wright was put in possession of that degree, Bro. Currie officiating. This concluded the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

PARTICK.—Lodge St. Mary's (No. 117).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., in St Mary's Hall, Partick. In the unavoidable absence of the respected R.W.M., Bro. William Wylie, the chair was occupied by Bro. John Bain, D.M., supported by Bros. Andrew Brunton, P.M.; David Peacock, S.W.; Andrew Agnew, J.W.; David Forrest, S.D.; John McLaren, J.D. Among those present were Bros. J. B. Maitland, Sec.; J. M. Wylie, Treas.; Alfred Laurence, Chaplain, William Lawson, 34; John Dawson, 34; Thomas McCulloch, 109; Allan Stevenson, 114; John Findlay, 173; James Gray, 225; Alexander Graham, 360; Aaron Spy, 496; Duncan McIndoe, 553; Samuel Leckie, Sec. 543; John McLellan, 543; Alexander McDougall, 543; William Ferguson, 543; John McArthur, 117; Robert Anderson, 117; William Phillips, 117; James Brock, 117; James Livingston, 117; Arch. Young, 117; James Lyon, 117; John Maitland, 117; and Samuel Muirhead, &c. The lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree. It was unanimously agreed to delay removing to the new Masonic Hall, now nearly finished, in Douglas-street, until after the consecration of the lodge-room, which is expected to take place about the middle of December. An application was then read from Mr. Donald Bain, which was favourably received, and he was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. Bain, D.M., in a careful manner. The lodge was then opened in the Fellow Craft Degree, when Bros. J. S. Rowling, Robert Martin, and John Galt were passed to that degree by Bro. Boreland. The lodge was thereafter opened on the M.M. Degree, and Bros. John Arnott, George McKear, and J. S. Rowling were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason (the last-mentioned brother having to leave Scotland in a few days), Bro. J. Bain officiating. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. Degree, and closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Shamrock and Thistle (No. 275).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on Friday evening, the 5th inst., Bro. R.M. Yuill, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. Ronald, S.W., and Findlay, J.W., with the other office-bearers in their respective places, and a full attendance of members, and a large number of visiting brethren present, among whom were Bro. John Campbell, R.W.M. St. John's, Shettleston, No. 128, who supported the R.W.M. on the dais, along with Bros. Rowan, D.M.; Paterson, S.M.; G. C. H. McNaught, I.P.M.; Hutcheson, Treas.; and Horn, Sec. The lodge having been opened in the E.A. Degree, the Secretary read the minutes of last regular meeting, which were approved of. The first business brought forward was the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year, which was then proceeded with in proper form. Three applications were then read from gentlemen wishing to be admitted into the Order, and there being no objections, they received the Entered Apprentice Degree at the hands of the R.W.M. in his usual fine style, viz., Wm. Angus, John E. MacLaren, Peter & McCulloch. The lodge was then opened in the Fellow Craft Degree, when Bros. Sergeant Robert Evans and James Gillan were advanced to that degree by Bro. Paterson, S.M. The lodge was thereafter reduced to the E.A. Degree, and transferred from labour to refreshment. After spending a short time in harmony, in which the brethren heartily enjoyed themselves with song and sentiment, the lodge was re-transferred, and closed in due and proper form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union (No. 332).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 1st inst. The meeting was remarkably well attended. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, presided, and was supported by D. McKirdy, S.W.; W. Murray (acting) J.W.; R. Mitchell, P.M.; J. Balfour, P.M.; J. Laird, Treas.; John McInnes, Sec.; and other office-bearers. Among the visiting brethren we observed Bros. J. Gilles, P.M. 103; Robt. Kerr, D.M. 524; J. McInnes, S.W. 408; J. Bihland, J.W. 408; C. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; P. Brownlee, 34; J. Gray, I.G. 103; James Crabbe, 27, &c. The Secretary, having been called to read the minutes of the previous meeting, they were found correct and confirmed. The R.W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the fact that this was the night fixed for the nomination of office-bearers for the current year, and those brethren who had not paid the test fees would have an opportunity of doing so before the nomination commenced. An application was read from Mr. John Gray (iron moulder), aged 24. His proposer and seconder were Bros. D. McKirdy, S.W., and John McInnes, Sec. The proposal was agreed to, and he received the First Degree in Masonry, Bro. McKirdy, S.W., officiating in capital style. The other business before the lodge was passing and raising, but, as the nomination of office-bearers was fixed for that night, the passing was dispensed with and the lodge raised to the Sublime Degree, when Bro. Thos. McGhee and also a brother from the Union and Crown Lodge were put in possession of that degree. Thereafter the nomination was proceeded with, and the following was the result: R.W.M., Bro. McKirdy; D.M., Bro. Robert Mitchell; G.M., Bro. Dempster and Bro. Johnston; S.W., J. McInnes and Wm. Miller; J.W., H. Apperson; P.G.S., Wm. Miller and Alex. McNair; Treas., John Laird; Sec., J. H. Gill; S.W., J. Mitchell and J. Findlay; J.D., J. Findlay and J. Mitchell; S.S., Wm. Goudie; J.S., W. G. Burns; Chaplain, D. Robertson; B.B., J. Burns; Architect, D. Mitchell; D.C., Thos. McGhee; Standard Bearer, J. Stalker; S.B., W. Laird; I.G., vacant; Jeweller, L. Rombach; Tyler, D. Ramsey. Bro. Murray, on behalf of Lodge Benevolent Committee, intimated that the P.G. Benevolent Committee had given a grant to the widow of our late Bro. Dowie in addition to their own lodge grant. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, 3rd inst., Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., in

the chair; Bros. A. B. Ferguson, S.W.; John Harley, J.W.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; D. T. Colquhoun, Treas.; Wm. R. Dunn, Sec. The lodge was opened on the E.A. Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of last regular meeting and committee meeting. The nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, when the following brethren were duly nominated, viz., James Shaw, R.W.M.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; W. H. Caldwell, S.M.; A. B. Ferguson, S.W.; John Harley, J.W.; D. T. Colquhoun, Treas.; R. A. McLean, Sec.; D. Leitch, S.D.; James Harley, J.D.; John Shaw, S.S.; C. McKenzie, Jeweller; James Douglas, Bible Bearer; John Allison, Standard Bearer; James Coutts, Director of Music; C. More, Director of Ceremonies; William Dickie, Banner Bearer; James Poole, Inner Guard; and James Minnoch, Tyler. The R.W.M. then read an application from Mr. George Anderson, who was admitted, and received the First or E.A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Shaw, R.W.M. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—The regular meeting of this most prosperous and well regulated lodge was held in their hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 5th inst., the business of the evening being the election and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year. Bro. John Davidson, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., who was attending a special meeting called by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, at 8 p.m. that evening, occupied the chair, supported by Bro. Dr. A. Morton, I.P.M.; Julius Brode, P.M.; W. H. Dingley, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Wm. Finlay, Treas.; W. H. Bickerton, ("Freemason"); and the other office-bearers. On this occasion there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. On account of the absence of Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., the business of election and installation of officers was put on the list of business for 9 o'clock p.m., and the lodge raised to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and afterwards to that of M.M.; immediately after the lodge being opened by Bro. Davidson. Bro. James Colquhoun was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. D. Lamb performing the ceremony in a most careful and impressive manner. On conclusion of this ceremony, the lodge was reduced to the Degree of E.A., when Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., entered, and occupied the seat vacated by Bro. John Davidson, as R.W.M. Bro. Monro, R.W.M., then called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of last regular meeting and special meeting, and also the names of those brethren who had been nominated for office. There being no objection, the minutes were passed and the brethren duly elected. The ceremony of installation was proceeded with in the usual and constitutional manner, Bro. Dr. A. Morton, I.P.M., installing the R.W.M., D.M., and S.M., in a most effective manner. These officers having taken their seats on the dais, the harmonium struck up with the grand march, the brethren marched in procession, signifying their subjection and obedience by the usual salutations. This part of the ceremony being concluded, the other office-bearers were then installed by Bro. John Monro, R.W.M. The ceremony now being over, the newly-installed Master thanked the presiding brother and the brethren present in an appropriate manner. The officers elected and installed were as follows:—Bros. John Monro, R.W.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; Wm. Finlay, S.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; T. Graham, J.W.; W. H. Bickerton, Jeweller; James Coupar, Chaplain; Wm. Keiller, S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; R. Brodie, D. of M.; A. Sloane, B.B.; James McCosh, D. of C.; H. Jamieson, I.G.; James Minnoch, O.G. The offices of Secretary and P. of Stewards was not filled. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clyde (No. 408).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 5th inst., in the Kilwinning Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, Bro. Wm. Harper, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. John McInnes, S.W.; Bro. W. Bihland, J.W. The R.W.M. was supported by P.M. Gordon, P.M. Buchanan, Alex. Bain (P.M. 103); D. Mitchell, Sec.; J. Stewart, Treas., &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The next business taken up was that of raising the fees for initiation to £3 3s. A very pleasant and animated conversation followed upon this proposal being made, Bros. the R.W.M. Gordon, P.M.; Downie, S.M.; Buchanan, P.M.; Stewart, Treas. (whose motion it was), and others expressing themselves freely and fully on the proposal. It was ultimately agreed that in future the fees of the lodge for initiation shall be £3 3s. The next business was that of the nomination of office-bearers for the coming year. The following is the result of the nominations:—R.W.M., Bro. W. Harper; S.M., Bros. Black and McInnes; S.W., Bros. Bihland and Crosbie; J.W., Bro. J. McKinnon; Treas., J. Stewart, Harkness, Jas. Hart and Wm. Anderson, jun.; Sec., Bro. Cross; Chaplain, Bro. Strathern; B.B., Bro. J. Buchanan; S.D., Bro. Williamson; J.D., Bro. Crosbie; Archt., Bro. Blackstock; Jewellers, Bros. Morton and Kelly; P.G. Stewards, Bros. Clair and McCall; S.S., Bro. Thomson; Std. Br. Bros. Archer and Waddell; I.G., Bros. Wallace and Collier; and O.G., Bro. Ramsay. The case of a brother who had lost all his effects through shipwreck was then taken up, with a view to assist him under his present difficulties, and satisfactorily disposed of. Mr. Edward Boyd (outfitter), who had been proposed and seconded by Bros. McCall and Downie as a fit candidate for Masonic honours, then received the E.A. degree. The lodge was then passed to the F.C., when Bro. Thos. Brown received that degree, Bro. Downie officiating. This being all the business, the lodge was closed.

GOVAN.—Lodge Govandale (No. 437).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., Bro. John McFarlan, R.W.M., in the

chair, supported by Bro. A. Campbell, P.M.; Bro. J. Meller, D.M.; Bro. Muir, S.W.; Bro. Ferguson, J.W. There was a very large turnout of the members of the lodge, and visiting brethren. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. James Gillies, P.M. 103, Glasgow; and W. Ferguson, 543, ("Freemason"). The lodge was opened on the E.A. degree, and the Sec. read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. A motion was then brought forward, which was taken at a regular meeting one month ago by Bro. James, to the effect that the initiation fee of this lodge be raised to £3 3s. An amendment was made by Bro. Campbell, P.M., that the fees remain in the meantime as before. After voting thereon the amendment was carried by a small majority. After the result being made known the same motion was again tabled to be brought up at a regular meeting to be held for that purpose. The lodge was then opened on the second or F.C. degree, when Bros. Haylett (of No. 437) and James McGuire (of Union and Crown) were admitted and passed to that degree; the last named brother having to leave Scotland in a few days, was thereafter, along with Bro. George King (437), raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, by Bro. McFarlane, R.W.M., in his usual and most impressive manner. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Andrew (No. 465).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Garngad-road, on the 4th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. David Reid, presided, and was supported by Bros. Jas. McLish, S.M.; Morton, S.W.; G. B. Davidson, J.W.; Robert Donaldson, Treas.; Wm. Campbell, Sec., and other office-bearers. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Wm. Bihland, J.W. 408; J. Fisher, 28; Martin Hallady, 31; and others. The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Letters of demit were granted to Bros. John Hinshelwood and Joseph Bradburn, both members of the lodge, who are about to proceed abroad. There were two candidates waiting for initiation, viz., Richard Blair, proposed by Bro. Hinshelwood, seconded by Bro. Donald; Walter Davidson, proposed by Bro. Ramsay, seconded by Bro. Fisher. They were prepared, and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. Reid, R.W.M., officiating in his usual complete and satisfactory style. It was then intimated that the nomination of office-bearers for the next year would take place at the next regular meeting. This being the night set apart by the lodge for harmony, no further business was gone into. The brethren having spent some time in pleasant and enjoyable harmony, the lodge was duly closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clydesdale (No. 556).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 1st inst., in the Masonic Hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S. Bro. William Phillips, R.W.M., presiding; Bro. J. B. McNaught, S.W.; Bro. J. Howie, J.W. There were also present Bros. Thomas Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; John McKechnie, Treas.; Hugh Weir, J.D.; Thos. Phillips, B.B.; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; W. Ferguson, 543, ("Freemason"); G.C.A. McNaught, I.P.M. 275; P. Hepburn, J.W. 178; J. Millar, P.M. 87; David Ronald, S.W. 275; John Paterson, S.M. 275; John Nagle, S.S., 441; Ebenezer Ferguson, 34; James Couper, 34; Archd. Baird, 178; James Watt, jun., 219; Hugh Reid, 116; William Robertson, 219; Francis Dow, 219; George Lyall, 219; John Dunlop, 157; Thomas Stevenson, 290; Peter Paterson, 76; William Wright, 116; William Findlay, 275; James, 275; and a large number of members of the lodge, and other visiting brethren. The lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree, and the Secretary read minutes of the last regular meeting, which were confirmed. The nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and after going through the usual routine of business, Bros. Robert Paterson, William Wallace, and William Riddall, Entered Apprentices, were passed to the Square Degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., Commercial Lodge, No. 360, working the degree in a minute and careful manner. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. degree, and no further business being brought forward was closed in due and ancient form by the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at 3 o'clock. Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, R.W.M., took the chair, and was ably supported by Bros. H. W. Jackman, S.W.; Jas. Houston, D.M.; Wm. Barbour, Treas.; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360, acting J.W.; John Fraser, P.M. 87; J. Booth, S.W. 87. Among the visiting brethren present we noticed Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. 556; John Miller, P.M. 87; John Wilson, 34; D. Couper, 34; G. W. Wheeler, E. B. Adams, 360, ("Freemason"), and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The R.W.M. then reminded the brethren that at this time of the year it was necessary to elect office-bearers for the coming year, but as this was their first year he was not quite sure whether that was necessary or not, but would be glad to hear the opinions of any of the brethren present on this point. Bro. John Fraser said that the present office-bearers were appointed to act till the lodge was consecrated; the lodge had only been three months in existence, and it would be most advisable that the present office-bearers should continue in office, going through the form of nomination and election to keep them in conformity with Grand Lodge laws. Bro. Miller supported Bro. Fraser in this idea, and it was therefore agreed that the nomination should take place at the next regular meeting of the lodge. The lodge was then raised to the F.C. Degree, and a brother waiting for that degree was entrusted with it, Bro. Booth officiating. Thereafter the lodge was closed.

[The following unavoidably stand over:—Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumfries. Dedication of a Masonic Hall in Glasgow. Lodges 102, 174, 219, 333, 360, 441, 510, 541, 543; R.A. Chapters 50, 144.]

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Bro. W.S. (Gibraltar) is thanked for his interesting report. Shall be glad to receive further favours from him.

The following communications stand over:—

"Joining Members;" "The Mark Degree."

Reports of Lodges 281, 1328, 1509, 1549; Chapters 41, E.C.; 157, S.C.; Mark Lodges 9, 65.

Prov. Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire—too late for this week—in our next.

The report of the General Board to the Grand Mark Lodge on the 30th ult. will appear in our next impression. Consecration of the Ellington Lodge, No. 1556.

Several Reports of Scotch Lodges, noticed under that heading, stand over.

BOOK RECEIVED.

Bro. C. Van Dalen, Kalendar for Freimaurer for 1876, Leipzig, Findel.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

Our Royal Grand Master has been at Bombay and Bareilly since our last, and has also visited Poonah, and many other places of interest. We give the "Times" telegrams up to 2.43 a.m. 17th inst:—The Prince has spent a quiet day. There was a display of presents in the forenoon, and later he witnessed the performance of conjurors and snake charmers, and received the Akha Khan, said to be a descendant of the Old Man of the Mountains, who expressed great delight at seeing the descendant of Edward of England. At 4.30 the Prince drove in state to the Secretariat, and mounted to the Esplanade. There were immense crowds collected to see him, including many native Chiefs and Europeans. He subsequently presented colours to the 21st Regiment of Native Infantry or Marine Battalion. There were present on the parade the 3rd Hussars, and Queen's, 1st Bombay Lancers, Poonah Horse, troops of Artillery, Garrison Battery, and two Native Regiments. The Prince expressed the pleasure he felt in presenting colours to such a distinguished regiment, and in seeing native troops for the second time. He congratulated them on their soldier-like appearance and steadiness under arms. The Prince then begged Colonel Carnegie the favour of allowing him to take possession of the old colours of the regiment, which in two years would have completed a century, and said he would give them a place in his house. The march past was very good. The crowds evinced great loyalty by their cheers and behaviour. The Governor, after dinner to the Prince and suite, gave a grand ball, which was very successful and brilliant. The results of the Royal visit are described on all hands as being most extraordinary. The Native Press is exuberant in its expressions of gratification. The Poonah reception astonished even old Indians. The "Brahmin hotbed" was as loyal as any town in England. The Prince is in excellent health. Telegrams from Southern India are anxiously awaited, as the movements depend on them. Bro. Lord Charles Beresford is

perfectly well. The *Serapis* sails on Monday, and probably will visit Goa and call at Beypore. She will thence proceed to Colombo. The Prince will visit Ceylon, and go from Tuticorin to Madras. It is considered necessary to call at Madras. Captain Glyn takes the responsibility. The Prince will go thence to Calcutta. A banquet will be given on board the *Serapis* to the Government authorities.

GOOD NEWS FROM INDIA.

Very pleasant for all loyal Freemasons and, we may add, for all patriotic Englishmen, is the telegraphic intelligence from India. The progress of our Grand Master seems to be one of uninterrupted success in every respect, and if his reception at Bombay be an omen of his subsequent welcome at Calcutta and other portions of our great Indian dependency, we may fairly regard it as one long ovation of loyalty and devotion on the part of a happy, a progressing, and a well governed people. Nothing so much strikes us as this evidence of the real feelings of the Indian population, despite the sometimes vapid and childish jeremiades of journalists and politicians. The great mass of the toiling peoples of Hindostan are thoroughly loyal and perfectly contented. The British Government of India is alike honourable to the governors and beneficial to the governed. No longer at the mercy of each petty tyrant, no longer ground to the dust by unlicensed exaction and irresponsible authority, the natives are well aware that English laws are administered impartially, and that English justice secures to all a fair hearing, and equitable decisions. Hence the many millions of an industrious population under British rule pursue the "even tenour of their way" in peace and prosperity, "no one making them afraid," and with an ever present sense alike of the certainty of protection, and the power of appeal from temporary injustice or wrong. In our opinion, no greater history in the annals of any nation can be found than that of our Indian administration, no nobler page can be perused in the long chronology of mankind. Despite the hasty opinions of some, and the party-coloured assertions of more, the English dominion in Hindostan has been of untold blessing to humanity, an inexpressible gain to the weak, the suffering, and the oppressed. We say nothing here of that evidence of Anglo-Saxon courage, endurance, heroism, and loyalty, whether shown by man or woman, which the presence of the "Feringhee" has educated, and the lives and deaths of our compatriots have manifested. Indeed, when we come seriously to think of it, calmly and peacefully at home, the history of British India, always romantic, borders even upon the marvellous. In that "land of many millions," so many that their number is almost alarming, there has stood a little band of white men and white women, whom no dangers could daunt, and no difficulties could turn back. Onwards and forwards that little phalanx has gone, in loyal courage and unwearied devotion, perilling life, and enduring disease, without a murmur and without a fear. It has stood sometimes, a mere handful of men, against overwhelming masses, and won the victory; it has advanced on the deadly intrenchment and crowded camp, a thin red line, a thin green line; it has beaten back large armies with small detachments, and overpowering hosts with weak battalions. Hardly a town or village, a hill or plain, a jungle or a forest, but has been the scene of English courage and is the locale of a hero's grave. Sometimes all most alone, in a little station, sometimes far up the country, with no European near, our fellow-countrymen and fellow-countrywomen have maintained their country's prestige and attracted the admiration of the native population. And to-day, with the progress of education, with the improvement of social conditions, with the administration of just laws for all alike, there seems no limit, except what time itself must bring, to the advance of Hindostan in civilization, in order, in improvement, and in loyalty to the British Crown. Greatly, then, must we who "live at home at ease" rejoice to hear, through the wondrous instrumentality of the electric telegraph, of the journey of our Prince, and of his recent joyous reception in India, by every class

of the community. May each succeeding report continue to testify alike of his kindness, and geniality, and admirable qualities, and of the gratification and happiness of an exultant and well-disposed people. May a kind Providence be with him in his travels, and give him health and strength to complete his Royal progress and his historical tour, and may he be restored ere long to devoted hearts at home, who count the moments of his absence and long for his hourly return.

A PLEA AD MISERICORDIAM.

We do not often appeal to our kind correspondents, but we do so most emphatically to-day, and we trust that our plea for a little fraternal consideration will not be altogether made in vain. We are just now embarrassed by a great pressure on our columns, and by a sympathetic plethora of active correspondence, which seems to remind us of the words, "The cry is still they come." So great for the last few weeks have been the demands on our space, and the favours of ready friends, that we have had the greatest difficulty in finding room, whether for lucid report or interesting letter. And if our publisher, with his wonted energy, enables us to get over partly the almost insurmountable stumbling block at first of restricted pages and limited matter, our editorial responsibility is thereby not lessened, but increased. However difficult and abstruse Darwin's principle of "selection" may have been, ours is still more pressing and peculiar. Our main "impedimentum" has been what to leave out and what to insert, what to send up to the printer, what to make a "remanet" of. We almost wish at times that, like the young gentleman recorded in "Vanity Fair," we could make our decision, and announce our choice as clearly, as calmly and as decisively as he did. As an amusing illustration, we commend the story, very good in its way, to the notice and consideration of our many readers:—"A country gentleman had a small son who, having been early taken about to the stables and kennels and initiated into their secrets, had become quite a baby-expert in all matters pertaining thereto, and quite ready to give his opinion as to a horse or a litter of pups with as much serious certainty as though, instead of being a child, he were an old and hardened sportsman and fancier. The country gentleman had the good fortune to be presented with twin daughters by his wife, and the boy after his usual round among the animals, was taken to see these little creatures as they lay in their cradle. The child looked at them gravely, pulled their legs, pinched their arms, opened their eyelids, and, after a moment of reflection, pointing to one of the two, said, "Keep this one." Certainly, we greatly envy the facility of decision evidenced by, as a good friend of ours says, (and, we may observe, he is a married man) this "discerning little rascal." We are always saying to ourselves "keep this contribution, and get rid of the other." Yet, alas! such is the fallibility of human judgment, that in the opinion of one correspondent, at any rate, we have kept the wrong one, and rejected the right one. For, curiously enough, everybody thinks his contribution the contribution for the "Freemason;" and is apt to consider that it ought to go in; that the editor must be a very stupid fellow for not discerning its special merits, and that room ought to have been found for it, even if something else had been left out. We, then, must ask from all our many and kind, but sometimes a little impatient, friends, alike fraternal consideration and good-humoured allowance. We have to select that which appears most likely to instruct, inform, edify, amuse, to do most good to the Order locally and generally, and to advance at the same time both the welfare of Freemasonry and the interests of the "Freemason." Our task is often difficult, and our decision sometimes apparently capricious. But we would, we repeat, request our correspondents to believe that nothing but the insuperable difficulties of space or type can make us reject or keep back the overflowing reports and valuable correspondence of our many well-disposed contributors. We thank them one and all for many favours, we assure them very gratefully received,

and we trust that their past and present most liberal supply of the "pabulum mentis latomicae" may be an augury of their continued interest and kindly communications for the future.

FREEMASONRY AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM IN FRANCE.

Our attention has been called by a courteous correspondent to an able letter on this subject in the "Journal de Geneve," and which is dated Paris, October 8th. We have perused it with much attention, and we think it worthy of note in the "Freemason," as we are always anxious to keep our brethren "au courant," alike of the Masonic literature of the hour, as well as of the comments and criticisms of the profane, the scientific, the journalistic world of letters and opinions. Having very carefully considered the communication of the correspondent of the "Journal de Geneve," we wish to point out, where it is we agree and where it is we differ respectfully from him. We are very sorry that we cannot reproduce the article, as it is all too long for our crowded pages. But we will try and give its general bearing. In the first place, we venture to think that the writer, as foreign Masonic writers often do, overestimates the exact position of Freemasonry, and the actual conflict existing between it and the Roman Catholic Church. He would represent Freemasonry and Roman Catholicism as two hostile camps, the one, Freemasonry, representing liberalism, progress, and toleration; the other, Roman Catholicism, representing intolerance, retrogression, and persecution. This is the gist of the argument of a long letter, exceedingly well written, and very carefully elaborated. Now, though in the abstract the writer's position is correct enough, generally stated, and in the concrete also, "par vole du fait," as the lawyers say, Rome seems to be taking up the untenable and untoward position of unceasing denunciation of Freemasonry everywhere, yet it does not follow that because Rome does wrong Freemasonry should follow suit. We deny in toto that such is necessarily—and, above all, that such should be—the position of Freemasonry in the matter. To condemn Freemasonry to such a lifelong and sterile contest is to deprive it of any possible means of doing real good in the world. For because Rome is belligerent, aggressive, minatory, and condemnatory, it is not a case of sequitur that Freemasonry is to meet allocation by oration, anathema by protest, "coup par coup." In the first place, however abstractedly it may be true, that owing to a false position and false appreciation, alike of the facts of history and the needs of the hour, the Romish Curia is placing the body in a perpetual state of hostility to Freemasonry, it does not result from this as a logical consequence, that such is the true position of Rome, even on the question itself. Neither can it be safely affirmed by any one that because Rome does do so, Freemasonry is therefore to do so and so, in reprisal or return. Two blacks never can make one white, and though Rome does wrong, and is wrong, there is no further reason why Freemasonry should not be right and do right. We therefore do not agree with the position the able writer has assumed, that Freemasonry represents liberalism in this great contest. Freemasonry is liberal and tolerant, and peaceful and progressive enough; it advocates ever the liberty of thought, the cultivation of the reason, the sanctity of the individual conscience; but it does not advocate these principles in opposition to the Church of Rome or any other religious community, but simply because they have been, and are still, and ever will be its own leading principles of teaching and of action. Freemasonry is right in holding such great and solemn truths, truths most necessary for the safety and happiness, and peaceful progress of mankind, whether in a state or as individuals. But because Freemasonry thus asserts its own unceasing sympathy with and interest in the struggles of humanity, the triumphs of peace, and the welfare alike of the individual citizen and of the body politic, it does not intend nor wish to mix itself up with the lower struggles of party or to adopt the often debasing war cries of faction and a pseudo liberalism. All is not gold that glitters, and all is not

truly liberal that passes under the name. Like Madame Roland we can still often say to-day, "Oh Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!" We must demur, therefore, to the main argument, either that Freemasonry is simply in antagonism to the Romish Church, or that it represents liberalism, or is opposed to illiberalism, or that it is bound to wage a perpetual warfare with the Church of Rome. Freemasonry has nothing to do with the Church of Rome, quâ the Church of Rome, or any other religious denomination, and only comes into contact or collision with it, when that religious body goes out of its way to attack or anathematize a peaceful, loyal, benevolent, and religious association. Freemasonry has nothing either to do with political contests or party cares. It upholds liberty in its fullest sense, but it utterly ignores the manifestoes of a so-called liberalism, about which it knows nothing, and which, though it assumes loudly enough the name of liberty, has after all but little to do with it, and may only be but another name for revolution. Freemasonry, amid many changes, is still unchanging, and will ever be found ready on its own peaceful and unpolitical principles to advocate liberty, toleration, and freedom of conscience in the clearest measure, and to the fullest extent.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Our readers, like ourselves, will have perused the last report of the Boys' School General Committee with much interest and approval. By it we learn that a special Committee, consisting of Bros. Col. Ridgway, Dwarber, Dicketts, Diaper, and Motion, has been appointed "to investigate the management and accounts of this institution, and report thereon to this Committee," and also "to report specifically on the charge on page 29 of the pamphlet now produced, as to whether there is any ground for the charges brought by Bro. Tew and Bro. Perrott, that £141 15s., or any part thereof, is not accounted for, as stated in the pamphlet." We note that a professional accountant is to be called in by the Committee to assist them in the investigation of the accounts, and we think that this unanimous decision of the General Committee will afford the greatest satisfaction to the Craft. We are of opinion that the matter being now "sub judice," all correspondence should cease on the subject until the Committee has made its report, and we also feel that we shall be acting most fully in the spirit of Freemasonry and the interest of the Boys' School if we announce to-day, that after this issue we consider the discussion closed until then, and that we shall admit no more letters on the subject in the interim. We venture also to add that we feel there is a good deal of force in our worthy Bro. Sutcliffe's remarks, which he has incorporated in an advertisement, page 516, of our last issue, and with him we deeply regret that so many unseemly personalities have been so ostentatiously obtruded on the notice of the Craft. But then, as Bro. Sutcliffe well knows, and our readers are also aware, in all these conflicts of human opinion and interest, it always is characteristic of weakness and want of ballast, to be alike hasty in judgment and personal in incrimination. We cannot, as Freemasons, but sincerely deplore that on ex parte statements, and on ex parte statements alone, any Masonic body, or member of our tolerant Order, should hastily assume the truth of ill-digested charges and partizan inculpations. We quite agree with Bro. Sutcliffe that the proper course would have been to go to the House Committee, not to the public press, to make a statement calmly to that body, and not openly and violently attack Bro. Binckes. We are very glad to see that Bro. Col. Ridgway's views as regards the real position, whether of Lodges, of Provincial Grand Lodges, or of Grand Lodge, itself, as regards the educational charities constitutionally, are entirely identical with our own. We await the report of the special Committee, with the fullest assurance of its impartiality and justice.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

By the report of the last monthly meeting a resolution has been arrived at, which is as

follows:—"Every Steward at the anniversary festivals who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than £50, in addition to his own donation, shall receive two additional votes at each election, and two further extra votes for every additional sum of not less than £50." By this resolution it will be seen, if a brother takes in on his list £50 in addition to his own donation, he will receive two additional votes at each election, and also two further additional votes for every additional sum of not less than £50. As the matter has got to come before Grand Lodge, we say nothing more in the interim, except that we fully agree with everything that our excellent Bro. John Symonds said so well on the subject, and that we deem the alteration a needful and salutary one in every respect.

OUR KIND CRITIC.

We had not intended to allude any more to the Boys' School, until the Committee had reported, as we said in a previous article, but a letter of the Rev. Bro. Perrott's requires a few words of remark. We had called attention to a great Masonic "laches" on his part and his confrere, in persistently calling Bro. Binckes "Mr. Binckes," which we deemed alike unmasonic and improper. We still think so. Bro. Perrott accepts our correction as to the titular description, though without any proper expression of regret at so unmasonic an offence against good taste, and common propriety, but sends us a "Tu quoque." At school in our days a "Tu quoque" was always visited with condign punishment. We do not see its force of application here. Albi Dies was an editorial oversight; Albi Dies, as the old line says, "sole dies referente siccos," and as Faccioliati tells us that Dies is masculine and feminine in singular, masculine "tantum," in the plural: We do not ourselves, from this little specimen of Bro. Perrott's customary style of writing, profess to have any doubt as to where, in the late "fracas" in the school, to use a familiar expression, "the shoe pinched."

Original Correspondence.

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

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am desirous to anticipate the shout of exultation which I fancy I can hear over the statement of accounts as published in your number of last Saturday when compared with that given in a previous number.

The latter I had prepared for me, and I was not satisfied with it, especially as regards the discrepancy of £3, but anxious to let your readers know that the expenditure could and should be accounted for, I sent it for publication. Subsequently, I went carefully into the figures myself, and happily arrived at a result equally accurate as satisfactory. That has been submitted to the "Special Committee," appointed at the last meeting of the General Committee, whose report thereon will be laid before the next meeting on Saturday, 4th December. My opponents are welcome to any capital they may make out of this.

May it not be regarded as a fortunate coincidence that simultaneously with this organised attack upon the management of our Institution there should be presented to the General Committee the most favourable report by the Audit Committee ever presented since the sale of our funded property in 1864? We now stand before the Craft with the largest number of boys we have ever had (177, as compared with 80 in 1865—ten years since), better fed, better clothed, and, I hope I may now say, better educated than they have ever been; the original building and its additions paid for; no debts, with the exception of two or three small unadjusted balances waiting the architect's examination and certificate; and, at last, the commencement of invested capital by the purchase of £2000 Consols, carrying over a good balance to meet current expenditure. Surely, a management which has effected thus much is deserving, at least, of indulgent consideration, if not entitled to unqualified approval.

Neither on behalf of the Committee, nor myself, nor of others connected in the administration of the affairs of the Institution, do I make any mere "ad captandum" appeal. We do not fear the strictures of heated partisans, our reliance being on the wisdom, justice, and impartiality of those who delegated to us the discharge of our respective functions.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDERICK BINCKES.
London, 15th Nov., 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I again request the favour of space in your columns for a few remarks on the account said to be submitted to the Special Committee of the Boys' School.

I read on the title page of the Report for 1874 the following words:—"Statement of receipts and expenditure: Report of the House Committee for the year ending December 31st, 1874." I ask, then, why is the sum of £30, paid this year, introduced into the accounts for the last three years. It is impossible to admit this, and therefore, instead of £287 15s to be accounted for, there is a sum of £317 15s. for "grants and outfits" alone; add to this £19 15s. for gratuities (should be, however, £31, see Reports for 1872, 1873, and 1874) and erroneous charge for silver medal, and we have £337 10s., less five shillings, "clerical error," £337 5s. Now, this is £23 too much, for the total in the three Reports is, as given in page 29 of last pamphlet, £314 5s. Again, I observe that in the last three issues of your journal three different amounts have been assigned to the year 1871, viz., £55, £45, and finally, £72 15s. The same may be said for 1874. Why, again, are the pages 41 and 42 from Report for 1871 brought forward, when we are dealing with Reports for 1872, 1873, and 1874? The deduction of £15, thus brought forward, would not make matters straight, whilst only £19 15s. of the £31, said to be given as "gratuities" and not for grants and outfits, are reckoned in the statement. I will only observe, that our calculations in the pamphlet are based on the different statements in the Reports, which are, or ought to be, the reliable records for the years they represent.

I acknowledge your correction of our titular description—"Mr."—of the Secretary, and, as a "tu quoque," will you allow me to suggest a correction of the superscription of one of your leaders of last week? I think the heading should have been "Albi Dies," not "Albæ Dies," as "Dies" is always masculine in the plural, though both masculine and feminine in the singular, according to the sense.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
O. G. D. PERROTT.
Eastfield Villa, Hanwell, Nov. 15th, 1875.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIEST.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am writing now from memory, and do not think it will be necessary for me to look up authorities, as I feel sure your indefatigable correspondent, the "Masonic Student," must have written his letter hastily and without examination, as I believe that he himself gave me the first evidence that the York Masons practised this degree in a mention both of the ritual and of the first draft of a warrant. The degree sometimes went by the name of "The Band." However, if he will refer to Godfrey Higgins's "Anacalypsis," he will find that Bro. Higgins got information of this degree from Bro. Blanchard, the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of York, and that he attempts to trace it up to a most remote antiquity. There is, I think, no doubt of the perfect accuracy of my statement, that the York Masons practised the Three Degrees of Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and Knight Templar Priest; and that in each of these sections the presiding officer, in the most ancient rituals, was a High Priest. In the absence of positive proof, there is really strong ground for belief that the three grades were a Rosicrucian concoction of pre-1717 speculative Masons.

The degree of Templar Priest was practised in the York Encampment of Manchester, and was supposed to confer power to preside in absence of the E. Commander. It was ruled by seven pillars and a High Priest, and the candidate went seven times round and answered seven questions. In my estimation it is the most beautiful ceremony in all Masonry. The altar has upon it a book with seven seals.

Yours fraternally,
[We have necessarily left out a portion of the letter.—Ed.]
JOHN YARKER.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your edition of the 30th ult. contains the account of a recent meeting of the "Alexandra Palace Lodge," wherein you inform your readers that in the absence of the W.M. the S.W. took the chair, and performed the duties of the evening, which included initiating a candidate and afterwards presiding at the banquet. Now, I have always understood it is quite contrary to Masonic law for the S.W. to act as W.M., and perform the ceremonies of either of the Craft degrees in open lodge on regular lodge nights. In this province (in the absence of the W.M.) the chair is taken by a P.M. Will you kindly state in your next edition the strict "Masonic law" on this point, as I am anxious to know really what is correct.

Yours fraternally,
MASTER MASON,
Bristol.

[We agree with the writer.—Ed.]

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very much obliged to the W.M. of Lodge No. 73 for his letter upon the subject of Masonic Jewels which appeared in your paper last week, and shall thereupon "wear the jewel" in my lodge, and if I meet with any interference as to my so doing I shall immediately appeal, as he suggests, and place myself in communication with him upon the subject, and for the assistance he kindly offers, should occasion require it.

I may mention I have since seen a very old Mason upon the subject, and he informs me that the "five-pointed star" is a proper Third Degree M.M.'s jewel, that he wears it

himself, and it ought to be worn by all the M.M.'s, and the reason they do not do so is because they do not know anything about it, and are ignorant of the fact that they are entitled to wear it, the jewel to a certain extent having fallen into abeyance, more especially in the London lodges.

I remain, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

AN ENQUIRING M.M.

THE MASONIC CLUB.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should be glad if you could give me some information regarding the "Masonic Club," the prospectus of which has been advertised in your columns for several months past. I have not even heard whether my name has been accepted as a member, albeit it was submitted to the committee more than four months ago, though I have good reason to hope it will not be rejected. Surely considerable progress has been made in the matter, for there can be little doubt that so admirable a project as a Masonic Rendezvous has met with sufficient support from the Craft in general as to warrant the speedy establishment of the club. Any information that you can afford, as to the locus of the proposed club, and when it will be opened, will be gratefully received by all, and especially by

Yours fraternally,

W.M.

FREEMASONRY IN ST. PETERSBURG.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Can any brother inform me whether there is an English Lodge at St. Petersburg, and if so, who are the principal officers?"

Yours fraternally,

G. C.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A friend and brother wished me to write to you to see if you can inform him on a certain point. He joined the Hamatt Lodge, East Boston, America, in 1868. Since then he has lost his certificate. What I want to ask you is, can you give me the number of the Hamatt Lodge, and also, to whom can he apply for another certificate.

Yours fraternally,

A. VINALL.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have omitted the words "per week" in my letter on your article "Recent Provincial Grand Lodges." The sentence should read "on the first occasion I proved from statistics extending over the previous five years, that less than twopence-halfpenny per member per week would have been sufficient to meet all the claims made upon West Yorkshire during that time."

Yours fraternally,

S. O. BAILEY.

P.P.G.S. of W., West Yorkshire.

BRO. NORTON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I deeply regret the advertisement you so kindly inserted a few weeks ago has not had the desired effect.

Surely the brethren do not know one of the Craft is sinking into imbecility for want of a little brotherly aid. Two years ago I was pronounced incurable, and admitted a candidate for the "Home." For upwards of five years I have been helpless, twelve months of which I have passed in three hospitals. My system is now throwing off the disease, and a few weeks stay at Bath and a course of Turkish baths would regain me the use of my legs.

I gave reference in advertisements, and some consideration I earnestly crave.

I am fraternally yours,

B. S. NORTON.

Tettenhall, Wolverhampton.

Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

CHEVALIER RAMSAY AND FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Jacob Norton has written me to know if there still exists "Appologetical and Historical Account of the Secrets of Freemasonry," which is alluded to in the "Gentleman's Magazine" of 1739, and which Ramsay says was published by Odonoke, Dublin. Also reprinted in Paris, the latter being burnt by order of the Inquisition at Rome.

Did Ramsay visit Ireland in 1739, Bro. Norton also wishes to know.

I have never seen the work in question, but on reference to Dr. Kloss's "Bibliographie du Freimaurerei," I find it given under No. 251, page 22, as "Relation apologetique et historique de la société des F.M., par J.G.D.M.F. M., Dublin, chez Patrice Odonoke, 1738, 8vo., pp. 92."

It was then, by the Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. M. F. M. The sentence, according to another notice by Dr. Kloss, appears to have been promulgated by authority of the "Sacra congregatio Inquisitionum," on the 18th February, 1739.

I have not time just now to further investigate the matter, but it is certainly worth while to trace the whereabouts of this work, and to discover whether any copies exist either in Dublin or in the British Museum, London.

W. J. HUGHES.

WIPE YOUR FEET.—The best Coco Nut Mats and Matting are made by Treloar & Sons, 69, Ludgate Hill.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELLIOT LODGE (No. 1567).

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Col. Burdett thanked the lodge, and trusted that he and his brethren would frequently have an opportunity of witnessing the success of the lodge. The S.W. proposed, and the J.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Little for consecrating the lodge, and another vote of thanks to Bros. Holden, Hervey, Cottebrune, and White, for assisting. Both these votes were carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a beautiful banquet supplied by Bro. Harris, of the Railway Hotel, Feltham, whom Bro. Stone, of the Ship, at Hallsford, with a true brotherly feeling, came over to assist. When the banquet was concluded the toasts were proposed in due order. Brother John Hervey, G.S., responded for "The Grand Officers." It had given the Grand Officers who were present much pleasure to witness the consecration of the Elliot Lodge, and the ceremony carried out so well. He was quite satisfied that he expressed the feelings of the Grand Officers when he said that to see the ceremonies properly performed was a great gratification. When they were performed by his good friend on his right (Bro. Little) they all knew that they would be well performed, and could look forward to their being carried out in the most, if he might use the term, rigid manner. They had been so performed, and Bro. Holden, and those who assisted, had also added greatly to the performance by the part they so ably took. If the Prince of Wales had been present he must have been gratified. It seldom fell to his (Bro. Hervey's) lot to return thanks for the Grand Officers; but as the opportunity now occurred, he might say that the Prince of Wales himself would have congratulated the W.M. on this lodge having been brought into existence under such favourable circumstances, and on Bro. Mason being placed in the chair of such a lodge. For himself he could say he was very much gratified at the manner in which the lodge had been constituted, and also on its having such a Master and Wardens. Bro. Little proposed "The W.M.," a toast which he said was acceptable not only to the founders and members of the lodge, but to those who had the honour and pleasure of participating in the ceremonies of the day. It was always a pleasure to Masons, whether young or old, to see a new lodge springing up in any particular neighbourhood, and it was a peculiar gratification to those who were more immediately connected with Middlesex to find a lodge founded on what was, as far as Masonry was concerned, virgin ground. The gratification was increased when they knew that the Grand Master had entrusted the carrying out of the important duties and responsibilities which attached to the Master of a lodge, but which were peculiarly the duties and responsibilities of the first Master, to such a well-known and excellent brother as Bro. John Mason. He was pleased to congratulate the W.M. upon the inauguration and consecration of this lodge. He might also tell those not acquainted with the fact, that the W.M. had been a Mason for a considerable number of years, and that brought him to a point which he was anxious to place before the brethren in as strong a light as he could. Their W.M. had been for a long time, and was still, a member of the Lodge of Harmony at Fareham; and it must be most gratifying to them all to know that the members of that lodge in which he first saw the light of Masonry, and of which he was now a member, could not allow the present occasion to pass without recording their satisfaction by congratulating him on his being placed in the chair. With the permission of the W.M., he would read a letter which he had received:—"Lodge of Harmony, 309, Nov. 6, 1875.—Dear Sir and Brother,—It having become known to the members of his mother lodge that our Brother Mason was about to be installed W.M. of a new lodge, it was at once decided to present him with a vote of congratulation on that occasion, and I have to request you, on their behalf, to make the presentation. It was my intention and earnest desire to have been present to-day and made the presentation to so worthy a member of their lodge, but I am unfortunately prevented by an important busi-

ness engagement. I can only wish Bro. Mason a prosperous year of office, with fraternal regards. I am, very faithfully, E. G. Holbrook, P.M., and Sec. 309. To the Installing Master, Elliot Lodge, 1567." In pursuance of the duty which devolved upon him, he (Bro. Little) had now to present the W.M. with a testimony of the estimation in which he was held by his mother lodge, and, addressing himself to Masons, he was perfectly convinced that no better testimony to his worth could be presented. Thirteen or fourteen years ago the brethren knew him as a young Mason, when he had not the experience he had now; but now he was a Mason of ripe experience, and it was with great pleasure he announced to the W.M. that he had to present the following testimonial:—"At a meeting of the Lodge of Harmony, 309, held at Fareham, Hants, on Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1875, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Edmonds, seconded by Bro. Whale, S.W., that an address of congratulation be sent from this lodge to Bro. John Mason, one of its oldest subscribing members, on the occasion of his installation as W.M. of the Elliot Lodge, 1567.—Edward George Holbrook, P.M. and Sec., 309." (Cheers.) (This testimonial was handsomely written on vellum, and framed and glazed.) Bro. Little concluded by wishing Bro. Mason long life and prosperity, and coupled with this, "Success to the lodge." The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said it was with feelings of great gratification that he rose to respond to this toast. It was but a very short time ago that he had almost given up all thoughts of even aspiring to the office of Master. He had belonged to Masonry many years, and had had so many disappointments, though belonging and sticking to many lodges, that he had resolved almost to be a lay member. He had to thank many brethren present for his advancement, and he also thanked the company for drinking his health. He could not express the gratification he felt, or his warm thanks for the cordial greeting he had met with, and for the testimonial from his mother lodge. He hoped this would be handed down from generation to generation in his family. He had the honour to date Freemasonry in his family for three generations, and he trusted that not only three but thirty generations would be able to call this day blessed. It had given him a fresh stimulus in Masonry, and nothing that he could now do would be considered too much. He should always consider it his uniform duty to act as a true and faithful husband to Masonry, also a true and faithful son; and he should consider himself a husband to this new lodge. (A voice—Father.) Father, they might say, but he had not yet any children in the lodge, this being but the wedding day. (Laughter.) His mother lodge, to which he had belonged for such a number of years, that he was now the third oldest in the lodge books, he must ever consider as his mother lodge. To that mother he owed due allegiance. He did not say it boastfully, that he did not do as some young Masons did, if they saw a chance of getting into office, left their old mother; but he stuck to her, and if she wanted any assistance he was ready to give it. He could now go down and assist the brethren in their ceremonies; and he would have an opportunity then of thanking the brethren for this testimonial. Speaking of the Elliot Lodge, however, he must look to that; that was his own vineyard; and in Feltham they must work. It was not a very lively place in winter; but summer was the time they intended to hold the lodge, and the brethren instead of stopping in town could go to Feltham and enjoy some beautiful scenery. (Cheers.) The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating and Installing Officer." To this toast Bro. Little responded, but he would not dissociate himself from the brethren who had assisted him. They could not forget that they had inaugurated a new lodge, and when they looked back on the past they could not help thinking what Middlesex Masonry was fourteen or fifteen years ago. At that time he was himself initiated in Middlesex, and there were then but three lodges in the Province. They were like Mahomet's coffin, they were not in London, and though in Middlesex, it was not a Province, and they had no Provincial Grand Master. At present there were 21 lodges in

Middlesex, which was now a Province, and there was a petition before the Grand Master for a 22nd lodge. Middlesex would then be one of the first Provinces in the kingdom. Numerically the Province could not compete with Provinces like Yorkshire and Lancashire, but it was gigantic nevertheless, and it was a strong supporter of the charities.

In the course of the evening "The Prov. G. Masters' and Grand Officers' Health" was proposed and drunk, and Col. Burdett replied, stating how much he was pleased with this province, and what excellent officers he had. He was astonished to find that so good and able a brother as the W.M. had not before this occupied the W.M. chair, although he had been a long time member of a lodge, in consequence of having moved with the world. A similar circumstance happened to him (Colonel Burdett.) He was about the world; soldiers were seldom at one place more than a year or two. He, however, took on one occasion advantage of an opportunity offered him of being Master of a lodge, and afterwards he was placed in a higher position. So it was with the W.M. Having attained that position, he was entitled to hope for a higher. Not only had he deserved the brethren's estimation, but he (Col. Burdett) found from his working that evening, that he thoroughly deserved the position he held. He had also instituted a Lodge of Instruction. (Cheers.)

Bro. Little announced that the W.M. had offered himself as the first Steward of the lodge for the Girls' School. (Applause.)

In returning thanks for "The Visitors," Bro. Tndor Trevor said: Worshipful Master, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren of Lodge Elliot,—I shall not attempt to respond for that great body of visiting brethren present this evening, whose names are far better known to fame than that of a foreign and humble Mason like myself, but before I return thanks for the honour you have done the Grand Lodge of Hindostan, which hails under the banner of Scotland, allow me, as the Worshipful Master of a lodge under the English Constitution, to acknowledge the deep obligation you, Worshipful Sir, and brethren of Lodge Elliott have laid me under, not only for the profuse hospitality I have had the good fortune to receive at your hands this evening, but also for the most unexpected and gratifying opportunity you have afforded me of making the acquaintance, for the first time, of so many brethren illustrious in the Craft, and, notably, of a brother, the fame of whose name is simply world-wide. I mean Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, for it is almost the first name in the Craft the newly-initiated Mason learns to revere, since he finds it inscribed in the copy of the Constitutions presented to him on first admission into our ancient brotherhood. Referring also, for a moment, to another matter relating to the English Constitution, let me say, both as an encouragement to young Masons, and in allusion to the remarks made by the W.M. on his attainment this evening of a distinction he has aspired to for so many years, that I have at this moment the proud honour of being the W.M. of the lodge in which I first saw eight, only a little more than three years ago. It may further interest you, Worshipful Sir, to know that Masonry flourishes to a great extent in our Indian empire, and particularly in Bombay, where I think we have at least fourteen different Masonic bodies meeting regularly in the English Masonic Hall. Addressing myself now to the compliment you have paid the Grand Lodge of all Hindostan, in which I have the high honour of holding the post of Grand Bible Bearer, it may not be known to the brethren present that it was only constituted as an independent Grand Lodge, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the early part of the present year, having existed previously only as a Provincial Grand Lodge. Much then as I prize the Grand honours I hold under Scotland, I cannot forget, and it gives me especial pleasure on the present occasion, when I have for the first time witnessed either the consecration of a lodge or the installation of a W.M., to remember that I am the W.M. of an English lodge. I thank you again, Worshipful Sir and brethren of Lodge Elliot, for the honour you have done me this eve-

ning as a visiting brother, and for connecting my name with the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in all India.

The W.M. in proposing, "The Health of the Officers," took occasion to remark that having the assistance of suitable officers as he had (both his Wardens being P.M.'s), he saw no reason why the Elliot Lodge should not in a short time stand at the top in the province.

The S.W. replied in a very neat speech on behalf of himself and the other officers, assuring the W.M. that nothing should be wanting on their parts to ensure success.

After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated, having spent a most pleasant evening, and those brethren who came from town returned in a saloon specially provided by the L. & S. W. Ry. Co., through the kindness of Mr Scott.

The music of the evening was performed by Brother Knight Smith, assisted by Brother Cattle.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1560, AT LEICESTER.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, when a large number of the Craft assembled at one o'clock. Amongst those present were the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl Ferrers, Bros. Kelly, Past Prov. G.M.; Rev. W. Langley, P.P. S.G.W., who acted as deputy Prov. G.M.; W. Beaumont Smith, P.P.S.G.W., as P.S.G.W.; Deane, P.P.J.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Secretary; M. McAllister, Prov. G.S.D.; J. B. Hall, P.G.A.D.C.; J. T. Thorp, P.G.A.D.C.; C. S. Preston, P.G.S.B.; T. A. Wykes, P.G. Org.; R. A. Barber, P.G.P.; C. E. Stretton, P.G.A.P.; T. Worthington, A. Sargeant and R. Dalgleish, Stewards; G. Toller, C. Morris, and T. W. Clarke, P.P.S.G.W.'s; Clement Stretton, P.P.J.G.W.; Revds. W. H. Robinson, J. F. Halford, and F. S. Cuyler, P.P.G. Chaplains; and a large number of other Past Provincial Grand Officers and brethren of the several lodges in the province. Amongst the visitors was Bro. J. Terry, Sec., Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Grand Lodge having been opened, the rolls of lodges and of Prov. Grand officers were called over and the minutes of the last general meeting read and confirmed. A very favourable report from the Committee of General Purposes, as to the satisfactory state of the Treasurer's accounts, the flourishing condition of Masonry in the province, and the increased interest shown by the brethren in the Masonic Charities, was submitted and by unanimous resolution adopted. The several recommendations contained in the report, as to the stated meetings of the Leicester Masonic Hall Committee, the appointment of a Charity Steward, the selection of a charity to be supported by the province during the ensuing year, and other matters, were ordered to be carried out.

Some other business having been disposed of, the constitution and dedication of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, was proceeded with; the Prov. Grand Master (who had been selected as the first W.M.) vacating his chair in favour of Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., the consecrating officer.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by the P.P.G.M. in the most able and impressive manner, and elicited the warmest expressions of approval from the brethren present. Bro. Kelly was ably supported by the other Prov. G. Officers, and the musical arrangements were admirably conducted and carried out by the Prov. G. Org., Bro. F. A. Wykes.

A very eloquent and masterly oration was delivered by the Senior Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Smith.

Bro. Kelly then installed the P.G.M. as first W.M. of the new lodge, and the officers having been appointed and installed, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Canon Burfield, S.W.; Dr. Hunt, J.W.; C. Stretton, Treas.; Rev. W. Langley, Sec.; J. G. F. Richardson, Asst. Sec;

Rev. F. H. Richardson, S.D.; J. F. L. Rolleston, J.D.; Dr. W. E. Buck, I.G. Several candidates for initiation at the next meeting were proposed, and a very large number of brethren as joining members. It was then proposed that, as a slight acknowledgment of their services on this occasion, Bros. Kelly and Rev. J. H. Smith be elected honorary members of the lodge, which being duly seconded, was carried with acclamation, and other business of the Craft Lodge having been disposed of, the Albert Edward Lodge was closed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed. Bro W. Beaumont Smith was re-elected as P.G. Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—

Rev. J. Halford	Prov. S.G.W.
J. C. Duncombe	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. J. H. Smith	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. Canon Burfield	Prov. G. Chaplain.
W. B. Smith	Prov. G. Treas.
C. C. Woodcock	Prov. G. Regr.
S. S. Partridge	Prov. G. Secy.
F. J. Baines	Prov. G.S.D.
T. Macaulay, M.D.	Prov. G.J.D.
R. Dalgleish	Prov. Sup. W.
J. B. Hall	Prov. G.D.C.
C.J.J. McBride	Prov. G.A.D.C.
H. James	Prov. G.S.B.
T. A. Wykes	Prov. G. Org.
J. W. Smith	Prov. G. Purst.
L. Riley	Prov. G.A.P.
T. Worthington	Prov. G.St.B.
C. Bembridge and T. Dunn	Prov. G. Tylers

S. Cleaver, A. C. Smith, W. Gough, J. Selby, J. Healey, and E. Mason were appointed Stewards.

Bro Kelly then proposed "That a sum of ten pounds be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the purchase of two Stewards' jewels, commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., for presentation to the Provincial Grand Stewards at the ceremony, viz., to Bros. Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W., and S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec." This proposition having been seconded by Bro. Duff, was carried with acclamation; and the Stewards were presented with the jewels by the P.G.M., for which suitable acknowledgment was made by them. It was decided to select the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their widows, for support in the province during the ensuing year; Bro. Stretton being appointed Steward, with a donation from P.G. Lodge funds. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was attended by the Mayor of Leicester, and about ninety brethren, under the presidency of Bro. Kelly, Past Provincial Grand Master, much disappointment being felt and expressed, at the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, and his Deputy, Bro. Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to, and one of the largest and most enjoyable Masonic gatherings held in this province was brought to a close at ten o'clock.

Great credit is due to the banquet stewards for their excellent catering, and the admirable arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the brethren; also to the Prov. G. Org., for the careful selection of the lodge music, and the songs delivered at the banquet.

CONSECRATION OF THE FORT LODGE No. 1528, AT NEWQUAY, CORNWALL.

For many years past the members of the Masonic fraternity residing in Newquay and the neighbourhood have been desirous of establishing a lodge in the town, for the purpose of making themselves more intimately acquainted with the mysteries of the Craft, but from various causes the matter was postponed until about a year ago, when the brethren determined that their town should no longer bear the stigma of being unrepresented in the Masonic roll of the province, and accordingly they forwarded a petition to the Provincial Grand Master (the Earl of Mount Edgcombe) for transmission to the Grand Master of England (the Prince of Wales), praying that they might be constituted into a lodge, to be named the "Fort," after the residence of

the first W.M. designate, who has taken a prominent part in the necessary preliminaries. A warrant was granted by Grand Lodge, and the "Fort" Lodge stands enrolled as No. 1528 in its archives. On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the lodge was consecrated by the P.G.M., and is now the twenty-sixth lodge in Cornwall.

The P.G.M. was assisted by his principal officers, except Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.S.W., whose absence on account of illness was much regretted, Bro. Captain Colville officiated in his stead. The P.G.M. offered up the prayers in the absence of the P.G. Chap., and also empowered the members of the lodge to exercise all their rights and privileges agreeably to the tenure of their charter and the ancient usages of the fraternity. An eloquent charge on the nature and objects of Masonry was delivered by the P.G.M. Masonry was, he said, thought by many people outside the Order a kind of religion of its own, which must be inconsistent with Christianity. He denied that it was so. They were free from religious controversy, simply because Masonry never attempted to trench upon the worship of God, but made its object solely to inculcate and enforce the command which formed part of all forms of Christian religion, to love one's neighbour as oneself. They should act honourably and unselfishly in their dealings with their fellow men, and in all relations of life; not from worldly motives, not merely because it benefitted them, but from the higher principle that they believed that in acting so they were doing what was a blessing to the Most High.

Bro. Wm. Edwards Michell was installed as the first W.M. by Bro. Colville, at the request of the P.G.M., and he appointed Bros. Thos. Gill Prout as S.W.; W. C. Martyn, J.W.; E. A. Bennett, Treas.; W. R. White, Sec.; B. Wellington, S.D.; and W. Bellamy, J.D.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN SAVAGE, P.G.D.

We deeply regret to have to announce to the Craft the decease of our well-known and very worthy Bro. John Savage. He has been so active a member of Grand Lodge for many years, that the absence of his familiar face will long be felt in that assembly. His many and excellent qualities endeared him to a large circle of friends, by whom he will be very sincerely mourned. We give the particulars of his death, and of his Masonic career.

Bro. John Savage was initiated in Lodge No. 12, on the 9th November, 1835, when he was 27 years of age. He afterwards joined the Egyptian Lodge, No. 29, now No. 27, on the 13th March, 1837, and became J.W. of this lodge in 1838. He joined the Athelstan, No. 19, on the 9th of January, 1839, and was W.M. thereof in 1841 and 1847. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason, in the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7, on the 24th January, 1837, and was Z. of the same chapter in 1843 and 1865. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of England by the late Earl of Zetland in 1859, and Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Chapter in the same year. He became a member of the Board of General Purposes in 1845, and was Vice-President in 1847. He was a member of Grand Chapter Committee, and a very active member of the Building Committee appointed to carry out the erection of the new buildings in Great Queen-street. He was also a Vice-President of the Annuity Fund of the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. His first signature as connected with the Benevolent Institution appears in the books of that Institution on the 28th October, 1847. He regularly attended the Lodge of Benevolence, and was at its last meeting, on October 20th. He also constantly attended the Board of General Purposes, and the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter. He was looked upon almost as the established Installing Master in the Egyptian Lodge, having installed all the Masters of that lodge, with the exception of Bro. H. G. Buss, for the last thirty years. He also frequently installed the Masters of the Royal Athelstan, No. 19. Three weeks ago, on the 26th October, he presided as M.E.Z. in Chapter No. 7, in

the place of Comp. Boord, M.P., and installed the H. of that chapter, besides exalting three candidates. Afterwards he took the chair at the banquet table, and was full of his accustomed health and spirits. Last week, however, he was taken ill, and he died on Saturday, the 13th, at his residence, Thornhill Square, Islington, aged 68. A seat of the Board of Works, and among the churchwardens of St. Mary, Islington, become vacant by his death.

The following letter was sent to the brethren of the Athelstan Lodge in reference to the funeral of Bro. Savage:—

"Nov. 16th, 1875.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I deeply regret to inform you of the death of our much esteemed Bro. John Savage, P.G.D. Eng., P.M. No. 19, &c., &c., which occurred on the 13th instant. The funeral is appointed to take place at Highgate Cemetery on Friday next, the 19th instant, at half-past one o'clock. In order to pay a last sad tribute of respect to departed merit, the Past Masters and members of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, will meet at the cemetery lodge gate at a quarter-past one o'clock. White neck-ties and white gloves will be worn on this occasion.

"I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally, "WITHAM M. BYWATER.

"5, Hanover Sq., W."

BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN.

Freemasonry in general, and West Yorkshire Freemasons in particular, have to deplore the loss of our worthy brother, James Franklin, of Halifax. We hope to give a sketch of his Masonic career in our next.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, AND THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

[The following appeared in our second edition of last week.]

The Special Committee appointed last Saturday to inquire into the allegations made against this institution in the pamphlet of Bros. Tew and Perrott, met yesterday at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Herbert Dicketts, Alfred H. Diaper, J. C. Dwarber, Motion, and Binckes attended. Bro. Binckes laid before the Special Committee the following account, explanatory of the charges concerning inaccurate figures in the accounts which had been published connected with the institution.

Total additions, page 37				50	5	0
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" 1874.....				5	0	0
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And amount charged				18	10	0
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"Duly accounted for".....				172	10	0
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Deductions as shewn above.....				19	15	0
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The committee examined the accounts, but the meeting was private, and the report of the committee will not be made until it is presented to the General Committee of the 4th prox.

Reviews.

"A CHANNEL STEAM FERRY." By HUGH A. EGERTON.—Folkard and Sons, London.

We have been deeply affected by this skilfully compiled pamphlet. We have seen some stormy passages across those "dividing waters" which sever "perfidious Albion from 'la belle France,'" the "brouillards de Tamise" from the "Boulevards de Paris;" we have witnessed the sufferings of heroic women and young swells, and of patient and desponding foreigners; and we do not deny that we are ourselves well aware what "mal du mer" really means. Hence, then, the proposal of a steam ferry to take us across, as they say, "in a jiffy" train and all, despite wind or fog, and "tumultuous billows heaving," is indeed a prospect fraught with soothing influences and joyful anticipations. To know that you may leave London at "early dawn, or in the dark shades of night," and go across the stormy Channel comfortably and calmly, is a very exhilarating look-out. To realize the fact that you may leave Pall Mall in the morning and be in the Rue de Rivoli in the evening, without leaving your train, which goes across with you, will, we think, lead to an invasion of the fair Parisian capital by an army of English "Goths and Vandals," who will monopolize all the cafés, fill all the theatres, swarm in all the hotels, and crowd all the Boulevards. Happy prospect for Parisians, happier still for some who like Paris at all seasons; and to whom "la Grande Ville" has ceaseless attractions, which time does not lessen, but rather augments. But we fear this is a dream of the future, like the "argosies with magic sails" of Tennyson. Still, nothing is impossible to this inventive age, and we must say this for Mr. Egerton, that whether his proposal is chimerical, or his plan moonshine, he has presented a very readable pamphlet to the great public, and one which we ourselves have received and perused with the greatest of interest and of pleasure. w.

THE PYTHAGOREAN TRIANGLE, by the late BRO. REV. G. OLIVER, D.D. London, Hogg, and Co., Paternoster Row.

We have perused this posthumous contribution of our lamented and learned brother to the science of numbers. Arithmancy, as some term it, is in itself an interesting, if somewhat abstruse subject, and one in which Dr. Oliver took much pleasure, and to which he seems to have devoted great attention. He has evidently been a careful reader of many treatises on the subject, and has collected together many curious facts, and recondite authorities. We think that the publication of the MS. is very proper, and will prove interesting to many readers, and admirers of the good old Doctor. At the same time we do not suppose, that beyond our own Order, the subject will be deemed now-a-days to possess much to interest or attract the more sensational tastes of the hour. With too many just now, thought is ever laborious, and study of course a bore. Men cannot afford time to stop and meditate, and think and decide for themselves, and so they cram themselves up for the conversation of the day, by second-hand reflections, and opinions ready made. We cannot therefore predicate for Dr. Oliver's Pythagorean Triangle, either a very large or critical circle of students. Still, as we said before, the subject is interesting in itself, and demands a careful consideration from all who like to dabble in the more abstruse points of Masonic antiquarian lore. Masonic writers have liked to believe that Pythagoras held that esoteric teaching, which seems to have come down to us, though the Egyptian mysteries, to have been coloured by Judaic influences and terminology, and to have been found in the oral ritual and tradition of the building societies of the East and of Europe successively. We therefore commend this posthumous publication of an old friend and distinguished Masonic litterateur, to the attention of our readers, and we thank Messrs. Hogg for this fresh addition to our Masonic literature, and this last contribution to Masonic Archaeology. w.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the lately mooted subject of enlarging the Girls' School, met yesterday in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Lieut.-Col. Creton, V.P., presided, and there were also present Bros. H. Browne, Benjamin Head, Colonel Peters, H. A. Dubois, Joshua Nunn, W. Paas, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, J. A. Rucker, Thomas W. White, Raynham W. Stewart, Thos. Massa, and R. Wentworth Little, (Secretary). Various plans and estimates were laid before the committee, but as the deliberations of the brethren are not yet ripe for publication, we reserve our report.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair of President; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. E. P. Albert, Assistant Grand Pursuivant, the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bro. H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Middlesex; and Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, also attended; and there were likewise present—Bros. John Boyd, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P.; Thomas Wright, G.P.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; W. T. Howe, Thomas J. Sabine, C. F. Hogard, John Bingemann, Wm. Stephens, W. J. Murlis, H. Garrod, Wm. Dodd, H. W. Hemsworth, Samuel May, H. M. Levy, Jas. Glaisher, W. Smith, C.E.; H. Bartlett, John Coutts, P.G.P.; N. B. Headon, H. C. Levander, W. Hilton, W. Ough, P.G.P.; W. H. Myers, W. Mann, W. Clifton Crick, C. W. Wise, John J. Wilson, Samuel Poynter, J. Chapman, F. Sumner Knyvet, Craven Cobham, Austin (Hertford), W. Carter, B. Swallow, W. C. Parsons, John Pulling, Wm. Snowdon, F. Drummond, F. G. Pownall, John Denton, Stephen Austin, H. T. Wood, W. M. Bywater, A. Durrant, John McDougall, J. E. Middleton, G. Lemann, Lewis Angell, Charles Golden, C. H. Poupard, Jacob A. Hudson, Harry Brett, C. W. Hobson, T. R. Eames, E. Hughes, W. G. Clarke, W. C. Phillips, Percival Sanford, G. R. Shervill, E. Driver, F. H. Jones, T. M. Jackson, A. S. Tomkins, J. J. Limebeer, W. Coombs, W. P. Appleton, J. Dwyer, R. H. Mallom, Charles Wise, Geo. Payne, S. W. Gardner, G. Gale, H. Michael, H. Massey ("Freemason"), and C. B. Payne, G.T. Altogether about 100 brethren were present.

At the Board of Masters, whose meeting preceded the opening of the Lodge of Benevolence, the paper of business for Grand Lodge of the 1st December was settled, and at the opening of the lodge the grants made by the last lodge which required confirmation, amounting in all to £205, were confirmed. The brethren then proceeded with the new cases on the paper, which numbered in all 31. Of these, one was dismissed, and two were deferred; and to the remaining 28 the sum of £865 was voted. £250 was recommended in one case, and three cases were recommended for grants of £50 each. £30, £20, £15, and £10 were recommended or granted in the other cases. There were but five small grants of £5 each.

Lodge was then closed, but before the brethren separated Bro. Herbert Dicketts wished to draw their attention to the death of Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., notice of which they had but recently received. He had been a constant attendant at the Lodge of Benevolence, and had paid great attention at all times to the business of the lodge. He did not know whether he was in order, but if he was he would now move a resolution expressing regret at Bro. Savage's death, and ask the brethren to let the resolution be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Joseph Smith said this could not be done. It had been brought before the Board of General Purposes, but it was found that it was out of order, and could not be allowed.

Bro. Joshua Nunn added that the Lodge of Benevolence had no minutes, and therefore the resolution could not be recorded if passed; nevertheless, the brethren might express their regret among themselves, and in this he heartily joined.

Bro. Herbert Dicketts said the opportunity offered itself for his giving expression to his feelings on the occasion, and he did not like to let the opportunity pass.

The brethren then separated.

Masonic and General Tidings.

GRAND LODGE.—In anticipation of the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 1st of December, we may call the attention of the brethren to the usual custom at this annual meeting, which they will find by reference to their old business papers, of nominating the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the next year, the appointment of President of the Lodge of Benevolence, the election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the same lodge, and the election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the same Board. There will, no doubt, be a large attendance of members of Grand Lodge on the occasion, the number of whom will, no doubt, be much increased by the new W.M.'s who have been installed in the present session.

Our worthy Bro. Rev. J. J. Farnham, (P.D.S.G.W., Bombay), the proposed restoration of whose church at Westhorpe, in Suffolk, has been noticed in these columns, has been lecturing last week at the Working Men's College, Ipswich, a very flourishing institution of about 1000 members, under the presidency of the Lord Chief Baron. A local paper thus reports:—A lecture was given on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Working Men's College,

on "Popular Proverbs," by the Rev. J. J. Farnham, of Westhorpe. The lecturer dealt first in an easy colloquial manner of the various definitions of proverbs, some of which—saying proverbs had "shortness, sense, and salt," and styling them "the wit of one and the wisdom of many"—he showed to be more or less inaccurate. Proceeding to the universality of these sayings, he said the ancient Greek and Latin abounded with them—so did the French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and other modern languages—and those found in the Scriptures were the best of all collections; they were, as the wise King of Israel said, "apples of gold in pictures of silver." Bro. Farnham went on to discuss some of the best known proverbs in various languages on honesty, industry, contentment, thrift, companionship, pride, truth, love of home, &c., contending that many well known proverbs must be used with discrimination; but that those in the English language were mostly on the side of right and virtue. He then adverted to some on the tongue; and quoting the well known sayings "enough is as good as a feast," and "brevity is the soul of wit," concluded a brief but interesting lecture amid much applause. Bro. Emma Holmes, who was well received by a large audience, presided, owing to the absence of Dr. Christian from indisposition.

The first part of Bro. Emma Holmes' notes on the old minute books of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, A.D. 1764, will appear in the "Masonic Magazine" for December.

Bro. George H. Smith, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Providence, who has for some years past been residing in London, and is the manager of the North Metropolitan Tramway Co., has presented to the M.W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island an elegant photograph in colours, of Prince Albert Edward, Grand Master of Masons in England, in his full regalia of office. The picture is a large one, taken from life, and is most artistically coloured and finished. It will be a most welcome addition to the collection of Masonic portraits in the halls occupied by the fraternity in this city. The same brother has also presented a copy of the same picture to M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and one to Providence Consistory S.P. R.S., of which latter named body he is a member.—"Freemason's Repository."

We learn from a contemporary the following details of the arrival of our brother the Duke of Connaught at Gibraltar. His Royal Highness was received with a Royal salute of twenty-one guns from the artillery, and by a guard of honour of the 31st Regiment, of one hundred men, under the command of Captain Eccles, Lieutenants Seatham and Frodsham. Officers of the general and the brigade staff, the heads of the military and civil departments, field officers, regiments off duty, and the chairman of the Sanitary Commissioners, were in waiting to receive the Prince, who, on landing, was presented to them by Major-General Somerset, who takes charge of the fortress during the temporary absence of His Excellency Sir Fenwick Williams. The streets were filled with crowds of people, who cheered the Prince on his way to the convent. Major-General Somerset was sworn in as acting-governor, in the presence of the staff-heads of the departments and the commanding officers of the regiments, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught being present, attended by Major Pickard. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was present at the last regular meeting of Lodge Friendship, No. 278, Gibraltar, a report of which appears in another column.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, Limited, will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Saturday, the 27th inst.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Bengal has decided upon the construction of a Masonic Temple worthy of the Institution and of the capital of India. For this end it has formed a company with a capital of 150,000 rupees.

We understand that the Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York from 1781 to 1816 are about to be published, in eight monthly parts of 64 pages each, by Messrs. D. Sickels and Co., New York City.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN LIVERPOOL.—The Prince Arthur Lodge of Freemasons will be consecrated on Wednesday next, the 24th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Upper Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., West Lancashire, will be the first W.M., and Bro. T. Evans the first S.W.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of Eng., R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, was, on Thursday, the 11th inst., elected President of the Royal Manchester, Liverpool, and North Lancashire Agricultural Society.

Freemasonry in Italy has suffered a severe loss by the death of Bro. F. de Luca, Past Grand Master. The Grand Orient of Italy has ordered all lodges to go in mourning for seven consecutive meetings to honour the memory of this brother. We have also to record the death of Bro. Muriano Marisca, Honorary Grand Master, also of Italy.

Bro. Griffiths Smith, of 15, Farnival's-inn, has been appointed a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Bro. Lord C. Bersford was thrown from his horse: while present at the review, at Poona, on the 15th. We are happy to learn that the injuries he received are not serious.

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were given and responded to. Visitors, Bros. Larham, E. Lidbury, T. Burdett Yeoman, and others. The Tyler's toast brought the night's labour to a close.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The November regular meeting of this lodge, which has always been spoken of in terms of congratulation for the praiseworthy manner in which it is working its way up in the Craft, was held on Tuesday, the 16th Nov. inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Southwark. The lodge has the neat and very appropriate name "Ivy," for like a slip of ivy planted by the side of a house, it quietly grows till it reaches the top thereof, so is the Ivy Lodge quietly and progressively making its way to the top of Freemasonry, and bids fair to become one of our best and well regulated Craft lodges. The lodge was called for half-past six o'clock, and was duly opened in ancient form by the W.M., Bro. George Mattock. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed. The lodge then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Miller and Goodman, being candidates for raising, were each severally examined in the usual way by the W.M. and retired. Again we have pleasure in mentioning the very perfect manner in which Bro. Goodman answered the necessary questions, which clearly shows he must be working away at the lodges of instruction, as also the interest he already appears to take in Masonry. The lodge having opened up into the Third Degree, Bros. Miller and Goodman were re-admitted, and in a most perfect and impressive manner were raised by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree of M.M. There being no passings, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the W.M. again displayed his skill and ability in initiating M. Chambers into the Masonic Order. The ceremonies being ended, the next business on hand was a notice of motion proposed by Bro. Cantle, S.W., and seconded by Bro. Poupard, J.W., that the lodge be removed to the Surrey Masonic Hall, and the notice having been put to the lodge, it was unanimously carried, and ordered to be recorded on the lodge minutes. All business being ended, the lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer. The officers present were Bros. Mattock, W.M.; C. Smith, I.P.M.; Cantle, S.W.; Poupard, J.W.; Cornhillson, S.D.; Ashwell, J.D.; and D. H. Ashford, as I.G. for Bro. Knight Smith, who kindly undertook the musical arrangements; Fox, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Noke, Burgess, J. R. Ashford, Vernon, Miller, Goodman, Gloag, Skegg, Plock, and several other brethren of the lodge, and Bro. Welsford, 548, visitor. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Plock with his usual care and style, to which ample justice was done, after which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Healths of the Initiate and Visitor" were each severally proposed and responded to by those brethren in a few neat and well-chosen words. Bros. Cantle, Knight, Smith, and Vernon greatly added to the harmony of the evening by their excellent singing. The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Fox, the much respected Tyler of the lodge, which brought the proceedings of a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close, and the brethren then separated in perfect peace and harmony, to return home to their respective domestic lodges.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—The installation meeting of the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, was held on Saturday evening, the 20th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel London Bridge. Bro. James Hadland Vockins, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. John Sugden, S.W., W.M., elect; J. S. Abbot Dunbar, J.W.; H. Martin, S.D.; G. T. Bickerton, J.D.; Dr. Bedolfe, P.M.; Nairne, P.M.; P. A. Director of Ceremonies; and a large body of visitors, among whom were C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. Purst; Edward Clark, P.M. 134; Griffiths, 1446; D. R. Carren, P.M. 1159; Morell, 704; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177, and 1158; D. Rose, P.M. 73; Martin, 188; Pritchett, 1317; Bridges, P.M. 1216; Goodwin, 1326; W. Hook, 1426; and others. The lodge was opened punctually at three o'clock, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes having taken place, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Pardoe and Thos. E. Heller were passed to the Second Degree. The next business was the raising of Bro. J. H. Salter to the Sublime Degree, both these ceremonies being excellently performed by the W.M. The next and principal business of the day was the installation of Bro. John Sugden, W.M. elect, into the chair as Master of the lodge. The usual presentation by Bro. Nairne, P.M., and preliminaries having been gone through, and all the brethren below the chair having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Sugden was in ancient form installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren having been admitted, the new W.M. received the customary salutes, after which he appointed his officers as follows:—J. S. Abbot Dunbar, S.W.; H. Martin, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, sen., Treas.; W. Andrews, Hon. Sec.; G. T. Bickerton, S.D.; R. Lyon, J.D.; B. R. Bryant, I.G.; P. A. Nairne, P.M.; D.C.; G. S. Mansell and H. Forbes, Stewards; Ströbling, Org.; and Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Vockins, I.P.M., then delivered the usual addresses in a most impressive manner, and indeed the whole of the installation ceremony was rendered in such an admirable style that he well earned the applause with which the conclusion of his labours was rewarded. The W.M. then said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Vockins, I.P.M., with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the brethren as a small tribute of their respect and esteem. Bro. Vockins thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said he should always look upon it with pleasure as a token of the esteem entertained for him by the Sphinx Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. immediately entered upon his duties by initiating Mr. James Charles Welch and Mr. William Henry Fraiser into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and afterwards passed Bro. Richard Bruce to the Second Degree. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, which showed the financial matters of the lodge to be in a very flourishing condition. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, about 70 in number, retired to the banqueting room for refreshment. It may be remarked that the floral decorations of the prin-

cipal table were very artistic, and excited general admiration. The banquet itself was varied and bountiful, and gave complete satisfaction. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured. The W.M. said the next toast was one that he was sure would meet with the most hearty response, as it was "The Health of their Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales." He was sure that those who witnessed the able manner in which he discharged his duties in the Albert Hall would ever remember it, and but one wish would be amongst them, and that was his safe return to this country. He gave then "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," a toast which was most cordially responded to. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was one that he was sure would be well received, as it was "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon." Many of those present, no doubt, had often met him in Grand Lodge, and they knew how ably he always acquitted himself there, and how high he stood in the estimation of the Craft. The W. Master said the next toast was "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," and coupled with it was the name of Bro. Cottebrune, P.G. Pursuivant. Bro. Cottebrune said: Worshipful Master and Brethren—I thank you kindly for the honour you have done me in coupling my name with that of our distinguished brother, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, and I must say I was greatly pleased at the manner in which your Immediate Past Master performed the ceremony of installation, and also at the way in which your present W. Master went through the two ceremonies of initiation and passing. I have been most gratified, and on leaving this lodge I shall not fail to mention to my friends that the Sphinx Lodge is one of the best worked in London. Bro. Vockins, I.P.M., then said he had for the first time since he had been a member of the Sphinx Lodge to propose "The Health of their W. Master, Bro. Sugden." At his period of life it was no easy task to go to school again, but he had laboured hard to do them justice, and he was sure that they would appreciate his services when he sat in the chair, and which he had done that evening for the first time. They would find that Bro. Sugden was a man to whom any brother might safely pour forth his sorrows, and he was also sure that in the future he would do all that was required of him. If there was anything wanting in the bead it would be amply made up for by the heart, and at the end of his year they would be able to say of him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," and they would have the same satisfaction in placing a jewel on his breast as he (Bro. Vockins) had received from them that evening. This toast was most enthusiastically responded to. The W. Master thanked Bro. Vockins for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and he thanked the brethren generally for responding to it. It was his principal object to live not only in the esteem of his brethren but of the outer world, and he would make it his constant study to attend to the wishes of the brethren and the visitors to the Sphinx Lodge. He had no doubt from the support he should receive from the Past Masters that he should have little difficulty in performing the duties during his year of office. He said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Initiates," and he felt great pleasure in proposing their health, and he felt sure they would reflect great credit to the lodge and their Masonic institutions. The newly initiated brethren severally returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one that he was sure would be well received. They were that evening honoured by the presence of a number of visitors distinguished in the Craft, and had all done good suit and service, and he gave them a hearty welcome to the Sphinx Lodge. Bro. Edward Clark, P.M. 134, in reply to the toast of "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge on the accession of such a W.M., and said the Sphinx Lodge was one of the most important on the south side of the Thames, and hoped that its present success would be increased during his year of office. He also congratulated the W.M. on his proud position in presiding over such a lodge. There were a number of visitors at the lodge that evening who represented the world-wide fellowship of the Craft, and although they in England were without a head, he was away and doing duty amongst races who spoke in tongues older than our own, and who moved amongst the relics of civilisation more luxurious than were to be found in England at the present time. Having alluded to the antiquity of Freemasonry, as was evidenced by the marks of it that were to be traced on the ancient edifices of India, he said that its influence was not limited by churches, countries, or national boundaries, and it tended to make men happy wherever it might be their lot to live. The W.M. said he had now to ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," and he was sure that was a toast that would meet with the acceptance of the members. Their brother visitors were not aware of the amount of work they had to perform, and he asked them to drink their health. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Vockins and Dr. Bedolfe. Bro. Vockins, I.P.M., said he was pleased to see so many visitors present to welcome their W.M. that night, and it was a double pleasure to him to look round and see that out of a total number of 45 or 46 members, he was senior or grandfather to 33 of them. His year of office had been a very happy one, and indeed the Sphinx Lodge always had years of happiness. He had never known the slightest ill feeling, and he had always found brotherly love and charity to prevail, which was the real heart of Freemasonry. When he saw anything else, no longer would he be a member of the lodge. Many might think that as he had left the chair his duties would cease, but they would by no means cease, for he should feel it to be his duty to attend to the Masonic interests of the fifteen whom he had initiated during his year of office, and, as they were all fit and proper persons, to lift them up the ladder until they held the sam-

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GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 18th inst., and in consequence of the large amount of work, it was hoped the brethren and candidates would have been in good time, but unfortunately some were late, and thereby caused much inconvenience. The W.M. (Bro. J. Forbes), who was supported at first by I.P.M. Bro. Slaton, and afterwards by P.M. Bro. Reed, as S.W., and Bro. Lancaster, as J.W., opened his lodge in the First and Second Degrees, and examined Bros. Short, Tribbel, and Stevenson. The lodge was then resumed in the First, when Bros. Hobbs, Arding, Cushion, Fisher, Wymark, and Whewell, and afterwards Bro. Phillips, were also examined. These brethren having retired, the W.M. opened in the Third, and duly raised the three candidates. He then resumed in the Second, and passed the latter-named gentleman. Ballot was then taken for Messrs. J. H. Whitfield, J. Gray, and S. Nicholls, which proving satisfactory, they were admitted into the Order. The W.M. having risen as usual, two candidates were proposed, and a notice of motion for granting a sum of money from the lodge Benevolent Fund having been put to the meeting, was duly carried. This having brought the business of the evening to a close, the lodge was adjourned till December.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1318).—On Saturday,

the 13th November, the brethren of this lodge were summoned to attend at Freemasons' Hall, and with visitors there were some sixty present. So large a gathering not being expected, a little inconvenience at the banquet table was experienced from mine host, Simpson, in the Strand, not having a room suitably large enough to hold all the brethren. It is a great mistake on the part of those who would entertain so large a number of brethren to let them leave our noble hall without making it worth their attraction to banquet on the premises. It is very evident that the brethren are made of granite, and that they can put up with incommodiousness rather than have a lukewarm repast, especially when they can pay for it. The well-known Secretary's (Bro. J. W. Thomas, P.M.) business habits are combined with amazing activity, firmness, and courtesy, and are also thoroughly Masonic in their nature, which all true Craftsmen must admire. Such Secretaries must be splendid adjuncts in helping on the onerous duties of the W.M. of any lodge, more especially so when the brethren are men of high art and classical standing, and in this lodge are to be found sculptors, architects, draughtsmen, and builders of reason; admirably chosen is their motto, "Frangas non Flectis." These granite men have not granite hearts, for 20 guineas were voted to be placed on the W.M.'s list towards one of the charities. Good Granite brethren. You are worthy of the Royal sign, all glory be to God. At the opening of the lodge at 4.15 forty brethren were present. The weather was unpropitious. This lodge numbers over eighty members, twenty-five of which have been initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. These said twenty-five have also been introduced by Bro. John Oliver, W.M., all honour to him, and the more so because these are men of standing, and Masonry makes them better men. Such can help our charities. The following is an excerpt of the work of the lodge on this occasion by the W.M. Initiates, Mr. T. W. Rowe, Mr. Alfred J. Martin. To pass, Bros. W. Halliday, R. Richardson, W. Brindley, T. L. Carter. To Raise, Bros. F. G. Wyatt, George Landsdown, Jasper Wager. Two gentlemen were ballotted for, and one for joining. The whole of the work was admirably done by Bro. J. Oliver, W.M., in a manner worthy of any recognised preceptor. The W.M. was most efficiently supported by Bro. Muggeridge, S.W., son of Sir — Muggeridge, Knt.; Bro. West, J.W. The S.D. performed his duties with great acceptance; so did the I.G. It is always a pleasure to see the minor officers well up in their duties—moral, a great actor never shines unless he is well supported by those about him. The usual and ordinary toasts

position as their W.M. did that evening, and if they called upon him in any way and at any time he should be happy to assist them. He was happy to meet them at that festive board, and he hoped that he should do so on other occasions, and with the same amount of happiness they had done that evening. The W.M. next, in highly complimentary terms, proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," for which Bro. Reynolds, Treas.; Bro. Andrews, Sec., and other officers responded. The W.M. next gave "The Press," for which Bros. Thompson and Middlemass returned thanks. The Tyler's toast brought a very happy meeting to a close, which had been diversified by some excellent songs, and particularly a recitation given by Bro. Bramley, who gave a very amusing and characteristic imitation of Mark Twain.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville Road. Bro. J. J. Michael, W.M., presided, supported by Bro. James Willing, I.P.M.; Williams, S.W.; Kingham, J.W.; Rose, Treas.; Tims, Sec.; Douglass, S.D.; Scales, J.D.; Side, I.G.; Stiles, D.C. and Asst. Sec.; Colls, W.S.; Saintsbury, Gilbert (2), Simona, Clarke, Jones, Cheek, Hatton, Tims, jun., and Read; and visitors: Bros. Walford, P.M. (No. 177); Fowler (No. 244); Morris (No. 177); and nearly fifty other brethren. Bros. Dunmore, Simona, Taylor, Erwood, Levy, Little, Rogers, and Fowler were raised; and Bros. H. Stiles, Solomon, T. Gilbert, jun., and Swagman passed. There were also initiated Messrs. E. J. Cave, Jean Francis Van Camp, Henry Lovegrove, Paul Edward Vanderpump, and George John Vanderpump; and Bro. E. J. Cain, of Lodge No. 1475, was elected a joining member. On the proposition of the J.W., a vote of thanks was passed to the brethren of the committee appointed to carry out the execution and presentation to the lodge of the portrait of Bro. James Willing, I.P.M.; and for this vote Bros. Scales, Treas., and Stiles, Sec., responded. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Willing for his gift to the lodge of the pictures of the Masonic institutions. All Masonic business being concluded, the brethren repaired to the banquet table, and after the banquet had been disposed of, they honoured the list of toasts. In giving the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. James Willing, I.P.M., congratulated the lodge sincerely on having such an excellent W.M. as Bro. Michael, who had displayed great ability that day in the performance of his work. This was of no ordinary kind, for he had done eight raisings, four passings, and five initiations. The manner in which this had been done had afforded great pleasure to the brethren, and must have been satisfactory to the W.M. himself, although he must have been much fatigued by the amount of work. He was, however, such a good Mason that the consciousness of having added so largely to the number of the brotherhood overrode all other considerations. The W.M. briefly replied, and expressed his earnest desire to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He trusted that he should have a happy year of office, and at the end of that time, the approval of the brethren; and the consciousness that he had not laboured in vain would be in some measure a reward for his toils. The other toasts followed, and the brethren adjourned shortly afterwards. The lodge, we may state, is in a very flourishing condition, for although it has been in existence only a little more than a twelvemonth it numbers already 62 members.

PROVINCIAL.

IPSWICH.—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous and popular lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when there was an unusually large gathering of the members. Amongst those present were Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; W. Boby, P.P.G.S.W.; Emma Holmes, P.P.G. Reg. and P.G.D.C., M.C.; W. Spalding, P.M. Sec.; J. J. Burton, P.P.G.D.C. Cambs., S.W.; W. Clarke, P.G.A.D.C., acting J.W.; H. Miller, P.G.P., S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, P.G. Chap., J.D.; T. Casley, acting I.G.; J. Cobbold, 33° of Brazil; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; J. Cornell, P.P.S.G.D., &c. Visiting Bros. N. Tracy, P.P.S.G.W., W.M. Perfect Friendship Lodge; Rev. J. J. Farnham, P.D.S.G.W., Bombay; Major Fryer, we believe of the Ancient Union Lodge, Limerick, the officer commanding the Carabineers at Ipswich; T. H. Staddon, P.P.G.S.D. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, &c. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Rev. Nelson Godwin, of East Bergholt, who was unanimously accepted, obligated, and initiated as an E. A. Freemason, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. The lodge being opened in the Third Degree, Bros. Bowes and Fraser were severally raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Bro. Cornell, P.M., performing the ceremony and Bro. Barber presiding at the organ, and playing the Dead March in Saul. The brethren also sang that beautiful hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying," which added much to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The election of W.M. and Treasurer was next proceeded with, when Bro. J. J. Burton was unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S., Bro. Schuller being re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Spalding, Tyler. Two officers, one in the army and one in the navy, were proposed for initiation. Bro. Boby proposed that the thanks of the lodge should be given to Bro. George for his able conduct in the chair during the past year, and that the same be recorded on the minutes, which was seconded by Bro. Lockwood, who said the office had never been better filled. The motion was put and carried unanimously. The lodge was closed at a late hour, and the brethren retired to the dining hall, where Bro. G. Spalding had provided, as usual, an excellent repast, to which the brethren did ample justice. We are bound to add, however, that the waiting was not all that could be desired. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the chair, the W.M. making a passing allusion to the Indian visit of our Grand Master, ex-

pressing a hope that he might return to us in health and his visit be productive of much good—a wish in which every one cordially joined. In responding to the toast of "The Newly-Initiated Brother," Bro. Godwin, who is an archaeologist of some local celebrity, spoke very warmly of the ceremony through which he had just passed, and of the manner in which he had been impressed by it, and expressed a hope that he might become in time a credit to the Craft. Major Fryer replied on behalf of the visitors, and said that it gave him very great pleasure to visit their lodge. He thought every soldier ought to be a Mason, and eulogised the Craft for the way in which it brought men of all classes and all shades of opinion together and taught them to know each other and respect each other's opinions. He was delighted with the working of the lodge, and thanked the W.M. for inviting and entertaining him so hospitably and the brethren for receiving him so cordially. Bro. Farnham kindly volunteered an original reading from the "Bombay Masonic Paper" on the initiation of Mr. Brown, the husband of the far-famed Mrs. Brown of Arthur Sketchley origin, which caused some amusement, and the brethren separated, after a very pleasant evening, at low twelve.

DEVONPORT.—Lodge Charity (No. 223).—The members of this lodge met numerously on Tuesday, the 16th inst., for the dispatch of the ordinary business, and to elect the Worshipful Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master, Bro. S. R. Anniss, occupied the chair. The Senior Warden, Bro. E. Patten, was unanimously elected to succeed to the chair. For the office of Treasurer two brethren were nominated, Bro. J. M. Hifley, P.M., and Bro. J. W. Cornish, P.M. A vote by ballot was then taken, and the result was that eleven voted for Bro. Hifley and thirty-two for Bro. Cornish. A few brethren did not vote. The W.M. then declared Bro. J. W. Cornish duly elected Treasurer for the coming year. The W.M. and Treasurer elect returned thanks for the honour conferred. Bro. W. Browning, P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, having discharged the Treasurer's duties since the death of the late Treasurer, Bro. T. Pollard, P.M., was warmly thanked for his services. The lodge then voted five guineas towards the Masonic window proposed to be erected in the new Guildhall, to commemorate the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England, last year, proposed by Bro. Woolf, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Cornish, P.M.

LANCASTER.—Fortitude Lodge (No. 281).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst. at the Athenæum, Lancaster, Bro. E. Airey occupying the W.M.'s chair in the latter's absence. The meeting was rendered more than usually interesting from the fact that Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England, was announced to give a lecture on Masonic O.B. The lecture was given in a clear, terse style, and was highly interesting, and the information it conveyed was thoroughly appreciated by the members and visitors present. At its close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dr. Moore. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—Howe and Charnwood Lodge (No. 1007).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at the Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough. Owing to the large floods in the neighbourhood, and the great fair in the town, the attendance was not large. Bro. F. Amatt, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., occupied the chair at the commencement of the proceedings, and was supported by Bros. R. Broughton-Smith, as S.W.; Gough, as J.W.; Vial, S.D.; and others. Bro. H. Deane, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., then took the chair, and impressively performed that very interesting and important ceremony of installing Bro. R. Broughton-Smith, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., in the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year, having been elected to that office by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M. were Bros. James, I.P.M.; Gough, S.W.; Vial, J.W., and Treas.; H. Deane, Sec.; A. Marshall, S.D.; J. Hodson, J.D.; W. Vial, Org.; G. Hodson, and C. H. Crossle, Stewards; H. Walker, and G. Bishop, Tylers. The brethren subsequently dined under the presidency of the W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. H. James, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so, paid a high compliment to Bro. Broughton-Smith, promising him his cordial support during his year of office. Several other toasts were given, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—As might have been anticipated from the Masonic enthusiasm and high social standing of the brethren who identified themselves with the Lodge of Israel at its consecration, and the members who have since joined and been initiated, the first anniversary of the birth of the lodge, held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, showed that an almost unprecedented prosperity had attended the first year's existence of the excellently-worked and admirably-conducted lodge. The eminently-satisfactory result has been due in a large measure to the admirable manner in which the first W.M. and all his officers have done their work, and the cordial seconding they have received from every member of the lodge; and there is no doubt, now that the first mile-stone of its existence has been passed, that there is a brilliant future for the Israel Lodge in Liverpool. The attendance on the occasion of the first anniversary celebration was numerous and influential, comprising representatives of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and visitors from London, Manchester, &c., all of whom had specially journeyed for the purpose of being present at the installation of Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, the W.M. elect, and to give a parting countenance to Bro. R. Robinson, the retiring W.M. The brethren were summoned to their Masonic duties at four o'clock, and shortly after that hour the lodge was opened by Bro. Ralph Robinson, W.M., who was

efficiently supported by the following efficient staff of officers:—Bros. M. de Frece, S.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, J.W.; I. de Frece, Treas.; M. Hart, Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; S. Schonstadt, J.D.; B. Woolf, I.G.; A. Hart, S.S.; P. Crozier, J.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members of the lodge who were present comprised Bros. I. Levy, I. Woolf, M. T. Tueski, B. Levy, J. Frank, W. Frank, A. Liebschutz, S. Levy, W. Levy, P. Barnett, I. Joseph, H. M. Silver, D. Herman, J. R. Grant, A. Cohen, A. Rabow, M. Parkes, L. Simmons, L. Hart, J. Sabur, J. Goldberg, D. L. Marcus, J. Lazarus, W. Aronsberg, S. J. Henochsberg, H. D. Marks, J. M. Preslau, A. Saqui, A. N. Lyons, H. Lumb, J. W. Lock, S. Moss, G. J. Somers, M. Aronsberg, and J. Prag. The numerous visitors included names of Bros. J. Maudeley, P.P.G. Reg. and P.P.G.S.; I. Jacobs, 724; L. J. Salomons, I.G. (Montefiore) 1017; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; T. Lloyd, 1356; J. W. Ballard, W.M. 724; P. Faust, 1359; Sol. Davies, 188; W. Healing, S.W. 1094; Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G.C., W.M. 1547; J. Lipson, 124; M. Goldstone, 249; Louis Davies, S. Scherl, 1287; R. C. Velland, W.M. 1094; F. Siemmes, 241; W. Durrans, 1094; J. Jackson, 424; J. R. Bottomley, 1356; J. Cullender, 1182; J. W. Aronsberg, J. W. Johnson, 1356; T. Gray, 1276; and others. After the minutes had been confirmed and the Treasurer's accounts (which showed the lodge in a monetarily healthy state) had been received and passed, Bros. Hart, Levy, and Franks were passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Robinson, W.M., who performed the ceremony in a faultless manner. He then concluded his valuable and admirable services by installing his successor, Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, in the chair of W.M., the whole of the installation work, as well as the charges to the officers, being remarkable for the masterly style and earnestness with which they were performed. The following brethren were subsequently appointed and invested as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. the Rev. J. Prag, Chaplain; R. Robinson, I.P.M.; Maurice Hart, S.W.; Alex. Jones, J.W.; Isaac de Frece, Treas. (re-elected); B. Levy, Sec.; S. Schonstadt, S.D.; B. Woolf, J.D.; P. A. Crozier, I.G.; Isaac Woolf, S.S.; S. J. Wareing, J.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. In consequence of ill-health, Bro. Maurice de Frece, the first S.W. of the lodge, was unable to accept the office of W.M., or any other appointment, and the brethren therefore took the opportunity of presenting him with a very handsome gold locket as a mark of respect and esteem. Bro. Henochsberg, the W.M., in making the presentation, said it afforded him the greatest pleasure to be the means of conveying to Bro. de Frece that token of the regard of the brethren, which was also an evidence of the sympathy they felt for him in connection with his illness. Although he was not then able to accept the office of W.M., the brethren hoped he (Bro. de Frece) would soon be restored to perfect health, and be enabled to fill the office of the chair which he was so capable of doing. Bro. Maurice de Frece thanked the brethren for that mark of their esteem, and regretted that ill-health had debarred him from reaching the summit of his ambition, namely, to occupy the chair of W.M. in that lodge. "Man proposes, but God disposes," and they must all remember that they were in the hands of the G.A.O.T.U. He was sure that they had a wise choice in electing Bro. Henochsberg to the office of W.M., and that he would do honour to the lodge and credit to himself. The locket bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Maurice de Frece, the first S.W. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, by a few friends, members of the lodge, as a mark of their respect and esteem." On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., it was resolved that the subscriptions to non-resident brethren should be one guinea per annum. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, provided in first-class style by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, and during the evening the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and cordially responded to, an almost universal expression for the complete success of the W.M.'s year being given. In giving "The Queen," the W.M. (Bro. A. J. Henochsberg) said there were no more loyal people in the kingdom than the Freemasons, and they are all the more loyal because they knew Her Majesty took the greatest interest in all their institutions. The W.M. also gave "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," and in doing so said the wife of their Grand Master had endeared herself to the people of England by her many virtues, and therefore he had much pleasure in submitting the toast, which was honoured with the greatest enthusiasm. "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Pro. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," was next given by the W.M., who said that they had at the head of their Order the heir to the throne of England, and it was indeed a very great honour for the Freemasons of England to be thus acknowledged and honoured by His Royal Highness, who fulfilled his duties most conscientiously. His duties had now called him elsewhere, and they must all rejoice at the reception accorded to him in India on every side—not the least hearty being the welcome given by the Freemasons. Everyone would join him (the W.M.) in wishing His Royal Highness pleasure on his journey, desiring that it might be productive of good, and further wishing him "God speed" and a speedy return to his native country. The toast was drunk with Masonic enthusiasm and honours. The next toast to the "carte" was "The R.W. Dep. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M. of West Lancashire, and the Prov. G. Officers," and in submitting it the W.M. said they had at the head of Freemasonry in that province one of the first and finest noblemen in England; one whose sole effort was to carry out the duties of his office with the utmost fidelity. Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G. Chaplain, in responding for the toast, said he had not been disappointed in his expectations with regard to the prosperity of the Lodge of Israel. He saw it in its infancy, and was now proud to find it had grown into a stout and plump boy, and had no doubt it

would develop into a fine manhood. He believed they could not have placed a better man in the chair than Bro. Henochsberg, whom he had always found kind, noble, and gentleman-like. Bro. Ralph Robinson, I.P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and he was sure the brethren would receive it with the same amount of pleasure. In Bro. Henochsberg they had secured a man of energy and zeal, who would strive, as Master, to make the lodge second to none in the province. It had been to him (Bro. Robinson) a source of great pleasure to have the honour of installing him in the chair, as he felt that their W.M. would well and worthily represent and uphold the highest interests of the lodge. He felt regret that their first S.W. (Bro. M. de Frece) had not been able to go into the chair, but after that expression of regret he must add that if he (Bro. Robinson) had been asked to appoint his successor, he would have said, "Appoint Bro. Henochsberg." The W.M., whose health was drunk with great enthusiasm, in acknowledging the compliment said he hardly knew what to say in answer to the flattering and complimentary way in which Bro. Robinson had spoken of him. He thanked him very sincerely for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and he must also thank the brethren for the cordial response given to it. He (the W.M.) was not by a long way what Bro. Robinson had painted him, but by his future conduct he would endeavour to bear up and bear out many of the kind things which had been said. He considered it indeed an honour to be elected to that high office, and he felt it to be so, especially coming after their first W.M. Bro. Robinson had referred to his (the W.M.'s) virtues, but he had not told them the advantage which he possessed in coming after such a Master, who had ever been so ready and willing to give advice and help when they were needed. It was his (the W.M.'s) intention during the year, if blessed with health, to carry out the duties of the office upon the same principles as they had been carried out during the past year. He could not hope to do them as well, but he would try to imitate the noble example which had been set him. He would look to the officers for their support, and to the brethren for that forbearance which would lead them to comply with this request—

"Be to my faults a little blind,
And to my virtues ever kind."

The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," and said he could hardly find terms to adequately express all he felt regarding Bro. Robinson. They had all seen that day a sample of his abilities, and every one must say that the way in which he had performed the ceremony was unequalled. He (the W.M.) had a pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present Bro. Robinson, in name of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, bearing the inscription:—"Presented by the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, to Bro. Ralph Robinson, the first W.M., as a token of fraternal regard and esteem." The W.M. added—"To you, Bro. Robinson, is due the very great success which has attended this lodge during the first year of its existence, and to you it is indebted for the proud position which it occupies as being second to none in the province of West Lancashire. You have, by your correct rendering of our beautiful Masonic ritual—by your amiability—by your firmness in the chair, and by your willingness to afford instruction to the brethren, endeared yourself to us all, and I have now the greatest pleasure in handing you this "token of fraternal regard and esteem." Bro. Robinson, in response, said he felt in something like the position expressed by the Spanish phrase, "Things come to such a pitch at times when you must either laugh or cry." He felt inclined to cry, but he must heartily thank the R.W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. He could not, however, allow him to say that the success of the lodge was due only to him (Bro. Robinson). He had had the good fortune to be blessed with officers who had done wonders for the lodge; if left in his hands, it would have been a failure. Our Treasurer (Bro. Isaac de Frece) is a gem of a man, and they had no idea how much he had done, not only to conserve the funds of the lodge, but to add to them in every way. Beyond that, they had been fortunate in securing the services of Bro. M. de Frece, who was really the father and founder of the lodge. (Hear, hear.) The Secretary (Bro. M. Hart) had also been a great help, and invaluable in the performance of his duties. After referring to the Lodge of Israel, he said he only asked for certain peculiarities in the ceremonies, as their right as compared with other lodges, and then referred to the kind countenance it had received from Christian brethren. This was a great encouragement, and he most heartily thanked all helpers in the first year of their lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. Mawdsley, P.P.G. Reg., in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave him to visit that lodge, and see the excellent working, which he had never seen equalled during his long Masonic career. After detailing his rapid progress in Masonry, he counselled every one to strive for distinction in his lodge. Bro. Hardy also responded, and so, from what he knew of the W.M., commercially and masonically, he was certain of his success in the chair. Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin also conveyed his congratulations to the W.M., and said it was something to be proud of when they remembered that in a Masonic lodge, Jews and Christians alike could find a hand ready to grasp another, and a heart ready to feel for another. Bros. F. D. Siemms, C. S. Davies, S. Schmerl, Louis, Davis, and Solomons, 1507, also responded, each wishing the W.M. and the lodge the greatest success. Bro. R. Robinson gave "The Fund of Benevolence," and alluded at some length to the benefits which would accrue from such a fund. "The Chaplain" and "Officers" were amongst the other toasts. An excellent musical programme was furnished by Bros. S. Jacobs, M. Hart, S. Schonstadt, W. G. Veale, Franks, S. J. Henochsberg, &c. "Marie," the recently published song by Bro. A. Saqui, a member of the lodge, was well rendered by Bro. S. Jacobs, and cordially received.

PORTMADOC.—Madoc Lodge (No. 1509).—The installation meeting of this lodge, the youngest in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, was held at the Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at three o'clock, Bro. Ed. Breese, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Cornelius Davies, J.W., as S.W.; J. W. Poole, P.M., J.W.; and J. W. Wallace, as I.P.M. The lodge was opened in form, after solemn prayer, by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Wm. Long, which was unanimous in his favour, and he was accordingly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The Treasurer's report was then read in his absence by Bro. P.M. Wallace, and showed that the lodge, after paying over £300, was only in debt £25, a state of things satisfactory to all. The Installing Master then called Bro. Breese, and informed him that the brethren had unanimously re-elected him, and having signified his assent to the ancient charges, installed him in the chair of K.S. He subsequently invested the following as his officers, viz.: Bros. C. Davies, S.W.; Dr. Robert Roberts, J.W.; Rev. John Lewis, Rector of Dolbenmaen, Chaplain; E. Seymour Greaves, Treas.; Dr. Jones Morris, Sec. (re-elected); Dr. Samuel Griffith, S.D.; O. Morris Roberts, J.D.; Morris Jones, I.G.; Edward Pryce, Dir. of Cers.; F. H. Strowger, Org.; Owen Morris, Dep. Org.; John Roberts and R. F. Roberts, Stewards. At the close of the investiture, Bro. Wallace, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. Ed. Breese with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, for which the W.M., in suitable words, sincerely thanked the brethren. The brethren then repaired to the Royal and Commercial Hotel to partake of a banquet, which was of a most recherché character, and reflected great credit on the host and hostess, Bro. R. F. Roberts, and Mrs. Roberts. Among those present were Bros. John Francis, P.P.G. J.W.; J. W. Wallace, J. W. Poole, P.M. 606; C. H. Rees, R. J. Davids, W.M. 606; C. Elliot, S.W. elect of the proposed Corbet Lodge; Rev. J. Boucher, S.W. 606; R. Thomas, 606; C. Davies, Rev. J. Lewis, Drs. Roberts, Griffith, and Jones Morris; O. M. Roberts, Morris Isaac, J. W. Wheeler, J. Roberts, T. B. Humphrey, F. H. Strowger, G. T. Picton Jones, Cledwyn Owen, R. Williams, and others. The W.M., in proposing "The Queen," congratulated the brethren on having such a good example of religion and morality at their head. Drank with enthusiasm. The next toast the W.M. proposed was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and he remarked he hoped his journey to India would be productive of great benefit to him, and also to his future subjects in the far East. He was sure it was no journey of pleasure, but was prompted by the Prince's desire to fit himself for the position he would some day hold. It was a matter of congratulation to the Freemasons of Wales that the head of the Craft should receive his title from their country. Bro. Davids reminded the W.M. it was the Prince's birthday. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was then most loyally given by the company. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon," said that as Freemasons in Wales they had cause for congratulation because the Prince was their head; they of Carnarvonshire had more cause, as his deputy took his title from their country. He was sure the Prince could not have selected a better and worthier gentleman than the Earl, and the ability displayed by him during the interregnum, occasioned by an event they all regretted, pointed him out as one well able to rule over them had not H.R.H. accepted the M.W.G. Mastership. In proposing "The Health of Sir Watkin Wynn," the W.M. said that there was to be no end of congratulating themselves as Masons, as in addition to all the other names he had mentioned they now had to toast the "Prince in Wales," and who was also their Prince with regard to Masonry. He was sure they could not drink the health of a better man, a more kind-hearted landlord, a thorough patriot, a most excellent Mason; and, whoever was second, there was no better Provincial Grand Master than Sir Watkin, one who acted up in deed and word to the grand principles of Freemasonry. It had pleased the G.A. to afflict him, but he was now better, and he hoped his voyage abroad would be a great benefit to him, and, under the blessing of heaven, would be the means of thoroughly re-establishing his health, so that he may be spared to them for many years. Song: "Sir Watkin Wynn," excellently given by Bro. Picton Jones. The next toast was that of "Bro. J. R. Ormsby Gore, M.P., Dep. Prov. G.M.," who, the W.M. said, was well known to them, his land being around on all sides, as a most kind-hearted landlord and an excellent neighbour. He had told the W.M. he would be present with them that evening if his health permitted, and he was sorry his absence was caused by illness. The I.P.M. then said the next toast was placed in his hands, and he was sure no words of his were necessary to ensure a most enthusiastic welcome to the toast. They had all known the W.M. longer than he, but for his true Masonic spirit he did not think any one had had more opportunities of observing them than he. He was a true Mason, and he need not say anything more than that in praise of Bro. Breese, who had done a great deal for the lodge, and he questioned if the wonderful success that they had had during the year was not altogether due to his exertion and influence. Drank most enthusiastically, with Masonic fire. The W.M., in replying, thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and also the brethren for the flattering way with which they had received it, as he was sure there was sincerity on both sides. He was sorry he had been absent from many meetings owing to illness, but although that had been the case he never forgot them. He most eloquently dilated on the grand principles of the Order, and in referring to charity, remarked that, owing to other claims pressing on the lodge, they had not the means to do what they would have wished with regard to this grand principle, but he hoped that now those claims were settled they would be

found at the front, if not at the head, of the lodges of the province as far as their contributions to the Masonic charities. Before sitting down he had a toast to propose, viz., "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Wallace," who had done so much for the lodge, and who was highly esteemed by them all. Bro. Wallace suitably responded. In replying to the toast of "The W.M.'s of the Province," Bro. Davids, W.M. 606, thanked them for the honour done him in coupling his name with the toast, as he was the youngest Master almost in the province, and that was his first appearance since his installation as Master of his lodge at any other lodge, and it gave him great pleasure to be present at the re-installation of one whom his brethren had, owing to his eminent qualities, both socially and Masonically, selected to fill the chair of that lodge for the ensuing twelve months, and he hoped that his example would tend to make all the brethren more zealous in their attendance and discharge of their duties. Masonry, he said, ought to be looked up to, not from its social or mystic position, but on account of the honourable position it had in this country. In proposing "The Visiting Brethren," the W.M. said that he was afraid that was a misnomer, and was not wisely put on the toast list, as they had an idea, from the title, of some brethren whom they never wish to see again, and who were of no ornament to the Craft, but by it was meant their "visitors" that evening, whom they all wished to honour and would most heartily receive again; some of whom had come a considerable distance to be present among them that evening. He was always glad to see visitors, as they always put the officers on their mettle, and sometimes took the little ideas they had of themselves out of them—more especially in country lodges was this the case, as the officers were sometimes inclined to think themselves perfection, and to consider the world as if it were constituted of but three or four miles around them. Bros. Elliot and Francis suitably replied. The other toasts were "The Wardens and Officers," "The Newly Initiated," "The Ladies," and "The Tyler's." This lodge, which was consecrated twelve months ago with 20 original members, now numbers 82 members, 20 of whom have been initiated, and the others affiliated from other lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Grand Orient of France and Italy.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The first meeting since the installation of Bro. Hopwood, as W.M. of this lodge, was held at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 18th inst. The lodge was opened at half-past five o'clock in the afternoon by Bro. Hopwood, P.M. 141, W.M., assisted by Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, P.J.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; S. Hill, P.M., S.W.; J. Hurst, J.W.; T. Wheeler, S.D.; T. W. Ockenden, acting J.D.; J. C. Jessell, I.G.; D. B. Raw, P.M., Treas.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, &c., Sec. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, with the exception of that portion of them referring to the resignation of one of the members, which was unanimously rescinded. The ballot was then taken to admit, as joining members, Bros. Knaggs, Treasurer and S.D.; Rogers, S.; and Evans, I.G., all of No. 1503, and upon investigation, was declared by the W.M. to be unanimous. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Messrs. Thomas Moody, Harry Tagg, and William Messenger, and having been unanimously approved, the two first named gentlemen were duly and impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. Bro. B. R. Aston was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. At the request of the W.M., who was indisposed, Bro. Hammond, the I.P.M., raised Bros. J. E. Hunt and J. W. Hiscox to the Third Degree. Several minor matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. stated that as the hour was late he should not enlarge upon the subject matter of the toasts any more than was actually necessary. He then, with a few brief remarks, gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was well received. In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. stated that as a Mason he was exceedingly pleased to read that thus far His Royal Highness's trip had been eminently successful, and he hoped that throughout the whole tour nothing would occur to mar the proceedings. It was also very gratifying to the Craft at home to hear that their brethren in India had given the Prince a most magnificent reception, and he had no doubt that a very great number of people in England who were not royalists or Freemasons were very much disappointed that His Royal Highness had been so favourably received by all classes abroad and that they have been charmed by his affability and geniality. This toast was most enthusiastically received. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," having been proposed and drank, the W.M. gave "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Middlesex," and expressed how grateful he felt at holding the position of W.M. in a lodge that had been so favourably spoken of as the Hemming had been by that distinguished Mason, Bro. Colonel Burdett. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. William Hammond, the Junior Grand Deacon of Middlesex, who made an excellent reply for the honour that had been accorded to him in coupling his name with the Grand Officers of so important a province as that of Middlesex. The I.P.M. then rose and proposed in very happy terms "The Health of the W.M.," who had made his "debut" in the Hemming Lodge that evening as a thoroughly good working Mason. From the care and attention that Bro. Hopwood as S.W. had displayed in the discharge of his duties during the past year he (Bro. Hammond) had felt assured that the responsibilities and ceremonies of the position would be creditably performed, and he had not been disappointed, for he was sure that the brethren of the lodge would agree with him that the W.M., although slightly indisposed, "worked" the first and second ceremonies well, and that he was capable of performing the third, but from circumstances already explained

Bro. Hopwood did not that evening feel equal to the work. This toast having been drunk, the W.M. briefly replied, and stated that he hoped the brethren would excuse any shortcomings of his that evening, and that he would at the next lodge meeting endeavour to carry out the whole of the work to their satisfaction, but as they were all aware he had had a very severe illness, and did not feel quite recovered from its effects yet, and that it had to a very great extent interfered with his Masonic working. The next toast was "The Initiates," which was prefaced by the W.M. with a few appropriate remarks. Bros. Tagg and Moody both acknowledged the compliment, and the latter particularly expressed his obligations at having been allowed by the brethren of the Hemming Lodge to become a member of the ancient and noble order of Freemasons, which not only taught the precepts of harmony and benevolence to its members, but endeavoured by its example to disseminate those principles throughout the world. The proceedings having been enlivened by the dramatic and vocal selections of Bros. Ockenden, Hurst, Tagg, Jessit and Walls, the W.M. rose and proposed "The Health of their Visitor, Bro. H. Jones, 1326." In his remarks he stated that he had known Bro. Jones many years, and that he was very pleased to see him as a guest of the Hemming Lodge, which usually had the pleasure of receiving visits from many brethren, and he was very sorry to state that this was the first occasion in its history that its hospitality had been dispensed to only one visitor. "The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed by the W.M., coupled with the name of the I.P.M., without whose valuable assistance the lodge could never have succeeded, in so short a time, in establishing for itself the good name that it bore in the province. Bro. Hammond having suitably acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. gave "The other Officers of the Lodge," mentioning each personally by name. The toast having been honoured, Bros. Hill, Hurst, Wheeler, Jessit and Ockenden severally replied. Bro. Walls having by request of the W.M. sang a portion of the "National Anthem," and "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated until the third Thursday in January.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—In closing the first season of this highly successful new lodge, held at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, we have to record two emergencies, which has enabled all the new members to rank as M.M. The first meeting, held on the 5th ult., was fully attended by the officers and brethren, and under the very able direction of the W.M., Bro. Helsdon, P.M., Bro. Eversden was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. Hackney, Thompson, and Lloyd were passed. The Secretary then read, to the great satisfaction of the brethren, a reply to his application from the V.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, S.G.W., accepting the offer of the lodge to become hon. member, upon which Bro. Joshua Nunn, J.W., P.M. and P.G.S.B., proposed, and Bro. Holden, S.D., seconded, that such be duly recorded on the lodge minutes, which was carried unanimously. After the usual enquiries, the lodge closed in perfect harmony at 6 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and mutual enjoyment.

The last meeting was held on the 2nd inst., in the presence of the following brethren:—R. Helsdon, P.M., W.M.; J. W. Garrod, S.W.; O. Vincent, acting J.W.; C. Veal, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Holden, S.D.; G. Tidcombe, J.D.; J. Patterson, I.G.; and Bros. Best, Swatton, Eversden, Hackney, Thompson, and Lloyd; and visitors, Bros. Netherlands, 920, and M. Drury Lavin, 404, the R.W.P.G.M. and several other brethren sending suitable apologies for their absence. The lodge was opened at 3.45. Bros. Hackney, Thompson and Lloyd were raised to M.M.'s, the usual requirements made for the good of the Craft. The following were proposed as joining members, subject to ballot at next meeting:—Bro. Joseph Ebbs, W.M. 733, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W.; and Bro. Reuben Roy, M.M. 188, proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Bro. Felton. The Secretary then brought forward a sad case of adversity, which had ended in a summons from the G.A. O.T.U. to Bro. T. Mackintosh, M.M. Scoon and Perth, No. 3, just as he was about to become a joining member of the lodge. The Secretary himself, with Bros. Felton and Roy, followed him to his last resting place with the sincere hope of his ascending to the Grand Lodge above. Much sympathy was expressed for the widow, and the right hand of charity extended to meet present requirements. Several minor matters were then disposed of, and the lodge adjourned until the first Tuesday in April, when several new members are expected. The brethren then met at banquet with the usual loyalty and harmony, and in replying to his health, proposed by Bro. Veal, P.M., the W.M. expressed his great gratification at the success of their first season, complimenting the officers respectively on their united efforts, and Bro. Veal, Hon. Sec., whom he described as the father and founder of the lodge. On the officers replying through Bro. Garrod, S.W., the Tyler's toast concluded the evening with general satisfaction.

DOMATIC LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 177).—Since this old established Lodge of Instruction has been removed to the Surrey Masonic Hall, in the Camberwell New Road, there is an increased number of Masons at its weekly meetings, which has no doubt been brought about in consequence of the business of the lodge being carried on apart from tavern accommodation. On Tuesday last there was a very full attendance, the evening being set apart for rehearsing the ceremony of installation. Bro. Field, the W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge, occupied the chair, and there were several Past Masters present, amongst whom were Bros. Messenger, H. 1216; Wallis, 905; H. Thompson, 177 and 1158; Dann, 72; and others. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Larham (Preceptor of the lodge) presented Bro.

Wallis to receive the benefit of instruction, and the usual ceremony having progressed to the usual point, the brethren below the chair retired, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Wallis was in due form installed into the chair. After the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Field gave the usual addresses, and at the close of the ceremony he was greeted with hearty cheering.

Royal Arch.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—The first meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, Nov. 18th, summoned for half-past seven, but not opened till after eight o'clock by Ex. Comps. Jelley, M.E.Z.; Jas. Parfitt, H.; Thompson, J., in the presence of Past First Principals Geo. Parfitt, Dr. Hopkins, Moutrie, Rubie, Mann, and Reeves. On the admission of nearly 20 companions, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Williamson, which proving unanimously favourable, he and Bro. C. Brookes (previously balloted for) were prepared for the ceremony. The acting subordinate officers were R. Carey, K.; Hearn, N.; Moutrie, P.Z. Treas.; Hill, Pr. Soj.; Howes, Asst. Soj. On the admission of the candidates the first part of the ceremony, as far as the Obligation, was conducted by the M.E.Z., and completed by Dr. Hopkins, P.Z., who also gave the historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures. These were listened to with marked attention, and on their conclusion elicited the approbation of those present by loud applause. A vote of thanks was passed to him for his assistance. The bye-laws were read, as is usual once in each year. The following appointments to office for next year were made: Jas. Parfitt, Z.; Thompson, H.; R. Carey, J.; Hill, E.; Hearn, N.; Moutrie, P.Z., Treas. (Other business of no general interest protracted the proceedings, which did not terminate till nearly 11 o'clock.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—Charnwood Chapter (No. 1007).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Tuesday, the 16th ult., under the presidency of Comp. J. C. Duncombe, M.E.Z. 1130, Prov. G.A.S., in the absence of Earl Ferrers, M.E.Z., Prov. G.H. Among the other officers present were Comps. H. Deane, P.Z., P.G.R.; Arnatt, J.; R. Boughton-Smith, Prov. G. Std. B., S.E. The only business of the evening was to elect the officers for the ensuing year, when a ballot took place, and the following were declared to be duly elected, viz.:—Comps. Deane, M.E.Z.; Arnatt, H.; Boughton-Smith, J. and Treas.; James E. Cooke, N.; Gough, P.S.; Dobell, A.S.; Crossle, A.S.; Story, M.C.; Jacques, Std. B.; Walker, Janitor. This being the whole of the business, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTHWARK LODGE (No. 22).—Time was, say about three years since—when this very old lodge had, except in name, become almost extinct. It was, we believe, originally held under the Scottish Constitution, but in the year 1866 it acknowledged the supremacy of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and it has since been held under the authority of that now distinguished body. As we have said, three years since the lodge was almost, if not quite in abeyance, but a few energetic members, still left on the muster roll, decided that such a state of things should exist no longer, and the result of their exertions is, that there is now a lodge, built certainly on the ruins of the old, but a lodge of a far different character. Instead of a very few members, some of whom never attended, it now numbers between thirty and forty, and in closing our preliminary remarks, we wish it every success in its new career. But to return. The lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., and it was exceedingly well attended. There were present W. Bros. E. S. Stidolph, G.S.W.M.; Sparkes, P.P.G.S. Middlesex, S.W. and W.M. Elect.; J. H. Spencer, P.G.S., J.W.; J. J. Hooper Wilkins, P.G.J.O., P.M., Treas.; John Read, P.G. Org., Sec.; and many other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Major Shadwell Clarke, Hyde Pullen, John Webb, F. Binckes, G. Sec.; and Magnus Ohren. The lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, as also was the report of the Audit Committee. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Poore, P.M., then ascended the chair of A., and in a very impressive manner advanced Bro. the Rev. J. Hatch to the degree of a M.M.M. The next step was to install the new W.M., and his duty was also undertaken and most efficiently carried out by Bro. Poore, and here it may be mentioned that this duty was imposed on Bro. Poore at a moment's notice, it having been understood that another worthy and distinguished brother would officiate, but who was absent from some cause which was not explained. The W.M. having been duly installed then invested his officers as follows:—W. Bros. Stidolph, G.S. I.P.M.; Spencer, P.G.S., S.W.; J. Cattle Mason, J.W.; Rev. J. Hatch, Chap.; J. J. Hooper Wilkins, P.G.J.O., P.M., Treas.; John Read, P.G. Org., P.M., Sec.; Poore, P.M., Assist. Sec.; Gilbert, M.O.; Horton, G.O.; Van Baerle, J.O.; Hutt, Reg. Wks.; Klingenstein, S.D.; Walshaw, J.D.; Brettie, I.G.; Middleton, Steward; Austin, Tyler. After some formal business the lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to one of those banquets for which Bro. Spencer is so famous. After the removal of the cloth grace was said by the Rev. J. Hatch, Chaplain. The W.M. then proposed "The Queen and M. Masonry," and the toast was duly honoured. Next came "The M.W. Grand M.M. P.G. Masters, and the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," and with this was associated the name of the

R. W. Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary. Bro. Binckes, in reply, briefly sketched the progress the Order had made in the last few years, and congratulated the Southwark Lodge on the position it had attained, and wished it every success. The I.P.M., Bro. Stidolph, then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in an effective speech, and expressed his gratification at the choice the brethren had made, being confident that the brother now in the chair was in every respect well qualified for that high position. "The Health of Bro. the Rev. J. Hatch" was next proposed, and suitably acknowledged. The W.M. then introduced the next toast, which was that of "The I.P.M., Bro. Stidolph, remarking that the great services he had rendered to the lodge, both as S.W. and afterwards as W.M., and the liberal and handsome manner in which he had always promoted its best interests, called for a more substantial recognition than a merely complimentary speech. He had, therefore, much pleasure in presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel, voted by the lodge as a slight acknowledgment of the respect in which he was held by every member, at the same time wishing him all possible happiness in the future. Bro. Stidolph returned thanks, and was proud to have such a jewel, and he further assured the brethren that although now past the chair, he should still continue to give the lodge his warmest support. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and was very glad indeed to see such a bevy of distinguished Masons present. He assured them that the Southwark Lodge would at all times be glad to accord them a hearty greeting. Bro. Magnus Ohren replied, as also did Bro. Hyde Pullen and Bro. Major Shadwell Clarke. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Poore," associating with it that of the P.M.'s, Bros. John Read and Hooper Wilkins, but they, being Past Grand Officers, a toast already responded to—he would now only call on Bro. Poore to reply. The W.M. paid a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Poore for the manner in which he had performed the duties which had so suddenly devolved upon him, and Bro. Binckes supplemented this by observing that he had been extremely pleased with the whole of the proceedings, and he complimented Bro. Poore in terms which must have been highly gratifying to that able and zealous member of the order. "The Health of the Officers" then brought a most successful and pleasant evening to a close.

SOUTH MOLTON.—Fortescue Lodge (No. 9).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The first business was to install Bro. J. T. Shapland, as W.M. for the year ensuing. This was very ably done by the R.W.P.G. Master, Bro. Major Davey, who very kindly attended at much personal inconvenience for the purpose. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the year ensuing as follows:—Bros. T. Sanders, I.P.M.; R. L. Riccard, S.W.; J. Brewer, J.W.; J. Galliford, M.G.; J. Wood, S.O.; J. T. Widgery, J.O.; Rev. F. King, Chaplain; J. Galliford, Treas.; J. T. Widgery, Registrar of Marks; J. E. Galliford, Sec.; W. Cole S.D.; W. Britton, J.D.; W. C. Oliver, I.G.; R. Kingdon, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Hancock, W.M. of Lodge Concord, No. 1135, was duly advanced. The brethren afterwards dined together at Bro. Cole's, Unicorn Hotel and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, and proved a most successful gathering. During the past 12 months the W.M., Bro. Henry Nelson, had advanced no fewer than twenty-five brethren to this honourable degree, many of them Masons of the highest standing, which satisfactorily shows the progress that Mark Masonry is making in this district. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Nelson, P. Prov. G.S.O., who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Wm. Shortis, P.G.I. of Wks., S.W.; T. Clark, P.M., P.G.M.O.; W. T. May, P.M.; J. Kellott Smith, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.M.O., Treas.; H. Jackson, Sec.; A. Bucknall, M.O.; H. Hayes, S.O.; H. Morris, J.O.; H. Burrows, S.D.; J. Capell, Reg.; T. Large, J.D.; H. S. Alpass, P.G.M.O.; T. J. Jeffery, P. B. Forshaw, Thos. Smyth, T. Hooper, F. Cooper, J. Armstrong, T. Chesworth, T. McWear, T. H. Bibby, R. H. Evans, G. A. Wright, W. P. Jennings, W. Fish, R. Reader, A. C. Wylie, Geo. Hutchin, and J. Thompson. The visitors were Bros. G. H. Wilson, P.M. 11, P.G.J.D.; Jno. Pemberton, J. Baxendale, and C. Leighton. After some routine business had been transacted, the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Shortis, was presented by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.M., P.G.J.W., and Bro. Thos. Clark, P.M., P.G.M.O., to the W.M., Bro. H. Nelson, for installation. The brethren below the rank of Installed Masters then retired, and on their return Bro. Shortis was duly proclaimed and saluted as W.M., Bro. Nelson acting throughout as Installing Master. Bro. Shortis then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. H. Jackson, S.W.; H. Hayes, J.W.; J. R. Goepel, Treas.; A. Bucknall, Sec.; Reg. Young, Chaplain (by proxy); H. Burrows, M.O.; T. Large, S.O.; J. Capell, J.O.; R. H. Evans, S.D.; W. H. Cooper, J.D.; T. Clark, P.M., D.C.; J. Armstrong, Reg.; T. Thompson, I.G.; Geo. Hutchin, S.S.; A. C. Wylie, J.S.; and Peter Ball, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in solemn and ancient form. The brethren subsequently sat down to banquet under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Wm. Shortis, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

THE PALESTINE SOVEREIGN CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.—The November meeting of this chapter was held on the 23rd inst. at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square. Present: Bro. H. C. Levander, M.A. 30°, M.W.S.; Bros. T. L. Fox, Col. Peters, Boyd 30°, Cubitt, 30°, Dickettes, Hirsch, Kenning, 30°, P.M.W.S., Ham-

merton, Moss, Tomkins, Reed, R. W. Little, P.M.W.S.; Holden, Thomas, Vaughan, Dr. Dixon, John Hervey, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°; Major Shadwell Clerk, 33°, G. Sec. General; Hyde Pullen. Visitors: Bros. Bywater and Grabham. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Bro. John Mason, W.M. 1567, and Bro. J. C. Hall were received into the Order. Bro. Hyde Pullen then installed Bro. T. Lewis Fox as M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The brethren dined at the Café Royal.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DUMBERTON.

The quarterly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbarton was held in the Elephant Hotel, High-street, Dumbarton, on Saturday evening, the 6th inst., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Alexander Smollett, presiding. The P.G. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The P.G. Master then referred to the lamented decease of Bro. Paterson, late P.G.S.W., and said he was one who in his Masonic, social, and business capacities had endeared himself to all with whom he came into contact. He had the interests of Masonry at heart, and we deeply mourn and regret the loss of his presence amongst us. I, as one, shall ever regard his memory with the greatest affection and esteem, and in my official character shall deeply feel his loss. It is, therefore, necessary, under the sad circumstances to fill up the vacant office of P. Grand Senior Warden, and I have now much pleasure in appointing Bro. John Babbie, the present P. Grand Junior Warden, to that office, and Bro. Alexander Denny, the present P. Grand Secretary, to the office of P.G.J.W., and Bro. A. S. MacBride, the present P. Grand Clerk, to the office of P. Grand Secretary. These brethren intimated their willingness to accept the offices named.

The P.G. Lodge then proceeded to elect the other office-bearers for the ensuing year, and the following is now the full list of the office-bearers appointed by the P.G. Master and elected by the P.G. Lodge, viz.: Bros. Alexander Smollett, Provincial Grand Master; Archibald Orr Ewing, M.P., Provincial G. Deputy Master; W. C. Steele, Sheriff Substitute, Provincial G. Substitute Master; John Babbie, Provincial Grand Senior Warden; Alexander Denny, Provincial Grand Junior Warden; A. S. MacBride, Provincial Grand Sec.; William Hodge, Provincial Grand Treas.; Robert Andrew Gray, Prov. G. Chaplain; John McLeish, I.P.M. 321, Prov. G. Senior Deacon; James Marsland, R.W.M. 503, Prov. G. Junior Deacon; Patrick Moir, Prov. G. Bible Bearer; Alexander McGregor, Prov. G.S. Steward; William Ferguson, R.W.M. 543, Prov. G.J. Steward; Thomas Higgins, Prov. G. Inner Guard; John Kennedy, Prov. G. Tyler.

The following were appointed as the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, viz.: William Barr, R.W.M. 18; David Paul, R.W.M. 170; James Stewart, R.W.M. 321; John McLeish, I.P.M. 321; and Robert Thomson, S.W. 18. After going through a good deal of other business, the P.G. Lodge was closed in due and ancient form by the R.W.P.G. Master.

EDINBURGH.—Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) (No. 1).—Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the second monthly meeting of this ancient lodge for the season was held in the lodge-room, Waterloo Place, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., instead of the 9th. The lodge was opened on the E.A. Degree by Bro. J. J. Muirhead, R.W.M., who was supported by Bros. Officer, P.M.; Roy, D.M.; Dr. Dickson, S.M.; E. M. Nightingale, S.W.; W. J. Shiress, J.W.; D. Kinnear, P.M. 291, J.G.D. elect; Hudson, P.M. 5; Matheson, P.M. 5; R. F. Shaw Stewart, P.J.W., &c., and a numerous attendance of brethren. A petition was then read from Mr. George Wilson, Murrayfield House, praying to be initiated into the Craft, and this application having been found to be in regular order, the petitioner was reinitiated to a successful ballot, after which the E.A. Degree was conferred upon him by Bro. Dr. Dickson, S.M. Petitions were also read from Bro. Henry Erskine Gordon, advocate, of Lodge St. Luke, 44, Edinburgh, and from Bro. D. Smith, solicitor, a Fellow Craft of Lodge St. Machar, Aberdeen, 54, respectively, each desiring to be admitted an affiliated member, and these brethren having also passed through the ballot test successfully, were duly welded as the "last links" of a somewhat lengthy chain. The minutes of last monthly meeting were then read and confirmed. The R.W.M., in a very feeling manner, adverted to the severe domestic affliction through which Bro. Abbott, the worthy and esteemed I.P.M. of the lodge, had recently passed by the death of two of his children. After paying a just tribute to the many and varied services Bro. Abbott had rendered to his mother lodge, he moved that a record should be placed on the minutes, expressive of the deep sympathy of the brethren with him and the other members of his family in a bereavement which must have thrown so deep a shadow over their fireside. Bro. Officer, P.M., seconded the motion, which was cordially agreed to. This having concluded the business, the lodge was then summoned to refreshment, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the R.W.M. took occasion to propose "The Health of Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart," whom he singled out as his probable successor to the chair, and whose personal character and high social and Masonic position were a sure guarantee, he thought, of a successful career as Master. Bro. Shaw Stewart, who was received with great applause, returned thanks for the honour which had just been done him. Bro. Officer, P.M., reminded the brethren that, as this would be the last occasion on which Bro. Muirhead would preside at a monthly meeting as Master (owing to his intended departure for the

continent), he asked the brethren to join with him in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to him for the services he had rendered to the lodge during his three years' tenure of office as R.W.M. Bro. Roy, D.M., seconded the motion, which was heartily agreed to. Bro. Muirhead replied in suitable terms. The lodge was shortly afterwards called to labour, and the brethren having been reminded to appear in great force on St. Andrew's Day, 30th Nov., it was closed according to ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Mark (No. 102).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 8th inst. There were present Bros. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M., in the chair; James Kerr, S.W. chair; D. J. Forfar, J.W. chair; D. H. Miller, P.M.; A. C. Lindsay Gray, D.M.; Wm. Nicholson, S.M.; A. C. Paterson, Treas.; D. Davidson, P.M.; C. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; J. McInnes, S.W. 408; Wm. Bisland, J.W. 408; and others. The first business before the lodge was, as usual, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Then came the nomination of office-bearers for the coming year, which resulted in the following selection:—J. Oswald Smith, R.W.M.; Thos. Kerr, S.M.; John Renton, S.W.; J. Thomson, J.W.; A. C. Paterson, Treas.; D. J. Forfar and John Gladston, Secs.; H. McMillan, S.D.; John Leckie, J.D.; Geo. Littlejohn, I.G.; D. M. Miller, Director of Ceremonies; D. J. Forfar, Director of Music; Seth Dory, S.S.; Moor, P.G.S.; and Hardy, O.G. The R.W.M. then intimated that the election and installation of office-bearers would take place that day fortnight in the hall, at the usual hour of meeting, eight o'clock. Applications from the following gentlemen were read:—Messrs. Charles Stewart, John Christie Smith, Alexander Calder, and John Monteith, who were all found clear, after the ballot had been examined, and received the First Degree, the R.W.M. officiating with his characteristic ability. The lodge was then passed to the F.C. Degree, and raised to that of Sublime, or M.M., when two brothers, John Hannay and James Henry Crawford, proved themselves capable of advancement in the Order, and were entrusted with the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. D. H. Miller, P.M., officiating in a most complete and impressive style. This brought the business of the evening to a close, and the lodge was closed in ample form.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 13th inst., at 12 o'clock. The R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, presided, and explained that the object for calling the meeting was to get through with some of the business before the lodge, so that the next regular meeting might be entirely devoted to the election and installation of office-bearers, which to do properly would occupy the whole of the evening. Among those present were Bros. W. Nicholson, S.M.; J. Renton, S.W.; G. B. Adams, acting J.W.; A. A. Smith, P.M. 354; W. Spiers, 4; A. C. Paterson Prior, Neil Brown, 570; D. McRae, Neil Campbell, and others. An application for affiliation into St. Mark's from Bro. N. Brown, M.M. of Lodge 570, and he was affiliated in the usual form. There was only one candidate forward for the E.A. Degree, though more were expected to have been present; Mr. Smith was therefore put in possession of the First Degree at the very able hands of Bro. A. A. Smith, P.M. of 354. The lodge was then passed to the Square Degree, when four brethren, members of the lodge, received it, the R.W.M. officiating. After being raised to the Sublime Degree, there appeared five brethren ready to be raised, which was cleverly done by the R.W.M., who, then proposed that Bro. A. A. Smith should be made an honorary member of this lodge for the many valuable services he had rendered from time to time. This was carried, but it was found that Bro. Smith had gone, and the formal ceremony was left over till next meeting. This finished the business, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Scotia (No. 171).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., in the Masons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. Bro. Joseph Singleton, R.W.M., presided, supported by his office-bearers and a large number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. We observed among others the following:—R. Gardiner, S.W.; P. Hepburn, J.W.; John Miller, D.M.; Wm. Higgins, Chaplain; Wm. King, Treas.; S. Scott, Sec.; George Gilmour, S.M.; Alex. Singleton, S.D.; Alex. Mercer, J.D.; J. Miller, P.M. 87; J. Morgan, R.W.M. 219; J. Mathison, P.M. 178; John Bannerman, D.M. 73; James Booth, S.W. 87; Adam B. Ferguson, S.W. 354; and others. The lodge was opened in the E.A. Degree, when the minutes were read and passed. The business before the lodge was nomination of office-bearers for the coming year, initiation, passing, and raising. The gentlemen who received the First Degree and were admitted as brothers were Messrs. J. Reie, Wm. A. Jones, and Wm. Brown. The brothers for the F.C. Degree were Bros. William Brown and A. Maunder. For the Sublime Degree, Bros. George Pettigrew, Dougald Ferguson, Wm. Brown, for Lodge Scotia and for Lodge Thistle (87); Bros. John Potter, and A. Maunder. Bro. Singleton, the R.W.M., officiated with capital taste. The business being finished, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Star (No. 219).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 12, Trongate, Glasgow, Bro. J. Morgan, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. J. Garth, S.W.; James Hurn, J.W., and the whole of the other office-bearers in their respective places. The lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree, and Bro. J. Crawford, Secretary, read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. The business before the meeting, being the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year, brought a large number of brethren together, numbering over 100. After the nomination of officers, Auditors were appointed, and a com-

mittee to take an inventory of the lodge furniture, jewels, clothing, &c., and report at next meeting. Later on in the evening a number of brethren visited the lodge who arrived in Glasgow from Edinburgh, being there attending Grand Lodge, viz., Bro. Councillor Wm. Barr, R.W.M. Dumbarton Kilwinning, 18; Bro. Alex. Bain, P.M. (103) Union and Crown; and Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, P.M. 275; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; A. Ferguson, J.W., and others. After going through a long sitting, the lodge was closed in due and proper order by the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street. Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., occupied the chair; Bro. J. Graham, J.W., acting S.W.; Bro. W. Keiller, S.D. acting J.W. The lodge was opened in the First or E.A. Degree, and from the first it was opened in the Second or F.C. Degree, when Bros. Clark and Schroeder, E.A.'s, were passed to the Square Degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. J. M. Oliver officiating in a very able manner. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. Degree, and closed in due and proper form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. George (No. 333).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 10th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. The meeting was remarkably well attended. The R.W.M., Bro. Alexander Thomson, took the chair, the S.W. chair being occupied by Bro. Jas. Forsyth, that of J.W. by Bro. Anderson. The R.W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. J. McFarlane, D.M.; J. Findlay, S.M.; Thos. S. Thomson, Treas.; A. McIntyre, Sec.; and others. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Several cases for Masonic charity were brought before the lodge, and disposed of in a satisfactory manner. A letter was read from Bro. Trumper, who has now settled in Columbia, requesting that a letter of demit should be sent to him, which the Secretary was instructed to forward. A circular from Bro. Kenning was read, regarding the new "Scottish Calendar for 1876." The Secretary was then instructed to order the number of copies necessary to procure a page for the names of the office-bearers. The nomination of office-bearers was then proceeded with. The R.W.M. read to the brethren a list of names for the various offices which the working committee had submitted. This was unanimously adopted by the brethren present, and the nomination declared completed. The names are Bros. A. Thomson, R.W.M.; Jas. Findlay, S.M.; John McFarlane, D.M.; James Forsyth, S.W.; R. Anderson, J.W.; Andrew Dunn, Treas.; Archd. McIntyre, Sec.; Thos. Hill, S.D.; And. Boyd, J.D., Chaplain; John Clark, S.S.; J. Allan, J.S.; Wm. Miller, M. of C.; A. McIntyre, S.T. B.; Robert Fairbairn, Jeweller; Robert Adam, P.G.S.; G. Cranston, I.G.; And. Wright, the present Tyler, remaining in his place. The lodge was then passed to the Degree of F.C., when Bro. G. Kinnard received that degree, after which the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bro. S. D. A. Arnott and G. Kinnard received that degree, Bro. Jas. Findlay officiating with admirable style. This finished the business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Glasgow (No. 441).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 9th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street. The meeting was unusually large, perhaps owing to the important business of nomination having to take place that night. The R.W.M., Bro. H. Tulloch, took the chair, supported by Bros. J. Nagle, S.W.; P. McManey, J.W.; W. Sloan, Treas.; J. A. Goldie, Sec.; and other office-bearers of the lodge. The lodge was opened for business in the usual form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The R.W.M. then intimated to the members of the lodge that on Friday, the 26th, a special meeting would be held for harmony, and in honour of Bro. Jackson, when, as the members of the lodge were aware, a tangible acknowledgment of his valuable services would be given to him. After a considerable amount of business was got through, a letter was read from an American brother, who had been shipwrecked, and was in great need of assistance. The case was heartily taken up and satisfactorily disposed of. An application from Mr. James H. Adams for admission into Masonry at the next regular meeting, was ordered to stand over till then. Initiation should have taken place that night, but as none of the candidates were forward, the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The following is the result:—R.W.M., John Mason; S.M., Serj. Wood; S.W., McCinnay; J.W., Nagle; Sec. Goldie; Treas., Martin; S.D., Duncan; Campbell; and Mather; J.D., Sivewright; Chaplain, Caldwell; B.L., B. Cunningham; S.T. B., M. Walters; Jeweller, Lawson; Archt., McKirdy, and Forsyth; S.S., J. B. Boyls; J.S., French; P.G.S., Martin; and J. Rannie; I.G., A. Boag; O.G., A. Crawford. A committee was then appointed, to take an inventory of the lodge property, consisting of Bros. Campbell, Boyle, and Rennie. The Auditors were Bros. Martin and Mason. The R.W.M. then congratulated the brethren upon the success of the nomination. The brethren whose names stood on the nomination list were sufficient guarantee for the future success of the lodge. The lodge was then passed to the F.C. and raised to the M.M. Degree, when the following brethren were found worthy to receive that degree, Bro. Bain, P.M. 103, officiating in capital style:—For Lodge Glasgow, No. 441, Bro. McNece; for Lodge Shamrock and Thistle, No. 275, Bros. R. Bald, D. McEwin, Jas. Gibson, L. G. Whittings, P. McCulloch, Serj. Evans; for Lodge Star, No. 219, Bro. Wm. Dalen. This brought the business of the lodge to an end, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

DALMUIR.—Lodge St. John (No. 543).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., in the New Masonic Hall at Dalmeir. Bro. William Ferguson, R.W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Thomas T. Johnstone, D.M.; John Crawford, S.M.; James Barrie, S.W.; Robert Struthers, J.W.; Samuel Leckie, Secretary; Thomas Scott, Treasurer; Thomas Millar, S.D.; and others, and a large number of brethren present. The lodge was opened in the First, or Entered Apprentice Degree. At the request of the R.W.M., Bro. S. Leckie, Sec., read the minutes of last regular meeting, which were approved of. The R.W.M. then stated that the meeting was called by circular for the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year, at the same time informing the brethren that in consequence of his removing to Glasgow he could not allow himself to be nominated or office another year. The nomination of office-bearers was then proceeded with, after which Auditors were appointed to balance the books of the lodge. It was agreed to have the installation of office-bearers on Tuesday, the 14th December. There was no further business brought forward, and the lodge was transferred from labour to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The R.W.M., in proposing "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," coupled the toast with Bro. Col-Sergt. James Barrie, who replied. Bro. T. T. Johnstone, D.M., proposed "The Press," and coupled the name of the R.W.M. with the toast. Bro. Ferguson, of "The Freemason," replied on behalf of Bro. George Kenning. A number of songs were sung, and after spending a happy hour in song and sentiment, the lodge was re-transferred to labour, and closed in due and proper form by the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place in the chapter rooms, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 11th inst. In the absence of Comp. Miller, Z., Comp. Duthie, Z. of Chapter 67, presided, and opened a lodge of Mark Masters. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. An application for admittance into R.A. Masonry was read from Bro. John Crawford, M.M. of St. John's 34. He was approved of, and was put in possession of the Mark Master's degree, Comp. Mercer officiating. The highly finished and comprehensive style of Comp. Mercer in this degree called forth from Comps. Duthie, Wheeler, and Loutitt an expression of the pleasure they felt in listening to his able rendering of this beautiful degree, and on the motion of Comp. Loutitt, a vote of thanks was given to Comp. Mercer. A lodge was then opened in the Excellent Degree, when Bro. Crawford was instructed in and intrusted with it, Comp. Duthie ably officiating. A Royal Arch Chapter was then opened, Comps. Duthie, acting Z.; Wheeler, II.; Loutitt, J.; Colin MacKenzie, 1st Soj.; Gourley, 2nd Soj.; Wright, 3rd Soj.; Morrison, S.E.; Agnew, Treas.; and a large number of well-qualified companions. Bro. Crawford was then admitted a companion of the Holy Royal Arch. The able and careful way in which Comp. Duthie performed the ceremony was very much admired, and must have left a lasting impression on the candidate, who paid great attention to the ceremony throughout. The chapter was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—St. Rollox Chapter (No. 144).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on the 12th inst., in the Masons' Hall, Garngad-road. Comp. James Armand, Z., presided, supported by his office-bearers and others, among whom were:—Comps. J. Mills, J.; J. Booth, S.E.; J. Duthie, Z. 69; J. Morrison, Treas.; G. B. Adams, and others. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. An application for Royal Arch Masonic honours was read from Bro. Peter Young, M.M. of St. John's Lodge, Kilwig, No. 39. He was found worthy and received the Mark Master Degree, Comp. Duthie, Z. of 67, officiating. Royal Arch Chapter was opened, and the following office-bearers, who had been duly elected, were installed into office by the M.E.Z.:—J. Mill, as J.; John Morrison, Treas.; and B. Smart, as Captain of the First Vail. There being no further business, the chapter was duly closed.

The reports of the following lodges unavoidably stand over:—

St. John, No. 34; Thistle and Rose, No. 73; Thistle, No. 87; St. Mary's, No. 117; Colodonian Railway, No. 354; Clyde, No. 408; St. Andrew's, No. 465; Maryhill, No. 510; St. Vincent, No. 553; Clydesdale, No. 556; Dramatic, No. 571; St. John, No. 175; Union, No. 332.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex met on Saturday last, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, for its annual assembling. Previously to the meeting of Grand Chapter, the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, held a convocation of the companions, at which Bros. Arthur Taylor and C. E. Eglese were exalted, and Comps. Bateman, W. T. Howe, and Mason were elected joining members. Among the members of the chapter who were present were Comps. Charles Horsley, M.E.Z.; W. F. Laxton, H.; H. W. Hunt, J.; D. M. Dewar, J. elect; W. Roebuck, P.Z.; and W. Dodd, P.Z. At the Provincial Grand Chapter M.E. Comp. Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Superintendent, presided as Z.; and Comp. W. Roebuck, P.G.H., as H. Among the other companions present were Comps. J. M. Stedwell, P.G.J., as J.; R. Wentworth Little, G.S.E.; W. Smeed, G.S.N.; H. G. Buss, G. Treas.; Charles Horsley, Past G. Registrar; R. T. Whitley, G. Std. B.; F. Davison, Past G.D.C. The Audit Committee met previous to the convo-

cation of the companions being opened, and the Auditors' report arrived at thereat, was read in Grand Chapter, and approved. It exhibited a balance in favour of Grand Chapter. Minutes of former meeting having been read and verified, M.E. Comp. Col. Burdett installed Comp. R. Wentworth Little as Prov. G.H., and Comp. W. Smeed as Prov. G.J. Comp. H. G. Buss was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Comp. Gilbert, Janitor. Col. Burdett invested Comps. T. Cubitt, as E.; John Boyd, as N.; Charles Horsley, as P.S.; F. Walters, as First Assistant; W. Hammond, as Second Assistant; H. G. Buss, as G. Treas.; W. F. Laxton, G. Registrar; H. W. Hunt, G.S.B.; H. Phythian, G. Std. B.; H. Parker, G. Org.; E. H. Thiellay, D.C.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. There was no other business before Grand Chapter, which was thereupon closed. Banquet was afterwards partaken of under the presidency of Col. Burdett, and when the toasts were proposed, Comps. Greatrex, P.Z. 21, and Green, 975, responded to that of "The Visitors." The companions shortly after returned to town.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk was held on Saturday at the Masonic Hall, Norwich, when Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., was installed Provincial Grand Master, in the room of the late Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell, who held the office for many years. The popularity of the Hon. F. Walpole, who for many years had held the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the unanimity with which his appointment by H.R.H. the Grand Master of England was received in the provinces, served to bring together probably the largest assemblage of Masons ever gathered at a Prov. G. Lodge in Norfolk. Upwards of 300 brethren were present, including not merely Norfolk Masons, but many from Suffolk, Essex, Leicestershire, and London. The lodge was opened in due form at high twelve, the Right Worshipful P.G. Master designate occupying the chair, with Bros. Colonel L'Estrange, S.W.; Col. Duff, J.W.; A. M. F. Morgan, Prov. G.S.; H. J. Mason, P.G.D.C.; G. Baxter, Assist. G.D.C.; and George Brittain, P.G.O. Among the brethren in lodge were—Lord Waveney, P.G.M. of Suffolk; Lord Henwick, the Right Hon. E. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Sir R. J. Buxton, M.P.; Sir F. Boileau, W. A. Tyssen Amherst, Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; J. Bond Cabbell, R. T. Gurdon, Rev. J. Cholmeley, Prov. G.C.; Rev. H. Evans Lombe, J. B. Graver Browne, Lieut.-Col. Boileau, Lieut.-Col. Bignold, Major Penrice, Rev. J. Edmund Cox, P.G.C.; Captain Hastings Parker, F. Binckes, P.G.S.; J. Terry, (Prov. G.D.C., Herts); and others.

The banner lodges, whose banners were placed against the walls, were the Faithful, No. 85; the Social, No. 93; the Friendship, No. 100; the Perseverance, No. 213; the Cabbell, No. 803; the Sincerity, No. 943; the Doric, No. 1193; and the Walpole, No. 1500. The other lodges represented were the Joppa, United Friends, Philanthropic, Union, Sondes, and the Unanimity. The W.M. of every one of these lodges were present, with the exception of the Joppa, one of whose Past Masters was its sponsor.

After the formal opening of Prov. Grand Lodge, the Prov. G. Secretary read the rules to be observed in the government of Prov. G. L., and then called over the roll of the lodges. Last Grand Lodge minutes were then read and confirmed and then the Grand Officers for the past year yielded up their collars and jewels of office.

Before the installation of Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole said he wished to propose a vote of thanks from the Grand Lodge to, unfortunately not a Mason, but a worthy Christian, at all events, Mr. Fox, who had obtained a legacy for the province of Norfolk. It had been left to it, but the brethren knew nothing of it, and it would have been lost to the province if Mr. Fox had not unweariedly worked the matter out. It was hardly worth while now to thank the munificent donor, and he thought they had better, therefore, thank Mr. Fox. The vote was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Walpole thereupon left the chair and the lodge, and a deputation went out of lodge to conduct Lord Skelmersdale in. On his lordship entering, he was most warmly greeted until he had taken the chair, when the Masonic salute, which created such a profound sensation at the installation of the Prince of Wales in April last, was given. Lord Skelmersdale having bowed his acknowledgments, gave directions that the Worshipful Master Designate (the Hon. F. Walpole) should send in his patent of appointment, and the brethren having agreed to accept this as read, the deputation, which had been sent as an escort for the Worshipful Provincial Grand Master designate, then demanded admission, and, being admitted by command of the W.M., they conducted the new Prov. G. Master into the lodge. Lord Skelmersdale, addressing him, said that all the brethren, both of the province of Norfolk and of the adjoining provinces, would agree with him that it was a good thing for them that the choice of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had fallen on the Hon. F. Walpole, as Prov. G. Master for Norfolk. Not to dilate upon all the duties that this high office would entail upon the Provincial Grand Master, who, it was certain, would perform them to the utmost of his ability, and would carry on the work which had been so well performed by his predecessor, he might say that Masonry had made such great strides throughout the world of late years, and had become of such importance, that every brother would feel the importance of having a good man, and a man high in office, at the head of the province. In Bro. Walpole they had such a man, and he felt sure that he was a man who would conscientiously discharge the duties of his office. He then inquired of Bro. Walpole if he was willing to accept the office. The Hon. F. Walpole having signified his assent, he

went through that portion of the ceremony, without which no Master can be placed in the chair. He was invested with the magnificent insignia of his office, and afterwards seated on the traditional throne of King Solomon. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, in a short address, said he highly appreciated the honour that had been done him. He was thoroughly conscious of the responsibilities he had taken on himself. He would endeavour faithfully to perform what he had undertaken, and he was grateful to the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. He was also grateful to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who had thought him worthy of the great honour of being Provincial Grand Master. He would fulfil the duties of his office, and take care that Masonry in general, and the Province of Norfolk in particular, should lose nothing by his having been inducted in the chair of the province. This announcement was received with much applause. The next part of the ceremony was the appointment and investiture of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and to the great satisfaction of the brethren, the honour fell upon Bro. A. M. F. Morgan, who for ten years past has performed the onerous duties of Provincial Grand Secretary. The other Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—Bros. Colonel L'Estrange, S.W.; Colonel Duff, J.W.; J. Barwell, Treasurer; Rev. J. Cholmeley, Chaplain; C. Clarke, Registrar; H. Barwell, Secretary; J. H. Thoulless, S.D.; J. B. Aldis, J.D.; H. J. Mason, G.D.C.; G. Baxter, A.G.D.C.; G. Brittain, G.O.; J. Bond, G.P.; R. Gunn, Tyler; Smart, W.M. Sondes; D. R. Fowler, Friendship; J. Commins, S.W. Social; and R. Lamb W. M. Cabbell, Stewards.

Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the brethren of the neighbouring province of Suffolk and visitors from other provinces, Lord Waveney and Lord Skelmersdale being especially selected. Lord Skelmersdale first, and Lord Waveney next, returned thanks, both expressing their pleasure at attending the installation of the Hon. F. Walpole.

Provincial Grand Lodge was thereupon duly closed.

At half-past two o'clock the brethren assembled, by permission of the Rev. Dr. Jessopp, at the Grammar School, from whence at three o'clock they proceeded to the Cathedral in procession. Every Mason present was clothed according to his rank in the Order, and each lodge was headed by its banner. Forming a line on each side of the nave, the brethren thus opened their ranks to allow the D.G.M. of England, the G.M. of the Province, and the officers of Prov. G. Lodge, together with the distinguished visitors, to pass through.

The brethren then closed and followed to their seats in the choir, which had been, by the kindness of the Very Rev. the Dean, set apart for the accommodation of the Craft. The service was intoned by the Dean, Precentor Medley, and Minor Canon Moore, and the lessons were read by the Dean and the Rev. Canon Nisbet. The Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. Cholmeley, preached a sermon from Daniel vi., part of the 23rd verse: "He believed in his God." The collection, which was devoted to the local charities, amounted to about £30.

In the evening the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet in honour of the occasion at St. Andrew's Hall, which had been specially decorated by Messrs. J. and J. King. The Prov. Grand Master presided.

During the evening the speeches were most agreeably interspersed by the excellent singing of Bros. Minns, Smith, and Thoulless, of the Cathedral choir, and Bro. J. S. Offord, W.M. of Perseverance. Bro. G. Brittain, P.G.O., presided at the pianoforte.

Dinner over,

The Provincial Grand Master gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was received with acclamation, and the brethren sang the National (Masonic) Anthem.

The Provincial Grand Master next rose to propose the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and in doing so said, the next toast is one that I am sure will recommend itself to you, even under the simple form of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and when it comes as a conjoined one of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, I am sure you will receive it with the enthusiasm that it deserves. (Cheers.) H.R.H. has left this country on one of the most glorious missions that ever called a man forth. The Indian race knows well the determined courage and the fierce energy of the Anglo-Saxon. Often have they been conquered by Englishmen, and now the Prince of Wales has gone forth to conquer them in a way that they have seldom been used to—by kindness and courtesy—to give to them a lesson which they have not had taught, that the strongest can be the gentlest, and that the mightiest can be the most courteous. The Prince has taken his place nobly among the workmen of England. Eminently has he done the Order good by the patronage that he has cast over it. Let us wish him then a prosperous voyage, health, and happiness there, and may he soon and speedily return again to honour our body by sitting as our head. (Cheers.)

The toast having been drunk,

The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing the next toast, said—In giving you this toast I must say it is one which no words of mine are needed to recommend to your reception. Whatever my shortcomings may be, I am sure you will receive it with all Masonic honour and cordiality. It is, "The Health of our Worthy Brother the Deputy Grand Master of England." His kindness in coming here is an honour to us all, and it is the highest honour he could have conferred upon me personally and upon Masonry in Norfolk, for it is a recognition of the equality and loyalty that exists among all Masons. (Hear, hear.) I am sure that you are all grateful to him for having come amongst us, and I trust when he returns to the Grand Lodge he will, at all events, give the Masons of Norfolk somewhat of a good character, and tell His Royal Highness, our Grand Master, that no people are more loyal than

the inhabitants of Norfolk, and none are more earnest Masons than the Masons of Norfolk. (Cheers.) I give you "The Health of the Lord Skelmersdale." (Loud cheers.)

Lord Skelmersdale, having returned thanks for the reception accorded the toast, said he should always look back with great pleasure to this day, and with agreeable remembrances of the great kindness with which the brethren in this province had received him. In accepting the office to which he had had the honour of being appointed, he determined to do the duty which belonged to it, and, as he told them in lodge, this was the first instalment of it out of London. They had placed him under an obligation to them which would be further increased if they would have the kindness of meeting him in London on the 9th of February, when he should have the honour of presiding at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Having expressed a warm desire for the continuance of harmony in the province, the noble lord gave "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk," remarking that the brethren were well aware what a good appointment it was of his friend and brother Walpole, who took so warm an interest in Masonry, and all would join with him in the hope that he would long live to occupy the chair into which he had the honour of installing him that day. (Loud cheers.)

The Provincial Grand Master (who was received with deafening cheers), in reply, said,—Brethren, I thank you for the kindness of that reception. It encourages me. I was wishing rather to postpone the time of returning thanks, thinking to arrange my ideas; but finding no ideas really to arrange, I get up at your call. It is very difficult to speak on an occasion of this sort. I am sure that when, nearly one and thirty years ago, as a midshipman in Her Majesty's navy, I entered into Masonry, I little thought that in the grand hall of Norfolk I should be installed as a Prov. G. Master. I little thought when, having given it up reluctantly, as it were, recalled into Masonry after a quarter of a century of work, I should be in this first hall of Norfolk the first Freemason of the province, but I have received all along one continued course of kindness, which renders those increasing years, years which we wish also to enjoy, and regret that they are passed. The Right Worshipful Brother on my right hand has spoken of the harmony existing among us. Why, sir, most of the brethren about me, except our guests—they at least that are of Norfolk—I have known from my boyhood upwards. They are men that I meet in daily intercourse. They have been to me "a little more of kin if less of kind," and I feel deeply grateful to them for recommending me to His Royal Highness. Whatever His Royal Highness's wishes were, I should have been rejoiced to obey them, but when I heard that it was almost the unanimous wish of those Masons among whom I had worked for years that I should take this place, I could not but immediately consent to take it. Having accepted it, I will engage truthfully and sincerely to the best of my power to endeavour to do my duty in the office, so that when the time comes for me to retire, neither those who conferred the honour upon me, nor those who, by their kindness and their wish, had it conferred upon me, shall regret it. Having again thanked the brethren, the Prov. G.M. said he would now proceed to a livelier theme than speaking of himself, the toast of "The Visitors." Suffolk was hardly regarded as a "stranger" or a "foreigner;" it was not a "shire," but it was a friend and relation. He was grateful to the Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk for the sacrifice he had made in coming to Norfolk to this installation. He had been a hard-working man, and he deserved the heartiest reception. He also proposed Bro. Lord Henniker in connection with this toast.

Lord Waverley, after a renewal of cheering, said—Right Worshipful Sir, I believe one of the first characteristics of Masonry is to be quick about your work, to get it well made up and cleanly carried out, and such has been the course this evening with the Right Worshipful Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) He took me, I confess, quite by surprise in so promptly bringing before you the claim he was pleased to think I had of returning thanks as a visitor for those who partake of your magnificent hospitality this day—a day ever memorable in Norfolk, and to me, who have somewhat of an experience of such gatherings, very memorable indeed. (Cheers.) Three times I have been present at an installation. The first, you will understand, was a matter of high interest to me; on the second I was the most important person on the spot at the time, filling the position which has been occupied by the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master of England to-day—(cheers)—and on this, the third occasion, I stand as a pleased spectator of the brilliant and successful results of this day's proceedings, upon which I heartily congratulate you, Right Worshipful Sir, and the brethren of this great province. (Cheers.) The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has been pleased to say that he looks upon us Suffolk brethren as very near indeed. We accept that kindness most thankfully, and we are pleased also that with us are associated the many brethren who have come out of the shires, and have had the opportunity of knowing what we can do in the East Anglian corner of the country. (Hear, hear.) I have only this to say, that from my experience in the honourable position which the Right Worshipful Brother has been placed in this day, I know that without the assistance of a willing province and of active Grand Officers progress is always difficult, but with such assistance it is impossible to fail. (Hear, hear.) I would, as a veteran, send you, Right Worshipful Sir, forward on your career with auspices such as those I am sure will be recorded the last time when you shall exercise your power, and which will be verified by the fact, that, under your management, the province has grown from good to better, and from great to greater, not with reference to any disparagement of your predecessor, but on account of the increasing power of Masonry throughout the

country. (Cheers.) On behalf of the visitors I beg to return to you and to the brethren my most grateful and sincere thanks. (Renewed cheering.)

Lord Henniker, who also responded, said—As a young Mason I should have been shy of responding to this toast were it not that my name has been mentioned by my very old friend, your Prov. G.M. I thank you most sincerely for the very kind way you have received me as a visitor. It has given me the very greatest pleasure to be present here to-day, and I thank your P.G.M. for giving me the opportunity of being here at this splendid entertainment, and also at the service at the Cathedral and the lodge this morning; and if you don't want me to come another time, you must not give me an invitation. (Laughter.) I am especially pleased at being present on the occasion of my old friend, my very esteemed friend, being installed as your P.G.M. I am sure this province cannot be in better hands. Though a young Mason, I claim to be second to none in my wishes for the good of Masonry, and I hope as years go by to have an opportunity of making myself useful, not only to the lodges in my district, but throughout England. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, I must express a wish that your P.G.M. may live many years to hold the position which he will not fail to hold successfully. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox then proposed, "The Provincial Grand Chaplain," and in so doing stated that 31 years ago he was initiated into Masonry in Norfolk, and was a native of Norwich, having been educated at the Grammar School under Edward Valpy, and a chorister boy—the only one that had risen from the choir to preach in the Cathedral pulpit. On behalf of the brethren, he thanked the preacher of the day for his excellent sermon, and concluded by proposing the toast.

The Rev. J. Cholmeley, in reply, said he thanked the brethren for the cordial reception they had given to the toast, though he had received it with some reluctance, because he was not competent for the office. (No, no.) He knew himself better than his brethren knew him. When he heard he was to be appointed Grand Chaplain he went to Bro. Morgan to tell him he hoped some one else would take his position, but that brother that night had returned from some professional engagement very sleepy, and could not listen to him. He was now thankful he was so sleepy, or he would not now have had the pleasure of supplying a fact he had omitted from his sermon. He then narrated the old Masonic tale of the Masonic chest of an English regiment being stolen in the American war, and returned afterwards by the French at Dominica.

Bro. Bond Cabbell gave "The Provincial Grand Officers of Norfolk," coupled with the healths of Bro. Morgan, D.P.G.M.; Bro. L'Estrange, S.W.; and Bro. Duff, J.W.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was warmly cheered, said that if the day of his marriage was the happiest of his life, this was the proudest. (Hear, hear.) With all his brother Masons in the province, he had looked forward to this day, when they should see the man of their choice in the position which he held to-day. (Applause.) He was sorry that the first duty that truth compelled him to adopt was to correct the Provincial Grand Master in saying that he took his position by the almost unanimous wish of the Craft. He appealed to them whether it was not the unanimous wish of the Craft that he should occupy that distinguished post. (Cheers.) If anything could possibly enhance the pleasure with which he himself had received the honourable appointment of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, it was that it had been conferred by a Mason for whom he had such Masonic esteem as Bro. Walpole, the great honour he felt in acting under such a Master and that the brethren had so kindly approved of the appointment. (Applause.) He could not deny that for something like the eleven years during which he had been their Secretary he had endeavoured to promote the welfare of the Craft generally, and to-day all his Masonic ambition was fulfilled and consummated. (Hear, hear.) The executive duties of the Prov. Grand Lodge would be thoroughly well represented by the Senior Warden, Bro. Colonel L'Estrange and by the Junior Warden, Bro. Colonel Duff, both of whom were admirably fitted for the positions, and especially in physique and general appearance. (Loud cheers.)

Bros. Col. L'Estrange and Col. Duff, both of whom were greeted with great cordiality, also responded, the last-named brother mentioning that he had been a Mason 25 years, and that he should endeavour to perform the duties of the high office to which he had been appointed, to the advantage of this lodge in particular, and of Masonry in general.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed "Prosperity to the Lodges in the Province." He said that since he had the high privilege and honour of being a Mason the number of lodges in Norfolk had increased from seven to fourteen. (Hear, hear.) He could look back to the time when it was necessary at every installation of Worshipful Master, to fall back upon a very old and much esteemed brother—Henry J. Mason—to go through the ritual; but now every retiring Master installs his successor. (Hear, hear.) The working of the lodges in this province of Norfolk would be acknowledged to be most satisfactory by any Grand Officer who might honour them with his presence. (Hear, hear.) In proposing the toast he coupled with it the name of Bro. Aldis, the Worshipful Master of the senior lodge—Union Lodge, 52—and he took this opportunity of saying that a great deal of the anxiety and work or preparing for this celebration had been taken off his hands by Bro. Aldis, who had greatly assisted him. (Cheers.)

Bro. Aldis, W.M., in responding, said that if any of the Grand Officers visited the lodges they would find that in this province the old landmarks of the Order were preserved, and further, that every Master vied with each other in carrying on the work of his lodge with credit to himself and the province. (Loud cheers.) Norfolk had ever been celebrated for freedom of thought, speech, and action, and

as Masonry was the very first flower of freedom, it was no wonder that it took early, deep, and abiding root in the Masonic free soil of this good old county. As early as 1731 (quoting from Preston) a certain Francis, then Duke of Lorraine, and afterwards Emperor of Germany, was raised to the Third Degree in the ancestral home of the Walpoles, at Houghton Hall, in Norfolk, at an occasional lodge held there. (Cheers.) It was also recorded that in 1736 Masonry made great progress in Norfolk under Edward Bacon, one of the two lodges which were founded under his auspices being Lodge Union, of which he (Bro. Aldis) had the distinguished honour of being Master. (Cheers.) A few years subsequent Richard Bacon was esteemed so highly for his Masonic attainments that to him was delegated the high privilege of initiating the then Duke of Gloucester, and that Richard Bacon was an ancestor of the present P.G. Secretary, Bro. Henry Barwell, than whom a better Mason does not exist. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Aldis concluded by a reference to the proceedings at the installation in the morning, and by thanking the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed "The Past Provincial Grand Officers," whose services had been so valuable that they ought to have their healths drunk enthusiastically. (Hear, hear.) He coupled with the toast the name of Major Penrice, who might almost be called the father of Masonry in Norfolk.

Bro. Penrice, in the course of his reply, referred to the great impulse Freemasonry had received from the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales, and congratulated the province on the advent to the Deputy-Provincial Grand Mastership of Bro. Morgan, who had been a hard-working Mason, and always performed his duties with ability.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., proposed "The Masonic Institutions," and referred to the great good they did. He reminded the brethren of Lord Skelmersdale's presidency of the Masonic Institution's Festival on the 9th of February, trusting that Norfolk would strongly support his lordship, and also referred to the recent complaints which had been made against the Boys' School. He, however, spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of that institution, and stated that it was to him the great success of that school was due.

Bro. F. Binckes made an excellent reply, in which he amusingly alluded to the attempts that had been made to cause Freemasons to withdraw their confidence from him. He also mentioned the charge that had been made as to the institution being always in difficulties. He was happy, however, to say that the institution had not wanted money.

Bro. Terry also replied, and exhorted the brethren to support Lord Skelmersdale on the 9th of February, when he would take the chair for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed "The Health of a Distinguished Visitor"—one who, although sitting on the Opposition side of the house (laughter), was unfortunately a Privy Councillor, and must not be passed over. He referred to a good and worthy brother Mason, "The Right Hon. E. Knatchbull-Hugessen." (Loud cheers.)

Bro. the Right Hon. Knatchbull-Hugessen, who was loudly cheered, said,—Right Worshipful Sir and Brother Masons, I am rather overcome with delight at being so honoured by our worthy Provincial Grand Master, that I forgive him having said it is unfortunate I am a Privy Councillor. (Laughter and hear, hear.) I confess that when I was unable to decide where I ought to walk in the procession to-day, I felt entirely overcome with modesty when a gentlemen of great power in your institution, the Master of the Ceremonies, called to me to stand forward as "a distinguished visitor." (Laughter and hear, hear.) But overcoming that natural modesty which all Masons, and especially those who are only "erratic Masons," possess (laughter), I took my place in the procession, and I have been highly interested by witnessing the performances which have taken place to-day. (Applause.) Brethren, my regard for Masonry and for you is so great, that knowing that special trains wait for no man, I will not detain you by any long speech to-night. Suffice it for me to say that an institution like that of Masonry, founded upon the great and immutable principles of brotherly love and universal charity, must commend itself to the regard of every man who seeks to lead a Christian life according to those principles which are found in the Book of Holy Writ. (Cheers.) Brethren, satisfied that in Masonry is to be found one of the best supports of a Christian life, I for my part support Masonry, and glad I am to see that it is so worthily supported in this county of Norfolk. (Applause.) Brethren, I am taken by surprise in being called upon my legs to-night, but I live in a county close by the sea where we are never taken by surprise, or, if we are, we always endeavour to be equal to the emergency. (Laughter.) Had I been called upon at an earlier part of the evening I might, perhaps, have noticed at greater length the observations made by the Grand Master, and if I had done so, I should have reciprocated the kindly feeling which he has expressed towards myself as one of the Opposition, and also have expressed the hope that many years would not elapse before I could return to him the compliment—(laughter and cheers)—and recognise in friendly opposition a countenance, which, whether by my side or opposite me, is always the countenance of an honest and faithful friend. (Great cheering.)

Bro. J. B. Graver Browne proposed the last toast—that of "The Ladies," and in doing so took occasion to say, he was proud of the lodge to which he belonged—the Doric—although that was one of the youngest lodges in the province, and no lodge was more delighted at the installation of the Hon. F. Walpole as Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Geoffrey Buxton having responded to the toast, this successful meeting broke up.

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The following communications stand over:—

Consecration of a Lodge at Naim; W. J. Hughan; York Masonry; Hamall Lodge; Ramsay and Freemasonry, unavoidably kept over till next week; arrived a little too late.

A letter from Bro. C. Pegler and Bro. H. Smith under consideration.

In reply to Bro. Wm. W. Wilson we beg to say:—In the Lodge.

Bro. Henry's communication received; another account has already appeared.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The commencement of the Second Christian Epoch."

"The Provident Knowledge Papers."

"Nature Pictures" Sonnets by Bro. Rev. M. Gordon, M.A., Walton, Barnbey.

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OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

The record of the last week may be briefly summed up in the statement that His Royal Highness has been enjoying Indian sporting with much of zest and activity, despite the great heat. He has been to Baroda, has witnessed the cheetah hunting, has enjoyed quail and snipe shooting, and wild boar hunting. His visit seems to be producing very good results.

THE LAST LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Our readers, we think, will have been struck with the last report of the meeting of this most important committee of Masonic Benevolence. The new cases dealt with amounted to thirty-one, of which one was dismissed and two deferred; and, for the remaining twenty-eight the large amount of £865 was voted. One case was recommended for £250, three cases received £50 each, five small grants were made of £5 each, and the remainder was taken up by various cases receiving £30, £20, £15, and £10 respectively, so as to reach the large amount on the whole, as we said before, of £865. We think that all our brethren will agree that this is a very "strong order," and opening out many serious considerations. Were anything like this to be the average amount of the sums voted by the monthly Lodge of Benevolence, the Fund of Benevolence would require an income of £10,000 a year. And though we are inclined to hope, and to believe, that such claims on our Masonic Charity are exceptional, yet we must not shut our eyes to the fact, for it is one of very pressing import for us all alike, that there is a tendency just now in our Order to increased and increasing demands upon all our benevolent grants and institutions. A question, then, may fairly be asked by the observant Freemason, whence arises this overwhelming application for the benefits of our Masonic funds of relief, aid, and education generally? Whence this strain—for it is a strain, say what you will—on the Fund of

Benevolence in particular? We ascribe it to three causes. First, there is, and has been, a tendency in many lodges to relax the older regulations as regards the strictness of admission. Some brethren contend, that if a man can pay his fees and annual subscription at the time of his admission, no one has a right to look further or demand more. But we beg respectfully to point out that a great fallacy lurks within such a premise. It does not follow that because a man is flourishing to-day he will be so to-morrow, and, in our opinion, before any one is admitted into Freemasonry it ought to be clearly ascertained that he is in such a position as to afford the fair presumption that he will not hastily or speedily have to appeal to his brethren for eleemosynary aid. There are several callings and trades in which, from special causes, life is less secure, and the prosperity is more fluctuating than in others, and where the overweening superabundance of to-day is followed by depression and decadence to-morrow. If candidates are recommendable to lodges only because they are now well-to-do, there is and can be no possible limit to the probable eventual demands on our charitable resources. We, therefore, beg to suggest that lodges should be more careful than they are in admitting many members of doubtful or precarious trades, inasmuch as in nine cases out of ten the ultimate appeal to the benevolence of our good Order is only a question of time. So, too, as regards the habit of granting relief to unaffiliated Masons, a practice we cannot too highly deprecate. Many brethren join a lodge, they then pay two years' subscription; they then "demit," to use an American phrase; they become unaffiliated to any lodge; and yet, after the lapse of five, or seven, or ten years, or even more, of inactive Masonic life, they appeal on the letter of the law for aid and relief. In our humble opinion, all such applications should be considered as only deserving the minimum of benevolence. It is idle to contend that if a brother has so little interest in the Order as to leave it, after two years' membership, and to allow his brethren to bear all the "burden and heat of the day," he is placidly to come in, when need overtakes him, or sickness weakens him, and claim relief on the ground of a qualifying subscription of two years. We do not say that he is not to be relieved, we only advocate the very minimum of Masonic benevolence. Some brethren may be too poor to continue their subscriptions, but we have known cases where brethren have paid for two years, then "demit," then lived on in much apparent material prosperity, and then, "apres tout," have recourse to the Lodge of Benevolence for relief and aid. And, lastly, there is a feeling abroad amongst many that Freemasonry is a wealthy body, and so they enter it for what they can get from it. They join it with the full intention of receiving their "quid pro quo," and there is a large class which thus constitutes a "dead weight" on our prosperous Order. No doubt the very effect of numerical increase and material well doing is to entail on us, owing to the "wear and tear of life," and the inevitable accident and changes of the world, a large class of claimants for temporal assistance. But many cases come before the Board of Benevolence which ought never to be entered on the Grand Secretary's list, and very often the friends of suffering brethren are more to blame than the applicants themselves, as they shift their own burden of responsibility and affection on to the "shoulders," if we may so say, of Masonic benevolence. We shall be glad if the ideas we have suggested may find favour with some of the abler and experienced heads of our Order, and we shall be pleased if they will favour us with their matured and judicious opinions on this most important subject.

PLEASANT MEMORIES.

It is a necessity of this lower earth to lament and lose our friends, and brethren, and companions. It is a compensation however for irreparable loss to remember their pleasant presence, or their useful lives, their warm hearts, or their sunny associations. In Freemasonry we often form fast friendships and warm attachments, and many of us have constantly to mourn over

the loss of some familiar friend, the departure—often unexpected, of some much valued and long-known brother. Then it is that memory, with its vivid power, cheers the present, and soothes the sorrow by the pleasant vision it conjures up for us, of all that was good and graceful, or valuable or consoling in the past hours, struggles, efforts, and career of those whose faces we miss, and whose place on earth or in the lodge knows them no more. Two brethren have lately left us, John Savage, well known in the metropolis, and James Franklin, highly esteemed in West Yorkshire, to whom a few lines of feeling and fraternal tribute may fairly be offered in the pages of the "*Freemason*." Bro. John Savage was well known in London and in the Grand Lodge, where his voice was often heard, and where his presence will long be missed. It may be that we did not always agree with his frankly expressed views, but we believe him to have been honest in his convictions, and sincere in his professions. We knew him to have been a zealous and earnest Mason, as well as a useful and valued citizen. He was a true friend and a genial comrade, and he worked on to the last, retaining the good will and sympathy of his friends and brethren, being always to the fore, and ready for every Masonic work, and most interested in all plans affecting the active development of Masonic benevolence. He was a very valued member of our good Order, and seemed well to typify many of its most ornate and abiding characteristics. Bro. James Franklin was a very respected solicitor at Halifax, and a very zealous member of the old Lodge of Probity, one of the oldest of English lodges, and had received the highest provincial honours. He was emphatically a hard-working, earnest, and resolute man, much looked up to in his own special avocation, and ever foremost in upholding and avowing the true principles of Freemasonry. He was an agreeable companion, a true brother, and a good friend. They were both types in their way of our active metropolitan and provincial Masonic life, and fully represent the energy, and steadfastness, and sterling worth of Freemasonry. They have both left in their respective spheres "pleasant memories" to those who survive, (a good deal, mind, for any of us to say,) and those of us who knew them both in lodge or chapter, or Provincial or Grand Lodge, may well to-day deeply regret that we shall hail their kindly presence, or listen to their familiar voice no more here, as we realize that the Masonic career is ended of John Savage and of James Franklin.

MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.

Is it not very singular how very unmasonic all Masonic correspondence is apt to become? So marked is this fact, imprinted on the pages indelibly of all Masonic journalism, more or less, that one of the greatest difficulties which publishers of Masonic papers have to contend with, is the disposition of correspondents to "run riot," the habitual tendency to be personal, unmasonic, and even scurrilous. Is it not a strange phenomenon, we ask again, in the history of men, and in the annals of Freemasonry, that the "odium humanum" of our race is so strong in the Masonic body? And yet why is this? We profess to be "brethren of a mystic tie;" "brotherly love" is ever on our lips; we talk by the hour, and spin tremendous long yarns about philanthropy, benevolence, sympathy, toleration, charity; and yet the moment we run into print we become the most bitter, overbearing, and irate of men. Mournful inconsistency! Were it not, indeed, that the Masonic philosopher knows well the inherent weakness and littleness of human nature in all ages, under all circumstances, and in all earthly contingencies, he might be disposed to think, as somebody once foolishly said, that "there is nothing new, and nothing true, and that it does not at all signify." Now, we wish to give a little plain and outspoken advice to our brethren, which we trust they will take in good part. It is this—Never write personally if you possibly can help it. By this we mean, do not ever, if you are attacked, descend to the lower arena of "scribbling vulgarity." Do not damage a good cause by untoward personal reflections on your opponent; do not defend

a weak cause by scurrilous repartee. In the first place, few subjects are worth the exposure of this ceaseless weakness of us all alike. We admit that often it is very difficult, "currente calamo," to restrain the burst of honest indignation, or the full force of effective retort. We feel that there are cases where the perverse disputant, the incompetent critic, or the thoroughly unmasonic scribe deserves famous old Wilson's "Ambrosian" treatment. And, no doubt, we will now add, such is the infirmity of the flesh, such the "lapsus calami," that even the most job-like of men, of editors, and of writers, may be induced warmly perhaps to expose the ignorance of the impertinent, to ridicule the presumption of the impostor, or to silence the virulence of the malignant. But yet, on the whole, it is, we feel, better for us as mortals, and especially as Masons, to cultivate the gentler graces of forbearance, and calmness, and consideration. Now and then "stern duty" calls us to speak out plainly, and plainly, no doubt, it is better for us to speak, and alike clearly and unmistakably at the same time. But nothing is gained, we feel, by violence of language, while everything is secured by moderation of expression. "A soft answer," our old Grand Master told us, "turneth away wrath," and still most true it is that the reply of geniality, or the turn of harmless chaff, or the half serious, half jocose rejoinder, has more effect than lines of reiterated violence, and the hopeless effusions of excited vulgarity. We therefore recommend to all our correspondents to improve their style, and "amend their vocabulary," all, we mean, who may think themselves aggrieved and "write in haste to repent at leisure." Somebody has said, that almost every man commits himself when he rushes into print, and we all know how some of the ablest of their kind look very small in the columns of a daily journal. As Freemasons we are bound to show to others that we really believe in what we profess, and that we wish to practise what we talk about so eloquently at times; and nothing does Freemasonry so much harm, or is such a stumbling-block in the way of the enlarged spread of Masonic journalism, as that unkindly spirit which, do what you will, creeps into our tolerant pages, together with those personal littlenesses which so often mark the bustling philanthropist, and the zealous Freemason.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

We are very glad to note the resolution unanimously agreed to by this important Scottish province, namely, to call the attention of their Grand Lodge, to the systematic violation of its own laws, in the common granting more than one degree in one night. We are quite convinced that if the Grand Lodge of Scotland will deal with the matter at once much good will arise to Scottish Freemasonry in every respect. If the Scottish Grand Lodge would place its law on the subject in exact accordance with that of the English Grand Lodge, which has worked so well, a step would be taken in advance, towards that identity of Masonic legislation, which we hope to see one day, sooner or later attained, between the two Grand Lodges. May we press upon our good Scottish brethren the advisability of one or two other like, and we have reason to believe, needed reforms? Surely the time has come to raise both the initiation and joining fee, to require an annual subscription, and to establish a capitation payment towards a Fund of Benevolence. We say nothing of the question of proxy Masters, because there are evidently two sides to the question, and we hardly feel ourselves competent to express a decided opinion on the subject. But if the three changes we venture to advocate, and the improvement suggested by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, be carried into effect, we confess we should think, the prospects of Scottish Freemasonry would look brighter for the future. We fear that if the Grand Lodge continues to maintain its "status quo," without any attempt to advance, or improve, or reform, it may have ere long to deal with a financial difficulty, and such a dilemma might be a severe strain on Scottish Freemasonry. We write, as we feel, in all sincere good will, and hearty sympathy for

our brethren, and "Scotch Cousins" across the border. Knowing how many brethren of moral worth, social position, and Masonic excellence and intellectual calibre, are to be found in the ranks of Scottish Freemasonry, we desiderate only the safe development and the peaceful progress of the good old Order to which they belong. The valuable labours and original researches of Bro. D. M. Lyon have lately cast a new light on the past annals of our Scottish brotherhood, and we trust, by a judicious reform of evident anomalies, by a strengthening of weak points, incontestably in their Masonic system, theirs may be a pleasant and prosperous present state of Masonic life and activity, and a still increasing future of Masonic usefulness and Masonic reality.

NARROW ESCAPE OF BRO. SIR MICHAEL SHAW STEWART.

Intelligence has been received of the narrow escape from drowning, in the Bay of Biscay, of Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., of Ardgowan, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Renfrew, and Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland. About ten days ago Sir Michael left England in his steam yacht *Chevalier*, intending to spend the winter in the Mediterranean with the Lady Octavia and other members of his family. While passing through the Bay of Biscay, the yacht was caught in a fearful gale, and the sea running very high carried away the yacht's bulwarks, stove her bow, and swept the decks of boats and every moveable. The tiny vessel continued to labour fearfully for some time, when eventually the steering gear gave way, and she was for a length of time left perfectly helpless, indeed, those on board expected every moment the vessel would founder. After great exertions, however, the yacht was put about and reached Plymouth towards the end of last week, in a very crippled state. Sir Michael will now proceed overland to the Mediterranean,

THE CHEQUE BANK.

We are sorry to note in the money article of the "Times," always we may add worth reading, that there is a proposal to wind up the affairs of this very useful institution. We regret such a resolution and such a result for many reasons. We believe that the Cheque Bank has been found most helpful in the transmission of small sums, and for the payment of small accounts, and we believe that its undoubted value has been more and more appreciated by business firms, as time has passed on. We are assured by the head of a large firm of some hundred employes, that he uses it and finds its daily utility in a variety of ways, and as we understand it has surmounted its preliminary difficulties of establishment and confidence. We cannot but express our regret that such should be the decision, as the "Times" tells us, of a persevering minority. Is there no avoidance of such a resolution? Is there no resuscitation of the bank on another footing, and with other shareholders? It seems to us to involve a question of much personal interest and convenience to many business firms, and if we are correct in our assumptions we certainly cannot but express our regretful feelings that the convenience of the many should be sacrificed to the claims of the few.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"An enquiring M.M." may be interested to learn that he will not effect the object he seeks by taking the English Mark Degree. In America before he can visit a R.A. Chapter, he must have taken the three degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, (as I have done); and, if I am not much mistaken, he must have taken the Past Master's Degree, as well as that of the Mark, before he can enter a Scotch Royal Arch Chapter.

His remarks on the subject of "the English Masonic laws wanting mending on this point" are, I should conceive, the ideas of a very young Mason; probably when

he is older, and when he has studied the subject, he will see cause to change his opinions.

Yours fraternally,

P.J.

JOINING MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you kindly in your next impression inform me and several brethren, whose vehicle I am, what is the status of a Past Master, or any other brother, holding the rank of a Warden, or who may have held that rank, when he joins a new lodge. Instances have frequently occurred in newly formed and other lodges where Past Masters and others who have held office have joined with the desire of taking office should an opportunity present itself, and after attending the lodge regularly and paying their subscriptions punctually, and possibly also rendering assistance as subordinate officers, they have been passed over by junior members. Upon them very naturally protesting, they have been told that initiates had priority of claim, although possibly they may have only been initiated into the Craft as many months as those they supplanted had been years. Fortunately these disagreeable cases do not always occur, but when they do they invariably create disappointment and dissatisfaction. I do not think that there is anything said about this matter in the Book of Constitutions, but there ought to be some recognized usage on the subject. Many good old Masons are deterred from becoming joining members of young lodges where their experience and abilities might be of great service, because of the uncertainty of their ever becoming principal officers; and being working Masons they do not care about subscribing to lodges for the sole purpose of becoming partakers of the pleasures of the Fourth Degree. In conclusion I will furnish an example which came under my personal knowledge. An I.P.M., upon the request of several members joined a new lodge which was greatly in need of experienced brethren, and in the course of time he attained the rank of S.D., and believed he was steadily and legitimately progressing towards the chair, but imagine his disappointment when the S.W., upon being elected W.M., appointed the J.D. to the J.W. chair, but considerably allowed him to retain his position of S.D. Upon his demanding an explanation, he was quietly informed by the W.M. that the J.D. being an initiate of the lodge was entitled to reach the chair first. The young Mason thus honoured was I believe qualified in every respect for the Warden's chair, but as he had only been a Mason a very short time, and owed his prominent position in the lodge to a chapter of accidents, it appeared so great an injustice to the S.D., who had worked so energetically and zealously to further its interests, that he immediately resigned, although the members of the lodge, with one or two exceptions, were unanimously of opinion that the W.M. had displayed too great a partiality, and did all they could to induce him to remain. By kindly affording any information on this question you will greatly oblige

Yours truly and fraternally,

AN ENQUIRER.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE AND MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In to-day's "Freemason" a M.M., Bristol, asks for "the strict Masonic law" respecting the legality of a S.W., in the absence of the W.M., initiating a candidate. I do not presume to be able to give it, but Dr. Oliver, in his work on Masonic jurisprudence, when writing of the "Powers of a Warden," says:—"The Constitutions provide, 'in the Master's absence the I.P.M., or, if he be absent, the S.P.M. of the lodge present shall take the chair. And if no past Master of the lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the lodge.'"

By this law it is clearly intended that during the temporary or permanent absence of the Master, as the case may be, the Senior Warden may summon the lodge, but not rule it if there be a P.M. present. In such a case the S.W., although competent to rule the lodge, ought not to assume the Master's chair, in which he has not been installed, but to occupy a seat in front of or to the right of it, in accordance with the practice of Grand Lodge, as a token of his incompetency to perform the highest rites of the Craft, because the chair is for installed Masons only, and no initiations can be legally performed from any other place in the lodge. If these premises be correct, it follows, as a matter of course, that, being a mere locum tenens, he has no power to initiate, pass, or raise—for the terms "rule a lodge" do not embrace the privilege of admitting candidates. In a case of extreme emergency, however, the conferring of degrees by a Warden, in the absence of any P.M. or actual Master, would not be held absolutely illegal, though highly undesirable.

Respecting Masonic jewels, I have a letter before me, dated 23rd June, 1875, from our worthy and respected Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, in which he says:—"I am not aware of any jewels authorised to be worn, save the Charity Jewel, especially sanctioned by the Grand Master, and such jewels of past officers as are named in the Book of Constitutions. A lodge cannot adopt a distinctive jewel without the express authority of the Grand Master, and very few lodges, I should think scarcely half-a-dozen, enjoy that privilege. The indiscriminate wearing of jewels is not permitted, and if it were, would lead to much abuse." Dr. Oliver admits, in the work referred to above, that "there is some difficulty in understanding the question of honorary jewels," but after a perusal of Bro. Hervey's letter, I should imagine that difficulty would exist no longer. Seeing a brother's breast bedizened with a multiplicity of jewels is anything but pleasing to the eye, or satisfactory to the judgment of the truly zealous Mason, because it appears to fix attention on the trappings of the Craft, and prevent

many brethren, who might otherwise become bright Masons, from penetrating more deeply into the rich mine of knowledge which is open to their researches by an erroneous impression that Freemasonry is something like gilt gingerbread, with all its glittering treasures spread over its surface.

Apologising for the length of this, believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JAMES A. HAYES.

Nov. 20th, 1875.

NUMBERS OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the 6th July, 1863, fourteen years ago, a circular was sent to all lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England who were affected by it, altering their numbers, so as to fill up the blanks caused by the suspension or voluntary surrender of warrants by many lodges that had ceased to exist. On this occasion Lodge Repose, Derby, which was then nearly the junior lodge, rose from 1104 to 803, a difference of 301.

It may perhaps interest your readers to learn that at the present time there are 111 vacancies in the roll of lodges, and I would, with all deference, suggest to the Board of General Purposes, and to the Grand Secretary, that the course pursued in 1863 should be again carried out, in which case the present junior lodge, No. 1574, would become No. 1463. I would further suggest that, as the number of lodges increases so rapidly—no less than 150 warrants having been granted in 1874, and fifty more already in 1875—that this might be done before any new warrants are granted, so that any lodge warrant granted after the warrant of Lodge 1574 might bear its real number, 1464, instead of 1575. I enclose a list of the missing numbers to verify my statement.

Yours fraternally,

COCKER.

LIST OF MISSING NUMBERS.

17	524	628	717	878	1082
118	527	629	722	886	1084
122	535	635	740	888	1090
138	544	642	744	899	1104
161	553	644	762	909	1109
182	559	648	763	923	1117
351	562	658	770	924	1127
396	565	664	774	927	1142
399	568	668	775	953	1162
400	571	674	783	955	1176
420	575	675	790	961	1187
437	577	676	805	963	1190
436	578	677	808	964	1191
470	596	682	826	965	1217
479	612	688	831	968	1245
480	616	690	835	1023	1412
490	620	693	841	1029	
514	623	695	849	1047	
518	627	701	870	1053	

A QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Who is the Bro. William Watson to whom the large sum of £250 has been granted by the last Board of Benevolence? Is he the same brother who has previously received grants? and does he still sit and vote in Grand Lodge?

Yours enquiringly,

JOHN JONES, P.M., &c.

THE ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

On my return to town this day, after a somewhat prolonged absence, I find, among other matters requiring attention, a query from a "Master Mason," in the last issue of the "Freemason," respecting the Alexandra Palace Lodge. The Master Mason "has always understood it to be quite contrary to Masonic law for the S.W. to act as W.M., and perform the ceremonies;" and having read that at a recent meeting of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, in the absence of the W.M. (myself), the S.W. took the chair, initiated a candidate, and presided at the banquet, a "Master Mason" asks whether such a course was "correct." My answer on behalf of the lodge is, "Yes, perfectly correct under the circumstances, for the Senior Warden of the Alexandra Palace Lodge kindly undertook the duties of the chair at my request, and he Bro. Kelly King, P.G.S., is an old and experienced Past Master." I may add that the Alexandra Palace Lodge contains among its officers several notably able Past Masters in the Craft, and that its "work" is never likely to suffer from the unavoidable absence of

Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. C. PARRINSON,

P.G.D. England, P.D.P.G.M. Middlesex.

P.M. 181, 679, and 778.

W.M. of the Alexandra Palace Lodge.

13, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W.,

23rd November, 1875.

P.S.—I should perhaps explain to a "Master Mason" that the Alexandra Palace Lodge is in the first year of its existence, and that there are consequently no Past Masters of the lodge itself.

TEW AND PERROTT v. BINCKES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the "Freemason," Oct. 23rd, you insert a letter from Bro. Binckes, dated Oct. 16th, 1875, in which occurs the following:—"The insinuation is palpable, and what I complain of is that Mr. Tew, &c., and again—"In opposition to the views of Messrs. Tew and Perrott, &c., and four times afterwards in the same letter he speaks of Mr. Perrott. I submit, therefore, that your stricture

would have been more appropriately applied to Bro. Binckes, seeing that he committed the first offence. In fairness to Bros. Tew and Perrott I ask you to insert this in your next issue.

I am, yours fraternally,

HENRY INGRAM, P.M.

Bailey, 22nd November, 1875.

[We publish this letter, and hope that it is the last we shall receive on this subject.—ED.]

MASONIC HALFPENNY TOKENS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over a Masonic relic published in November, 1794, I find the following account of the token in question. The engravings are in good preservation, and your correspondent "T. F." is quite correct as to the animals being beavers. I will try to get our W.M. to make a copy of them, and will send it for your further information.

Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF 1089.

"MASONIC TOKENS.—In the course of the past month some copper pieces, newly struck from a die which appears to be executed in a style superior to any of the provincial coins at present in circulation, came to the hands of the proprietor of this magazine. On inspection they appear to be called Masonic Tokens, and to have been invented by a brother who intended them to serve as pocket pieces; but, either from the novelty of the idea or the excellence of the workmanship, it would appear that many persons have been content to receive them in change as halfpence, in the same manner as the Liverpool, Norwich, Lancaster, Anglesey, Bungay, Macclesfield, Leak, Manchester, Coventry, &c., coins have acquired credit and currency."

ELECTION OF W.M. 1458, MANCHESTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your issue of November 20th, contains a report (so-called) of the regular meeting of the Lodge of Truth, held at the Royal Archer, Dale-st, Manchester, on the 6th inst. I think that the portion referring to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year requires a little modification, especially when the title of Lodge 1458 is considered—"The Lodge of Truth." Your report states that, to the surprise of many, the J.W. was elected in preference to the S.W. The surprise, I believe, was confined to few, twenty-two members being present, and the ballot being as follows:—Bro. Charles J. Kent, J.W., 17; Charles Pearson, S.W., and W.M. of 1077, 3; Thomas Tyers, P.M. and Treas., 1; John Kinder, P.M. and S., 1. Bro. Kent was therefore elected by a great majority. Prior to the ballot being taken, Bro. Pearson, S.W., reminded the members that he held the office of W.M. in the Wilton Lodge, 1077, and that on the event of his being elected W.M. of 1458, a dispensation would have to be procured in order for him to act; he did not wish to influence the ballot in any way, but considered it justice to the lodge to mention the fact. This fact, however, is not included in the report sent you; therefore, a stranger to the lodge would infer that our truly Masonic brother, Bro. Pearson, S.W., was not in favour with the junior members of 1458. Such, however, is not the case, he is admired by all, and would certainly have been elected W.M., had there not have been an uncertainty with respect to the granting of a dispensation, a grant which has seldom been allowed in East Lancashire. The "junior members" of a junior lodge (query, Who are the seniors? the lodge being not yet three years old) have not been at complimented in the report sent you. They are charged with not studying the interests of the lodge, making the election a personal matter, and looking for preferment by disposing of the S.W. Such remarks are not Masonic, and will tend to diminish, instead of increase, a desire for Masonic knowledge. I have no hesitation in saying that Bro. Pearson, S.W., would have been elected without one opposing vote, had not the difficulty of a dispensation have presented itself. Bro. Kent, J.W., is now W.M. elect. He has filled the J.W.'s chair ably, and, to the satisfaction, I think, of all, and I doubt not, after a little working, he will be as efficient in the chair of K.S. I trust the disparaging remarks referred to may not impoverish his zeal; or that of the members in the majority—the juniors. By inserting this somewhat lengthy letter you will oblige. I would attach my real name, but by so doing might be termed an office seeker. I therefore subscribe myself,

Fraternally yours,

A JUNIOR MEMBER.

Manchester, November 23rd, 1875.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

AN OLD JEWEL.

A small jewel has been forwarded to us to ascertain its real meaning. It is in gold, in form of a shield with an apostle, with the halo of glory round his head, holding in his hands a scroll, on which is a cross. Behind him stands a lion, and on a raised ground in the left hand corner are the square and compasses. The whole is suspended to a red hanger by a triangle.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS: Indigestion.—Dreary November is proverbial for its unpleasantness, which may lead directly to disease, unless some tonic like these Pills be occasionally taken to sustain the appetite and relish for food. In all cases of indigestion, producing weariness, low spirits, palpitation, and feverishness, these famous Pills should be resorted to as the gentlest and surest corrective of the stomach, the best antidotes to its ailments. These Pills dispel the cause of dyspepsia. Every one afflicted with it may rejoice at the safe and satisfactory results, which can be secured at so small a charge as the purchase of a box of Holloway's Pills. They purify, strengthen, and remedy imperfect development of growth and health in young persons.—ADVT.

Reviews.

"KALENDAR FÜR FREIMAURER." BRO. C. VAN DALEN. Leipzig: Bro. J. G. Findel.

We welcome this well-known and useful little Germanic vade mecum, as put forth by our worthy Bro. C. Van Dalen, Berlin, and by our well-known and able Bro. J. G. Findel. From it we are annually enabled to obtain accurate statistics of German Freemasonry, and through its well arranged pages we learn the progress amid the "Deutsch-sprechender Volk" of our valuable and cosmopolitan Craft. There are some minor points of difference, as to detail and ritual, as between Teutonic and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry and each has special observances or systematic peculiarities, which each deems to be preferable to the other's. But there is, nevertheless, much of "ähnlichkeit," to use a German word, between our Masonic system and teaching and theirs; the one essential difference being (we speak of Craft Masonry), the completing grade of the R.A. with us, of which in Germany they know but little, that is, actively, in usual work. But despite the foolish attack of some heated writers, some angry and agitated Ultramontane complainants, we believe that as a general rule German Freemasonry, like ours in Great Britain, is entirely free from political proclivities, or religious discussions. Like us, German Freemasons accept and believe in the great principles of toleration and philanthropy, of liberty of conscience and freedom of belief, of the due cultivation of the intellectual faculties, and yet of the encouragement of religious aspirations. Like ours, German Freemasonry is expansive and cosmopolitan, and accepts all who, in a spirit of universal comprehension for the purpose of humanitarian work and sympathy, accept a theistic avowal of faith and truth, and openly acknowledge the great Architect and Creator of all. We therefore gladly hail once again Bro. Van Dalen's useful Masonic compendium and companion, and beg especially to call the attention of our many German brethren in England to its utility and information.

W.

"FREEMASONRY, ITS SECRECY, &c." AN Oration by Bro. the REV. THOMAS RUSSELL, P.P.G.C. Oxon, and J.G.W. Devon, and W.M. of the Lodge of Benevolence, Bideford, 489. Delivered at Bideford, Oct. 13th, 1875.

We have perused our Rev. Bro.'s oration with much pleasure, and we gladly commend it to the notice of the Craft. It appears to us to be an able refutation of the common fallacy which exists in all the arguments of the "perverse disputant," respecting the secrecy of Freemasonry: At the same time we say this, we feel bound to express our opinion that as the objection to a secret society can only really arise from its being illegal by the laws of the land, in Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and in most countries happily now, such an objection becomes "a fabella exoleta" altogether. A religious body no doubt might say to its adherents, "I make it a term of communion that you do not belong to any secret society," but then that is only laying down a subjective if abstract enunciation of work or duty, and seeking to make it objective, as religious bodies often have done, and probably will often do again. The Roman Catholics assert that there is an objection to Freemasonry from its secrecy, arising out of what they term the natural law of right, &c., as between man and man, but that we believe to be utterly untenable. We also accept Bro. Russell's definition of the true position of Freemasonry as regards religious truth, and quite agree with him that Freemasonry, though it assumes a position of absolute neutrality, by no means proclaims its indifference to religious truth, inasmuch as, though not professing to teach religion absolutely, it bases all its moral enunciations, whether of decorum or duty, on the very word of God. We are happy to think that many of our clergy are now beginning to recognize the arguments put forth by the friends of Freemasonry, and to see that Freemasonry, though not religion, is ever friendly to religion; and that the accusations of indifference utterly fail in this, that they do not touch the self-evident truism, that Freemasonry need not be indifferent because it does not pronounce an opinion on matters beyond its scope and its constitution.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ELLINGTON LODGE, No. 1566, AT MAIDENHEAD.

Wednesday, the 10th inst., witnessed the inauguration of a new Masonic Lodge, bearing the name of the "The Ellington Lodge," and ranking as No. 1566, in the rising town of Maidenhead. The ceremony was fixed for 2.30 p.m., and by that hour the brethren interested in the formation of the lodge assembled at the Bell Hotel, where they were joined by others, who had come many of them from a distance, to assist in the inaugural ceremonies; in addition to brethren from London, the neighbouring Lodges Etonian and Windsor Castle, Windsor, Union and Greyfriars, Reading, the Wycombe and St. John's, Maidenhead, were well represented. The ceremonies of constitution and consecration were undertaken by the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, who, in the course of the proceedings, delivered an impressive address on a subject sufficiently important to brethren at large to warrant a report in extenso. He remarked—It has always been the peculiar characteristic of English Freemasonry to avoid carefully all interference in political matters. The Pro Grand Master of England, at the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, emphatically asserted this fact. "In some countries," he said, "it has been unfortunately the lot of Freemasonry to find itself allied with faction and intrigue—with what I may call the darker side of politics. In England this has been signally the reverse." His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales fully accepted and endorsed the sentiments of the Pro Grand Master. "As long," he said, "as Freemasonry keeps itself from being mixed up with politics, so long will, I am sure, this great and ancient Order flourish." With these assertions, made publicly by the two leading rulers of the Craft, it becomes our duty, surely, to guard this peculiar landmark of our Order, to watch carefully any danger that may seem to affect it. I do think that in our intercourse—our fraternal intercourse—with foreign Grand Lodges we must not forget the words of our Pro Grand Master. It cannot be denied that in some foreign countries to be a Freemason is practically always to be a member of one particular party. So long as and wheresoever this is the case, there must be a wide difference between our principles and those of our foreign brethren. The Grand Lodge of England acts very wisely in her intercourse with foreign Grand Lodges; she receives their representatives, and is represented at their meetings; but this must not be construed into an endorsement of the principles by which, in many matters, those foreign Grand Lodges are actuated. Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen did not commit herself to a despotic line of policy by her public reception of the Shah of Persia. The representative of the Sultan is received at the Court of St. James, but our country does not thereby accept the principles of Turkish finance, and so our Most Worshipful Grand Master by the reception of a deputation from the Grand Orient of Italy at his installation, did not endorse, or give any opinion on the policy of that Grand Lodge. It is very important to keep these facts before our minds, as there are not wanting indications that some Masons in this country are desirous of a closer union between us and foreign Masons, a union, in my humble opinion, likely to interfere with our non-political character, and so to alienate from our ranks those whom we can ill afford to lose. Many of us can labour heartily and conscientiously for the Craft as it is worked in England; we shall be forced to re-consider our position if we are more closely identified with the Grand Orients of Italy or France. I heartily trust that those words of our Grand Master and of our Pro Grand Master which I have quoted may be long treasured and remembered by English Masons, may be a warning and an incitement to us to preserve always pure and unsullied the genuine precepts and principles of the Craft.

We have only to add that the whole of the inaugural ceremony was conducted in a most efficient and impressive manner, and that the

musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Tolley, of Windsor.

Subsequently W. Bro. Brownrigg installed the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. William B. Farr, 825, Bengal, who, in turn, invested the following brethren with their insignia of office, viz.; W. Bro. J. Fuller, S.W.; Bro. J. J. Britton, J.W.; W. Bro. H. H. Hodges, Sec.; Bro. H. Turner, Treas.; and Bro. H. H. Durrant, I.G. The proposition of a long list of candidates for initiation closed the proceedings.

In the evening the members of the new lodge and their visitors sat down to an admirable banquet at the Bell Hotel. After the removal of the cloth the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master," and other loyal and Masonic toasts, not omitting that of "The Visitors." "The Health of the Worshipful Master, and Success to the Ellington Lodge," followed, and was responded to by the W. Master, who said that after the delay and difficulty that had been experienced he was rejoiced to see the lodge really formed. He was confident that, in addition to the long list of names read, many others would join their ranks, "but," he added, "let us each be careful who we introduce to the privileges of our Order, so that we may reckon our strength not so much by our muster roll as by the individual worth of our members; let us so guard our lodge that, from the foundation laid to-day may a superstructure be raised perfect in its parts and honourable to its builders."

In closing our notice of the banquet we must not forget to add that the singing and accompaniments of Bros. Tolley and Videon Harding were warmly applauded.

CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT RUTHERGLEN.

The consecration of St. John's Masonic Hall, built by the members of St. John's Operative Lodge, No. 347, took place on Friday evening, the 12th inst., in due form, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire, East.

The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m. by Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., supported by his office-bearers as follows:—Bros. Wm. Gardner, I.P.M.; Samuel Abbot, D.M.; David Smart, S.M.; John Murdoch, S.W.; Thomas Alston, J.W.; Alex. Warnock, Sec.; Wm. Miller, Treas.; Wm. Young, S.D.; Thomas Brodie, J.D.; And. Pearson, Chaplain; Matthew Abbot, P.G.S.; James Ritchie, S.S.; and Wm. McKemmie, I.G. There were deputations from the several lodges in the province, as also from the lodges in Glasgow and neighbouring provinces. In all, there would be no less than about 350 brethren present, and the holding capacity of the hall, which for all ordinary occasions is more than ample, was taxed almost beyond its utmost. The following R.W. Masters were present:—Bros. A. B. Thorburn, Kilwinning, 4, Glasgow; David Anderson, Cambslang, 114, Royal Arch; William Ferguson, Rutherglen, 116, Royal Arch; David Allen, Pollokshaws, 153, Royal Arch; Joseph Singleton, Scotia, 178; John Morgan, Star, 219; R. M. Yuill, Shamrock and Thistle, 275; J. B. Macnair, Union, 332; Alexander Thomson, St. George, 333; James Anderson, Renfrew County Kilwinning, 370, Paisley; William Harper, Clyde, 408; George Glen, Prince of Wales, 426, Renfrew; David Reid, St. Andrew's, 465; William Ferguson, St. John's, 543, Dalmaur; and Wm. Phillips, Clydesdale, 556, and others; also a large number of Past Masters and other office-bearers from the respective lodges.

The brethren having all assembled, the R.W.M. then informed them that the office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were now in waiting, and requested all to be upstanding.

The P.G.L. then entered, and was received with the accustomed honours. The deputation consisted of Bros. Colonel Archibald, C. Campbell, of Blythswood, R.W. Provincial Grand Master; Lieut.-Col. Reid, of Gallowflat, acting Depute P.G.M.; Ex-Baillie James Caldwell, of Paisley, P.G.S.W.; James Gilmour, P.G.J.W.; Rev. George Campbell, acting P.G. Chaplain; L. R. Henderson, P.G. Sec.; James B. Lamb, P.G. Architect; John Carswell, P.G.M.C.; Ex-Baillie John Fisher, P.G.B.B.; James Buchan, P.G.S.B.;

Alexander McPherson, P.G.S.B.; Andrew Wallace, P.G.S.D.; and Joseph Forrest, P.G. Inner Guard. Having taken their seats on and around the dias, the R.W.M. (Bro. Cunningham) in due form handed over his mallet to and vacated his chair in favour of the P.G. Master, which the latter similarly accepted, and, on the formal request of the R.W.M., proceeded to the work of consecration, the programme of the ceremonial being that authorised by Grand Lodge of Scotland, with slight modifications, and including a brief address by the P.G. Master, having reference mainly to the wonderful corroboration of the Bible narratives of the early history of the world, which have recently been found as the result of Egyptian and Ninevite explorations by Mr. Smith, of the British Museum, and others. In concluding, he said that having dedicated that lodge hall to the Almighty, and recognising Him in the proceedings throughout, they should remember in their lives that he was always looking at them. They had all got to do their duty in this world, but their souls were not bound down to the earth, and he believed that when the Almighty called them to the Grand Lodge above they would find that it would not be a vague, purposeless existence there, but much more active than this, and they would look back and wonder how they could have loved this so much when they should see the glory that should be in the future. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master then declared the hall consecrated to the purposes of Freemasonry, and, in handing back the mallet to the R.W.M., said he felt that he was returning it to a brother who would support all the objects of Freemasonry, who would be an honour to his lodge, and a blessing to the Craft. (Applause.)

The R.W.M. said he had now, in the name of Lodge 347, to return the P.G.M. their heartfelt thanks for his kindness in officiating at the consecration. Before going to refreshment, he added, there was a duty which he thought they ought to perform there and then, and he had therefore much pleasure in proposing that honorary affiliation to the lodge should be bestowed upon the Acting Depute P.G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Reid, and the office-bearers of the P.G.L., whom they had that night with them. The proposal having been carried by acclamation, the brethren in question assembled round the altar, and were obligated accordingly at the hands of the R.W. Master. By command of the R.W.M. the J.W. then transferred the lodge from labour to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, as also that of "The Three Grand Lodges," were given from the chair and duly honoured.

The Chairman next proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire (East)," coupled with the name of the R.W.P.G.M. In so doing he said they ought to be proud of such a Master, who not only occupied the highest position in his province, but, as they were aware, had been recently visited by Royalty. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said that nothing had given him greater pleasure than to be able to preside at meetings of that kind, accompanied, he would say, by his Provincial Grand Lodge, because he had always found that when he made a mistake they were able to correct him. With regard to the reference made by the R.W.M. as to his lately having had a distinguished guest staying with him, he desired to say a word. He had seen it stated that the visit of Prince Leopold to Blythswood, was done with an ulterior object. Before them all, he declared that there was no truth in that whatever. He (the speaker) had no more notion a month or two before that event, that His Royal Highness was coming to Blythswood than they had that he was going to come into this lodge. The sole reason of the visit was the Prince's friendship with his (the speaker's) brother, whom he desired to visit, and, when that wish was expressed, it was simply his duty to acquiesce. In concluding, the P.G.M. stated that he had heard from Prince Leopold himself that his reception in Renfrewshire had caused him the liveliest delight, and the deepest and greatest satisfaction. (Applause.)

A number of other toasts followed, including "The Visiting Brethren" from the chair,

coupled with the name of Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. No. 116.

"The Chairman," proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. J. B. Macquair, R.W.M. No. 332, was modestly acknowledged by Bro. Cunningham, and others. We should state that the musical portion of the consecration ceremonial was rendered by a vocal choir, under the conduct of Bro. John Miller, Dir. of Music, P.G.L. of Glasgow, and that the routine of toasts subsequently was agreeably relieved by song and recitation, contributed by Bros. Allen, Wm. Niven, 27, and others. As a description of the building has already appeared in the columns of the "Freemason," when the memorial stone was laid with Masonic honours by Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., in the month of March last, it will suffice to repeat here that it is a substantial stone and brick structure, the main hall being 40 feet by 30 feet, inside measurement, with an 18 feet ceiling, that the ventilation and lighting are each unusually excellent, and that when the painter and decorator have finished their share of the work it will be in most essentials the finest Masonic temple in the west of Scotland.

CORNISH FACTS AND NOTIONS.

The next Provincial Grand meeting of the Cornish Masons will, in all probability, be held at Falmouth. Eleven years have passed since a Grand Lodge was held in that town. The new Mayor (Bro. Webber) is the M.W. of the Falmouth Lodge, "Love and Honour," No. 75. It is likely that before long a Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Cornwall will be formed, as the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe is the Provincial Grand Superintendent nominate. There are now eight active chapters in Cornwall for this degree, and one dormant, Royal Arch Masonry having been practised in the province for nearly a century. Chapters meet in Penzance, Truro, Liskeard, Tywardreath, St. Day, St. Germans, Hayle, and St. Austell. The old chapter at Falmouth, which is dormant, is likely to be soon restored.

Many have tried to compile a list of Masonic lodges in existence at the time of the union in 1813, but have failed, until in 1875 it had fallen to the lot of that exceptionally zealous and distinguished Mason, Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro, who is a Masonic author of great repute, to accomplish this difficult task. The difficulty of its compilation has been much increased because of the paucity of the materials from which the information has been gleaned. A complete list of all lodges in existence at the union of the "Ancients" and "Moderns," or the "Regular" and "Athol Masons," is given, with subsequent alterations, and he also shows those in existence at the present time. There were nine Cornish lodges in existence at the time of the union. "Love and Honour," Falmouth, was warranted in 1751. Then its number was 110, now it is 75. In 1869 a centennial warrant was granted to it. Next comes "Druids," Redruth, No. 127 at the union, now 589. The warrant is dated 1754. The lodge became extinct about 1830, but was renewed under a new warrant. The "Mount Sinai," Penzance, was warranted in 1771, was numbered 200 at the time of the union, and is now 121 under a new warrant granted in 1813. The "Fortitude," Truro, follows in order. At the union it was numbered 213, having been warranted in 1772. It is described in the official calendars and documents as "In Royal Regiment of Cornish Miners," and was transferred to a civil lodge under a warrant dated 1826. Coming next was the "Unity," Falmouth, which was warranted about the year 1780, was 244 on the register at the union, and became extinct about 1830. The "Three Grand Principles," Penryn, was warranted in 1799, and was numbered 596 at the time of the union. About 1830 it became extinct, but was revived by a new warrant, numbered 970. Succeeding is the "True and Faithful," Helston, 76 years old; "One and All," Bodmin, 65 years old, and at the time it was warranted (1810) it was numbered 625, and was described as "Royal Cornwall Lodge in Cornwall Regiment of Militia" (Cornwall Rangers). It was afterwards changed

to a civil lodge, and is now No. 330. The "Phoenix," Truro, is of the same age, was numbered 627 at the union, but is now registered 331. There are now over 1500 lodges under the Grand Lodge of England. At the time of the union there were 647 lodges. Of them 339 exist under the Grand Lodge of England, the remainder having joined other lodges or ceased to exist. We may add that this list is published for private circulation, and is an appendix to Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Union," issued last year, and now out of print.—"Western Morning News."

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES FRANKLIN.

Bro. James Franklin, whose loss we have to deplore, was a well-known solicitor in Halifax, and a member of the leading firm of Messrs. Stocks and Franklin. He was an active and much respected citizen. Bro. Franklin was an ardent Freemason, and in the long roll of surviving members of the Ancient Lodge of Probity he stood ninth on the list, having been initiated in 1849. In 1854 he was elected Master of the lodge. He also became a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and in that served as Grand Warden. He was also a Past Principal of the chapter and P.P.G. officer in the P.G. chapter of West Yorkshire. He was interred on Saturday, the 13th inst., amid many regrets, and he will long be remembered by his brethren in Freemasonry.

BRO. J. CHAMBERS, P.G. CHAPLAIN, PENNSYLVANIA.

We deeply regret to have to record the death of Bro. Rev. John Chambers, Grand Chaplain of both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Bro. Chambers died, however, full of years and full of honours—having well spent a long life. Bro. Chambers was admitted a member of Lodge No. 51, of Pennsylvania, on May 22, 1851. On April 17, 1856, he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason, in Oriental Chapter, No. 183. He was created a Knight Templar in St. John's Commandery, No. 4, and upon the formation of Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, he was one of its charter members. In all of these relations he was beloved and respected by his brethren and companions.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business for the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, 1st December, 1875:—

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st September, 1875, for confirmation.

Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

The widow of a brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 70, Plymouth £70 0 0

A brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln 50 0 0

A brother of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, London 75 0 0

A brother of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 199, Dover 75 0 0

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 230, Devonport 50 0 0

A brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Hertford 100 0 0

N.B.—Bro. Haselwood received £10 on account of this grant, but he died on the 1st November.

A brother of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, London 250 0 0

A brother of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, Richmond 50 0 0

The widow of a brother of the Lodge St. John of Wapping, No. 1306, Wapping 50 0 0

The widow of a brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Hertford 100 0 0

A brother of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, London 50 0 0

The widow of a brother of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, London 50 0 0

"The report of the Board of General Purposes, to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

"The Board of General Purposes have to report that they have taken into consideration a complaint of two members of the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, Blackheath,

to the effect that on the 17th day of June last the W.M. elect was installed without the previous confirmation of the minutes. And further, that on the 15th day of July the lodge was opened before the time named in the summons. After a long investigation of the facts of the case and hearing the evidence, the Board decided that the specific charges made were not proved. As however great laxity appeared to have prevailed in recording the minutes of the lodge, the Board admonished the Master to be more careful in future in seeing that the proceedings of the lodge were duly and properly recorded, reminding him that although the Secretary was the proper person to take the minutes, the Master was at all times responsible for their being correctly entered.

(Signed) "JOHN B. MONCKTON, President."

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of November instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3436 19s. 2d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

The appeal of Bro. Robert Levingstone, of the Lodge Orion in the West, No. 415, Poona, against the decision of the District Grand Master of Bombay, that Bro. Braine was eligible to be elected the Master of Lodge No. 415.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

Report of a special meeting of the Governors and subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1875, will be laid before Grand Lodge, and the following proposed alterations of the rules which were then agreed to will, in accordance with the laws of the institution, be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, viz:—

To add to Clause 19, page 10 of the rules and regulations, after the words "Serving the Stewardship," and as a new paragraph, the following:—

"Every Steward at the anniversary festival who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than £50, in addition to his personal donation, shall receive two additional votes at each election, and two further extra votes for every additional sum of not less than £50."

And also to expunge from the same clause the following:—

"If unaccompanied with a personal donation, but by means of his services, not less than £20 shall be paid to the funds, he shall be entitled to one additional vote for every subsequent Stewardship."

That the law as altered now read thus:—

"A Life Governor who has served the office of Steward at the anniversary festival and subscribed £10 or upwards shall, on every occasion of subsequent service of such office, if accompanied with a similar donation, be entitled to four votes; if accompanied with a donation of £5, to two extra votes. A donor, who has qualified as a Life Governor and afterwards served the office of Steward at the anniversary festival, and qualifies again as a Life Governor, shall be entitled to the same number of votes as if he had paid both at the time of serving the Stewardship."

"Every Steward at the anniversary festival who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than £50, in addition to his personal donation, shall receive two additional votes at each election, and two further extra votes for every additional sum of not less than £50."

Notice of motion:—By Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain:—

"That the sum of one hundred guineas be granted by this Grand Lodge in aid of the Palestine Exploration Fund, with the view of promoting the continued prosecution of the interesting and important work of exploring the ancient landmarks of the Holy Land."

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

The following is the agenda for Tuesday, 30th November, 1875:—

1. Read and confirm minutes of Grand Lodge of 1st June, 1875.

2. Nomination of M.W.G.M.

3. Election of Grand Treasurer.

4. Report of the General Board, which includes the following recommendations:—

A.—"That the existing treaty with the Supreme Council 33°, and the Grand Master of the Temple, requires modification in the following sense:—

B.—"That no sentence shall be carried out in the Mark Degree, unless with the unanimous consent of the representatives of the Mark Degree present at the meeting of the Judicial Council (on appeal), two representatives being a quorum.

C.—"That an appeal be in all cases allowed to Grand Lodge.

D.—"That the Grand Stewards' contributions towards expenses of Grand Festival be fixed at two guineas (£2 2s.)

E.—"That the sum of £25 be granted from the Fund of Benevolence to Bro. P. . . . That the sum of £5 per annum be granted from the Fund of Benevolence to Mrs. S. . . ., widow of the late Bro. J. R. S. . . ."

FREDERICK BINCKES, G.S.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

At a Provincial Grand Chapter, holden in the Masonic Hall, Dewsbury, on Wednesday, 10th November, 1875, at 3.30 p.m., there were present M. E. Comps. John Hervey, G.S.E., as Prov. G. Supt.; Henry Day, P.Z. 208, as Prov. G.H.; William Elliott, M.D., P.Z. 61, Prov. G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, 387, 495, Prov. G.S.E.; Thomas Hill, P.Z. 302, as Prov. G.S.N.; W. W. Widdop, P.Z. 275, P. Prov. G.S.N.; John Booth, P.Z. 258, P. Prov. G.S.N.; Benjamin Blakeley, P.Z. 827, as Prov. G.P.S.; William Smith, P.Z. 290, P. Prov. G.P.S.; W. G. Dyson, P.Z. 290 Prov. G. 1st A.S.; W. J. Beck, P.Z. 289, Prov. G. 2nd A.S. John Fisher, P.Z. 61, Prov. G. Treas.; Thomas Senior, P.Z. 495, Prov. G. Reg.; W. H. B. Tomlinson, P.Z. 154, Prov. G. Reg.; Wm. Tasker, P.Z. 61, as Prov. G.Sd.B.; Thomas Heaton, P.Z. 275, P. Prov. G.Sd.B.; John Gill, P.Z. 495, P. Prov. G.S.B.; James Atkinson, P.Z. 258, Prov. G.Sd.B.; Jas. Rigby, P.Z. 242, P. Prov. G.Sd.B.; Thomas Schofield, P.Z. 306, Prov. G.D. of Cers.; Edward Sewell, M.A. 302, Prov. G. Org.; Mark Newsome, J.P., P.Z. 827, 208, Prov. G. Steward; Thomas Ruddock, P.Z. 275, Prov. G. Steward; M. E. Naylor, P.Z. 154, Prov. G. Steward; W. F. Wilkinson, P.Z. 448, as Prov. G. Steward; Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Janitor; and Acting Principals, Past First Principals, and Companions of Chapters 61, 154, 208, 242, 258, 265, 275, 289, 290, 302, 304, 306, 308, 337, 387, 448, 495, 521, 600, 837, 1214; and visitor, Comp. John Kelley, Friendship, No. 202.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence from Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., 61; G. H. Westerman, J.P., 154; Capt. W. Rothwell, J.P.; Thos. Perkinson and Isaac Booth, 61; Major Hartley, 208; Hy. Pawson, Hy. Maleham, R. Arnison and John F. Moss, 296; Chrstr. Pratt and B. Broughton, 302; Rev. T. C. Smyth, 289; Rev. J. Senior, 495; Edward Armitage, 275; John Barnes, 337; H. Matthews, 159; J. B. Emmott, 265; John P. Bell, M.D., Grand Supt. N. and E. Yorkshire.

The Prov. G. Chapter was then opened in form by E. Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E., and the officers of Prov. G. Chapter. The roll of Prov. G. Chapters was called. The roll of Present and Past G. Officers was called.

The minutes of Prov. G. Chapter, holden at Halifax May 20th, 1874, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved by Comp. John Wordsworth, seconded by Comp. C. L. Mason, and resolved, that the "minutes be taken as read." Moved by Comp. Wordsworth, and seconded by Comp. W. J. Beck, and resolved, "That the minutes be confirmed."

E. Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E., who was warmly greeted, addressed the chapter, briefly explaining the reason for his occupying the chair, and the special duty he had undertaken to discharge.

Comp. S. N. announced that Comp. Bentley Shaw, P.P.G. H., was at the door, asking to be admitted for the purpose of being installed. E. Comp. John Hervey directed that Comp. Bentley Shaw should send in his patent. The Prov. G. Registrar examined and read the patent.

E. Comp. Z. then directed the following deputation to retire and introduce the Prov. G. Superintendent nominate:—E. Comps. John Fisher, 61; John Wordsworth, 154; James Hunter, 208; John Booth, 258; W. W. Widdop, 275; Wm. Smith, 290; Manoa Rhodes, 302; Thomas Hill, 302; Thos. Schofield, 306; John Gill, 495. Comp. Bentley Shaw, G. Superintendent nominate, was then introduced and presented by E. Comp. Manoa Rhodes.

The greeting was of so warm a character that it was some time before the ceremony could be proceeded with. E. Comp. Z. then addressed the G.S. nominate, and heartily congratulated him on his appointment, which he was happy to find was so acceptable to the province, for had he ever doubted the propriety of the selection, the warmth of the reception must have in one moment dispelled it. E. Comp. the P.G. Superintendent nominate was then placed in the centre, and took upon himself the obligation attached to the office: he was then invested with the collar and jewel, and the sceptre placed in his hands, and in each instance suitable addresses were given. The G.S. was then placed on the throne, amidst the cheers and applause of a crowded chapter. The G.S., in most feeling terms, endeavoured adequately to thank the installing officer, E. Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E., for having as the representative of the Grand Superintendent, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., installed him. His admirable address to the companions also was listened to with feelings of deep respect and admiration, and repeatedly applauded.

The G.S. then appointed E. Comps. T. W. Tew, P.Z. 495, H., and Henry Day, P.Z. 208, J., who were accordingly installed and addressed by E. Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E.

The G.S. then appointed and invested the following officers:—

Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, 387, 495.....	Prov. G.S.E.
Mark Newsome, P.Z. 208	Prov. G.S.N.
Thomas Schofield, P.Z. 306	Prov. Prin. Soj.
Thomas Ruddock, P.Z. 275	Prov. 1st Asst. Soj.
Edward Sewell, 302	Prov. and Asst. Soj.
E. L. Mason, P.Z. 304	Prov. G. Reg.
Wm. Tasker, P.Z. 61.....	Prov. G. Sd. B.
Jas. Atkinson, P.Z. 258	Prov. G. Std. B.
John Wordsworth, P.Z. 154	Prov. G. D. of Cers.
W. H. Hopkinson, 208	Prov. G. Org.
T. H. C. Scatcherd, P.Z. 61; J. Bottomley, P.Z. 275; S. H. Stocks, P.Z. 258; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, Prov. G. Stewards; and Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Janitor.	

Moved by E. Comp. W. W. Weddop, seconded by E. Comp. T. Ruddock, and unanimously resolved, "That E. Comp. John Fisher be re-elected Treasurer, and that the best thanks of this Prov. G. Chapter be accorded to him for his past services."

The G. Superintendent then addressed the Prov. G. Chapter, concluding his remarks by moving, "That the best thanks of this Prov. G. Chapter be given to Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E., for attending here to perform the ceremony of installation at this inclement season." Seconded by E. Comp. T. W. Tew, supported by E. Comp. Henry Day, J., and carried unanimously.

The Grand Superintendent then proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Chapter Three Grand Principals, 208, for the sumptuous manner in which they had received and entertained Prov. G. Chapter at their own cost. E. Comp. J. Wordsworth seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried. E. Comp. C. E. Rhodes, in the absence of E. Comp. James Hunter, feelingly replied.

E. Comp. W. F. Smithson, Z. 289, invited the Prov. G. Supt. to hold the next chapter in Leeds, under the Banner of Fidelity, No. 289, at the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, to which he acceded.

The Prov. G. Chapter was then closed in due form at 5.30 p.m.

The companions repaired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were served, preparations having been made for 100, and about that number sat down. After the banquet numerous loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a most harmonious evening spent.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of Subscribers to this school was held in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Lieut. Col. Creaton, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Massa, Thomas W. White, L. Ruf, Hyde Pullen, Griffiths Smith, Robt. B. Webster, Walter Wellman, Wm. Paas, H. M. Levy, H. Massey, "Freemason;" Robt. Kenyon, Benj. Head, H. A. Dubois, Dr. Ramsay, Wm. Jones, A. H. Diaper, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

After the preliminary business of the Committee had been transacted, the Secretary read the schemes which had been submitted to the Special Committee to consider the enlargement of the school building, and announced that the Special Committee had determined to recommend Col. Creaton's suggestion to build a large hall with dormitories capable of accommodating 94 children, to erect a covered way between the old and new building, and to erect larger laundries at the end of the grounds.

The Chairman having said a few words, explaining the advantages of his plan, and stated that the cost would be under £20,000.

Bro. Kenyon proposed as an amendment the purchase of land at Sunninghill, and the erection of a building there, whole cost not to be more than £12,000.

The Chairman ruled, on Bro. H. A. Dubois suggestion, that the amendment of Bro. Kenyon must be moved at the Quarterly or Special Court.

Bro. Head proposed, and Bro. Dubois seconded the adoption of Lt. Col. Creaton's scheme for recommendation to the Quarterly Court, and the motion having been carried, the brethren proceeded with the remaining business, and placed four candidates on next election list.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The new Masonic Temple at Albany, N.Y., was dedicated on the 8th September. It was a memorable occasion; the largest assembly of Masons that ever congregated at the capital of the State were present, and everything passed off pleasantly and with great credit to the fraternity.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, New York, continued its annual convocation on the 13th of October. The grand procession in the afternoon was the finest and most attractive exhibition ever seen in Rochester. About one thousand Sir Knights were in line, and their glittering accoutrements, elegant uniform, and disciplined movements attracted much admiration. An immense throng of spectators filled the streets. At the Driving Park the line was reviewed by the Grand Officers, followed by the dress parade. At the conclusion of the parade, St. Omer, Hugh de Payen, and Central City Commanderies entered into competition in tactics and drill for the prize banner offered by Monroe Commandery. The prize was awarded to Hugh de Payen Commandery of Buffalo. The following officers were elected: Sir Knt. Charles Roome, G.C.; Sir Knt. Robert Black, D.G.; Sir Knt. Townsend Fonday, G.G.; Sir Knt. Charles H. Holden, G.C.G.; Sir Knt. the Rev. John G. Webster, G. Prelate; Sir Knt. Thomas C. Chittenden, G.S.W.; Sir Knt. George W. Walgrove, G.J.W.; Sir Knt. John S. Perry, G. Treas.; Sir Knt. Robert Macoy (for the twenty-sixth time), G. Rec.; Sir Knt. S. V. McDowell, G. St. B.; Sir Knt. John S. Bartlett, G. Sd. B.; Sir Knt. William S. Bull, G. Warder; Sir Knt. Johnson Fountain, G. Sentinel. The Committee, through its chairman, reported the next place of meeting for the Grand Commandery to be in New York city.

Monsignor Roncetti, the Papal envoy, who was deputed by the Pope to bear to the newly created American Cardinal his berretta of the Cardinalate, was lately appointed Papal Legate to the Republic of Ecuador, S.A. Owing, however, to the fact that the authorities of Ecuador have taken the position of defenders of the Craft against the persecutions of the Romanists, the Holy Father has withdrawn his commission to Roncetti, and must look for "Peter's pence" elsewhere. In spite of all this, Ecuador will live; and the longer the Papal Legate stops out of the country, the more prosperous will the country grow.—"The Square."

Amongst other country papers which have quoted the recent article in our contemporary "The Masonic Magazine" on the "Freemasons and Architecture," and particularly the suggestion of Bro. Emra Holmes, that Grand Lodge should help in the completion of St. Paul's, we notice that the "South Durham and Cleveland Mercury," the leading Liberal organ in the district, and the "Grimsby Observer and Humber News," of the 3rd inst., both notice the proposal with approval. Let us hope Grand Lodge will awake to a sense of its duty and give £500 towards the new peal of bells.

In consequence of alterations which are being made at the Castle Tavern, Holloway, the "Royal Standard" Lodge of Instruction will meet for the present at the Finsbury-park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, Holloway, every Friday at 8 p.m.

Bro. J. Perry Godfrey, S.D., Golden Rule Lodge, 1261, of Gray's Inn, solicitor, has been appointed by the Hon. Sir Richard Davies Hanson, Knight, Chief Justice of South Australia, and the Hon. Edward Castles Gwynne, Judge of the Supreme Court of that province, a Commissioner of the said Supreme Court to take affidavits therein. And the Hon. Sir A. P. Burt, Chief Justice of the colony of Western Australia, has also appointed Bro. Godfrey a Commissioner to administer oaths, and to receive acknowledgments of deeds by married women in and for that colony.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at five o'clock p.m., for the election of Grand Office-Bearers; and also in the same place, at six o'clock p.m., at a banquet in celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew, over which the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, &c., &c., R.W. Depute Grand Master Mason, will preside, supported by the G. Wardens, Major Hamilton-Ramsay, of Garion, and the Right Hon. Lord Rosehill.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh has leased Gunton Hall, Norwich, the seat of Bro. Lord Suffield.

Bro. Henry Gabb, of the Rosemary Branch, Islington, Past Governor of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers, and Past Chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society, has been elected to the office of Chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum for the ensuing year.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, will be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree on Wednesday next, in the Zetland Chapter attached to the York Lodge, No. 236. The chapter will be held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, at 4 o'clock.

The King of Denmark has presented Bro. John Shaw, the general manager of the South Eastern Railway, with a magnificently mounted diamond ring, in acknowledgment of the valuable services rendered by him to His Majesty and family on the occasions when they have travelled over the South Eastern Railway.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES.—For many reasons the public will regret to learn that Mr. Emra Holmes, of H.M.'s Customs, so well known amongst us as a lecturer and reader, is leaving Ipswich. It is, however, satisfactory to know that Mr. Holmes is not going to a distance. He was first offered the collectorship of Banff, in Scotland, but declined it, and his valuable official services have now been rewarded by the collectorship of Woodbridge. The inhabitants of Ipswich have too often been indebted to Bro. Holmes for instruction and amusement to allow him to depart even to a neighbouring town without the public expression of thanks which we hereby tender him on their behalf.—"East Anglian Daily Times."

The William Preston Lodge, No. 766, met on Thursday last. A full report will appear in our next issue.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.—The annual festival of this lodge took place on Friday. A full account of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

LATE STEAMER ON THE THAMES.—For the accommodation of playgoers, but more especially of theatrical artists living up the river, the steamer Victoria has been converted into a commodious saloon-boat, by the covering-in of her after-deck; and she will now leave Putney every evening, weather permitting, for Waterloo Pier, calling at Chelsea and Charing-cross. Her return voyage is made at half-past twelve from Waterloo, Putney being reached in an hour.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, December 3, 1875.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.
INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road.
Sinai Chapter Union Tav., Air-street, Regent-street.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Lodge 70, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Red Cross Conclave, Premier, M. H., Regent-st.

INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Crown Tav., Clerkenwell Green.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-street Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.
Metropolitan, Coach and Horses Hot., 343, Strand.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

Grand Mark Lodge, F. H., at 5.

INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-st. Within.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Ho., Hand-court, Holborn.
Percy, Grapes Tav., Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Metropolitan Chapter, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.

INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Cas. Tav., Southwark-bd.-rd.
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Confidence, White Hart Tav., abchurch-lane.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F. M. H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M. H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F. M. H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F. M. H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F. M. H.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, 265, Strand.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Sandringham-rd., Kingsland.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F. M. H.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-street.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, W.
Finsbury Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-street, City-road.
United Mariners', Three Cranes, Mile-end-road.
Whittington, Crown Tav., Holborn.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Ebony, 12, Ponsonby-street, Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Doric Chapter, Three Cranes Tav., Mile-end-road.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M. H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Met. Soc. As., Balls-Pond-rd.
Chap. 8, British, F. M. H.
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rms., St. James's.

INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-street, Regent-street.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), Freemasons' Hall.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-street.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-street.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill.

Burdett Coutts, Approach 1' av., Victoria Park.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 4, 1875.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, M. R., Warrington, at 6.30.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M. R., Eastgate-row, Chester.
Merchants' L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M. H., Liverpool, at 6.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st, Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M. R., Leigh.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
Downshire L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, North Hill-st.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M. H., Liverpool.
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux A. R., near Liverpool.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M. H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool, at 4.30.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, M. R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1505, Emulation, M. H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 4, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James's-st., Kingston.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, M. H., Kilwinning.
" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 21, Old St. John, M. H., Lanark.
" 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.
" 117, Partick St. Mary's, M. H., Partick.
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 128, St. John, M. H., Shettleston.
" 166, St. John, 29, Graham-st., Airdrie.
" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Maybole.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st.
" 442, Neptune, M. H., Ardrossan.
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.
" 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George H., Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 149, St. Andrew, M. H., Irvine.
" 157, St. John, Main-st., Beith.
" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
" 202, St. Clement's, Trades Tav., Kilmarnock.
" 320, St. John Royal Arch, M. H., Ardrossan.
" 370, Renfrew, Masonic Hall, High-st., Paisley.
" 465, St. Andrew's, M. H., Garngad Road.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 114, Royal Arch, M. H., Cambuslang.
" 116, Royal Arch, Council H., Rutherglen.
" 135, St. James's, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 175, St. John, St. John's H., Greenock.
" 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathaven.
" 217, Cumberland, Kilwinning, T. H., Port Glasgow.
" 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hot., Johnstone.
" 248, Lockhart St. John, M. H., Carnwarth.
" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hot., Millport.
" 512, Thornetree, M. H., Thornliebank.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Lodge 458, St. John's Wilson's H., Busby.
" 544, St. Andrew's, M. H., Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 4, 1875.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 97, St. James, St. James's H., Writers'-court.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hot., E. Register-st.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday, the 25th ult. The business consisted in the raising of Bros. Newton, Roberts, and Jolliffe. Captain Matthew Webb, of swimming notoriety, after being proposed and unanimously elected, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. Eames, W.M. Bro. A. Partridge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Wilcox re-elected Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Eames for the valuable services rendered by him during his year of office. Banquet followed.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The installation meeting of this celebrated "Banner Lodge" (No. 766) was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and the proceedings, which were of the most pleasant character, were attended by some brilliant ornaments of the Craft. Bro. Augustus Braun, whose Mastership was that evening to draw to a close, opened the lodge in the three degrees, assisted by Bros. John Pringle, W.M. elect, as S.W.; W. Manfield Newton, J.W.; P.M. George Newman, I.P.M.; P.M. Worrell, P.M. Kain, P.M. Dr. Whitman, and P.M. Abbott. There were also present many visitors, among whom were Bros. Albert, G.P.P.; G. Abbott, P.M. 192; Charles Horsley, Eve, P.G.S.W. of Hants; Tribble, No. 1287; Dr. Barringer, P.G.S. of Herts; G. V. Lucu, A. G. Francis, P.G.S.D. Surrey; J. C. Downing, 108; C. Pugsley, 179; Donald W. King, P.M. 12; Dr. Wm. Carpenter, P.M. of the Urban and Shakespeare Lodges; H. H. Dyne, 396; Edward Drew; Benham, W.M. 1339; and While, W.M. United Strength, No. 128 ("Freemason"). The first business was, after the confirmation of the minutes, in the Primary Degree, and then the W.M. conferred the degree of M.M. upon a foreign nobleman who had been regularly initiated and passed in the lodge. The name of our noble brother cannot be given for particular reasons associated with the law under which the Order lies in the country to whose ruler the newly-raised brother is subject. Bro. W. J. Collins and our foreign brother having been taken separately through the first part of the ceremony, were taken together through the concluding part, and the W.M., notwithstanding a serious feverish cold, performed that beautiful degree with fine effect. In order to relieve the W.M. after his arduous labours, and to leave the new W.M. free for the evening, P.M. Worrell performed the initiation of Mr. J. A. S. Matthews. The W.M. again took the chair, and Bro. Pringle having been presented, Bro. Braun proceeded with the installation in pure "Emulation" working, with the exception of the last address, which, though a little deviation, was worth listening to, especially as given by Bro. Braun with vivacity and excellent elocution. The new W.M. appointed Bro. W. Manfield Newton as S.W., evidently thus giving the lodge another efficient W.M.; W. E. Newton, as J.W.; S. D. Ewins, as S.D.; Cutmore, as J.D.; Kidman, as I.G.; Drake, as D.C.; and P.M. Newman, amid general applause, as Steward. The I.P.M., Bro. Braun, was then presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. G. Kenning, and the words of the W.M. in presenting it, as well as the applause of the brethren at the presentation, testified to the high merits of the retiring W.M., and the high estimation in which he is held. The lodge being closed, the brethren partook of an excellently served banquet. The W.M. proposed the loyal toasts, and in giving "The Health of His Royal Highness the Grand Master," wished him a speedy and safe return to his native country. Bro. Albert returned thanks for "The Officers of Grand Lodge," and said that Grand Lodge was proud to have such an excellent lodge as the William Preston under its charters. The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," expressed his pleasure at seeing Bro. Pringle rewarded by the brethren for his unflagging industry by being elected to the eminent position of W.M., and he expressed the fervent hope that their W.M. might have good health to carry out the duties of his station. The toast was duly honoured, and the W.M., in reply, expressed his acknowledgements for the honour bestowed upon him, and to his I.P.M. for the instruction always afforded to him. Bro. Worrell, in an excellent and

eloquent speech, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," reminding the brethren of the perfection and eloquence with which he had performed the ceremony, and, amid cheers, speaking of the fact that the I.P.M. had installed his successor as a proud feature in the history of the William Preston Lodge, as Bro. Braun had thereby followed the example of the late Masters, and had set an example to those who came after. Like a Lord Mayor, the Master of a lodge held his office only for a year, but while the Lord Mayor, on passing his chair, sunk into the position of an ordinary alderman, the W.M. of a lodge, on passing his chair, however, rose into the high dignity of P.M., and as P.M., now they greeted Bro. Braun. The toast was drunk with all honours, and Bro. Braun, in reply, said the expression of satisfaction which they had given him was a great reward for his struggle against a serious illness to discharge his duty, and he warmly thanked the brethren for the generous treatment they had always accorded to him. "The Initiate" was then toasted with the usual honours, and he, in reply, expressed the hope that he might not only be a "good Mason," but in time become a "great Mason." Bro. P.M. Newman then proposed an unusual toast, that of "The Junior M.M.s"—those who had been raised that evening. His reason for proposing the toast, he said, was that the brethren might take formal leave of their good brother who had been described to them as a "foreign nobleman," and of whose nationality or name nothing could be said out of the lodge. In the course of his speech Bro. Newman gave the distinguished brother to understand that the William Preston Lodge would not forget him, and that if he returned to this country they should always be glad to greet him. "The Foreign Brother," in reply thanked the brethren for the kindness they had always shown him, and said that when a year had passed he hoped they would see him again, for it was his intention to return for the purpose of being exalted. He looked with confidence to the time when the government of his country would look with a less "green eye" upon the Craft, and to his being able to be one of the first to introduce into his native land the noble precepts of Freemasonry. At the conclusion of a very able speech (an outline of which cannot be given for obvious reasons), the brother thanked Bros. Newman, Newton, and the I.P.M. To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Charles Horsley made a long and eloquent speech, and expressed his delight with all he had witnessed there that evening. Bro. Eve also responded, and, speaking from his experience of the lodge, said he was greatly rejoiced to see it flourishing so well. To the toast of "The P.M.s," Bros. Whitman, Worrell, Kain, Abbott, Jerrett, Miller, and Newman responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Press," saying that without a paper like the "Freemason" the members of the Craft would be at a great disadvantage, for they would not generally know what was being done in the Craft, and especially in regard to the charities, without which the Craft would be of no benefit to the world. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. While, representing the "Freemason," and he, in reply, said his profession was highly honoured by having present an officer of Grand Lodge who was an amateur reporter, and had actually applied for a report of a speech, which Bro. While, amid much laughter, said he should not give, for he did not care about trusting to the discretion of amateurs. He referred to the connection of the William Preston Lodge with literature in the name it held, and, pointing to the presence of those eminent representatives of literature, science, and the arts, Bros. Carpenter, Donald King, and Barringer, he said the William Preston was following worthily in the footsteps of him whose name it bore, and the "Freemason" was proud as a journal to represent a Craft which had so appreciative a lodge. Bro. Manfield Newton responded to the toast of "The Officers," and after a lively speech by Bro. Dr. Barringer the proceedings ended with "The Tyler's" toast. The banner of the Master, it should be stated, bore the legend. It was supplied by Bro. Kenning.

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 1475).—On Thursday, the 25th ult., an emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. John Thos. Dalby, supported by Bro. Watkins, the I.P.M.; Bro. Canton, S.W.; Bro. G. Duck, J.W.; Bro. W. G. Warren, P.M., Treas.; Bro. W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Sec., and about forty brethren and several visitors. The agenda paper was heavy, comprising work in each of the three degrees, which the W.M. performed in an able manner. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The W.M. informed the brethren it was his intention to serve as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. Bro. Gompertz, P.M. and Sec., gave notice that at the next regular meeting he should move that £10 from the lodge funds be placed on the Master's list, which was then sent round the lodge, and a considerable sum collected as the private subscription of the brethren. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where dinner was prepared. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bro. Watkins, the I.P.M., proposed "The Master's Health" in very feeling terms, congratulating him on the improved status of the lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their co-operation with him in all that concerned the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Warren, Treas., said, as one of the founders, he felt proud of the success that had attended the lodge, and hoped he should, with the other founders in turn, at some time or other, be permitted to fill the chair. He would not wish to do so or press his claims if it were at all likely to interfere with the harmony of the lodge; but he hoped the brethren would concede to the founders the honour of enrolling their names as Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. Gompertz, P.M. and Sec., congratulated the W.M. that it should have fallen to his lot to preside over the lodge during this very eventful period of its history, and that we had been so successful in disconnecting Masonry from tavern influence. The teachings of our ceremonies were far too serious and solemn to be performed with

decency and decorum when exposed to the jeers and derisive banter of the uninitiated, who, from the want of proper privacy in the tavern, have seen or heard sufficient, without knowing the symbolic meaning of what they may have heard or seen, to burlesque our time-honoured and beneficent institution. The best thanks of all who desired to uphold the character of Masonry were due to those worthy brothers by whose zeal and perseverance this peaceful home had been reared, and may it long continue a successful monument. He was happy also to tell the W.M. that there were 55 members on the roll of the lodge, and that all demands to this date were paid; and the Treasurer held a balance of over £50, which had been that evening augmented by £24, so that their present position, for a lodge not yet completed its second year, may fairly be considered as prosperous. He, like their brother Treasurer, would certainly like to change the duties of Secretary for the honours of the chair. It might be thought by some of the junior members that the Secretary's duties ended in the lodge, but he could assure them that that was the smallest part of his work; he was in constant communication with the Master and corresponding on all matters of detail in the interest and working of the lodge, and providing for the comfort and successful performance of all the minutiae connected with it; but still, while he had their confidence and respect he was content to give them his best services. The toast of "The Initiates" was responded to by all three. In responding to the very cordial manner in which the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors," each expressed himself highly pleased with the work in the lodge and the bountiful manner they had been entertained at its social board, and several expressed a desire to become joining members of the lodge. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to an end. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Norris, 177; A. Wilkins, of the St. Paul's Lodge, Boston, U.S.A.; Hooper, 879; Smith, 1257; Garner, 975; Caink, 1056; C. B. Cheese, 869; Sinclair, and others.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The November meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M.; Thos. C. Chapman, S.W.; H. Lister, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas.; N. Green, Sec.; J. B. Shackleton, S.D.; James Symes, J.D.; R. Philp, as I.G.; Gilchrist, Tyler. Among the members present were Bros. W. H. Brand, Meyer, Johnson, Dallas, Alford, Brasted, and Harding. The business of the evening commenced with the raising of Bro. F. A. Kelly, passing of Bro. Varney, and initiation of Mr. Moon, the charge in the First Degree being most impressively rendered by the W.M. The lodge then proceeded to ballot for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Thos. Chapman, S.W., was unanimously elected to that office. Bro. B. Meyer was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilchrist, Tyler. Propositions were received for the next meeting. It was then proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that Bro. W. H. Lee, the most respected W.M., should be presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the very valuable services rendered by him during his year of office. Bro. Lee then offered to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The lodge was then closed. The brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a slight repast. The usual toasts followed. That of "The W.M. Elect" was neatly responded to by Bro. Chapman. Bro. Shead, 1366, responded for "The Visitors." The toast of "The Masonic Charities," given by the W.M. in most appropriate terms, was very ably responded to by Bro. Shackleton. After a little harmony, the brethren separated.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, November 25th, at the Asheton Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened at 6 p.m. promptly by Bro. W. H. Kershaw, W.M. The Secretary, Bro. Forrester Fothergill, having read the minutes of the last meeting, they were duly confirmed. Referring to the minutes, we may here mention that with the assistance (at all times so willingly given) of our Bro. Forrester Fothergill, we hope in a future issue to publish a brief but interesting "History of the Imperial George Lodge," its minutes being preserved intact for upwards of a century. The minutes confirmed, the brethren then proceeded to ballot for, as a joining member, Bro. Iliff (Lodge of Truth, 1458, Manchester) proposed by Bro. Bradbury, J.W. The ballot being investigated by the W.M., his election was declared to be unanimous. The remaining business on the circular was to elect the W.M. and Treas. for the ensuing year; also to appoint Auditors and elect Tyler. David Reid, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, he being such an excellent worker, and like his predecessor, well-qualified to keep up the fire of "True Masonry" in the lodge. Bro. Heywood, P.M., was then re-elected Treas. Bros. Lees, Millhouse, and Newton were appointed Auditors, the two first-named by the members of the lodge, and the latter by the W.M. Bro. John Kent was re-elected Tyler; he is a brother esteemed by all, and has tyled the lodge for the past ten years. His Masonic qualities are as lofty as his stature, which is considerably above the average. By command of the W.M., Bro. Kent was summoned into lodge, and informed of his re-election, and after having thanked the brethren in his usual quaint manner, he returned to his post of O.G. Mr. Moses Mills was proposed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired from labour to refreshment, so ably provided by mine hostess, Mrs. Harrison. The cloth having been withdrawn, the usual toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with harmony from the Middleton and Manchester brethren.

LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt (No. 523).—This lodge held its third regular meeting of the season on Thursday, Nov. 18th, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. T. Thorp, supported by the following officers, brethren, and visitors:—S. S. Partridge, I.P.M.; T. A. Wykes, J.W.; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; R. Taylor, Secretary; W. C. Shout, S.D.; G. Odell, J.D.; C. John-

son, Organist; A. Sargeant and J. F. Smith, Stewards; G. H. Hodges, G. Toller, jun., F. J. Baines, Past Masters; J. M. Quin, W. H. Church, T. Worthington, E. W. Potter, T. R. Pickering. The visitors were Dr. G. Clifton, P.M.; H. F. Bobart, P.M.; J. Smith, P.M.; A. Palmer, P.M.; E. Mason, S. Knight, W. Waters, J. Ewing, J. Mac Allister, C. Buss, J. H. Hodge, C. Mantou, R. Clark, jun. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Arthur Shallot Dale, a candidate for initiation, was unanimously elected by ballot. Bros. Potter and Pickering were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Mr. James Mitchel Padmore, elected at a former meeting, and Mr. Arthur Shallot Dale were regularly initiated by the W.M., Bro. Thorp, the musical portion efficiently rendered by Bro. Johnson, P.M., Organist. Pursuant to notice of motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the balance of £5 11s. 6d. due to Stewards. Bro. Wykes, J.W., having tendered an apology from Bro. Tertius Rowlett, S.W., on account of family bereavement, the Secretary was instructed, as an expression of sympathy, to record on the minutes the melancholy cause of same. Moved by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Taylor, Secretary. "That the thanks of the lodge be accorded to Bro. MacAllister, S.W. 279, for his services as acting Secretary for the previous two months, during Bro. Taylor's absence abroad. The brethren repaired to supper. It being exactly five years that evening since the W.M. first saw "The Light" he in proposing the health of the candidates, and in assuring them the more they studied to make themselves Masters of our arcane science, the more pleasure they would feel in seeking Masonic knowledge, trusted that their career might be as prosperous, successful, and enjoyable as his own. The evening was, as usual enlivened by some excellent instrumental and vocal music, and passed only too quickly.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The installation of the W.M. (Capt. E. R. Green, J.P.) of this important lodge was held on Wednesday, Nov. 24th, in their lodge-room, at the Swan Hotel. The lodge having been exceedingly well worked through the three degrees, an unusually large board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect duly installed by the late I.P.M. Billson, to whom W.M. Lester gave way. The charges were impressively delivered by P.M. Prior, M.D., coroner for the borough. The newly-installed W.M. chose and invested as his officers Bros. Colonel William Stuart, Past S.G.W., J.P., High Sheriff of the County, S.W.; Capt. De Vismes, J.W.; Rev. C. Breerton, B.C.L., Rector of St. Mary's and Rural Dean, Chaplain; Alderman Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Prior, M.D., Coroner, P.M., Sec.; Captain Colbourn, S.D.; J. Cookson, J.D.; Alderman Bull, J.P., P.M., Steward; Coombes, M.R.C.S., I.G.; G. Reynolds, Tyler. Other P.M.'s attending were Bros. Capt. Polhill-Turner, M.P., J.P., Deputy Lieutenant; Mark Whyley, Coroner of the County, and Clerk of the Peace; Capt. Nash, J. Trapp, J. Fisher, A. Cookson, Cuthbert, Piper, M.A. In addition, there were many other brethren present, amongst whom we noticed the ex-Mayor of Bedford, and Alderman Hurst, J.P., F.S.S. The visitors included Bros. Rev. G. H. Moncton Russell, M.A., 214, P.Prov. G.C. Warwickshire; Rev. William Tebbs, M.A., P.M. 285, P. Prov. G. Chaplain Somerset; S. Ballard, P.M. Prov. Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire; Rev. Adams, B.A., 475; Rev. R. Fawcett Ward, 1304; J. Seagrave, M.A., P.C. 540; Haselgrove, W.M. 475, with his Wardens and several brethren; the W.M. 1470, and his Wardens; also many brethren of 228, 442, 373, 1410; and others. Work being over, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when a splendid banquet was served by Bro. W. Wicks. It is almost needless to add that all the toasts were happily proposed, enthusiastically received, and heartily responded to. We trust that a wish expressed by certain brethren, for the building of a Masonic hall for this large and rapidly increasing lodge, may be speedily carried into effect; and we cannot conclude without a parting wish to see work as thoroughly well done and as amply rewarded by such a pleasant period of refreshment as was enjoyed on Wednesday last by the brethren and visitors of the Stuart Lodge.

BARNES.—Rose of Denmark Lodge (No. 975).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart, Barnes, on Friday, the 19th ult. Present: Bros. G. J. Edmonds, W.M.; E. W. Clarke, S.W.; W. H. Lee, J.W.; C. A. Smith, P.M. and Treas.; R. W. Little, Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex, Sec.; G. T. Noyce, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M.; J. H. Tyler, P.M.; H. O. Hinton, P.M.; Phillips, S.D.; Wigglesworth, J.D.; Gamar, I.G.; and a large muster of the brethren. Visitors:—J. Dalby, W.M. 1475; D. Rose, P.M. 75; D. Hinton, P.M. 360; J. D. Kennedy, P.M. 820; C. H. Watkins, P.M. 1475; J. Bate-man, S.W. 820; A. Allworth, S.W. 1261; T. Chapman, S.W. 1524; W. C. Caxton, S.W. 1475; T. Weaver, J.W. 820; J. Welch, 3; E. H. Winslow, 857; E. Cobbett, 1293; H. Vickery, 1475; T. Stevens, 1475; and F. Merly. The lodge having been opened, the business of the evening was commenced by raising Bros. Childs and Harrison to the Third Degree, the work being efficiently performed by the W.M. The W.M. then proceeded to install Bro. E. W. Clarke, the W.M. elect into the chair, according to ancient custom, the ceremony being correctly and impressively performed. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Edmonds, I.P.M.; Lee, (W.M. 1524) S.W.; Phillips, J.W.; Smith, P.M., Treasurer; Little, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, Secretary; Wigglesworth, S.D.; Gamar, J.D.; Riches, I.G.; and Gilbert, T. The usual addresses were then delivered in a manner that elicited the warm applause of all present. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. Revill, Crane, Masters, and Percheron into Freemasonry, and from the very excellent manner in which he performed the ceremony satisfied the brethren that he is well skilled in the noble science and well able to discharge the duties of the chair. The lodge

having been closed the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet served under the personal superintendence of Bro. T. T. Wilcox. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Edmonds, was proposed by the W.M., who took that opportunity of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the lodge at the previous meeting. Bro. Edmonds, P.M., responded in suitable terms. Bro. Revill responded for "The Initiates;" Bro. Rose, P.M. 73, for "The Visitors;" Bro. Little, P.M. for "The P.M.'s;" and Bro. Lee for "The Officers." The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—On Saturday, the 27th ult., this lodge held an emergency meeting at the Mitre Hotel. Present: Bros. Frederick Keily, the W.M.; D. W. Pearse, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. W. Berrie, J.W.; R. W. Little, Prov. G.S.W., Treasurer; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer, Secretary; Southwell, S.D.; Sindell, I.G.; Dr. Clayton Palmer, Cobbett, Sadler, Gordon, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.S.G.D.; G. P. Gillard, 657; B. H. H. Birchill, P.M. 795, P.P.G.S.B., and others. The lodge was summoned for the special purpose of initiating three gentlemen into the Order, but two of them were unavoidably compelled to forego this opportunity, and the only one that attended was Mr. Charles H. Brookfield, the candidate of the W.M. The chair was taken by Bro. Keily at half-past three, and the business at once proceeded with by the reading of the summons calling the emergency. The ballot having been taken, Mr. Brookfield was unanimously elected, introduced in due form, and initiated; the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a most perfect and masterly style. This being an extraordinary meeting there was no lodge banquet, but the brethren partook, at their own expense, of an excellent dinner provided by Bro. Sadler, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Little, Prov. S.G.W., responding for "The Prov. Grand Officers," "The Health of the W.M." was proposed and most heartily received, as also that of "The Master elect, Bro. David W. Pearse, and were duly responded to by both those brethren. Bro. Buss returned thanks for the rest of the officers of the lodge. The candidate and the visitors, each and all, were complimented by the W.M., and they severally replied, and expressed the great satisfaction they had experienced at the admirable way in which the lodge was worked, and their thanks for the hearty reception they had individually experienced. After a most enjoyable evening, enlivened by a few very good songs, the brethren separated at an early hour. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Burdett, sent a message to the W.M., regretting that he was unavoidably compelled to be absent on this occasion.

SOUTHALL.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at the Prince Alfred Hotel. There were present: Bros. Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middlesex, P.M., W.M.; Charles Anderson Ferrier, S.W.; Charles George Rushworth, J.W.; J. W. George, S.D.; Robert Palmer Tebb, D.C.; H. E. A. D'Arcy, W.S.; Henry Cutness, Tyler; J. Davies, Rev. T. W. Cave, E. Madders, J. W. J. Hughes, J. Sutcliffe, W. Sjoberg, A. Ranger, &c. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Wiles, W.M. 173; T. Herman, 264. Bro. C. Horsley, W.M., presided, and was well supported by his officers. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, September 28th, were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots for initiation were in each case declared to be unanimous in favour of admission. Mr. A. Ranger was initiated. Bro. J. Sutcliffe, was passed. Bro. Sjoberg was raised, all the work being well done. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Bro. Rev. Thos. Cave Wells was appointed Secretary, Bro. H. Kenward, Sec., having resigned in consequence of ill health. A banquet followed.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—A lodge of emergency, being the first meeting of this, the youngest lodge in the Province of Middlesex, was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., under the most favourable auspices, at the Railway Hotel, Feltham. Amongst the brethren present were:—Bros. J. Mason, W.M.; F. Green, S.W.; W. Dunham, J.W.; J. Nichols, S.D.; J. Ireton, J.D.; S. L. Green, D.C., acting as I.G.; Howe, P.G. Steward (Treasurer); J. Elliott, Secretary; T. W. Clarke, W.S.; Harris, Pemberton, Nichols, and others; W. Bro. Cotebrune, P.G. Pursuivant, acting as P.M. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the W.M. immediately proceeded to business, the first on the notice being to ballot for the brethren who were proposed at the installation meeting as joining members. The ballot was then taken for the four gentlemen named in the summons for initiation, which was in each case unanimous. The W.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of initiation in a most solemn and impressive manner, which he performed not only to the satisfaction, but we may add admiration of the brethren present, and after his admirable working we can only re-echo the sentiments expressed by the R. W. Prov. G.M., Col. Burdett, that we congratulate the lodge on having such a W.M. After several propositions for new members had been received, the lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren sat down to refreshment, after partaking of which the usual toasts were given and responded to in truly Masonic manner. Bro. Howe, as Treasurer to the lodge informed the brethren that while he should at all times like to see them enjoy themselves at the festive board, yet they must not forget the W.M. was anxious to take up as large a list as he possibly could for the Girls' School, for which institution he was standing as Steward, to which appeal several of the brethren heartily responded, and over twenty guineas was put down as a start on the list, several intimating their intention of doing more before the festival, and the Treasurer hoped the lodge itself would be able, if not on

the first occasion to qualify as a Vice President, to at least vote a good sum towards it, as he was pleased to inform the brethren that the lodge was really in the happy position of being out of debt, and having funds in hand on this their first meeting, which was not often the case after incurring the heavy expenses they all knew were attendant on starting a new lodge. The enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by the singing of some of the brethren and especially by the recitations of Bro. F. Green, the S.W., one of which was entitled the "Gift of the Gab" and met with rapturous applause. Bro. Austin responded to "The Health of the Initiates," thanking the members for having elected them members of the Craft, and expressing their intention of working zealously as Masons; and assuring the W.M. how deeply they were impressed with the ceremony through which they had passed. The officers responded individually, stating that it was their intention of carrying out their respective duties to the best of their ability. The S.W. trusted that in a short time the words of the W.M. would be verified, that this lodge should stand A 1 in the province. The Tyler's toast, brought this very pleasant evening to a close.

Mark Masonry.

LEICESTER.—Fowke Lodge (No. 19).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, 25th November, and was attended by the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M.M.; Bros. G. Toller, jun., W.M.; J. M. McAllister, I.P.M.; S. S. Partridge, A. M. Duff, and W. Wear, P.M.'s; C. Stretton, S.W.; W. Sculthorpe, J.W., and many other officers and members of the lodge. The only visitor was Bro. T. Worthington, 30. Of the four candidates for advancement only Bro. C. J. McBride put in an appearance, and he was duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master. The W.M. afterwards gave the lecture on the Tracing Board of the degree for the first time in this lodge. Some discussion ensued as to the propriety of inviting the Grand Master to hold the next moveable Grand Lodge at Leicester, and it was at length unanimously resolved to do so, the members doubtless being influenced in their determination by a recollection of the great success which attended the former visit of Grand Lodge in 1870, and the advantage which accrued to this lodge therefrom. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the members adjourned to refreshment.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (Time Immemorial).—An ordinary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, November 25th. Present: Bros. John Dutton, W.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. and Past G.J.W., Chaplain; Moutrie, as S.W.; Carey, J.W.; Cater, Sec.; James Dutton, Treas.; Braham, as M.O.; Rubie, S.O.; Cater, J.O.; Mitchell, as J.D.; Major Preston, I.G.; Slater, Tyler; Mann, Murless, and others. Dr. Hopkins acted as S.D. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Brown, Brooke, Radway and Howse, after a favourable ballot, were introduced and duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. The lecture, which was to have been given by the Chaplain, was deferred owing to the lateness of the hour. Several matters of interest only to the members were discussed and settled, and the lodge was closed at 10 o'clock.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—The November meeting of the above conclave was held on Monday last, at the Café Royal, under the presidency of Sir Knight Thomas Burdett Yeoman, M.P.S. We also noticed Sir Knights Colonel Burdett, R. W. Little, P.M.W.S., Grand Treasurer; Colonel Peters, Angelo J. Lewis, P.M.W.S.; H. C. Le-vander, P.M.W.S.; J. T. Moss, P.M.W.S.; Hubbard, P.M.W.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.W.S.; J. Cubitt, P.M. W.S.; George Kenning, P.M.W.S.; Rev. P.M. Holden, Rev. — Vaughan, Howe, Mason, Boyd, Hill, Thomas, Dubois, and R. G. Hall. The minutes of the last assembly of the conclave were read and confirmed. Sir Knight Robert Wentworth Little then installed the following brethren into the Order:—Bros. George Townsend, P.M. 820; Frank Green, P.M. 1445; S. L. Green, 1445; Joshua Nunn, P.M. 134; J. M. Stedwell, P.M. 7; E. J. Dodd, 127; F. D. R. Copestick, 869. A committee was then appointed to carry out the arrangements for a complimentary dinner to the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.V. It was also proposed and carried that non-dining members be permitted to commute their annual dues of half-a-guinea on payment of five guineas as a life subscription. Sir Knight the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.S.G., was proposed and seconded as a re-joining member.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place in their own unique little hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 16th ult. Bro. W. Bell, the R.W.M., presided, and was ably supported by Bros. D. M. Nelson, D.M.; T. Fletcher, I.P.M.; D. Home, J.W.; R. B. Dalziel, Treas.; T. J. Smith, James McMillan, and others. Among the visitors, who were in large numbers, we noticed J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. 332; J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M. 102; A. C. Paterson, 102; J. Taylor, 27; A. A. Smith, P.M. 354; Seth Dory, 102; J. C. Shand, 102; T. Barnett, 553; J. Douglas, 354; G. B. Adams, 360 ("Freemason"), and others. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Mr. Thos. Gavans received the E.A. Degree, Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. of Lodge Union, 332, performing

the ceremony with his usual ability. The R.W.M. then called the attention of the members of the lodge to the position of the sufferers from the late fire in Bridgeton, and proposed that a sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge for their relief, which was unanimously carried. A subscription sheet was also passed round the lodge, which procured an extra sum of £8 10s., making in all the sum of £13 15s., raised that night. And in order that the absent members of the lodge might have an opportunity of contributing, a committee was appointed to wait upon them for their subscriptions, which we have no doubt will be both numerous and liberal.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place in the hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 16th ult. Bro. Geo. McDonald, the much-respected R.W.M., took the chair, and opened the lodge with the assistance of his office-bearers, Bro. W. Macgregor in the S.W. chair; Bro. John H. Hanbridge in that of J.W.; J. Bannerman, D.M.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; W. D. Hay, S.D.; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree, which was conferred upon Bro. J. Wright, the R.W.M., officiating. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A., and the nomination of office-bearers for the next year proceeded with, the result of which was as follows: R.W.M., Bro. G. McDonald; S.W., Bro. A. McLeod; J.W., Bro. J. H. Hanbridge; Treas., A. S. Ampleford; Sec., R. Richards; S.D., W. Kay; J.D., J. Yule; Chaplain, G. W. Wheeler; P.G.S., Jas. McQueen; S.S., J. Kinnard; J.S., G. McDonald; Dir. of Cers., W. McFarlane; B.B., Andrew Young; Std. B., A. McMurray; Sword B., W. Smith; I.G., B. Levey; O.G., B. Kay. The nomination appeared to give great satisfaction to the members.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle (No. 87).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, 16th ult. Bro. J. W. Burns, R.W.M., in the chair, and was supported by Bros. John Miller, I.P.M.; James Love, S.M.; James Booth, S.W.; William Wilson, J.W.; Archd. McPhee, Interim. Sec.; John McLachlan, J.D.; Samuel McPhee, P.G.S.; I. G. Ritchie, S.S.B., &c., with a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren present, including Bros. Thomas B. Bell, 34; David Proudfoot, 34; Alex. Callen, 116; Robert Reid, 204; John Stewart, 360; John Adams, 360; Joseph C. Campbell, 553. The lodge was opened on the First or E.A. Degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The Auditors' report for the past year was then read and unanimously adopted. Said report showed that the lodge is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and reflects credit on the respective office-bearers. At this juncture the I.G. informed the R.W.M. that Bro. James Wallace, P.M. 360, wished to be admitted into the lodge. The R.W.M. immediately stated to the brethren that he could not, in justice to himself, as Master of the lodge, admit Bro. Wallace, seeing that the letter he received some time ago from the P.G.L. of Glasgow, suspending him (Bro. Wallace) had not as yet been countermanded by the P.G.L. He had nothing personally to say against Bro. Wallace, but on these grounds he was sorry he could not admit him. The brethren unanimously concurred in this decision. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year then took place, when the following brethren were duly elected, viz.: Bros. James Booth, R.W.M.; J. W. Burns, I.P.M.; William Wilson, D.M.; John Ritchie, S.M.; Walter Stewart, S.W.; Robert Bair, J.W.; Thomas Paton, Treas.; Archd. McPhee, Sec.; John McLachlan, S.D.; James Cossar, J.D.; Samuel McPhee, P.G.S.; John Miller, S.S.; John Fife, J.S.; W. Pollock, S.S.B.; Robertson, J.S.B.; Andrew Coventry, Chaplain; S. Gunning, I.G.; and James Sinclair, Tyler. The foregoing office-bearers were then installed into their respective offices, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. J. W. Burns, I.P.M., in an able manner. The lodge was then transferred to refreshment, and placed under the care of the J.W., Bro. Booth, the Master (newly-elected) in the chair. The usual toasts were given and responded to. "The P.G. Lodge of Glasgow," was proposed from the chair, and coupled with the name of Bro. J. W. Burns, who made a suitable reply. After spending a short time in song and sentiment, the lodge was retransferred, and closed in due and proper form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Mark (No. 102).—The installation of office-bearers of this lodge elected for the ensuing year took place in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday evening, the 22nd ult. The retiring R.W.M., Bro. James F. Mitchell, presided, supported on the dais by Bros. Alex. McDonald, P.M.; Lindsay Gray, D.M.; Alex. Clark, 102; John Baird, P.M. 34; A. M. Wright, R.W.M. 103; W. J. E. Dobson, R.W.M. 571; and A. Arrick Smith, P.M. 354. The lodge having been opened on the First Degree, Bro. A. C. Paterson, acting Secretary, read the minutes of two previous meetings, which were approved of and passed. The Chairman then said that before commencing the business of the evening he had to propose that honorary affiliation to the lodge be conferred upon Bros. John Baird and W. J. E. Dobson, which being unanimously agreed to, they were affiliated accordingly, together with Bro. Arrick Smith (upon whom it had been agreed at a previous meeting to bestow the same compliment), the R.W.M. officiating. Bros. Baird and Dobson having returned thanks for the honour done them, the business of installation was proceeded with, in so far as regarded the office-bearers present. Prior to commencing, however, the chairman read a letter of apology for absence from the R.W.M. elect, in which the latter stated that he had unfortunately sprained his ankle, and was laid up; and his medical attendant would not allow him to go out as yet. He trusted, however, that nothing would prevent him from being present at next meeting. The following is the new list of office-bearers, with exception of the D.M., who has yet to be appointed by the Master, and the Chaplain, also yet to be appointed:—

R.W.M., James O. Smith; I.P.M., J. F. Mitchell; S.M., T. Kerr; S.W., J. Renton; J.W., J. Thomson; Treasurer, A. C. Paterson; Secretary, John Monteath; S.D., Hugh McMillan; J.D., Jno. Leckie; B.B., Thos. Halket; D. of Ceremonies, D. H. Miller; D. of Music, D. J. Forfar; Prov. G.V. Steward, N. N. Currie; Sen. Steward, Seth Dory; J.G., George Littlejohn; Tyler, J. Burton Hardie. After the installation proceedings the lodge adjourned for a short time to refreshment, at which, after the usual preliminary toasts, the Chairman gave that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of its S.M., Bro. John Baird. In the course of replying to the compliment, Bro. Baird announced to the brethren that Bro. F. A. Barrow, Prov. G. Depute Master, had sent in his resignation of office, which he (Bro. Baird) must say he thought was the worst stroke that had befallen the P.G.L. for a long time. Thereafter the Chairman proposed the toast of "Lodge St. Mark," coupled with the health of one of their trustees, Bro. Alexander Clark, who was about to depart on a visit to the Holy Land. They all wished him good health, with a happy and pleasant voyage, and safe return; and when he came back they would ask him to give them a lecture on his travels. The toast was pledged with Masonic enthusiasm, and duly acknowledged by Bro. Clark, who in so doing stated that it was 25 years since he was made a member of that lodge and 20 years since he had last visited it. It was true, he said that, he was one of the trustees on their property in that building. Their property was a very valuable one, and he had no doubt it would yield them a very good reversion, and he would give them every assistance he could in having it secured for the benefit of the lodge. In replying to the toast of "The Past Masters of 102" Bro. McDonald also took occasion to refer to the question of the lodge property, distinctly repudiating on his own behalf any design of taking advantage of the terms of the deed, and emphatically avowing that the property must, as was intended, be that of the lodge. After one or two other toasts the lodge was recalled to labour; when, on the motion of the Chairman, the sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds in aid of the sufferers from the recent great fire at Bridgeton. There being no other business, the lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

PARTICK.—Lodge St. Mary's (No. 117).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 17th ult., in St. Mary's Hall, Partick, the business before the meeting being the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year. Bro. Andrew Brunton, I.P.M., occupied the chair, supported on the dais by Bros. W. Wylie, R.W.M.; Thomas Granger, P.M.; John Bain, D.M.; John M. Wylie, Treas.; John Maitland, Sec.; and Alfred Lawrence, Chaplain; David Peacock, S.W.; Andrew Agnew, J.W.; David Forrest, S.D.; John McSwan, J.D.; W. Borland; James Donaldson, &c., and a very large and respectable attendance of members and visiting brethren. Among the latter were Bros. William Rule, Lodge Westland, Kilwinning, Hokitika, N.Z., No. 467 (S.C.); William Richmond, 362; Robert Nicol, 419; John McClure, 343; James Barton, 543; and Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason"). The Secretary read the minutes of last regular and two emergency meetings, which were approved of. The auditors then gave a statement of the income and expenditure of the past year, which was very satisfactory, the income being over £370. It may be mentioned that about £24 10s. was given towards charitable purposes during the past year. The election of office-bearers then took place, when the following brethren were duly elected:—W. Wylie, R.W.M.; Andrew Brunton, P.M.; John Bain, D.M.; James Donaldson, S.M.; David Peacock, S.W.; Andrew Agnew, J.W.; Rev. — Loftus, Chaplain; Alfred Lawrence, Sec.; J. W. Wylie, Treas.; John McSwan, S.D.; Thomas Wallace, J.D.; James Miller, S.B.; John Calderwood, S.S.; John Boyd, J.S.; David McFarlane, I.G.; and James Bruce, Tyler. The office-bearers were then installed by Bro. Andrew Brunton, P.M., in a most efficient manner.

GREENOCK.—Lodge St. John (No. 175).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th ult. Bro. Alex. M'Master, R.W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Urie, D.M.; James Rodger, Treas.; W. Wright, jun., Sec.; J. M. Pollock, S.W.; J. M'Quarrie, J.W.; John Fleming, S.D.; and J. Mitchell, J.D. The lodge having been opened in due and ancient form, three candidates were initiated, the ceremony being performed by the Master and his officers. The business of the evening having been disposed of, the R.W.M., in proposing "The Health of Sir Michael Robert Shaw-Stewart, Bart., M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland," made reference to the very narrow escape that honoured and respected brother had in the late very severe gale in the Bay of Biscay, while proceeding in his yacht to the Mediterranean, and expressed the great joy they all felt that so valuable a life had been spared. He moved that a letter be sent from the brethren of the lodge to Sir Michael, congratulating him on his escape. The motion and remarks of the R.W.M. were received with the greatest enthusiasm. The election of office-bearers for the lodge took place on the 25th ult., a report of which will appear in our next. During the year now drawing to a close no fewer than 120 names have been added to the membership of the lodge, thereby affording evidence of the popularity of the R.W.M. and his office-bearers. It is well known that the success of any lodge depends a good deal on the popularity of the Master and the indefatigability of the Secretary and other officers, and we are proud to be able to report that if Scotland were sought through it would be difficult to find men more devoted to the interests of the Craft, or who carried out the duties they undertook with more anxiety that they should be well performed.

The annual general meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., in St. John's Hall, Cathcart-street, Bro. Alex. M'Master, R.W.M., presiding. The following

brethren were elected office-bearers for the ensuing session and duly installed into their respective offices, viz.:—Alex. M'Master, R.W.M.; Robert Urie, D.M.; Charles Grey, P.M.; Donald Anderson, O.M.; Duncan M'Intyre, S.W.; Thomas Napier Douglas, J.W.; Wm. Wright, jun., Secretary; James Rodger, Treasurer; James Scott, S.D.; James M'Bryde, J.D.; John Fleming, 1st S.S.; David Anderson, 2nd S.S.; James C. Mitchell, 1st J.S.; Edward Roberts, 2nd J.S.; Stephenson Stewart, I.G.; Alex. Cruden, Tyler. The annual statement of the income and expenditure of the lodge was read and gave much satisfaction, showing the lodge to be in a most flourishing condition. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the retiring officebearers, and to the Depute Master for his valuable assistance during the past session. The meeting, which was of the most cordial description, was largely attended by the brethren.

CAMPBELL.—Lodge St. John Caledonian (No. 195).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge room (Lennox Arms Hotel, Campsie), on Wednesday evening, 24th ult. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dr. Wilson, R.W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. John Stewart, P.M., now residing in Glasgow. The principal business of the meeting was the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, the result of which was as follows:—Bros. John Fiddes, R.W.M.; Dr. Wilson, I.P.M.; Robert Torrance, D.M.; Andrew Hosie, S.M.; William Gray, S.W.; Andrew Brown, J.W.; Francis Paterson, Treas.; James Martin, Sec.; William Reid, Chaplain; James Ewing, S.D.; R. Hosie, J.D.; Dr. Allan Marshall, Architect; James Boyd, B.B.; James Stirling, S.S.; James Young, J.S.; David Robertson, I.G.; and Alexander Lindsay, Tyler.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Star (No. 219) held their regular meeting in their lodge room, 12, Trongate, on the 22nd ult. The meeting was largely attended by the members, and a more than usual number of visiting brethren were present. Bro. J. Morgan, R.W.M., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. Martin, D.M.; W. Henderson, S.M.; J. Gaith, S.W.; J. Horn, J.W. B. Stewart, Treas.; J. Crawford, Sec.; and others. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Messrs. Geo. Westcott and Geo. Forrest were introduced as candidates, and received the First Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. Bro. J. Duthie then read the report of the committee appointed to take the inventory of the lodge property, &c., which was satisfactory. Bro. Alston submitted the auditors' report, which also gave satisfaction. The election of office-bearers for the next year was then proceeded with, and the following was the result:—J. Morgan, R.W.M.; Jasper Martin, D.M.; W. Andrews, S.M.; J. Horn, S.W.; D. Mearns, J.W.; B. Smart, Treas.; F. Dow, Sec.; R. Watson, Chap.; J. Brown, S.D.; D. Taylor, J.D.; J. Laurence, B.B.; J. Park, S.S.; Charles Stirling, J.S.; W. Jameson, Director of Music; J. Harper, Std. B.; P. McDonald, P.G.S.; D. Miller, M.C.; Archd. McNicoll, Architect; W. Elliot, Jeweller; W. J. Elliot, I.G.; Pearson, O.G. These office-bearers being all present, the installation was commenced by Bro. Joseph Wilson, P.M., installing the R.W.M., D.M., and S.M., after which Bro. Morgan, the R.W.M., installed the remaining office-bearers. The carefulness and precision which he displayed in performing this important duty were much admired by all present. The lodge was then called to harmony. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and followed by a song from Bro. Jameson. The R.W.M. then gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with Bro. Bain, P.M. 103, and B.B. P.G.L. Bro. Campbell followed with an excellent song. Bro. Bain replied in brief and choice language. The R.W.M. then said he had now a very pleasant and important duty to perform; it was to ask their much respected P.M., Bro. Wilson, to accept from the members of the lodge a small testimony of the high esteem and regard in which they hold him. The presentation took the form of a very handsome marble timepiece and a P.M.'s jewel. On attaching the jewel to Bro. Wilson's breast, he assured him that the pleasure it gave was very great indeed, and wished him long life to wear it. The following inscription was on the timepiece:—"Presented along with a P.M.'s jewel by the members of Lodge Star, No. 219, to Bro. Joseph Wilson, P.M., as a token of fraternal affection and esteem, 22nd Nov., 1875." Bro. Wilson, in a speech, characterised by great good taste and feeling, returned thanks for the handsome testimonial, and the honour they had done him. Bro. McEwing then enlivened the proceedings by a song. The toast of "The Last Laid Stones" was then given from the chair, and replied to by the young brothers. Bro. Duthie then gave a short reading, "The Village Post," which was much appreciated. After a short time spent in harmony the lodge was closed, and all seemed well pleased with the night's proceedings.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union (No. 331).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th ult., in the hall, 170, Buchanan-street. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, presided, supported by D. McKirdy, S.W.; Murray, J.W.; Fash, S.D.; Apporsen, J.D.; J. McInnes, Sec.; R. Mitchell, P.M.; J. Laird, Treas.; Wm. Bell, R.W.M. 34; J. McInnes, S.W. 408; J. Booth, S.W. 87; and others. The lodge was opened. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The result of the nomination of office-bearers for the next year, which took place at last meeting, was read. The R.W.M. then intimated that he had received notice that they could not have possession of the hall where they now met longer than next May. A committee was thereupon appointed to secure other premises to meet in, and report to the members at next meeting. The annual re-union of the members of the lodge was then taken up, and it was agreed to take the form of a supper and ball. A committee was then appointed to carry it out, and due notice would be given to the members when their arrangements were completed.

RUTHERGLEN.—Lodge St. John's Operative (No. 347).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their new Masonic Hall, Cathcart-street, Rutherglen, on Friday evening, 26th ult., Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., presiding; John Murdoch, S.W.; Thos. Alston, J.W., &c. The business before the meeting was the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were duly elected, viz.: David Smart, R.W.M.; John Cunningham, I.P.M.; Matthew Abbott, D.M.; Thos. Muir, S.M.; John Murdoch, S.W.; Thomas Alston, J.W.; Alexander Warnock, Sec.; William Gardner, Treas.; William Young, S.D.; Alex. Robertson, J.D. Thomas Smith, P.G.S.; James Nichol, S.S.; Robert Hastie, J.S.; Andrew Pearson, Chaplain; James Downie, B.B.; Peter M. Ross, I.G.; and John Cairns, Tyler.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354) held their regular meeting in the Commercial Lodge Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 17th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. Jas. Shaw, took the chair at seven o'clock, and opened the lodge for the dispatch of business. He was well supported by Bros. D. Buchanan, D.M.; A. A. Smith, P.M.; A. B. Ferguson, S.W.; Jas. Harley, J.W.; J. D. Colquhoun, Treas.; W. R. Dunn, Sec.; J. Miller, P.M. 87; and others. After the reading of the minutes, which were passed, Bros. John Wright and George Anderson were entrusted. The election of office-bearers for the next year was proceeded with, and the following was the result:—James Shaw, R.W.M.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; W. H. Caldwell, S.M.; A. B. Ferguson, S.W.; John Harley, J.W.; D. K. Colquhoun, Treas.; R. A. McLean, Sec.; Leitch, S.D.; James Harley, J.D.; J. Shaw, S.S.; C. McKenzie, Jeweller; J. Douglas, B.B.; J. Allison, Std. B.; J. Coutts, Director of Music; Colin More, Director of Ceremonies; W. Dickie, B.B.; J. Pool, I.G.; J. Minnoch, O.G.; Read and Douglass, Auditors; McDonald, Reid, Dougall, D. K. Spiers, and R. Weatherspoon, General Committee; the R.W.M., S.W., and J.W., with Bros. Reed and Dougall, Benevolent Committee; the R.W.M., S.W., and J.W., with Bros. More and Ferguson, Clothing Committee. The R.W.M. then submitted the names of Bros. J. Johnston, 738, E.C., and J. Stewart, 360, for honorary affiliation into the lodge, which was agreed to, and performed by Bro. A. A. Smith, P.M. A sum of two pounds was then granted from the funds of the lodge to the fund, for relief of the sufferers at the recent fire at Bridgeton. At the instance of Bro. C. McKenzie a very animated and instructive discussion took place as to the actual position of honorary members and their privileges, which ended in a committee being appointed to examine into the matter, and report to the lodge at the next regular meeting. Three brethren were entrusted with it, Bro. Miller, P.M. 87, officiating.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Clair (No. 362).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 25, Robertson-street, on Monday evening, the 22nd ult., Bro. William J. Hogg, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. George Thallon, I.P.M.; Robert Glass, D.M.; Adam Rutherford, S.W.; Colin Galletly, J.W.; W. Pascoe, Treas.; George Fraser, Sec.; J. Brock, S.D., &c. There was a large turn out of the members, and a great number of visiting brethren, among whom were Bros. Robert S. Lyall, 4; John Knight, 73; Thomas Lawrie, 87; John McWaters, 17; W. Mitchell, 114; Allan Stevenson, 114; John Callen, 116; Thomas Gordon, 237; and W. Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason.") The lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. The Treasurer then read the financial statement of the lodge for the past year, which showed that the lodge is in a very satisfactory position. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year then took place, when the following brethren were duly elected, viz.: Bros. William J. Hogg, R.W.M.; George Thallon, I.P.M.; Robert Glass, D.M.; William Dobbie, S.M.; Adam Rutherford, S.W.; Colin Galletly, J.W.; George Fraser, Sec.; William Pascoe, Treas.; Alex. Bowie, Chaplain; William Galbraith, S.D.; Mark Fox, J.D.; John Richardson, B.B.; David Pinto, P.G.S.; Robert McBroom, S.S.; Robert Leadbetter, J.S.; James Robertson, S.B.; Arch. Taylor, Org.; E. S. May, I.G.; and Thomas Warnock, Tyler. The brethren were then installed into their respective offices, Bro. G. Thallon, P.M., officiating in a very impressive manner. The first business brought forward by the newly-elected office-bearers was a motion to grant a sum of money towards the Bridgeton Fire Relief Fund. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and £4.4s. was voted towards the said fund as a first donation. The lodge was then transferred to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The R.W.M. proposed the P.G.L. of Glasgow, coupled with the name of Bro. G. Thallon, P.G.J.D. Bro. Thallon suitably replied. The "Visiting Brethren" were proposed and heartily received; the toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Wm. Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason"), who replied at some length. After spending some time in song and sentiment harmoniously together, the lodge was recalled to labour, and closed in due and ancient form by the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clyde (No. 408).—The third annual festival of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 18th ult., in the Assembly Rooms, Bath-street, the large hall of which was profusely and tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, banners, &c. Bro. Wm. Harper, R.W.M. of the lodge, presided, supported on the right and left by Bros. Duncan Downie, P.M.; J. S. Black, S.M.; Thomas Gordon, D.M.; James Stewart, Treas.; D. S. Mitchell, Sec.; Andrew Strathern, Chap.; Rev. R. Thomson, John Cunningham, R.W.M. No. 347; John Buchanan, John Clare, John Crosbie, &c. The general attendance of brethren, with their wives, sweethearts, children, and friends, filled the hall to overflowing. After tea the chairman delivered a brief address, in which he referred to the antiquity of Masonry, to its spread in our island from the ancient City of York, in England, and the an-

cient burgh of Kilwinning, as centres, respectively; and to its progress among us up to the present day, when the Prince of Wales was Grand Master Mason of England. He (the speaker) had great hopes that there would yet be more said about, and yet further progress made in Freemasonry among us, and especially that in Scotland we should by-and-by have such benevolent institutions as existed elsewhere, as schools for the education of the orphan or fatherless children of brethren, &c. In the course of his remarks the chairman took occasion to state that the Lodge Clyde was founded in 1860, since which time they had made in all 750 members, or at the rate of about 43 annually. At a later period in the evening the Rev. Robt. Thomson shortly addressed the meeting, giving some interesting reminiscences of his trip to the Continent and up the Mediterranean last year. The earlier portion of the evening was mainly occupied by an excellent concert, at which the artistes were Miss Marian Vallance, the greatly popular ballad vocalist; Mr. Jas. Ritchie, basso; Mr. George Clarence, tenor; and—a host in himself—Bro. James Houston, the perennial Scottish humorist, on whose each appearance the hall rang with uncontrollable laughter. Moreover, in lieu of an address by Bro. Blair, who was unavoidably absent, Mr. Max Gregor, the well known lecturer of the Kibble Art Palace, favoured the company with a recitation of that much admired morceau, "Little Jim." Immediately after the concert the hall was cleared for dancing, and an assembly concluded the proceedings of unquestionably the most successful of the Lodge Clyde festivals.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Athole (No. 413).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., presiding; Colin McKenzie, S.W.; Daniel Leeds, J.W., and the other office-bearers in their respective places. The business before the meeting was the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were duly nominated: For R.W.M., J. L. Louttit; D.M., Walter Neilson; S.M., John Baikie; S.W., D. Leeds; J.W., A. Holmes; Treas., Peter Agnew; Sec., Robert Graham; S.D., George Gourlay and William Robertson; J.D., William Grindlay; Chaplain, George Burnett; P.G. Steward, W. O'Brien; Stewards, D. Carmichael, John Harrower, George Pearson, and William Grindlay; I.G., W. Lockie; Tyler, Robert Gardner.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Glasgow (No. 441).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 23, Struthers-street, Calton, on Friday night, the 26th ult. Business—Presentation to Bro. W. H. Jackson, I.P.M. The chair was occupied by Bro. Hugh Tulloch, R.W.M.; Bros. Sergt. James Wood, Senior Warden; and Peter McInnery, Junior Warden. The R.W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. W. H. Jackson, I.P.M.; John Campbell, R.W.M. 128; James A. Goldie, Sec.; William Ferguson, 543 (Freemason). There were also present John Nagle, S.D.; John Booth, I.G.; John Mason (R.W.M. elect); Geo. Christie, Joseph Howat, John Brown, John Crosbie, William Findlay, J.W. 275; John Horn, Sec. 275; Andrew Clark, 275; Hugh Matheson, 275; Robert Jack, 128; James Thomson, 321; Wm. Mitchell, 347; and Andrew Crawford, Tyler, &c. The lodge having been duly constituted was transferred to refreshment, and placed under the care of the J.W., the R.W.M. proposed in succession the following toasts, which were enthusiastically responded to, viz.: "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and other Members of the Royal Family," "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow." Bro. J. Campbell, R.W.M. 128, replied. The R.W.M. then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health and Prosperity of Bro. W. H. Jackson, I.P.M." In the course of an able address, the chairman said it gave him much pleasure in proposing the toast. Bro. Jackson had served the Lodge Glasgow faithfully as R.W.M. for two years, and the members considered it their duty to recognise his services by presenting him with a token of esteem for the able manner he conducted the affairs of the lodge during his term of office. The chairman then said,—Brother Jackson, the happy task is mine to present you, in the name of the members of the Lodge Glasgow, No. 441, with this handsome drawing-room (bronze) clock with two side ornaments, all under glass shades, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. H. Jackson, P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Glasgow (441) as a token of respect, esteem, and appreciation of services rendered as R.W.M. during 1873-74. 26th Nov., 1875." Take it, Bro. Jackson, not for its intrinsic value, but as a memento of our regard for you; and as I believe you are about to take a partner for life, may many blessings attend you both. The toast was drunk with all the honours. Bro. Jackson made a feeling reply, thanking the brethren for the valuable presentation he had just received. He said—R.W. Sir, you mentioned the fact to me about three years ago, that it was a difficult task to reply on receiving a presentation on an occasion of this kind. I laughed at the idea; but, brethren, you have placed me in the position to-night that I feel inadequate to reply in suitable terms for the honour you have done me; but rest assured that I will at all times do my utmost to promote the interests of Freemasonry in general and this lodge in particular. "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the S.W. Bro. Campbell, R.W.M. 128, and Anderson, 103, replied. "The Lodge Glasgow" (441), was proposed by Bro. Jackson, P.M., in a very able style. Bro. Tulloch, R.W.M., replied. Bro. John Campbell, R.W.M. 128, proposed "The Masonic Press," which he did very efficiently, and pointed out that it was a great pity that the Masonic Press was not supported to a larger extent in Scotland. In England and America it was supported by every Freemason, and he trusted that it would also be better patronised in Scotland. He had much pleasure in coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Wm. Ferguson. Bro. Ferguson replied on behalf

of the "Freemason." Songs were sung during the evening by a number of the brethren, who heartily enjoyed themselves till 11 p.m., when "The Tyler's" toast was drunk. The lodge was called to labour, and closed in proper form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Andrew's (No. 465).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Garngad-road, on the 18th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. D. Price, took the chair prompt at 7.30 p.m., supported by Bros. James McLeish, S.M.; James Clark, S.W.; G. B. Davidson, J.W.; W. Campbell, Secretary; J. Morton, S.D.; and other office-bearers. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. William Phillips, R.W.M. 556; John McKechnie, Treasurer 556; Alexander Taylor, 87; and others. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Bros. Cochrane, Davidson, and Blair were passed, Bro. Phillips, R.W.M. 556, officiating. The nomination of office-bearers for the next year was proceeded with. For R.W.M., Bros. D. Reid and D. Gilchrist; D.M., J. Fife, J. Clark, and J. McLeish; S.M., J. Mills, Hughes, and J. McLeish; S.W., G. B. Davidson and J. Jones; J.W., James Morton and Chambers; Treasurer, R. Donaldson; Secretary, W. Campbell; Chaplain, W. H. E. Bradshaw; S.D., J. Anderson and Charles Gibb; J.D., D. Anderson; Architect, D. Calderwood; B.B., D. McMaster; P.G.S., John McDonald; S.S., A. Clelland and J. Rodgers; J. Sts., J. Morrison, A. Leitch, W. Ferguson, and P. Ramsay; Standard Bearer, Andrew Heron; Sword Bearer, Charles McDonald; Jeweller, R. Maxwell; Director of Music, J. Caldwell; Director of Ceremonies, A. Ferguson, and T. L. Wright; I.G., P. Douglas; Tyler, P. Johnston; Auditors, J. Rodger and J. Fyfe. The subject of honorary membership was then brought up, and a most interesting and lively conversation took place, the R.W.M. and Bros. Annand and Phillips speaking at considerable length on the subject, which then dropped. A request from the R.W.M. of Lodge Busby St. John, No. 458, to do them the favour of conferring the M.M. Degree on two members of that lodge was then read and agreed to, and Bros. Stewart and Walker (St. John's Busby, 458), along with Bros. W. Davidson, J. Cochrane, and Blair, of the Lodge St. Andrew, 465, received the Third Degree, the R.W.M. officiating.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Vincent (No. 553).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Kent Road, on Thursday evening, the 18th inst., Bro. R. McDougall, R.W.M., in the chair; Bro. A. C. Hunter, S.W.; and Bro. John Best, J.D., acting J.W. There was a fair attendance of members and a few visiting brethren present, among whom were Bros. G. W. Wheeler, 73, and W. Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason.") The business before the meeting (according to advertisement) was that of passing. The Secretary (Bro. Halley) read the minutes of previous meetings, which were not adopted till 11 p.m. consequently the working of the Second Degree was deferred until the next meeting.

MARYHILL.—Lodge Maryhill (No. 510).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Main-street, Maryhill, on Wednesday evening, 10th ult., Brother John Lockhart, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Brothers John McKay, D.M.; Alexander Nevey, S.M.; Hugh Niven, P.M.; Matthew Carey, S.W.; Donald McLachlan, J.W.; James Kay, S.D.; John Govan, Treasurer; P. F. Cragie, Secretary; and others. There was a large attendance of members and a number of visiting brethren present. The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were adopted. Two gentlemen previously proposed were then balloted for and accepted, viz., Corporal William Lynn and Mr. William Murray, and those gentlemen being present, were then admitted and received the E.A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Matthew Carey, S.W. Brother Sergeant J. Drew, 389, E.C., was obligated by Brother William Ferguson, R.W.M. 543, an affiliated member of the lodge. The R.W.M. then stated the next business before the meeting was the nomination of office-bearers for the coming year, and the following brethren were duly nominated, viz., Bros. John McKay, R.W.M.; John Lockhart, I.P.M.; Alexander Nevey, D.M.; Sergeant Matthew Carey, S.M.; Donald McLachlan, S.W.; James Kay, J.W.; John Govan, Treasurer; P. F. Cragie, Secretary; Matthew Hart, S.D.; John Kirk, J.D.; Rev. W. S. Shanks, Chaplain; D. McNaughton, Architect; George Fimister, Jeweller; Alexander McFarlane, B.B.; Corporal Heathcote, Director of Music; William Aitken, S.S.; Joseph Clark, Inner Guard; and Daniel Brogan, Tyler. The Festival Committee appointed at last meeting reported progress, and said the festival would take place on St. John's-night, or as near the 27th December as possible, to suit the convenience of the members. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Marie Stuart (No. 541).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 8th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Prince of Wales Terrace, Crosshill, Bro. Julius Brodie, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. John Fraser, acting S.W.; R. A. Buchanan, acting J.W.; the other office-bearers and a number of brethren present. The Secretary read the minutes of last regular and one emergency meeting, which were adopted. An application was then read from a gentleman for admission into the Order, and to become a member of this lodge, which was favourably received, and being forward was admitted, and received the E.A. Degree at the hands of Bro. Brodie, R.W.M. A brother was then affiliated a joining member of the lodge. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then duly performed, after which they were installed with office by Bro. Julius Brodie, I.P.M., viz.: Bros. W. McG. Mason, R.W.M.; William Gillies, D.M.; Samuel

Findlater, S.M.; John Fraser, S.W.; Andrew Hillcoat, J.W.; Robt. A. Buchanan, Treas.; Robert Walker, jun., Sec.; Robert Walker, sen., Chaplain; James Murray, S.D.; Charles Rattray, J.D.; Thomas Fyfe, D.C.; William Schobb, Dir. M.; Robert Inglis, P.S.; John Thomson, I.G.; James Minnoch, Tyler. This brought the business to a close. The lodge was then closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clydesdale (No. 556).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 15th ult., in their hall, 106, Rose-Street, S.S., Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by the following office bearers:—Bros. J. Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; J. B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W.; John McKechnie, Treas.; G. B. Yuill, Sec.; J. Phillips, B.B., and others. There was a full attendance of members, and a number of visiting brethren present, including Bros. James Shaw, R.W.M. 354; G. C. H. McNaught, I.P.M. 275; David Ronald, S.W. 275; Wm. Findlay, J.W. 275; John Horn, Sec. 275; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543 ("Freemason"); D. Hodge, 202; J. Watt, jun., 219, and others. The lodge was opened on the E.A. Degree, and the Secretary read minutes of last meeting, which were adopted. Eight gentlemen were admitted into the First Degree of Freemasonry by Bro. Ferguson, viz., Messrs. William Dick, Williams Reynolds, James Campbell, Robert Gardner, John Gardner, William Hart, Andrew Gillespie, and Walter Gow. The lodge was closed in due form by the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, at 3 o'clock, on the 17th inst. A letter from the R.W.M. was read, which explained that it was impossible for him to be with them. The S.W., Bro. H. W. Jackman, was placed in the chair, and was supported by Bros. Houston, D.M.; Hardie, (acting) S.W.; B. Sivewright, J.W.; D. Campbell, Secretary; Miller, P.M. 87; J. H. Burns, P.M. 87; William Phillips, R.W.M. 556; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; W. Bisland, J.W. 408; Peter Brownlee, S.D. 31; and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Thomas Goodsire was initiated, Bro. Miller P.M. 87, officiating. Bros. Weir, Leslie, and Goodsire were passed, Bro. Phillips (R.W.M. 556) officiating; when Bros. W. Forsyth, Thomas Goodsire, and L. Mitchell were raised by Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360.

GLASGOW.—Chapter Govandale (No. 117).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in the chapter rooms, Portland-buildings, Goyan, on the 25th ult. Present: Comps. R. Muir, Z.; J. Sutherland, H.; J. Miller, N.; R. Allan, S.E.; C. McKenzie, Chapter 50; J. Davis, 69; G. B. Adams ("Freemason,") &c. The principal part of the business transacted was that of fixing an annual test fee of 2s. 6d. and making arrangements to procure new clothing, &c., for the use of the chapter. A short lecture on the Mark Degree was given by Comp. McKenzie. The chapter was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—Chapter Cathedral (No. 67) held their regular meeting in the chapter rooms, 22, Struthers-street, on the 23rd ult., Comp. J. Dathie, M.E.Z., presided; Comps. Purdee, H.; G. W. Wheeler, acting J.; Bisland, 1st Soj.; Merser, and Soj.; Dicker, 3rd Soj.; J. Waver, Treas.; J. M. E. Goldie, S.E.; and others. The meeting was well attended, and the work got through was the Mark, Excellent, and R.A. Degrees, all of which were performed in the usual able style of this chapter. The brothers who received the degrees were Bro. Jasper Martin, Lodge Star, and Bro. T. H. Wright, Lodge Clydesdale. Arrangements were then entered into about the annual supper, a committee being appointed to see it carried out. The chapter was then closed in due form.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN LIVERPOOL.

The ceremony of consecration of the Prince Arthur Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1570, took place on Wednesday, the 24th day of November, at the Masonic Rooms, 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool. There was a large gathering of brethren at the business portion of the proceedings. Bro. R. Wylie, P. Prov. G.S.D., P. Prov. G.D.C. of West Lancashire, who had been appointed by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., P.G.M.W.L., to perform the interesting ceremony of consecration, took the chair at three o'clock, and appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. W. C. Deeley, P.G. J.W., as P.M.; E. Pierpoint, P. Prov. G.S.D., S.W.; J. W. Turley, P.G. J.D., J.W.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S., S.D.; S. E. Ibbs, P. Prov. G.S.B., J.D.; B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356, I.G.; J. M. Morgan, P.G.C., Chaplain; and J. Skeaf, P.G.O. Org. The other brethren present during the afternoon were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec. West Lancashire, the W.M. designate of the new lodge; T. Evans, P.M. 1356, the S.W. designate; A. Morrison, 594, the J.W. designate; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas. G. Green, 1356; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356; D. A. Crook, J. McKune, P.M. 216; A. Stephens, P. Prov. G.J.D. Cheshire; J. Cliffe, C. Costegan, J.D. 1356; H. Williams, P.M. 249; J. Croxton, 249; J. Kenwright, T. Nickson, 1356; J. Horner, 1356; R.

W. Gow, 823; T. Horne, S.W. 1356; R. Roberts, 1356; T. Howell, S. Hinks, A. Hodgkins, 241; J. H. Gregory, 667; E. Friend, P.P.G. J.D. Cheshire; R. Douglas; T. H. Arden, 1264; A. Davies, P.M. 1264; H. Worthington, 594; G. H. Thomas, 594; J. Queen, 1505; J. Muir, 823; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; W. G. Veale, Organist. 249; J. Wood, Treas. 1093; C. Haswell, 203; W. S. Vines, P.M. 220; Jos. Jones, Sec. 1356; J. D. Crawford; W.M. 680; J. Kannair, 229; Joseph Bell, W.M. 1356; J. W. Johnson, 1356; T. Grey, 1276; W. Jones, 823; J. Lawson, 2473; E. H. Bryson, 823; R. Ing, P.M. 594; T. Bryant, P.M. 203; J. Archdeacon, 667; W. Hiles, 1299; H. J. Atkinson, 1505; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 494, &c.

The consecrating officer having addressed the brethren, called upon the acting Secretary to read the petition and warrant of the Prince Arthur Lodge, the following being the names attached thereto:—Bros. H. S. Alpass, as first W.M.; T. Evans, as first S.W.; Archibald Morrison as first J.W.; S. Hinks, Sec.; R. Roberts, S.D.; H. Worthington, J.D., and R. Douglas, I.G. The consecration was then proceeded with, and the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. M. Morgan, delivered an appropriate and eloquent oration, which he had specially prepared for the occasion. The various elements in the consecration were borne by Bros. Dr. Smith, H. Williams, W. A. Clayton, J. McKune, and the Rev. J. Morgan. Bro. Skeaf ably presided at the harmonium, and his splendid musical consecration service was very effectively rendered by Bros. Haswell, Queen, Atkinson, and Muir.

The consecration having been concluded, the Presiding Officer proceeded to install Bro. Horace S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., in the chair of K.S., the ancient charges being read by Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.G. Reg. After the usual P.M.'s lodge had been held and the brethren below the rank of Installed Masters had been re-admitted and had saluted the first W.M. of the new lodge, the following were appointed by him as his officers:—Bros. T. Evans, S.W.; A. Morrison, J.W.; S. Hinks, Sec.; R. Roberts, S.D.; H. Worthington, J.D.; and R. Douglas, I.G. Bro. J. Ireland was unanimously elected Treasurer; and Bro. P. M. Larsen, was also unanimously elected Tyler. There were two propositions for initiation and 17 for joining.

The brethren subsequently banqueted under the presidency of the W.M., there being upwards of 30 present. "The Queen," and "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," were given by the W.M., and in proposing the second he referred to the fact that the first thing which Bro. Prince Arthur did on arriving at Gibraltar was to visit a Masonic lodge. "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," and "The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M." were also given from the chair, and the W.M. referred especially to the capabilities of the Pro G.M. to preside with honour and dignity at the head of the Craft during the G.M.'s absence in India. With regard to Lord Skelmersdale, the W.M. said that as director of the Province of West Lancashire he had the good of Freemasonry at heart; his official duties alone kept him from visiting all the lodges under his rule. Bro. W. A. Clayton gave "The Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bro. J. W. Turley, P.G. J.D. In proposing "The Consecrating Officers," the W.M. thanked Bro. R. Wylie for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony that day. Bro. Wylie, in reply, thanked Bro. Alpass for his kind remarks, and expressed the great pleasure it had given him to be selected by the P.G.M. to do the work, as there were many other brethren who were quite as able and willing to have done the work. "Prosperity to the Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 1570," was given by Bro. R. Wylie, and acknowledged by Bro. T. Evans. Bro. Deeley, P.G. J.W., gave "The Worshipful Master," who, in replying, said he felt it indeed a great honour to have been elected the first to fill the chair in that lodge, but he felt he had accepted no ordinary responsibility. He counselled the brethren to be very careful in their

conduct, and strongly urged the claims of charity on their consideration. "The Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bro. A. Morrison, J.W., and the other officers. Bro. Dr. Smith gave "The Charities, the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, &c.," which was acknowledged by Bro. Wylie. "The Visitors," (coupled with the name of Bro. Dr. Crawford), "The Musical Brethren," and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," were the remaining toasts on the list.

TEMPLARS, UNITARIANS, AND FREEMASONS.

On Wednesday evening, the 24th ult., these three classes of persons were made the subject of an interesting lecture by Dr. Hunter, of the Literary and Philosophical Association, to a large and respectable audience assembled at Hedling House, Bath.

The chair was occupied by the Rev. W. Odgers, who introduced the lecturer with a humorous speculation on the manner in which the subject was to be treated, and anticipated, among other hypotheses, that the mode of discussion would perhaps be alphabetical—analytically, biographically, chronologically, didactically, ethnologically, facetiously, geographically, historically, ingenuously, knowingly, learnedly, perhaps methodically; at all events, it might be narratively, not offensively, philosophically, not querulously, rationally, statistically, theologically, not uncharitably, but veraciously, and at all events wittily and wisely.

Dr. Hunter said he had first written his lecture and then selected the title. To conceive a title and write up to it would be like writing your epitaph in youth and suiting your whole life to the phrases employed. As to the composite nature of the title, it was pre-destined from the beginning of the world. The almanacks had warned them of extraordinary conjunctions, and what could he do but yield to fate? Unlike the German, French and Irish, or even the Scotch, the English had no genius for secret societies, and might pass in or out of every country without any man thinking it worth while to ask them a question, and they were rather proud of their insignificance. In fact, in politics an Englishman sat upon the ground and need fear no fall. In a recent syllabus, or index of Papal edicts, it appeared that among things forbidden in the Catholic Church were socialism, communism, clandestine societies, Freemasonry, Bible societies, and clerico-literary societies, all of which were repeatedly condemned in various encyclical letters issued between 1846 and 1863. Freemasonry and all clandestine societies were reprobated by the Pope, and all their votaries excommunicated. The present Pope was the author of all these condemnations of Freemasonry, and he happened to be a Freemason. Excommunication was not visited upon those who imprisoned the Popes and warred against the Holy See, it was reserved for some few offences, nearly all of which consisted of some error of dogmatic religion. Englishmen agreed however that, as usual, there was no accounting for foreigners. It was quite another thing when Fenians blew up houses in London, and a distinguished nobleman and experienced Liberal politician, the head of English Freemasonry, became a Roman Catholic, and as a necessary consequence was compelled to abandon Freemasonry, which had been for a great many years a chief interest of his life. What he knew of Masons was all in their favour as a benevolent society, but it was the opinion of the experts of police that Englishmen were not admitted to a knowledge of the real objects of the order, and that although noblemen and princes might be called Grand Grands and Noble Grands, they were merely marionettes whose strings were pulled by a secret council sitting somewhere in Germany. Quoting from the "Mores Catholici," Dr. Hunter said it was believed that the only part the rich man bore in the order was analogous to that of the ass who bore the Bacchanalian mysteries. He did not know whether the Pope's excommunication of Masonry arose from his knowledge of its principles, but he dismissed as repugnant to common sense the idea that it was condemned because it was secret. One writer had said that the benevolent branch

of the order was strongly discountenanced on the continent, and that the whole machinery was maintained for the purpose of gaining a bloody revenge for the death of one Jacques de Molay, who was unjustly put to death by Philip le Bel, King of France, and whose chief offence seems to have been a denial of the deity of Christ. He did not take this view of the thing; still, it was well to know something of the subject, and to review and arrange what they did know. It was very natural for the Pope and King to war against those who they were informed had vowed their destruction, but it did not require much logic to discriminate between a determination to avenge the merciless death of a friend and a continuous sympathy with that friend's denial of the cardinal principle of Catholicity. Dr Hunter now proceeded to sketch the early history of the Order of Knights Templar till the year 1307. At that time the designs for the conquest of Palestine had failed, and the King of France, Phillip IV., in conjunction with Pope Clement V., whose election he had obtained, appeared to have resolved on their overthrow, and after a short interval the Grand Master and 37 knights were executed upon charges of infidelity, denial of the divinity of Christ, and various other crimes. According to the police the secret of the Freemasons was no less than this—that on the death of De Molay a small number of Templars who escaped from France swore vengeance on the King of France and Pope of Rome, in perpetuity; in Scotland and other ends of the earth it was said they formed a Liberal and democratic conspiracy, which they veiled under form of an ancient trades union, and it was to them that Europe owed, in 1789, 1793, 1848, 1859, 1870, the humiliation of the Popes and the scattering of the Bourbons. The lecturer diverged for a short time to consider the denial of the Divinity of Christ, which was the chief crime of the Templars, and compared the heterodox thesis of Abelard on the Trinity, which illustrated the Triune Deity, by stating that it resembled a syllogism, of which the Father was the Major proposition, the Son the minor, and the Holy Ghost the conclusion, to the orthodox dogma of St. Bernard, in which the Divinity was compared to the human understanding, as consisting of memory, intelligence, and will. At the time the Templar organisation is said to have been reviving in the Hebrides the Rosicrucians sprung up in Germany, and during the 14th century certain literary societies in Italy were persecuted on the same grounds as the Templars. It is now stated, in order to convince the world of the danger in which it stands from the unsatisfied revenge of the Order, that there are 5000 lodges of Freemasons, with 8,000,000 members, of whom several hundred thousands are conspirators. It is alleged that only in the highest orders is the soul of Masonry divulged, and then to avenge the death of Jacques de Molay, "Philosophic Judge, Grand Commander Unknown," is held forth as the object of all the symbolism the Mason has before witnessed. Such an absurd amount of hatred still attaches to the very name of Templar that the veto of the Pope has been placed on a teetotal organisation recently started, and although the Worthy Grand Chief Templar and Worthy Grand Secretary have waited on Cardinal Manning with reference to the subject, they were unable to get the ban removed, and were told that the difficulties in the way of removing the disabilities are insuperable. Charles I. of England once threatened the president of the Society of the Rosy Cross with execution, and Frederick the Great of Prussia stated to Count Darnberg that the Freemasons "established a religious sect in their lodges." Prince Philip of Orleans was also a Freemason. After deprecating the idea of consistent revenge set forth by the foreign theorists on the subject, Dr. Hunter asked, "Is there any political importance in Freemasonry? I am inclined to think not." He said, "What say you? I do not claim to do more than report to you on this subject. But if this story is true and we must draw a moral, it shall not be pointed against the Roman Church, from whom we derive all our Christianity, nor against the Freemasons, whom I believe to be practised in genial virtues. The moral shall be 'Cave Canem,' 'Beware of the Dog.' If a man of ecclesiastic or Bourbonist turn of mind cannot keep his hands from

heretics he may get a bite. He may go on well and hearty for years and yet live in fear, and possibly die a miserable death."

The Rev. J. Wright proposed the thanks of the meeting to Dr. Hunter for his suggestive and interesting lecture. He thought there was great probability in the assertion against the Templars, that they discussed religion amongst themselves with much freer views than the Catholic Church allowed, for their position was likely to give rise to speculation. Whether this speculation continued among the Freemasons he was not qualified to say, but he thought the story of their political tendency was one of the bugbears the continental police found necessary to their existence.

The Chairman asked the Rev. Brooke Harford, from Manchester, who is about to remove to Chicago, to address the meeting.

Mr. Harford was not quite sure the Templars were such immaculate martyrs as had been represented in the lecture, but all must have felt that the death they endured would wipe out the shame of even worse things than philosophic idleness. He thought also that the continental Freemasons were parties to political machinations. It was remarkable that in America, the country to which he was going, and which was apparently the freest country in the world, there were more secret societies than in any other land.

Dr. Hopkins, who announced himself as a Freemason of nearly 30 years' standing, complimented the lecturer on his interesting production, evidently prepared with much care, and wished emphatically to state that in England Freemasonry was not in any way hostile to any party whatever, but a society banded together with the object of doing good. It was their especial care to admit none among them knowingly unless, after considerable investigation, they believed their characters to be such as approved themselves to all right-thinking men. Only those were admitted who professed a belief in an Almighty Creator and Preserver, and in a future state. He stated that, believing the lecturer not to belong to the Order, he had felt considerable curiosity as to how he would treat the subject, and fearing that he might make an unfavourable attack upon it, he had come prepared to refute any hostile remarks, if necessary, and had requested several other members of the Craft to accompany him with that view. He was happy to find that such was not the case, and therefore contented himself with but few remarks, adding that the lateness of the hour prevented him from alluding to several points in the lecture on which he should otherwise have ventured to offer a few comments, in regard to which, however, his position manifestly required him to exercise considerable reservation. He concluded by assuring the audience that in England discussions on politics and religion in Freemasons' lodges are strictly forbidden by the Constitutions of the Fraternity.

Mr. Edmund White said that although he was a Mason of 50 years' standing, and had filled every attainable grade, from mortar boy upwards, he had learned particulars respecting Freemasonry that evening which it had afforded him great pleasure to hear expressed in the terms Dr. Hunter had employed, but which were totally at variance with his own experience and information. He had also had experience of modern Templarism, which was a benevolent Christian order, whose members were obliged to venerate the cross and practise other rites which it was impossible for him to particularise in a meeting not composed of Masons. He had much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks.

The resolution having been carried, the meeting separated.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.—Mr. Whitaker, whose Almanack is so widely known, is about to publish a Weekly Penny Journal for popular reading. By providing a really interesting magazine, in which high-class fiction will form a considerable portion, and, by making the work thoroughly attractive, he hopes in some measure to counteract the influence now unhappily exercised by criminal and unwholesome literature, especially upon young readers.—"Academy."

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INTERESTING PRESENTATION IN LIVERPOOL.

The last meeting of the companions of the Mariners' Chapter, No. 249, which took place on the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, was specially interesting, as the opportunity was taken of presenting Comp. Wm. Doyle, P.Z. of the chapter, with his portrait (to be hung up in the Masonic Hall) as well as a very handsome jewel, to indicate the high esteem in which he is deservedly held by all his companions. The compliment was well earned, as Comp. Doyle has always shown his readiness to assist in every branch of Masonry, and he has further established his popularity by invariable urbanity, kindness, and generosity. The chapter was opened by Comps. H. Pearson, M.E.Z.; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.S.B. W.L., P.Z. 580, acting as H.; P. B. Gee being in the chair of J.; and amongst the others present were Comps. Wm. Doyle, P.Z.; A. Davies, S.E.; the Rev. P. Hains, S.N.; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; J. Wood, Treas.; W. H. Ball, Janitor; H. Firth, J. Croston, J. Hughes, R. Douglas, J. H. Gregory, E. T. Jones, P. Robbie, A. Cutter, J. Kerrison, W. Curtis, J. Frazer, E. Carter, E. Arkwright, W. P. Jennings, R. Carter, J. Griffiths, J. Normington, J. Archdeacon, M. Davies, J. Bewhill, T. Ellis, W. Brittain, J. E. Grant, C. Leighton, W. H. Shakespeare, and W. Firth. The visitors included Comps. H. Williams, P.Z. 580; J. Thornton, P.Z. 673, M.E.Z. 1183; H. Burrows, 673; A. C. Wylie, 1264; R. R. Martin, H. 1094; G. Musker, 673; J. Carlander, and T. Smyth, 673; R. C. Yelland, S.N. 1094; and J. Cramer, 303. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates, who were duly elected. As they were in attendance, they were afterwards prepared, admitted, and exalted by the M.E.Z. Comp. J. E. Jackson, P.S., did his work in a remarkably able and masterly manner, eliciting the admiration of the large gathering of companions. Comp. Pearson, M.E.Z., in a very telling speech, in the name of the companions of the Mariners' Chapter, presented Comp. W. Doyle, the Immediate Past Principal, with a very neat P.Z. jewel, as a small acknowledgment of the valuable services he had rendered to the chapter, and the great pains he had taken in personally introducing so many good and valuable companions into the chapter during his year of office as M.E.Z., so that the "Mariners' Chapter" was now one of the largest in the province. Comp. Doyle responded in feeling and appropriate terms. After various propositions for exaltation had been made, and hearty good wishes expressed by visitors for the Z., the chapter was closed in due form. The companions then retired to the banquetting room, where an excellent supper was provided. After the usual toasts had been given and responded to, the M.E.Z. rose, and in a highly complimentary address presented Comp. W. Doyle, P.Z., with a large and valuable portrait of himself in oil, in handsome gilt frame, surmounted and surrounded by Masonic emblems. The portrait was executed by the eminent firm of "Vandyke and Brown" (Bro. Richard Brown, and Co., sole proprietors), and reflected the highest credit upon the well-known artists, who have a world-wide reputation. Bro. the Rev. Philip Hains, S.N., also spoke in highly eulogistic terms of the many valuable qualities possessed by Comp. Doyle. In acknowledging the splendid presentation, Comp. Doyle, who seemed much affected, said—Most E. and Companions,—I rise with much pleasure, but a great amount of difficulty, to respond to the honour you have just done me. With difficulty, well knowing how incapable I am of finding words to thank you sufficiently for the great honour you have done me this evening in presenting me with this magnificent work of art. I know that I am expected to say a few words; but, companions, you little know the effort it requires. It has caused me to review my Masonic life, when some 15 years ago I became a Mason, and shortly afterwards was made I.G., and how I thought I should like to become W.M. of the lodge in course of time. My companions, after passing through several offices, it pleased the brethren to unanimously place me in the chair. I thought then that it was impossible for me ever to receive any more favours, when after three years it pleased them a second time to elect me. From that time honours have been bestowed upon me in all directions, amongst them Prov. G. Deacon of West Lancashire, Constable of the Prov. of Lancashire in the Knight Templars, and the very high position of Third Principal of Prov. G. Chapter of W.L. sufficient honours, my companions, to flatter the most vain of men; but, to crown all, you have thought me worthy of a portrait—an honour that a king might be proud of, more especially when I am sure it is accompanied with such good and kind feeling, as I am sure it is, from every member of this chapter. Thanking you, M.E. for the very flattering manner you were pleased to speak of me, and you, most worthy Chaplain, for your kindness and good wishes, allow me to add that I trust, when time with me shall be no more, that those who may look on this picture, which will live long after I am gone, will think of me at least with kindness. Companions, once more from my heart I thank you.

The three chiefs, the officers, the newly-exalted, and the visitors were afterwards toasted, and the harmonious proceedings closed at an early hour.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Much watchfulness must be exercised as winter advances, and the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked or removed; or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and Sore Throat, Diphtheria, Quinsy, Throat Cough, Chronic Cough, Bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections, will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, so simple and effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old Asthmatic Invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought round many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.—ADVT.

may be termed didactic Masonry, of esoteric teaching. But we do not find that such writing takes with the generality of our readers, and we feel persuaded that our publisher's course has been from the beginning, and still is, a wise one, and the only correct one, to give to a large and increasing clientèle, as good an account, hebdomadally, as he can, of Masonic life amongst us at the present hour, superadding those necessary leading articles, those items of intelligence, and judicious selections of passing Masonic literature, which tend to give variety to the crowded pages of the "Freemason," and make it alike readable and welcome wherever it goes, a true exponent of the actual wants, and wishes, and feelings, and fancies of our universal Craft.

MASONIC LITTLENESSES.

It has been said that everybody has his littlenesses, and that no one is a "hero to his valet de chambre." Even we Freemasons are not above the frailty and littlenesses of humanity, and such being admittedly the case, we think it well didactically to impress this little fact on the attention of our many readers to-day. Now there are two especial forms of these Masonic littlenesses of ours, to tell of no others which greatly affect us as journalists, and to which we feel compelled to allude, though, we trust, in all good humour, and we are sure in a truly Masonic spirit. One is the readiness of a correspondent to take offence because his special contribution is not put in immediately, or because he sees something which he does not like. Now, we venture to ask our many kind friends and good readers, why do they as Freemasons so deal with us poor Masonic journalists? They do not for one moment think of doing so with a profane paper, or, in technical phraseology, that is, the "Times," or "Standard," or "Bell's Life," or the "Saturday Review." Why should they then do so with the humbler "Freemason"? They must see many things in all and each they do not like, but in that case they do not quarrel with "their bread and butter." But no sooner do they notice some trifling matter in the "Freemason," which they think they may complain of or find fault with, than, hey presto! comes a letter of complaint, or of notice of non-subscription any longer. Now, we think that this is not quite fair to us, and we must beg to call attention to such, as we deem them, Masonic littlenesses. That the "Freemason" has been conducted, and is conducted, with the greatest care and circumspection is, we think, evident to all; that occasional errors may be exhibited we do not for one moment deny—indeed, we rather affirm that such slips, either of pen or type, are necessarily to be expected. But on the whole we are quite prepared to challenge a comparison with any other contemporary journal, and we must beg therefore all our friends and correspondents to make for us the same needful allowances they make so readily for other newspapers. Mistakes will occur in the best regulated families, and printers' errors are often many and peculiarly trying to the helpless writer, but, such as they are, they are a call for Masonic consideration and patience rather than for anything else. A correspondent can always, as a general rule, have his contribution inserted. He must have a little patience sometimes, alike with publisher and editor, and it is not fair to visit on their devoted heads what is alike inevitable and unavoidable often is merely a temporary delay, or the admission of what had better perhaps not have appeared. There is an amusing story told of a brother who met the publisher of a journal and said to him, "I have stopped the paper." "Dear me," said the publisher, "come to the office." When he got there he said to the kindly brother, "you must be mistaken, the paper is going on as usual." "Oh!" said the other, "I mean I have stopped my paper." That, replied the publisher, is altogether another pair of shoes. When the irate swell of old days said to Hoby, the boot-maker, "Mr. Hoby, I shall withdraw my custom," "Thomas," said Hoby immediately, "put up the shutters, Captain Jones withdraws his custom." And in the same way we sometimes smile, when for some little petty trifle not worth mentioning, we receive the announcement, "I shall not subscribe to the 'Freema-

son' any longer." At this period of the year, when

This good year is growing old,
The fogs are heavy, and the weather cold,
and when all tells us of another closing cycle of time, we are also naturally reminded of another trifling but amiable littleness of many of our worthy confreres. We all remember that agreeable gentleman in "Nicholas Nickleby" who liked to leave little accounts owing; and just at this moment we have a vivid appreciation of the fact that we have a good many petty accounts owing for the "Freemason." Many brethren seem sometimes to forget that the weekly publication of the "Freemason" costs money, that somebody must pay for it, that printers, and reporters, and writers have to be subsidized. But they don't like to be asked for "little accounts." We none of us do, and often when the demand for a year's subscription is made, there comes back a P.O. Order, with the magic and fraternal word "discontinue." Now, we hope all will take well what we have now ventured to intimate, as we have spoken in all geniality of feeling and all fraternal goodwill. We feel almost as regards some good friends of ours, whose amiable weaknesses we deplore (as much as we deplore any thing in this queer world), like the two Irishmen mentioned in the following paragraph. "Mike, have you settled that affair with Lewis yet? "Yes, he kicked me off the step last week, and since that he has stopped bothering me." Verbum sat sapienti.

A NEW FREEMASONRY.

Some years ago it was our lot to preach to a friendly Order, on its anniversary, called the "New Delight." An old, and kind, and witty friend of ours walked up in the evening to our quondam home, and said to us, "I hear you have been preaching to the New Delight. Well, the world is old, and I am old, and you are not so young as you were, and as most of the old delights are worn out, I am anxious to learn what this New Delight really is." Somewhat similar will be the anxiety, we think, of our brethren to hear something about a new Freemasonry. "What's the new idea?" says Bro. Jones. "What is it all about?" says Bro. Robinson. "What is there in it?" says Bro. Brown. So we think it well shortly to reply to-day to these fraternal questions. It seems that there is in London a French Bro. Valleton, who has an idea that he has a call apparently to reconstruct Freemasonry, and to regenerate humanity. He is the same brother who made an attack on English Freemasonry some time back, principally apparently on the ground that there were "chaplains" in the lodges, that even "clerical" were admitted into Freemasonry in England. It is sad for us in England to note this absurd dislike of the clerical profession per se, which is patent in many foreign writers and brethren. Indeed, it often reminds us how prejudices may become hatreds, if wrongly persisted in, until they culminate, like as at Paris not long ago, in the destruction of unoffending victims, and the cruel murder of the excellent and virtuous Archbishop Darboy. Well, Bro. Valleton, who is, we believe, an able man scientifically, but whose views are clearly very "prononcés" has invented what he terms "Maçonnerie du Rite Occidental." Our cautious and able Bro. Caubet, in the "Monde Maconique" of September-October, 1875, tells us that he has received the programme of the "Maçonnerie anthropologique du Rite Occidental," "autour lequel se commencement d'agitation fait en Angleterre, et sur le continent." We almost wonder that a cautious Masonic old bird like Bro. Caubet could be taken in by such nonsense. As for anything being known about it in England, we can safely say that nothing is really known beyond some little café near "Lester Square." We also can, without hesitation, freely declare that it is not at all likely to meet either the principles, or tastes, or feelings, or views of Englishmen. As a curiosity, we give the programme:—

MACONNERIE DU RITE OCCIDENTAL.
NECESSITE D'UNE NOUVELLE RELIGION OU D'UNE
REFORME MACONNIQUE.
La Francmaçonnerie, Religion anthropologique universelle.
L'Humanisme démocratique et social.

Culte de l'Esprit, de l'Humanité et de l'Univers.
A la Gloire et au Développement du Progrès humain;
A la Gloire de tous Ceux et Celles qui, Illustres ou Obscurs,
Francmaçons ou Profanes, y ont contribué,
y contribuent ou y contribueront généreusement;
A l'Union, à la Fédération des peuples! par le triomphe
définitif du principe des nationalités.
A l'Unification des Races, des Castes, des Classes, des
situations, des professions, des intérêts!
A la Solidarité économique!
A la Paix, au Bonheur du Genre humain!
A l'Association universelle!
Sous les auspices
de l'Utile, du Beau, du Bien et du Vrai,
ainsi que de toutes les Institutions philanthropiques
qui en sont l'expression progressive!
A Tous et à Toutes,
en ce monde,
Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité
Responsabilité et solidarité
par la triple et indivisible formule:
Ordre et Réformes,
Evolution et Progrès,
Conservation et Révolution!
A Tous et à Toutes,
en ce monde,
Double Immortalité et Eternelle responsabilité
de l'Esprit et du Corps.
Au nom de la Religion nouvelle,
La Francmaçonnerie anthropologique universelle
du Rite occidental.
Au nom de la R. sphere No 1.
Occi. de l'Humanité.
Zén. d'Europe.
Ph. de Londres.

H. VALLETON.

We have not translated the French, for it is perfectly easy, and our space is limited. We fancy that for most English Freemasons the perusal will be enough, and that they will not be very anxious to hear much more about this new mystico, socialistico, Fourieristico, revolutionistico, democratico, androgynistico, Freemasonry. How any one can call such a programme Masonic, or suppose that he can enlist adherents under such a banner we will not stop to discuss. We will only add our conviction that all English Freemasons who read this programme will prefer "stare super via antiquas," will recur lovingly and devotedly to the true and better teachings of our good old Anglo-Saxon Craft, which has weathered the storm of many years, which, ever a friend to order, liberty, and peace, is necessarily opposed to revolution, anarchy, and socialism, and upholds "yesterday, to-day, and for ever," its own unchanging principles of freedom, toleration, truth, honour, right, and duty, brotherly love, loyalty, and charity.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONIC LIBRARIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is impossible to over-estimate the advantages to be derived from a well-selected and well-stocked Masonic library. Masonic books having but a circumscribed field, are, of necessity, expensive; and so the student, who frequently possesses more zeal than funds, is beset with difficulties that are apt to cause him to despair of acquiring the desired knowledge, and ultimately drive him into relinquishing the pursuit. In Masonic, as in scientific or philosophical literature, it is not sufficient to read but one or two books, for one work is so based upon another, or written in refutation, that unless the system can be taken entire, and in proper order, the process is unsatisfactory and even dangerous. The Entered Apprentice is charged "to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge;" the Fellow Craft is charged "to extend his researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and science;" yet how few opportunities there are of carrying out these objects. We have now nearly 1600 lodges on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England; we wonder how many lodges have a library connected with them. We could count them on our two hands, we fear. It seems to us a most surprising matter that in many of the large towns in the Midland and Northern counties why the lodges do not unite in the formation of a Masonic library. Let but a few energetic members in a town get together a representative committee, which sets to work quietly, getting a grant from each lodge and donations of Masonic books, or money from individuals, and they will be surprised at the amount of support they will receive. Once get the interest of the brethren aroused to the sense of their loss, once get them to feel the manifold advantages of such a library, and the results (if they are but small at starting) will in time gladden the hearts of the promoters; for the dissemination of the many glorious (yet hidden) beauties of our Order, the purification of the mind consequent upon the study of such ennobling works, the exemplification of the Divine truths embraced in the disquisitions of the Craft, require but the proper channel to arrest the at-

tention of its members, when they must speedily sink deep into the hearts of all true Masons. Let us take the case of a liberal-minded man just received into our Order, with which he is favourably impressed; put within his reach the means of comprehending its principles, he soon passes his expectations and finds himself on a new track, the surroundings of which surprise, delight, and ultimately charm him. By the time that he masters but a moiety it elevates his mind, tones down its asperities, and as a Masonic student he does not merely acquire the fascinating lore of the Craft, but attains a calm, peaceful, and Christian-like philosophy, which attribute helps to make up the sum of life into a pleasurable period.

We would not suggest that every lodge should possess a library, because where there are two or more lodges in a town great advantages are to be gained by joining. We trust, however, whether singly or united, that the day is not far distant when every lodge will have a Masonic library attached to it.

In conclusion, we would remark that in these days of high-pressure matters of this kind are apt to get overlooked by the younger members, and pooh-poohed by the older members, but we would wish to express a sincere hope that our remarks may be carefully weighed and fall on some good ground, for we should feel proud to record some results. Our readers must see that it stands somewhat to the disgrace of a powerful society like ours if it allows such schemes as Masonic libraries to fail for want of funds. The literary ability is (at present) in the hands of so very few members of the Craft that anything that would extend Masonic literature is desirable; for if we once get Masonic readers they would soon develop into thinkers, and ultimately into Masonic writers. More workers in the field we should welcome with delight.

Yours fraternally,

S. B. E.

JOINING MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter of "Enquirer" opens up a subject of great interest to many brothers I know, and to myself in particular. I have frequently heard it argued that initiates have a superior claim to office in the lodge to a joining member. I know that a step-mother will probably have a greater affection for her own children, but, to say the least of it, she is very indiscreet should she allow that affection to cause her to show partiality in her household management. Your correspondent in the instance quoted by him does not say which was the older member of the lodge, the I.P.M. or the J.D., who was made J.W.; if the latter, I do not see any great cause of jealousy. For my own part, as one who anxiously looks forward to attaining the rank of an Installed Master, I am quite willing that all older members of the lodge, irrespective of the time they may have been Masons (if qualified), should have the precedence, but for one to go before me who was initiated after I joined the lodge would be another thing, and I should "ask the reason why." But the whole subject is one of difficulty and delicacy—difficulty from the fact that so many material circumstances may give a peculiarity to any case, and delicacy as it is apt to be an undue interference with the prerogative of the W.M.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A JOINING MEMBER.

A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in the "Freemason" of Nov. 27th a letter signed by Henry Ingham (who styles himself a Past Master), Batley. The purport of his letter does not prompt me to reply so much as the manner in which he assumes the title of Past Master.

As a Past Master, and the Secretary of the Trafalgar Lodge, No. 971, Batley, I beg to state that Bro. H. Ingham has no such rank as P.M., inasmuch as he has not contributed to any Craft Lodge since March 1875.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JIM SHEARD.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read many letters on the management of the Masonic Boys' School, none of which appear to me to meet the object of the writers, nor that of the committee, which is now engaged in investigating the various items of expenditure of that establishment. I am not going to challenge a figure or a word issued by the committee in their annual report, as to their accuracy or otherwise; nor will I for one moment call in question the character, integrity, or devotion of my good Bro. Binckes. I think he is a most earnest, indefatigable Secretary, and that the school owes much of its success to his untiring industry and love of duties.

I will now take the liberty of drawing the attention of the Boys' School Committee to a few facts, which will show to them the rate of expenditure per head in their and other kindred institutions. At page 42 in the Boys' report, the ordinary expenses are stated at £6840; at page 41 a list of extraordinary expenses occur, which I consider nothing more than yearly charges, and must be included with the former, which will make the cost per boy about £51 each.

On examining the Commercial Travellers' School, to which I have subscribed from the foundation, I find that the entire cost per head, including all charges, is £30 4s.; the London Orphan, I am also interested in, costs £31 6s. 3d.; Ackworth School, £31 10s. 6d.; Sidcot, £33 19s. 4d.; Yorkshire Boys, £33 0s. 0d. But to go a little further into these calculations and costs of the various departments,

I have prepared a statement of the above schools, and beg to give them for the information of the committee and subscribers of the Masonic Boys' School.

	Number.	Cost per head.	Maintenance.	Clothing.	Masters.	Servants.	Office.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Masonic Boys	156	51 0 0	16 4 0	7 11 6	6 0 0	2 4 0	8 0 0
London Orphan,	491	31 6 3	12 0 0	3 10 0	4 15 0	2 0 0	2 8 0
Commercial Travellers	228	30 4 0	12 0 0	0 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0
Ackworth	290	31 10 6	16 0 0	2 4 0	8 10 0	1 7 6	15 0
Sidcot	97	33 19 0	17 18 0	0 0 0	7 4 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Yorkshire Boys,	55	33 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0

Office expenses are included in the Masters' charges at Ackworth and Sidcot.

It will be seen from the above statement that the cost of our boys is £20 os. od. above the London Orphan or Commercial Travellers' Schools.

I know full well that the education given in the above schools is all that is necessary to fit a boy to fill any commercial situation in life. They are well fed, clothed, and can take an equal standard with any school in the kingdom of the same nature. As a life governor of the Boys' School, I feel that the cost per boy should be reduced to at least £36 os. od., thus saving the large sum of £2340, or sufficient to educate sixty more boys than the present number. In offering the above remarks, I am actuated with a sincere desire for the extended usefulness of the institution, and I trust that the facts which I have brought forward will meet with the kind consideration of the House Committee, who have laboured zealously in the administration of its affairs.

I beg to remain, yours fraternally,

CHARLES PEGLER.

THE LODGE OF TRUTH, 1458.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to your correspondent, signing himself "A Junior Member," he is evidently annoyed at my "so called" report of the meeting of the above lodge on November 6th. I am surprised he should doubt the truthfulness of the "so called" report, as I am anxious to observe it on all occasions. If "A Junior Member" will communicate direct with me I will put him in possession of a few facts of which he is not aware. I may here say that a dispensation would have been granted had Bro. Pearson been elected W.M. I quite agree with "A Junior Member" as to the high esteem in which Bro. Pearson is held by the members of 1458, and most deservedly so, and there is no greater admirer of his truly Masonic character than myself. I can only in justice pay the same tribute to Bro. Kent; and now he is W.M. elect, on his occupying the chair of K.S. I wish him a happy and prosperous year.

My "so called" report was not expected to raise a newspaper correspondence, and I do not intend entering upon one, therefore this will conclude the matter so far as I am concerned. If "A Junior Member" feels himself aggrieved, he can get my address from the Secretary of the lodge, and I will then convince him that my "so called" report was not intended to cause any uneasiness or unpleasantness to any member of the lodge.

There are many remarks in a "A Junior Member's" letter that I do not consider Masonic. I am not aware that my "so called" report makes any remark "disparaging" to Bro. Kent; if it does, I am sorry for it, and offer Bro. Kent publicly an apology.

In conclusion, I may frankly say that anything that has emanated from my pen was not intended to cause uneasiness to any member of the lodge.

I shall be glad to hear from your correspondent privately, and I think I can give him a satisfactory answer to all his queries.

By inserting this in your next impression you will oblige, yours faithfully and fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE "SO CALLED" REPORT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of the 20th ult. appears a report of the meeting of Lodge of Truth, 1458, Manchester. This

report, so far as it relates to the election of W.M., is calculated to mislead those not conversant with the circumstance, in consequence of the omission of a very important fact, viz., that Bro. Pearson, if elected, could not have been installed, except under dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master, he being now W.M. of the Wilton, 1077, his year of office not expiring until the first Monday in February. This is why the J.W. was elected, not that he was preferred to Bro. Pearson, who fully merits all that has been said of his abilities as a worker; at the same time the reports which have appeared in your valuable paper during the year is sufficient proof that the W.M. elect is well up in his work, and I have full confidence will be found to possess the other qualifications for the duties of Master. That the result could be a surprise to many is impossible, the J.W. having 17 and the S.W. 3 votes out of 22 members present. I should not have troubled you with these details had I not felt the strong remarks in reference to the junior members unmerited by them, also that they reflect upon the W.M. elect.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

HENRY SMITH, W.M. 1458.

FREEMASONRY IN ST. PETERSBURG.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to Bro. G.C., I think I may safely say that there is no lodge, either English, French or Russian, in St. Petersburg. Some seven or eight years ago I introduced into Masonry a friend of mine, who was leaving this country to reside at Moscow. I learnt from him, some time after, that although there were Freemasons amongst the citizens, there was no lodge in Moscow, and he was informed that there were no lodges in Russia.

MAGNUS OHREN,

P.P.G. Warden for Surrey.

GRAND LODGE DIPLOMAS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Could you kindly in your next impression inform me, and several brethren interested, if a brother when he receives the M.M. Degree is bound to come to his mother lodge for his diploma and write his signature on the margin in open lodge, or is the lodge bound to send his diploma to his residence and allow him to write his signature on the margin out of lodge room altogether.

By kindly giving information on these questions you will much oblige,

Yours fraternally,

AN INQUIRING M.M.

[As a general rule the diploma is given in open lodge, but we are not sure that there is any law on the subject.—ED.]

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

RAMSAY AND FREEMASONRY, A.D. 1738.

I have had my attention drawn to the fact that a copy of the curious work I noticed last week occurred for sale in Bro. Spencer's large library; its authorship being ascribed to Ramsay.

I am sorry I failed to notice the work in question at Bro. Spencer's sale, and shall feel much obliged if the purchaser of Lot 3 (in which the book was) on the catalogue will kindly communicate with me, or mention in the pages of the "Freemason" the character of the "Relation Historique et Apologetique," and especially as to the author.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

HAMMATT LODGE, EAST BOSTON, U.S.A.

In answer to Bro. Vinal, I have searched the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts" for 1875, and find that the Hammatt Lodge, East Boston, has for its Secretary Bro. Samuel L. Fowle (of East Boston), through whom application should be made for the purpose desired. Bro. Vinal's friend surely must know some members of the Hammatt Lodge who can vouch for his respectability, as all would hinge on his character. Added to which, the W.M. and members of the lodge must be consulted, as it is not usual for Grand Lodge in the United States to issue certificates, but the lodges do so.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

YORK MASONRY.

I have perused with interest the letters of Bro. Yarker and the Masonic Student as to the degrees recognised by the "Grand Lodge of all England," formerly held at York. Bro. Yarker, in the "Freemason" for Nov. 6th, says that body "never did acknowledge the Mark or any analogous degree; it only recognised the Royal Arch, Knights Templar, and Priestly Order of Melchisedek" (i.e., beyond the Master Mason).

Our brother, the "Masonic Student," writes in the following number to say such an assertion as to the Knights Templar and Priestly Order is new to him and me.

I am quite certain that Bro. Yarker is correct in stating that the Knights Templar Degrees were recognised by the York Grand Lodge, for such was agreed to at a meeting of that body held on the 20th June, 1780, but not before; and a few years later it ceased to exist. At the present day, and in fact at the "Union of 1813," it had not a legal representative in existence—either a lodge or chapter—and so its extinction is complete, though virtually it will never be without a relative to carefully treasure its records whilst the York Lodge continues its most useful and honourable career.

In page 17 of my "Unpublished Records of the Craft" (also page 147, American edition, "Masonic Sketches and Reprints") I give full particulars of the event. The re-

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE ACADEMY AT KILMARNOCK.

In accordance with previous arrangements the memorial stone of the New Academy Public School was, on Saturday afternoon, the 20th ult., laid with Masonic honours, in the presence of several thousand spectators. The brethren met in the Corn Exchange Hall and Butter Market, and, having been formed in order, marched along King-street and St. Marnock-street to North Hamilton-street. There were deputations from the following lodges:—Mother Kilwinning, 0; St. John, Glasgow, 3½; St. John, Kilmarnock, 22; Navigation, Troon, 86; St. Marnock, Kilmarnock, 126; Thistle, Stewarton, 127; St. John, Kilwinning, Beith, 157; Thistle and Rose, Stewarton, 167; St. Mary's, Mauchline, 179; St. Clement's, Riccarton, 202; St. Peter's, Galston, 331; Neptune, Ardrossan, 442; St. John, Catrin, 497; Burns, St. Mary, Halford, 505; Clydesdale, Glasgow, 556; and Dramatic, Glasgow, 571. There were also present and assisting R. W. Cochran Patrick, Trearner, D.P.G.M.; W. Ralston Patrick, Sub-Pro G.M.; J. G. Halket, P.S.P.G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, P.S.G.W.; John McKay, acting Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. Alex. Inglis, Kilmaurs, P.G. Chaplain; Robert Wyllie, J.P., Prov. G.S.; and John Whinton, P.G.T. All the preparations being complete, Provost Sturrock presented Bro. C. Patrick with a handsome silver trowel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. R. W. Cochran Patrick, Esq., of Woodside, D.P.G.M., on the occasion of the laying of the memorial stone of Kilmarnock Academy Public School with Masonic honours on the 20th November, 1875." The usual ceremony of applying the plummet, level, and square, and pouring the wine and oil, and inserting a bottle with various papers and documents, was then gone through, and the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Inglis, offered an appropriate and impressive prayer. The Grand Master then, amid three cheers, declared the memorial stone duly and properly laid.

Bro. Patrick then gave a short address. Seventy years ago the provost and magistrates of Kilmarnock, assisted by the Masons, laid the foundation stone of the old Academy. More than two generations have passed since that time, and the School Board, assisted by the Masons have met and assisted in laying the foundation stone of a larger, more commodious, and handsome building. It was right and proper that Masons as a body should be present on such an occasion, as one of their great objects as a body was to make men better. And on no occasion did they come with more alacrity than to promote education. Time was when Scotchmen were found to fill any situation where honesty and integrity were required to fill them, and it is so still. For this they were doubtless much indebted to their peculiar national character, but more so to the system of education which prevailed, and which was the glory of the country. Circumstances have now greatly changed. The population was now gathered in great centres, and there was a fear lest the national character should deteriorate. Hence the necessity of better and more extended means of education, and so the Education Act was passed. By its operation we find large numbers of buildings similar to the one they were now in being erected to provide elementary education for the young. It must be very gratifying to the School Board of Kilmarnock to know that now there were 750 more children receiving education than there were two years ago. Bro. Patrick then urged the need for the establishment throughout the country not only of elementary but of secondary schools, where our youths could be trained to pass into our universities, and where a higher intellectual training could be given than in ordinary public schools. He was sure there was in the country vast numbers who, if properly trained, would be able to sift truth, and be able to guide in a right direction that popular opinion which ruled the country. He was glad the Board had appointed a gentleman who would be a finished teacher of the young, and he hoped their successors in office would see to it that the higher branches of education would not suffer,

and the Academy Public School would raise and send out men who would prove a credit to the town and to Scotland. (Applause.)

Mr. James Blackwood, convenor of the Building Committee, in thanking the D.P.G.M. for coming to take part in the proceedings, expressed the hope that the Kilmarnock New Academy would excel the old one, and that in time it would be the great centre of education in Ayrshire. The proceedings then terminated, and the procession marched backed to the town, when the lodges separated.

The members of the School Board, the Town Council, and the members of the P.G.L. afterwards dined in the George Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of ex Provost Dickie, Mr. James Blackwood occupied the chair, and Provost Sturrock officiated as Croupier. After dinner and the usual loyal and constitutional toasts, "The Health of Bro. C. Patrick, D.P.G.M." was given by the Chairman.

Bro. Patrick, in his reply, again urged the necessity for establishing secondary schools throughout the country, and the founding of bursaries to assist the clever sons of working-class men. There was no fear of such education ever injuring the country or the men in it, as they had Christian truths and Christian doctrines to guide them, and to enable them at all times to separate truth from error and humbug. "Success to the New Academy" was proposed by the Croupier, and replied to by Mr. Logan. Mr. Shaw proposed "The School Board," which was replied to by the Chairman. Other toasts were given and replied to, and the meeting broke up.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. NINIAN LODGE AT NAIRN, N.B.

The Masons of Nairn and neighbourhood assembled together at two o'clock on Friday, the 19th ult., for the purpose of consecrating a lodge, which was dedicated to the patron saint of the town, viz., St. Ninian. The consecrating brother was Bro. J. Davidson, P.G.C. of Banffshire, who is held in the highest esteem by all the brethren in the Highlands. The ceremony, which was performed in the most impressive manner, elicited the warmest expressions of approbation from the brethren present. The consecrating brother was well supported by Bro. W.M.'s Guyere, Harris, Mackenzie, Mackintosh, Simpson, and others. Bro. T. B. Pegler, first Principal of the St. Andrew's Chapter (the oldest) of Banff, then delivered a very eloquent and masterly oration on the great principles of Freemasonry, which was much approved by the brethren present. Bro. Davidson then proceeded to instal Bro. T. B. Pegler, of 52, 92, 339, 837 lodges, the latter (Marquis of Ripon) being his mother lodge. His election met with the heartiest approbation from all present, and it is only just to add that few if any brother has done so much to perfect himself in all our ceremonies during his residence of 47 years in the Highlands. His Ripon brethren may be justly proud of their young son, for all the honours he has received he justly merits. Bros. Morrison and Simpson were appointed Wardens; Mackintosh, Treasurer; Howard Harris, Secretary, who with the W.M. have done much towards establishing this lodge. At the conclusion, 10 gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and Bro. Davidson, P.G.C.; Wm. Guyere, of Kingussie; and Bro. C. Pegler, of 52, 304, 837, 1036, and 555, were elected honorary members, the latter having exercised his good offices in assisting in the formation of the lodge. The brethren adjourned for dinner to the Havelock Hotel, presided over most ably by the W.M. elect. After the usual loyal toasts, Bro. Howard Harris proposed "Success to the St. Ninian Lodge," and gave a history of the ancient lodge, going back to 1608. In a minute book of that date it is stated that the two previous minute books are in the possession of Bro. ———. Deputy Master Mackenzie then proposed "The W.M.'s Health," ably supported by Bro. Davidson, who said that he had known the W.M. since he first came amongst them, and had watched his advancement in Masonic knowledge with much interest, and he could assure the brethren of 555 that the choice

they had made that day would afford them every opportunity of being second to none in the Highlands. The toast was received with Masonic and real Highland honours. Other appropriate toasts then followed, including "The Health of Bro. C. Pegler of Leeds," father of the W.M., who is a most liberal, kind-hearted brother, ready to help those in need. The brethren retired at 11 o'clock upon Forbes Mackenzie's name being introduced.

Reviews.

"THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2ND CHRISTIAN EPOCH."

We do not ordinarily review books of religious teaching in the "Freemason," but we confess we have been so much struck with this little work that we cannot forbear saying a few words about it.

The writer is anonymous, but calls himself a "Christian." We do not exactly know to what special denomination he belongs. He is apparently a "nondescript," and also—we say it very kindly and respectfully—a little "off the nut." The truth is, that his work is nothing but a reproduction of "Fourierism," with a peculiar colouring of a very peculiar Christianity indeed. His aim is apparently to revive the theories of that amiable, and probably well-intentioned, but mistaken visionary, "Fourier," and to reproduce his "Utopia," which is not and could not be an Utopia at all, but only a complication of benevolent aspirations and impossible contrivances.

Indeed, the whole theory of Fourier becomes grotesque from its almost puerile absurdity of detail, its incongruous arrangements, and its hopeless proposals of alteration and revolution of social existence.

The world may have many anomalies, inconsistencies and inequalities, no doubt it has many wrongs to redress, and many reforms to witness in the tone and system of society generally; but, we are sure of this, that among the many chimeras of the world, and of reformers, few have been so idle as those of the benevolent but mistaken Fourier.

This work has two parts—one religious, the other social.

The religious is very painful to read; the social is, as we have said, an expanded Fourierism, and perfectly unpractical and impracticable. A more hopeless effort of the human brain, a more unreal chirograph of the human pen we have never perused. It is indeed "chaos" from beginning to end. The only one page in the book we agree with is the last, and which we commend to the notice of many now-a-days who will force their painful platitudes and weary and dreary essays on an ungrateful public. "The writer of this little book having now accomplished the mission . . . entrusted to him will write no more, and henceforth will remain unknown, . . . will keep his mouth shut, and lay aside his pen. Therefore, should any one say he has again written, or has said so, believe it not, but consider the teller of the untruth an impostor, and make the teller amenable to the criminal law."

How many unprofitable writers might well imitate the example of this shrinking and self-denying author? Indeed, Præd, in one of his witty couplets, even gives the same advice, though in a different way, to the softer sex, to which we yield our bachelor assent to-day:—

"I wish some girls that I could name
Were half as silent as their pictures."

W.

Music.—We have much pleasure in calling attention to the advantages afforded by the London Organ School and International College of Music, Estab'd. 1865; Patron, His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury; Principal, the Rev. Scotson Clark, Mus. B. Established for the purpose of encouraging music in all its branches. The board of Professors include the Rev. the Principal, George S. Löhn Esq., 1st prize, Leipzig Conservatory; John Cheshire, Esq., (Harp), Herr A. Lummer, (Violin), late Professor Leipzig Conservatory; W. Pettit Esq., Principal Violoncello, Old Philharmonic Society; Hamilton Clark, Esq., Mus. B., ex-Organist, Queen's College, Oxford, and others; assisted by competent Professors. The numerous advantages are fully expressed in a detailed prospectus, obtainable on application at the central office, 13, Vigo-street, W. The fees for instruction are extremely moderate. We heartily commend the college, and wish it the success it deserves.

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1446.—The name of the writer of this communication must be given in confidence to the editor, previous to its publication.

The following communications stand over:—

"Fair Play;" "The Last Lodge of Benevolence;" "Bro. Findel;" "Coloured Lodges in America;" "Lupus, H.L.A.;" "London Masonic Club;" "The Girls' School."

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The City Diary, 1876, Collingwood.

Discrepancies of Freemasonry by Dr. Oliver. Hogg, & Co.,

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

The "Graphic" Christmas Number.

"Proceedings of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge for 1873; also for 1874."

"A Letter from Jervis Hayden to Judge Simms."

"A Letter to Bro. Findel."

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DEC. 4, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

Since leaving Madras His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been to Beypore, and reached Colombo on the 1st of December. He landed at 4 p.m. that day, and was very well received. He was much pleased with everything. He was to leave for Kandy on the 2nd; the next three days were to be quiet; and he was to go to Tuticorin on the 8th.

COMPARATIVE COST OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We print elsewhere a letter from Bro. C. Pegler, of Leeds, on this subject, and which, as it does not happily turn on the late personal controversy, we admit readily into our pages. We feel sure that our Boys' School will not suffer from any fair discussion, but rather gain in every way. We also deem it right to call attention to Bro. Pegler's letter, because it is practically the revival of the question, which was settled so far back as 1869, in the Province of West Yorkshire, to which Bro. Pegler belongs. Bro. Pegler has not read, or at any-rate remembered the special report of the Charity Committee, October, 28th, 1868, which is signed A. F. A. Woodford and R. A. Nelson, and which specially dealt, and dealt exhaustively with the important question of "comparative cost." Before then we notice Bro. C. Pegler's letter, we think it well to reproduce the passages of that report which treated on the "comparative cost." "As questions have arisen from time to time relative to the cost of the boys in the school, the committee think it right to say a few words on that head. The cost of the boys per head to the close of 1867 for actual domestic and educational expenditure, including office expenses and the education of boys out of the school, amounted to £36 12s. 2½d., including office expenses, rates and taxes, and all expenditure, to £46 15s. 1d., or £1 2s. 1d. less than in 1866. No doubt this seems at first sight a large amount, but on analysis it is susceptible of satisfactory explanation. The Freemasons' Boys' School is made up of very different classes of society, and requires therefore a higher standard alike in clothing, food, and education, than is given to the orphans of merely eleemosynary institutions,

or boys of any one particular class. It must always also be borne in mind that the object of the Boys' School is not to make our boys charity boys, or to reduce them to the level of a pauper institution, but to give them the same education they would have had had God spared the lives of their parents, so as to fit them for the social position they were destined, humanly speaking, to fill. And we must always keep this before us when we consider the cost of the education given in the Boys' School, or compare it with that of any other. A careful analysis of the Boys' School per head, with that of several of the London institutions of somewhat of a kindred nature, gives the following result:—The expenditure per head is in excess of such schools as the Commercial Travellers', Warehousemen and Clerks', British Orphan, City Freemans' Orphan School, St. Anne's, London Orphan—but is equal to that of the Clergy Orphan, and less than that of the Royal Medical Benevolent. The much larger numbers in almost all the schools will in every case account for the difference in expenditure. For instance, the office expenses in the Boys' are larger per head than all the other schools, simply because of the limited number of boys. Whereas in the London Orphan, with 145 girls and 290 boys, the office expenses are £3 12s. 3½d. per head, or in round numbers £1,520; in the Commercial Travellers' with 125 boys and 60 girls, in all 191, £7 7s. 5d. per head, in round numbers £1,400; in the Clergy Orphan, with 14 girls and 96 boys, in all 179, £4 4s. 8½d., in round numbers £751. Our Boys' School is £9 1s. 10½d. per head, in all £909 9s. 9d. for 104 boys. If the number of boys could be increased to 150, and eventually to 200, this expenditure would not be increased in the aggregate, and would show a reduction per head of from four to five pounds! As regards clothing, the expenditure of the boys is larger per head than all the charities mentioned. We give the boys two suits of good clothing a year, an extra pair of trousers, and linen and underclothing in great liberality. This is unusual in other schools, but has tended much to the health of the boys. As regards food—we give the boys of the best, and the consequence is an infirmary always empty, and a school of healthy, active, and happy lads, of whom their medical man says, they are both a pleasure and a marvel. As it may interest the Provincial Grand Lodge to know what is the amount per head spent in food by the other charities, the committee append a tabular statement, and if an average is taken of these eight schools it will appear to be £13 14s. 6d., or £1 2s. 4½d. in excess of what is paid in the Boys' School—£12 12s. 2½d. per head."

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Cost of Food per head.
London Orphan.....	145	290	435	£10 8 4½
Warehousemen & Clerks	76	36	112	12 0 20
Clergy Orphan.....	96	83	179	17 2 5½
British Orphan.....	106	61	175	15 12 2
R. Medical Benevolent...	200	—	200	19 3 11
Commercial Travellers...	125	66	191	10 10 7½
St. Anne's.....	332	—	332	10 11 11½
Freemans' Orphan.....	—	127	127	13 5 9"

Such was the argument, fairly stated, in 1868, and we do not fancy that much change if any is required for 1875, except a slight readjustment of figures more or less. It might be very interesting if Bro. Binckes could ascertain how far the published reports of 1874 of the institutions mentioned in 1868, still keep proportionally the same normal amount of expenditure per head. We believe that the position taken up by the West Yorkshire Charity Committee of 1868, is a true representation of statistical facts, and the best answer to any hasty or fallacious assumptions. With regard to the institutions mentioned by Bro. C. Pegler, two remarks necessarily occur to all who have studied the great question involved in all its bearings for years. With regard to the Provincial Schools cited, Bro. C. Pegler must add, as he himself knows well, at least 35 per cent for the different cost as between London and Provincial living, and as regards the London schools, it must be seen what is the actual class of boys educated therein, and what is the real system of education and maintenance before any satisfactory comparison can fairly be made. In the Boys' School, the clothing and food are arranged on the advice of the medical officer, and we have yet to learn that they are either extravagant or unusual.

Bro. Pegler says authoritatively that the cost per head is £20 too much; but we must beg to observe that he apparently has no ground for his statements, except his own personal opinion. He assumes that the expense is £51 per head. That involves the question of the extraordinary expenditure; but supposing even that he could reduce the items for food and clothing, which we greatly doubt, that is only a saving of £7 out of his £20, which we venture to think a very questionable and arbitrary calculation. Even if you add special expenditure, the amount is only raised to a little over £47, not £51, as Bro. Pegler has it. We may add that the actual number of boys is 177, not 156; that without office expenses, the amount is £37 13s. 11½d., which has been reduced to £36 9s. 11d., and with the office expenses, it will now be £46 12s. 11d. Bro. Pegler includes the extraordinary expenditure; we do not, as it varies from year to year. We shall await Bro. Binckes's notice of the letter with much interest, and in the meantime we earnestly invite all our brethren to suspend their judgment, to hear carefully both sides, and above all, not to be hastily led away by questionable statements, or to endorse utterly untenable propositions—propositions very damaging, perhaps, to the present progress and future welfare of the Boys' School.

LODGE REPORTS.

We are sometimes taken to task for our lodge reports, which no doubt take up much space, and seem at the best to have but little in them. We are told that we are making a mistake, that we are keeping out better matter, that the reading we thus supply is neither wholesome, interesting, nor intellectual. And no doubt a good deal may be said upon this topic, and we do not pretend to deny that there is not even more than a "scintilla" of truth, in such complaints and animadversions. But there is also another side to the question. The "Freemason" is purely a Masonic journal, intended for Freemasons, and devoted to Freemasonry. Hence its staple must be Masonic intelligence, and Masonic intelligence alone. And by the word intelligence we do not understand merely the item of daily or weekly news, in "rebus latomcis," for they will not supply a journal with more than a column, but we comprehend in the term all that appertains to lodge life, and work, and proceedings amongst us—the outer evidences of the inner teaching, of Freemasonry. And as the life of Freemasonry is made up of lodge work and lodge reports, it is an inevitable necessity that we publish in our columns the accounts of the meetings and the speeches of our Order. Now, though it may be true that these meetings may be somewhat commonplace, and the speeches not A 1 either in tone or intellectual power, yet their report interests some few subscribers, and it is this weekly resumé of lodge work that finds a large and ever increasing circle of readers. And we will say this, in addition. We read most of the Masonic periodicals now "out," and we do not find that the absence of lodge reports makes a journal read better, or renders it more intellectual, or assures it a larger circle of readers. On the contrary, we have noted that those journals flourish most which give the truest records of present Masonic life amongst us in carefully compiled accounts of lodge work and refreshment hours; and that those journals which either neglect this subject, or reduce it to meaningless abbreviations, whatever their other excellences may be, invariably come to grief. We have considered the subject well over, and have determined to adhere to our old arrangements and system. That very often lodge reports and speeches may be curtailed we apprehend is indubitable; that repetitive and tautologous expressions may be judiciously excised we admit, that all references to the ritual may be expunged we freely concede; but when we have said this we have said all. It is impossible to condense or shorten materially a lodge report of Masonic speeches without taking out the spirit of the entire narrative, and so we prefer to let our brethren speak for themselves, except when common sense, or propriety, or constitutional law, happily seldom called into requisition, demand suppression or alteration. Some brethren might wish for a larger amount of what

cognition included the three Craft degrees, the Royal Arch and Knights Templar. What authority Bro. Yarker has for the Priestly Order we know not. Bro. Higgins refers in his "Anacalypsis" to certain records of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter which he had from Bro. Blanchford, and presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. These are now in the archives of the York Lodge, and from them I took my extracts as to the degrees of 1780. Not a word occurs as to the Priestly Order, and I feel confident, from actual examination of all the other minute books, that such a degree was never officially recognised at York.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

(An abridged report of the following appeared last week.)

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of Subscribers to this school was held in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Lieut. Col. Creaton, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Massa, Thomas W. White, L. Ruf, Hyde Pullen, Griffiths Smith, Robt. B. Webster, Walter Wellsman, Wm. Paas, H. M. Levy, H. Massey ("Freemason"); Robert Kenyon, Benjamin Head, H. A. Dubois, Dr. Ramsay, William Jones, A. H. Diaper, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

After the preliminary business of the Committee had been transacted, the Secretary read the schemes which had been submitted to the Special Committee to consider the enlargement of the school building, and announced that the Special Committee had determined to recommend Col. Creaton's suggestion to build a large hall with dormitories capable of accommodating 94 children, to erect a covered way between the old and new buildings, and to erect larger laundries at the end of the grounds.

The Chairman said that he might now tell the Committee that the Special Committee had considered the different schemes, and had taken a great deal of pains and care in going through them. They had looked into the matter very closely, and having determined on recommending a certain scheme, now asked the General Committee to confirm that, as far as they had the power to confirm it, which was by recommending it to the Special or Quarterly Court. With regard to the cost of the new buildings, the brethren must remember, in the first place, they would have a very large hall, which they had not at the present time at the school, and which they had found very necessary on many occasions. In addition to the hall they would have dormitories and offices. The dormitories, they had heard read, would accommodate 94 extra children—not that they proposed to take 94 more at this time; but there would be the building for them if at any time it was proposed to take them in. There would be an extension of the dining-room; and then it must be remembered that the laundries must be removed whether the building was increased or not, the present laundries being quite insufficient for even the present requirements of the School. The cost of all this would be under £20,000, but everything would be perfect and good. He submitted this scheme to the brethren, but he would be happy to hear any brother who had anything to say upon it.

Bro. Robert Kenyon said he had the honour of submitting to this Special Committee a proposition by letter, and it was very possible that many brethren around the table had not heard this proposition; perhaps Bro. Little would read the letter.

The Chairman told Bro. Kenyon that his letter was read to the Special Committee, and full consideration was given to it. The Committee highly appreciated it, and were very much obliged to Bro. Kenyon for sending it.

Bro. Little then read the letter of Bro. Kenyon, which stated that it was desirable to secure in some healthy locality within about an hour's ride by rail, at a moderate cost, a sufficient number of acres of freehold land to enable the Committee to erect a building with spacious wings. At Sunninghill there were 10½ acres (a portion of which was well-timbered) which could be had for £3500. The building would not cost more than £9000, and there would be a most charming home for the children.

Bro. Dr. Ramsay asked what were the propositions of the other brethren, Bro. J. A. Rucker, and Bro. Raynham Stewart.

Bro. Little replied that Bro. Rucker's proposition was that a site elsewhere should be sought for, and Bro. Stewart's was that the Infirmary be utilised. Both these brethren had withdrawn in favour of Lieut. Col. Creaton's plan. Bro. J. B. Monckton had written about a large building at Richmond, close to the Star and Garter; but it was not thought advisable that the children should be located there.

Bro. R. Kenyon then said that having written the letter he wished to make a few observations upon it. In the first place he thought it most desirable before a single step was taken, that the brethren should ascertain where they were going to. With respect to Clapham Junction, he did not think that a very desirable site now, and every year they would find it become more unhealthy, as the whole neighbourhood was being surrounded with small houses. This Institution with a large number of children in it, would not thrive well in the midst of small houses. In the next place, carrying out a suggestion that had been made, he thought it desirable to have a junior branch establishment and he thought it should be erected in a healthy locality. He thought they would find it difficult to get the Governors of the Institution to sanction the expenditure of the £20,000 on the proposed extension at Clapham Junction. He knew the difficulty that Bro. Binckes had in getting the Boys' School out of debt; it took year after year in time, and a great expenditure of energy. They must all admit that no one could have shewn a greater amount of energy than Bro. Binckes on behalf of the Boys' School; and yet it took him and everyone else who felt an interest

in the Craft many years to free the Boys' School from debt.

The Chairman said that without wishing to curtail the observations of Bro. Kenyon at all, he might be allowed to say that the Boys' School was struggling and had no money at the time Bro. Kenyon was alluding to; but the Girls' School had money.

Bro. Kenyon said, although he knew they had £40,000 invested, it was perfectly well-known that the intention was to admit more children into the school. It must be remembered they must then provide for them; and was it wise to continue to utilise the present institution until the railway company wanted it? Therefore, he said, having the present institution, all they had to provide for was a certain number more of children say 100 at the outside. It was his own experience that they could erect a building and buy land cheaper; they could erect a building in a proper place capable of accommodating the extra children without going to the expense of £20,000 or anything like it. If they purchased ten acres of freehold land they would have an abundance of space for all time, however large their institution might become. He did not say that in our time we should not be able to educate and clothe more than 300 children at the outside; at all events, we did not propose to do anything of the sort now. We did, however, propose to admit into the school thirty or forty more children than at present. He therefore thought it would be very unwise to launch into an expense of £20,000—probably it might be £25,000—on the present occasion, and it was with very great regret he had to move an amendment to the chairman's proposal. He regretted it. He wished the proposition had been made by some one else than Lieut.-Col. Creaton; for knowing the great interest he always took in the institution he (Bro. Kenyon) felt quite nervous when he got up to propose an amendment. Having, however, advanced a proposition he felt bound to support it, and therefore he moved his amendment. He knew that his amendment could be practically carried out. His amendment was this:—"Resolved that a branch school be established as soon as practicable, and that a committee of five governors be appointed to inspect a freehold estate at Sunning hill, comprising about 10½ acres of land, with a view of purchasing the same, and with a view of erecting necessary schools thereon. That the entire cost of the land and building shall not exceed £10,000." He was quite satisfied in his own mind, if they should purchase this land at a reasonable price, that £7000 could erect a school quite capable of accommodating 60, 70, or 80 children; and not only that, but his proposition was that they should build the centre of the building, and if the whole school were taken down they could then add wings as required. This would not absorb more at present than £9000 or £10,000 at the outside. Then, it must be remembered, they would have a freehold estate in case the railway should want their property. He had seen the railway surveyor, who told him what they had done at Clapham Junction was not half enough. With that expression of opinion before the brethren he left them to judge whether the school would not be pulled down some day or other. His amendment, it would be seen, involved a sum of money much within the limits of Colonel Creaton's. It was only for £12,000.

Bro. Leopold Ruf seconded the amendment.

Bro. H. A. Dubois thought the amendment could not be put to this meeting. All that the Committee had to do was to decide whether they should or should not recommend Colonel Creaton's plan, which had already been accepted by the Special Committee, to the Quarterly Court. An amendment, if moved at all, must be moved at the Quarterly Court.

The Chairman agreed with Bro. Dubois.

Bro. Dubois said this Committee could not send up another resolution to the Quarterly Court, because a committee had been specially appointed to decide upon different schemes, and having decided, they recommended it to the General Committee, who recommended that scheme to the Quarterly Court.

Bro. Kenyon reminded the Committee that at the Quarterly Court he proposed that suggestions might be received from any of the brethren when he supported Bro. Binckes's motion, and that he was told that any suggestions would be accepted.

The Chairman said he remembered that Bro. Kenyon did so; but with Bro. Dubois he thought that any amendment must be made at the Quarterly Court. A Special Committee had been appointed by the Quarterly Court to recommend a scheme to the General Committee, who were to recommend to the Quarterly Court; but at the Quarterly Court it was quite competent for any Governor to move an amendment.

Bro. Kenyon said the reference was to a Special House Committee, not to this General Committee.

The Chairman replied that the Special House Committee was to investigate and to report to this General Committee.

Dr. Ramsay reminded the meeting that they must either accept or reject the recommendation. No motion could be put other than this, excepting moving the previous question.

Bro. Little read the rule of the institution with reference to such a subject, when it was found that the Chairman's ruling was correct.

Bro. Benj. Head then moved the adoption of Lieut.-Col. Creaton's scheme, and its recommendation to the Quarterly Court.

Bro. Dubois seconded it, and it was carried with only two dissentients, Bros. Kenyon and Ruf.

Bro. Kenyon said he should bring his amendment before the Quarterly Court.

The Chairman thought there should be a special court for the purpose. The next regular Quarterly Court was in January, and if the matter was deferred till then the confirmation of what that meeting might do would only take

place in April, and the building operations would thus be driven off to a late period in the season.

The brethren then proceeded with their other business, and placed four children on the list for election in April.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening in Freemasons' Hall. There was a very large attendance of brethren, notwithstanding the inclement weather, though many old and familiar faces, especially of those accustomed to sit on the dais, were not present. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, had signified to Grand Secretary his intention of being present, but, owing to an accident, he was unable to attend. A letter of apology was read by Grand Secretary at the commencement of the proceedings announcing the fact, as were also letters of apology for absence from the Grand Junior Warden (Bro. Alderman Stone), and many others. In the absence of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master's chair was taken by Bro. Colonel Lyne, Prov. G.M. of Monmouthshire, who was supported by Major-General Brownrigg, as Deputy-Grand Master, and Bros. R. J. Bagshaw, as Past Grand Master; H. D. Sandeman, Lord Tenterden, as S.G.W.; Capt. Platt as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Rev. A. B. Fraser, Le Gendre, N. Starkie, P.G.M. E. Lancashire; S. Rawson, C. Hutton Gregory, Rev. S. R. Wigram, J. M. Clabon, A. J. McIntyre, G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Dr. Hogg, Wilhelm Ganz, J. B. Monckton, W. E. Gumbleton, H. Browne, Joshua Nunn, J. Symonds, Dr. Sedgwick, J. Glaisher, W. Speed, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Rev. C. J. Martyn, S. May, Thomas W. White, H. Marsh, Sir Albert Woods, Benj. Head, Rev. C. R. Davy, R. J. Spiers, John Boyd, C. A. Cottebrune, Dr. Carpenter, George Everett, Thomas Hargrave, James Terry, Hon.—Jocelyn, Sub-Grand Master of Ireland, E. P. Albert, James Mason, Captain Ridgway, Raynham W. Stewart, Rev. J. Hordern Jukes, Ex-Sheriff Hutton, George Lambert, Griffiths Smith, J. M. Case, P.M.; Wilhelm Kuhe, G. Org.; Thomas Fenn, B. H. Swallow, A. H. Diaper, J. C. Parkinson, Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, and E. S. Snell.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. Hervey made the above-mentioned announcement as to the absence of the Earl of Carnarvon, and read the letters from the other absent brethren.

The Acting Grand Master then stated that Bro. Alderman Hadley had been appointed to succeed the late Bro. John Savage on the Board of General Purposes. After this announcement,

Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.S., P.M. No. 1, rose, and said that he had the pleasure of having to propose the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the ensuing year, this being the day for the nomination of Grand Master. After the experience which the Craft had had for some little period, there could be but one opinion as to whom he desired to propose to the brethren, and there could also be but one opinion as to what would be the result of that proposition. There was no doubt that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had so endeared himself to the Craft that any thing he (Bro. Case) might say in dilating upon the subject would be out of place. Whilst His Royal Highness was travelling in the East there was but one feeling towards him which existed in the minds of the brethren, that though they wished him a most prosperous and pleasant journey, they looked anxiously forward to his happy return to England, and this was an event which would be hailed with gratification by the Craft generally. Without taking up the time of the brethren unnecessarily, he begged to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Great applause.)

The Acting Grand Master said the next business on the paper was the appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and he had therefore to inform the brethren that Bro. John M. Clabon was re-appointed. (Cheers.) He had also to state that the election of the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents would now, in the ordinary course of events, take place, but as no others than the brethren last elected to the office had been put in nomination no election was necessary, and Bro. Joshua Nunn would again be Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President. (Applause.)

The election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence next ensued, and scrutineers having been appointed, the brethren proceeded with that business. (After Grand Lodge had been closed, the result of this election was made known to the Acting Grand Master in his private room, it not having been completed while Grand Lodge was in session.) The following is the result: Bros. C. F. Hogard, W. T. Howe, Herbert Dicketts, H. Bartlett, Griffiths Smith, W. Hilton, Samuel Poynter, W. Mann, W. Myers, W. Clifton Crick, William Stephens, and Samuel May.

The Grand Secretary read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which were recommendations for the following grants:—

The widow of a brother of the St. John's Lodge,	
No. 70, Plymouth	£70 0 0
A brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 297,	
Lincoln	50 0 0
A brother of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No.	
917, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Peace and Har-	
mony, No. 199, Dover	75 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Fi-	
delity, No. 230, Devonport	50 0 0
A brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403,	
Hertford	100 0
N.B.—This brother received £10 on ac-	
count of this grant, but he died on the 1st	
November.	

A brother of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, London	250	0	0
A brother of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, Richmond	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge St. John of Wapping, No. 1306, Wapping	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Hertford	100	0	0
A brother of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, London	50	0	0
The grant of £250 was, after considerable discussion, reduced to £100.			

"The report of the Board of General Purposes, to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

"The Board of General Purposes have to report that they have taken into consideration a complaint of two members of the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, Blackheath, to the effect that on the 17th day of June last the W.M. elect was installed without the previous confirmation of the minutes. And further, that on the 15th day of July the lodge was opened before the time named in the summons. After a long investigation of the facts of the case and hearing the evidence, the Board decided that the specific charges made were not proved. As however great laxity appeared to have prevailed in recording the minutes of the lodge, the Board admonished the Master to be more careful in future in seeing that the proceedings of the lodge were duly and properly recorded, reminding him that although the Secretary was the proper person to take the minutes, the Master was at all times responsible for their being correctly entered.

(Signed) "JOHN B. MONCKTON, President."

Bro. Monckton, after this report had been taken as read, said, in moving that it be received and entered on the minutes, that he would not take up the time of Grand Lodge in stating the case, as it sufficiently appeared upon the report.

The motion was carried, after having been seconded by Bro. Peter de L. Long.

Grand Registrar brought up the appeal of Bro. Robert Levingstone, of the Lodge Orion in the West, No. 415, Poona, against the decision of the District Grand Master of Bombay, that Bro. Braine was eligible to be elected the Master of Lodge No. 415. In doing so he explained the circumstances of the case. The W.M. of No. 415, when installed, duly appointed his Wardens. At that time another brother, who now claimed to be Master of the lodge, Bro. Braine, was not a member of the lodge, but he was proposed as a joining member. The W.M. elect was placed in the chair, and notice of proposition of Bro. Braine as a joining member was given. At the next meeting he was elected. Being elected, he was placed by the W.M. in the J.W. chair. The J.W., who had been previously appointed, being a military brother, had meantime been appointed to another station, and being obliged to leave Poona, had resigned his Junior Wardenship. At the following election of Master, an objection was made that Bro. Braine, not having been J.W. for twelve months, was not eligible; but this was overruled, and he was elected by a majority of the brethren. Complaint was made to the District Grand Master; but he, probably not having the full facts before him, decided that he was eligible. Now, it was a fundamental principle of the Constitutions that no one could be Master of a lodge who had not served the office of Warden in a regular lodge for a year. This brother had not done so, for he was not even a member of the lodge when the J.W. was appointed. Therefore, with very great deference to the opinion of the District Grand Master, who was a member of his (Bro. McIntyre's) own profession, he must decide that Bro. Braine was not properly qualified to be a W.M. He therefore moved that the appeal be allowed.

The motion was seconded.

Bro. H. D. Sandeman asked whether the brother had served as Warden in another lodge.

Grand Registrar replied that from all that appeared he had not.

Bro. Jas. Mason having made some observations, repeating Grand Registrar's, amid general signs of impatience, the motion was carried.

Grand Secretary next read the following report:—

Report of a special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1875, will be laid before Grand Lodge, and the following proposed alterations of the rules which were then agreed to will, in accordance with the laws of the institution, be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, viz.:—

To add to Clause 19, page 10 of the rules and regulations, after the words "Serving the Stewardship," and as a new paragraph, the following:—

"Every Steward at the anniversary festival who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than £50, in addition to his personal donation, shall receive two additional votes at each election, and two further extra votes for every additional sum of not less than £50."

And also to expunge from the same clause the following:—

"If unaccompanied with a personal donation, but by means of his services, not less than £20 shall be paid to the funds, he shall be entitled to one additional vote for every subsequent Stewardship."

That the law as altered now read thus:—

"A Life Governor who has served the office of Steward at the anniversary festival and subscribed £10 or upwards shall, on every occasion of subsequent service of such office, if accompanied with a similar donation, be entitled to four votes; if accompanied with a donation of £5, to

two extra votes. A donor, who has qualified as a Life Governor and afterwards served the office of Steward at the anniversary festival, and qualifies again as a Life Governor, shall be entitled to the same number of votes as if he had paid both at the time of serving the Stewardship.

"Every Steward at the anniversary festival who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than £50, in addition to his personal donation, shall receive two additional votes at each election, and two further extra votes for every additional sum of not less than £50."

Bro. John Symonds, in bringing this matter forward, said that these alterations had been brought before the subscribers of the institution in order that the laws of all the Masonic charitable institutions might be in harmony. At present these proposed privileges were in force in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and it was thought right that the Benevolent Institution should place its supporters on a similar footing. The alterations were unanimously agreed to by a special meeting of the subscribers. He moved their adoption.

Bro. Buckstone Baker seconded this motion, said that ever since he had been associated with the Masonic institutions he had endeavoured to carry out harmony in their rules.

Bro. C. Hutton Gregory asked whether this graceful act would be retrospective, and be a reward not for future services only, but for past.

Bro. Symonds did not apprehend that that was the practice; if it was carried out in the other institutions, it ought to be carried out in this institution.

The motion was carried nem. con.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., moved, "That the sum of one hundred guineas be granted by this Grand Lodge in aid of the Palestine Exploration Fund, with the view of promoting the continued prosecution of the interesting and important work of exploring the ancient landmarks of the Holy Land." It was the duty of every man who brought forward a motion which was not for an exclusively Masonic object to shew cause why the object should have the support of Grand Lodge. He was in this case happily precluded from entering upon such an investigation, inasmuch as years ago Grand Lodge was good enough to make a grant for the very purpose for which he asked it to make a grant to-night. Consequently the principle in this case, he might take it for granted, had been known in Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.) He said so in the first place, because he took it for granted that Grand Lodge seven or eight years ago would have been as competent to decide on a matter of principle as Grand Lodge of to-night, and to show how far by its vote it believed the object in question to be one that harmonised with the sympathies and feelings of Freemasons. He did it for this purpose—to show that he would not wish to inflict a speech upon Grand Lodge. Permit him however, to say, that the work which was begun seven or eight years ago had been most successfully and unweariedly carried out up to the present moment by the exploring party, among whom Bro. Lieut. Warren was chief. He (Bro. Simpson) had had the pleasure of hearing from him personally during the present month, and also from Mrs. Fern, the widow of the late Consul at Jerusalem, and for 19 years resident there. They had most satisfactory accounts of the progress made by the exploring party. The very name of this fund would suggest the design for which the fund had been collected, viz., for endeavouring to exhume from that land so full of memory, so deeply interesting to us all, some of the remnants of former days, in order to prove—if nothing else, to show the light which was thrown upon that Holy Volume which we all alike respected and venerated. He was sure also that the fact that the M.W.G.M. had himself been in that land, and taken a deep interest in its concerns, would have something to say for Masonry. But he (Bro. Simpson) proposed this vote because he felt that it was a vote in which every true-hearted Mason must have a deep interest, inasmuch as it was interesting both to them as Masons and as men; and he felt also that in the present case he might have the authority of their Treasurer, who he was very sorry to see was not present that night, for saying that Grand Lodge could afford to meet such a vote. He (Bro. Simpson) was to be seconded by a brother whom he was sure they all exceedingly respected, and he was quite sure one to whom they would more gladly listen; and therefore he should content himself by simply moving the resolution which he had placed in the hands of the brethren.

Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson had much pleasure in seconding the proposition which had been put by Bro. Simpson. He believed that the work in which the Palestine Exploration was concerned was one that was deeply interesting to the Craft, and calculated to develop materially the connecting links between it and Masonry, the nature of which we had hardly been able to comprehend at the present time. He would not detract from the eloquence of the speech which had been made by Bro. Simpson, and anything more which might be said on the subject might interfere with the effect which he trusted Bro. Simpson's speech would have upon the brethren.

Bro. Dr. Carpenter moved, as an amendment, the re-gating of the proposition.

Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, seconded it.

The amendment was put, and but a few hands were held up for it, whereupon Bro. Constable wished to withdraw from seconding the amendment, but was told by the Acting G. Master, amid derisive laughter, that he was too late.

The motion was put and carried.

Bro. S. L. Tomkins, P.G.D., said that he was commissioned by Grand Treasurer to say that on this, as on other occasions, Grand Treasurer would pay the amount immediately, without waiting for the confirmation of the vote.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

The Half-Yearly Communication to Grand Mark Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday. Colonel Burdett presided, the Earl of Limerick being unable to attend through the death of the Dowager Countess of Limerick. The following brethren were present:—M.W. Bro. G. R. Portal, M.W.P.G.M.M.M.; R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.P.G.M. Bengal, as D.G.M.M.M.; Col. Francis Burdett, Pro G.M.M.M. Midx. and Surrey; V.W. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., as G.S.W.; Captain N.G. Philips, G.J.W.; Major George Barlow, G.M.O.; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., as G.S.O.; John Trotter, G.J.O.; Rev. C. R. Davy, G. Chaplain; Frederick Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; F. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; W. Bros. Samuel Jones, G.S.D.; Thomas Trollope, G. Dir. of Cer.; Thomas Cubitt, G. Sword Bearer; T. S. Mortlock; G. Standard Bearer; Henry Parker, G. Org.; H. W. Binckes, Assistant G. Sec.; J. H. Spencer, G.I.G.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler; Frank Richardson, G. Steward; George Yaxley, G. Steward; with the following Past Grand Officers:—V.W. Bros. W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.J.W.; Alexander Ridgeway, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Hordern Jukes, P.G. Chaplain; R. W. Little, P.G.M.O.; W. Bros. Thomas Hargreaves, P.G.D.; G. Lambert, P.G.D.; Chas. Hammerton, P.G.D.C.; James W. Smith, C. Stretton, and H. Massey ("Freemason"), P.G. Stewards. Provincial Grand Officers: W. Bros. Hyde Pullen, P.M.; Shadwell H. Clerke, P.M., Ireland; R. J. Mure, Prov. G.M.O., Middlesex and Surrey. And the following Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of Private Lodges:—W. Bros. E. M. Haigh, P.M. Bon. Accord; Edwd. J. Harty, I.G., Bon. Accord; Chas. Pulman, W.M. Panmure, 139; J. R. Pitt, Macdonald Lodge, 104; Thos. Wood, Holmesdale Lodge, 129; W. Scott, Armstrong Lodge, 120, Bengal; John Mapleson, S.D., Panmure, 139; W. Steedman, 139; James Sinclair, 139. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Thomas Hargreaves nominated the Earl of Limerick as Grand Master. He was sure he need not repeat the words which had been used six months ago when the M.W.G.M. was installed in the chair. His zeal for Masonry, more particularly Mark Masonry, was such as to entitle him to the brethren's warmest esteem; and he had therefore great pleasure in nominating his lordship as M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Thomas Mortlock moved the re-election of Bro. F. Davison as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Gumbleton seconded it, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. Davison returned his thanks to the brethren for the compliment.

Bro. Binckes read the report of the General Board.

4. Report of the General Board, which includes the following recommendations:—

A.—"That the existing treaty with the Supreme Council 33°, and the Grand Master of the Temple, requires modification in the following sense:—

B.—"That no sentence shall be carried out in the Mark Degree, unless with the unanimous consent of the representatives of the Mark Degree present at the meeting of the Judicial Council (on appeal), two representatives being a quorum.

C.—"That an appeal be in all cases allowed to Grand Lodge.

D.—"That the Grand Stewards' contributions towards expenses of Grand Festival be fixed at two guineas (£2 2s.)

E.—"That the sum of £25 be granted from the Fund of Benevolence to Bro. P. . . . That the sum of £5 per annum be granted from the Fund of Benevolence to Mrs. S. . . . widow of the late Bro. J. R. S. . . ."

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, before moving resolutions A B and C, said he was happy to inform the brethren that Prince Leopold was advanced as a Mark Mason at Oxford in the previous week. Bro. Portal then entered on the question of the alteration proposed, and said that the opinions he had formerly expressed with regard to the Tripartite Treaty he had seen reason to change. The present alterations he thought would be beneficial.

Bro. Little, in seconding the motion, was glad to see that there was an intended alteration. On the last occasion when the matter was before the Grand Lodge he felt very deeply on the subject and spoke with some warmth. It was exceedingly gratifying to him to see the change which had come over the minds of the brethren.

After considerable discussion the motion was carried.

Bro. Frank Richardson proposed, and Bro. Clement Stretton seconded, the investment of £200 in Canadian 5 per Cent Bonds.

The motion was carried.

The other motions were then carried.

Bro. F. Davison, G.T., brought up his report for confirmation as follows:—

Balance from last account	£359	7	1
Receipts for six months to 30th Sept., 1875	372	13	6
	671	0	7
Expenditure six months to the same date	323	1	7

In favour of Grand Lodge

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Balance from last account	£148	9	6
Donations	234	13	6
Dividends on £400 Bonds	19	18	4

Balance in favour of Grand Lodge

Bro. Hammerton moved, and Bro. Samuel Jones seconded, the reception and adoption of these accounts, which was put and carried unanimously, and Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of banquet.

GRAND MASONIC DEMONSTRATION AND CONCERT IN LIVERPOOL.

In the annals of Freemasonry in West Lancashire, there probably was never a more striking gathering than that which took place on Tuesday evening, the 23rd November, at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, where a grand Masonic testimonial concert was given to Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.M. 216, Prov. Grand Organist, in recognition of his many services in connection with the Craft and other orders in Masonry. The compliment was honestly earned by Bro. Skeaf, who during many years past has devoted much time and his talents to help in every way the high standing and progress of Masonry. The spontaneous nature of the manner in which the concert was organised and carried out was reciprocated by the brethren, and the result was eminently creditable to all concerned, as well as most honouring to the brother for whose interests it was intended. The Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool is fairly considered the finest of its kind in the kingdom, and the sight it presented on this occasion was the most picturesque and striking ever witnessed within its walls. Every corner of the vast hall was crowded, and even then there were many who failed to gain admission. It is not very often that Freemasons make a show of their "fiery," but on this occasion a dispensation enabled them to wear the clothing, insignia, and jewels of the various orders to which they belonged, thus making the compliment to Bro. Skeaf all the more valuable and interesting. This privilege was taken advantage of to the full extent, and in the boxes and stalls nearly every order of Freemasonry was represented. The Craft, of course, predominated, but there were also represented the Royal Arch, Mark Masonry, Red Cross of Constantine, Rose Croix, and Knight Templars. The concert enjoyed the patronage of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M. and R.W. Prov. Grand Master; Bro. the Hon. A. F. Stanley, M.P., R.W. Dep. Prov. G.M.; Bro. Sir James Ramsden, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. W. C. Deeley, Prov. G.S.W.; and officers of Provincial Grand Lodge; officers and brethren in West Lancashire and the adjoining provinces. The chairman of committee was Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; the Treasurer, Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M. 249, and P. Prov. G. Reg.; and vice-chairman, Bro. Richard Washington, P.M. 1004. There were no fewer than 60 names on the committee, and the arrangements in connection with the concert could hardly have been better carried out. This satisfactory result is due in a large measure to the excellent working of the committee, special praise being due to Bro. R. Brown, W.M. 241, one of the Secretaries, who was assisted by Bro. Dr. Kisch, 216. Bro. H. E. Hime also deserves favourable recognition in connection with the concert. A helping hand was also given by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M. 220, who generously gave the profits of the "refreshment" to the concert fund. The artists included Madame Liebhart, Miss M. Severn, Mr. H. Guy, Bro. Seymour Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blagrove, Bro. and Mrs. Skeaf, and the Liverpool Vocalists' Union, under the direction of Bro. Queen. The performances of the "Union" were certainly the most interesting in the programme; and their rendering of the several pieces was marked by all the delicacy and fine vocal effect which have made the members' names so popular. A new setting of "The Wreck of the Hesperus," by Bro. Skeaf, was highly artistic and effective, leading to an encore, when "Comrades in Arms" was rendered with the musical colouring for which the "Union" is famous. Madame Liebhart's most successful effort was in Allen's "Little Bird," which was so crisply and naively rendered as to secure another encore. Miss Severn apparently had a cold, and therefore her efforts were not quite up to the mark. Mrs. Skeaf always sings naturally and without pretence, and her vocal efforts last evening were highly appreciated. Mr. H. Guy sang very artistically, and Mr. and Mrs. Blagrove contributed in no small degree to the success of the concert. Bro. Seymour Smith not only accompanied with fine taste, but gave two buffo songs with an effect which showed he possesses rare talent. His operatic reminiscences displayed much talent, and his imitations of the perturbed father, the silly lovers, and the peculiar orchestral surroundings of the opera showed he has a true sense and appreciation of the ridiculous. In his "Dinner Party" Bro. S. Smith also displayed talents of a high order. Bro. Skeaf, who received quite an ovation, played his fantasia, "The Fisherman," with the finest effect, and was recalled to the platform at its conclusion. The gathering was the most substantial compliment which has been paid to a Liverpool Mason for a long time, and Bro. Skeaf well deserved it. The next Masonic festival meeting of interest in Liverpool will be the annual Masonic ball, at the Town Hall, on the 11th January, in aid of the West Lancashire Educational Institution, when, it is expected, the Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool will be present.

BOMBAY DOCKS.—The Government of Bombay have accepted, on the recommendation of the Bombay Port Trust, the tender of Messrs. Glover and Co., well known in India as successful contractors, for the construction of the Elphinstone Wet Dock, being the most important of the magnificent series of works in that harbour which have been in progress during the last seventeen years. The present contract for the masonry and dams will amount to about £30,000, but the other portions of the work, including gates and excavations, &c., will probably involve a further expenditure of about half a million sterling. The presence in Bombay of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been availed of for laying the foundation stone with full Masonic honours. This took place on the 11th ult., and is the most important event in the history of the "Craft" in India. The spectacle on this occasion was one of singular magnificence, not the least striking part of it being the great assemblage of Parsees, Hindoos, and Mahomedan brethren, testifying to the bond of brotherhood between the East and the West.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Grand Lodge of Texas held its annual session in June; all dues are paid in gold and silver. Four hundred and eighty lodges reported, with a membership of seventeen thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine. The Grand Lodge is rapidly paying off the debt contracted in building a Masonic Hall at Houston.

The sixty-second annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York was opened in ample form at ten o'clock a.m., on Oct. 12, in Rochester. There was an unusually large number of officers and representatives present. At the afternoon session the annual elections were held, Past Grand Commander H. Clay Preston presiding.

The Masonic World will be gratified to learn that our Imperial Brother the Prince Rhodocanakis of Scio, was unanimously elected Grand Master of the Freemasons of Greece, for three years (1875 to 1878), and was installed as such at Athens, on the 26th of October. Greece is to be congratulated in having a Grand Lodge presided over by a Prince whose liberality is so well known, and who, as regards ancestry, is second to none in Europe. We may add that the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Greece, Major Spouridion Karaiskakes, is the present Minister of war of Greece.

The Royal Arch Chapter "Stuart," 540, will be consecrated at Bedford on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, at 5 p.m., by Comp. R. Wentworth Little. The first M.E.Z. will be Comp. Colonel William Stuart, of Tempsford Hall, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire.

MADAME TUSSAUD AND SONS' EXHIBITION.—Last week the Princess of Wales and the Queen of Denmark, accompanied by the Hon. Mrs. Stoner, honoured this establishment with a visit.

The death is announced of the Dowager Countess of Limerick, which took place in Upper Brook-street on the 15th ult. Her ladyship was the daughter of Captain Nicholas Horsley, late 96th Regiment, and married in 1843, William Henry Tennyson Percy, second Earl of Limerick, who died in 1866, leaving issue six sons and one daughter.

At Gibraltar His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, attended by Mayor Pickard and other officers, returned the visit of his Excellency Major-General Gabriel de Torres Jurads, Governor of Algiers, on the 17th. The Duke and party proceeded to Algiers in her Majesty's gunboat Express. On arriving there they were received by Captain Baldassano Y. Tapete, commanding the naval forces. The Duke afterwards landed, and was saluted from the fort and from the Guard of Honour of the Guardia Civil. On the arrival at the Governor's house, the Duke was saluted by a section of cavalry, and by a guard of a regiment of reserve, and on entering the Governor's house was received by Major-General Torres, and conducted to the saloon, the royal standard of England being hoisted on the balcony. The Duke of Connaught paid a visit on the 22nd to Captain Adolph Nolting on board the Austro-Hungarian corvette Graf Dandolo, which vessel called here on her way to the Brazils. The Duke afterwards embarked on board his yacht Vega, for Tarifa, on a shooting excursion, and thence proceeds to Tangiers to join in boat hunts arranged by the British Minister Plenipotentiary, Sir John Drummond Hay.

The annual dinner of the Urban Club will be held on Friday, the 10th of December, when Bro. Sir John Bennett will preside.

Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, M.P., has gone to Italy for the benefit of his health, taking Florence, Venice, Rome, and Naples in his tour.

We are requested to state that the funeral of the late Professor Key will take place at Highgate Cemetery on Monday next, the 6th instant, at twelve o'clock.

Bro. D. H. Stone, Grand Junior Warden, has joined the "Hanover-square Club."

A National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, the 10th inst.

Prince Leopold has presented to the Liverpool Free Public Library two copies of "Romeo and Juliet," edited by P. A. Daniel.

The Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, will be the first M.P.S. of the De La Pole Conclave, No. 132, Hull, and it is believed that his brother-in-law, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, will be one of the first Knights installed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction, at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, by Bro. Govan Macdonald, assisted by fifteen members of the Star of Instruction, on the 15th December.

The Masonic Magazine for this month (December) contains a portrait of Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary.

WIPK YOUR FEET.—The best Cocoa Nut Mats and Matting are made by Tinslor & Sons, 69 Ludgate Hill.

We regret to learn that her Grace the Duchess of Manchester met with a serious accident on Wednesday last. Her Grace was returning from Lord Fitzhardinge's decoy pools in a Whitechapel dog-cart, drawn by a pony driven by Miss Chetwynd, when within half a mile of Berkeley Castle they came into collision with a four-wheel conveyance. Miss Chetwynd and her Grace were thrown out of the trap. The former escaped with a dislocated thumb, but her Grace received a severe fracture of her left arm.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement took place on Friday, the 26th ult., a report of which unavoidably stands over in consequence of the pressure on our columns.

The meetings of the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction, No. 1228, are now held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, December 10, 1875.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 143, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Ho., Cannon-st.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.
INSTRUCTION.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road.
Sinai Chapter Union Tav., Air-street, Regent-street.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
" 25, Robert Burns, F. M. H.
" 69, Unity, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot, Fleet-st.
" 82, United L. of Prudence, Albion H., Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, M. H., Mason's Avenue.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F. M. H.
" 1319, Asaph, F. M. H.
Chap. 91, Regularity, F. M. H.
" 1056, Victoria, M. H., Masons' Avenue.

INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Crown Tav., Clerkenwell Green.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-street Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.
Metropolitan, Coach and Horses Hot., 343, Strand.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F. M. H.
" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, C. of G. Hope Tav., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Air-st., Piccadilly.
" 1298, R. Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st, W.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
" 1478, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F. M. H.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-st. Within.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Ho., Hand-court, Holborn.
Percy, Grapes Tav., Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Metropolitan Chapter, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Committee, R.M. Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F. M. H.
" 9, Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
" 11, Enoch, F. M. H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F. M. H.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.
" 1017, Montefiore, F. M. H.
" 1260, Hervey, F. M. H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., Wapping.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Rose Croix, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-square.

INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Cas. Tav., Southwark-bd.-rd.
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Confidence, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-street, St James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
534, Polish National, F. M. H.
657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
879, Southwark, Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks.
1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.
619, Beadon, M. H., Masons' Avenue.
Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Regent M. H., Regent-st.
K. T. Precep., 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple.

INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-street.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, W.
Finsbury Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-street, City-road.
United Mariners', Three Cranes, Mile-end-road.
Whittington, Crown Tav., Holborn.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-street, Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Doric Chapter, Three Cranes Tav., Mile-end-road.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 134, Celedonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
157, Bedford, F. M. H.
177, Domestic, Andertons' Hot., Fleet-st.
1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1420, Earl Spencer, New Wandsworth.
Precep., 26, Faith and Fidelity, Terminus Hot, Cannon-st.

INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-street, Regent-street.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), Freemasons' Hall.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-street.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-street.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 11, 1875.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly R., Bull Hot., Preston.
148, Lights, M. R., Warrington.
613, Unity, M. R., Southport.
703, Clifton, Clifton Arms' Hotel, Blackpool.
1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
1051, Rowley, M. H., Athenæum, Lancaster.
1264, Neptune, M. H., Liverpool.
1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
Everton L. of I. M. H., Liverpool.
Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, M. H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M. H., Liverpool.
897, Loyalty, Fierce Inn, St. Helen's.
986, Hecketts, Grapes Inn, Croston, near Ormskirk.
995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
1256, Fidelity, Bridge Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, 161, Walton, St. Laurence's Boys' School.
Merchants' L. of I. M. H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott.
281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
580, Harmony, Wheathead Inn, Ormskirk.
758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street.
1547, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M. H., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I. M. H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
333, R. Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood.
477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
786, Croxteth United Service, M. H., Liverpool.
950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms.
1035, Prince of Wales, M. H., Kirkdale.
1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M. H., Liverpool.
1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M. H., Liverpool.
1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry.
Chap. 249, Mariners', M. H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 11, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
138, Operative, Bluc Bell Hotel, Ayr.
237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-street.
Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-st.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 35, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.
173, St. John, M. H., Largs.
233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
406, St. John Dalziel, M. H., Motherwell.
433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.
437, Govandale, Portland Arms, Govan.
497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
510, Maryhill, 167, M. H., Maryhill.
Chap. 113, Partick, M. H., Partick.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
203, St. John's Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hot., Dalry.
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Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A regular meeting of this well known lodge was held at the Canaan Street Hotel, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at which were present Bros. Geo. Newman, W.M.; T. Cohu, S.W.; C. Arkell, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; E. Jones, S.D.; H. Legge, J.D.; F. Fellowes, I.G.; W. T. Rickwood, D.C.; and E. King, P.M., Steward; also Bros. Geo. Abbott, I.P.M.; G. Kenning, P.M.; E. J. Kellaway, G. H. Gillam, W. L. Pontch, Geo. Bartholemew, S. Haynes, C. J. Benson, W. F. Poulton, Robt. Clank, R. E. Bright, C. J. Scholes, S. T. Lucas, T. Fisher, S. Edwards, J. Kent, E. Bunch, J. Larkin, W. Small, A. Lewis, W. Alfatt, B. Penkins, R. H. Goddard, T. Perrin, the Rev. J. H. Jukes, P.P. G.W. Herford; and H. Stevenson. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. W. L. Pontch was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Geo. Borer was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. This meeting being the day of election, Bro. T. Cohu was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; and Bro. Geo. Kenning was elected Treasurer. The sum of £5 was voted to Bro. George Newman, W.M., to defray the expense of the installation jewel granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as the Steward representing the lodge on that occasion. Notice of motion was also given by Bro. Marsh to present to the W.M. the usual gold jewel of the lodge for the very able manner he has presided over the lodge during the past year. The minor business of the lodge having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The brethren then adjourned to the usual banquetting room, where a most excellent repast was served, the W.M. presiding. During the evening the loyal and Masonic toasts usually given were proposed and most heartily responded to. The W.M. gave "The Health of the W.M. Elect," which was received with the greatest enthusiasm. We are glad to notice that the lodge was honoured with the presence of its new member, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Jukes, P.P.G.W. Herford, who presented to the lodge a short time since an ancient apron of the Craft belonging to one of the members of this lodge, and which bears date 1800—in consideration of which the said brother was unanimously elected a honorary member. The newly elected brother was most warmly received and congratulated, and returned thanks in an eloquent speech. The W.M., as usual, in the most hearty terms gave "The Visitors," which met with a general response—thanking the W.M. for the most kind and liberal hospitality always accorded to visitors by the Lion and Lamb Lodge. The W.M. announced that he had another pleasing duty to perform—amongst the many that fell to his lot during his year of office—that was to present to Bro. Marsh a slight testimonial, as a recognition of the able services he has rendered to the lodge and the members during the last eight years as its Secretary. The testimonial was set on foot a few months since amongst the members, and he had the great pleasure to announce that the testimonial consisted of a purse containing £50; and he hoped Bro. Marsh would receive it as a slight testimonial of the respect and esteem of the brethren, and as an appreciation of the services so ably rendered to the lodge during his eight years' Secretaryship. The W.M. having made the presentation, Bro. Marsh most cordially thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said he had been a member of the lodge 16 years, half of which had been devoted to the work of Secretary; and he hoped to continue to serve the lodge in that office for many years to come. The "Officers" and "Tyler's" toast brought a most agreeable meeting to a close. The visitors present were Bros. W. H. Lee, W.M. 1524; H. B. Dunn, Geo. Clarke, 177; W. Parker, 753; J. Jessett, 1489; W. F. Smart, 766; A. Leard, P.M. 1185; and J. W. Berrie, 1293.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 25th ult., at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford. Present, Bros. S. O. Lewin, W.M.; H. Tuson, S.W.; J. Pake, J.W. Bro. Wells having resigned his office, W. Myatt, P.M. was appointed S.D. in his stead. J. Langley (who acted as Secretary), J.D.; G. Lima, I.G.; J. Vehmanns, W.S.; J.

Bavin, P.M. 147; Tyler. Past Masters, Bros. G. Andrews, I.P.M.; W. Myatt, P.M. Visitors, Bros. J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 1423; W. M. Goss, S.W. 176; W. T. Lover, J.W. 1178; and others. The lodge being opened by the W.M., Bro. S. O. Lewin, the minutes of the meeting held in October were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. Bro. G. Andrews, I.P.M., took the chair, and in an able manner raised Bro. T. W. Crout, 1326, to the Third Degree. The notice of motion by Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. Sec., to revise the bye-laws was referred to a committee, to consist of the W.M. and officers of the lodge.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The December meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. C. D. Jekyll, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. W. A. Tinney, S.W.; E. Terry, J.W.; C. Coote, P.M.; E. Frewin, I.P.M.; John Read, P.M.; E. Swanborough, J.D.; Charles Wellard, I.G.; Arthur Swanborough; Harry Cox, D.C.; C. Stephenson, W.S.; H. J. E. Tinney, Abraham Henson, H. Snyders, E. Stanton Jones, Secretary; Edmund Reynolds, E. Chamberlain, P.M.; R. Soutar, John Maclean, and G. R. Egerton, Org. There was also present a distinguished Past Master from India. Mr. W. B. Fair was initiated, and this was the only business before the brethren; the ceremony was splendidly performed in the usual Asaph Lodge style. After this the lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

ST. CLEMENT'S DANE LODGE (No. 1351).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the King's Head Hotel, Strand, when as usual, there was a goodly muster of the brethren. Unfortunately Bro. Steward, the W.M., was prevented by illness from occupying the chair of K.S., and Bro. Betts, I.P.M., filled the position. Four brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree, and the two initiates of the previous meeting were passed, the acting W.M. performing his duties to the great satisfaction of the brethren, and with that evident knowledge of his work which made his year of office so enjoyable. After labour the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was provided by Bro. Carr in his usual good style. There were present—Bros. Betts, I.P.M. (presiding); Hale, P.M.; Hilton, P.M. (Secretary); Parker, P.M. (Treasurer); Wilson, J.W.; Parter, S.D.; Wigg, J.D.; Butler, I.G.; Paryman, D.C.; Barnes, Org. Amongst the other brethren present were—Bros. Tedbury, Hutton (2), Gazes (3), Deighton, Arthur Betts, Brannan, Townley, Wiseman, Harrison, W. H. Hall, Dr. Fan, Grieve, Williams, and others. After the cloth had been removed, Bro. Betts gave the usual Masonic and loyal toasts, and when proposing "The Health of the W.M.," he alluded to him in high terms and his sentiments were fully endorsed by those present. Those brethren who possess vocal capabilities added to the enjoyment of the evening, which was spent in that thorough harmony and good feeling which has ever been the leading characteristic of this young and rising lodge.

PROVINCIAL.

STONEHOUSE.—Brunswick Lodge (No. 159).—A full meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., in the lodge room at Stonehouse, the W.M., Bro. A. R. Lethbridge, presiding. The S.W., Bro. E. Hawke, was elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. Carter, Treasurer, and Bro. Chapman was re-elected Tyler. In consequence of some change in the tenure of Lodge Metham, the W.M. stated that he and the Wardens had waited upon Lodge Charity and had received from that lodge an acceptance of Lodge Brunswick, and it was therefore proposed that in future Brunswick should meet Lodge Charity. This was unanimously agreed to. The Secretary then read the statement of accounts for the past year, which showed a very satisfactory amount of income and an expenditure that included much benevolent work and subscriptions. There had been 25 meetings of the lodge in the course of the year, and 15 initiations, with probably three initiations at the next meeting. The accounts were accepted and passed unanimously. It was agreed that the installation of the W.M. elect should take place on the 29th inst. at three o'clock, and that the annual banquet should be held at six o'clock on the same day at Bro. Thomas's, Great Western Hotel, Plymouth. Bro. Latimer then introduced the subject of the commemoration window in the New Guildhall, stating that he had attended every lodge in the Three Towns, and that all with only one exception had contributed, and that that lodge would have done so but for the state of its funds. The Secretary then proposed, and the W.M. elect seconded, and other brethren supported the proposal, that a sum of five guineas be contributed, which was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Latimer thanked the lodge for the cordial and graceful manner in which it had responded, as one of the oldest lodges, to his appeal. It was then resolved to vote a P.M.'s jewel to the W.M., Bro. A. R. Lethbridge; and on the motion of Bro. Stentford a similar jewel was most cheerfully voted to Bro. J. C. Stephens, the only Past Master of Lodge Brunswick who had not received a jewel. It seemed to be a pleasure to all present that this honour should be accorded to Bro. Stephens, who has been a member of Lodge Brunswick for nearly forty years, and was its Master some twenty-eight years ago. Bro. Stephens expressed his sense of the kindness which influenced the brethren, and said that although the vote was to him quite unexpected, he should greatly esteem the kindness which had prompted it. The lodge has been in existence nearly a hundred years, and has enrolled in its books some names highly honoured in the Three Towns' history. It has had its ups and downs; happily at present it seems to be in a state that is so flourishing as to be a source of pleasure to all its members.

CAMBRIDGE.—Isaac Newton University Lodge (No. 859).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Union Rooms, Cambridge, on Monday, Nov. 29th. The Rev. J. W. Cartmell (Fellow of Christ's),

P.P.G.C., who was installed as W.M. at the last lodge, performed the active duties of the chair for the first time, and that in a very effective manner. Four brethren were raised, eleven passed, and thirteen members of the University were initiated, the necessary dispensation having been obtained. This active lodge has never been in a more flourishing condition, and the brethren are now looking for a site to build a Masonic Hall, which is much wanted in Cambridge.

AUCKLAND, N.Z.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1338).—The annual festival of this lodge took place in the Masonic room of Mr. Avey's hotel, Princes-street, at the annual reunion of the Prince of Wales Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1338, E.C. There were about fifteen Past Masters present, besides a very full attendance of the brotherhood. The ceremonies were commenced shortly after six o'clock, the proceedings being opened by Bro. G. W. Brassey, W.M. After other business had been disposed of, the installation of the W.M. took place, Bro. P.M. Leers in the chair. This ceremony was performed by Bro. P.M. Leers, with the assistance of a number of Past Masters, and was a most interesting one. The newly-appointed W.M., Bro. Skinner, then proceeded with the appointment of officers for the ensuing year:—S.W., Clayton; J.W., Rev. C. M. Nelson; Treasurer, Stoddart; Secretary, P.M. Leers; S.D., Dawson; J.D., Dyer; Rattray, I.G.; Porter, Tyler. When the official business of the lodge had been concluded, the repast provided by Bro. Avey was partaken of by a company which well filled the room. The toasts were—"The Queen and Craft," by the W.M. He said it would be unnecessary that he should do more than name the toast to ensure for it a hearty response. "The Grand Master, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," by the W.M.; responded to with considerable enthusiasm, and with Masonic honours. "The Grand Masters of the Irish and Scottish Constitutions," by the W.M.; responded to by Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M., I.C., and Bro. Niccol, R.W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge. "The Worshipful Master," by Bro. G. W. Brassey, P.M.; responded to by the W.M. "The Past Masters," by the W.M.; responded to by Bros. Brassey, P.M., and Moss, P.M. "The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. E. Bennett in a happy and appropriate speech; responded to by Bro. S. M. Leers, P.M. "The Officers," by Bro. W. J. Rees, P.M. Lodge Am; responded to by Bro. F. G. Clayton, S.W., and Bro. C. M. Nelson, J.W. "The Visitors," by Bro. W. H. Kissling, P.M.; responded to by Bros. Anderson, Hughes, Robinson, Burns, Green, Burton, and Niccol. "The Entered Apprentices," by Bros. M. S. Leers, P.M.; responded to by Bro. G. Jones. "The Brethren who rendered the Music of the Evening," by Bro. C. M. Nelson, J.W.; responded to by Bros. J. Brown and Diethelm. "The Ladies," by Bro. W. H. Kissling, P.M.; responded to by Bro. C. M. Nelson, J.W., and Bro. W. Rattray, I.G. "The Tyler's Toast." During the course of the evening many excellent suggestions were made—those of Bros. Niccol, Nelson, and Hughes being particularly noticeable. A little discussion took place on the desirability of amalgamating the various lodges in the Colony of New Zealand under one dispensation, and Bros. Niccol and Moss were animated in their remarks upon this question; the former being in favour of a Colonial Grand Lodge, the latter of opinion that such a thing would be premature. It is some time since a Masonic ceremony on such a scale and possessing so much interest has occurred in the city, and indeed throughout the whole proceedings the greatest amount of unanimity of feeling and happiness prevailed. Bros. Browne, W. J. Rees, Diethelm, Harker, Higgins, Skinner, and Jones contributed much to this end, the vocal music, which had been prepared by Bro. Browne, being sung exceedingly well. To Bro. Avey is due great praise for the manner in which the banquet was conducted. The meeting broke up at half past eleven o'clock.

HALLIFORD.—The Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).—The last regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, on Saturday last. The members present were Bros. the Rev. Dr. Bretts, Prov. G. Chaplain Middlesex, W.M.; J. Llewellyn Jones, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.P.G.P., Secretary; W. T. Howe, P.G.P., S.D.; Colonel James Peters, P.G.D., I.P.M.; R. W. Little, P.G.S.W.; James Davis, C. I. Davis, W. Sweetland, E. C. Hialop, J. H. R. Gowan, W. Alcock, Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, J. S. Tyler, P. Dunn, Geo. Townsend, and R. Strong. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the following brethren were passed to the Second Degree: Bros. P. Dunn and J. S. Tyler. Bros. Alcock, Hialop, and Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert were raised to the Third Degree, the ceremonies being worked by Bro. R. W. Little by the especial wish of the W.M. Bro. Geo. Townsend, P.M. 754, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones, J.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. Paas, P.M. 28, was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock, Tyler. Owing to the great success which has attended this lodge, which is comparatively new in the province, a resolution was passed to increase the number of members from thirty to forty-five, and also to make the lodge a summer lodge, by ranging its meetings between the months of March and September in each year. The handsome gold jewel, designed by Bro. Marsh, Secretary, which was voted to Col. Peters last year, was unanimously accorded to the much esteemed W.M. for the year now terminating, the Rev. Dr. Bretts. Several new members were proposed, and the lodge was closed in due form. After this the brethren adjourned to a well served repast, provided by Bro. Stone, the W.M., Bro. Dr. Bretts, presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured in the most hearty manner, including "Col. Buxton, the popular Grand Master of the Province," and "The Grand Officers." Bro. W. T. Howe returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Colonel

Peters proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to whom the lodge was much indebted for the very able manner he had discharged his duties during his year of office, and for the kind and genial manner he had displayed in presiding over the lodge meetings. The toast was received with the heartiest approval. Bro. Colonel Peters returned thanks as the I.P.M., and R. Wentworth Little for "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Jones responded to the toast specially proposed for "The W.M. Elect," and the toast of "The Officers" was replied to by Bro. J. G. Marsh, Secretary, and Bro. W. T. Howe, S.D. The Tyler's toast concluded a most agreeable evening, and the brethren then returned to town.

INSTRUCTION.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT (under the direction of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256).—The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held on the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Annually this lodge (strongly supported though it always has been) becomes better and better supported, and the large additions there yearly are to the Craft supply a very numerous body of brethren who join this excellent lodge, notwithstanding the many lodges of instruction which are to be found in all the districts of the metropolis. One of the evidences of the strong support this lodge receives is to be found in the number of brethren that are ever ready to offer their services as Stewards of the festival, and on the present occasion the same readiness was evinced as has been the case on former occasions. Among those who found on the Stewards' list for the festival of 1875 were Bros. J. Hervey, G.S., Treas.; H. Bishop, S.W. 66; G. B. Brodie, J.W. 1118; G. Copeland Capper, W.M. 162; R. J. Chappell, P.M. 7 and 1228; F. Clever, W.M. 12; A. G. Cooke, S.W. 212; J. Cree, 181; R. R. Davis, W.M. 256; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; H. E. Diamond, W.M. 353; A. Durrant, W.M. 1185; G. E. Eachus, P.M. 33; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; E. W. Fithian, S.D. 193; J. J. Forrester, P.M. 269; J. Gibson, J.D. 1420; J. P. Godfrey, S.D. 1261; Montague Gosset, P.M. 66; R. Grey, J.G.D.; E. J. Harty, S.D. 1201; J. F. Huggins, P.M. 18; E. Legg, J.W. 861; P. de L. Long, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes; Edwin March, P.M. 99; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. Muzio, J.W. 1150; E. Nash, J.W. 14; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; A. A. Richards, P.G.S.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. Savage, P.G.D.; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395; Sec.; G. B. Smallpeice, P.M. 370; W. W. Smith, W.M. 1261; E. H. Stammwitz, S.W. 435; H. T. Wood, W.M. 1159; and J. Verity, S.W. 1348. The attendance at the lodge was very large, about 300 brethren being present. The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., presided as W.M.; while Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., was appointed to the S.W. chair, and Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D., to the J.W. chair. Bro. G. B. Brodie, J.W. No. 1118, was S.D.; Bro. H. Bishop, S.W. No. 66, was J.D.; and Bro. H. T. Wood, W.M. No. 1159, I.G. The work performed was the Second Lecture, and the whole of the five sections were admirably rendered by the W.M. and his officers, in the following order:—

- 1st Section by Bro. H. T. Wood, W.M. 1159.
- 2nd " " " H. Bishop, S.W. 66.
- 3rd " " " H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.
- 4th " " " J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.
- 5th " " " G. B. Brodie, J.W. 1118.

Bro. Wood in the 1st, and Bro. Rucker in the 4th section were successful in a very marked degree, and obtained immense applause. All the working brethren, however, did their work admirably, and all were applauded. At the conclusion of the ceremony the usual votes of thanks were passed, and complimentary speeches made, and a list of 45 brethren to be voted for as joining members at next meeting, were read out, proposed, and seconded. At the termination of these formalities the brethren adjourned to supper in Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., Town Clerk of London. The speeches in proposing and replying to the toasts were very brief. Bro. Fenn proposed "The Chairman's Health," and the chairman proposed "Prosperity to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," for which Bro. Hervey, G.S., Treas., responded. "The Working Brethren" was given by the chairman, and Bro. Rucker and Bro. Dumas replied. "The Sister Lodges of Instruction" was responded to by Bro. H. Muggeridge, Treasurer and Preceptor of the Stability, No. 217. "The Parent Lodge of Unions," given by the chairman, was acknowledged by Bro. R. R. Davis, W.M., and Bro. Joseph C. Parkinson was sponsor for "The Masonic Charities." The evening, which was not enlivened by any of the aids of music and singing, was a remarkably successful one, and was heartily enjoyed by the brethren. Bros. John Symonds, R. Brandt, Hyde Pullen, Peter de L. Long, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, A. A. Richards, F. Robinson, Clever, Dr. Paul, Winkfield, and Spooner were among the guests. Bro. W. Smallpeice, the Secretary, P.M. No. 1395, whose duties were of a somewhat onerous character throughout the evening, discharged them as usual with perfect satisfaction to the brethren. The lodge, we may remind our readers, meets every Friday evening throughout the year at Freemasons' Hall, and is open to Master Masons only. It should be remembered also, as we are frequently reminded, that it is what its name implies, a lodge of improvement, not a lodge of instruction, and is intended for the further improvement of those brethren who have already acquired a knowledge of Masonic working. Its instructors are therefore the crème de la crème of Masonic preceptors. The company on the 26th ult. were dismissed with the chairman's benediction, "And so, brethren, Heaven be with you!"

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The election and installation meeting was held on Saturday, 27th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present Comps. W. Wyman, H.; G. Lemann, J.; Frederick Walters, P. 1st G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., Treas.; Walter Miller Goss, S.N.; J. Sorrell, 1st A.S.; A. W. Thorpe, D.C.; R. S. Foreman, P.Z.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; M. Scott, P.Z. The Visitors were Comps. J. Lacey, P.Z. 176; H. Garrod, P.Z. 507; and others. The chapter was opened by Comp. M. Scott, as M.E.Z.; W. S. Wyman, H.; G. K. Lemann, J.; and all the P.Z.'s. The minutes of the October meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots for exaltation were unanimous in favour of the admission of the candidates. Bros. W. T. Lover, J.W. 1178; J. Johnson, 1423; J. B. Sorrell, jun., S.D. 176; were exalted. The elections were unanimous in favour of the following companions as the officers for ensuing year, viz.:—S. Wyman, M.E.Z.; G. K. Lemann, H.; J. B. Sorrell, S.J.; F. Walters, P.Z., Treas., re-elected for eighth time; W. M. Goss, S.E.; W. J. Stride, S.N.; J. B. Langley, P.S.; C. J. Speight, unanimously re-elected Janitor. M. Scott, P.Z., installed W. S. Wyman, M.E.Z., and G. K. Lemann, H.; H. Garrod, P.Z., installed J. B. Sorrell, J. These members were invested with collars, jewels, and robes of office, viz., Comps. F. Walters, P. 1st G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., Treas.; W. M. Goss, S.E.; W. J. Stride, S.N.; J. Baxter Langley, P.S.; S. Pownceby, 1st A.S.; R. P. Tebb, 2nd A.S.; H. Faija, C.E., W.S.; A. Middlemass, M.C.; C. J. Speight, Janitor. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation.

JOPPA CHAPTER (No. 188).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, where there was a large attendance of companions. Comp. H. M. Levy, Z., presided, with Comp. M. Emanuel, H. After the opening of the chapter, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the installation of Principals was proceeded with, and Comp. M. Emanuel having been placed in the First Principal's chair he installed, in admirably fluent style, Comp. M. I. Emanuel as H., after which Comp. Wolff-Littaur was placed in the H. chair. The other officers appointed were Comps. S. V. Abrahams, Treas.; P. Dickinson, S.E.; L. Lazarus, S.N.; L. Jacobs, P.S.; and Comp. Smith, Janitor. After this Bros. Grove-Ellis and Buderus were exalted into R.A. Masonry. Among the companions present during the evening were P.Z.'s E. P. Albert, E. Stanton Jones, A. Lazarus, and Comps. W. C. Parsons, G. J. Kain, H. Massey, Jennings, E. M. Haigh, and S. Politzer. Before the chapter was closed a handsome P.Z. jewel and silver goblet were presented to Comp. H. M. Levy. In presenting these gifts the M.E.Z. said they were evidences of the opinion which the companions of the chapter had of him, and of the good he had done for the chapter. The presentation was accompanied with some other complimentary remarks which showed that the companions had a high estimate of Comp. Levy's merits. Comp. Levy returned his thanks, and assured the companions that the gift would ever be engraven on his heart. He had always tried to do good for the Chapter, and he was sorry that during the last year he had not been able to do more. The balance-sheet was then read, which showed that the chapter was in a flourishing condition. After this the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings. Subsequently the usual R.A. toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z., who, being an experienced orator, ran off the speeches with which they were accompanied with a facility which was very agreeable. The companions spent a most delightful evening, and the new M.E.Z.'s year of office was inaugurated with the happiest circumstances.

WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862).—The latest convocation of this chapter was held on the 26th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Comps. W. Hurlstone, Z.; W. Jones, H.; and W. Stephens, P.Z., J.; James Weaver, P.Z.; R. W. Little, P.Z., S.E.; Thomas Kingston, S.M.; W. A. Tinney, P.S.; W. H. Murlis, John High, J. H. Glaskin, W. McDonnell, W. F. Norman, James Paul, T. Jessett, John Boyd, and H. Massey being present. After the opening of the chapter, Comp. W. Stephens took the Z. chair for work, and exalted Bros. Grist, 1489; Starkey, 1489; and H. Parkhouse, 511, into R.A. Masonry. At the conclusion of this ceremony, in which Comp. Boyd gave the J. and H. explanations, and Comp. Stephens the Z., the installation of Principals was proceeded with, and on presentation duly made of Comp. W. Jones, Comp. R. W. Little installed him in the Z. chair. Comp. W. Stephens, H. elect, being already an installed First Principal, was simply placed in the H. chair, and his first duty was to install the J. Comp. Thomas Kingston was presented to him for that purpose, and Comp. W. Stephens then installed him in the Third Principal's chair. Comp. Hurlstone took the rank of I.P.Z., and the rest of the officers were thereupon severally invested:—Comps. R. W. Little, P.Z., Treas.; James Weaver, P.Z., S.E.; W. A. Tinney, S.N.; Prichard, P.S.; F. Prichard, First A.S.; Moore, Second A.S.; W. H. Murlis, D.C.; and J. G. Ebert, Janitor. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel, set with diamonds, was presented to Comp. W. Hurlstone by the M.E.Z. in a complimentary speech, to which Comp. Hurlstone made a suitable and effective reply. After this the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a comfortable little banquet, at which they honoured all the toasts customary in chapters, and wished the M.E.Z. a very happy and prosperous year of office. Comp. Hurlstone replied for "The P.Z.'s," and, notwithstanding his age, exhibited all the fervency and zeal for Freemasonry which habitually characterise the younger members of the Order. The companions separated early.

YORK.—Zetland Chapter (No. 336).—An emergency meeting was held on the 1st inst. at the Masonic Hall, York, for the purpose of exalting the Rt. Hon. Law-

rence Dundas, Earl of Zetland, Past Master of the Lennox Lodge, Richmond, and R.W.P.G.M. North and East Riding of Yorkshire. The chapter was opened in form at 4 p.m. by Comp. J. Todd, P.Z., as Z.; Comp. C. Smith, Z., as H.; and Comp. T. Smurthwaite, J.; and the following officers and companions were also present:—Comps. T. B. Whytehead, S.E.; G. Balford, S.N.; W. Lawton, P.Z., P.S.; J. S. Walton, First A.S.; Wilson, Second A.S.; W. Cowling, P.Z., Treas.; T. S. Camidge-Org.; R. W. Hollon, P.D.C. England; Sir James Meek, P.G.P.H.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.Z.; R. Davison, P.Z.; Rev. H. V. Palmer, B. Wormald, Hon. W. Orde-Powlett, and a number of other companions, members of the chapter, and visitors. A ballot was taken for his lordship, which having proved successful, he was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. The Historical Lecture was given by Comp. T. Smurthwaite, the Symbolical by Comp. Sir James Meek, and the Mystical by Comp. J. Todd. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent cold collation had been prepared, supplied by Comp. C. Abbott. The M.E.Z. presided, supported by the Second and Third Principals and the Past Z.'s. The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. explained that the newly-exalted candidate would have to leave early in order to reach Aske Hall that night, and he should therefore depart from the usual order of toasts. He then proposed "The Health of Comp. Lord Zetland," who was a most worthy descendant of his illustrious uncle, whose memory was so dear to Masons. It was both a pleasure and a honour to the chapter to have the Earl of Zetland amongst them that evening, and no words were needed from him to give colour to the happy proceedings of that day. The toast was enthusiastically received, and his lordship, in returning thanks, expressed his regret at the shortness of the time at his disposal. He thanked the chapter for the very cordial manner in which his health had been drank, and for the kind manner in which his predecessor had been referred to. The late Earl was beloved not only by his family but by all who knew him. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present that evening; and he might say that the proceedings in which he had just taken part had corroborated an opinion he had previously formed, that the Royal Arch Degree was the climax of Masonry, and that every good Mason should take that degree. The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Health of the G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," in whose welfare at the present moment Masons took a special interest. The toast was drank with the grand honours. Comp. Sir Jas. Meek, who, on rising, was most cordially received, congratulated the Zetland Chapter upon its present and future prospects. It was a great satisfaction to them all that the Earl of Zetland had chosen it as the medium of his exaltation, and it was a great honour to the chapter to have been privileged to exalt the P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings. The ceremony must have been very gratifying to their noble companion, performed as it had been with the utmost perfection by those who had the working of the chapter. He should propose "The Health of the Three Principals." The toast was received with the honours, and was acknowledged by Comps. C. Smith, J. Todd, and T. Smurthwaite; the M.E.Z. acknowledging the valuable assistance he had received during his term of office from Comp. Todd, and alluding to the excellence of the delivery of the three lectures that evening. Comp. Todd, in returning thanks, expressed a hope that Lord Zetland would soon occupy a distinguished position with regard to Royal Arch Masonry in that province. Comp. Terry (ex-Lord Mayor) proposed "The Health of the Past Z.'s," which was replied to by Comp. Cowling, who said they could not but feel it an honour done to the chapter by his lordship's selection. The name of Dundas was well known and venerated in York, and had been so for generations. Members of that family had been Lord Mayors of York and had represented the city in parliament, and even yet the family held large properties in the city. Times had now changed, and county men no longer served as Lord Mayors, but he hoped to see some means yet discovered whereby the county and city families would be bound together by closer ties of interest, and he could not but regard the institution of Freemasonry as one of the means which might tend to such a result. At any rate, the step taken that night by his lordship proved that the interest of the Dundas family in York was not altogether dead. Comp. Cowling then went on to compliment the members of the chapter on the excellent Masonic spirit they had always shown, and expressed a hope that the future would be as successful a time for the chapter as the past had been. Several other toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by the singing of Comps. Cumberland, Todd, and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

IPSWICH.—Royal Sussex Chapter.—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., when there were present Comps. P. Cornell, M.E.Z.; N. Tracy, H.; R. D. Fraser, J.; H. Luff, Scribe E.; D. Mills, P.Z.; C. Barfoot, C. Pedder, C. Godbold, A. Gamman, W. Clarke, and others. Visiting: Comps. Emma Holmes, M.E.Z. St. Luke's Chapter; W. T. Westgate, P.Z. Alexandra Chapter; G. Abbott, Prin. Soj. St. Luke's Chapter; and others. Chapter having been opened in due form, the installation of the three Principals was proceeded with, Comp. Tracy being inducted into that of Z., Comp. Fraser as H., Comp. W. A. Smith, who had been elected as J. for the ensuing year, not being present, his installation into the Third Chair was postponed. Bro. Henry C. Casley, of the British Union Lodge, having been proposed, balloted for, and approved as a candidate for exaltation, he was admitted, obligated, and exalted to the Sublime Degree of Holy Royal Arch, the ceremony being performed by Comp. Mills, in a very able manner. Comp. Tracy gave the Symbolical and Comp. Fraser the Historical Lecture, the mystical portion

being impressively given by the acting Z., Comp. Mills. Comp. Abbott most efficiently sustained the office of Prin. Soj., and performed that onerous duty in a manner we have seldom if ever seen excelled. The other officers appointed, we understand, were Comps. A. Gamman, as Prin. Soj.; C. Pedder, as Scribe N.; Mills and H. Luff being re-appointed Treasurer and Secretary. At the conclusion of the customary business, and after two new candidates had been proposed, the companions shared the secrets, and the chapter was closed. A substantial banquet was served in the adjacent dining hall, to which all the visitors were hospitably invited, and a most pleasant evening was spent. The Royal Sussex occupies the same position in Suffolk in Royal Arch Masonry that the British Union does in the Craft. It is emphatically the chapter in the province, and long may it continue to prosper. The customary loyal toast of "The Queen" was duly honoured of course. Then followed that of "The Three Grand Principals," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Earl of Camarvon, H., and Lord Skelmersdale, J." To the toast of "The Newly Installed Principals, Comps. Tracy and Fraser," both brethren made suitable, modest, and well-chosen words in reply. Comp. Casley, in responding to the toast of "The Newly-Exalted Comp.," proposed by the M.E.Z., who remarked upon the smallness of the numbers of candidates for the R.A. from the British Union Lodge, of which Comp. Casley was a member, adverted to the observation of the M.E.Z., and said that it had often struck him with surprise how little the British Union members seemed to appreciate the Royal Arch, but he should do his best endeavours to persuade the younger members especially to take the degree, which had greatly impressed him. The more he saw of Masonry the more he was convinced that the three grand principles of the Order, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, were in reality practised amongst Masons. Comp. Cornell, P.Z., in eulogistic terms proposed "The Health of Comp. Mills," who had so ably performed the ceremony; and that brother, in reply, said that he felt the difficulty that evening of filling the part which had heretofore been so admirably sustained by their late esteemed friends, Comps. King and Franks—now no more. He felt their loss very much, for they had kept up this degree, and he was conscious how far he fell short of their ability in working it. He had often remarked with surprise how few of the British Union members came forward for this degree, considering that as Master Masons they only had the casual signs, the substituted secrets, and it was not until they were in possession of this degree that they learned the real secrets of Masonry. He hoped, however, that Bro. Casley's advent would be the means of drawing many more from that lodge into the Royal Arch. Comp. Tracy, M.E.Z., proposed "The Visitors," to which Comps. Holmes, Abbott, and Westgate suitably responded. Comp. Abbott also kindly sang "The Irish Emigrant" and another song, the title of which we forget, in a manner which elicited the warmest approval. Our companion is the possessor of a lovely tenor voice, and when we say he sings as well as he performs his Masonic duties, we say a good deal. Comp. Westgate acted as M.C., and very efficiently performed his by no means light duties. The companions were loath to separate at a late hour.

CAMBRIDGE.—Euclid Chapter (No. 859).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Old Union Rooms, Cambridge, on Tuesday, November 30th. M. E. Comp. Professor Miller, Z.; Caldwell, H.; and Wace, J. Bro. Raj Narain Mitra, of St. Catharine's College, and the Isaac Newton University Lodge, was exalted. Boards of Installed First, Second, and Third Principals were then formed successively, and the following companions were installed in the three chairs for the ensuing year:—R. T. Caldwell (Fellow of Corpus Christi), Z.; F. C. Wace (late Fellow of St. John's), H.; and W. F. Smith (Fellow of St. John's), J. The installations were performed by M. E. C. Deighton, Grand Superintendent of Cambridgeshire.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Tuesday evening, the 30th Nov., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance, including deputations from No. 1, Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh; No. 2, Canongate, Kilwinning; No. 5, Canongate and Leith; No. 8, Journeyman, Edinburgh; No. 36, St. David; No. 44, St. Luke; No. 48, St. Andrew—all of Edinburgh; No. 63, Alloa; No. 97, St. James', Edinburgh; No. 112, St. John, Fishrow; No. 145, St. Stephen, Edinburgh; No. 160, Roman Eagle, Edinburgh; No. 223, Trafalgar, Leith; No. 242, Houston, St. Johnstone; No. 349, St. Clair, Edinburgh; No. 360, Commercial, Glasgow; No. 405, Rifle, Edinburgh; No. 548, St. Margaret, South Queensferry; and No. 570, Kenmuir, Springburn, Glasgow.

The chair was occupied by the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Depute Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

Grand Lodge having been duly opened in the lodge room, the Grand Office-Bearers and Grand Stewards for the ensuing year were elected. The principal office-bearers so appointed were:

Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart. Past Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn. Substitute Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh. Senior Grand Warden, Major Hamilton Ramsay of Gairloch. Junior Grand Warden, the Right Hon. Lord Rosehill. Grand Treasurer, Samuel Hay (Union Bank). Grand Secretary, John Laurie. Joint Grand Chaplains, the Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D., and the Rev. A. Thomson Grant.

Senior Grand Deacon, William Hay. Junior Grand Deacon, David Kinnear. Grand Architect, D. Bryce. Grand Jeweller, Alexander Hay. Grand Bible Bearer, D. Robertson. Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. Coghill. Grand Bard, J. Ballantine. Grand Sword Bearer, G. F. R. Colt, of Gartsherrie. Grand Director of Music, C. W. M. Muller. Grand Organist, R. Davidson. Grand Chief Marshal, M. Mackenzie. Grand Marshal, A. T. Apthorpe. Grand Tyler, W. M. Bryce. Grand Outer Guard, J. Baikie. President of Board of Grand Stewards, F. S. Melville. Vice-President do. do. John Haig. Manager of Locomotive Arrangements, J. McLaren (N.B.R.).

Thereafter the brethren adjourned to the large hall to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew.

The Earl of Mar and Kellie, Depute G.M.M. of Scotland, occupied the chair, and was supported by Major Hamilton Ramsay, G.S.W.; J. T. Oswald of Dunnikier, representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, representative of the Three Globes, Prussia; William Mann, representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden; Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D., Grand Chaplain; Lauderdale Maitland of Eccles, Prov. G.M. of Dumfriesshire; William Neilson, of Queenshill, Prov. G.M. of Glasgow; C. Dalrymple, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Argyll and the Isles; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; William Officer, Daniel Robertson, Captain G. T. Colt, C. W. M. Muller, Grand Director of Music; R. Davidson, Grand Organist; A. T. Apthorpe, Grand Marshal; and William M. Bryce, Grand Tyler.

Dinner over, the Chairman proposed "Holy Lodge of St. John," together with the usual loyal and patriotic toasts; and after these the "Craft of Freemasonry over the World," and the "Grand Lodges of England and Ireland." A number of complimentary toasts followed, and the evening was enlivened with glees and songs, including one of the latter from the Grand Bard, and an organ solo by Bro. Davidson.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Kilwinning (No. 4).—The regular meeting was held on 1st December in the hall, 170, Buchanan-street. Present: Bros. A. B. Thorburn, R.W.M.; Robert Prout, S.M.; F. J. Jameson, S.W.; George Holmes, J.W.; John Currie, Sec.; McCulloch, Sage, J. McKean, William Prout, John McInnes, S.W. 408; W. F. Homer, D.M. 19; and others. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the election of office-bearers for the next year was proceeded with. The result was as follows:—Bros. Robert Prout, R.W.M.; A. Dixon, D.M.; Alexander Sage, S.M.; George Holmes, S.W.; W. McCulloch, J.W.; J. McKean, Treas.; J. Currie, Sec.; J. Carmichael, S.D.; S. D. Riddell, J.D.; Oer, Architect; Smith, Chaplain; Clelland, B.B.; Gourley, Jeweller. The remaining offices were left to be filled up on the night of installation, which takes place on the 15th inst. The Auditors appointed were Bros. Dixon, Oer, Sage, and Currie. After some more business of a general character was gone through satisfactorily, the lodge was closed.

GREENOCK.—Lodge Kilwinning (No. 12).—The annual general meeting of this lodge was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening, 30th November, Bro. James Newton, R.W.M., in the chair. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year, and duly installed, viz.: Bros. John P. Fyfe, R.W.M.; James Newton, I.P.M.; D. Cunningham, D.M.; J. R. Allison, S.M.; Edward Blackmore, O.M.; John Agnew, S.W.; Robert Allan, J.W.; J. McDonald, Sec.; J. D. Walton, Treas.; Hugh R. Neill, S.D.; Alex. Smith, J.D.; Rev. W. W. Tolloch, D.D. Chaplain; Geo. T. Poulter, D. of Mus.; Archibald Roxburgh, Architect; J. T. Tolmie, Jeweller; Alex. Neilson, 1st S.S.; William Marlin, 2nd S.S.; James R. McArthur, 1st J.S.; Wm. Allison, 2nd J.S. Charles Murray, I.G.; and Nathaniel Tucker, Tyler. The annual statement of income and expenditure, was submitted by the Treasurer, which showed the lodge to be in a prosperous condition.

INVERARY.—St. John's Lodge (No. 50).—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., (St. Andrew's night) in the George Hotel, Inverary. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Q. M. Wright, R.W.M.; John Rose, D.M.; Nichol Lemon, S.W.; John Campbell, S.W.; David Stewart, J.W.; A. M. Ross, Secretary and Treasurer; Donald Sutherland, S.S.; W. Marchmont, J.S.; Angus Guthrie, S.D.; Alex. McDonald, J.D.; John Sibbald, Tyler; Bro. Alexander Guthrie, being the I.P.M. The R.W.M. of this lodge, which is the oldest in the country, has been appointed Substitute Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

GLASGOW.—Thetis Chapter (No. 122).—The regular meeting was held in the chapter rooms, 35, St. James-street, Kingston, on the 28th ult. In the absence of Comp. Scott, M.E.Z., Comp. J. O. Park, P.P.Z., presided, and conducted the business of the evening. Among others, there were present Comps. J. De Neif, J.; B. M. Innes, Treas.; J. Quinlay, S.E.; J. McAllister, First Soj.; Wm. Gum, Second Soj.; Alex. Love, J. McGlaskin, R. Hardie, D. Gilles, and others. After the reading of the minutes, which were passed, Comp. J. O. Park, P.P.Z., said no doubt most of them would be aware that death had removed from them one of the most useful and esteemed office-bearers, viz., Comp. J. Johnston, Second Principal of the chapter. The merits of the deceased companion were too well-known to them all to need any further comment from him, and all would feel the great loss they had sustained. Comp. J. De Neif was then elected to the office left vacant by the death of Comp. Johnston. It was also

intimated that arrangements were made for the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire to pay them an official visit, and there being no further business, the chapter was closed.

KILMARNOCK.—Lodge St. Andrew, (No. 126).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge room, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock, on Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., Bro. David Phillips, R.W.M. in the chair, with the other office bearers in their places, and a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. Three gentlemen were initiated into the E.A. degree by the R.W.M., in a very creditable manner, Bro. John McKay of Lodge St. John Kilwinning, Kilmarnock, No. 22, giving the candidates the charge in an impressive style. Afterwards arrangements were made for the annual festival.

SHETTLESTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 128).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, at Shettleston, on Wednesday evening, the 1st inst. Bro. John Campbell, R.W.M., presiding. Bro. Walter Allan, S.W.; Bro. James Morrison, J.W.; with a large attendance of brethren. The minutes of last meeting being read and approved of, the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the following brethren were duly elected, viz.:—Bros. Robert Jack, R.W.M.; John Campbell, I.P.M.; John Allen, D.M.; George McLeod, S.W.; Charles Webster, J.W.; James Allen, sen., Secretary; John Reid, P.M.; Treasurer; Robert M. Paton, S.D.; James Barr, J.D.; John Gibb, Chaplain; William Campbell, B.B.; John Stewart, Standard Bearer; John Bell, Prov. G. Steward; and Louis Stewart, Inner Guard. The ceremony of installation then took place, Bro. J. Campbell, P.M., officiating. The degree of Installed Master was conferred on Bro. Robert Jack, R.W.M., a Board of Installed Masters having been formed for that purpose. The lodge was transferred to refreshment, and the brethren enjoyed themselves for a short time in harmony.

VALE OF LEVEN.—Lodge St. Andrew's Royal Arch (No. 321) Alexandria and Bonhill, celebrated their eleventh anniversary on Friday evening, the 26th ult., in the public hall, Alexandria. There was a large attendance. Bro. Michael Barclay presided, and Bro. P. Jardine acted as croupier. The chairman stated in the course of an interesting speech, that during the last Masonic year their lodge had increased its roll of membership to a large extent, and the attendance was now much better than of late years. An assembly followed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union (No. 332).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., in St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. D. McKirdy, S.W.; William Murray, acting J.W.; with a number of members and visiting brethren present. An application was read from Mr. Campbell Edwards praying for admission into the Order; and the same having been favourably received, he was admitted and received the E.A. Degree; and on account of his having to leave Scotland in a few days, he was passed to the F.C. Degree, and along with Bro. Andrew McEwan, F.C., was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Bro. Macnair working the three degrees in his usual impressive manner.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 24th ult. Bro. Shaw, R.W.M., presided; A. B. Ferguson, S.W.; J. Harley, J.W.; R. Dunn, Sec.; W. J. E. Dobson, R.W.M. 571, &c. The First Degree was given to Mr. Thos. Billing Brown, who had been duly proposed and carried. For the Second Degree Bros. W. Harff and J. B. Brown appeared, and were intrusted in that position. The R.W.M. reminded the brethren that the installation of office-bearers would take place on Wednesday, 1st Dec. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due form.

The installation of office-bearers duly elected for the ensuing year in connection with this lodge took place on Wednesday evening, 1st Dec., in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., in the chair, supported on the dais by Bros. John Morgan, R.W.M. 219; and James W. Burns, I.P.M. 87. In the absence from indisposition of Bro. Arch. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, the ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M. of the lodge. On the conclusion of the proceedings therewith, the Chairman thanked the lodge very much for the position in which they had now for the third time placed him. Thereafter Bro. A. A. Smith, P.M., made presentation to the lodge of a Third Degree mallet, suitably inscribed, and for which, on behalf of the lodge, the R.W.M. cordially thanked him. The lodge having adjourned to refreshment, the standard toast of "Visiting Brethren," proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. Colin McKenzie, was coupled with the names of Bros. Morgan, R.W.M. 219, and P.M. 87, by each of whom the compliment was duly acknowledged.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial, (No. 360).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Friday evening, the 19th inst., Bro. John Monro, R.W.M. presiding, supported on the dais by Bros. Julius Brodie, P.M.; and Wm. Findlay, S.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Thos. Graham, J.W.; J. Scott, Treas.; Reid, J.D.; and a large number of members and visiting brethren. After the minutes were read and adopted, Bro. John Smith was elected Secretary for the current year, and being present took the "Oath de fidele," and was invested with his badge of office by the R.W.M. A sum of money was granted to a brother in distress, and also a donation to the fund in aid of the sufferers from the late Bridgeton fire. Bro. John Mitchell, E.A., was then passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W., officiating at the request of the R.W.M.

PAISLEY.—Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning (No. 370).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Hall, No. 8, High-street, Paisley. Bro. James Anderson R.W.M., in the chair. Bro. John Marshall, S.W.; Bro. J. K. McElwee, J.W.; with a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren, among them were—Bros. R. F. McGibbon, 129; R. C. McLeod, 129; Wm. Ferguson, 543, ("Freemason"); John Harkness, James Dick, Duncan, McCallum, David P. Boyd, C. Galbraith, Peter Fulton, William Wilson, and James Goldie, Treasurer. The minutes were read and confirmed, and also Auditor's report, after which the nomination of office-bearers for the next year was proceeded with, when Bro. John Marshall was unanimously elected R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clyde (No. 408) held their regular meeting on the 19th ult. in the hall, 170, Buchanan-street. The R.W.M., Wm. Harper, presided, supported by Bros. J. McInnes, S.W.; W. Bisland, J.W.; J. Stewart, Treas.; D. S. Mitchell, Sec., and other office-bearers. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Bannerman, D.M. 73; J. Hambidge, J.W. 73; A. B. Ferguson, S.W. 354; J. B. Brierley, 310, Chicago, United States America; and others. The lodge being opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, Messrs. J. Campbell, J. Miller, and W. McNellan applied for initiation into Freemasonry. Messrs. Miller and McNellan only being present, they received the First Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. Bros. Jas. Robertson, Miller, and McNellan were entrusted, Bro. J. McInnes, S.W., officiating. It was then arranged to hold an emergency meeting on Tuesday first.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clyde (No. 408).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., in Kilwinning Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. Bro. William Harper, R.W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Duncan Downie, P.M.; John McInnes, S.W.; Wm. Bisland, J.W.; J. Stewart, Treas.; D. S. Mitchell, Sec.; John Bannerman, D.M. 73; Donald McRae, 102; Wm. Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason"); and others. Bros. Edward Boyd, Richard Watson, of 347; and Wm. Watson, of 73, were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by the R.W.M., after which Bros. Thomas Brown, William McNellan, John Millar, Jamieson Robertson, Edward Boyd, Richard Watson, 347; Wm. Watson, 73, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason; the R.W.M. again officiated in a very satisfactory manner.

MARYHILL.—Lodge Maryhill (No. 510).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 24th ult., in their hall, 167, Main-street, Maryhill. Bro. John Lockhart, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. Malcolm Carey, S.W.; Don. McLachlan, J.W. There was a full attendance of members and visiting brethren present, viz.: Bros. Hugh Niven, P.M.; John McKay, D.M.; Alexander Nevey, S.M.; P. F. Craigie, Sec.; and others. Bros. Corpl. W. Lynn, Wm. Murray, John Fisher, and Andrew Lithgow, E.A.'s, were passed to the Square Degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. McLachlan, J.W., officiating; Bro. A. Nevey, S.M., giving them the charge in an able manner. Bro. Wm. Neil was elected Treasurer; (Bro. Govan resigned); and Bro. Andrew Gibson was elected Inner Guard, (Bro. J. Clark resigned). The R.W.M. intimated that the installation of office-bearers would take place on Wednesday, the 8th December, and that the annual festival would be held on the 15th December. This concluded the business.

Several reports of Scotch Lodges unavoidably stand over.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Vincent (No. 553).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 25th ult., in Claremont Hall, Kent-road. Bro. Robert McDougall, R.W.M., in the chair; Bro. A. C. Hunter, J.W., acting S.W.; Bro. Robt. Paxton, acting J.W.; Bro. Geo. C. McNair, S.D.; Bro. Thos. Best, J.D.; Bro. Halley, Sec., &c. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. James Shaw, R.W.M. 354; William Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason"); C. Mackenzie, 354; G. W. Wheeler, 73, &c. The R.W.M. having to leave on other important business, handed the mallet to Bro. Shaw, R.W.M. 354. Bros. James Gray, William Anderson, William Mailer, Thomas Marshall, and John Pritty were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. Shaw. The acting R.W.M. then handed the mallet to Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543, when Bros. Robert Marshall, Thomas Watson, William Campbell, A. Smith, D. McCall, James Gray, William Anderson, John Pritty, William Mailer, Thomas Marshall, and Thomas B. Brown, 354, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The election of office-bearers of this lodge for the ensuing year took place on Wednesday afternoon, 1st inst., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dobson, R.W.M.; Bro. Harry Jackman, S.W., presided, supported on the dais by Bros. John Munro, R.W.M. 360; William Phillips, R.W.M. 556; J. W. Burns, P.M. 87; James F. Mitchell, P.M. 103; John Fraser, P.M. 87; and John Davidson, P.M. 360. The following is the revised list of office-bearers—W. J. E. Dobson, R.W.M.; James Houston, D.M.; Archibald Lander, S.M.; Harry Jackman, S.W.; William Sive-wright, J.W.; William Barbour, Treas.; D. Campbell, Sec.; G. S. Smyth, S.D.; L. R. Mitchell, J.D.; Hay, I.G.; and J. Burton Hardie, Tyler.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND (S.C.).

The very interesting and imposing ceremony of installing Bro. William McCullough into the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand, under the Scottish Constitution, took place at the lodge room, Masonic Hotel. At 7.30 p.m. Lodge St. Andrew, 1418

S.C., was opened in the Third Degree by Bro. M. Niccol, R.W.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge, I.C., was then announced and received in due form, and the P.G.L. Officers took the place of the Craft Officers and opened the P.G. Lodge in ample form. Bro. McCullough was then presented to the P.G.M. of New Zealand, I.C., Bro. G. P. Pierce, for installation, Bro. Pierce having been requested by the P.G.M., S.C., who is resident in Dunedin, to do so. The D.P.G.M. elect was presented by Past Masters Hay, Dewar, Anderson, and Niccol, the last named of whom made a few appropriate remarks. Bro. McCullough was then invested and installed, Bro. Pierce conducting the ceremony in the most impressive manner, and ably assisted by the V.W.P.G. Chaplain, Dr. Kidd, and Bro. Rev. D. Bruce, Chaplain of St. Andrew's. The D.P.G.M. having been placed to the right of the P.G.M., and saluted with grand honours, Dr. Kidd then delivered a very able and instructive address which was listened to with pleasure by the brethren, many expressing the desire that the oration might be printed. Bro. McCullough having briefly thanked the brethren, the P.G. Lodge was closed, the officers of Lodge St. Andrew resumed their chairs, and closed. The brethren afterwards sat down, to the number of about fifty, to an excellent supper, provided by Host Ave, at which Bro. Niccol, R.W.M. of St. Andrew, presided, supported on the right by Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M. of New Zealand, S.C., and on the left by Bro. McCullough, D.P.G.M. of New Zealand, S.C., when the list of toasts were gone through. The brethren separated at half-past 11, after spending a most enjoyable evening, the gathering having been the largest that has been known for many years. The lodge-room was inconveniently crowded, and many obliged to go away, not being able to find room. This, as was remarked by several speakers, shows the urgent necessity of a Masonic Hall in Auckland, and we trust the brethren composing the directory of the company recently formed for this purpose will not relax their efforts till they have effected their object. A considerable number of the shares have been applied for, but a number are still open for application, &c.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on the 4th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Symonds, V.P., in the chair. There were also present—Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Hyde Pullen, A. H. Tattershall, W. F. C. Moutrie, Benj. Head, G. Bolton, Jesse Turner, H. Massey ("Freemason"), John Boyd, Col. Alexander Ridgway, Herbert Dicketts, A. H. Diaper, John W. Denison, Barrow Turner (W.M. 183), Robert B. Webster, F. Adlard, W. Maple, G. J. Palmer, C. W. Todd, J. G. Chancellor, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

After the formalities of reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting, and the reading of the meetings of House and Audit Committees for information, Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that a sad occurrence took place at the School the day before. A lad named Nevill, from the Province of West Yorkshire, eleven years of age, was seized with rheumatic pains in the middle of the day, when Mr. Hall, the medical officer, attended him. He saw him again later in the day, and again in the evening, and found he got worse. Directions were at once given to have the lad's mother telegraphed to, which was accordingly done, and Mr. Hall remained with him till four o'clock in the morning, at which hour the poor little fellow died from stoppage of the heart, caused by rheumatics. The lad's mother answered the telegram, and desired that his funeral might take place on Tuesday following, at the Tottenham Cemetery, for which directions were accordingly given.

The Committee then considered petitions of candidates, of whom they placed four on the list for next election.

Bro. Alexander Ridgway next brought up the report of the Special Committee appointed to enquire into the charges brought by Bros. Tew and Perrott against Bro. Binckes, and stated that every member of the Special Committee agreed to the report.

The following is the report referred to:—

Report of a Special Committee appointed on the 6th day of Nov. 1875, by the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The committee have directed their attention to a paragraph at p. 29 of a pamphlet, published at Pontefract on the 29th of September, 1875, by Bro. T. W. Tew, of Pontefract, D. Prov. G.M. of the Province of West Yorkshire, and Bro. the Rev. O. G. D. Perrott, late Head Master of this Institution.

The paragraph is as follows:—"Since writing, and, as we had hoped, concluding the preceding pages, we have discovered an item in the accounts for 1872, 1873, and 1874, which, of itself, is enough to warrant us in condemning in the strongest terms the way in which the School expenditure is presented. We refer to the item under the head of 'Gratuities to (with grants and outfits for) Boys leaving the Institution.' The amount so expended (see different Reports for 1872, 1873, and 1874) for the last three years is £314 5s. (viz.: £119 in 1872; £126 10s. in 1873; and £68 15s. for 1874), of which sum only £172 10s. are accounted for, leaving £141 15s. of which no account is rendered! We note too, according to Reports, that during six years and a half, i.e., from June, 1868 (see Report for 1872, p. 40) to December, 1874 (see Report for 1874, p. 48) only £362 15s. have been awarded in grants, of which sum £314 5s., is assigned to the last three years, 1872, 1873, and 1874; so that for the preceding three years and a half only £48 10s. appears to have been spent in this way. Now, all this can be verified by referring to the three Reports, but great care is needed in consequence of the numerous blunders; and we assert what we mean when we say, that these blunders are sufficient to make any one look at these accounts with very grave doubts."

They have also had before them the different Reports of the Institution for 1872, 1873, and 1874, referred to in the pamphlet. At page 34 of the Report for 1872 they found a schedule of receipts and expenditure, in which, under the latter head, there appeared the two following items namely:—

A. Grants and outfits for boys leaving the Institution	£110 0 0
B. Gratuities to boys on leaving the Institution	9 0 0

Forming together

which appears to be the sum of "£119 in 1872" referred to in the pamphlet.

At page 37 of the Report for 1873 they found a similar schedule, in which, under the head of expenditure, they found the following items, namely:—

C. Grant and outfit for boys leaving Institution	£122 0 0
D. Gratuities to boys on leaving Institution	4 10 0

forming together

which appears to be the sum of "£126 10s. in 1873," referred to in the pamphlet.

At page 41 of the Report for 1874 they found a similar schedule, in which, under the head of special expenditure, there appeared the following items, namely:—

E. Gratuities to boys on leaving Institution	£ 5 0 0
F. Grants and outfits for boys leaving Institution	62 10 0
G. Silver Medal	1 5 0

making together

which appears to be the sum of "£68 15s. for 1874" referred to in the pamphlet.

The attention of the committee was called to the fact that this sum of £68 15s., comprising the above three items, is entered in the schedule attached to some of the Reports under the following description:—

First—Gratuities to boys on leaving the Institution	£ 17 10 0
Secondly—Grants and outfits for boys leaving the Institution	51 5 0

making together the same total of

This apparent discrepancy was investigated by the Committee, and was found to result from a less specific analysis of the several items under the heads of Grants and Gratuities and Outfits in the latter case than in the former case.

The committee next proceeded to examine the vouchers for each item in the sums marked A, B, C, D, E, F, and G, with the following results:—

The sum A of £110 charged for grants and outfits for boys on leaving the Institution paid in 1872, for sums awarded in that and previous years, is fully vouched by receipts which are sealed together, marked A, and presented with this Report.

The sum B of £9 charged for gratuities was found to consist of 18 several sums of 10s. each, which was ordered by the General Committee to be paid to as many deserving boys on their leaving the school, as provided for by the by-laws. They examined the minute book and found that on the 21st June, 1872, £5 10s. was paid to 11 boys, and on the 20th December, 1872, £4 was paid to 8 boys, making together £9 10s.

The sum C, namely £122, was found to consist of £120, the amount of grants paid in 1873 for sums awarded in that and previous years, which sums are fully vouched by receipts which are sealed together, marked C, and presented with this Report; and further, that the sum of £2 for clothing for Harry Smith, which was omitted under the head of clothing, is vouched by a receipt which is annexed separately to the other receipts under the letter C.

The sum D of £4 10s. was found to consist of 9 several sums of 10s. each, which were paid to as many deserving boys on their leaving school, in accordance with a minute of the House Committee, dated 20th June, 1873. These two sums, namely C £122 and D £4 10s., thus found to be vouched, amount to £126 10s., the sum referred to in the pamphlet.

The sum F, namely £62 10s., charged for grants paid in 1874 for sums awarded in that and the previous years, is fully vouched by receipts, which are sealed together and marked E, and presented with this Report.

The sum E, being £5 charged for gratuities, was found to consist in the first place of 10s. previously authorised to be paid as above stated, but not paid in 1874, and secondly of £4 10s. authorised to be paid in nine several sums, according to the minutes of the House Committee, follows, namely: On the 24th July, 1874, at folios 268 and 269, £3; and on the 23rd day of October, 1874, at folio 282, 10s.; and on the 20th November, 1874, at folio 296, 10s.; and on the 18th of December, £1.

The sum G, namely £1 5s., was found to be the cost of a silver medal which was voted by the House Committee, as appears by a minute dated 24th Oct., 1874, and the committee see no reason to doubt that the payment was properly vouched to the auditors in the regular way. These three sums, namely, E, £62 10s.; F, £5; and G, £1 5s. form together £68 15s., which they consider to be properly vouched. The three sums of £119, charged in 1872; £126 10s., charged in 1873; and £68 15s., charged in 1874, make up together the £314 5s. referred to in the pamphlet of Bros. Tew and Perrott.

There appears to the committee no intricacy of account connected with these sums; they are found in lump sums

in the three annual reports, and the details of the names of the boys for whom the grants were ordered by the General Committee appear set forth at length at page 40 of the Report for 1872, and in continuation of a similar list up to Dec., 1874, as apparently referred to in the pamphlet of Bros. Tew and Perrott. The lump sums, therefore, which have been charged in the published accounts of the Institution, amounting to £314 5s., will be found to agree with the vouchers and minutes as above set forth.

The schedules of the names of the boys who have received the grants, which range from page 40 of the Report for 1872 down to the month of Dec. in the Report of 1874, illustrate and explain the agreement of the vouchers and the sums debited. Having thus arrived at the conclusion that the sum expended for the years 1872, 1873, and 1874 for grants and gratuities, amounting to £314 5s., is satisfactorily accounted for, the committee next directed their attention to the statement of Bros. Tew and Perrott, that out of this sum of £314 5s. only £172 10s. is accounted for, leaving £141 15s., of which no account is rendered.

In this second portion of the investigation they have entirely failed to discover any ground for such a statement; there is no such sum as £172 10s., forming the aggregate of grants and gratuities or grants and outfits, accounted for in the three years of 1872, 1873, and 1874; on the contrary, as above stated, it has been found that the full sum of £314 5s. has been so accounted for, and that there is clearly no ground for the statement that "no account is rendered" of the sum of £141 15s., or of any part thereof.

The committee did not find that any necessity existed for calling in the assistance of a professional accountant to enable them to investigate and report upon this matter, nor did they consider that they would be justified in putting the charity to the expense of any professional accountant under such circumstances.

It appears to the committee that this serious imputation upon the accounts of the Secretary has not been caused by any lack of clearness in the published accounts. There is, however, one clause in that paragraph of the pamphlet to which attention has been directed, which suggests that Bros. Tew and Perrott have had a confused impression regarding the periods in respect of which the various grants were voted, and the dates on which these various grants were applied for and paid. The committee ground this opinion on the very loose and unbusiness-like expression that the sum of £314 5s. is "assigned" to the last three years. In other words, there appears to have been a difficulty in discriminating between, on the one hand, sums debited within a certain period in the cash account and properly vouched, and, on the other hand, sums based upon events which may have merely occurred in any given period, the items of which, of course, can only be dealt with as "assigned" in the form of a schedule.

The Secretary and his clerk have afforded us every information and assistance in reply to our searching enquiries.

ALEX. RIDGWAY.
ALFRED H. T. DIAPER.
HERBERT DICKETTS.
GEORGE MOTION.
J. C. DWARBER.
(Signed)

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart asked whether the committee had directed their attention to the mistakes in the spelling of the names. Bros. Tew and Perrott made out their case by the leaving out of the o or the u in a name.

Bro. Ridgway said that the committee felt that they had to deal with certain specific figures, and they also felt that it was impossible to go into things in general. If they could detect in these particular figures named any amount of error, they thought they would then be justified in going on investigating matters of a more general character; and with that view they therefore dealt with the specific sum of £314 5s. In investigating this sum they found the vouchers clearly vouching for every item of the sum debited. If it did so happen that there had been a dozen boys named a dozen times over, it would have affected in no degree the accuracy of these accounts; and he had no doubt whatever—and the committee referred to it in their report—that Bros. Tew and Perrott had probably misled themselves in dealing with what was not an account, instead of with the account itself. The committee did not direct their attention to any other matter, any side issue, as it were. The reference to the committee was to see whether those sums were vouched for. They did not look, nor did they consider it necessary for them to look, into any mis-spelling of names or repetition of names. It was quite clear if a boy's name appeared twice in the reports it must have been a blunder; at all events, they were not charged twice, and the committee did not find (that was the point of Bro. Stewart's question) that any boy had been charged for twice over.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart said then the committee so satisfied their own minds that the sum was right—they did not see two vouchers for the same sum. He had rather regretted that their report did not go further than that, and say that among the vouchers there was no mis-spelling of names. There was the great charge that the names were mis-spelt.

Bro. Ridgway said whether they were clerical errors or printers' errors to which Bros. Tew and Perrott referred, they were not matters which came before the committee. The simple fact that came before them was whether a certain sum of money had been expended by Bro. Binckes; they required vouchers for those sums; vouchers were given them; and they found among them no duplicate charge for the same voucher. So that having found all these properly vouched they had not followed up a loose statement.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart added that he did not doubt the thing for a moment; but looking at Bros. Tew and Perrott's pamphlet, it was not only a slur upon Bro. Binckes, but upon the auditors of the school, saying "You have been deceived and gulled; and you are parties to it."

Bro. Ridgway said he was afraid it was a much more serious matter. It was very clear—the committee were unquestionably of opinion—that there was no basis for those charges made in this pamphlet with respect to the figures.

Bro. C. W. Todd said he supposed the committee were also of opinion that they were amounts which ought to be paid.

Bro. Ridgway replied yes; and not only so, but they were ordered to be paid, and there were the minutes which showed that the order was given.

Bro. C. W. Todd thought so, and the committee looked into the amounts. He understood Bro. Ridgway to say that everything was examined, and everything was vouched except a silver medal, £1 5s.

Bro. Ridgway said yes; and the committee had no reason to doubt that that voucher was at the institution, and that it had been produced to the auditors when they passed the accounts. It was for a silver medal, which was a matter of such notoriety to the House Committee that no one, he presumed, would doubt that that money was paid for the medal.

Bro. Herbert Dicketts said the Special Committee had not sent to Warrington's for a receipt.

Bro. Ridgway then read some letters which had passed between the committee and Bros. Tew and Perrott with reference to the report of the Special Committee. The first was from Bro. Dicketts, the chairman of the committee, and was sent in duplicate, one to Bro. Tew and the other to Bro. Perrott, on the 26th November. The committee, after satisfying themselves as to what the state of the facts was with regard to these specific figures, considered they were in a position to communicate with Bros. Tew and Perrott, to give them an opportunity of explaining the specific charges with which they had more particularly to deal, and therefore a week ago they instructed their chairman, Bro. Dicketts, to write a letter to Bros. Tew and Perrott. This he did, and the letter was in the following words:—"Dear Sir and Brother,—The Special Committee appointed to investigate certain charges published in a pamphlet reflecting upon the accuracy of the accounts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have had under their consideration the £141 15s. considered by you to be unaccounted for in the accounts of the institution. If you are desirous of making any distinct specification of the items comprised in that sum supposed to be thus unaccounted for, I shall be happy to receive a communication from you at your earliest convenience." Bro. Dicketts received the two following letters in reply:—

"Enfield Villa, Hanwell,
Nov. 27th, 1875.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of yesterday's date, and I note its contents. As I presume a similar letter has been addressed to Bro. Tew, I must wait till I hear from him as to the course we shall adopt; when this is determined on, we shall at once communicate with you; in the meantime I may be allowed to observe that in the "Freemason" of last week I offered some remarks on the statement of account in the matter, (1) 'Gratuities' and (2), 'Grants and Outfits,' said to be the one submitted to yourself and colleagues.

"I am, dear Sir and Brother, very faithfully and fraternally yours,
(Signed) "O. G. D. PERROTT.
"H. Dicketts, Esq."

"The Grange, Carleton, Pontefract,
3rd Dec., 1875.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—We jointly beg to acknowledge your communication to us on the subject of our pamphlet in reference to the Masonic Boys' School, only one portion of which appears to have been submitted to the notice of the committee. We therefore see no reason for withdrawing our statements respecting the very unsatisfactory manner in which the accounts in the published official reports have been drawn up; and we shall therefore wait for any explanation that may be forthcoming.

"We remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
"THOS. Wm. TEW.
"O. G. D. PERROTT.

"H. Dicketts, Esq., No. 6, Freemasons' Hall." The committee produced this correspondence in order to show that they had given Bros. Tew and Perrott an opportunity of explaining and enabling the committee more specifically to enter into those two sums named; but as they had not chosen to do so the committee had not the slightest hesitation whatever in holding to their report that those sums said not to be accounted for were accounted for and vouched. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Geo. J. Palmer moved, "That the report of the Special Committee be received and adopted by the General Committee."

Bro. J. G. Chancellor seconded the motion.
Carried nem. con.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart thought that that report ought to be printed and circulated among the brethren. It would, of course, remain with Bro. Binckes to take further steps or make a further statement. There never was a more unjustifiable attack on a number of brethren without the slightest rhyme or reason. A more libellous pamphlet could not have been written. He would, therefore, move, "That the report be printed and circulated."

Bro. J. G. Chancellor seconded it.

Bro. Ridgway thought after what had occurred that it was right for him to say that the pamphlet was not only false and libellous, but the object with which it was circulated could not be recognised by brother Masons as in the slightest degree of an honourable or fraternal character. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman said that perhaps the better motion would be "That the report of the Committee of Investigation, together with the letters from Bros. Tew and Perrott, be printed under the direction of the committee, and circulated among the subscribers."

In this form the motion was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Raynham Stewart thought that the brethren owed a very great debt of gratitude to the committee for the great pains they had taken in the enquiry in order to give the brethren a true statement. He was sure they must have had great trouble, and they were deserving of the best thanks of the General Committee for voluntarily taking the work upon them. He begged to move the thanks of the General Committee to the brethren of the Special Committee.

Bro. John Boyd seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman, addressing Bro. Dicketts as Chairman of the Special Committee, said he cordially concurred in the resolution the brethren had come to; and perhaps he might be permitted to say it was very satisfactory to them all that the motion should have come from Bro. Stewart, who, though his views were not entirely in accordance with the majority of the other brethren with regard to Bro. Perrott's resignation, now came and condemned most emphatically, and he must add, most justly, the course taken by Bros. Perrott and Tew.

Bro. Dicketts in returning thanks said that he had occupied the post of Chairman of the Special Committee with some reluctance. The brethren's thanks were mainly due to Bro. Ridgway whose assistance had been most valuable to the Committee. They had met several times and spent several hours over the report, because they were fully determined that there should be nothing wanting as far as they were concerned. The report they had presented was the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Bro. Benj. Head proposed, and Bro. F. Adlard seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman acknowledged the compliment, and said he never had had the slightest doubt but that Bro. Binckes would be able to clear himself from the odious imputation cast upon him. He (the Chairman) had never been one of those who had flattered Bro. Binckes, but he had often had to speak to him with respect to what he might call his over zeal in behalf of the Institution. He could remember the time when £800 collected at a festival was considered a large sum. Since Bro. Binckes had been Secretary it had gone on increasing until at last festival the amount was £12,700, and mainly by the exertions of Bro. Binckes. If such a man were to be driven from his Secretaryship they would be stopping up the source from which the Institution derived its income.

The meeting then separated.

BANQUET TO BRO. ERASMUS WILSON, F.R.S.

On Monday week, the Grand Steward's of 1874-5 entertained Bro. Erasmus Wilson, their president, at a grand banquet at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. George Payne, W.M. 1; Treasurer of the late Board of Stewards, took the chair, having Bro. Wilson on his right hand. The other brethren present were Bros. J. E. Middleton, W.M. 29, Secretary of the late Board, in Vice President's chair; W. B. Rogers, J.W. 91; H. H. Bothamley, W.M. 14; Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bart., 6; C. E. Stoltenhoff, P.M. 21; H. Whitfield, W.M. 60; James Warner, P.M. 23; J. Oastler, 197; Alfred H. Diaper, 5; Alfred Richards, P.M. 46; and Visitors, Bros. C. A. Payne, S. A. Nott, 29; E. M. Haigh, P.M. 29; H. J. Chapman, Hugh D. Sandeman, P.G.D.M., Bengal; W. V. Brown, Captain Marcus Sharpe, W. Hollingsworth, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, P.G.D.; Dr. Paula, Stephen Pearce, S.D. 2; and H. Massey, ("Freemason.")

The dinner was supplied in splendid style by Bro. Jennings, and at its conclusion four toasts only were proposed, "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Visitors." In giving the toast of the "evening," Bro. Erasmus Wilson, the Chairman said that it was with much diffidence he rose to propose it, as it required a brother of greater power of speech than he to do full justice to it. Simply, however, to express his feelings and those of the other Grand Stewards in recognition of his courteous conduct to them whilst president of their Board, was not so difficult a task, and this he begged to do most heartily and sincerely, and as powerfully as he could. Bro. Wilson's generous hospitality towards them, and the labour he undertook to obtain for them some mark of recognition from Grand Lodge during the late eventful year in Masonry, had incited the brethren to pass the compliment upon him of entertaining him at this dinner. The project had met with the approbation of every Grand Steward, although there were some who, from unavoidable circumstances, were absent that evening, some unfortunately through domestic affliction. Still, he knew he expressed the feelings of the whole body of Grand Stewards when he said that they all wished Bro. Wilson might be spared long to practise that profession he so much adorned. It was also one of their earnest wishes that he might achieve high rank in Grand Lodge, which his Masonic ability and geniality fairly entitled him to. (Cheers.)

Bro. Wilson, in reply, said he hoped and believed that the brotherhood which had been established under circumstances certainly so peculiar, and scarcely likely to recur—the installation of a Prince of Wales as G.M.—in our time, would be a lasting one. In taking an active part in the ceremony the Grand Stewards had formed personal friendships which he was sanguine enough to hope might be maintained by their meeting year by year in future till time should be with them no more. He trusted that at the end of another year the Grand Stewards would become his guests at the Conservative Club, so that they might together perpetuate the auspicious ceremony of the installation of their present Grand Master, and their happy union by that great event. (Cheers.)

The Chairman, in giving the toast of "The Visitors," said the Grand Stewards were especially pleased on that occasion to have visitors, because two of them were members of Bro. Wilson's own lodge, one a P.M., and one the S.D. The Past District Grand Master of Bengal, Bro. Sandeman, he (the Chairman) was proud to claim as a member of his own lodge, No. 1. They were also obliged to the visitors for having come to assist them in paying a compliment to Bro. Wilson. (Hear, hear.)

Lieut.-Col. Creaton, in reply, said that, as a member of Bro. Wilson's lodge, he was delighted at being present to witness the compliment paid to him. They had all been surprised at Bro. Wilson's work in Masonry, and he was a highly valued member of his lodge.

Bro. H. D. Sandeman also responded, and the brethren then adjourned to the drawing-room.

CONSECRATION OF THE CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1572.

The consecration of this new lodge took place on Saturday last at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The ceremony was performed by Bro. John Hervey, G.S., P.G.D. (the officer appointed for the purpose by the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, K.G.), assisted by Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.G.D.C., Herts, as D.C.; Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas., Middlesex, as S.W.; Bro. J. Bingemann, W.M. No. 55, as J.W., and the following brethren—G. A. Brock, 765; A. Taylor, 765; J. L. Mather, P.M. 65; D. R. Still, P.M. 1293; J. Slade Brown, W.M. 1056; J. Cowan, 765; N. Reed, 765; H. Crump, 765; R. N. Field, W.M. 902; Muggeridge, 538; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180; P. Hickman, W.M. Joppa, 168; P. Tucker, 765; C. W. Thompson, J.D. 969; A. G. Marks, 192; A. Townsend, 22; W. Leman, 765; W. S. Whitaker, 765; B. Dafforn, 765; F. Wilcocks, 765; A. White, 318; J. McCubbin, P.P.G.S.D. Bucks, P.M. 948; R. Hobbs, 765; C. Soppitt, 55; J. Gardner, 183; C. Daniel, J.W. 65; W. Bray, 511; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; E. Turner, 157; W. Munro, 765; J. Jolmasson, J.W. 657; W. Buck, S.W. 657; J. Clarricoats, 765; T. Brown, S.W. 765; J. Margetts, 765; T. Hellier, 765; G. Briggs, 765; A. Jaceard, 1314; J. Burman, 1314. The ceremony was performed with all the customary formalities, and with the ability which habitually distinguishes the working of consecrating officers. The Rev. W. Taylor Jones, as Chaplain, and Bro. Van Noorden as Organist, for the consecrating ceremony, were absent, and sent letters expressing their regret at their inability to attend. When the consecration ceremony was concluded, Bro. Hervey proceeded to instal Bro. Richard Pawson Hooton, P.M. and Treasurer, No. 765, as Worshipful Master, and when this had been performed the brethren below the degree of Installed Master were admitted, and the customary proceedings followed. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. W. S. Whitaker, S.W.; J. Cowan, J.W.; W. Clarricoats, Treasurer; Mont. Scott, Secretary; T. Hellier, S.D.; Nelson Reed J.D.; James Briggs, I.G.; T. Brown, D.C.; G. A. Brock, W.S.; and Steedman, Tyler. Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the consecrating officers, who were also elected hon. members of the lodge. Several names were given in of gentlemen wishing to be initiated in the Order, and the lodge was thereafter closed. The brethren, forming a very nice little party, then partook of a delightful banquet, supplied at the Albion by Bro. Jennings, and when this, which was thoroughly enjoyed, had been disposed of, the toasts were honoured.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that Her Majesty must take a deep interest in all their doings, inasmuch as her eldest son was in the high position of the Grand Master of Freemasons.

The W.M. referred to the Prince of Wales's visit to the East, when he proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," and revived the recollection of the brethren with regard to the wonderful sight seen on the 28th of April last, when H.R.H. was installed. In undertaking the duties of G.M., Freemasons felt it was an honour conferred upon them individually. The Prince's heart was in Masonry, and there was not the slightest doubt that he was in all respects a Freemason, a man, and a brother.

The W.M. also spoke in the highest terms of the Masonic merits and virtues of all the Grand

Officers in giving the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Being at Liverpool a few days ago, he found that Lord Skelmersdale stood as high in the estimation of the Lancashire brethren as it was possible for a man to stand in the opinion of his fellow men. (Cheers.)

Bro. Hervey replied. He did not wonder at the W.M. using such eulogistic expressions of the Grand Officers, inasmuch as the lodge had appropriated the Pro Grand Master's name. He did not think it could have appropriated a better. There was not a position in life which Lord Carnarvon had filled that he had not occupied well and worthily, and which he had not honoured. With regard to Lord Skelmersdale, the W.M. had expressed what was felt throughout the length and breadth of West Lancashire; there was not a brother they would wish to have as Prov. G.M. in preference to Lord Skelmersdale; there was not a brother in the Craft who did his duty more genially, with more sincerity, with more real feeling, or with more anxiety than the work of the Craft should be well done, than Lord Skelmersdale. Bro. Hervey then thanked the brethren for the rest of the Grand Officers, and ended by proposing "Success to the Carnarvon Lodge, and the Health of the W.M." It was ten years that very day that the W.M. was initiated in Freemasonry. It was a strange coincidence that on the day ten years after his initiation he should be installed W.M. of a new lodge. It augured well for the future of the lodge that the W.M. was so highly appreciated as to be selected by the brethren to preside over them when his natal day in Freemasonry fell on his natal day in the Carnarvon Lodge. He would not have been recommended to the Grand Master if the brethren had not felt confidence in the way he would work the lodge. Bro. Hervey was also sure that Bro. Hooton would not have undertaken the task if he had not felt himself competent to undertake his duties; and he called upon the brethren of all grades of office in the lodge to support Bro. Hooton to the utmost of their ability. (Cheers.)

The W.M. said it was with infinite pleasure he looked on the fact of his having been ten years a Mason. During that time he had done all in his power to fulfil and carry out the principles that were instilled into his mind at his Masonic baptism. In undertaking the duties of the W.M. chair of this lodge he did it for one special reason, to further the advancement of the brethren who had belonged to the lodge from which they all emanated. He was quite certain that if they all worked together they would be a good lodge. If they were not harmonious of course they must come to the ground. It was one thing to be placed in his dignified position; it was another thing to be supported when in it. He was sure that the officers he had just appointed would be most able, and willing, and assiduous in their duties. Within his own mind he felt that the prosperity of the Carnarvon Lodge would be enhanced by the brethren knowing their duties. He thanked the brethren for the dignity they had conferred upon him, and promised to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. (Cheers.) The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating Officer," and said it was a distinguished privilege to have Bro. Hervey to perform the ceremony. Alluding to what Grand Secretary had said in lodge, that if the brethren were not bound together they were as nothing, he thanked Bro. Hervey for saying so; and he hoped that he would frequently come among them, to see how they were getting on. No one could charge G. Secretary with not coming among the brethren, for he was very often seen among them, and was always ready to render any assistance he could in the work of ceremonies. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Hervey responded in a very few words.

Bro. Terry replied for "The Visitors," and wished the lodge every prosperity.

The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," and said that he was quite clear that no W.M. in the annals of Freemasonry ever ascended the throne of King Solomon with a more efficient staff of officers than he had around him. He felt in his own heart and mind that all the officers were brethren who were competent to perform their duty, although they were all

young Masons. He then named all the brethren who were appointed to office and enumerated the offices they held.

Bros. Carlton, Whitaker, Cowan, Clarricoats, Mont. Scott, Hellier, Nelson Reed, Briggs, Brown, and Brock responded, and the evening was brought to a close with "The Tyler's" toast, given by Bro. Steedman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the rooms of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. In the absence of the Earl of Hardwicke, R.W.P.G.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. John Deighton, D.P.G.M., the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bros. Fetch and Professor Miller. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. Bro. T. Nichols was re-elected Treas., and the following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—A. F. Donagan, S.W.; J. Leach, J.W.; Rev. W. D. Stephens (Corpus Christi Coll.) and Rev. W. B. Coyte, (Clare), Chaplains; H. Browne (Clare), Registrar; E. Haggis, Sec.; E. A. Maund (St. Peter's), S.D.; B. Chennell, J.D.; Carrick, Supt. of Works; A. J. Brogden (Downing), Dir. of Cers.; C. Jennings, Ass. Dir. of Cers.; H. Bossard, Sword Bearer; W. D. Jones (Trinity), Organist; Squire, Pursuivant; the Hon. J. W. Plunkett, and five other members of the University, Stewards.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

We cannot too often call the attention of the Craft to the claims of the various Masonic Institutions, and remind them that those splendid buildings erected at Croydon as an asylum for aged Freemasons and widows, and at Wood Green and Battersea Rise, as schools for the sons and daughters of Freemasons, cannot be maintained in their present state of efficiency, and their inmates increased, without the liberal contributions of the Craft.

There are at the present time 130 aged Freemasons in receipt of annuities of £36 per annum, 100 widows in receipt of annuities of £28 per annum, and 11 widows in receipt of half annuities, most of whom are also inmates of the asylum; also 177 boys and 148 girls in the schools, while about 402 aged Freemasons, 186 widows, 1266 boys, and 1039 girls have been benefitted by the institutions since their foundations.

Every member of the Craft should subscribe to one or other of the institutions, and brethren who have not already subscribed should, through such an association as the Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, become life subscribers or life governors of the institutions by payment of the small sum of one shilling per week, and thus have the privilege of voting at each election of annuitants and inmates.

The President of the association is our well-known and highly respected Bro. J. R. Stacey, W.M. 180, Preceptor of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction; the Vice-President, Bro. J. White, W.M. 228; and the Treasurer, Bro. J. Bingemann, W.M. 55; and the association holds its meetings at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, E.C., on the first Friday in every month at 8.30 in the evening, after the closing of the Lodge of Instruction, when the sums in the hands of the Treasurer are balloted for.

Any brother, lady, or lewis may become a member of the association, and, for the convenience of members residing at a distance, the subscriptions may be sent by post-office order to the Honorary Secretary, Bro. Wm. W. Snelling, who will forward prospectus and bye-laws of the association free to any brother desirous of becoming a member.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS: Vigorous health.—With winter come sore trials to the soundest constitutions, while the naturally delicate and feeble find it too frequently a prolonged struggle against or undue suffering. All diseases affecting the nervous system arise from impurity in the blood, irregularity of organic action, or vitiated secretions. Holloway's Pills are invaluable for removing all poisonous elements from the body, and are famed for curing indigestion, flatulency, and costiveness, as well as palpitation, pain in the side, and other morbid feelings. The neuralgic pains, attendant on the nervous class of diseases, soon yield to these purifying Pills—the sensations of anxiety daily diminish under their use, sound sleep supersedes nights of watching, and calm repose displaces hideous dreams.—ADVT.

Reviews.

THE DISCREPANCIES OF FREEMASONRY. BY REV. G. OLIVER, D.D. John Hogg & Co.

We are among those who always welcome all contributions to the common store of Masonic archaeological literature, even when we do not agree with the views of the writers, and we certainly are always glad to peruse the works of our able Bro. Dr. Oliver. The work before us is a posthumous publication by Bro. Hogg of a MS., as we understand, purchased at Bro. R. Spencer's sale. It is rather curious to note that three posthumous works of Dr. Oliver's are now before the Masonic reading public. The Pythagorean Triangle, the book before us, and the Hermes Analogy, now appearing monthly in the "Masonic Magazine." And one thing, we think, is incontestable, that Bro. Dr. Oliver's name keeps, so to say, the Masonic market. And we do not wonder at it, for, despite some obvious faults, our Bro. the Dr. was a man of great reading, great industry, and much acumen. At the same time all great men have their faults, and our good old teacher was not exempt from them, as indeed no one is. We are among those who think that he often touched on subjects he had better have left in repose. There can be no doubt that to Dr. Oliver the realistic school of Masonic writers owes its origin, and we seem following his example too eagerly, and to be pushing things to extremes just now in many matters, alike in over publication and in uncalled-for confidences. The public does not want our extreme expansiveness and readiness of explanation, and the Craft is none the better for it. We especially object to public discussions on the minutiae of the ritual—and we have always regretted that Dr. Oliver set an example, which has been too readily followed by the discussion of matters only to be properly treated in lodge. Interesting as this posthumous MS. of the Dr.'s is, and we do not at all find fault with Bro. Hogg for publishing it, yet, we feel, it will strike many, as it has struck us, that it deals with many subjects, hardly suitable for general publication or discussion. Not that we fear publicity or discussion, or object to scientific research, or intellectual studies, far from it. But the archaeology of Freemasonry is one thing, the arcana of Freemasonry is another, and while we all hail investigation into and publication of the former, we deprecate explanation of and publication of the latter. Readable and animated as the little work is, we doubt somewhat whether it will add much to the writer's Masonic or literary fame. There are one or two glaring errors as to matter of fact and archaeological accuracy, and we think that as a work on the whole it is hastily put together and hurriedly worked out. Still we will not be either too fastidious, or too hypercritical, or "look," as they say, a "gift horse in the mouth," and so we hope that this last publication of our reverend and worthy brother may find a considerable circle of appreciating Masonic readers. As Masonic students we thank Bro. Hogg for another contribution to Masonic literature.

ILLUSTRATED PRICE LIST OF MASONIC CLOTHING. Price 5s. GEORGE KENNING. Third Edition.

Despite an inconvenience in the matter, we cannot ourselves see why we should not notice here all publications coming bona fide from our publisher. Whether some may cavil, or others complain, we, to say the truth, care very little, and we therefore in the first place beg to call the attention of all lodges and brethren to that very interesting establishment which is now open at 1, 2 and 3, Little Britain, and which reflects the highest credit on the skill of the architect, and the energy of Bro. Kenning. We believe that we are warranted in saying that if our brethren like to take their wives, and daughters, and sisters, and sweethearts with them when they visit this unique Masonic Emporium, Bro. Kenning will be glad that they shall see the rooms, alike for work and show, and sure we are they will be much pleased with the same.—Bro. Kenning's elaborate and artistically executed "Price List," a specialité in its way, is an evidence both of a happy conception by himself, and a most successful execution by the printers,

Messrs. Reeves. We beg to repeat, the exhibition at 1, 2, and 3, Little Britain, is worth a visit.

THE ROYAL MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA. Edited by BRO. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE. Bro. John Hogg.

Part 2 of this new undertaking is before us, and leaves us about half way through the letter G. It seems to be progressing carefully and well, and evidences a considerable amount of hard work, alike in research and study. If we do not agree with every position of its undoubtedly able editor, we like the frankness of his statements, and the honest manner in which he propounds his own opinions. We think that all such handbooks are most useful to Masonic students, and we can honestly and sincerely say, we wish fraternally all success to the Royal Masonic Cyclopædia.

THE CITY DIARY FOR 1876. W. H. COLLINGRIDGE. "City Press" Office.

We have received and looked over this diary, and like it much. It is neat, compact, and handy, and we think is likely to be acceptable to many business men and students. The cheapness of price, one shilling, strikes us as something very remarkable, even in these days of cheap everything. We can safely commend it to the notice of our many readers.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF THE "GRAPHIC."

The Christmas number of this illustrated periodical will, we doubt not, be very acceptable to a large number of readers, especially our juvenile "lot," as the irreverent youth term them: Miss Thompson's splendid picture will be much and justly admired.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Benj. Head, Thomas W. White, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Lacey, John Constable, C. F. Hogard, James Brett, W. Stephens, W. Hilton, John Belterby, J. A. Farnfield, R. H. Giraud, A. A. Richards, John Newton, Thomas Cubitt, F. Adlard, J. Ebenezer Saunders, and James Terry (Secretary).

The Secretary reported that one of the candidates had died since last meeting. The alterations at the asylum had not been completed, owing to the unfavourable weather. The inmates of the institution were very happy, and expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the arrangements for their comfort.

Seven candidates were placed on the list for election, after which a letter was read from Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon to the institution, respecting the insufficient water supply and sewer system at the asylum. The letter enclosed a plan showing the piping on the premises. On the motion of Bro. C. F. Hogard, the motion was referred to the House Committee to consult the architect immediately, and have the necessary remedies applied at once.

Bro. James Terry, Secretary, asked for and obtained the permission of the Committee for the use of the hall and rooms, at the commencement of the new year, for the purpose of giving the old people a new year's dinner and entertainment, for which the requisite funds were now coming in.

The Chairman, before the Committee separated, said that as this was the last time the Committee would meet this year, he wished them and theirs a very happy Christmas.

Bro. J. Constable: Allow us, Bro. Chairman, most heartily to reciprocate your kind wish.

The Committee then adjourned.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

At the stated meeting of Grand Lodge, held on the 2nd of December, the following were elected Grand Officers for 1876:—

Grand Master, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G.
Senior Grand Warden, the Marquis of Headfort.
Junior Grand Warden, Lord Dunboyne.
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Grand Chaplains, Rev. John J. Macsoreley, Rev. Lord Plunket.
Senior Grand Deacon, the Hon. David Plunket, Q.C., M.P.
Junior Grand Deacon, Alderman Joseph Manning.
Grand Superintendent of Works, George A. Stephens.
Grand Director of Ceremonies, Theophilus E. St. George.
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Masonic and General Tidings.

The De Grey and Ripon Chapter, No. 1356, will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at three o'clock. Comps. B. B. Marson will be the first M.E.Z.; Joseph Bell, the first M.E.H.; and R. Brown the first M.E.J.

The officers and staff of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, are preparing a petition to the Grand Master for a warrant for a lodge, to be called the Royal Naval College Lodge, and held within the precincts of the College.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—A special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall this day (Saturday), at twelve o'clock.

The name of Bro. S. G. Homfray, A.G.D.C. and D.P. G.M. Monmouthshire, was omitted in our report of the meeting of the United Grand Lodge.

The engraving of the Installation is rapidly approaching completion. A photograph of it was exhibited by Bro. E. M. Haigh, at the dinner given by the Grand Stewards to Dr. Erasmus Wilson on Monday week. Bro. Harty informs us that among the subscribers are the King of Sweden, the Swedish deputation, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Irish deputation. He also expects to have the Emperor of Germany, the King of the Belgians, several other crowned heads, and the Khedive.

At the last regular meeting, on Monday, the 6th inst., of the Library Committee of the Corporation of London, of which Bro. John Symonds, P.G.A.D.C., has been the chairman for the year, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That the Committee desire to express to their Chairman, John Symonds, Esq., their sincere and hearty thanks for the zealous and efficient manner in which he has discharged the arduous and important duties of his office during the past year, and for the readiness with which he has devoted himself to the consideration of every question which has had for its object the extension of the usefulness of the great public institution entrusted by the Corporation to their care. Whilst appreciating the constant anxiety for the development of the resources of the Library, his colleagues desire also to acknowledge their sense of the invariable courtesy which characterized his demeanour towards every member."

The Christmas number of the "Freemason" will consist of 32 pages, and will contain a portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master. The price of this number to non-subscribers will be fourpence.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been elected Worshipful Master of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, for the ensuing year.

On Monday evening, the 6th inst., Bro. Charles Du Val, an entertainer of a high order, gave his entertainment, "Odds and Ends," at the Concert Hall, Liscard, near Birkenhead, in aid of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution. The effort enjoyed the patronage of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M.; Bro. G. C. Leigh, D. P.G.M.; the officers of the P.G. Lodge of Cheshire; and the W.M.'s, Wardens, and officers of Lodges 477 and 537, Birkenhead; 605 and 1276, Seacombe; and 1289, Rock Ferry. Bro. Du Val generously repeated his clever entertainment at Birkenhead and Rock Ferry on Tuesday and Wednesday for the same object.

Next week we shall publish a paper issued from the Chancery of the Order of the Temple, and which throws considerable light upon the compilation and authorship of the new statutes of the Order, about which so much has been written in the "Freemason." By the time our paper is in the hands of our readers, Great Priory will be sitting at Cannon-street Hotel (why not at Freemasons' Tavern?), and considerable discussion is likely to ensue on the operation of the statutes, which appear to find scant favour in many quarters. The supporters of the new regime aver that the operation of the new statutes must be beneficial in the end, their tendency being to raise the Order in social status, and so approximate more nearly to the Ancient Knights.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 15th inst., by Bro. S. L. Hickman, W.M. 188, at Bro. Gosden's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. The lodge will be opened at 7.30.

The "Masonic Magazine" will, on and after January, 1876, be enlarged to 48 pages.

The Leopold Lodge No. 1571, was consecrated on Tuesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

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The CHRISTMAS NUMBER of the "FREEMASON" will consist of 32 PAGES, EXCLUSIVE OF WRAPPER, and will contain a PORTRAIT of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the PRINCE of WALES. The CHARGE for this number will be FOUR PENCE.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Careful attention will be paid to all MSS. entrusted to the Editor, but he cannot undertake to return them unless accompanied by stamped directed covers.

We shall publish next week an official reply by the United Order of the Temple and Hospitalers to certain memorials.

A large number of letters and lodge reports unavoidably stand over.

A letter purporting to be from Bro. C. Pegler relative to the Girls' School, has reached us. As we are in some doubt about it, he will perhaps communicate with the Editor, 108, Fleet-street, the letter on the Boys' School received.

EUCLID.—1. Cannot say. 2. Professor Wanklyn, 117, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy Square.

P.G. asks the proper method of wearing the apron, whether over or under the coat, by the E.A., F.C., and M.M. respectively.—[It is a matter of indifference, rather of individual taste.]

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATH.

WILKINS.—November 24th, Eliza Wilkins, aged 36, the beloved wife of Bro. W. S. Wilkins, Lodge No. 140, St. George's.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

In our condensed report last week, we had to leave out an important item, our Royal Grand Master's visit to Goa en passant. We give the newspaper account of it, therefore, this week. On Saturday morning the Prince landed at Goa, and was received with Royal honours by the Portuguese authorities. The special telegram to the "Times" states that the Governor and his suite came off in a curious eighteen-oar galley, the oarsmen wearing scarlet caps, with very antique silver plaques. A crowd of respectable citizens received the Prince and the Governor, the natives being very eager to obtain a sight of the illustrious visitor. The Prince passed along the line of Sepoys and the Portuguese corps to the Government House, which contains a most interesting collection of portraits of Portuguese Governors, and Viceroys—Albuquerque, De Gama, Castro, Constantine, Braganza, &c. The Governor presented the principal officials, after which the Prince and the Governor, with their suites, embarked on board two steam launches, and proceeded up the river to old Goa—half-an-hour's run.—There the Prince inspected the monuments of the ancient greatness and departed splendour of the Portuguese settlement. The quays and the old arsenal are now ruins, as are also the Government buildings. Convents, monasteries, churches, and palaces crown the heights, and the shores are lined with cocoa-nut and palm trees, with a densely wooded background. The Prince landed and drove with his suite, in two carriages, under the ancient gateway of Vasco de Gama, under which every Viceroy of Goa must pass. He visited St. Catherine's Cathedral, passing the Palace of the Inquisition and the Church of St. Caetan, built after the model of St. Peter's at Rome. This church possesses a noble interior, with many rich shrines. There were a few native Christian women praying, but no crowd. There are no remains of the ancient city or houses. The Prince walked round and examined the shrines; and next, in litters called mancheels, or on foot, the party proceeded to Bom Jesus Church, a very fine edifice, with a curious shrine of St. Francis Xavier. The altar is of marble, and was presented by the Grand Duke of Tus-

cany. It has silver and bronze ornaments, with relics, and the windows have oyster-shell films in lieu of glass. The Prince inspected the solid gold and chased silver vessels containing the sacred elements, and the quaint cabinets, which are most interesting. As regards the visit to Madras, we find the following:—The cholera is all over the country, not raging very severely, but sufficiently widespread to induce caution. The Prince of Wales was obliged to decline the Rajah's invitation to visit Travancore. The visit to Madras will depend on the news received at Colombo. The Prince entertained the Madras officials at lunch on board the Serapis. There is immense disappointment expressed on all sides at the abandonment of the Prince's visit. The preparations were extensive and most costly all over the Presidency, and (says the telegram) the ladies especially are disconsolate. As we said in our last, the Prince landed at Colombo on the 1st. He was well received everywhere, especially by the natives. Despite heavy rains and a thunderstorm, he has been hunting elephants at Hebulgala, and on December 7th the "Times" reports the following successful results. The Prince of Wales left the camp Dec. 6th at 6.30, and drove to the forest, where elephants had been traced. The Prince reached the jungle at 9 a.m., and, attended by Lord C. Beresford, took post on a stand for six hours. Every effort to drive the elephants failed, the old tusker having led the herd through the beaters again and again, and defeated every attempt to drive him. Elephants could be heard crashing through the trees with a noise like pistol shots, but only glimpses of their backs could be seen. As the beaters could not trace the elephants, the Prince, having got a shot at one, descended and advanced into the jungle on foot, with M. Varen and Mr. Fisher, followed by Lord C. Beresford and Lord Suffield, with rifles. They were amid the elephants, and the Prince showed the utmost coolness as he stood within ten yards of the wounded beast, who prepared to charge, when the Prince dropped him dead. The Prince also hit two others, which are reported dead in the jungle. The hunters said the situation was critical. The scene over the dead elephant in the river was very exciting. Crowds of natives were waiting outside the jungle to learn the result. The Prince was much pleased, and has just arrived here after an upset in a ditch, but he was not in the least hurt, nor was any of the party. It was a most successful day. The Prince leaves for Colombo in the morning. He is in excellent health and spirits.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

If there was not any matter of very great importance to be discussed and decided at the last Grand Lodge, there was yet sufficient on the agenda paper, and notwithstanding the ungenial weather, to draw together a numerous assemblage. Our Royal G. Master was proposed for re-election—naturally, one should say and feel—in an effective speech by Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.S. and P.M. No. 1, and amid the sympathizing cheers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Clabon was re-appointed by the Grand Master President of the Board of Benevolence, and Bros. Nunn and Brett, Vice-Presidents, by the G. Lodge, there being no other nominations. Bro. Alderman Hadley was nominated on the Board of General Purposes in the place of Bro. Savage. The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence was received, and the votes confirmed, except the large vote for £250, which was, in our opinion, properly reduced to £100. The appeal of Bro. Robert Levingstone was allowed, and Bro. Braine declared to be ineligible, on the facts as stated, to be elected to the Master's chair. The alterations proposed in the rules of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were unanimously confirmed. Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., brought forward a resolution that Grand Lodge should grant a vote of £100 towards the "Palestine Exploration Fund," and which, after some regrettable opposition, was carried by a large majority. We do not pretend to understand why our good brothers Carpenter and Constable, both Masons of note, should have opposed so

innocent and natural a proposition, but we presume that they had good reasons for so doing. No doubt, happily, in Grand Lodge, as in this good old land of ours, thoughts are untrammelled and speech is free, and we have, thank God, both liberty of utterance and liberty of conscience, still, the Masonic student or philosopher must somewhat wonder why two such good Masons should have set themselves against so reasonable a resolution. Grand Lodge has so often set the precedent, on special occasions, of granting special votes for special purposes, if not even actually Masonic, that it is utterly in vain for any one to raise the old stereotyped objection that such grants do not come within the scope of Freemasonry. All matters which affect the sufferings of our common humanity, or any form of Masonry, of natural or local distress, may fairly be deemed, if not actually Masonic, quasi-Masonic, for the purpose of active benevolence and temporary aid. But in this particular case not only was the common sense of the matter with our Past Grand Chaplain, but all the "sentiment" of Freemasonry, so to say. He had precedent in his favour, even in respect of the grant he asked for, and in what could Freemasonry find a closer or a deeper interest than in that "Holy Ground," which appealed alike to their own reverential memories; and the long cherished traditions of their Order. We rejoice, therefore, to find that Grand Lodge acceded to Bro. Simpson's resolution by a large majority, and we only regret that the grace of the grant was not augmented by the unanimous vote of Grand Lodge. There is no society which has done more good for Biblical archaeology than that influential and distinguished Committee formed for the exploration of Palestine, and we wish it all success in its arduous and most interesting labours.

MASONIC APPEALS.

While we all rejoice to think that we have in our Grand Lodge a Supreme Court of Appeal for our entire Order, we must also regret that much of its valuable time is wasted in dealing with cases which ought not properly to come before it at all. The Book of Constitutions is before us all, its admirable provisions are in all our hands, and yet, strange to say, many an appeal is made because those who ought to read the Book of Constitutions will not take the trouble to do so, or read it so carelessly and to so little purpose, or their heads really are so thick, that they commit illegalities with the greatest readiness and ease, with a high hand and a smiling face. Then come long folios of manuscript, to weary the patience of our Grand Secretary and our Grand Registrar, and time is taken up in deciding cases which really require no decision, in dealing with perverse illegalities, or preposterous evasions of the laws of Masonry. Take this last appeal as an illustration.—A Bro. Braine is elected a joining member of the Lodge Orion, in the West, No. 415, Poonah, and on the evening of his election he is placed by the W.M. in the Junior Warden's chair. The Master had been initiated at the previously monthly meeting, and the brother then legally and duly appointed J.W. had since left the district on a military emergency. So far all is plain sailing. The W.M. was without a J.W., and no doubt he had to fill up the post. It was a "strong order" to appoint a brother J.W. of a lodge the very night of his ballot as a joining member, and the W.M., if he took the step deliberately, could never for one moment have realised what a blow he was inflicting on the harmony and peaceful progress of the lodge. But so it was, and Bro. Braine was invested with the collar of the J.W. But the lodge meeting came round for the election of W.M., and of course Bro. Braine had only served eleven months, not twelve. He was clearly ipso facto "ineligible" as W.M., but "non obstante" the Book of Constitutions, the lodge elected him, and the District Grand Master of Bombay confirmed the election, pace the objection of Bro. R. Levingstone. Why he, the D.G. Master, so decided we do not gather, and we cannot profess to understand on what grounds he could base such a decision. As the Grand Registrar cogently put it, Bro. Braine was not even a member of the

lodge the night the J.W. was appointed; how could he have served the necessary twelve months? The Grand Lodge unanimously reversed the decision of the D.G. Master, and declared that Bro. Braine could not legally continue as W.M. or be considered in consequence a lawfully installed W.M. Now, we allude to this appeal for the purpose of impressing on our readers, first of all, the duty of all W.M.'s, and indeed of all our brethren, to read and study carefully the Book of Constitutions; and secondly, of urging on our active brotherhood the great need there is of careful adherence to the letter of our wise and admirable laws. The great feature of English Freemasonry has been, like our natural character, happily, its law-abiding and constitutional progress, and greatly will it be to be deplored if inattention to the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, or any deliberate departure from its enactments, on any pretences, or for any reasons, be ever in any way carelessly or easily regarded amongst us. We cannot understand how any brother, in the face of the Book of Constitutions, so clear and explicit as the present, could elect as W.M. a brother who had not been twelve months Junior Warden, much less how a D.G. Master could sanction such a proceeding. Yet so it is. We beg, therefore, at this period of the year especially, to commend to all W.M.'s and Secretaries and brethren of our Order, the careful study of the Book of Constitutions, to remind them of our unalterable laws, and to point out the one simple course of duty in any similar question of doubt or debate. We think that the late decision of Grand Lodge will have a very good effect in convincing the Craft, that our laws are made to be obeyed in all contingencies, and not evaded or explained away.

MASONIC FORBEARANCE.

"It is a queer world we live in, my masters," is a saying as true as when it was first written, or given to the world. We note every day striking evidences before us, how very strange are its ups and downs, how very peculiar are its votaries, how very reckless its ways, and how little scrupulous are we all for the most part, whether as regards our neighbours, our friends, our brethren, or our compeers. We cannot have lived long or seen much of society if we do not ourselves fully realize the fact, that selfishness is a motto, so to say, emblazoned on many of this world's armorial bearings, over its palaces, over its "emporia" of business, over its "shining halls of pleasure," over even the palaces of the high, and the houses of the humbler. To many of us all life is only a struggle, in which all means are fair and all manœuvres lawful. To distance our neighbours in the race for wealth or profit, to head them in the dirty and dusty arena, to become prosperous though they fail, and to be fortunate when they are crushed down to earth, seems to many the real aim of the great battle of life. Hence to them all earthly existence is but an enduring struggle, in which the strong prevail and the weak are worsted, and in the hurry of the hour, in the excitement of the conflict, they have little time for thought and less for sympathy. "People must take their chance," "People can't all expect to win," "People must do as others do, and bear as others bear," "People should not go into a fight and then whine because they are beaten;" these, and sayings like these, we often hear from the lips of the successful, if somewhat selfish athletes, when to them, in their hour of mortal success, has come the chaplet of honour or the wreath of victory! Now it is against this ingrained selfishness that Freemasonry seems ever to protest! Such persons for the most part, as we see them act, and hear them talk, whether at home or abroad, whether in the house of merchandize or the house of feasting, whether in the "forum" or some other select assembly, are ever most overbearing and intolerant. They have done very well, why has not every one else? is their apparent idea. Therefore, they have no endurance and no forbearance for others, for those, the weary, who have either made a false start or mistaken the course, or grown weak, and faint, and weary; or who, for some cause or another, have utterly failed, whether in the struggle or the race. Now, it

is just in these points that Freemasonry may give us all many a beneficial lesson. We all of us need forbearance ourselves in countless things and many ways, though we are ignorant of the fact or choose to forget it; and Freemasonry bids us all remember it, and therefore shew forbearance to others. The world in which we live is made up of incongruities and inconsistencies, of anomalies very many, of contradictions most abounding; and many are its pitfalls, as well as its falls; its weaknesses as well as its errors; its misfortunes as well as its tribulations for every brother and sister of the dust! We all know life is not, and cannot be, always sunshine to any of us here; for many of us its grass has long since withered, its trees have lost their foliage, its songs are hushed, and its flowers are faded, and we are like the guests of the fairy story, where the table is surrounded by phantom associates, and where the food, and the garlands, and the wine, and the plate, are all but tinsel, covering the dust and ashes underneath! Freemasonry comes to us then, and bids us be considerate, tolerant, and forbearing. We are to feel for others and with others. If we are prosperous we should seek to help others in adverse circumstances; if we are happy we should endeavour kindly to solace the bruised spirit and the grieving heart; if we are full of this life's good things we should remember ever and anon that some are not so blessed as we are. And, above all, we should be very forbearing in thought, and will, and work. When the world makes no allowance we should make every allowance. When others are calumnious or malignant we should be very charitable, when others greedily accept the poisoned rumour, or the slanderous tale, we should not "look down with contempt upon the dirt;" when others are open-mouthed we should be reticent; and when others are overbearing we should be forbearing. This should be our golden law of life, our silver rule of action. We should ever keep before us the fact that we are brethren, and as true and steady Craftsmen we should never cease to be full of sympathy for our brethren, but should ever endeavour to be most forbearing, conscious that we all need, ever greatly need, forbearance ourselves.

WHAT JEWELS MAY LEGALLY BE WORN IN LODGE.

We apprehend that the question "What jewels may legally be worn in lodge," is entirely governed by the Book of Constitutions, and can only be answered by proper authority. When our laws talk of a "honorary or other jewel," of medals, an "emblem," or "device," which may each and all be worn in lodge if "consistent with those degrees of Masonry which are recognised by Grand Lodge," or "under its control," they surely carry a distinct meaning, and allow a definite interpretation. That meaning and interpretation we contend are as follows. Emblems, medals, and devices which may be fitly worn in lodge, just as all those jewels or medals, or devices, or emblems, which belong to a grade not recognised are strictly forbidden and can never be Masonically put on in lodge. Hence we see that the real discussion turns and turns alone on this one fact—what are really the jewels, &c., which are consistent with the Grand Lodge recognition of pure and ancient Masonry, and which in consequence may be worn by our brethren in lodge; And here, confessedly, the matter assumes a somewhat difficult phasis. The three provisions of the Book of Constitutions which refer to the subject seem only to relate to the jewels of present or past rank pendent to collars, and no other jewel is apparently recognised by the Book of Constitutions but the "Centenary Jewel." The Charity Medal, strangely enough, is not mentioned in the Book of Constitutions, and rests on the authority of the conjoint sanction of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. In the last "Freemason" there appeared an extract from what purports to be a reply of our esteemed and worthy Grand Secretary on the subject, but which we think does not quite fully or fairly represent Bro. Hervey's views on the matter. He seems to say, that he is "not aware of any jewels authorised to be worn save the Charity Medal, especially sanctioned by the Grand Master, and

such jewels of Grand Officers as are named in the Book of Constitutions." The letter is of date June 23rd, this year, and addressed, "sic dicitur," to Bro. J. A. Hayes. We do not, however, deem it to be quite correct or complete, for this reason, that our Grand Secretary, who is well known to be a "Master" alike of Constitutional lore and ritualistic enactments, entirely leaves out the "Centenary Jewel." Bro. Hervey points out what is undeniable, that lodge jewels, and jewels with the name of a lodge upon them, without the sanction of the Grand Master are absolutely illegal, and in this we heartily agree with him. He also adds, as we ourselves said, a short time back, that there are probably not more than half a dozen lodges possessing a lodge jewel. Now it is quite clear to us that, though the Book of Constitutions is silent upon the subject, probably for a good reason, the Grand Master "Virtute Officii," and "jure suo," is the fountain of Masonic honour, just as the sovereign is the fountain of all civic dignity. The sovereign can issue orders to form a new order of knighthood or appoint a decoration to be worn to-morrow, just as she can forbid all foreign insignia to be exhibited by her subjects. And in like manner our Grand Master can give his sanction to a lodge to establish an honorary jewel, to be worn by its members, and such sanction rests alone upon his supreme authority in that respect. Indeed, as we have before said, we venture we think, that if each lodge had its own lodge jewel under the warrant of the Grand Master, and on payment of a regular fee, the "jewel question" would be naturally lessened in importance; and much good would accrue to our Fund of Benevolence if the fee for each lodge warrant to have a lodge jewel as specified on the warrant, subject to needful expenses in the Grand Secretary's office, was made a portion of the income of the Fund of Benevolence. The question must ere long be authoritatively settled, as at present there is much necessary doubt on the subject. It is quite clear to us, for instance, that the Book of Constitutions means something when it talks of an "honorary or other jewel," an "emblem," a medal, a "device," but what does it mean? A "medal" certainly is not a "jewel," a "jewel" is not a "device," a "device" is not an "emblem;" these are not synonymous or even alternative terms, they have each and all an independent and special meaning. Therefore we come back to the original query, what are they, which are they? In our humble opinion, all emblems, devices, medals, honorary or other jewels which are consistent with the three degrees of Masonry, are wearable in lodge! And, however hypercritical or paradoxical it may seem to some, we doubt very much whether Royal Arch jewels can be worn out of a Royal Arch Chapter. We hope, however, ere long that the question may be officially settled, but we confess that we fancy, it is not quite so easy a matter judicially to decide, in a spirit of careful and legal interpretation, as some of our correspondents appear to think. The wording of the Book of Constitutions is so special and yet so peculiar on the subject, that we feel quite persuaded it must require a good deal both of legal acumen and common sense, to give a judicial deliverance on so "vexata" a "questio."

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Girls' School takes place at Freemasons' Hall, this day (Saturday), at 12 o'clock, and we recommend all qualified members to be there. We were very glad to see our excellent Bro. Col. Creaton's motion, and trust that it may be unanimously agreed to. We shall recur to the subject next week.

THE LATE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.—At the conclusion of our report of this meeting in the "Freemason" of last week, it is stated that Bro. Carpenter moved the negating of the Rev. R. J. Simpson's proposition for granting £100 to the Palestine Exploration Fund, and that Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, seconded Dr. Carpenter's amendment. "The amendment was put, and but few hands were held up for it; whereupon Bro. Constable wished to withdraw from seconding the amendment." Bro. Constable informs our reporter that this is a mistake; that he did not rise to withdraw from his position as seconder of the amendment, but that he rose and asked the acting Grand Master what was the purport of the amendment which he himself had just seconded.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE LAST LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

The three causes mentioned in last week's "Freemason" have no doubt a very great deal to do with the demand for so much relief being required; but it seems to me, from what I have seen of Masonry, that there is another and greater cause, which is the lodges being held at public-houses, and I am not the only brother who can see the great evil arising from this cause.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the Grand Master and head of the Order, but the number of publicans belonging to the Order is so great, that their power has a great influence over the brethren, and, speaking within bounds, I should say that a considerable sum of the money spent by Masons on Masonry finds its way into their pockets, and it is this which gives them so much power. In my opinion it is through them so many are brought into the Order that should not be allowed in, for a publican having a lodge in his house will recommend any one who may offer themselves, so long as they are good customers and drink freely. Again, another great evil, when an initiate has been admitted, where he is to go for instruction but to a tavern; in fact, there is nothing but that from his entry into the Order—to his craving for charity—and here again this is felt, as many of the brothers who apply for charity are tradesmen who enter Masonry when first rising in business, and if ambitious to rise in the Order they have to spend so much of their valuable time in the public-house instead of attending to their business. Of course men who have attained a good position, and can employ others to look after their affairs, can afford to spend their time as they like without feeling it, but not so with beginners in business. I know many brothers who spend much of their time in public-houses (where lodges are held) on Masonic business, and so they must go on (until lodge rooms be provided away from these places) with habits which are the forerunner of the claims on the Lodge of Benevolence.

Yours truly,

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

I had almost arrived at the determination not to reply to the letter of Bro. Charles Pegler, but after reading your editorial comments thereon, it would seem ungracious not to do so. I write, however, with extreme distaste and reluctance, for nothing to my mind is so painful and wearying as to be constantly on the defence of that which you know to be undeserving of censures. This feeling is intensified when you are conscious of pleading in the presence of prejudiced judges who have formed their opinions without fair enquiry, and who having once adopted certain views adhere to them with pertinacity, refusing to admit evidence which is calculated to modify them.

I write this without the least intention to cast any reflection upon any brother, or to find fault with the course which he may think it wise, in the exercise of his discretion, to pursue. The strongest impression on my mind is that of utter hopelessness in attempting to convince our critics that the standard they have fixed is one utterly at variance with all our traditions (no matter of how modern an origin they may be).

To come to the point without further preface, it is very evident that we have now two classes of contributors—the one contending that cheapness is the true test of good management—the other maintaining that, while a prudent economy is by all means to be observed, there are other considerations of greater importance than those involved in the question, "At how low a rate can such and such results be produced, and how large a number can be done for a given sum?" This is the philosophy of "Dothéboys' Hall," which has never yet found favour in the charitable institutions connected with Freemasonry. The ruling motive or principle in the management of our schools during the period I have been associated with them—extending over twenty years—has been to treat the children as if they were members of your own family, as in a sense, I hope understood by at least the large majority of Masons, they undoubtedly are—and to deprive the benefits they receive of everything that would imply an idea of charity. This has been successfully achieved, not without cost, I admit, and until I know to what extent similar notions prevail in other institutions, it is idle and fallacious to attempt analytical comparisons of expenditure.

If those who find their highest gratification in microscopically dissecting accounts, and in denouncing what they term extravagance, are in earnest, why do they not give notice of motion for the Quarterly Courts to the effect "that the present management of the Masonic schools is disapproved, and that the children therein shall be educated and maintained at a cost not exceeding £—per head. We shall then have a fair chance of arriving at the real feeling of the governors and subscribers by whose voluntary contributions the institutions are supported. From the time of the controversy now going on, an outsider would imagine that our institutions are maintained by a poll tax, or by an enforced rate, instead of by voluntary effort. I state with confidence that hundreds of donations have been given entirely on account of the care and attention paid to health and comfort in our establishments, and have every reason to believe that many of our kindest friends and most liberal contributors would discontinue their assistance were we to adopt a cheeseparing policy of parsimony.

As to the comparative expenditure for clothing and pro-

visions I decline to enter fully until I am in a position to ascertain the particulars of the quantity and quality of the former and of the diet regulating the latter in the various institutions of a somewhat kindred nature, though I will quote the cost of these items in one or two schools. The cost is for

	Clothing.	Provisions.
Royal Medical Benevolent	7 18 3	17 12 9
Clergy Orphan	5 10 4	17 2 7
British Orphan	5 4 8	13 8 9

	Average	
Masonic Boys' School	7 11 7	12 11 9

But let us turn to two other important items, and with reference to these I will quote from the reports of the above and other societies, because in school labours and office work there is closer affinity than in details such as the above, and because in respect of one of these items many unjust and undeserved strictures have been published.

	Number.	Office Expenses.			School Salaries and Wages.		
		Total.	Per Head.		Total.	Per Head.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Royal Medical Benevolent	200	1189 11 2	5 19 0		2947 12 7	14 4 9	
Clergy Orphan	110	731 9 9	6 13 0		1134 15 8	10 6 4	
British Orphan	182	1447 19 7	7 19 1		1117 1 1	6 2 9	
Warehousemen and Clerks	143	983 11 11	6 17 7		804 3 2	5 12 5	
Commercial Travellers	288	1301 10 4	4 10 4		1317 8 10	4 11 6	
Average		1130 16 6	6 7 9		1464 4 3	8 5 7	
Masonic Boys' School		959 10 10	6 3 0		1286 2 8	8 4 10	

I have abjured fractions, and have given our office expenses in two accounts, the smaller exclusive, the larger inclusive, of the £200 so "suspiciously" placed in another account, and which, from the special circumstances attending it I still contend ought not to form part of the ordinary charge.

I regret not having obtained a larger number of reports, but the above will afford evidence that in our expenditure there is no such extravagance as to warrant the serious accusations brought against us.

You very justly draw attention to the Report of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee issued in October, 1868, and I hope its reproduction in your columns may not be without effect. The peculiar circumstances of our position are there put forcibly and fairly, and I contend that it is neither wise nor just to attempt the disparagement of an institution by contrasting it unfavourably with others with which no strict grounds of comparison exist. Our system has been the growth of ten years' approval of numerous, distinguished, and influential members of the Craft, by whom, as well as by a large number of well-qualified judges belonging to the outer world, the entire arrangements of the establishment at Wood Green have been awarded the highest praise and admiration.

All that is now needed is the best possible middle class Education combined with good discipline, and this I conscientiously believe we are now in a fair way of securing.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

London, 6th December, 1875.

WHAT'S IN THE WIND NOW?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is it true that some few brethren in West Yorkshire are preparing a scheme for a snug little berth for an ex-Master of the Boys' School? One should like to know. For just now some few brethren of that most distinguished province seem to be running-a-muck at our Metropolitan Educational Institutions.

Yours fraternally,

A YORKSHIRE TYKE.

THE FORCE OF HABIT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

How difficult it is for a man to lay aside his ordinary habits may be estimated any day by carefully watching ourselves and those around us. Particular forms of speech or action become so ingrained in us, that no

matter how inappropriate the time or place, we find it impossible to leave them off. An example or two will best explain this. Suppose a man, remarkable for the force rather than elegance of his diction, finds himself in the society of respectable chapel-going elderly ladies: how frequently he will have to beg their pardon for his want of appreciation of the conversational value of the letter "h," as compared with the monosyllable "damn;" or suppose a gang of miners, listening to one of their fellows as wraptly and rapturously as to the parson (during a strike) while he relates to them the historic encounter of "Brumby;" how instinctively they all throw themselves into that elegant attitude known as "squatting on their haunches," which they have long accustomed themselves to down the pit. And if these things be so in their cases, and many similar ones in our own, how can we wonder that a distinguished W.M. of a metropolitan lodge, who rose at a meeting of the Criterion Building Society to second a proposition, should do so after saluting the chairman in the approved Masonic manner.

A.L.H.

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A Provincial Grand Lodge, comprising three counties, and meeting alternately in the principal town of each county, passed, five years ago, the following resolution:—

"That at the annual Election of P.G. Officers the Senior Warden retire, and the other officers to be promoted one step, so that the Inner Guard's place alone has to be filled up, and that by a brother from the three counties alternately."

This rule was duly entered in the minute book of the Provincial Grand Lodge, signed in due time by the R.W. D.G. Master, and acted on with great success, without intermission or question as to its utility; but it was not on the book of bye-laws, as we had not any printed since, nor was it reported to the Grand Lodge of the country for confirmation, as this was deemed unnecessary.

At the last election, however, the members of the county where the election was held, without notice of any sort, without rescinding the above rule, proposed and elected members of their own county only to all the various offices from P.I.G. to P.S.W.

Will you kindly inform me whether this election is legal, or ought another election to take place, as there is considerable doubt whether the election, having taken place on the day appointed by the bye-laws, can be disturbed?

FAIR PLAY.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has just been directed to a letter in one of your issues having reference to the above club.

I beg to assure your correspondent that no little has been lost in securing suitable club premises, and I have every reason to hope that a few days will enable me officially to notify to those interested the situation and date of opening.

As I am not writing with the authority of the Directors, I take this opportunity of saying that each of those brethren have spared neither time or trouble in looking after and promoting the undertaking.

The difficulty has been in obtaining premises and to know for what number to make provision, which would have been obviated by intending members sending in their names earlier.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN A. LATEBURY.

COLOURED MASONS IN THE UNITED STATES V. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of October 23rd you have given your decision against the legality of the coloured Masons in the United States because their lodge was erased from the English list of lodges in 1813. But I beg respectfully to ask whether you can find in the history of Freemasonry, during the last century, any Grand Lodge that was formed on the Continent of Europe, or in America, which acted in a different manner from that of the African Lodge at Boston?

Thus, France received its first charter from England in 1724, and within a dozen years the French Lodge, or lodges, formed themselves into a Grand Lodge. And so it was with Holland; and so it was with all the lodges on the American continent.

In 1769 the Grand Lodge of Scotland sent a deputation to Dr. (afterwards General) Joseph Warren appointing him Prov. G.M. over a certain part of New England. Gen. Warren died on Bunker Hill in 1775, and on March 8th, 1777, the officers of this defunct Scotch Provincial Grand Lodge formed themselves into an independent Grand Lodge by the name or title of "The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts;" and in 1792 the several lodges, which originally owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, also formed themselves into an independent Grand Lodge, and then the two Grand Lodges united. It will be seen that the coloured Masons of Boston followed the example set them by their white brothers at that period, for neither the Scotch, nor the English lodges in Boston, consulted their respective parent Grand Lodges as to whether they might or might not secede.

There was even no formal notice sent to the Grand Lodge of England that the Boston white Masons did secede (vide letter of Wm. White below), and I frankly admit that in the light of Masonic law of to-day their unceremonious secession from their parent Grand Lodge was illegal; yet, what was the practice at that time with American Grand Lodges? We find, as we have already said,

that on March 8th, 1777, the Masons of Boston, of Scottish origin, without the counsel or consent of their parent Grand Lodge, formed a Grand Lodge at Boston, under the name of "The Massachusetts Grand Lodge."

Again, the St. John's Grand Lodge claiming to have descended from English authority, without giving previous notice, or in any way notifying their mother Grand Lodge, united with their Scottish brethren and formed the present Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. This they did in 1792.

Now, if in consequence of the illegal action of the African Lodge, the coloured Masons in the United States have lost their right as Masons, why should you not also deprive the white Masons of their Masonic rights, because their predecessors in 1777, and in 1792, did in like manner unceremoniously secede from their parent Grand Lodges? There can be but one reason; and that is this: one was white and the other black.

It will be seen that in 1868 the late D.G.M., C. W. Moore, of Boston, wrote to the R.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Lodge of England, asking whether he (Bro. Hervey) did not think that the coloured Masons in the United States were an illegitimate body. Bro. Hervey replied in the affirmative; but the letter had scarcely been mailed when Bro. Hervey came to an opposite conclusion, and he immediately wrote another letter to Bro. Moore recalling his first decision. And in conversation upon the subject with Bro. Jacob Norton, Bro. Hervey told Bro. Norton that he really could not see any difference between the legality of the white and coloured organizations in the United States.

In 1870 Bro. W. S. Gardner made a strong effort to prove the illegitimacy of the coloured lodges. Bro. Jacob Norton reviewed Bro. Gardner's address, and Bro. Gardner frankly admitted afterwards that Bro. Norton dealt fairly and squarely in his criticisms, assuring him, however, that when he compiled his address he did not know of Bro. Hervey's second letter.

That was the only objection Bro. Gardner made to Bro. Norton's article, and in the following issue of the "Masonic Monthly" Bro. Norton exonerated Bro. Gardner from the charge of ignoring the second letter of Bro. Hervey. The same year, 1871, Bro. Joseph Robbins, as chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, also reviewed Bro. Gardner's address in the proceedings of the G.L. of Illinois, and indorsed fully and unequivocally Bro. Norton's arguments.

And, last but not least, the G.L. of Ohio, at its last annual session, gave utterance in our favour, as the following will show:—

"Proposed Recognition of the Coloured Grand Lodge of Ohio.

"Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the annual address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and accompanying documents as relates to the so-called coloured lodges, and more especially to the coloured Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio, have given the subject careful consideration, and respectfully submit the following:—

"We do not propose, nor do we deem it necessary, at this time, to enter into the history of the origin of so-called coloured Freemasonry in this country. That subject has been fully discussed in all the Grand Lodges and Masonic periodicals of this country for more than 25 years past. Your committee deem it sufficient to say that they are satisfied beyond all question that coloured Freemasonry had a legitimate beginning in this country, as much so as any other Freemasonry; in fact, it came from the same source.

"Your committee will not attempt, at this time, to investigate as to the transmission of this legitimate beginning down to the present time, when we find more than 40 subordinate lodges and a Grand Lodge of so-called coloured Freemasons, and an aggregate of more than 800 members in the State of Ohio. Your committee have only to say that such is the fact.

"Your committee have the most satisfactory and conclusive evidence that these coloured Freemasons practise the very same rites and ceremonies, and have substantially the same esoteric or secret modes of recognition, as are practised by the universal family of Freemasons throughout the world.

"The question of the recognition of these coloured Freemasons has long been before this Grand Body, and your committee feel that its importance is pressing upon us and demanding, prompt, serious, and decided action.

"Your committee, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution:—

"Resolved, by the 'Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio,' that this Grand Body will recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of Coloured Free Masons of the State of Ohio as a legitimate and independent Grand Lodge, on condition that the so-called Coloured Grand Lodge shall change its constitutional title, so that it shall read as follows: 'The African Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio.' And if the so-called Coloured Grand Lodge shall accept the recognition and make the suggested change in its constitutional title, then, and in that case, upon said being reported to the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, under the seal of said body, then the M. W. Grand Master is hereby authorized and instructed to issue his proclamation to the subordinates to this Grand Lodge, and to the Grand Lodges throughout the world with which we are in fraternal correspondence, recognising the said Coloured Grand Lodge as an independent Grand Lodge in the State of Ohio, under the title of 'The African Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio.'

"Respectfully submitted.

"L. V. BIERCE.

"E. T. CARSON.

"F. WILLIAMS.

"C. A. WOODWARD.

"L. H. PIKE."

After discussion thereon, Bro. Lewis H. Williams, W.M. Russellville Lodge, No. 166, now R.W. Grand Junior

Warden, moved that final action on the subject matter of the Coloured Grand Lodge, as above, be deferred until the next annual Communication, which was agreed to.

In the name of justice to a wronged race, I therefore beg you to publish the above in the "Freemason," and also Bro. Norton's article above alluded to, so that English Masons may learn to understand the true nature of the controversy; and when once the truth is known, I am satisfied that English justice will decide in our favour.

Yours, in behalf of truth and justice,

LEWIS HAYDEN,
P.G.M. Prince Hall Grand Lodge.
"London, August 20th, 1792."

"Right Worshipful Brother,—

"I have the pleasure of sending inclosed the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, by which you will perceive the flourishing state of our society, and in the account of the 24th November, 1787, you will find accredited your donation to the Charity Fund ten dollars, sent by Capt. Scott, and that of the 18th of April last your donation of one guinea. I am much obliged to you for the summons you sent me, which I think very well written, and very appropriate for the occasion. When you next write to me I should be obliged to you if you would let me know if the lodges in the inclosed list, which were constituted by the Grand Lodge of England, are yet in being, as we have never heard from them since the commencement of the late war in America, or, indeed, long before, and in case they have ceased to meet, which I rather apprehend, they ought to be erased from our list of lodges. I am much obliged to you for the account you give respecting your own lodge, to which I sincerely wish success as I should be happy to have it in my power to contribute thereto. I, inclosed, send you one of the calendars for the present year, which I beg your acceptance.

"I remain, with fraternal regard, Right Worshipful Brother, your obedient Servant and Brother,

"(Signed) "WILLIAM WHITE."

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1872, page 381."

COLOURED LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Only few words as answer to the last article of the "Freemason" on this question. If the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Boston, i.e., the African Lodge, was ever for some time gone asleep and inactive, but still in possession of its warrant, as was the case, then it had without any doubt the right to assume labour as a just and perfect lodge, and the more so as her mother, the Grand Lodge of England, had not erased it from the roll. But there is no evidence that the African Lodge was at any time dormant. Bro. Dr. R. Barthelmess, of Brooklyn (now at Nuremberg) has published in the "Bauhütte," 1861, a report, drawn from the memorials of Bro. Prince Hall, containing the letters to the Grand Lodge of England and the answers of its Grand Secretary. This correspondence proves that the Grand Lodge of England, as in many other instances, did not answer and not much care for her daughter. This correspondence between Prince Hall and the Grand Lodge goes from 1784 to 1806, and not sooner than 1819 Prince Hall Grand Lodge declared herself independent. If my dear English brethren will direct their attention to Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry, 1795, 2 ed.; to Jones' Masonic Miscellanies, eds. 1797 and 1811; to the Freemasons' Anthologie of 1813, they will find, that the African Lodge is made mention of as an active lodge, and as a legitimate daughter of Grand Lodge of England. But, alas, there is at last a happy end of this question, as will be seen from the admirable and truly Masonic documents of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, to which, I am sure, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will follow. I make no other remark, as these important documents, the pride of American Masonry, speak for themselves.

J. G. FINDEL.

[We do not republish these printed documents, as they have been before the public, the more so, as we also publish a letter from America on the subject.—ED.]

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the 6th of March last you kindly inserted a letter of mine, on the above very important subject, and you were pleased to make some complimentary remarks upon the perspicuity of my plans for removing the baneful results of the present lax system. I advocated a complete system of enquiries—that no person should be initiated, nor a brother affiliated, in any place elsewhere than where he resides without making certain enquiries—under severe penalties. I explained a system "in extenso," that any brother who takes an interest in the matter will, perhaps, do well to refer to the letter above alluded to. It is so seldom this subject gets ventilated that I beg you will grant me the space I now ask.

I am proud of being a Mason, would like to see all my best friends in our ranks, yet nothing would induce me to importune them to enter. I would never stoop to proselytism.

If brethren would but bear in mind that portion of the charge at initiation, what an amount of good would accrue to our Order.

"By refraining to recommend anyone to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong grounds to believe that, &c." I underline strong, but instead of this many lodges seem to look upon making Masons as a matter of "work," or "fees," having a meeting they "must have a candidate." Two instances of this deplorable state of things has recently come under my notice; my wish is to place them before the Craft to illustrate the necessity of stringent rules.

1. A young man in business on his own account does

not seek admission in the town where he resides, but goes to London and is at once admitted and in due time becomes a M.M. Now had this man sought initiation in his own town he could not possibly have been received, for it was known he was carrying on a fraudulent trade, which culminated in fictitious claims on railway companies, &c., Making the place too hot, he ran his country.

2. A man in the confidential loan and "status" enquiry business sought, admission to a lodge held in the town where he resided—he had been heard to say that his object was to further his business (especially the latter portion). The lodge knowing the man's character, and business traits, and having heard of the above remarks, refused him admission. He went to London and in a short time became a full-blown Mason. Within eighteen months of his initiation he had bolted from England—investigation of his affairs showed that he had embezzled some hundreds of pounds—swindled his creditors; lastly, he deserted his wife and family.

In neither case did the London lodges make the slightest enquiries of lodges held where these men had resided for years, and were well known—one having been already refused—but they admitted them, to the disgrace of the Order.

Wherever these men go they are English Masons. I ask, is it not a scandal that such blots should be seen on our escutcheon?

In case No. 2, when the man was newly initiated he went about snapping his fingers in the face of Masons, saying, "I am a Mason in spite of you all," and once, in a public room, was heard to remark (after shaking hands) "that so and so were Masons, but so and so were not," as he had just proved.

Will not Grand Lodge give us the power to protect ourselves? The apathy of many of those high in power is really surprising. If every Mason would but take the trouble to report to you every case, (similar to these two) that came to his knowledge, we should soon have the "Freemason" teeming with them, week after week, until steps would have to be taken.

What are we drifting to? English Craft Masonry will soon be on as low a level as Scotch, or perhaps as friendly societies whose members delight to parade the streets in regalia. In which case our Craft Lodges will but become "a matter of form to go through" for those who wish to enter the High Grades, where (in such a case) as each lands, he kicks away the ladder as an unclean thing.

In conclusion let me beg of the brethren to rally round the glorious old Craft, and prevent such a future as I have sketched, that when it is said of a man "he is a Mason," the world may know him to be a good man. I trust abler pens than mine will follow up this subject.

Fraternally yours,

"AD REM."

MASONIC LIBRARIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter from Bro. S.B.E. will, I hope, draw the special attention of the members of lodges to the desirability of forming Masonic libraries.

In addition to the many advantages resulting from libraries, so graphically described by Bro. S.B.E., who is evidently a warm-hearted Mason, and does not begrudge his subscriptions for his Masonic papers and works, I may mention one important reason why such a subject should receive the support of the members of the Craft generally.

How many lodges keep their old minutes, and books presented by the members from time to time. In preparing the history of an old lodge the other day, I was more than surprised to find from an examination of the records that very many books, and several volumes of the minutes had disappeared, and the majority were quite unknown to the present members. I found few of the quarterly communications preserved, all the "Freemasons' Magazine" lost, and a chance copy of the "Freemason" here and there, &c.

Now, all these would, in all probability, have been preserved had there been a Masonic library in connection with the lodge, and from the want of it, the brethren are now lamenting the loss, which no money can replace, for much of the history of the lodge in times gone by is lost for ever.

I need not attempt to say more to induce the members of the lodges to consider the vital question of the establishment of Masonic libraries, for those who have read Bro. S.B.E.'s communication, or have at all thought over the matter, will see the necessity for action, and I hope many lodges will set their house in order at once.

There are many Masonic libraries scattered over the country, and several more than Bro. S.B.E. has fingers on his hands—if of the usual number. The more the better.

REVIRESCO.

"NOBLE GRANDS."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe in to-day's "Freemason" a report of a lecture delivered by Dr. Hunter to the Bath Literary and Philosophical Association on the 24th ult., in which he says:—

"What he knew of Masons was all in their favour as a benevolent society, but it was the opinion of the experts of police that Englishmen were not admitted to a knowledge of the real objects of the Order, and that although noble men and princes might be called Grand Grands and Noble Grands, they were merely marionettes whose strings were pulled by a secret council sitting somewhere in Germany."

I think before a man undertakes to lecture on Masonry, or even to touch on it in his lectures, he ought to know better than to attribute to us such very foolish titles as "Grand Grands and Noble Grands." It is bad enough (as is sometimes done) to appoint a "Grand Provincial Superintendent of Works," who can neither name the orders

of architecture nor superintend the erection of a pig-stye. My brother Oddfellows, I am sorry to say, still retain the foolish title of "Noble Grand" for president of a lodge, but they did not derive the name from any Masonic body; but borrowed or stole it from the Ancient Order of Bucks, which was a burlesque on the Craft.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.
Rose Cottage, Stokesley, Dec. 4th, 1875.

AN OLD JEWEL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The jewel described at page 540 is an old Mark badge, possibly of Ireland; and the figure attended by the lion is that of the Evangelist St. Mark. Our theory, to which I subscribe, is that the Mark degree represents that skilled branch of the Fellow Crafts to which was entrusted the geometric form or more florid ornamentation required in the component stones of the building, and which they identified, each by the mark he had adopted. Is it possible that any other theory has ever prevailed, and that this section of the Craft was ever alleged to be called "Mark Masonry" after the name of the Evangelist? I cannot make these few observations without alluding to the use in this degree of the passage "read Mark," &c., which appears to me so strange and far-fetched an application of the one word, generally made very prominent, that I should be glad to see a revision in this.

LUPUS.

THE "MASONIC MAGAZINE."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to draw the attention of my brother Knights Templar to the valuable and interesting address of the Grand Prior of Canada which appears in the December number of the Magazine. It is important that all should read it before attending Grand Priory on the 10th inst. The Magazine is interesting this month in many ways, particularly to our wives and daughters.

There are three or four illustrations, including a capital woodcut of our Grand Secretary.

Wishing every success to the Magazine,

I am, fraternally yours, EMMA HOLMES, Æ 31.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

In my letter in your last issue headed "A Past Master" there appears a mistake in the latter part of it as follows: "Bro. Henry Ingham has no such rank as P.M. inasmuch as he has not contributed to any Craft Lodge since March, 1875," it should have been since March, 1870. Will you kindly make the correction and oblige,

Yours fraternally, JIM SHEARD, P.M. 971.
Batley, December 6th, 1875.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 17, 1875.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Special General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F. M. H.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1423, Era, Kings' Arms Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1426, The Great City, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hot., Adelphi.

INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road.
Sinai Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F. M. H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F. M. H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 957, Leigh, F. M. H.
Chap. 1118, University, F. M. H.
" 1319, Asaph, F. M. H.
Rose Croix, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-street Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.
Metropolitan, Coach and Horses Hot., 323, Strand.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F. M. H.
" 166, Union, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F. M. H.
" 186, Industry, M. H., Masons' Avenue.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem, Clerkenwell.
" 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

- Lodge 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 933, Doric, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, M. H., Mason's Avenue.
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F. M. H.

INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-st. Within.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Ho., Hand-court, Holborn.
Percy, Grapes Tav., Little Windmill-st., W.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Metropolitan Chapter, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

- Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 700, Nelson, M. H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, F. M. H.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho., Wandsworth.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, F. M. H.

INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Cas. Tav., Southwark-bd.-rd.
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Confidence, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, Globe, F. M. H.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
" 1287, Great Northern, F. M. H.
" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tav., Herne-hill.
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M. H.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford Row.

INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
United Mariners', Three Cranes, Mile-end-road.
Whittington, Crown Tav., Holborn.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 112, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Doric Chapter, Three Cranes Tav., Mile-end-road.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 201, Jordan, F. M. H.
Preceptory 6, St. George's, Albion, Aldersgate.
Rose Croix, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.

INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F. M. H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 18, 1875.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13.

- Lodge 292, Sincerity, M. H., Liverpool, at 4.
" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
" 721, Independence, M. R., Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Harrington, M. H., Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh M. H., Liverpool, at 6.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan, at 6.30.
" 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Mas. Rooms, Warrington.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 9.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes.
Chap. 537, Zion, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
" 613, Bridson, M. H., Southport, at 7.
Downshire L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

- Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Ho., Ormskirk.
Mark Lodge, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hot., Hyde.
Downshire L. of I., M. H., Liverpool, at 7.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, Mas. Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby.
St. John's L. of I. (673), M. H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I. (1182), M. H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 18, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13.

- Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.
" 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
" 205, Garthland, St. Winnoch, Lochwinnoch.
" 219, Star, 12, Trogate.
" 307, Union and Crown, Masonic Hall, Barrhead.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
" 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
" 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
" 541, Marie Stuart, M. H., Crosshill.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
" 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.
" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street, Kingston.
" 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 543, St. John's, M. H., Dalmaur.
Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

- Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, M. H., Partick.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st.
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-street, at 3.
Chap. 150, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.
Lodge 22, St. John's Kilwinning, George H., Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 465, St. Andrew's, M. H., Garngad Road.
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent Road, Glasgow.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
" 31, St. Mary's Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Wellgate-street, Larkhall.
" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 471, St. John's, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18.

- Lodge 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Kilbride.
" 544, St. Andrew's, M. H., Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 18, 1875.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13.

- Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- Lodge 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Ho., Waterloo-pl.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicholson-st.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.
" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.
Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street, Leith.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- Chap. 83, St. Andrew, F. M. H., George-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—This large lodge held one of its most interesting and important meetings of the year, on the 10th inst., at Anderson's Hotel. We say "interesting and important" as the election night of a lodge is both interesting to the Craft, as the lodge gives to it, for good or ill, another ruler; and important to the lodge, as for a year it commits itself to the government of one of its members, who, too, will represent it on all occasions among the other rulers in Grand Lodge. That the lodge was fully alive to the importance of the occasion was shown by the very large attendance, nearly 100 members being present and more than two-thirds of the members recorded their votes. Bro. George Everett, the W.M., occupied his chair, and commenced his work by going through the ceremony of raising in a manner worthy of a lodge of this character. A touching event of the evening was that the father performed this ceremony in respect to his own son, Bro. G. L. Everett, to whom was given a privilege which must endear to him the Craft until his latest hour. We should be afraid to say how many brethren had this degree bestowed, but so many as to necessitate the ceremony being repeated again and again. Everything is done on a big scale in the Domatic, hence it was necessary to do the same in regard to the ceremony of passing, for no less than nine names were down for this degree. Fortunately for the lodge there was no initiation, not that no names were on the paper, but the candidates did not show in time, and therefore the lodge proceeded to that work of the evening which would govern directly the coming year—the election of Master. The ballot was taken, and Bro. Treadwell, the Senior Warden, was elected by exactly the same numbers as the W.M. who then faced him, showing that the members are faithful to the principle of electing a Senior Warden who is considered worthy of the "highest honour the lodge has it in its power to bestow upon any of its members." Bro. Willing, the Junior Warden up to this night, is evidently a great favourite, and his energetic service as acting Secretary, as well as the instruction he is always able and willing to impart, would bring to the minds of his brethren the idea that there could be no mistake, as regards work, in having so well informed a brother at the top of the tree, instead of near the top; but the brother did not support these views, for he went to his Secretarial duties, leaving his chair in the hands of an able brother. Bro. Joseph Smith was elected again as Treasurer, and it came out in the course of the speeches that Bro. Smith (whose other titles it is unnecessary to give) had been upwards of 36 years in the lodge, which statement was greeted warmly, and hopes were expressed—and there is every hope of their fulfilment—that Bro. Treas. Smith would be in the same condition of excellent health when the like period should again have passed. The proposal to present the retiring W.M. with the P.M.'s jewel, set before the lodge by Bros. J. Smith and F. Kent, was adopted unanimously, and very many kind things were said of him in regard to the success which had attended his year, and the perfect manner in which he had performed his work. It was then proposed to present the W.M. with a "scroll" on parchment, but the W.M. said he was content with the honour he had already received. It was then proposed by the W.M. elect, seconded by the Senior Deacon, Bro. Palmer, to present the W.M. with the cost of the Installation jewel, and it was put to the lodge that more respect could be felt for a jewel which was presented than for one which was paid for by the wearer. The sentiment was loudly applauded, but the strange question was raised as to the "legality" of the lodge paying for the jewel, the speaker saying, indeed, that no one elected could be a Steward without paying for the jewel—(when the fact is that the payment for the jewel was not asked for until a month after the installation), and the W.M. raised a laugh by saying that the brethren seemed desirous to overwhelm him—a fact which was, perhaps, owing to the weather—declining, at the same time to be reimbursed the cost of representing the lodge on the occasion. The lodge being closed, the members adjourned to an excellent banquet, and no fewer than nineteen visitors were present. After the cloths were cleared away the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, and in giving the toast of "Past and Present Grand Officers," he pointed to the fact that the

Domatic had three P. Grand Officers in the P.M. ranks, and Bro. P.M. Adams responded. Bro. J. Smith, in the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. F. Kent, C.C., who was absent from the banquet on account of the illness of a relative, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in doing so said that the brethren would, by toasting Brother Everett, be giving honour where honour was due. If Bro. Everett had not been of a modest disposition he would have been W.M. years before, but he would not take upon himself the office until he was competent for the duty, and when he was competent and stood forward for the office, the lodge elected him, and the members had had no reason to repent of the choice they had made, for the way in which he had performed these ceremonies presented a model for any following W.M. to follow. There were following in the steps of Bro. Everett many worthy brethren; but the lodge would always look back with pleasure on the year of office of the brother who was then retiring. In all the thirty-six years which had passed since he himself had been a member there had only been one member whose Mastership was looked back upon with regret, and this fact showed that the members exercised the greatest discretion in electing to this post. The toast was drunk with all honours, and Bro. Walls sang an old melody with excellent taste and feeling. The W.M., in responding, thanked the Treasurer for the kind way in which he had submitted the toast, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received it. He said that when he undertook the office he had full need of assistance, and this was cheerfully given to him by the Past Masters and his officers, all of whom he thanked warmly for the help which had enabled him to pass through his year of office with comparative ease. Referring to the kind things said of him in lodge, he said he believed that there had been a general understanding for them to pour down kindness on him—a kindness which he was sure was sincere. He then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters." Bro. Walford responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and said he hoped the nineteen present would accept the cordial welcome of the lodge, but, he said, when a lodge sat down so strong it was impossible to give any special attention to the visitors. He called upon Bro. While, W.M. of 128 (representing the "Freemason") to respond, and he, on behalf of the visitors, expressed the perfect satisfaction with which everything, both before and behind the curtain, had given to himself and his 18 visiting brethren. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M. Elect," expressed the satisfaction which the election of Bro. Treadwell in regular order had given to him. Bro. Treadwell, in responding, said that he was proud of the position to which he had been elected, and that he should follow in the steps of those who had gone before him by preferring a step higher each officer in the lodge. The Treasurer and Secretary were next toasted, and the former responded, saying that he could testify to the excellence of the work carried out by Bro. Willing, who got in the money in a most successful manner, and it was to be hoped that next year would see Bro. Willing standing before them as W.M. elect. The toast of "The Officers," given by the W.M., brought the merits of every brother thus distinguished to the front, and each answered for himself—Bros. Palmer, S.D.; Buscal, J.D.; George Clarke, I.G.; White, Steward; and Spinks, Assistant Steward. "The Tyler's" toast brought the proceedings to a close at 10 o'clock, and then those who cared to stay enjoyed themselves with song and recitation, Bros. Walls, Palmer, Jones, W.M., and other brethren contributing to the harmony.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, Dec. 3rd. Present: Bros. J. J. Limebeer, W.M.; H. J. Green, S.W.; R. W. Williams, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, Chaplain; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Midx., P.M., Sec.; C. W. Williams, S.D.; W. Kipps, I.G.; E. W. Chetwynd, D.C.; J. Gilbert, P.G.T. Midx., Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Waugh, P.G.P.; H. Keeble, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Graham, P.M. 700; F. B. Williams, 162; H. Nell, 1326; Raiman, 205. The minutes of the meeting held in September were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. J. J. Limebeer, passed Bro. C. Marr to the Second Degree. Some propositions were received for initiations and joinings. The usual banquet followed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The regular meeting of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, was held on Saturday, December 11th, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was very numerously attended by members and visitors. The visitors were Bros. Boyd, P.G.P.; Little, Secretary of the Girls' School; G. Simpson, 405, Scotch Constitution; A. Ebbatt, 463; R. Allison, 1806; C. P. McKay, 726; W. Marden, 205; P. F. Porsway, 1260; Swallow, W.M. 1563; E. White, S.W. 1563; J. Yolland, 1385; W. Morgan, 1385; J. R. Pitt, 463; Walton, 1445. The W.M., (Bro. J. Hamilton Townend), presided; Seex, S.W.; Stannay, J.W.; Moody, Sec.; Blockie, S.D.; Catchpole, J.D.; Hamer, D.C.; Hook, Org. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. Headon, I.P.M., taking the chair until the arrival of the W.M. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bros. Wright, Wynne, Cadot and Everett were raised to the Sublime Degree. The W.M. then very kindly and courteously resigned the chair to Bro. Henry Thompson, P.M., who, in an impressive manner, raised his son, Bro. W. G. Thompson (whom he had initiated and passed) and Bro. Bertram to the Degree of M.M., and gave the concluding portion of the ceremony to the other candidates for the Sublime Degree. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bros. Powell, Keith, Frith, Luggar and Hudd to the Second Degree, and afterwards initiated Messrs. Shore, Julius J. Wyler, Robert Lawson, and John March Ginders into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. On the motion of Bro. Moody, the Secretary, it was agreed that from the 1st of

January next the initiation fee shall be raised to ten guineas. Several propositions for initiation were made, and the lodge was closed after upwards of five hours of continuous working, and the brethren retired to a supper, which was exceedingly well served under the superintendence of Bro. Lord, the manager of the hotel. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. expressed his intention to carry out a most laudable principle he has inaugurated in this lodge, and that is the avoidance of long speeches in proposing the usual and formal toasts, and it is to be hoped that so good an example will not only form one of the "distinguishing characteristics" of this lodge, but be imitated by others, so that those who wish it may be enabled to reach their homes in good time, and thus save those who desire to do so the appearance of discourtesy in quitting the table before the usual complimentary toasts have been given and responded to. "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," having been duly honoured, Bro. Boyd, P.G. Purs., responded for "The Grand Officers," stating how gratified he had been at the working of the lodge, and that he had never seen better. He was at the consecration of it, he was glad to see the progress it had made, and he wished it the highest amount of prosperity. Bro. Headon, I.P.M., in a few well chosen sentences proposed "The Health of the W. Master," after which Bro. Hook, the Organist of the lodge, sung with great taste, "The Anchor's Weighed." The W. Master said while it was his wish to say as little as possible, he was greatly obliged to the brethren for their hearty response to the toast Bro. Headon had proposed. He was also obliged to them for the fraternal feeling which existed in the lodge, and which had always been shown to him since he entered it, and which, he trusted, would never depart from it, and that they would all do their best not only to promote happiness amongst themselves, but amongst those who might come after them. He then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," for which Bros. Stevens and Headon very briefly replied. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," saying that The Great City Lodge gave them a hearty welcome. Bro. Little, Secretary of the Girls' School, in responding, thanked the brethren for their hospitality and congratulated them on the success which had attended the lodge in the past two years, for it was now placed on a solid foundation which could never be disturbed, and must be a source of satisfaction to all who would follow in the chair. This was a lodge that any one might feel proud to belong to, and having been present at its consecration, he must offer his congratulations on the enormous success which had been achieved in the City of London. Bro. Swallow, W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge (recently consecrated), returned thanks for the invitation given to the officers of the lodge to visit that one in the City of London, and he was sorry that he could only bring one with him. He took it as a very kind act to give them the invitation, and in return he begged to invite all the officers of The Great City Lodge to visit them on the second Thursday in January, and they would then give them a fraternal welcome. Some other visitors responded. "The Initiates" and other toasts were proposed and responded to, and the proceedings were brought to a close at 11 o'clock.

CHELMSFORD.—Lodge of Good Fellowship (No. 276).—The installation of Bro. E. Hunt Carter, the W.M. elect for the Lodge of Good Fellowship, took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Shire Hall, the magistrates having, as usual, kindly placed the Grand Jury Room at the disposal of the lodge for this annual ceremony. We may here, perhaps, correct a statement which appeared a week or two since in a contemporary, in reference to the November meeting of the above-named lodge. The nomination of two brethren to fill the chair for the ensuing year was therein detailed, as was also the supposed result of the motion. No "motion" was made, nor could be made, according to the laws of the Craft, and the paragraph in this respect was a mere invention. About 20 of the brethren were eligible for the chair. It was also stated that Bro. J. Burton retired from the office of Treasurer, which he had held for about 20 years; this was correct, but nothing was said, in the paragraph referred to, as to a substantial acknowledgment to the Past Treasurer, which it was unanimously resolved should be awarded him, and a subscription list for which purpose was at once opened and has been heartily responded to, of which more in proper time. With this digression we will now return to the installation, and need only mention the name of W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, as the Installing Master, to let it at once be known that the ceremony was of the most impressive nature, and was acknowledged as such by the assembled brethren in true Masonic manner. The following amongst other brethren were present:—P.M.'s F. Whitmore, the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, A. Durrant, T. Smea, J. Nicholls, A. C. Veley, A. Goodchild, W. Pullen, E. Robbins, and J. P. Sarel; Bros. Rev. B. S. Barnes, Chaplain and P.M.; J. Burton, Treasurer and P.M.; H. E. Stidolph, S.D.; A. Ginn, J.D.; J. W. Hair, Sec.; D. M. B. Wheeler, I.G.; F. A. Jones, J. Wright Carr, Prov. Grand Secretary; R. W. Sheldermine, W. H. L. Pattison, Dr. Clarke, W. Tippler, Captain Bannister, E. Shedd, G. W. Pascal, J. P. Lewin, J. H. Peacock, &c., &c. The following visitors also honoured the lodge with their presence:—A. R. Clench (Colchester), J. B. Spence (Dorking), H. J. Moxon (London), A. Clapham (Dunmow), J. T. Weldon (Felsted), and F. Binckes (Secretary of the Boys' School), &c. In the course of the evening Bro. H. E. Stidolph tendered his resignation as S.D. and Organist. The new W.M., Bro. E. Hunt Carter, having been duly installed, proceeded to the appointment of his officers for the year as follows:—E. Robbins, S.W.; D. M. B. Wheeler, J.W.; A. Ginn, S.W.; — Borrodale, J.D.; F. Whitmore, Treasurer; J. Nicholls, Sec.; Rev. B. S. Barnes, Chap.; A. Durrant, D.C.; G. S. Toler, I.G.; T. S. Sarel, O.G.; G. W. Pascal and R. W. Sheldermine, Stewards. A vote of thanks was

accorded to the magistrates for the use of the Shire Hall. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the White Hart, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Sheldrake. The sum of £38 5s. was subscribed for the Boys' School.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, December 1st, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Smith, W.M., supported by the following officers and brethren:—S. S. Partridge, as I.P.M.; J. M. MacAllister, S.W.; G. W. Statham, J.W.; W. Wear, Treas.; C. E. Stretton, Sec.; S. Cleaver, S.D.; J. Ewing, 1391, as J.D.; J. Orlando Law, I.G.; G. Toller, I.P.M. 1560; J. T. Thorp, W.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.M. 523; T. Worthington, S.W. 50; E. Mason, S.W. 1391; R. Taylor, Sec. 523; also Bros. I. Hart, J. Farndale, W. E. Buck, J. Jessop, F. Crick, G. Manton, and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Mr. John Roadknight was initiated, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Bro. Israel Hart was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec. The W.M. announced that the next business was to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and called upon the Secretary to read the list of brethren qualified to serve as W.M., after which the ballot was taken, and resulted in the election of Bro. McAllister, S.W. The name of Malcolm McAllister will be familiar to all readers of Masonic meetings in the province of Leicestershire and Rutland. His Masonic career extends over a period of fifteen years, during which he has held high rank in Provincial Grand Lodge, as well as having been W.M. of the Mark Lodge, No. 19. He has also held every office in Craft lodges, either in Scotland or England. His working of the ceremonies has always been characterised by great exactness and dignity, and as this is combined with courtesy of manner, the brethren anticipate in the coming year a time of harmony and prosperity to St. John's Lodge.

NEWBURY.—Lodge of Hope (No. 574).—One of the most pleasant and prosperous years in the annals of Freemasonry in Newbury closed on Friday, the 10th inst., when Bro. John Bance vacated his position as W.M. of the Lodge of Hope. It is only a few years ago that the members of the Newbury Lodge formed so small a body that their numbers might have been counted on one's fingers, but since then the ancient Order has extended itself rapidly all over the world, and in the Newbury Lodge the number of the brethren has increased from eight or nine to about 50. During Bro. Bance's year of office several initiations have taken place, and at the present moment the lodge occupies a position which places it in the foremost rank in the list of Masonic lodges in the Province of Berks and Bucks, presided over by Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P. On Friday evening, Bro. Wheeler, of the Alfred Lodge, Oxford, was unanimously elected as a joining member; Bro. W. Balding was passed to the Second Degree; and Mr. Jarman, of H.M.'s Excise, was initiated, and took the Degree of E.A. At the conclusion of these ceremonies, which were performed by the Worshipful Master and his officers with much efficiency, the brethren proceeded to the election of the S.W., Bro. W. H. Herbert, of Wyfield Court, Boxford, as W.M. for the ensuing year, which was declared to have been unanimous. Bro. W. Knight subsequently proposed, and Bro. Cosburn seconded, that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Bance in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during the past year. The motion was unanimously carried. Bro. F. G. Hall, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bance moved that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Hall, as an acknowledgment of his valued services for many years past, and further that he be elected an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Biggs, P.M., Provincial Grand Secretary, seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. The lodge also voted £5 5s. to the Masonic Benevolent Fund, and £5 5s. to the Widows' Fund. Bro. Dodd was re-elected Tyler. At the close of the lodge business, the brethren, to the number of thirty, partook of a sumptuous supper at the King's Arms Hotel, liberally provided by the retiring W.M., Bro. Bance, who presided, supported by Bros. W. Biggs, P.G.S.; B. Fielder, F. G. Hall, T. Deller, G. Boyer, and A. Burns, P.M.'s; A. Stradling, Geo. J. Cosburn, P.G.S.; G. M. Knight, W. Knight, S. Knight, R. Ravenor, J.W.; S. G. Hunt, G. Glover, F. Lyon, E. Head, J. G. O'Farrell, Stacey, Hattatt, Smith, W. Balding, W. Wilson, W. Wheeler, Jarman, Dodd, and others. The W.M. elect occupied the vice-chair.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, 17th November, at Woolwich. Present: Bros. T. Ward, W.M.; S. Goddard, C. Norman, W. Graham, Past Masters; T. Butt, S.W.; F. Waters, J.W.; F. G. Dawson, P.M. and Treasurer; J. Henderson, P.M. and Secretary; A. Woodley, S.D.; J. Warren, J.D.; J. Wilkins, I.G.; E. Hobson, D.C.; B. Norman, O.G. Among the visitors were C. Cameron, 105 (Scotch); H. Pryce, 913; W. Gibson, 1536; P. Cullinan, 1331; E. G. Latham, 1536; and I. C. Jolly, 913. The work before the lodge was the raising of Bros. Saunders, Forme, and Fraser, the passing of Bro. Orford, and a motion by Bro. Dawson, having reference to the adjournment of the lodge for refreshment. Bro. Ward then, in a few chosen sentences, expressed the gratification it afforded all to hear such glowing accounts of our Royal Grand Master's reception by the people of India, and concluded by hoping that he would be spared to return and long rule the Craft, at the head of which he had been so unanimously placed. In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. P.M. Dawson (in the absence of Bro. Riches, I.P.M.) said he was again pleased of the opportunity of bearing testimony to the excellent working of the W.M.; he had upheld the prestige of the lodge, and he (Bro. Dawson) was sure that he would continue to uphold the standard of efficiency it had

attained, and he was convinced they would agree with him when he stated the W.M. was a credit to Masonry and to the lodge over which he so worthily presided. Bro. Ward in response, thanked P.M. Dawson for the kind remarks he had made, and the members for the manner in which they had received them; he had always taken the greatest interest in the working of the lodge, and had made it his business to study closely the working of the several W.M.'s who occupied the chair during the period he held subordinate offices, and had worked hard to obtain his present proud position amongst them. He was gratified to find the brethren appreciated his working, and he could assure them that he would conscientiously carry out the duties pertaining to his office, and he hoped that the same kind spirit would be shown him throughout the remainder of his year of office. He had made it a point through life to appreciate old friends, and he could look upon the many old friends present, and say that he was proud of their lasting friendship, and trusted that they would all, in the future, spend as many happy hours as they had done in past years. The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially given, and coupled with the name of Bro. Pryce, of the Pattison, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the conduct of business of the Nelson Lodge. This was supplemented by a few appropriate sentences by Bros. Latham and Cameron; the latter, although brief, was very happy in the comments he made, and fully bore out the opinion universally formed of him as a most fluent speaker. The health of the Past Masters of the lodge followed. Bro. P.M. Dawson replied to the toast. Past Master Charles W. Hobson, who arrived as Bro. P.M. Dawson was concluding his remarks, rose and informed the brethren that he had just arrived from Grand Lodge, where he had been with others to support the petition of one of the local brethren, and he was happy to inform them that they had been instrumental in obtaining a grant of £30 for him. The few words he had heard expressed by Bro. P.M. Dawson he quite concurred in, and he would be happy at all times to render that ready assistance due from him as a P.M. The W.M. said Bro. P.M. Hobson had rendered him a good service in representing him in this case at the Board of Benevolence. He could speak with great pleasure of the ready manner in which Bro. P.M. Hobson consented to undertake the duty, and he begged to tender him his thanks for it. The W.M. then cordially thanked Bro. Jolly for his kindness in reporting (with prudence) the successful meetings of the lodge, in the regularly authorised paper, the "Freemason." Bro. Jolly responded, and the brethren then separated.

ASHFORD.—Invicta Lodge (No. 709).—There was an unusually large gathering of Freemasons, not only of the Province of Kent, but of those belonging to more distant parts of the country, on Friday, the 10th inst., on the occasion of the installation at the Corn Exchange of Bro. Charles G. Robinson, Lieutenant Royal Navy, as Worshipful Master of the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, held in this town. Among the brethren present on the occasion were:—Bros. Eastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Kent; Thorp, Prov. Grand Treasurer; Blakey, P. Prov. A.D.C.; Goldfinch, P. Prov. J.D.; Warne, P. Prov. G.A.S.; Bathurst, P. Prov. G.R.; Finch, P. Prov. D.C.; Ashdown, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Clarke, P. Prov. G.P.; Greenhill, P. Prov. J.D.; Woodruff, P.M.; Chubb, Geraud, Terson, W.M. 199; and others. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P. Prov. G.S.W., Vicar of Chart Sutton, Staplehurst, the father of the Worshipful Master elect, who was inducted, according to the ancient rites, to the chair of King Solomon, where he received the homage of the assembled brethren. The newly-elected Master having appointed the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. At the termination of the Masonic business the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the Saracen's Head Hotel, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet, presided over by Bro. Robinson, the newly-appointed Master, who was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the leading brethren of the province. The usual Masonic and other toasts were duly given and responded to, the proceedings throughout being of a very agreeable character.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Bro. F. Iliffe, I.P.M., presided (the W.M., Bro. Henry T. Bobart, being unavoidably absent, owing to the illness of a relative). The brethren present were F. Campion, P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., Sec.; Theo. Hills, S.D.; G. Pipes, D.C.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; Thos. Slinn, Tyler; J. H. Biggs, J. Shaw, M. Hill, J. Griggs, J. O. Manton, J. Parkins, J. T. Eaton, J. Whales. Visitor, G. T. Wright, P.M. 731. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Griggs being a candidate for passing, was examined as to his proficiency in the former degree, and being entrusted, he retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Griggs was passed to that degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. Iliffe and Worsnop were appointed Auditors. A brother being proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until 5th Jan., 1876.

LLANGFNI.—Anglesea Lodge (No. 1113).—The annual installation meeting took place at the lodge room, Llangfni, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There was a large attendance of the brethren. Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith, P.M. St. Cybi, 597, was the installing officer. The following were installed, invested, and elected:—W.M., Bro. Edmund Hicks; S.W., Bro. Dr. Evan Williams; J.W., Bro. T. H. Warrington; S.D., Bro. T. Pritchard;

J.D., Bro. J. Inglis Williams; Sec., Bro. G. J. Hughes; Treas., Bro. W. Hughes; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin, I.P.M.; I.G., Bro. R. H. Williams; Steward, Bro. J. Crewdson; Tyler, Bro. Owen Roberts. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Bull Hotel. The visitors present included Bros. J. Peters, P.G.S.W., P.M. 597; B. Roose, W.M. 1488; Dr. Evans, P.M. 1113; Rev. H. Lloyd, 1488; F. F. Hills, 1488; J. Hughes, 1488; and O. Rowlands, 1488, St. Cybi.

EXETER.—Semper Fidelis Lodge (No. 1254).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 6th inst., to celebrate their seventh yearly festival; and, according to ancient custom, to install the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. B. Barber was unanimously selected at the previous lodge to fill the chair. Bro. H. W. Hooper, P. Prov. G. Reg., presented Bro. Barber to the installing Master, Bro. H. L. Brewster, P. Prov. G. Reg., as the W.M. elect for 1876. The ceremony of installation was most effectively gone through. The following brethren were then invested:—Bros. F. Horspool, I.P.M.; G. Huxham, S.W.; W. Brodie, J.W.; H. W. Hooper, Treas.; W. Pidsley, Sec.; E. T. Falford, S.D.; W. A. Gregory, J.D.; W. R. Commings, I.G.; W. Roberts, Org.; J. Sampson, C.; R. Nobbs, D.C.; F. Sanders, S.S.; H. Elmore, J.S.; P. L. Planchard, Tyler; Blanchard, jun., Asst. Tyler. Bro. Barber, in most appropriate language, and alluding to the happy Masonic year just brought to a close, as well as the many excellent and estimable qualities of the worthy brother, in the name of the lodge presented him with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge, added to which was an artistic and beautifully illuminated scroll (executed by Mr. Charles H. Clarke) containing the names of the brethren who had subscribed thereto, and the following inscription, viz:—"This scroll, together with a P.M.'s gold jewel, was presented to Bro. Frederick Horspool, the last of the Founders, by the Officers and Brethren of Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 1254, as a mark of their fraternal respect and esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during the past year." The scroll was mounted in a handsome frame, decorated with Masonic emblems, by the Messrs. Rowden. The jewel took the form of a Masonic square, suspended from the top bar by a gold ribbon, bearing in raised letters of solid gold the name and number of the lodge. Unanimous and long-continued applause heartily testified to the pleasure experienced by the brethren in thus conveying to the recipient such a tangible proof of their full appreciation of the successful efforts he had made (during his year of office) towards having the beautiful and impressive Masonic ritual carried out in all its integrity. Bro. Horspool, on stepping forward to acknowledge the receipt of the jewel and scroll, said he deeply felt the honour conferred upon him, and the handsome jewel would ever remind him of their great kindness. The beautiful scroll, hung up in his home, would be treasured by him and his. He was more than satisfied with his past year's work from the expressions of approval of those around him, and he trusted that the strings of the bond of union between Masons had been drawn more closely together, and Masonic principles had been thoroughly understood and practised during his year of office. The brethren adjourned to Bro. Langdon's, Globe Hotel, and partook of the annual banquet. Bro. Barber, as W.M., occupied the chair, supported by about forty of the brethren of Semper Fidelis and other sister lodges. The son of an old Exonian, Bro. J. H. Mance, of Lodge Commercial, No. 180, Scotland, responded to the toast of "Visiting Brethren."

LEICESTER.—Commercial Lodge (No. 1391).—This lodge held its monthly meeting on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. Present: Bros. R. A. Barber, P.P.G.P., W.M.; E. Mason, S.W.; B. Moore, J.W.; J. Ewing, Sec.; J. B. Hall, Treas.; A. Chamberlin, S.D.; G. Mott, J.D.; C. McBride, D.C.; Meadows and Hunter, Steward; E. T. Butler, I.G.; Past Masters Bro. G. Clifton, and numerous brethren. The visitors were Bros. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., and P.M. 523; J. T. Thorpe, W.M. 523. Mr. Edward Thomas Hutchinson was balloted for and elected, and initiated into the First Degree, the ceremony being ably worked by the W.M. The lecture on the First Training Board was given at length by Bro. Ewing, Sec.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, 11th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. J. W. Baldwin, W.M.; E. H. Thielay, S.W.; J. B. Langley, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.B. Middlesex, P.M. and Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. and Sec.; E. William Devereux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; B. Wright, D.C.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. Past Masters: Bros. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M.; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M.; T. H. Miller, P.G. Organist Middlesex, P.M. Visitor: Bro. A. Hart, 1339. Bro. J. W. Baldwin, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the meeting held in October were read and unanimously confirmed. The W.M. in an able manner raised Bros. A. Rumblelow, F. Hevrena, and F. H. Harvey. The bye-laws were then read. The elections resulted unanimously in Bros. J. B. Langley, J.W., being elected W.M., and T. J. Sabine, Treasurer, being re-elected Treasurer for the fourth time. J. Gilbert, Tyler, was re-elected for the fourth time. It was unanimously resolved that the usual twelve-guinea Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. J. W. Baldwin, W.M., for his efficient services rendered to the lodge. The Audit Committee was appointed.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 1505).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was recently held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the proceedings being greatly increased in interest by the fact that a very handsome presentation was made to Bro.

Henry Nelson, the first W.M. of the lodge, whose admirable ruling contributed so much to the success of the Emulation Lodge. The lodge was opened at half-past six o'clock by Bro. J. T. Callow, W.M., and amongst the officers and members present were Bros. H. Nelson, I.P.M.; H. Morris, S.W.; W. Quayle, J.W.; J. Haiken, Treas.; W. H. Corbise, Sec.; T. Large, J.D.; J. Capell, I.G.; C. Sidebotham, S.S.; H. Coulson, J.S.; J. Skeaf, Org.; J. Skelly, W. Banks, A. McKenzie, M. Shaney, T. Garratt, T. Walley, M. Drake, A. Pearson, P. Thomas, R. Foote, W. B. Roberts, J. Irving, J. Hodges, H. J. Akinson, and others. The visitors were Bros. T. Darcey, 914, Jamaica; M. Hart, S.W. 1502; J. W. Burgess, J.W. 1325; E. P. Butt, 1325; J. Jacobs, 724; G. Hutchin, S.W. 241; Rev. H. G. Vernon, M.A., P.P.G.C.W.L., P.P.G.C. Cheshire, P.M. 155; J. Williams, J.W. 1182; R. Washington, P.M. 1094; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; S. Campbell, 823; D. S. Davies, 216; G. Fowler, S.W. 216; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; William Forster, J.D. 249; G. J. Jones, 241; and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, several candidates were initiated, and a number of brethren raised. After some discussion it was agreed that the initiation fee should be raised to eight guineas. After the banquet, which followed business, Bro. J. T. Callow, W.M., presented Bro. H. Nelson, I.P.M., with a magnificent ornolu drawing-room eight day timepiece, with a handsome pair of vases en suite, and, in doing so, spoke in high terms of the services rendered by Bro. Nelson to the cause of Masonry generally, and the Emulation Lodge in particular. The timepiece was richly embellished in Sevres plaque, painted in Watteau subjects, mounted on gilt stand, under glass shades and bore the following inscription on a silver tablet in front:—"Presented to Bro. Henry Nelson by the members of the Lodge of Emulation, 1505, of Free and Accepted Masons, as a token of esteem for his untiring energy as one of its promoters, and for the efficient manner in which he performed the duties as first Worshipful Master. Liverpool, December, 1875." Bro. Nelson acknowledged the splendid gift in an excellent speech, assuring his brethren that he would continue to work for the good of the Order. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were giving during the evening.

CHISLEHURST.—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, 11th of December. There were present Bros. J. Coutts, P.J.P., W.M.; G. F. Guest, S.W.; W. Kipps, J.W.; J. Graffin, P.M., Sec.; J. Mason, S.D.; H. Gloster, J.D.; W. Hardman, I.G. Bro. J. Coutts, W.M., P.G.P., opened and closed the lodge. Feeling indisposed, he delegated all the work to Bro. J. Griffin, who, in his usual able manner, passed Bro. Kipps (brother to the G.W., who came up from Hull to take his degree). He then initiated Messrs. Joseph Williams, Lipman, Samuels, and Thomas Rayner Hayhow.

INSTRUCTION.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 153).—The annual festival of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd of December, at the Sir Robert Peel Tavern, Crescent-road, Plumstead, Bro. B. Plaisted's. Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 147 and 1155, was in the chair, and up till recently the Preceptor of the lodge. Among the company were Bros. Macdonald, S.W. 1158, the present Preceptor; Rose, P.M. 73 and 1475; Pownell, W.M. 1536 and S.W. 13; Henderson, P.M. 13, 700, &c.; &c.; Reed, J.W. 13; Weston, S.W. 1536; Goddard, P.M. 13; Loeing, P.M. 45; C. Meckell, and others. The dinner, which was both elegant and plentiful, gave unlimited satisfaction, and was much enjoyed. Upon the cloth being removed, the chairman gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which, it is needless to say, were well received and enthusiastically responded to. In proposing "The Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction," the chairman said that Lodges of Instruction were not so well attended as they should be. Many Masons thought that as soon as they had taken the three degrees that they had learnt all that Masonry had to teach, but never was there a greater mistake made; take the regular monthly meetings of most regular lodges, and they did not extend above six times a year, and in those lodges the whole of the work was seldom carried out, but in the Lodges of Instruction there was always the diligent and earnest Preceptor weekly at his post to go through and teach the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft to all who desired to be taught them. He then spoke of the difficulties attending the exertions of the Preceptors, and concluded an eloquent address by proposing "Continued Success to the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction." "The Health of Bro. Dilley" was then proposed by the Preceptor, Bro. Macdonald, in glowing terms. Bro. Dilley, in reply, spoke of his long and earnest love and work for Freemasonry, and owned he had had his reward in the many pupils of his that were now shining lights in their particular lodges. He felt proud of them, and their distinction was all the reward looked to by him; and he trusted they in their turn would do good work in teaching young Masons the beautiful and impressive mysteries of the Craft. He explained that having to enter a new line of business at Rotherhithe had compelled him to give up the Preceptorship of the lodge, and he left them with every confidence in the hands of Bro. Macdonald. He spoke of the difficulties attending even his getting from Rotherhithe that night (which place he declared was the last invented), and cautioned them first to look to business and then Freemasonry; for a man who neglected his business for Freemasonry was not a good Mason. It is impossible in our limited space to do justice to Bro. Dilley's excellent remarks, but they were cheered by the brethren most enthusiastically, and upon his retiring shortly after he received quite an ovation. "The Officers of the Lodge, Bros. Macdonald, Preceptor; Reilly and Syer, Secs.; and S. Goddard, Treas." were then honoured; and Bro. Reilly gave the following results of their first year:—Number of members, 111; 3

deaths; number of meetings, 48; total of attendants, 972; average of attendants, 204; subscriptions, fees, &c., £15 9s. 1d.; expenditure, £11 10s. 7d.; balance, £3 18s. 6d.; and no liabilities. "The Health of the Stewards, Bros. Macdonald, G. Davies, S. Goddard, N. Brown, H. S. Syer, and R. A. Smith" followed, and Bro. Goddard, in reply, said they commenced work with only a square for tools, and now they had everything of their own, with the exception of wands, and those they meant to have shortly. Several other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren.

Knights Templar.

CAMBRIDGE.—Tancred Preceptory.—An encampment was held at the Old Union Rooms, Cambridge, on Thursday, December 2nd, Sir Knt. the Rev. Dr. Bryan Walker, Preceptor. Comp. Raj Narain Mitra, of St. Catherine's College, and the Euclid Chapter, received the Degree of Knighthood; and Sir Knt. Professor R. Kalley Miller (Fellow of St. Peter's), was elected Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LEICESTER.—Byzantine Conclave (No. 44).—A meeting of this prosperous conclave (postponed from November in consequence of the consecration of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560), took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when there were present:—Sir Knts. W. Kelly, Int. Gen.; G. Toller, jun.; G. O.; S. S. Partridge, K.G.C.; F. J. Baines, M.P.S.; C. Stretton, Rev. W. Langley, Major Woodall, C. J. McBride, (Premier); and J. C. Duncombe, P. Sovs.; W. Weate, V.E.; W. Sculthorpe, Treas.; R. B. Smith, Rec.; J. T. Thorpe, S.G.; and most of the other officers Visitor, Sir Knt. B. Ellis, P. Sov. 120 (Sheffield). The first business was the enthronement of Sir Knt. Comp. J. C. Duncombe, V.E. as Hon. Sov., which was performed by Knt. Comp. G. Toller, jun., assisted by the Rev. W. Langley as V.E. and C. J. McBride as Herald. A sanctuary of K.H.S. was then opened, Sir Knt. W. Kelly officiating as M.E.C., when Sir Knts. Major Woodall, C. McBride, and T. M. Quin were received, and afterwards installed as Knights of St. John. Owing to its great length the impressive ritual of these degrees was obliged to be somewhat curtailed, but enough was given to prove to the candidates that—properly worked, and with all the accessories complete—they would rank second to none of the high degrees. The conclave having been resumed, Bro. E. J. Mason, S.W. 1391, was admitted and installed as a Knight of the Red Cross, the ceremony being ably conducted by Sir Knt. Partridge, as M.P.S., assisted by the other officers. A banquet took place at the closing of the conclave, after which a very pleasant evening was spent, the flourishing state of the Order in general, and of this conclave in particular, being a subject of general congratulation.

Scotland.

DUNDEE.—On Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., the different Masonic lodges in Dundee met for the purpose of celebrating the Festival of St. Andrew. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

Operative (No. 47).—W.M., Alexander Henry; D.M., George Eunson; P.M., W. F. Longmuir; W.S.W., John Morris; W.J.W., Charles Clayton; Treasurer, Charles Bailey; Secretary, W. B. Galloway; S.D., Thomas Skene; J.D., John Logie; G.S., James Storror; C., D. L. Black; S.B., Andrew Marshall; I.G., George Keir; O.T., Thomas Robertson.

Ancient (No. 46).—W.M., Alexander Kelt; P.M., G. D. Matthews; D.M., Thomas Buik; W.S.W., James Peacock; W.J.W., Elisha Smith; Treasurer, James Alexander; Secretary, David T. Martin; C., James Thomson; S.D., Alexander Brown; J.D., John Kinnear, jun.; G.S., James Fyfe; S.B., Fred. S. Rickmon; T., Andrew Scott.

St. David's (No. 78).—W.M., James H. Mackay; P.M., David Anderson; D.M., Henry Fairweather; W.S.W., George Butchart, jun.; W.J.W., Charles Howe; Treasurer, William McDonald; Secretary, James B. Third; S.D., Donald McNaughton; J.D., David K. Leslie; G.S., John Richardson; S.B., Duncan McRae; O.T., John Young.

Thistle (No. 158).—W.M., J. Pringle; P.M., A. Cloudsley; D.M., David Bower; W.S.W., David Henderson; W.J.W., Alexander Clark; Treasurer, J. M'Dougal; Secretary, J. Anderson; C., J. M'Fadzean; S.D., David Small; J.D., John Barrie; S.B., Robert Peters; S., James Brimmer; I.G., A. Brown; T., E. Martin.

Caledonian (No. 254).—W.M., A. Calvert; D.M., Thomas M. Lindsay; W.S.W., George M. Gibson; W.J.W., Alexander Sturrock; Treasurer, John M'Gregor; Secretary, Charles B. Lindsay; S.D., Thomas Rodger; J.D., John M'Glashan; G.S., John Crow; C., James Low; S.W., Henry Clarke; I.G., Henry Grubb; O.T., James Gray.

Forfar and Kincardine (No. 225).—W.M., Peter Robertson; P.M., Robert Brownlee; S.W., H. Baxter; J.W., James Knight; Treasurer, William Reid; Secretary, George B. Diack; C., Rev. A. F. Reid; S.D., A. M. Duff; J.D., James Robertson; S.B., D. A. Peebles; S.B., J. H. B. Cowie; I.G., D. Talbert; T., C. P. Robertson.

Camperdown (No. 317).—W.M., Ebenezer Bowman; D.M., James Robertson; P.M., James Gelson; W.S.W., Peter Sidey; W.J.W., P. Howe; Treasurer, R. F. Grieve; Secretary, James Hill; S.D., Robert Archibald; J.D., R. Paton; G.S., Wm. M'Allister; C., C. Taylor; S.B., David Beharrie; I.G., Simpson; O.G., Thos. Ross.

Albert Lodge, Loches (No. 448).—W.M., Douglas Foote; P.M., James M'Donald; W.S.W., David C. Martin; W.J.W., David C. Watson; Treasurer, David Nicoll; Secretary, John M'Donald; S.D., John Bruce; J.D., J. P. Scott; G.S., William Grant; C., W. Baxter; S.B., Robert Reekie; I.G., Alexander Lindsay; O.T., Charles Beat.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 31).—This lodge held its regular meeting in their lodge-room, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 9th inst. Bro. Wm. Bell, the respected R.W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. Fletcher, P.M.; J. T. Smithe, P.M.; D. M. Nelson, D.M.; John B. Young, S.W.; David Horn, J.W.; B. R. Dalziel, Treas.; John Dick, Sec.; P. Brownlie, S.D.; and many others. Among the distinguished visiting brethren we noticed Bros. Stewart Lackie, P.M. 5; Robert Campbell, 22, St. John, N.B., Canada; Michael Barclay, Alexandra and Bonhill Lodge, 321; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; R. H. Sharpe, 378, E.C.; and others. The meeting was an exceedingly large one, the hall being filled to a most uncomfortable degree. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, there appeared no less than seven candidates for initiation, viz., Messrs. James A. Jardine, John Park, S. Palmer, David Gardiner, Archd. Morrison, David Stewart, Robert S. Donaldson; and for affiliation, Bros. Wilson, Rier, and Anderson. The R.W.M. here intimated that the total sum subscribed to the Bridgetown Fund was £15 15s., which was handed to the "Mail" Fund, and acknowledged by that paper. The Treasurer was also instructed to forward £4 to the widow of a deceased brother. The nomination of office-bearers for the next year was proceeded with.

GLASGOW.—Glasgow Chapter (No. 50). met in the chapter rooms, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 9th inst., Comp. J. Miller, M.E.Z., presided, supported by Comps. J. Loutit, J.; J. Douthie, Z. 67, acting H.; G. Agnew, Treas.; Robert Morrison, S.E.; C. McKenzie, 1st Soj.; Hardie, 2nd Soj.; A. Mercer, 3rd Soj.; and a number of companions. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the M.E. Degree, and Bro. W. Murdoch was put in possession of that degree by Bro. A. Mercer. A Holy Royal Arch chapter was then opened, and Bro. Murdoch was admitted a companion of the R.A., Comp. J. Duthie, Z. 67, officiating.

PORT GLASGOW.—The Lodge Doric Kill-winning (No. 68) held their annual meeting on Tuesday, the 30th ult. (St. Andrew's Night), in the Masonic Hall, Port Glasgow, which was well filled, Bro. Joseph W. Taylor, M.D., R.W.M., presiding. The Treasurer's report was read, and showed the funds of the lodge to be in a satisfactory state, there having been 45 initiations during the past year. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—William Forgie, R.W.M.; Dr. J. W. Taylor, I.P.M.; Richard Boyle, S.M.; Daniel McKirdy, S.W.; William Wallace, J.W.; T. Clark, Sec.; James Sloan, Treas.; Rev. George Durns, Chap.; William Neil, S.D.; R. Pattison, J.D.; Hugh Orr, jun., Archt.; Thomas Smith, Jeweller; P. Crookston, B.B.; J. Telfer, S.B.; T. Pollock, S.S.; S. Young, 2nd S.S.; J. Teek, 3rd S.S.; Wm. Shaw, 4th S.S.; C. Crookston, I.G.; John Weir, Tyler. The brethren were afterwards called from labour to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 7th inst. Bro. McDonald, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Macgregor, S.W.; J. F. Hanbidge, J.W.; J. Bannerman, D.M.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; J. S. Ampleford Sec.; W. J. Kay, S.D.; J. Morgan, R.W.M. 219; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 114; Alex. Cross, Sec. 408; and others. The minutes were read and approved. The only other business was that of installation of office-bearers. This was got through in admirable style by Bro. J. Morgan, R.W.M. 219. The following are the office-bearers for the current year:—Bros. Geo. McDonald, R.W.M.; G. Weston, P.M.; John Bannerman, D.M.; James Ballantyne, S.W.; Alex. McLeod, S.W.; J. F. Hanbidge, J.W.; J. S. Ampleford, Treas.; Rowland Richards, Sec.; W. J. Kay, S.D.; Thos. Yuil, J.D.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; A. Young, B.B.; W. McFarland, Dr. of C.; Jas. Smith, S.B.; J. Rinnaird, P.G.S.; John A. Macqueen, S.S.; Geo. McDonald, jun., J.S.; Thos. McMurray, Std. B.; Barnet Levy, I.G.; and Kay, Tyler.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 7th inst. Bro. J. Booth, R.W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. Burns, I.P.M.; J. G. Ritchie, S.M.; Wm. Stewart, S.W.; R. Barr, J.W.; Archd. McPhee, Sec.; J. Law, P.M. 570; Henry Hartick, P.M. 673; John Harley, J.W. 554; and others. The lodge was opened on the E.A. Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read. A lively discussion took place thereon, and after some slight alteration they were passed. After some other business of an ordinary character was got over, the sum of one pound was voted from the lodge funds to the Talisman Fund. Three candidates for initiation were then proposed, viz., Messrs. John Ritchie, spirit merchant; John Barr, engineer; Geo. Black, traveller. They were prepared and received the First Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. The lodge was then raised to the F.C. Degree, when Bro. Angus McLauchlane received this degree at the hands of the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, 12th ult., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, Bro. Andrew M. Wright, R.W.M., presiding. Bros. William Thomas, S.W., and Robert Munro, J.W. The R.W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. George Muir, D.M.; David Murray, S.M.; Alexander Bain, P.M.; Neil Cameron, Treasurer; Jas. Gillies,

P.M., Secretary; John Campbell, R.W.M. 128; John Morgan, R.W.M. 219; William Bell, R.W.M. 34; Robert Kerr, R.W.M. 524; David Reid, R.W.M. 465; and William Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason"). There were also present Bros. Peter Dow, 30; J. A. Mac Queen, 73; E. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; William Campbell, Secretary 465; John Park, 122; and Duncan McKillop, 180, and others; and a large number of the members, over 100 having signed the attendance book. After the minutes and auditors' report were read and confirmed, Mr. Alexander Smith was admitted, and initiated into the Order by Bro. Gillies, P.M. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year then took place, when the following brethren were duly elected as follows:—Bros. David Murray, R.W.M.; Andrew M. Wright, I.P.M.; Robert Munro, D.M.; John McFarlane, S.M.; William Thomas, S.W.; William Forsyth, J.W.; Neil Cameron, Treasurer; James Gillies, P.M., Secretary; Rev. J. C. Stewart, L.L.D., Chaplain; J. S. Pollock, S.D.; Archibald Gray, J.D.; Peter Cullen, B.B.; Peter Cameron, Jeweller; James Kennedy, S.B.; Colin Robertson, P.G.S.; John Derry, S.S.; George McLuckie, J.S.; James Gray, I.G.; and Robert Boyd, Tyler. The office-bearers were installed into their respective places, Bro. Alexander Bain, P.M., performing the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, when Bro. D. Murray, R.W.M., was duly installed at the hands of Bro. Bain. The lodge then went into harmony, and after spending a short time was closed in proper form.

PAISLEY.—Lodge St. Mirren (No. 129).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Paisley, on Monday evening, the 6th inst., the R.W.M., Bro. H. S. Edmonds, in the chair, supported by Bros. William Gemmill, S.W.; George Fisher, J.W.; A. McPherson, Secretary; Peter Blair, Treasurer; the other office-bearers in their respective places. The minutes of last meeting were read. A motion was read for the third time to the following effect, "That brethren may be affiliated honorary members of this lodge free of expense, who have shown eminent zeal for Masonry in general or to this lodge in particular, said members to have no vote or voice in any lodge business." On the motion being put to the meeting it was carried unanimously. The nomination of office-bearers for the coming year was next gone on with. The following were duly nominated, viz., Bros. H. S. Edmonds, R.W.M.; William Gemmill, S.W.; George Fisher, J.W.; Peter Blair, Treasurer; A. McPherson, Secretary; Rev. W. P. Mills, Chaplain; Robert McLeod, S.D.; Hugh Burton, J.D.; D. Bell, Robin, and Sharp, Architect; William Scott, Jeweller; James Spence, Director of Music; James Gould, Clothier; John Barnett, S.S. B.; A. Moffat, J.S.B.; Alexander Morrison and T. Scott, S.S.; William Hodgert, J.S.; William Craig, Inner Guard; and William Alexander, Tyler. A committee was appointed to take an inventory of the lodge jewels, clothing, &c., and also to audit the books and report at next regular meeting. It was unanimously agreed that the annual festival be held on St. John's night, the 27th December.

POLLOKSHAW.—Lodge Royal Arch (No. 153).—The members of this lodge met at their new suite of rooms in Cogan-street, Pollokshaws, for the purpose of having them consecrated, on Friday evening, 26th ult. The accommodation includes one large hall and two ante-rooms, which are tastefully decorated and fitted up in a manner suitable for the efficient conduct of the lodge business, and capable of comfortably accommodating about 70 members. The lodge having been opened by Bro. John Peters, R.W.M., and the minutes of previous meetings read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire (East) were announced, and received in due and ancient form. The deputation consisted of Bros. Col. A. C. Campbell, R.W.P.G.M.; Fisher, D.M.; Caldwell, S.W.; Anderson, J.W.; Rev. P. Rodger, Chaplain; McPherson, Treasurer; Henderson, Secretary; and others. Deputations were also present from Paisley, Busby, Barrhead, and Glasgow lodges. The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and performed in the usual masterly style of the presiding brother, Col. Campbell, P.G.M., ably assisted by his office-bearers. The Prov. G.M., in the course of his oration, exhorted all present to continue steadfast in adhering to and practising those principles which are the groundwork of the Order, that being the only way whereby permanent success can be attained. The installation of office-bearers elected for the current year was next proceeded with, the new list being as follows:—Bros. John Peters, R.W.M.; William Paton, D.M.; J. E. Peters, S.M.; J. Black, S.W.; Thomas Hart, J.W.; Rev. Philip Rodger, Chaplain; D. Allan, Treasurer; De Hort Baird, Secretary; D. McNaught, S.D.; J. Hart, J.D.; D. Kennedy, B.B.; McCrae, Jeweller; W. M. G. Adams, Director of Music; W. Johnston, Marshal; Woods, S.B.; Tommie, S.S.; McGhie, J.S.; Thomson, I.G.; and Black, Tyler. The installation ceremony over, the Provincial Grand Lodge was thanked for their presence and services, and thereafter affiliated as honorary members of the lodge. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and an agreeable evening was spent in harmony. Bro. J. Miller, Director of Music, Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, presided at the harmonium.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Shamrock and Thistle (No. 275).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on Friday evening, 3rd inst., Bro. R. M. Yuill, R.W.M., presiding; Bros. David Ronald, S.W.; William Findlay, J.W. The business before the meeting was the election and installation of office-bearers for the next twelve months, which brought a large number of members and visiting brethren together. Among the visiting brethren we noticed the following:—Bros. John Millar, P.M. 87; Alexander Bain, P.M. 103; John Campbell, P.M. 128; Robert Jack, R.W.M. 128; Joseph Single-

ton, R.W.M. 178; William Phillips, P.M. 275, and R. W.M. 556; William Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason"); William Thomas S.W. 103; John McNaught, S.M. 556; J. B. McNaught, S.W. 556; John Howie, J.W. 556; James Anderson, 28; J. Aitkinson, 31; G. M. Wheeler, 73; George Muir, 103; William Gibson, 103; James Kidd, 27; and others. The Auditors' report showed that the lodge is in a very healthy and prosperous condition. The following brethren were duly elected, and afterwards installed into office, the ceremony being performed by Bro. John Campbell, I.P.M., St. John's Lodge, Shettleston, No. 128, in good style—viz., Bros. David Ronald, R. W.M.; R. M. Yuill, I.P.M.; Hugh Mathieson, S.M.; John Paterson, D.M.; William Findlay, S.W.; Thomas Neilson, J.W.; John Horn, Secretary; W. B. Hutcheson, Treasurer; Charles Mair, S.D.; Charles McLeish, J.D.; Walter Smith, Conductor; R. Hardie, Director of Music; Edward Mooney, Standard Bearer; Samuel Bisland, P.G.S.; H. Cox, Inner Guard; J. Guthrie, Tyler. The ceremony of Installed Master was then duly conferred on Bro. Ronald by Bro. A. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown, No. 103, assisted by Bros. Campbell, P.M. 128; Jack, R.W.M. 128; William Ferguson, R.W.M. 543. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and spent a short time in harmony, when the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Thereafter the lodge was called to labour and closed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. George (No. 333) held their regular meeting in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 8th inst. Bro. Alex. Thomson, presided, supported by all his office-bearers, and P.M. John Winton. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Election and installation of office-bearers for the next year was the business before the lodge, but previous to beginning the election Bro. J. Winton, P.M., rose and said, they were all aware that the Past Master's jewel belonging to the lodge had been lost a considerable time ago. The want of it had been felt very much, as it was the jewel of an important office. He then, in a few graceful words, requested the R.W.M. to accept on behalf of the lodge, from him (Bro. Winton) a P.M.'s jewel, to replace the one lost. The R.W.M. thanked Bro. Winton for his handsome present to the lodge, and proposed a vote of thanks to be recorded in the minute book. Bro. Winton briefly replied, and business was then proceeded with. There being no opposition to any of the office-bearers nominated, the election was declared carried. Bro. Winton, P.M., then proceeded to install the various officers into their respective positions, which he completed in a most excellent manner. The R.W.M. then made a few remarks on the annual balance sheet, showing the position of the lodge. He said they would find from the abstract put into their hands that the lodge did not stand in a pecuniary point of view quite so well off as it did last year, but otherwise they were in a prosperous condition. This finished all the business before the lodge, when it was called to refreshment for a short time. The following is the list of office-bearers:—Alex. Thomson, R.W.M.; John Winton, P.M.; John McFarlane, D.M.; J. Findlay, S.M.; J. Forsyth, S.W.; Robert Anderson, J.W.; A. Dunn, Treas.; Archd. McIntyre, Sec.; John Clarke, Chaplain; Thos. Hill, S.D.; A. Boyd, J.D.; James Allan, S.S.; Wm. Miller, J.S.; Archd. McIntyre, jun., M. of C.; R. Fairbairn, Std. B.; B. G. Cranston, P.G.S.; R. Adam, Jeweller; A. W. Taylor, Architect; Alex. Wright, I.G.; W. G. Hickson, Tyler.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—A meeting of this lodge was held within their own hall, at 30, Hope-street, on Friday the 3rd inst. The W.M., Bro. J. Monro, presided, and said, he had the pleasure of informing them that the Rev. D. McCorqudale, of Crosshill Established Church, was waiting outside to become a member of this lodge, with a view to become also its Chaplain. The reverend gentleman having been duly recommended by two brethren of the lodge, was then accordingly introduced, and received the Entered Apprentice Degree at the hands of the W. Master, Bros. John Mitchell and John Clark received the Third Degree at the hands of the deputy Master, Bro. D. Lamb.

RUTHERGLEN.—Lodge St. John Operative (No. 347).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 10 inst., in their new Masonic Hall, Rutherglen, Bro. Smart, W.M., in the chair; Bro. J. Murdoch, S.W.; and Alston, J.W. A large number of members were present, among whom were many visitors, viz., Bros. W. Ferguson, W.M. 116; W. Harper, W.M. 408; W. Ferguson, 543 ("Freemason"); J. Low, 34; J. Millar, 114; J. Hamilton, 114; J. Hamilton, 116; G. Love 116; J. Cunningham, I.P.M. 347; W. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; A. Pearson, Chaplain; M. Abbott, D.M.; A. Warnock, Sec.; W. Young, S.D.; A. Robertson, J.D.; R. Hastie, J.S.; J. Cairn, Tyler, and others. Messrs. McAllan, J. Thomson, and J. Hall were initiated into the First Degree by Bro. D. Smart, W.M. The ceremony was ably carried out and reflects credit on the choice of the lodge in electing Bro. Smart to the chair. Thereafter, a board of Installed Masters, consisting of Bros. J. Cunningham, 347; W. Ferguson, 543; W. Harper, 408; and A. Warnock, 347, were formed, when the ceremony of Installed Master was conferred upon Bros. D. Smart, W.M. 347; W. Ferguson, W.M. 116, ("Freemason"); and W. Gardner, P.M. 347. On the lodge being resumed, Bros. W. Gardner, Treas., and W. Young, S.D., were installed into office by Bro. Cunningham, I.P.M. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clyde (No. 408).—The election of office-bearers of this lodge for the ensuing year took place on Friday evening, the 10th inst., within the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, the following being the result:—Bros. Wm. Harper, W.M.; Thomas Gordon, D.M.; John McInnes, S.M.; William Bisland, S.W.; John McKinnon, J.W.; Wm. Anderson, Treas.; Alexr.

Cross, Sec.; Andrew Strathearn, Chap.; John Buchanan, B.B.; Wm. Williamson, S.D.; Robt. Wallace, J.D.; James Blackstock, Architect; James Morton Jeweller; John Clare, P.G.S.; John McCall, S.S.; James Harkness, I.S.; John Archer, S.B.; George Baillie I.G.; and David Ramsay, Tyler. The ceremony of installing the W.M., together with his Depute and Substitute Masters, was performed by Bro. J. P. Macnair, W.M. Lodge Union (332). The remaining office bearers were installed by Bro. Harper himself.

GOVAN.—Lodge Govandale (No. 437).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Govan, Bro. J. McFarlane, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. A. Campbell, P.M.; J. Millar, D.M.; R. Muir, S.W.; G. Wilson, J.W.; J. Sutherland, Secretary; and others. The business before the meeting was the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year. The majority of offices were keenly contested. The following were unanimously elected:—Bros. J. Millar, W.M.; J. Hutcheson, D.M.; R. Muir, S.W.; A. James, J.W.; J. Sutherland, Secretary; J. Moggin, Inner Guard; J. McIntyre, Tyler. The election and installation of office-bearers is to take place on Tuesday night, 21st inst.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clydesdale (No. 556).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 106, Rose-street, S.S., on the 6th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. W. Phillips, took the chair, and presided over one of the largest meetings that ever took place in the Clydesdale Lodge. He was supported by all his office-bearers being in their respective places. The lodge was opened and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., when Bro. James Roberts, W. Lockhart, W. Riddell, and R. Paterson were found worthy, and received that degree, the R.W.M. officiating. Thereafter, the lodge was reduced to the E.A. Degree, and the minutes of last regular meeting, and those of the emergency, were read and confirmed. Then came the business of the evening, viz., the election of office-bearers for the next year. Nearly every office being contested, the excitement that prevailed was great. The sharpest and most exciting of the contests was that for the W.M. chair, between Bro. Phillips and McNaught, Bro. Phillips gaining the position by the small majority of one vote. The list of elected office-bearers is as follows:—W.M., W. Phillips; D.M., Hugh McCulloch; S.M., James Boyle; S.W., John McNaught; J.W., Thomas Phillips; S.D., Peter Young; J.D., McCameron; Treas., McKechnie; Sec., G. B. Yulle; Chaplain, Bro. Webster; Architect, Geddis; P.G.S., Middleton; S.S., Simpson, J.S.; John McMillan; Std. Bearer, Tait; I.G., W. Smith; Tyler, W. Graham. A motion was then brought forward to alter the night of meeting. After some discussion the matter was left over till the next meeting, when the installation of the office-bearers will also take place.

KILMUN.—Lodge St. Munn Ardnadam (No. 496).—The anniversary meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, 26th ult., in Kilmun Hotel (Mr. William Morrison's). There was but an average attendance. Bro. the Rev. G. Masson Sandbank occupied the chair, and Bro. Mercer discharged the duties of Croupier. After dinner, several topics affecting the membership of the lodge were brought up and discussed. Regret was expressed at the loss about to be sustained by the removal to another sphere of usefulness of Bro. the Rev. L. Dobbie, of Strone. The reverend gentleman, who was present, thanked the lodge for the fraternal feeling expressed. The remaining part of the evening was spent in a most agreeable manner.

GLASGOW.—St. Rollox Chapter (No. 144), held their regular meeting in the chapter rooms, Garngad-road, on the 10th inst. The M.E.Z., Comp. J. Armand, presided, and was supported by Comps. J. McLeish, H.; D. Gilchrist, P.Z. 73; G. W. Wheeler, Z. 73; J. H. Shiells, Z. 143; J. S. Allan, 1st. Soj.; and W. Sampson, 3rd Soj.; D. Reid, 87; and a number of well-qualified companions. A lodge of M.E. Mark Masters was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. It was expected that a number of brethren would have been present for this degree, but only one came forward. He received that from Comp. G. W. Wheeler in excellent style. An R.A. Chapter was afterwards opened, when the same brother was made a companion of the Holy R.A., Comp. Shiells officiating.

THE URBAN CLUB.

The seventeenth annual dinner of the Urban Club was held on Friday in the large hall of the St. John's-gate Tavern, when some 60 or 70 gentlemen sat down to a substantial repast, provided by the Steward of St. Edmund Lachmere, the Master of the Knights of St. John. Bro. Sir John Bennett occupied the chair. There were present Bros. Chas. Horsley, Dr. Carpenter, S. Wickens. After dinner Bro. Sir John Bennett proposed "The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." "Our National Forces" was the next toast given by the Chairman, which was duly responded to for the Volunteers by "Colonel" George Cruikshank and Captain G. W. Challis. The toast of the evening, "Success to the Urban Club," was introduced with great warmth by Sir John. He was glad to see so many friends of literature present, not only from our own country but from America and many other countries in Europe. Mr. J. Redding Ware then proposed "The Fine Arts," which was responded to by Mr. Geo. Cruikshank. Dr. F. G. Luke, M.A., rose to propose "Literature and Science." Mr. Karl Blind responded on behalf of Literature. Dr. Richardson replied on behalf of "Science." Dr. W. C. Bennett proposed "The Drama and the Stage," which was responded to by Dr. W. B. Richardson, M.A., of Boston, U.S., in a very effective manner. Bro. Chas. Horsley proposed "The Health of the Chairman."

BRO. H. SEEBOHM IN SIBERIA.

A lecture of more than ordinary interest was given recently in the School of Art, Sheffield, by Bro. H. Seebohm, who has recently returned from a journey to Siberia. Some idea of his adventures in the "desolate land of ice and snow" may be gained from the fact that for five months he slept in his clothes, and had nothing but a few wild onions for his vegetable diet. Starting from London he went to St. Petersburg, from thence to Moscow, and forward to Vologda. Then he sledged to Archangel, where he stayed for three weeks, getting information as to the rest of his journey. Setting out again, he sledged eight hundred miles due east to Petchora, along the course of which great river he met with the chief of his adventures. In search of rare birds, he found, not only ornithological treasures, but saw strange sights, and came across strange people. Sometimes journeying over vast tracts of ice, at others being threatened with starvation, now anticipating even a more violent death by the break-up of the mighty river, and the annihilation of his dwelling by the rapidly rising waters. At one time ingratiating himself into the good graces of the philosophical Samoyedes, a nomadic tribe of singularly stoical tendencies, who, in the words of the lecturer, "must have blood in their veins, although it runs very deep beneath their sallow skins." One day passing his time with the Ziriani, and the next coming across another tribe with a still more unpronounceable name. Oft-times in the midst of scenery wildly picturesque, and frequently traversing weird-looking tracts of country disheartening in their "blackness of darkness." Passing the Arctic circle, where the distinction of day and night ceased, and making his way to Dromik, where he, and his fellow travellers, took possession of a stranded wreck, and spent a week there, making most interesting discoveries. And as in all these experiences he never lost sight of the importance of gaining knowledge relative to the national characteristics of the people, no wonder his lecture was interesting. Moreover, he accomplished the great object of his visit, which was the pursuit of birds. In the course of his travels he has secured 1000 skins and 1000 eggs, so his journey has not been in vain. Besides he has discovered one bird entirely new to science, which will be called after his own name; found several birds entirely new to Europe, one of them hitherto known only as a visitant to India, and another known as a winter visitant to Persia, as well as the eggs of four birds whose breeding places have been a mystery. The excursion has certainly been a great ornithological success; and the products of it non-ornithological caused considerable amusement at the lecture, especially the donning of a Siberian travelling costume by Mr. Seebohm, and the exhibition of the attire worn by the Samoyede ladies. The Rev. C. G. Coombe, M.A., presided at the lecture, which was delivered in connection with the Literary and Philosophical Society. In proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, the rev. gentleman regretted that the lecture had been delivered to comparatively few persons, although the room was crowded. The description of the journey to Siberia had been so very interesting that he hoped Bro. Seebohm would be prevailed upon to deliver it in the Cutler's Hall to a much larger audience. Mr. Parkes second the motion, and it was carried unanimously. In acknowledging the vote, the lecturer said if, upon reconsideration, they thought it worth while, he should be very glad to deliver the lecture again. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS ROUTLEDGE, P.M. 327.

It is our duty to record the death of Bro. P.M. Thomas Routledge, of the St. John's Lodge, No. 327, who died on the 5th November, 1875, at his residence, Emerald Villas, Garden-street, Lower Broughton, Manchester, in the 83rd year of his age. He was well known throughout this province, having been upwards of 40 years a member of his lodge. As a Royal Arch Mason, he was most active and persevering, and in his capacity of First Principal and P.Z. exalted upwards of 200 members. His services were held in high estimation by the Order in general throughout the North of England.

THE "FREEMASON" LECTURE BY THE REV. P. P. AGNEW.

The Rev. P. P. Agnew delivered a lecture at the Lorne-street Hall, Auckland, New Zealand, on the subject of Freemasonry. Several distinguished members of the Craft were present on the platform. Mr. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M. of New Zealand, I.C., occupied the chair, and introduced the rev. lecturer to the audience.

The Rev. Mr. Agnew, in opening his remarks, alluded to his being, perhaps, the first who had received authority to lecture on the subject. There were some who went so far as to say that the origin of the Craft dated back so far as the Creation, and others traced it to the erection of the Tower of Babel. But it was to be observed that the Tower of Babel was of brick. Now, in all Masonic legends, in all Masonic emblems, no mention was anywhere made of brick, neither was there any reference to it; therefore it was to be concluded that Masonry was in no way connected with the Tower of Babel, for brick formed no part of true Masonry. In referring to ancient architecture, it appeared that at the present time we, with all our knowledge and enlightenment, were ignorant of the means by which the massive masonry of the old cities was put into position; and besides, we had no tools at the present time at all suitable for preparing the huge blocks of stone that might be seen, for instance, as forming part of the ruined Egyptian cities. The true origin of Masonry lay in the Temple of Solomon. This was their sure foundation, on the great glory of which Freemasonry rested as the model of Masonic teaching. After describing the great costliness of the Temple, on which no less than £943,000,000 sterling had been expended, the rev. lecturer traced the existence of the Craft through the intermediate ages to Numa Pompilius, the King or Prince of Rome, who, being desirous of introducing stone into the architecture of ancient Rome, called into his service certain of the Craft. Coming down to later times, and the introduction of Masonry into Britain, it would be found to have become established about the time of King Alfred, and in the year 928 it was said that Prince Edwin, a brother of the King, called the first meeting of Masons in England at the city of York, and there drew up the first English Constitution. In what might be termed the present day, 1813, the Grand Lodges of York and London were united. Regarding those who were member of the Craft, he might say the Pope had been a Mason. The Prince of Wales was a Mason, and their Grand Master, so that at some future day they might look forward to seeing seated on the throne of Britain one who had worn the apron and used the trowel. The Rev. Mr. Agnew said he would introduce to his hearers some of the pleasing mysteries of the Craft itself. They took as their guide the Word of God. Every candidate for admission to the brotherhood must be made to feel that he was ignorant, and in the greatest need of Divine assistance. He was instructed that in that Book lay the surest guide for him, and that by a careful and diligent study of it he was to mark out his course in life, and be most careful never on any occasion to utter irreverently and without respect the name of the Supreme Deity. No lodge could be worked unless the Word of God lay open before the Master. It was a strange fact that Masonry existed among the Chinese in a form which led to the belief that its origin was still more remote than the generally received authority. There was in his (the lecturer's) possession a Chinese chart which contained emblems of far greater antiquity than any in use among the Masons of the present day. In this chart were to be found the ark of Noah, the dove, the olive branch, the pillar of cloud, &c., and many signs which were as yet inexplicable, and this antiquity was further borne out by the very excellent Masons who were to be found amongst the Chinese. There was in Victoria, on its very borders, a colony of Chinese, who received and treated him (Bro. Agnew) with the greatest kindness and consideration, solely from the fact of his being a brother. The lecture gave many instances in which the bond of Masonic friendship had been of great assistance to him, and he also gave an instance in which a Masonic sign actually prevented the execution of a sentence of death. In conclusion, the rev. gentleman most quaintly recited to his hearers Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lecture, anent the Craft, and drew many signs of appreciation from them, resuming his seat amidst applause. Mr. M. Niccol proposed, in a neat speech, a vote of thanks to the rev. lecturer, which was accorded by acclamation. In thanking the brethren and the audience for their attention that evening, Bro. Agnew intimated that on Sunday evening he would hold Divine service, according to the Church of England, at the City Hall, which would probably be the last opportunity he would have of addressing an Auckland audience. His object in coming to New Zealand, and it was not the first time he had been in the colony—for he was here during the Hone Heke war and at the sack of Kororarake—was that he might raise sufficient funds to enable him to proceed to England, for the purpose of finding, and bringing out to the colonies, some of the ardent youthful spirits, who would take up the ministry in places where they were now waiting for them to appear. Many of these congregations he had laid the foundation of himself. He again thanked those present for their attention. The company then dispersed.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, on the following business:—

"To consider, and if approved, adopt, the Report of the Special Committee, appointed by the Quarterly General Court on the 9th October, 1875, with reference to the subject of providing accommodation for an increased number of girls, the scheme to be submitted having also been recommended by the General Committee on the 25th November, and further, in the event of the adoption of the Report, to nominate a Building Committee, who shall be charged with the superintendence of the necessary works, with full power to draw cheques, and perform all such duties as may appertain to their office."

Bro. Lieut. Col. Creaton, Vice-Patron, was voted to the chair, and among the other brethren present were Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, Thomas W. White, John Boyd, J. A. Farnfield, Herbert Dicketts, S. Rawson, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey ("Freemason"), R. W. Stewart, G. Bolton, H. Browne, W. Smeed, John A. Rucker, W. A. Bowler, William Roebeck, Griffiths Smith, Thomas T. Peacock, Z. D. Berry, Charles Jardine, W. J. Mullis, John Healey, R. B. Webster, James W. Baldwin, Charles Lacey, G. R. Shirvell, C. Wright, J. C. Parkinson, H. A. Dubois, Colonel Francis Burdett, William Ramsey, Nathaniel George Phillips, Robert Kenyon, J. M. P. Montagu, William Stephens, George Kenning, Thomas Bartlett, H. Phythian, C. J. Hampden, Joseph Smith, F. B. Dudgeon, Lieutenant Colonel Peters, E. J. Barron, W. Winn, John Symonds, C. Butcher, George Angold, F. B. Lemaitre, Hyde Pullen, Charles G. Hill, E. C. Woodward, Thomas J. Sabine, J. M. Vaughan, J. Terry, Charles Fish, Frederick Binckes, William F. C. Moutrie, J. L. Coulton, E. H. Thielay, Jesse Turner, W. C. Ramm, W. Barrett, Thomas Massa, F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D.; and Dudley Rolls.

The Chairman said this special meeting had been convened for the purpose of receiving a recommendation from the General Committee in accordance with law No. 31 in the Institution's book, and he thought he should be best studying the convenience of the brethren by having that law read at the outset.

Bro. Little then read the rule, which directed that before a special meeting could be called a requisition must be signed by a certain number of brethren and given to the Secretary. Bro. Little afterwards read the requisition, and the names attached thereto. The advertisement convening the meeting was taken as read, and Bro. Little concluded by reading that part of the minutes of the General Committee of 25th November which related the business before the Special Court.

The Chairman thought that before going further it would be better to read the schemes for the enlargement of the school, by which the brethren would have full information as to what was proposed to be done.

Bro. Little thereupon read the following schemes:—

Report of the Special Committee, composed of the House Committee, appointed by the Quarterly General Court on the 9th October, 1875, to consider and report upon the subject of providing accommodation for an increased number of girls:—

"Pursuant to the resolution of the Quarterly Court, the Special Committee held its first meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 5th November, when a proposition was made and seconded that a site for the erection of a new school, to be subsidiary to the establishment at Battersea Rise, be sought for, to which an amendment was moved and seconded that an additional building be provided on the present site. After some discussion, it was resolved to adjourn the consideration of the question to Friday, the 12th November, when the committee held its second meeting, at which it was resolved that the present grounds be utilized for the purpose of providing the extra accommodation required.

"The committee then adjourned, for the production of plans and estimates, to Monday, the 22nd November, when the third meeting was held. Several plans were submitted, upon the suggestions of several of the members present, and having been fully considered and discussed, it was resolved, without a dissentient, to recommend the adoption of a plan brought forward by the Chairman, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Creaton, which includes the erection of a large hall, with class rooms and offices, on the ground floor, and dormitories with governesses' rooms, providing for 94 additional children, on the floors above.

"(Signed) A. J. CREATON, Chairman."

The Chairman said these were the schemes which the Special House Committee had submitted to the General Committee, and the General Committee had recommended to this Special Court.

Bro. Thomas W. White had much pleasure in moving that this scheme, the estimated cost of which amounted to £20,790, be adopted.

Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the motion.

Bro. W. Ramsey asked whether the cost would not exceed the estimated sum.

The Chairman said that the committee had gone well through the scheme and the estimate, and they believed they had taken the outside cost. He thought that instead of being more, it would come to less than the amount stated.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart presumed that this would be without the architect's commission, which would amount to £1250.

The Chairman asked Bro. Massa whether he could enlighten the brethren on this point. For himself and the committee, they had gone very carefully through the prices, and they thought the chances were in favour of a much less sum than £20,790 being enough to cover the cost. Bro. Massa would be able to say whether this was right.

Bro. Massa: Yes.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart: But it is exclusive of your commission.

Bro. Massa: Yes. The commission would be some £1200.

The Chairman said, that perhaps the brethren might ask why the committee were proposing to build so large a school. It was for these simple reasons; first, that the requirements of the Craft were rapidly becoming very large, and there was no doubt that in ten or fifteen years all the space now proposed to be given would be required; and secondly, that instead of patching, as they had been doing for the last twelve years, it was thought best to do all that was required at once, and make but one job of it. From the year 1862 they had been putting on a bit here to the building, and a bit there, and this had cost £15,609. He would ask whether it was not better to go into the thing at once and do it properly, than continue on this principle.

Bro. Kenyon said it would probably be in the recollection of many of the brethren that at the last quarterly meeting several propositions were brought forward, one by Bro. Joshua Nunn, that £25,000 should be expended in the purchase of land and the erection of a new building elsewhere than at Battersea Rise. There was also a proposition of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart that they should utilise the infirmary, on which a large sum of money had already been expended. Bro. Rucker brought forward another proposition; and the result was that the whole question was referred to a Special House Committee; but this House Committee was to receive suggestions which any brother might feel disposed to offer, and give them due consideration. He understood that the House Committee did receive such suggestions, considered, and then ignored them one after another. The scheme now before the meeting he understood met with the approval of the majority of the House Committee. To that scheme he had some objection, and at the monthly meeting of the General Committee, which was held on the 25th November, he proposed an amendment to the report of the House Committee. He was met by Bro. Dubois starting the objection that he could not put that amendment at that meeting, and the Chairman ruled in Bro. Dubois' favour, that it could not be done at the committee meeting, but must be done at this court.

The Chairman said no, not at this Special Court, but at the regular Quarterly Court. Bro. Kenyon could do so still by giving proper notice to the General Committee.

Bro. Kenyon said, at all events he was to bring it on here. The Chairman proposed to call a Special Court in order to save time. However, he (Bro. Kenyon) was debarred from bringing his amendment on at the General Committee.

The Chairman, interposing, said, in the first place Bro. Kenyon did not give notice of his motion. He must do that. He (the Chairman) told him he could bring his motion forward at a Quarterly Court, but it was not his business to tell him to give notice there and then.

Bro. Kenyon replied that he had received a letter from Bro. Little saying that he could not bring his motion on at the present Special Meeting; he would therefore move the rejection of the proposition and go to the Quarterly Court with his own scheme, which he proposed to have carried out. He would now state the reason why he opposed the adoption of this Report. In the first place he thought it very impolitic and unwise to go to so large an expense to erect a building on the present site. They all knew very well it was not one of the most healthy. They also knew that the land which they now possessed was not very extensive; and to erect a very large building, in addition to that which they already possessed, would be foolish, inasmuch as they ought not to crowd a large number of children together in a building. In the next place they knew, for they saw it every day of their lives, that there was a large colony of small houses springing up around this school; and in a few years there would be found a very crowded neighbourhood there, which would not be conducive to the health of the children. The next objection he had was to the very large amount of money which it was proposed to spend. Now, it was perfectly true they had £40,000, the accumulated fund of several years' saving; but the Committee came down to this court, and proposed at one fell swoop to strike off about £21,000. Let them bear this in mind; they proposed to take upon themselves the increased responsibility of another ninety-four children, whom they must clothe, feed, and educate; and at the same time they were knocking off £1000 a year from their income by expending the £21,000 on the building. No man of ordinary business pursuits would do such a thing. And what had they got when they had done this? If there had before been a chance of the railway company taking the present building, when the compensation they would have to pay was increased by £20,000 or £30,000 that chance would be destroyed. A railway company, before embarking on an extension of their works, would hesitate when they had such a sum to pay as £40,000 or £50,000; and they would gladly abandon the project when it could only be done on such terms. The brethren would be wrong in spending such a large sum of money on the present site. They should look out for a healthy locality where they might have extensive grounds, and where a building might be erected which was fit for Freemasons to have, not for the present only, but for the future. He thought Bro. Massa was wrong when they said the expense would be less than the estimate, rather than more. He had never known such a thing in his life—he did not know whether any one else had—of a building costing less than the original estimate. The building, he thought, would cost more than £30,000, instead of less than £20,000. It always had been the case, and always would be. Every one who had entered in building operations knew that an estimate never was reduced. Therefore he had a very strong objection to the expenditure of this money. He did not think that because

they had £40,000 they ought to expend £25,000 in erecting an addition to this present building on a portion of the land they had, in which building they would crowd the children, and so not conduce to their health. He would therefore move, "That this Report be rejected," and if it were rejected, as he hoped it would be, then the House Committee could bring forward any other proposal they think fit. He would then bring forward his proposition, which would not cost half the amount, and the brethren would get an institution of their own worthy of them. He was precluded from introducing the particulars of his proposal by the ruling of the Chairman.

The Chairman: No, not by my ruling, but by the rules of this Institution.

Bro. Kenyon: If this Report were rejected (he did not see that there was any haste required in the matter) he would bring forward his motion as a substantive motion at the next Quarterly General Court.

Bro. John Symonds said that as a matter of form there was no necessity to move an amendment. Bro. Kenyon, if he disagreed with the mover of the proposition, could vote with those who opposed it.

Bro. H. Browne had no doubt that the brethren must add very considerably to the estimate of £21,000. Never in his life had he seen an estimate from an architect—and he had had large experience—when it had not been exceeded. It had even been the case with this Institution. The infirmary was an instance. He was quite sure that for £21,000 ought to be read £25,000 at least. Do not let them go into the undertaking under any false impression; it would not be done, he thought, even for £25,000.

Bro. W. Winn: And then there is the cost of the furniture.

Bro. H. Browne: There had been other schemes before the committee which would cost but half the money.

Bro. W. Ramsey said that a remark had been made by Bro. Kenyon in respect of the healthiness of the present site; it was true that this site was not a healthy one?

The Chairman said he would answer that question by saying that in seven years they had had but two deaths.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart observed that he did not think they were justified in going to this enormous expense; there was really no necessity for it. Although they had an estimate for a new building, the Infirmary might be utilised; and at a small cost they might be able to accommodate a large additional number of children. They might build a hall, and the whole expense would come out at about £10,000; £14,000 at the very extreme. That had been his proposition; but he was met by the architect, saying (at least he believed he said) that his (Bro. Stewart's) plan was to pull down this place, which cost £7000, and build up another which must cost £14,000. That was not his proposition; he would have been an idiot to propose such a thing. As that was the feeling, he withdrew his scheme. His scheme was still to utilise the infirmary. The chairman had said they had had only two deaths in seven years. If that was the case they did not want such an infirmary. Let them make use of it; lengthen their dining hall; and go to an expense of £10,000 or £11,000; and then, if the railway company wanted their premises they would pay them compensation. He did not think there was any chance of the railway coming there; but at the same time, as Bro. Browne had said, this new scheme could not be covered by £25,000, or anything like it; therefore he could not say he agreed in the plan.

Bro. Herbert Dicketts wished to call attention to the subject of the healthiness of the neighbourhood of the present building. Her Majesty's Government always looked out for the most healthy places to build their gaols; and they issued royal commissions to enquire into the subject. There had been two such commissions, and both had reported favourably on this locality; and in it they had built the Royal Patriotic School for Girls and the Royal Patriotic School for Boys. The parish too had proposed to build a district workhouse there.

Bro. Z. D. Berry, P.M. 179, said it was a mistake to think that the present site was an unhealthy one. A more healthy spot did not exist, with the exception perhaps of Hampstead. As to the building of a large place, he thought that any business man would face a difficulty at once. Instead of frittering away their money as they had been doing for the last thirteen years, they should have their expense once for all. His experience was that the cheapest way was to grasp the subject now; and meet their liabilities and demands. Was it possible that they were to be retrograde in their movements, and not maintain the position they had hitherto attained? Was there any reason for believing that their subscriptions would not advance, as he was glad to say the Boys' School subscriptions had advanced? The arguments he had heard had convinced him of the desirability of adopting the recommendations of the committee. He was well acquainted with subjects of this kind. He had been on a great number of committees, more perhaps than any one in that room, and he knew that questions referred to them were fully considered. Was it fair to the committee to waste a lot of time, now that they came forward with a report, to which there were but two dissentients? Let them at once put their shoulders to the wheel and act upon it. As to finances, there would be no difficulty; but as to the railway coming on to the site of the school, it was only a bugbear: there was not much probability of their coming.

Col. Burdett said that the brethren were all aware that the neighbourhood of Clapham Junction was beginning to be crowded with houses and other buildings; and although it was very healthy now, when it became more crowded a different state of circumstances might occur, and it might be found to be a very unhealthy position indeed. They would then find that having spent a large sum of money, it had been thrown away, and a much larger sum than was now proposed to be laid out would

be required for another building. This question he thought required a great deal more consideration than it had yet had. It was one of vital importance to themselves and those who were under their care. If the building got hemmed in by all sorts of buildings—they could not tell what they might be—they might repent having laid out so much money, although the healthiness of the spot might now be very great. With regard to the House of Correction, and other large public buildings having been erected in the neighbourhood, it must be remembered that they were at a very great distance from the Girls' School, and not likely to be shut in by houses being erected.

Bro. Z. D. Berry said there was a large space of ground round about the Girls' School, on which no buildings could be erected, as it was secured for ever to the general public. (No, no.)

Bro. E. J. Barron remarked that there was one conclusive answer to the brother who last spoke (Col. Burdett), that they had Wandsworth Common within three four minutes' walk, which could not possibly be built upon. They also had Clapham Common, which could not be built upon on that side of them. Then again, there was the railway on the other side, which could not be built upon.

Bro. W. Roebuck thought it would assist the brethren in their deliberations if they were to be told what acreage of ground was already the property of the school.

The Chairman: Two acres-and-a-half.

Bro. W. Roebuck believed that it ought to be considered before they laid out £25,000 in placing more buildings on this space, of which an acre was already covered, whether it was likely they would be able to acquire more ground adjoining.

The Chairman: We are promised the refusal of some adjoining ground on the death of a lady who is now very old.

Bro. Roebuck: If we are only promised we have very little to depend upon. As regards the buildings springing up around us not on the railway side, no doubt every year we shall be built in more than we are now. I quite agree with Col. Burdett that before we agree to spend £25,000, which may be £30,000, the matter ought to be more considered than it has been up to the present moment.

Bro. Dudley Rolls believed that after laying out this money it would be found expedient at a future time to remove these schools. In connection with all the various termini in London as Clapham Junction was, no doubt in course of time the neighbourhood would become as densely populated as Whitechapel. The time was therefore, not far distant when they would have again to take into consideration the removal of the school to a more beneficial site. They had now two-and-a-half acres of land. It would increase in value in the course of years, and they would get a larger sum for it than now, in addition to the value of the building materials. They would then go to a purer district, where they would have all that they wanted. Such being the case it appeared to him evident that whatever sum of money was laid out now would be entirely useless and absolutely thrown away.

Bro. W. Winn reminded the Court that although the Chairman had stated they had had but two deaths in seven years, he had omitted to state that they had had various epidemics. In cases of illness it was necessary to have perfect quiet round the building; but with the railway locomotives screeching night and day this could not be obtained, and it was very detrimental to sick people. The time must come, he thought, when they must follow the example of other institutions, and remove out of the densely populated neighbourhood of London to seek the fine and healthy atmosphere of the country, where they would have larger grounds, a better institution, and more inmates than they could have in their present circumscribed space.

Bro. Dr. Ramsay had not intended to oppose the proposition of the Special Committee; but he thought he must oppose it now on the following grounds:—That to erect a building to cost upwards of £25,000, or even £20,000, on an area of two-and-a-half acres seemed to him most unwise and opposed to sound policy. The arguments adduced by Col. Burdett and others had great weight with him. Had the sum been moderate he would not have opposed it; but a large expenditure of this kind without a large equivalent was a waste of money. It was highly improbable that they would ever get it back—however long they might wait for it—or anything like that sum. Whether the spot was or was not unhealthy now, in a short time it would be hemmed in, and they must remove the children to a better position.

Bro. Joseph Smith would move an amendment with the view of bringing both parties together, and he thought the brethren ought to be very nearly unanimous in supporting it. He was not disposed to reject the report of the committee, because he thought they must have taken a great deal of trouble about it. His amendment was that after having heard the arguments pro and con the report should be referred back to the committee for further consideration. If that should be carried by anything like a majority the committee, when they had the report back, would consider any other scheme involving a smaller expenditure of money. That could then be brought before the Court, and if they could be unanimous it would be desirable. If the present report was carried, he was sure it would not be by a large majority. If it were carried by only a few votes it would not be satisfactory to the Craft. They must look to the Craft at large for support; and if it went forth that they were spending a large sum of money it might do harm. But if after consideration they should come to the conclusion to spend a large sum, no doubt as Masonry was increasing, and they should extend their building, it would meet with the concurrence of the whole Craft.

Bro. John Boyd seconded the amendment.

Bro. H. Browne said it was true that this was the report of the committee with only two dissentients; but there had been two other schemes before that committee which had

not been laid before this meeting. One of the schemes was to enlarge the north wing of the present building by extending it some forty feet further westward, and sixty feet on the other side, which would give accommodation for some sixty additional children; then, to enlarge the dining hall. This scheme was estimated to cost about £8000. By enlarging the dining hall, which was an absolute necessity, they would have a large hall, which was very desirable. It would be sixty feet by forty, or 2400 feet of surface. With dormitories over, that would give accommodation, the surveyor said, for thirty-two children. But how he made out that there would be accommodation for ninety-four children, when the extra space was 2500 feet, when the enlarging of the dining hall by 2400 feet would only accommodate thirty-two children, he (Bro. Browne) could not understand.

The Chairman said he did not think it quite right for Bro. Browne to explain this scheme now, when the question was whether the report brought up should be referred back to the committee. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Browne thought it was quite competent for him to explain.

Bro. Symonds agreed that as a point of order they could hardly limit Bro. Browne. The other schemes formed an element in the question whether the report should be referred back for the consideration of the committee. Bro. Browne had no power to propose a new scheme, but he was entitled to state in his speech that there were other schemes which were practicable that would involve a less expenditure of money.

The Chairman said he had no objection himself to it; but he thought if Bro. Kenyon was precluded from bringing forward his scheme, no one else should be allowed to bring one forward.

Bro. Browne continued: The great desirability was that they should have a large hall in which to meet (they had none such now), and which might be utilised as a play room for the children in inclement weather. They had not such a room now. There were new schemes for this; and without going into the estimated cost of either of them including that of enlarging the dining hall and building new laundries, with other expenses, the expense of a covered way (£700) to go from one establishment to the other, it would not be more than £11,000 or £12,000. For these reasons he should support the amendment. All the accommodation required could be got without setting up separate establishments, the building of which was in fact beginning, if the proposed scheme was adopted.

The Chairman observed that if the report went back to the committee all schemes would be considered which might be presented.

Bro. Dubois believed he was justified in saying that all the schemes had been fully discussed which had been placed before the committee. There had been several meetings, and the scheme laid before the court that day was after due consideration finally adopted, sent up to the General Committee, and by them recommended to the Special Court. If the sense of the committee were taken as to whether the school should remain where it was or go elsewhere, he thought it would be in favour of the former.

Dr. Ramsay rose to speak to the amendment. It appeared to him that if they sent this matter back to the committee they must not dictate to them what they should do. There had been suggestions made as to what they should do. He thought they should consider the whole matter. The sum, no doubt, was enormously large; but the question was whether any sum should be spent in increasing the school where it at present was. He, for one, thought it would be very unwise to expend any sum of money on that object; but of course there were others who thought differently. He would suggest that, as the question was referred to the House Committee to reconsider, the House Committee should be associated with certain of the Life Governors. That perhaps would give more satisfaction to the general body, because they would then obtain the views of the general body. This meeting was not justified in discussing any scheme, because the House Committee had discussed the matter thoroughly, and were justly entitled to the brethren's best thanks. It would be wise to adopt the suggestion that had been made, and refer the matter back to the House Committee, to be associated with a certain number of Life Governors.

A Brother enquired of the chairman what was the extent of the land adjoining, which he had spoken of, belonging to an old lady, and of which the institution had been promised the refusal; also what was the price that might be expected to be asked for it.

The Chairman said he believed there were seven or eight acres. He could say nothing about the price.

The brother thought the price was pretty certain to be a very large one.

Another Brother said they had already been told by the Report of the Special Committee that £20,000 or £25,000 would be required to complete what was required to make the school adequate to the demands made upon it. Here was a proposition on the board, after they had been patching for some years, that they should still further patch the building at the cost of half the amount of money which the report recommended as requisite to make the school complete. What was required was that the building should be at once made to answer all demands that might be made on it for some time. He thought the report ought to be adopted.

Bro. Kenyon thought that if this matter were referred back to the committee and any number of Life Governors, the proposition should be to include the consideration of all the schemes that had been sent before the committee in the first instance. Those schemes would then be properly discussed.

The Chairman said that every one of the schemes had been thoroughly discussed, and Bro. Kenyon's amongst the others.

Bro. Symonds asked Bro. Joseph Smith whether his amendment embraced the reference of all schemes to the committee.

Bro. Joseph Smith: Yes.

Bro. Samuel Poynter: The whole subject is to be included in the re-reference—whether the school is to be retained on its present site, and enlarged, or whether it is to be removed to any other part of the country.

Bro. Thomas J. Sabine would like to suggest, as this matter was to be referred back to the House Committee, that when any future report they might make should come before the Quarterly or Special Court that report should be printed prior to the meeting of the Court, and sent out to all the Life Governors, Vice-Patrons, and other subscribers. Many of the brethren came there that day, never having seen the report, and those who came in late—of course that was their own fault—had not heard the report read. Consequently many of them were kept in the dark as to its purport. It would be a very fair and judicious thing, when such a serious outlay was in contemplation that all the brethren who were going to attend the meeting, should be posted up before they came to the meeting in the terms of the report they were called together to consider. The decision must be a most important one whichever way it went, and the brethren could not be too well informed of the facts, figures, and circumstances, which had been determined on by the committee (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Jesse Turner agreed with the last speaker. The more information they had the better for each and all of them. It was quite certain they would become better prepared for discussion if they had had an opportunity of reading the report at home.

The Chairman: It has been moved and seconded "That this Report be adopted by this Special Court;" upon which an amendment has been proposed, "That the whole subject be referred back to the committee." I put the amendment first.

The amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority, and Bro. Joseph Smith moved (Bro. William Stephens seconded) the addition of Life Governors to the Committee. This having been carried, Bros. Poynter, Kenyon, Dr. Ramsay, Joseph Smith, Dudley Rolls, John Boyd, W. Roebuck, William Ramsey, George Kenning, Fish, and W. Stephens were named for the office, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A "SCOT ABROAD."—A generous benefactor, living in the district of Wanganui, New Zealand, has forwarded £500 to the National Lifeboat Institution to establish a lifeboat on the Scotch coast. He requests that the lifeboat may be named the "Peep o' Day," and the gift entered as from "A Scot Abroad."

On and after the 1st January next, when France enters into the postal union, letters to that country will be charged 2½d. per half-ounce post cards, 1½d. each; newspapers, 1d. per four ounces; printed papers, legal and commercial documents, and patterns of merchandise, 1d. per two ounces; registration fee, 4d. Unpaid letters from France will be charged 5d. per half-ounce on delivery.

The Mansion House Inundation Fund has amounted to nearly £17,000. The subscription list is now closed.

The names of Bros. Robert Grey, and Fredk. Morrell, Grand Junior Deacons, were omitted in our report of Grand Lodge which appeared in the "Freemason" of the 4th inst.

Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley is the W.M. elect of the Era Lodge, No. 1423.

Bro. Sir Edward Lee presided at a dramatic recital from "The Lady of Lyons," given by Mr. A. Wieland, at the City of London College, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Mr. Wieland, who recites entirely from memory, is well known as an able elocutionist.

A Royal Arch jewel has been presented to Comp. W. G. Jennings, Chap. No. 188, by a few of the Albion staff.—"City Press."

On Monday morning there died at Peebles Lady Louisa Stuart, of Traquair House. The last of the Royal Stuarts, she was in her hundredth year. Deceased was a descendant of the House of Stuart, and her genealogy can be traced back to John of Ghent, and Henry IV. and Henry V. Lady Louisa Stuart was a remarkable woman and by her methodical and stately manners maintained the dignity of her race.

TEMPLE BAR.—A deputation from the City Lands Committee on Tuesday waited upon Lord Henry Lennox, First Commissioner of Works, to call his attention to the state of Temple-bar as it affects the approaches to the new Law Courts. The City authorities were willing to remove Temple-bar, and contribute to the scheme by removing the houses on the north side. His lordship expressed the great interest he felt in the matter, but at the same time pointed out how very small a share the City authorities, under the proposed arrangement, would take on themselves. However, he promised to call the attention of the Government to the matter.

THE ANNUAL MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.—Already there are evidences that the 27th annual Grand Masonic Ball at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 11th January, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Edu-

cational Institution, will be one of the most successful held for a long time, thanks to the tact and zeal of Bro. Henry Nelson, P.M. 673 and 1505, Honorary Secretary. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Thomson (Mayor of Liverpool) and the Mayoress will be present, and the list of patrons is even longer and more distinguished than formerly.

Marshal MacMahon, the President of the French Republic, has conferred upon Bro. Alderman Stone, the late Lord Mayor, the rank and decoration of a Commander of the Legion of Honour. Bro. Stone has also been appointed by the Lord Chancellor Justice of the Peace for Hastings.

The "Pictorial World" of Saturday last contains a portrait of Bro. His Majesty Oscar 2nd., King of Sweden.

We have the pleasure to announce that an entertainment on behalf of the Aged Freemasons' Institution will take place on Thursday next, at the Oriental Buildings (adjoining the District Railway Station) New Bridge-street, E.C. The hall has been gratuitously lent by Major Wieland, and the performance is under the management of Bro. Ockenden (1512), 39, Finsbury-square. For particulars see advertisement.

Bro. Aeneas McIntyre, Q.C., presided on Saturday last at a dinner given to Sir Hardinge Giffard, Q.C., by the members of the United Welsh Circuit.

A telegram from Madura announces the opening by the Prince of Wales of the southern extension of the South Indian Railway Company. His Royal Highness named the first engine after the Princess of Wales.

Bro. John Tweed, the well-known publisher, 9, Howard-street, Glasgow, has issued an admirable copy of a painting of "Kilwinning," in the possession of John McGavin, Esq. The point of view is admirably chosen, including, as it does, not only a characteristic sketch of the old village, but faithful representations of the "Auld Turris," the "Steeple," and the "Brig," with the sea in the distance. The engraving is dedicated by Bro. Tweed to the Freemasons of Scotland, and for the sake of the associations which cluster round "Mother Kilwinning," we should imagine that it will be a point of honour with all the "brethren" to become possessed of a copy.

The "Masonic Magazine" will, on and after January, 1876, be enlarged to 48 pages.

The Christmas number of the "Freemason" will consist of 32 pages, and will contain a portrait of H.B.N. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master. The price of this number to non-subscribers will be fourpence. To prevent disappointment orders should be at once sent to the office (198, Fleet-street), or through any newsagent.

THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE.—The motto of the new W.M., Bro. Pringle, whose banner we mentioned in our report of the lodge, is "Sarsum."

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire, was present at the inauguration of a Liberal Association at Sheffield, and delivered a powerful address on the position and prospects of the Liberal party.

DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES.—The Princess of Wales and her Royal Highness's five children, accompanied by Miss Knollys, Sir William Knollys, and Mr. Dalton, left the South Eastern Company's Station at Charing-cross, for Dover, by special train, which was composed of the usual Royal saloon carriages, at 8.14 p.m. yesterday, en route for Copenhagen, on a visit to the King and Queen of Denmark. The Princess was received on arrival at the station by Sir Edward Watkin, M.P., chairman of the company, and the train was in charge of Bro. John Shaw, the general manager, and Mr. Cockburn, the superintendent of the line. The engine was driven by Mr. Watkin, the locomotive superintendent. The arrangements for the journey are under the control of Mr. Kanaë, her Majesty's Director of Continental Tours, who accompanies the Royal party to Copenhagen.

SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY.—An extraordinary general meeting of this company was held at 2, Gresham Buildings, on Wednesday evening last, when it was proposed and carried unanimously that the remaining share capital of the company be issued in shares of £1 each, and that the share capital of the company be divided accordingly, representing 1000 shares at £5 each, and 5000 shares at £1 each.

Bro. C. T. Matthew solicits votes for the forthcoming election of Common Councilmen in the Ward of Farringdon Without.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio is stirring up the Coloured Masonry question, most unwisely we think. We shall express our views at length in our next issue.—"Keystone."

In Canada, the Orders of Knighthood are not conferred upon any Master Mason of less than two years' standing.

The Grand Priory of Canada is paying fifty dollars a year, for life, to the widow of the late Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Chancellor, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

NOTICE TO THE TRADE.

THE
CHRISTMAS NUMBER
OF

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will consist of 32 PAGES, EXCLUSIVE OF WRAPPER, and will contain a PORTRAIT of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the PRINCE of WALES. The CHARGE for this number will be FOUR PENCE.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Careful attention will be paid to all MSS. entrusted to the Editor, but he cannot undertake to return them unless accompanied by stamped directed covers.

Bro. C. Pegler's letter on "The Girls' School" declined with thanks.

An interesting letter by Bro. W. J. Hughan, on the "Admission of Members," in our next.

The following stand over:—"Admission of New Members"; Letter from Chili; the late Bro. Thomas Sleator. Reports of lodges: Etonian, 209; St. Luke's, 225; Cleveland, 543; Ellesmere, 768; Perfect Ashlar, 1178; Rock, 1289; Albert and Edward, 1560; Duke of Connaught, 1588; Chapter of Prudent Brethren, 145.

BOOK RECEIVED:—"Scottish Proverbs," by A. Henderson.—Tegg and Co.

FRATERNAL ENQUIRER.—Optional.

ENQUIRER.—We cannot understand the question as propounded. What does the 1 to 13 mean? Any Scottish brother can join an English lodge by vote of lodge, paying joining fee, producing the Scotch certificate, and being registered under the English Grand Lodge.

BRO. T. W. PICKTHALL.—You had better write to the Grand Secretary.

A shocking instance of Roman Catholic persecution of Masons, and even desecration of the dead, will appear in our next impression.

The account of our Royal Grand Master elephant hunting will also appear next week.

ERRATA.—In the letter of Bro. Binckes last week. In the first column, line 11 from the bottom, "tune" should read "tone."—In the second column the word "table" should follow "died." In line 3 from the top the cost for "Salaries and Wages, first figures column 2, should be £14 14s. 9d., and the average, £8 7d. 7d.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATH.

MASSA.—December 14th, very suddenly, at Ivy Lodge, Plaistow, Essex, Maria Eliza wife of Thomas Massa of Dowgate Hill, surveyor, (P.M. No. 59) eldest daughter of the late James Dixon Esq., of the 4th Light Dragoons.

SLEATOR.—On the 4th inst., at Oak Villa, Waterford, Bro. Thomas Sleator, P.M. 5, 32, and 297; P.Z. 5 and 52, &c.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 1875.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER IN INDIA.

The Prince having left Ceylon, reached Tuticorin on the 11th; Madura at 5.30 the same afternoon. He reached Madras from Trichonopoly at 7.30 on the 14th. The Times gives us the following interesting details:—"The Prince of Wales landed at Tuticorin at 8.40, where he had an enthusiastic reception. The landing-place and town were very prettily decorated, and a number of presents from the Chiefs were offered. The first train that ever has run on the South India Railway was started. Dr. Caldwell presented an address from the Tinnevely Christians, and 600 Natives sang a number of hymns. Madura was reached at 5.30, and 60,000 people were assembled to welcome the Prince. The sight was remarkable, and the greatest enthusiasm was displayed, all the people of the country having apparently come to cheer their illustrious visitor. But they were not very well able to recognize him, as he wore no distinctive uniform. At every station the Chiefs of the district had assembled. The streets of Madura were handsomely decorated, and a Guard of Honour of the 19th Madras Sepoys was at the railway station, and one of the 189th Regiment at head-

quarters. The Rajah of Roodocotah received and offered presents, and the Prince was greatly pleased with the scene. The fireworks and illuminations to-night are magnificent. The Chiefs and the people have spent £5000 in providing a suitable reception for the Prince. The State dinner at the Queen's House, given by the Governor, was very successful. As to the Club ball, at which the Prince, the Governor's guests, and the élite of the British, Foreign, and Cingalese residents were present, it may be fairly set down as one of the greatest of many pretty and expensive efforts made to entertain the Prince, and to have been triumphantly successful. The Prince wore the uniform of the 10th Hussars. He appeared to enjoy the evening very much, and did not leave till after the tenth dance. Next day was a field-day among the jewellers and box wallahs, and then the Prince drove to Leechman's factory, where coconut oil, fibre, coir, &c., are made on a large scale. The Cingalese seemed never to tire of waiting to see the Prince. Colombo was en fete, and business was suspended, shops being closed all along the route. On Sunday Divine Service was celebrated at 12.30. The Prince left Trichonopoly station at 4 in the afternoon. The axles of the carriage were so much heated that the train had to stop twice. It arrived at Madras one hour late, at 7.30. The Governor, his Staff, and the authorities awaited the Prince's, and there was a presentation of native Chiefs. The procession was accompanied by the 16th Lancers, the body guard and suite preceding the carriage of the Prince and Governor with Major-General Probyn. An escort of horse and a foot cortege of the authorities followed. The arrangements were admirable. Only the municipal police kept order in the poorest suburb. The streets were packed. Thousands had come into the town the night before. Every place was occupied. At dawn the troops lined the way to Government House. Christian children sang with a pretty effect. All along the route there were flags and streamers and striking native dresses. The Prince was known to the crowd by his gold umbrella. He was received everywhere with marks of intense interest and curious respect. There was no cheering or noise. The Prince reached Government House at 9, when presentations were made. Breakfast was at 12. The Maharajah of Travancore paid a visit to the Prince. The visit was private, but was conducted in great state. He speaks English. The Prince expressed his regret that he could not visit Travancore. The Maharajah seemed much pleased. The next visit was from the Rajah of Cochin. He spoke about the trade of Cochin, and also seemed greatly gratified. The Prince of Arcot and four Sardars followed. The Prince of Arcot said the dreams of his life were at last realised. The Prince gave attar to each, and proper salutes and honours were paid. At one levee there were upwards of 500 Chiefs and Europeans. The Prince stood in front of a splendid silver chair on a raised dais. The Duke of Buckingham and Sir Bartle Frere were on his right, and the Duke of Sutherland on his left. The native officers presented wore very magnificent costumes. At 8 there was a State Banquet with 50 covers: the Bench, the Clergy, and the Civil and Military authorities were represented. The Governor of Pondicherry, and his suite were also present. There was an illumination at 10.30. The Prince, the Governor, and his suite rode out to Guindy Park. To-morrow is the anniversary of the Prince Consort's death, and will be spent there in seclusion by the Prince.

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Most of our readers will have anticipated the result which the recently appointed Special Committee of the Boys' School has now brought about. Indeed, there could be but one answer to so foolish and perverse an insinuation. We are not now going into the general and loudly re-iterated charges of mismanagement, extravagance, incompetence, and impropriety, which brethren have thought well for some time past to disperse broadcast among the Craft. Some

may wish that a Special Committee had been appointed to enquire generally into all the charges, and bring accused and accusers face to face. But the special point into which the Committee had to enquire which has now presented its Report, and which appeared in the last "Freemason," is whether or no the sum of £141 15s. was accounted for. The Special Committee finds that the sum is accounted for, and that the mistake is purely on the part of Bros. Tew and Perrott, and that there is not the least confusion in the accounts, nor the slightest pretence for saying so. Such, then, is the result of the investigation, entirely exonerative of Bro. Binckes, of the House Committee, and of the Auditors. We feel bound to add that we fully concur in Bro. Ridgway's remarks, that the pamphlets as circulated are practically "false and libellous," and that the "object" with which they have been so pertinaciously "circulated" can not be "recognised by brother Masons as in the slightest degree of an honourable or fraternal character." We have always contended, and still contend, that had Bros. Tew and Perrott any real or imaginary grievances there was but one proper course open to them, namely to go before the General Committee in the first instance, and move for the appointment of a Special Committee to enquire into all these allegations, which, under the circumstances, would assuredly have been at once granted, and we have reason to believe that no one would have hailed such an appointment more readily than Bro. Binckes himself. But, instead of this honourable, straightforward, manly, and Masonic course, what have Bros. Tew and Perrott done? The first attack on the Boys' School was made on the eve of the Boys' School Anniversary this year, when such insinuations and assertions and charges might naturally have affected the returns to the Charity itself. Happily, the good sense and loyal sympathies of the Craft prevailed over ungenerous imputations and unwarranted allegations. Then comes the second pamphlet, though we must not forget the interlude of a semi-pamphlet by Bro. Perrott, printed at Pontefract, which certainly was a pamphlet *sui generis*. Amid much of wild writing and illogical statement, the second pamphlet contained certain modest demands on the part of two members of our great Craft. First, that Bro. Binckes and the Matron should be removed; secondly, that the House Committee should be changed; and thirdly, that Bro. Perrott should be reinstated. Certainly, these were wonderful requisitions to be peremptorily submitted to a startled brotherhood and a competent executive; and we do not ourselves call to mind any proceedings during our Craft membership more unbecoming or un-Masonic from first to last. Indeed, we are inclined to treat the whole matter as a Masonic Comedy of Errors, were it not possible that a perpetuation of such a Parthian warfare might seriously affect the returns to the Boys' School, which is entirely dependent on the voluntary offerings of the Order. We should be ready to say "Risum teneatis Fratres," were it not that there is a very serious side to the matter, namely, in the personal feelings evoked and the unfraternal animus displayed. As it is, we think it best to leave the matter here; and we consider the discussion closed, and the controversy at an end. The Special Committee has clearly proved that the charges of want of clearness of accounts, &c., are unfounded, that all payments are vouched for; and we can only hope that such an exhibition of indiscreet partizanship as certain unfortunate pamphlets have exhibited, and which have rendered this recent committee necessary, may never occur again. Like our able and respected Bro. J. Symonds, we have never flattered Bro. Binckes; we have very often disagreed with him, and not unfrequently been opposed to his views; but we have ever done justice to his energy and earnestness, and to his great and most successful exertions on behalf of the Boys' School. We fully endorse in this spirit Bro. Symonds' concluding remarks; and we trust that Bro. Binckes may now be left alone to carry on the important duties of the Secretariat. Surely Bros. Tew and Perrott have said quite enough, and the Craft generally, not excluding the great majority of West Yorkshire brethren, is heartily sick of personal attacks and illogical statements.

MASONIC CALUMNY.

What a burlesque on every profession and axiom of Freemasonry, is the fact, that Masons are calumnious, and that Masonic calumny exists? Is it not? To realise that we, who profess to uphold a brother's character in his absence, as we would in his presence, that we, who declare brotherly love the foundation on which Freemasonry rests, should slander one another, is as ridiculous as it is regrettable. Whence comes this increasing weakness of Freemasonry? Whence springs this odious evidence of the littleness or bitterness of the human mind? We fear there is but one reply, "Nous sommes tous mortels," and until we "shuffle off this mortal coil," amid every turn of the road, and through every catastrophe of humanity we still shall remain the same vacillating or perverse beings, as our fathers have been before us, and as our children will be after us. There seems to be inherent in us all, a distrust, a jealousy of our brethren, of our neighbours, in the world, whether as comrades or companions, whether as fellow citizens or fellow labourers here, whether in business or in pleasure, in toil or trouble, in joy or sorrow, in life or death. But why this tendency to calumny, and to impute bad motives, to make false charges? All we can say, so it is, and such seems positively to be the normal condition of the human race! But then, remarks our enthusiastic Bro. Puddleton—"we are Freemasons, we are above such littlenesses and weaknesses, and evil tendencies; we are to shine as lights of the world," we are to be fraternal, while others are uncharitable, and considerate when others are cold. Far from us, the unfeeling or cynical question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" "We know nothing of the impassible emotions of heartless indifference. No! Freemasonry teaches us all kindlier sympathies, a gentler and a better lore." Now my dear and enthusiastic brother, yours is an amiable but harmless delusion. Freemasons may talk a great deal in the high moral tone, or in the low falutin style, but their deeds are those of the great crowd of careless and bustling mortals, just like those whom they often term "profanes." "Is, then, there nothing in Freemasonry?" asks Bro. Puddleton, hastily. Amiable confrère, we do not say so, but rather we do assert that "exceptio probat regulum." Freemasonry is unchanging alike in its mission of good and its aspirations of benevolence, though Freemasons sometimes overlook the former and neglect the latter. We are now writing didactically, and we are asserting general principles, without any reference to persons or special manifestations. The truth is, that as ever, we find here in this, as in everything else of earth, another proof of the old old story, that dogma is one thing and deeds are another thing, that profession goes one way and practice very often the other. We should not therefore be surprised or disheartened; we should not wonder or complain, when such a state of things is before us. We should only seek to appreciate more than ever the true, the beautiful, the loving, the good, and allow such better seeds to germinate in our bosoms, and to elevate our longings and aims. But we can set ourselves sternly against the calumniator and the calumny. Whether in public affairs or private, whether, in the body corporate or the individual, we should at once repel the insidious shafts of slander, and openly rebuke the slanderer, be he who he may. As a general rule calumny is the evidence of a little mind, of a reckless disposition, of a gnarled heart, of a morbid brain. Calumniators generally are very small men, who seek to rise to notice, on the ruin of a friend's, or neighbour's, or brother's reputation. Let us, as Freemasons, then, denounce calumny, and give a cold shoulder to calumniators. They are the curse of all earthly society. They will undermine any organization into which they get access. Freemasonry loves truth and honesty, and fair-speaking, and brotherly kindness; it indignantly denounces that callous disposition which feels nothing for the annoyance of another, that unscrupulous pen which assails fair fame or honest worth, that "prava imaginatio" which sees the mote in its brother's eyes, but forgets the beam

in its own, and above all that uncharitable and overstrained spirit of calumny which not only without hesitation affirms what is false to be true and what is true to be false, but calmly robs another, perhaps a trusting friend, of that good name which is most precious in his eyes, of that reputation which is dearer to him than life itself.

MASONIC LIBRARIES.

The subject to which Bros. "S. B. E." and "Reviresco" have recently called our attention is one of great importance. For certain it is, from one cause or another, that our good English Craft, has lent itself, and adapted itself so to say, more to the social than the intellectual side of Freemasonry. We do not overlook the fact, that many of our Order belong to the hard-working classes of society, and that the lodge gathering is alike a social relaxation and a social necessity for many, who have all the day been toiling and toiling hard, in counting-house, and office, and study, and chambers. To them the Masonic meeting after needful labour of another kind, becomes an agreeable social reunion, a pleasant and hospitable symposium. But it is undeniable, that our lodges, however flourishing they may be materially, have not kept pace with the intellectual demands of the era, or even with the requirements of a growing body of Masonic students. The existence of Masonic libraries is an exception; the possession of a Masonic library belongs comparatively to but very few lodges indeed. Our Grand Lodge has no befitting library, and we are sometimes inclined to think, that until Grand Lodge itself moves in the matter, and wakes up, so to say, from its literary slumber, we cannot expect any very general activity in the brotherhood, in respect of a subject which is not considered needful by some, and is treated apathetically by more. Still there are among us some few lodges which discern the utility and value of a library, just as there are some few brethren who have all along advocated the creation and conservation of lodge libraries. In the "Freemason" some short time back we called attention to the subject, though with no response; and from time to time, during the last 20 years some of our intelligent students have forcibly advocated the institution of Masonic libraries. We, therefore, hail the repetition of the movement by younger brethren, such as "S. B. E." and "Reviresco," and we trust that better success will attend on their praiseworthy efforts and suggestion, that has been the lot of us "old fogies." We say it, in all sincerity, no greater boon can be conferred on any lodge, if only our brethren will think so, than the erection of a lodge reading-room and library, specially set apart for Masonic literature. It is a little odd, though it is a fitting commentary on the prevailing Masonic sentiment on the subject, that when our Masonic architects lay down the lines of a new Masonic hall, they never think of a library or reading-room. Why? In our humble opinion every lodge which has a proper Masonic Hall ought to have a Masonic reading-room and library attached to it; and we will go further and say that we also venture to think that every lodge ought to have, as one of its officers, a librarian and keeper of the archives. One of the results of this want of interest in the intellectual character of our Order in England has been that as a rule our lodge archives have been utterly neglected. At this moment very few lodges preserve any minutes earlier than the beginning of this century, some even not so early, or if they exist they are stowed away in inaccessible boxes, or are scattered among the private libraries of descendants of Past Masters and early Secretaries. This should not be so. Our Bro. W. J. Hughan will confirm our statement when we add that nothing has so increased the difficulties of arriving at a true history of English Freemasonry as the absence of authentic Anglican lodge records. They probably still exist, but we cannot get at them. Next week we shall call attention to the purely literary question, on which we have a good deal to say. To-day we confine ourselves to a hearty welcome of the movement "per se," hoping that our younger Masons and brethren will come to the rescue, and see their way to the zealous and hearty support, both of a good cause and of a very

needful reform. We invite our readers to consider the facts which we shall seek to put before them next week from a literary point of view alone, in respect both of the utility and value of Masonic libraries.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The result of the Special General Court, on the 11th inst., has been, that the report of the Committee is referred to it for reconsideration, and we therefore defer any remarks until we have the amended and revised report before us. We trust that in the assertion of individual opinions, or the development of personal views, the great and real interests at stake may not be forgotten.

THE COMPARATIVE COST OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We defer to next week necessarily, owing to the heavy demands on our space, some more remarks on this very important question. The discussion, as will be seen, is continued this week.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe notices in your issue of the 11th inst., at pages 565-6, that you propose to publish "an official reply by the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital to certain memorials," which reply, you state, "throws considerable light upon the compilation and authorship of the new statutes of the Order." I presume your two paragraphs refer to the same pamphlet, a copy of which I have received, and in a foot-note to which I observe personal allusion made to myself. I hope I may therefore be excused for addressing you on the subject. Permit me to point out that the pamphlet is not "official," but, on the contrary, is an anonymous publication, with which the Vice-Chancellor's department ought not to be identified. No official reply to memorials could be given without the sanction of Convent-General or Great Priory, and surely the very strong and uncomplimentary terms to which the good brethren of Dorset are treated must at once relieve Convent-General and Great Priory from the imputation that the pamphlet in question is an "official" reply.

You will notice that the pamphlet contrasts a memorial of the province of Worcester, of 1863, with a memorial of the province of Dorset, of 1874, an interval of eleven years; and it must be at once plain that there is a motive in this proceeding which the language of the pamphlet does not disclose, and when I consider the fact that the courtesy of a preliminary communication was not accorded to the Prior of Worcestershire, or to myself, the Sub-Prior, and that any mention of the 1874 memorial of this province, with which the contrast, if any, ought to be made, is avoided, I may be excused some doubts whether the motive for publishing this pamphlet is, as it ought to be, a true and unselfish regard for the interests of the Order at large.

You have, very naturally, concluded that the pamphlet throws light upon the compilation and authorship of the new statutes. I, myself, assumed that the compiler must have been inspired by the Worcestershire memorial, and had forgotten to acknowledge the circumstance; but this is distinctly denied by Vice Chancellor Tinkler (with whom I have had a correspondence, which I am quite ready to submit to the consideration of the Order), and I have his statement in writing that the Worcestershire memorial of 1863 had no influence whatever in the framing of the new statutes; that he discovered the memorial only in the early part of the present year, and that its existence had been previously unknown in the chancellerie. I cannot now speak to the precise origin of the memorial, and had, myself, forgotten its existence, although I appear to have appended notes to it; but I have made myself sufficiently acquainted with the facts to learn that the memorial was presented when a committee was deliberating upon new statutes, with a view to rectify the extraordinary changes which had been made in the system prevailing before 1853. The province of Worcester desired to aid in this, as I venture to say, it has invariably done when the good of the Order could be promoted, and in its desire for uniformity, its memorial of 1863, which is an echo of the Scottish Statutes, was presented. This memorial desired the real union of the two Orders "as one," and as prevailing before 1853, but in no way affected the question of past rank, and in these respects the Worcestershire memorial of 1874 is identical; the only material difference between the two being the question of the title "Masonic." Many changes must occur amongst the members of a province in eleven years, and, moreover, there are many reasons connected with the administration of the Order which have induced their present views on this point; but that they hold no obstinate or unreasonable opinion on any question which may conduce to the good of the Order I

can venture to give my personal assurance. This is the first communication, relative to the Temple Order, which I have addressed to a public print, or in which I have been directly or indirectly concerned, for the past two years, and I wish now to say no one word which may give offence to any brother interested in the subject. I desire the true interests of the Temple Order, and I here aver that I am, and have been, and willing to give my humble influence and aid to such arrangements as may, if possible, heal those differences which seem unhappily to have existed, provided the arrangements secure the just, honourable, and kindly treatment of all who may be willing to give their meed of help to the Order, whether their views may, or may not, accord with the opinions of their superiors in office.

For my own strivings to do the best in my power as a Commissioner under the uniformity treaties I have no self reproach.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully yours,

RICHARD WOOLF,
Sub. Prior of Worcestershire,
Honorary Deputy Grand Commander, Canada.

[This pamphlet, it appears, being non-official, though we understood the contrary, will appear in our Christmas number, merely as an ordinary communication.]

LODGE TRUTH, BOMBAY. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,

As I see that a Punjab P.M. has called public attention in the issue of the "Masonic Record of Western India" for November (which came to hand by last mail), to the fact that the Second and Third Degrees were lately conferred at one meeting on the same individual in Lodge Truth, Bombay, under dispensation of the Deputy D.G.M., will you allow me to say in your widely-circulating columns that I was obliged by severe illness to leave Bombay in March last, and that I was, therefore, in no way personally responsible for this obvious breach of the Constitutions of our Order. I think this disclaimer is in justice due to myself, and I hope the editor of the "Masonic Record of Western India," with whom doubtless you exchange, will re-publish it in his well-known journal.

Yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR,
W.M. Lodge Truth, Bombay, No. 944, E.C.

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In signing myself as a Past Master at the foot of the note I addressed to you on the 22nd of November, I had no thought or intention of provoking the criticism of any one, especially that of Bro. Jim Sheard, whose zeal, I fear, is running riot on his reason.

Presuming that Bro. Sheard bases his opinion on the first rule in the Book of Constitutions, I would advise that he engage some one to read it for him whose mind is less prejudiced and better capable of understanding its meaning.

Had I attempted as a non-subscribing Past Master to lay claim to a right of membership of the Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge there would have been some apparent consistency in Bro. Sheard's remarks. Apparent consistency, I say, for even then I should have objected to the dictum of Bro. Sheard, on the ground that those who appeal to the law ought to submit to be governed by the law, and Bro. Jim Sheard and his confederates in the Trafalgar Lodge have for a considerable period persisted in violating the constitutions of the fraternity and the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge; their conduct has already formed the subject of an enquiry before the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw, and a board of Provincial Officers, at which enquiry the award was given against them; and the fact that Bro. Sheard and his confederates have for more than twelve months persistently refused to comply with the conditions of that award will not, I venture to think, advance them in the good opinion of loyal Masons.

For fear any of your readers should think that this is mere verbiage I quote the following letter, addressed to the present W.M. of the Trafalgar Lodge:—

"52, New Street, Huddersfield,
13th April, 1875.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"I am directed by the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw, J.P., D.L., to ask if you have received any application, under Provincial Bye-law No. 48, from the W.M. or Secretary of the Scarborough Lodge, No. 1214, Batley, with respect to Bro. P.M. Henry Ingham, and if you have received any application I am further directed to instruct you to answer the same immediately.

"The W.D.P.G.M. also instructs me to inform you that at a board of enquiry, duly convened and held on the 15th of August last, it was proved and decided that Bro. Henry Ingham was not indebted to the Trafalgar Lodge for contributions or otherwise.

"Your immediate compliance with this letter is directed.

"Yours fraternally,

(Signed)

"J. BOTTOMLEY,
Prov. G. Reg.

"The W.M., Trafalgar Lodge, 971, Batley."

On the 20th of April, six days after the receipt of the above letter, the form of enquiry required and provided under the above-named bye-law was returned, the answers being filled in, the document signed and delivered by "Bro. Jim Sheard, at 2.45 p.m. on the very day that my candidature for affiliation to the Scarborough Lodge was to be brought forward.

The first question on the above-named form, and the one which gave rise to the before-mentioned enquiry, is as follows:—

Have all contributions, subscriptions, and fees due been paid? No, is the answer they give in the face of the above letter. Is there a greater insult that can be offered to a gentleman by any man than to give him the lie? And when we see this from those who call themselves Masons, who profess to be peaceable, loyal, observant, and obedient members of our time-honoured society—see this, and consider to whom it is rendered, we are constrained to hide our heads in shame for those who have no shame for themselves. One would have imagined, after listening to the beautiful admonitory remarks which fell from the lips of Bro. Bentley Shaw at the conclusion of the before-mentioned enquiry, that the veriest ingrate in creation would not have been capable of such wanton outrage.

Great clemency has been shown to the Trafalgar in this matter, but I am yet to be convinced that the Province of West Yorkshire will suffer the action of its officers to be thus insolently disregarded with impunity, and unless they repent of the evil, and obtain grace, they may speedily find themselves in a less enviable position than that of a non-subscribing Pas Master.

I remain, yours fraternally,

HENRY INGHAM,
P.M., P.Z. 258, H. 1214.

Batley, 6th Dec., 1875.

THE LODGE OF TRUTH 1458. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the letter appearing in your columns of to-day, signed "The Writer of the so-called Report," such letter referring to the report of the meeting of the above lodge on November 6th, (a curtailed account of which appeared in your issue of the 20th ult.), I beg to say that I think the letter signed "Henry Smith, W.M. 1458," appearing in your paper of to-day, fully confirms that the remarks I made in my letter of last week, signed a "Junior Member," were not uncalled for. The ruler of the lodge (at the time of the report) in his correspondence in yours of to-day endorses my opinion.

1st. That a very important fact with reference to the election of W.M. was omitted from the said report and was calculated to mislead; not showing "the reason why" the J.W. was elected W.M., instead of the S.W. I therefore contend that the report has justly merited the definition "so called."

2nd. That the junior members of the lodge were taxed with a serious charge, unmerited by them, viz., that they did not study the interests of the lodge, but simply their own preference.

3rd. That the result of the election could be a surprise to many was impossible, the J.W. having 17 and the S.W. three votes out of 22 members present.

4th. That the strong remarks in reference to the junior members also reflected upon the W.M. elect, and which reflection I termed "disparaging" in my letter, signed "A Junior Member."

I am pleased to see that "The Writer of the so-called Report" did not intentionally wish to wound the feelings of any member; but I think if the writer will review his report, he will agree with me, that the tone of it could not possibly do otherwise. I regret that I cannot comply with the request of your correspondent to communicate with him privately on this subject; a grave charge has been laid upon the junior members of the lodge, and sent forth to the Masonic and outside world, through a newspaper. Your correspondent declines to enter into a newspaper correspondence upon the matter; considering he was the promoter of such, I think a second thought will convince him that the same medium employed to send forth the charge, should also be used to prove or withdraw the same.

I am, dear Sir, and Brother, fraternally yours,

JOHN EDWARD ILIFF.

Manchester, December 4th, 1875.

ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS. To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Grand Lodge yearly elects its Master, and so do all private lodges, and why is that privilege kept from the members of the P.G. Lodge? This is a question I have, through your kindness, heretofore asked through your paper, and have never received a satisfactory answer. I sincerely wish that some member of Grand Lodge would endeavour to pass a law that we should have the privilege, and he would very much oblige the members of the P.G. Lodge in general as well as,

Yours fraternally, AN OLD P.M., ONE, &c.

[Our brother evidently misunderstands the whole spirit of our Masonic system.—ED.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much indebted to you for having brought my letter before the notice of the subscribers of the Boys' School. The strictures you have made on several points I feel bound to answer. With the report of the Committee of 1868 I have nothing to do, but will just mention that in that year the London Orphan cost £3 12s. 3d.; last year's report states £2 8s. Commercial Travellers in 1868, you say, cost £7 7s. 5d.; last year they were £4 4s. for office expenses per head. You charge me with being guilty of hasty and fallacious assumptions; I merely called attention to the facts that are issued by the committees of the various schools mentioned. You further say that I know full well that provincial schools are carried on 35 per cent. less than London schools. I maintain that meat is cheaper in Leadenhall, flour in Mark Lane, groceries in Mincing Lane, than in any provincial town in the kingdom, and clothing can be had cheaper of several firms in London, than of country makers. As to the

quality of education, I have before me a letter from the Secretary of the London Orphan School, and I quote his words, "The education given to our children will bear comparison with that imparted to any middle-class or commercial school in the world. I am greatly obliged for your enquiries." I did not state the cost of our boys was twenty pounds too much, but that our expenditure was twenty pounds above that of others, and I considered £36 per boy ample for all charges. You state there were 177 boys in the School last year, the Committee's report at page 12 gives the average number at 156. In your concluding remarks you desire the brethren not to be led away by questionable statements and untenable propositions. My conclusions have been arrived at from the reports of the various schools, and are offered to the Committee in the best possible spirit.

I beg to remain, yours fraternally,

CHARLES PEGLER.

YORK MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not care to waste time in supporting any high grade system as now constituted. I have given our worthy Bro. Hughan the sources, whence he can ascertain for himself that the Degree of Templar Priest was an old York degree; but my time is of too much importance to seek out chapter and verse.

I have examined a great quantity of old rituals, and have taken the Degree of Templar Priest myself, and know the truth of what I am now stating.

The Templar Priest was the second ceremony in No. 1 Encampment at Edinburgh, at its commencement, about 1798. It was an old Irish Templar Degree; further, it is found in the system of both Bath and Bristol, and I have perhaps four or five different and varying rituals of it. It seems to have been suppressed in Ireland for some political reason—at least it is said so.

The "Masonic Student" once gave the draft of a warrant of the degree found at York, dated 1780. The York Masonry, at the close of last century, consisted of seven degrees. He received a certificate with the formula: "Wisdom hath builded her House. She hath hewn out her Seven Pillars." These seven refer to the signs of these seven degrees, and this was old York, Irish, and Scottish Templary.

Having proof somewhere of so much, I quite willingly admit that it was but a modern system at York. Bro. Francis Drake clearly proves that in 1725 only the three Degrees of E.A., F.C., and M.M. were known and practised at York. The Grand Lodge became dormant for above twenty years about 1740, and when revived after 1760 the Masons composing it adopted three more degrees, for which they required the ceremony of P.M.

There are now quite sufficient documents to prove that pre-1717 Masonry was an operative and speculative system, embracing all the knowledge of our present three first degrees operatively, and something more, but that Royal Arch, Templar, and Templar Priest, or any secret belonging to them, were equally unknown. Mark, Red Cross, Ark Mariners, and Cryptic Masonry are simply too contemptible for enumeration, because they all pretend to be what they are not. If they please any one, let them practice them, however.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN YARKER.

LODGE JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the controversy which has been raging on this question one important point has been overlooked in the statements made as to the rights of members of particular lodges to wear jewels. This point is, that at the "Union" in 1813 all lodges then existing were confirmed in the privileges they enjoyed respectively under the "Grand Lodge of England," and the "Grand Lodge of All England." My lodge, for instance, was a York Lodge, and holds the charter from the Grand Lodge of all England, and it was known or distinguished by a jewel, which every member has a right to wear. To deny this right would be equal to denying the legality of the charter under which the lodge is held, for the one has the same right of existence as the other. The value of the jewel was shown some six years ago, when a poor old woman came to the lodge bringing one. She had traced the lodge by the jewel, and it bore the date 1812. Her husband left the lodge in 1814. He died in 1830, leaving his widow well provided for; but 39 years had robbed her of friends and means, and she had to fall back upon her husband's Masonic brethren, to whom she appealed with her husband's jewel and "discharge," as a good brother who had paid his dues. The jewel, in this instance, gave the lodge a means of assisting the long widowed sister, and was therefore useful as well as ornamental.

Yours fraternally,

W.M.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have before me a copy of the "Constitutions of the Antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, published by the authority of the United Grand Lodge, by John Hervey as Grand Secretary," and dated MDCCLXXXIII., which devotes the whole of page 137 to "Centenary Jewels." The appendix, which professes to give "drawings of the various jewels," exhibits in plate 14 a "Centenary Jewel. I am had at descriptions, but a twisted cord, a serpent with its tail in its mouth, and the letter C. are plainly visible.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES A. HAYES.

CONSECRATION OF THE LEOPOLD LODGE.

The south-east of London—that part which lies upon the shores of the Thames between London Bridge and Rotherhithe, known by the name of Bermondsey—was enriched on the 7th inst. by the consecration of a new lodge, named after our Royal Brother Leopold, numbered on the registry of the Grand Lodge as No. 1571. The home, at least for the present, of the new lodge is the Woolpack Tavern, in Bermondsey-street, a name that bespeaks the general work in the neighbourhood; and to meet the wants of the merchant-workers there, the charter of the Leopold was granted. Bro. James Terry, the able, courteous, and energetic Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, P.G. Director of Ceremonies of Herts, and a learned Past Master, having filled the office of Master to several lodges, was, by special command, the consecrating officer, and he fulfilled the duty without the usual assistance of a clerical brother, he being his own Chaplain. Bro. Terry, on taking the chair, appointed as his pro tem. S.W. Bro. H. G. Buss, the Provincial Grand Treasurer of Middlesex, and Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P., as Junior Warden. The lodge thus formed—and very handsome it looked with the furniture and appointments by Bro. Kenning—the consecrating officer arranged the new lodge brethren in order, and after Bro. Sherwin, who presided at the harmonium, had played a solemn march, the usual address on the nature of the meeting was delivered with that point and exquisite elocution for which Bro. Terry has made himself famous. The address was given by the Secretary, and the petition and warrant having been read, the brethren signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant—Bros. Charles William Kent, P.M. 879, as W.M. designate; Henry Hudson, as S.W.; H. Bartlett, P.M. 147, as Treasurer; and others. The presiding officer, amid the breathless attention of the large company, delivered the oration in a charming manner, and then was sung the hymn which ends—

"God of the widow, hear,
Our work of mercy bless;
God of the fatherless, be near,
And grant us great success."

The prayers and invocation were given by Bro. Terry throughout, and the Scriptures having been read in those parts having touching references to the ceremony, the lodge board were uncovered, and the elements of consecration were displayed in the usual manner, and then the psalm followed—

"O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see
The brethren joined in love to Thee;
On Thee alone their heart relies,
Their only strength Thy grace supplies."

Bro. Terry, acting as Chaplain, then performed the duties which follow, and giving, with clerical effect, the second portion of the prayer. The hymn,

"Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah," having been chanted, Bro. Terry, as presiding officer, dedicated and constituted the lodge.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Kent as W.M. was then performed by Bro. Terry, who was untiring in his work, which he rendered with perfect "Emulation" ritual. The appointment of officers followed, and the first minutes recorded were a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry for his services, and his election, unanimously, as an honorary member of the lodge he had consecrated. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent dinner, and the only fault was that it was rather delayed, so much, indeed, that the after dinner toasts had to be briefly given. They were mostly shorn of replies, for the necessity of catching trains had taken many of the brethren away, and among others the "brief chronicler of the time."

CONSECRATION OF THE AVALON CHAPTER, NO. 446, AT WELLS.

The ceremony of the consecration of the Avalon Chapter, attached to the Benevolent Lodge, No. 446, was held in the Town Hall, Wells, Somerset, on Tuesday, the 30th ult. (St. Andrew's Day), by M.E. Comp. S. G. Homfray, Standard Bearer of Grand Chapter, P.Z., G.A.D.C. England, and D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire, assisted by M.E. Comp. H. J. Gratte, P.Z., as H.; and M.E. Comp. H. Hellyer, as J. Amongst others the following companions were present:—E. Turner Payne, Past Gd. Std. Br.; F. R. Prideaux; W. Marchant, A. Baily, T. E. Jelley, F. W. Wood, F. H. Woodforde, J. B. Colthurst, W. B. Stocker, J. Wedgwood Yeckes, W. Westcott, J. Phillis, J. C. Hunt, J. Chandler, J. W. Parfett, F. Fisher, J. Cornwall, J. E. Wilson, D. Williams, &c., &c.

Chapter was opened by the acting Principals at 2.15, and the Acting Scribe E., read the petition, and the Charter of Constitution from Grand Chapter, after which the consecrating M.E.Z. proceeded to consecrate the following companions into a regular chapter, viz:—M.E. Comp. R. C. Else, as L.; A. T. Perkins, as H.; and E. Bath, as J.; S. H. Clerke, S. G. Homfray, C. L. F. Edwards, Wm. Long, J. A. Bright, John Hurd, F. C. George, and W. J. Welsh.

The Acting Principal J., M. E. Comp. Hy. Hellyer, delivered a most interesting and excellent oration on the nature and principles of the Order, and the chapter was duly dedicated and consecrated.

The Acting M.E.Z. then proceeded to install in due form, Comp. R. C. Else, as M.E.Z.; Comp. Alfred T. Perkins, as H.; and Comp. Edward Bath, as J. for the ensuing twelve months, and on the readmission of all companions below those ranks he delivered the charge in a most impressive manner.

The companions then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, when the following were elected and invested with their collars by the M.E.Z., viz:—Comp. C. L. F. Edwards, E.; Wm. Long, N.; J. A. Bright, P. Soj. The election of Treasurer and Janitor, as well as the appointment of the other officers, was deferred until the first regular meeting, when there would be a larger number of companions belonging to the chapter.

The M.E.Z. then said that the first duty of the newly consecrated chapter, and which duty devolved upon him as the first Z., was to propose a vote of thanks to the M.E. Comp. S. G. Homfray, who had kindly come from a distance to perform the ceremonies of the day, and who had performed them in so able and impressive a manner. Comp. Perkins, H., seconded the vote, and added that it would be a great pleasure to the chapter, and a lasting memento of M.E. Comp. Homfray's services to the companions on this day, if he would accept the office of I.P.Z. M.E. Comp. Homfray having signified his willingness to accept this office, the vote of thanks and election of office were carried by acclamation.

M.E. Comp. S. G. Homfray, I.P.Z., then rose, and said that the next minute that ought to appear on the books of this chapter was a vote of thanks to Comp. A. T. Perkins, H., as it was through his untiring energy that this chapter has been brought into existence; that it was he who prepared the petition, got the signatures attached to it, and sent it to the Supreme Grand Chapter; and that he has since been at the sole trouble and expense of fitting up the chapter, the excellence of the furniture and the completeness of the fittings of which, must have been the admiration of all who were there that day, as also the completeness of the arrangements which had made the proceedings of this day such a success. He therefore proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Comp. H., and also that the chapter should shew their appreciation of his services, and make him a slight recompense for the trouble and anxiety he had gone through, by presenting him with a handsome R.A. jewel.

M.E. Comp. R.C. Else, Z., seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation.

There were five candidates proposed for exaltation, and four companions as joining members.

The business being concluded, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was provided by Bro. F. C. Wickenden, of Lodge 446, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Comp. Kenning furnished the chapter.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We have been requested to insert the following:—

URGENT APPEAL.
51, Threadneedle-street, City, E.C.,
November, 1875.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I trust the cause will plead for the liberty in addressing you on the following subject:—The "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons" have at the present time great calls on their funds, and the increasing number of applicants makes it necessary for every Mason to plead on behalf of so excellent an institution. Knowing with what a liberal hand all our Masonic institutions are supported by the Craft, I now appeal to the ladies, viz., mothers, wives, daughters, and friends of Masons, in order that where a guinea cannot be obtained our ladies may appeal among their many friends for shillings as well as larger sums. You will see by the sheet enclosed, the lady to whom you hand my contribution sheet will have whatever is collected placed in her name on the list of subscribers, or life donors, as the sum will allow. Kindly assist me in forwarding the object I have in view by handing the list enclosed to a lady. As a Steward at the festival in February, I hope to present a list of donations, &c., which will be called "The Ladies' List," feeling assured that this appeal, if placed before them, will prove a great success.

This appeal is made to the ladies, viz., mothers, wives, daughters, and friends of Masons, on behalf of the aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons. The smallest contributions will be thankfully received, if only from one shilling upwards. A few hundred pounds raised in this way will be the means of softening the sorrows of those who, in their declining years, cannot assist themselves; but with your aid they may (after having borne the heat and burden of the day) settle down in the evening of life, exempt from further toil. Let me, in their behalf, touch your hearts.

BRO. FRANCIS FELLOWS,
Steward, No. 592.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

A general meeting of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School was held at the School House, Burlington-road, on Tuesday, the 7th of December, R.W. Robert Shekleton, D.G.M., Vice-Patron, in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, were confirmed and signed.

The following report from the scrutineers of the ballot was then read:—We, the undersigned scrutineers of the ballot for the election of four pupils into the Masonic Female Orphan School, have to report that, with the aid of the Assistant Secretary, we have examined the several voting papers sent in. The total number of papers received up to the time of the scrutiny was 1130. Of these 18 were not properly signed, and 51 were from Governors whose subscriptions were unpaid. The recording of the rejected votes would not have made any alteration in the relative position of the candidates.

Florence Hendley, daughter of James Hendley, of Lodge 242, Boyle, Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the Mayo Militia, and previously of the 80th regiment; Laura Bradburne, daughter of Samuel Tudor Bradburne, of Lodges 20 and 125, Dublin, accountant; Ida Florence Anketell, of Lodge 131, Mullingar, station master on the

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS: Winter specifics.—All can estimate the disadvantages to the human system from breathing foul air, such as must necessarily be inhaled during our winters. The safest correctives and best purifiers of the blood are Holloway's Balsamic Pills, which are too well known and too highly esteemed to require commendation here. Besides cleansing the system, they improve the appetite, render digestion perfect, admirably regulate the liver, increase the secretion of the kidneys, they mildly yet effectually act upon the bowels without griping or causing any inconvenience. So long as human nature remains what it is, every person will now and again require regulation of organs disordered by irregular or too generous living, and too liberal potations.—ADVT.

Midland Railway; and Lilla Jane Cullinan, daughter of Cormac Michael Cullinan, Lodge 60, Ennis, assistant surgeon in the army, were then declared duly elected as pupils of the school.

From the report of the Finance Committee it appeared that the receipts during November amounted to £268, making the total amount now to the credit of the institution £10,735. A cheque was drawn for the month's expenses, £203 2s. 5d.

A ballot having taken place for the honorary officers and committees of the school for 1876, the following were declared duly elected:—

Chaplains: Rev. John J. Macsorley, G.C.; Rev. Lord Plunket, G.C.

Physicians: John T. Banks, M.D.; George H. Kidd, M.D.

Surgeon: Philip C. Smyly, M.D.

Oculist: Sir William R. Wilde.

Dentist: John A. Baker, F.R.C.S.I.

Honorary Secretary: Joseph Faviere Elrington, LL.D., Q.C., P.G.D.

Education Committee: Hon. Judge Townshend, Right Hon. Hedges E. Chatterton, Lucius H. Deering, George Huband, Charles H. Woodroffe, Rev. J. J. Macsorley, the Rev. Lord Plunket.

Finance Committee: John G. Gibbon, George Hepburn, Harry Hodges, John A. Hogan, Stuart N. Lane, George H. Major, Thomas H. Sanger.

Apprentice Committee: William Allen, Geo. Crowe, John Dunne, Mus. Doc.; Joseph Manning, George T. Whitestone.

Ladies' Committee: Mrs. W. Allen, Mrs. J. T. Banks, Mrs. J. W. Casson, Mrs. C. J. Ferguson, Mrs. Longfield, Mrs. R. Millner, Hon. Mrs. P. C. Smyly, Mrs. J. F. Townshend, Mrs. C. H. Woodroffe.

THE RED CROSS.

The "Bulletin International des Sociétés de Secours aux Blessés" calls attention to the appearance since the Franco-German War of 1870-71 of some spurious "Orders," one at Geneva under the name of "The Order of the Red Cross," whose members are described as "Templiers," "Joannites," and "Trinitaires," and which has an agency in London; and one in London which started up about the same time, bearing a striking resemblance to the other, and calling itself "The Order of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem," whose members also profess to be "Trinitaires." Both these societies appear to have traded upon the reputation of the Red Cross, in adopting as their badge a red cross, with straight ends, upon a white ground, so nearly a copy of the well-known insignia of all the national Red Cross societies that the "Bulletin" has thought proper, in order to distinguish the actual from the would-be Red Cross men, to publish the names of those Englishmen who, in souvenir of services rendered in the cause of humanity during the Franco-German War, have received the decoration of the French National Red Cross Society. The list is as follows, viz.:—

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Lieut.-Col. Henry Brackenbury, Major C. J. Burgess, Lord Bury, K.C.M.G.; Dr. Sidney Chater, Mr. Henry Crookshank, Dr. Philip Frank, Lieut.-Col. Keith Fraser, Mr. John Furley, Captain Douglas-Galton, C.B.; Mr. Ernest Hart, Dr. Henry Kane, Mr. V. Barrington Kennett, Mr. H. Barrington Kennett, Sir Edward Lechmere, Bart.; Lieut.-Col. Hon. C. H. Lindsay, Lieut.-Col. Loyd-Lindsay, V.C.; Mr. J. Lyman, the Duke of Manchester, Mr. W. MacCormac, Surgeon-Major Manley, V.C.; Surgeon-Major McNulty, Sir James Paget, Bart.; Surgeon-Major Porter, Lieut. Rennick, Mr. N. M. de Rothschild, M.P.; Mr. John Scott, General Sir John St. George, K.C.B.; the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G.; Mr. Stewart Sutherland, Mr. Jenerly Shee, Sir Harry Verney, Bart.; the Duke of Westminster, Mr. Robert Walker, Major de Winton, Surgeon-Major Wyatt, Mr. Edward Walford, Mr. Richard Woof, and Mr. John Smith Young.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 24, 1875.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.

INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road.
Sinai Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 8, British, F. M. H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F. M. H.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-street Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.
Metropolitan, Coach and Horses Hot., 343, Strand.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Brid. Hou. Ho., London-brid.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 435, Salisbury, F. M. H.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F. M. H.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-st. Within.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Ho., Hand-court, Holborn.
Percy, Grapes Tav., Little Windmill-st., W.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Metropolitan Chapter, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Board of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 212, Euphrates, M. H., Basinghall-street.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.
Red Cross Conclave, 15, St. Andrew's, 68, Regent-st., W.

INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Cas. Tav., Southwark-bd.-rd.
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Confidence, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 65, Grenadiers, F. M. H.
Chap. 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
United Mariners', Three Cranes, Mile-end-road.
Whittington, Crown Tav., Holborn.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebony, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Doric Chapter, Three Cranes Tav., Mile-end-road.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.

House Committee, Boys' School.
INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F. M. H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.

United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 25, 1875.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M. H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M. H. Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M. H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hot., Widoes.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M. H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1052, Callender, P. H., Rusholme.
St. John's L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, North Hill-st.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M. H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M. H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Chap. 680, Sefton, M. H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 25, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-st.
St. Mungo Encampment, M. H., 213, Buchanan-st.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-st.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Arms, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Lodge 505, Burns, St. Mary's Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
" 510, Maryhill, 167, M. H., Maryhill.
Red Cross Conclave, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Lodge 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hot., Dalry.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Carlisle, Black Bull Inn.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25.
Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintoloch.
" 305, St. John's Woodhall, M. H., Holytown.
Chap. 143, Robert Burns, F. M. H., Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 25, 1875.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, F. M. H., George-st.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hot., E., Register-st.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Lodge 112, St. John, Royal Hot., Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, F. H., George-street.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185) met on Monday evening at the City Terminus Hotel. The W.M., Bro. John North Ross, presided, assisted by his officers, Bros. J. D. Daniell, S.W.; S. Posener, J.W.; G. S. Pare, S.D.; H. D. Bayley, J.D.; F. Croker, I.G.; G. Betty, Organist; George Pearce, Treas.; Philip Levy, Sec.; John Constable, P.M.; Nathan Moss, P.M.; S. Moss, M. Harris, E. Harfeld, Bloomfield, P.M.; Fred. Saul Solomon, Parkinson, P.M.; E. Gotthel, P.M.; and a large number of the members of the lodge. There were also present, as is usual in this famous lodge, several visitors, among whom were Bros. James Cox, S.D. 765; W. Lean, P.M. 1087; John Smith, 1257; H. Roberts, 22; H. Massey, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); and Jacob J. Cohen, S.W. 1340, Smyrna. There was a heavy evening's work before the lodge. Three out of four candidates for raising were in time to take the degree, but the fourth arrived a minute or two too late for the opening of the ceremony, and he was deferred, unfortunately, till next meeting. Bros. Saillard, Bush, and Cohen were the brethren who took the degree, which was admirably and impressively worked by the W.M. and his assistants. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, and ballots were taken for Messrs. M. J. E. Schultze, C. K. L. Gablonz, and Moss Davis, who, the ballot being unanimously in their favour, were duly initiated, with the same correctness and impressiveness as the W.M. and his officers exhibited in the Third Degree. The lodge working was accompanied by some beautiful music by the Organist, Bro. Betty, which produced a fine effect. Bro. A. I. Myers, 65, was elected a joining member of the lodge. Previous to the ballot for this brother, his proposer, Bro. Daniel Marks, according to the custom, had to vouch for him, whereupon two brethren could not allow such an opportunity to pass without testifying to this brother's great worth, his intellectual capacity, and his ability to confer honour upon the lodge. As a literary brother, it was thought he would be a great acquisition to the lodge, and several other brethren regretted that they had not had the duty cast upon them of seconding the election of Bro. Myers. The Committee of the Benevolent Fund was then re-elected, the brethren being Bros. Saul Solomon, A. E. Sydney, Maurice Hart, M. Harris, S. E. Moss, and E. Harfeld. Bro. John Constable, P.M., gave notice of motion that ten guineas be voted by the lodge for a P.M.'s jewel to be presented to the W.M. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well supplied by Bro. Lord, the manager of the hotel. On the removal of the cloth the toasts were proposed, and honoured with the fervour which this lodge never fails to exhibit. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that as our Royal Master gave "Loyalty and Charity" as the watchwords of the Order, it would not require any words of his to recommend this toast to the notice of the brethren. (Cheers.) In giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," the W.M. said that the universal topic of conversation for some time past had been the recent visit of the Grand Master to India, and there was not a brother who did not wish him God speed on his journey. Before him he knew there was not a brother who would not respond to this toast. (Cheers.) When the toast had been drunk most cordially, the W.M. next gave "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, &c.," and said it had been asserted that he who delegated his power to other hands ill deserved the crown he wore. Such, however, would not apply in the present instance, for the M.W.G.M. had left behind him such a representative that no one allied to the Craft could have the least doubt of his capabilities. He was speaking of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, and with the assistance of the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, the Craft must be steered with safety by the Pro Grand Master. "The Initiates" was the next toast, and the W.M., in

proposing it, said that the accession of gentlemen to the Order from time to time had made the position of the brethren as Masons one of pre-eminence, and he was very pleased to think that the Lodge of Tranquillity had men of such high intelligence, great moral character, and good social standing, seeking its aid to become members of the Order. If it were not for initiates, Freemasonry would fall into desuetude; but with the addition of such gentlemen as they had that night, the credit of the Craft would be added to, and the stability of the lodge assured. (Cheers.) Bros. Lederer, Moss Davis, and Schultze responded. Bro. John Constable proposed "The W.M.," and appealed to the brethren to confirm him in his opinion that the ceremonies had been admirably worked, notwithstanding the hoarseness which a severe bronchial affection had produced. (Hear, hear.) The W.M., in reply, said he thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. He had but one object in view, to do the best he possibly could for the lodge, and to make the brethren happy. As long as he was in the Master's chair he would endeavour to do as he had done. (Cheers.) "The Visitors" was the next toast, to which Bro. W. Lean, P.M. 1087, was the first respondent, and he said he thought Bro. Constable's remarks in apologising for the W.M. were not wanted, because the way in which the ceremonies had been rendered that evening were certainly in the good old style; at any rate, they revived the good old feelings which the hearing of those ceremonies always revived in his own breast. As the brethren present were not all M.M.'s he would allude to the initiation ceremony, in which there was a reference made to the grandest of all the Masonic virtues, charity. We were fast approaching that period of the year when we all rejoice to meet together, both abroad and in the family home; and he thought they could not do better than remember those less favoured brethren who had been once in a position not less fortunate than that of the brethren present. When the business brethren were making up their balance sheets he would recommend them to set apart a small amount for the benefit of the three Masonic Institutions, the grandest in the country. In this way they would be showing true charity. Bro. Roberts, 22, in his reply for the same toast, referred to the recent initiation of Captain Webb in that lodge (Neptune), and the great enthusiasm with which he was received on the occasion of his entering into Freemasonry. The W.M. afterwards gave "The Health of the P.M.'s," who had at all times been of great service to the lodge, and who would never be found wanting in the performance of the duties of the officers should any be absent. He was looking forward to the time when he himself should go into "retirement," and be numbered with that glorious band. Bro. Bloomfield replying, said the P.M.'s of the Lodge of Tranquillity were always very ready and very willing, at the same time that they were able, to do anything they could for the lodge. They were ready and willing to assist the Master in his duties whenever required. Fortunately, in any of the offices very little was ever required of them, and they had merely to sit in the lodge and witness the ceremonies. They were all zealous men, and even if they were called upon in the middle of the night to give assistance he was sure they would do so. (Laughter.) He could assure the brethren that nothing could happen in the lodge which would make a call on them that the P.M.'s would not be found at hand with assistance. "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Tranquillity" was then given by the W.M., and the object of the fund was briefly stated. Bro. Saul Solomon, Treasurer of the fund, in his reply, gave a fuller exposition of the purposes for which the fund was established, preceding his remarks by recurring to the observations of Bro. Lean, as to the opportunity afforded at this season of the year for remembering those less fortunate than ourselves. He advised a "charity column" in books, as well as a "money column." The fund had been originated by one brother now abroad and another now dead; and he (Bro. Saul Solomon) had been, he was happy to say, connected with it from its inception. The fund had done a vast amount of good to poor brethren who had in their season of prosperity, when they belonged to the lodge, joined them at the hospitable board. The assistance given had always been liberal, so much so as to give the recipients a fresh start in life, and a great feature was, though the amount was duly accounted for, in no case was the name of the brother made known by the board before whom he came. At present the fund amounted to £600 or £700. It was all very well to say to brethren in distress that there was the Lodge of Benevolence, the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution; but he contended that the brethren were first entitled to be relieved by their own lodge. Members of the lodge only were allowed to subscribe to this fund, because it was only members of the lodge who could be relieved by it. His call had ever been liberally responded to, and for the information of the brethren he might say the moneys subscribed by them were never misapplied. He might give one instance. A brother lately was relieved with £100 to enable him to go abroad. After his arrival they gave him £25 more; and at the Cape, whither he had gone, he was already doing well. Lost it could not be, because it was given for a charitable purpose. In one case the money had been refunded; and it was a pleasure to the subscribers sitting round that table to reflect that by means of small subscriptions at different times they had been able to raise brethren from indigence to a state of prosperity. He hoped that evening would be the precursor of many others of equal liberality, and that they would conduce to the placing of many brethren in a state of peace and prosperity. Bro. Saul Solomon concluded by saying that the great advantage of the money being distributed anonymously was that a brother relieved was able to meet the other members of the lodge without any fear of his just and honest personal pride being affected. He trusted that the brethren would assist in making the fund £1,000, and he had much pleasure in stating that the initiates of the day

had each contributed a guinea towards that amount. The W.M. gave "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" next, both of which officers returned thanks. The Treasurer said both he and his brother Secretary were pleased to perform their offices, and as long as they had health and strength they would continue to do so. The W.M. concluded by proposing "The Health of the Officers," which he gave with the utmost pride and satisfaction. He boasted that there was not one, from the S.W. to the I.G., who was not perfectly able to perform his duties. As this was the last occasion before Christmas when the brethren would have an opportunity of hearing his voice, he would wish them a merry and very happy Christmas. The S.W. responded, and said he was sure that the efficiency which the W.M. had so often noticed in the officers, if it was deserving of his commendation, was only derived from those who had gone before them in their different positions. The Tyler's toast concluded a most agreeable evening.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 128).—The "election night" of this old lodge was held on the 14th inst. in the banquet hall of the Old St. John of Jerusalem Gate, Clerkenwell, the W.M., Bro. J. While ("Freemason"), presiding. There was a very full attendance of brethren and visitors, and the officers were at their posts with the punctuality for which the lodge is celebrated. Bro. Griggs was S.W.; J. Hill, J.W.; Snare, S.D.; Halford, J.D.; Percy, I.G.; J. Crump, Sec., and father of the lodge; J. Hillhouse, I.P.M.; J. Terry, P.M.; Coulston, P.M.; E. Davies, P.M.; Hart, S.D. 1201, acting as Organist, and there were also present as visitors Bros. Charles Horsley, W.M. Acacia, P. Grand Registrar of Middlesex; G. Killick, P.M. of Merchant Navy Lodge; C. Hill, S.W. of the Highgate Lodge; G. Clarke, of the Phoenix; W. Senior, of the Alexandra Palace Lodge; J. B. Edwards, of No. 861; A. Henson, of the Asaph; Herbert T. Parsons, of the Minerva, Hull; J. W. Adams, the Southwark; and Thomas Danson, of Port Madoc. Bros. Brieholt, Baker, Adams, Gedge, and Bellot, who had been initiated at previous meetings, having, with Bro. Senior, the well-known journalist, of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, answered the usual questions, were entrusted, and the lodge then opened in the Second Degree. Three of these brethren were then passed, and the other three followed, the ceremony from beginning to end being gone through twice. The ballot—an unanimous one in the result—having been taken for Mr. W. G. Hanchet, a sculptor, the Rev. W. Dawson, M.A., Rector of St. John's, Clerkenwell, and Mr. T. H. Coles, the candidates were introduced in due form, and the ceremony repeated up to a certain part in their case. The interesting work was done according to Emulation ritual. The ballot was then taken for Bro. W. Malthouse, of the Wellington, No. 518, as a joining member, and this was also unanimous. The ballot for W.M. was then taken, and resulted in practically an unanimous election of the S.W., Bro. Griggs, who was warmly greeted according to Masonic form when he rose to thank the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and to assure them that he should not be wanting in his work. The ballot was then taken for Treas., and Bro. Winsland, P.M., who, unfortunately, was absent through illness, was again unanimously elected, and Bro. Steed was elected as Tyler, in the place of the retiring Tyler, Bro. Beckett. On the motion of Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.G.D.C. of Herts, who spoke of the excellent work of the retiring W.M. during the year, and the great success which had attended the lodge during his period of Mastership, the lodge unanimously voted Bro. While the P.M. jewel, to be ready on the installation night. The lodge being closed, the brethren banqueted together, the large hall being completely full. After the usual toasts the W.M. gave the toast of "The W.M. elect," and took occasion to warmly thank the W.M. elect and the officers generally for the assistance they had given him during the year, both in punctual attendance and in ability, when present, to carry out the work in a thorough manner. He reminded the members generally that by that election all the appointments to office, except that of Treasurer, became vested in the Master, who, following the traditions of the lodge, would, no doubt, select as his officers those who had done good suit and service in bygone times, and both the principal and assistant officers had done this. If members who were not in office desired at some time to be adorned with the collar, their only means, he warned them, of obtaining the position would be by attending at the opening of the lodge, and by accepting any opportunity which offered, through the absence of any officer, prove to the future Masters where they would have to look for members with the requisite knowledge to do credit to a post. If any Master placed a brother in the lowest position, even, who was not competent to work the higher positions, that Master was not only doing an injustice to the lodge, in storing up for it a future difficulty, but he was placing the brother in a position which in time to come would be one to him of mortification, for the lodge would use its judgment, and would pronounce distinctly against the Mastership of a brother unless the members were convinced of his competency to discharge the duties, and of the soundness of his judgment. The W.M. hoped then that those brethren who desired office would by attendance at instruction, and at the opening of the lodge, prove their willingness and ability, that future Masters should have no difficulty in selecting brethren who to the ambition for office added the necessary qualifications. The W.M. elect was one who had so worked, and had so proved himself. He had been a constant attendant, a good worker, and before he held any office had worked the chair in Lodge of Instruction. Before his adornment with the collar in the junior ranks of office he had been ready and able to fill any position vacant in bygone years by the absence of a brother, and the lodge had only given Bro. Griggs his due by electing him to the proud position he that night occupied. Bro. Griggs, the W.M. elect, in responding, warmly thanked

the brethren for their reception of him, and gave them the assurance that he fully appreciated the honour they had bestowed upon him. The W.M. was toasted, and the toast was acknowledged, and in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," the W.M. said the lodge was fortunate in having among those on the left of the chair such brethren as the quarter-of-a-century Secretary, Bro. Crump, their respected Treasurer, Bro. Winsland, their energetic Bro. James Terry, and no less active and earnest brethren, Coulston, Davies, and Hillhouse. The toast was acknowledged by the latter, and then the toast of "The Visitors" was given by the W.M., and Bro. Charles Horsley, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the opportunity he had that night of seeing the United Strength Lodge thus ably worked, and having declared the words the W.M. had addressed to the brethren who desired to be officers to be words of wisdom, the speaker, in a happy vein of poetic lore, proceeded to connect the W.M.'s name with the refrain of various well-known songs, much to the amusement of the company. Dr. Hunter, one of the joining members elected at the last meeting, responded to the toast of his health, and Bros. Hill, the J.W.; Halford, J.D.; and Patmore (Steward), responded for the officers. The W.M.'s toast brought the proceedings to a close.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).—This lodge held its second regular meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. W. Snowden, W.M.; W. S. Cackett, S.W.; T. Sleep, J.W.; J. Dann, P.M. and Sec.; W. Mitchell, S.D.; A. Runacres, J.D.; J. Kemp, I.G.; W. Chalk, W.S.; F. Geider, Tyler. Also Bros. C. E. Power, T. Taylor, E. Pearman, E. Sims, J. E. Pentreath, W. Rowlands, G. Harris, J. H. Swan, J. Emms. Visitors: Bros. C. B. Wright, Asaph, 1319; S. J. Harvey, Royal Jubilee, 72; C. E. Towell, Victoria 1056; J. M. Walters, Westbourne, 733; T. T. Dryson, Royal Union, 382. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair, and Bro. P.M. Dann officiated. Bros. Power, Taylor, Pearman, Sims, and Pentreath were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. W. Rowlands, of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, 72, was enrolled as a member of the lodge. Messrs. G. Harris, J. H. Swan, and J. Emms were initiated into Freemasonry. The Secretary read a copy of a communication from Grand Lodge, dated 7th December, 1875, respecting the Master's light in the Third Degree. Bro. Sleep, J.W., moved that the question of raising the initiation fee from five to seven guineas be taken into consideration, as more conducive to the interests of the lodge. Bro. Mitchell, S.D., seconded the motion. Bro. Chalk, W.S., moved as an amendment, that the motion be deferred. Bro. Dann, P.M. and Sec., seconded the amendment, which was put to the lodge and lost. The original motion was then put and carried by a large majority. Bro. Rowlands proposed, as a joining member, Bro. John Morgan Walters, of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733. Two gentlemen were proposed and seconded as candidates for initiation. The lodge was adjourned till the second Thursday in January next. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, at which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

IPSWICH.—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—The annual meeting of this old lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there were present: Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; J. J. Burton, P. Prov. G.D.C. Cambridge, S.W., W.M. elect; Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sec.; W. Eoby, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. Clarke, P.G.A.D.C.; Emra Holmes, P. Prov. G.R. and P.G.D.C.; Viscount Mahon, M.P., Junior Lord of the Treasury; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.M., Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, &c., &c. Visitors: Bros. N. Tracy, P. Prov. S.G.W., W.M. Perfect Friendship Lodge; W. T. Westgate, W.M. St. Luke's Lodge; G. Cresswell, P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge; J. Wilson, an officer of the Carabineers, &c., &c. The lodge having been opened in due and ancient form, and the minutes confirmed, Commander John Parsons, R.N., of H.M.S. Porcupine, and a young officer of the Carabineers, Wm. Longhurst, were introduced and initiated into Masonry, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the President of the Board of General Purposes was announced, and on the entrance of our excellent and esteemed brother, J. B. Monckton, the brethren rose to order, and, under the direction of the M.C., saluted him with the honours suitable to his rank in Grand Lodge. Bro. George giving the gavel to V.W. Bro. Monckton, he assumed the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. Burton as W.M. for the ensuing year. The whole of this long ceremony, with the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, were admirably and faultlessly given, and performed according to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement working, and we cannot speak in too high praise of the manner in which the W.M. was inducted into the chair of K.S. We can only hope the brethren will always endeavour to secure the services of so bright a Mason, and so valued a member of the lodge, as Bro. Monckton. One or two brethren having been proposed for joining and initiation, and the customary business disposed of, the officers were appointed and invested as follows, the Installing Master addressing a few words to each:—Bro. A. D. George, I.P.M.; Rev. T. B. Tweed, P.G.C., S.W.; H. Miller, P.G.P., J.W.; H. Casley, S.D.; G. Elliston, J.D.; Ridley King, F.R.I.B.A., I.G. Bros. W. Spalding, Sec.; Emra Holmes, M.C.; and Geo. Spalding, Tyler, were re-appointed. The lodge having been closed, the brethren numbering about 30, retired to the dining hall, where an excellent banquet was served, but where the waiting, as usual, was bad. In responding to the toast of "The D.P.G.M.," Bro. the Rev. E. J. Lockwood spoke with great pleasure on the increasing interest shown in Masonry by the clergy of the Church of England, an interest which could not but be productive of good, and the more so because it was a complete answer to such brethren as the

brother at Lowestoft, who gave up his office in Prov. Grand Lodge at the last meeting, assigning as a reason that he found that Masonry was incompatible with his Christian obligations. Their W.M. would ere their next meeting be ordained; their S.W., his (the speaker's) relative, was a clergyman, at their last meeting they had initiated another clergyman, and he thought so much interest could not be felt in Masonry by the clergy had there been anything inimical to the interests of true religion in the principles of the Craft. Bro. Monckton responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," and admitted that he was proud of being a member of that distinguished body. The Very Worshipful Brother made a characteristic, eloquent, and withal modest speech in acknowledging the toast, and was heartily applauded as he took his seat. Bro. Tracy responded on behalf of the visitors, and reminded the brethren of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction, which met weekly under the banner of the British Union, and of which he was Preceptor, where the brethren might have an opportunity of qualifying themselves for the posts which they filled. Bro. Westgate also responded, as did Bro. Wilson, who hoped on the next occasion to be a member of the lodge, and not a visitor. The newly-initiated brethren responded in the manner common to new initiates, and the Secretary's and Tyler's toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren separated. Neither the National Anthem nor any other song was given, and the lack of music probably took somewhat from the enjoyment of an otherwise pleasant evening. Bro. Burton, W.M., presided at the banquet, and performed the arduous duties of chairman in a manner befitting the occasion. As the brethren dined in collars and jewels, and the tables were handsomely decorated with flowers and coloured glass, the effect was very good, though the banquet as a whole was not to be compared to the summer festival, the Feast of Roses. A hundred years ago the installation of W.M. always took place on St. John's Day, so that the festival of St. John was always duly kept. This excellent practice seems to have fallen into desuetude, and we confess we should like to see a return to the old paths, and the festival restored. Bro. Emra Holmes' notes on the old minute books of the British Union Lodge are now in course of publication in the pages of our contemporary, the "Masonic Magazine," the first portion appearing this month.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. J. O. Carter, W.M.; Deane, S.W.; Canvin, J.W.; Pullin, P.M., Treas.; Strange, P.M., Sec.; Crowhurst, S.D.; Hume, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Schiemann, D.C.; Pears, S.; Dixon, I.P.M., P.G.D.C.; Stacey, P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; Cross, P.M.; Reid, P.M.; McIlwham, P.M.; Hawker, Stollery, Pennicott, Woods, Cousins, Spindler, Legg, &c. Visitors: Bros. Tolley, P.M. 771; Johnson, 771; T. Bryett, 834; Knighton, 834; Whittaker, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. raised Bro. Cousins to the degree of M.M. The brethren unanimously elected Bro. Dennis, S.W., to the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, and voted a Past Master's jewel to the W.M. Bro. Wilson, P.M., was elected Treasurer, in the place of Bro. Pullin, P.M., who retires, and in consideration of the services rendered to the lodge (extending over many years) by Bro. Pullin, the brethren voted a sum of money to purchase a testimonial to him; the form of such recognition was left to the ultimate decision of that worthy brother. The two brethren elected to audit the accounts were Bros. Hume and Pears. Bro. Case was again appointed Tyler. Two candidates for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

BRADFORD.—Lodge of Hope (No. 302).—On Monday, the 13th December, at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street, the brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the installation of Bro. Hanson Farrar as W.M. of this lodge took place. The brethren assembled at six o'clock in large numbers, including the following:—Bros. Thos. Hill, P.M., P.P.G.W., Chairman of Charity Committee; J. J. Schaeppi, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; C. H. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. D. Sugden, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; W. W. Barton, P.M.; Geo. Richardson, P.M.; C. Pratt, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. of W.; J. Ambler, P.M.; W. Bottomley, P.M.; and the undermentioned visitors, namely, Fred. W. Nicholson 1034, Prov. G.O.; T. Senior, W.M. 974, P. Prov. G. Reg.; W. Morgan, W.M. 1018; H. Lambert, 129; Chas. Bartlett, 903; G. Alsing, 113; Sam. Pecke, 254; Sam. B. Walmsley, P.M. 974; Jos. Dobson, 289; Chas. F. Unna, P.M. 600; Geo. Althorpe, P.M. 1018; R. Richardson, P.M. 974. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. B. Broughton, I.P.M. The W.M. Elect was conducted to the pedestal by Bro. T. Hill, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., and afterwards was duly proclaimed. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Chas. Gott, S.W.; T. G. Andrews, J.W.; Rev. T. H. Flynn, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; M. S. Rhodes, Treas.; T. C. Hope, Sec.; J. Harland, Assist. Sec.; J. Pickles, S.D.; T. F. Pettinger, J.D.; F. C. Atkinson, Org.; J. D. Sugden, D.C.; T. G. Boyce, Assist. D.C.; Thos. Hill, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W. Charity Steward; T. C. Pearson, Almshouse; Rob. Breuer, I.G.; J. J. Holmes, Tyler. The ordinary business of the lodge was brought to a close by the W.M. at 8.30. We should not omit to allude to the very handsome and valuable presentation to the lodge by Bro. Manoh Sharpley Rhodes, Treasurer, of an excellent coloured portrait of His Royal Highness Bro. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, in full Masonic clothing, in a beautiful gilt frame, which was accepted by the brethren with acclamation, and directed to be hung in the lodge-room. From the skill displayed by Bro. Hanson Farrar, W.M., in performing the duties devolving upon him

during the evening, it seems as though the mantle of his late sire, who was one of the ablest P.M.'s of the Lodge of Hope, had fallen on his shoulders; and we augur that he will successfully exert himself to tread in the footsteps of his accomplished ancestor, whose abilities and example are so eminently worthy of remembrance and imitation. Lodge business over, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, and sat down to a *recherché* banquet, in keeping with the high reputation of Bro. R. Breuer as a caterer. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to; amongst the latter we may allude to "The Immortal Memory of St. John the Evangelist," proposed by Bro. the Rev. T. H. Flynn, the Chaplain, in an able address replete with good words and instruction. "The Clergy," was put down to be proposed by Bro. M. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.W., but owing to his unavoidable absence, that duty was undertaken by Bro. Geo. Richardson, P.M., and was responded to by Bros. Rev. T. H. Flynn, P.P.G.C., and H. Lambert. "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. T. G. Andrews, J.W., who, addressing the W.M., Officers, and brethren, said that the toast he had to propose was dear to the hearts of Freemasons. He did not feel equal to the task assigned him, but the sincerity and heartiness of his remarks must be his apology for any shortcomings. He felt it a pleasure, as it was his duty, to bring under their notice the claims of those noble institutions—our Masonic Charities, and in doing so he naturally had in mind three of the virtues inculcated by our Order—Faith, Hope, and Charity; they are great elements for doing good, and we, as a brotherhood, are banded together to do good. Our Masonic charities are the outcome of all that is good, as you know they are for the education and maintenance of our orphan children, and for providing annuities for our aged and unfortunate brethren. Those of you who have not already done so, I ask to visit some of the annual festivals of these admirable institutions, and then I know what a thrill must come over your hearts when you there see what good some of the brethren have aided in doing. Some of you may say I should be very glad to give my mite, but do not feel at liberty to be a Steward. Well, I may inform you that there is the way to do this, and that is by several brethren joining to endow one of the chairs, and most of our chairs have been so endowed. But I would have every chair endowed, and, further, I would increase that of those that are already endowed, because in that way you increase your voting powers. Our W.M. (Bro. Hanson Farrar), has nobly contributed to these charities, and let each of us strive to do his best. I may mention to you that the contributions to our charities in the year 1875, amount to the sum of £26,604, of which sum our Province of West Yorkshire, contributed £1845. On a similar occasion to this last year there was contributed in this room the sum of £100, and I hope that will be increased this year. Brethren, it would ill become me were I to close these remarks without reference to the services of Bro. T. Hill, P.M., Prov. G.S.W., our Charity Steward. He is also Chairman of the Charity Committee, and it is a great honour to this lodge. We all heard what fell from him in lodge, that he felt that he ought to give way to some other brother, after filling the position for so many years, but we all hope he will not think of that, we all know how he has worked for the good of the charities, and that we owe him a debt of gratitude we can never repay. In conclusion, I have faith that the brethren of this lodge will assist the charities as they have hitherto done, and I hope that I am not mistaken in my faith. Bro. Thomas Hill, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Chairman of the Charity Committee, in responding to the toast, said that the first thing that was brought under the notice of every brother on his initiation was, that we, as an Order, have poor and distressed brethren amongst us; and whilst we hope that we ourselves may never be brought low, yet we have seen in our lodge, as in others, that some of our dear brethren who have moved in good society, have had to succumb to misfortune and death, and in some of these cases their children have been liberally educated, clothed, and maintained, until they attained the age of 16 years, in our Royal Masonic Schools. The knowledge of this ought to incite us to do all we can in support of our charities, and I hope the appeal, so ably made by Bro. Andrews, will be as liberally responded to as it was last year, when £100 was subscribed round this table; and I believe our respected Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Henry Smith then had a few slips printed with our subscriptions inserted, and this proved the starting point to £2000 being raised in the province. I hope the brethren present will respond as they feel able; already I have received a few names. We profess to be charitable, and it is but right that our professions should be brought into practice. Bro. Andrews made reference to my office as Chairman of the Charity Committee, and I must say that, although I have held high office in the Craft, there is none I so highly esteem, and I think it is a position that any brother may feel proud to hold, yet I think it should not always be in the same hands. Brethren, I again thank you most heartily for the honour you have done me in coupling my name with the toast. Bro. Hill afterwards announced that he had that evening received seventy guineas for the Charities. The W.M. then said that whilst we thought of our Masonic charities, towards which he had felt it his duty to subscribe ever since he was a Mason, we must not overlook our local Charities, and he understood that the Masonic Ward in the Bradford Infirmary, some years ago furnished by us, was in need of more blankets, and he hoped the brethren would give some small donations for that. The result of this announcement was that the sum of £9 2s. 6d. was collected. Bro. B. Broughton, P.M., in proposing "The Retiring Master," said,—And a very retiring Master he is, brethren. I remember, at the commencement of the year of his office, he expressed his diffidence in taking the chair, but he accepted it at your hands. I also remember how, as

(No. 145).—The regular convocation of the Chapter of Prudent Brethren was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, 14th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. N. Walford, C. A. Long, and T. Bull, the three Principals, with the assistance of Comps. States and Pratt. After the opening of the chapter, and the admission of the companions below the chair, the ballots were taken for Bros. N. B. Headon, W. Miller, W. Braine, F. R. Williams, and Masters, which having proved unanimous, ballots were taken for the Principals, and Comps. Long, Bull, and E. Moody were duly elected. These companions were afterwards installed by Comp. Boyd in the Z., H., and J. chairs respectively, and the following officers were invested:—Comp. States, P.Z.; Scribe, E.; Comp. Joseph Last, Treas.; Comp. Parkins, S.N.; Comp. Thicllay, P.S.; Comp. Cox, 1st A.S.; Comp. Venn, 2nd A.S.; and Comp. Grant, Janitor; Bros. Headon, Williams, Braine, Masters, and Miller were then introduced, and exalted as R.A.M. Letters of resignation were read by Comp. States from Comps. Horwood and Avrillon, and the resignations were accepted with regret. On the motion of Comp. Warrington, seconded by Comp. Walford, a list of members of the chapter was ordered to be printed and circulated. The companions then closed the chapter, and adjourned to banquet. The following companions were present during the evening:—J. E. Walford, C. A. Long, Thos. Bull, Edw.d. Moody, J. Parkins, E. H. Thicllay, John Cox, J. Last, John Boyd, Herbert Dicketts, Wm. Platt, R. Storrington, J. G. Manby, R. Douglas, D. M. Belfrage, J. H. Leggate, John Chinnery, Geo. Biggs, James Rance, D. Haslett, Fred. Godfrey, Geo. Purkess, E. W. Braine, W. P. Masters, M. B. Williams, W. H. Miller, Visitors:—J. Barnes Amor, 91; Edw.d. White, 1305; C. A. Cottebrune, P.Z. 177; John Read, P.Z. 720, S.E. 319; J. Bond, P.Z. 657; H. Massey, ("Freemason,") P.Z. 619; H. M. Levy, P.Z. 188; John Seex, J. 186. When the toasts were proposed the M.E.Z.'s speeches were very interesting, and had in them a freshness of expression which rendered them highly agreeable. In giving "The Queen and R.A. Masonry," he said, "When a man lives in a country that is well governed, that is, at peace with the whole world; when he forms part of a community where liberty is respected, and where his property is not touched by other hands; when he is in a society where the arts and sciences are cultivated in quiet, and to some great extent, he is apt to forget the means by which this security has been attained; and I do not think as Englishmen, although we are excessively loyal—and as Masons we are extra loyal—we fully appreciate the steps that have been taken to produce this security. We must be fully aware that among the principal reasons why we are in this secure and comfortable state is that we have been blessed for a great many years with Sovereigns who have reigned over us—with an iron hand, possibly—but that iron hand has been covered with velvet. In the present era we have no reason to think differently. Our present Queen, Her Most Gracious Majesty, has ruled over us in a manner so highly creditable to the line from which she has descended, and she has also made matters so very comfortable to Englishmen in all parts of the globe, that I am sure you can have no hesitation in feeling gratified that she is our Sovereign. Therefore, I would ask you to look upon her as our patroness, as she has given several pledges that she means well towards us. We have our full liberty of meeting, and our full liberty of discussion, which is a great thing. The next toast was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z." I dare say, said the M.E.Z., in giving it, the

thought has occurred to a great many of us, and not infrequently, what a jolly thing it must be to be born a prince. You have, under these circumstances, everything that you can wish for in this world—possibly health—but certainly riches, and the goodwill and good feeling of all your fellow creatures. But there is a reverse to the medal; and a prince in this country and in this century has no easy time of it. Where we look upon it as civilians as a great pleasure, he must look upon it as a great bore in many instances; and at the present time our M.E.Z. is doing very heavy duty indeed in a hot climate. Any one who follows his progress must be fully aware that no Indian servant, no member of the Army, or of the Civil Service ever has or would be liable to work so hard as our Prince and G.Z. is working at the present moment. We all of us feel when he is engaged in anything that the matter is sure to come right; we feel that he is a capable man in every way, and that is why, as Masons, we feel so comfortable to have him at the head of our Order. We feel that whatever he is called upon to do he will do at a proper time, in a proper manner, and in princely style. This toast having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. said, "There are three companions who sometimes one hears coupled in chapters with the former toast; but I think that considering the work that they have to do, they are deserving, as far as they can be, of a separate recognition, that is the Pro Grand Z., the Grand H., and the Grand J. They are hard-working Masons in every sense of the word, and it strikes me that during the time our M.E.Z. is in the chair they will have a tolerably hard time to keep pace with the Grand Z. We must always remember that as they together form the Grand Arch; the bigger the Keystone the more pressure he puts on the neighbouring stones; so that as we have a very big Keystone in the Prince of Wales, it will require the others to be strong in proportion to support him. (Hear.) Comp. J. E. Walford, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." He felt himself, he said, quite unequal to the task of doing this properly; but as the duty fell to him as the P.Z. he did it with great pleasure. The companions who had been in chapter were witnesses of the perfect way in which he could perform his work, and it must have afforded them all the greatest satisfaction; but especially was it gratifying to the P.Z.'s to see that their successors were treading in their footsteps, and that they were quite equal to their task whenever it was imposed upon them. He was sure that the M.E.Z. and his immediate supporters would do honour to this famous chapter, and worthily tread in the steps of their predecessors. They were deserving of all the praise that could be given them, and it was a pleasure to see officers coming up so well in rotation for the chair. (Cheers.) The toast was most heartily received, and the M.E.Z. said, in acknowledging it, "Companions, I hardly know what to say in returning you my thanks for the very gratifying way in which you have received any little thing I have been able to do for the chapter. I feel quite new in my present position, and I do not like to say too much of what I can do or what I will do. But this much I will say, that I will endeavour to do the best I can for the interests of the chapter, and in any way in which I can serve it by the work that I can do in the chair, or in any other way in or out of the chair, I shall be only too happy to serve it. At present it seems too early a time to speak about it; but at the future time, perhaps this time next year, I may be able to say something of what I have done. Now, it is a carte blanche in front of me, and I really hardly know how to fill it up. But I suppose circumstances will arise during my year of office that will enable me to distinguish myself in some way before the chapter, and I trust I shall benefit the chapter and the companions in doing so. I am not, as I sometimes say, an eloquent man; but if I had all the eloquence of Cicero, or the rhetoric of Demosthenes, or any of those great men of history, I could not say more than that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the way in which you receive me and treat me. In proposing "The Newly-exalted Companions," the M.E.Z. said that it was well known that in every structure it was necessary to have some good materials; it was the very first thing that a builder looked to in raising a structure. That evening they had had some distinguished brethren, whom they had raised from the Craft to their Sublime Degree. He felt certain from the way in which they had received the small amount of tuition which they could have that evening, that they bade fair to be very honourable members of Royal Arch Masonry; that they would continue to progress in that branch of Masonry the same as they had in the Craft; and that some day the companions would see them passing through that chair, very much to their own credit, and certainly to the benefit of the chapter. "The Visitors" was the next toast, and the M.E.Z. observed that when King Solomon completed his temple at Jerusalem he asked the princes of his own country and the princes of neighbouring states to come and view it. The Chapter of Prudent Brethren had that evening completed their new building, and they had asked the princes and rulers in the Order to come and see what they had done. He trusted that their verdict would be equally favourable with that of the princes of Solomon's time, to the builders of their modern temple. His only regret was that there was no Queen of Sheba present. On behalf of the chapter he might say he was much pleased at the distinguished array of visitors, who, he trusted, would find themselves so comfortable, that whenever they had an opportunity they would come again. (Hear, hear.) Comps. Cottebrunne, Barnes Amor, and John Read responded. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Past Principals." We always value, said he, the opinion of any one who has really earned his knowledge by experience, and therefore it is that, as Principal of this chapter, I very highly value the opinion and advice that I receive from my Past Principals; they have gone through all the work, all the hard work, for some years, and therefore their advice and their

opinion on any subject on which I consult them is to be esteemed most highly. I have found very great service from consulting the Past Principals of this chapter, because it is no easy matter, as many companions will know who pass through the chair of their lodges, to take the command of any institution, and any body of men. There are certain things which it is necessary for a Principal to consult his predecessors upon, and to draw upon their experience to a certain extent. A man would make a very bad hit if he did not look for information to the experience of others. I have found the greatest benefit from consulting my Past Principals, and I have no doubt that during my year of office they will give me the same good advice and kind consideration as they have given me up to the present time. (Applause.) Comp. Walford, in the course of a brief reply, said the Past Principals were always ready and anxious to render what service they could to the Principals of the chapter; and it mattered not what office might be vacant they were always prepared to fill it. (Hear, hear.) Referring to the old adage that "two were company, but three were none," the truth of which he could not see, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of the H. and J." He reminded the companions of what they had heard in chapter, and of the unhesitating and smooth way in which his two subordinate Principals delivered their portion of the ritual. Trusting to see them in due course in his own exalted position, he called on the companions to honour the toast. This having been done, Comps. Bull and Moody replied. "The rest of the Officers" was the succeeding toast. The M.E.Z. said—"The architect may strike his arch, and the mason may put most accurately the stone in answer to the drawings supplied him by the architect; and the arch may be thoroughly well formed; but it would cut but a very poor figure indeed in architecture if it had not exactness and solidity in the foundation on which it was set. We have erected an arch this evening, and, as I said before, we trust to complete it. I look forward to the support of my officers as a sure substratum for building upon, and for making our undertaking a great success. I am sure that the companions who form the other parts of the structure are fully equal to the office they have undertaken. Comp. E. H. Thielay, P.S., replied, promising a faithful performance of his duties, and feeling confident that his Assistants would do the same. The Janitor's toast was then given, and the companions separated, after having spent an instructive and delightful evening.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The letters by "1446" and "Ad Rem" deserve the particular attention of all interested in the real and permanent prosperity of the Grand Lodge of England. "The number of publicans who belong to our Order," mentioned by "Bro. 1446," is certainly very great, and leads many not members to consider Freemasonry to be an eating and drinking institution. The pernicious system of the "feeding" lodges, receiving never more than 24s. annually in subscriptions from their members, and yet, at every monthly meeting, having "a glass of grog," &c., and also the annual banquet, defrayed out of the funds of the lodge, cannot be too severely condemned. Indeed, there is actual need of Grand Lodge legislation on the subject, the extent to which some lodges spend their funds being lamentably un-Masonic, and a disgrace to their profession. It is much to be desired that the Grand Lodge authorities were as explicit and as authoritative as to keeping the moneys for subscriptions and banquets distinct from those paid into the lodge for the General Fund and for the Grand Lodge. We have proved to members "over and over again" that by attending the lodge regularly, and "sitting down afterwards," also by being present at the quarterly suppers and annual banquets, they receive in "feeds" more than their stipulated subscriptions, and hence the lodge has to pay out of the funds every year their annual fees to the Provincial and Grand Lodges, and their fair quota of the ordinary expenses. We do not, of course, allude now to those lodges who have inclusive and exclusive terms of subscription to the funds and banquets, neither do we speak of those who charge sufficient to defray the ordinary and banqueting expenses combined, but simply of those lodges, as before stated, who permit their members to feed monthly at the expense of the funds, to the detriment of the Order, and to the injury of themselves, the subscriptions not being sufficient to defray the bills for the "suppers and banquets." Hence, such lodges are either deeply in debt or by securing initiation fees use that money to meet the gormandizing propensities of its members. Lodges being held in hotels doubtless induce increased expenditure in this direction, but the chief evil lies in the system of allowing such wholesale waste and extravagance, and in not being sufficiently careful in the choice of members.

With respect to Bro. "Ad Rem's" remarks—excepting those as to the "low level" of Scottish Freemasonry, wholly out of place—I quite concur with him in regretting the present facilities for men blackballed in one town being accepted and installed in another, to the great injury of our society. Worthless fellows, quite the scum in a neighbourhood, have thus been received into our ranks, by being proposed and accepted by lodges held in towns in which they are strangers, excepting probably to the proposer, and thus this system of initiation out of towns in which the candidates reside is fraught with danger, and requires imme-

diat legislation by individual, Provincial Grand, and Grand Lodges.

This evil has been provided for by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the extract from its constitutions being inserted below, and in this country the Provincial Grand Lodges are gradually doing what ought to be done by the Grand Lodge. In the Provinces of West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, Cornwall, Leicestershire, and Rutland, and probably others, the following law is in operation, with slight variations, and we can speak from actual observation that the regulation works exceedingly well, excepting that while it answers thoroughly for the provinces in question, candidates blackballed under their jurisdiction can be again proposed in neighbouring provinces, and initiated. Sometimes good men have been blackballed, and in such cases the necessary enquiry would simply reveal them to be of good report, but generally the seeking of membership away from one's own town or province is a suspicious occurrence, and should be distrusted.

I hope that other provinces will take the matter up, and, when ripe, that the Grand Lodge will deal with the subject, as it has done in so many other instances for the welfare of the Craft.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 11th December, 1875.

Constitutions, Grand Lodge of Ireland, 1875, p. 38:—"A lodge shall not ballot for, or initiate into Freemasonry, any person who is not a resident in the town, village, or neighbourhood in which the lodge into which he seeks to be admitted holds its meetings, until due enquiry shall have been made of such lodge or lodges as may exist in the neighbourhood of his residence respecting the character of the applicant for admission, and a satisfactory reply shall have been received and read in open lodge, under a penalty of having its warrant suspended or cancelled, or of payment of a fine not exceeding five pounds, as the Grand Lodge may determine."

Bye-laws Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, 1872, pp. 25-6:—"In case any person resident in a town or place where a lodge is established shall become a candidate for admission into any lodge established elsewhere within this province, it shall be incumbent on the Master of the lodge wherein he so seeks admission, to make enquiry in writing of the Master of some lodge established in the town or place wherein the candidate resides, touching the character and moral fitness of such candidate. And it shall be incumbent on the brother from whom such enquiry shall be made, if within this province, to make prompt reply thereto in writing, and to set forth any ground of objection within his knowledge to the admission of such candidate into Masonry, but if not within this province, then the Master of such lodge shall be respectfully requested to furnish the foregoing particulars as far as his knowledge or information may extend, and the purport of the reply shall be made known to the brethren of the lodge into which the candidate seeks admission, before the ballot for such candidate takes place. A copy of this bye-law shall accompany the enquiry."

MASONIC FORBEARANCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your article on "Masonic Forbearance" last week can only command approbation from every brother who has read it. I was, however, pained to find a flagrant exception, to what we plume ourselves upon possessing, very shortly after reading the article I mention.

Last Saturday week, returning from our lodge at Wood Green, Lewis, No. 1185, five of the brethren got into a compartment by themselves. We all had left the train except one brother, who, just before arriving at Aldersgate-street, saw a small parcel on the seat, and having no doubt it belonged to one of our lodge, opened it, and found it to be a Masonic apron, belonging, however, to a member of another lodge. As you, Sir, and, no doubt, any Mason, would have done, he took the apron home, wrote to the Secretary of the lodge, saying what he had found, and if the brother to whom it belonged would call at his business address, in Cheapside, he should be pleased to hand it to him.

The brother called for his apron in due course, and, instead of thanking the finder, actually bullied him for not leaving the parcel where he saw it, saying that he had had the trouble of going to the lost property office about it. I say bullied, and with reason, for when he had gone some friends who were standing by, and had heard his gross incivility, said to our brother, "Is that fellow a brother?"

Our brother was also called upon by an authority at King's Cross to give an explanation of his conduct in taking a parcel away out of their carriage.

I know, Sir, your principles are thoroughly antagonistic to such conduct, especially in one who has been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Dec. 16.

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THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Merry boys and laughing fairies
Throng around yon Christmas tree;
All our Ediths, Ethels, Maries,
Toms and Bobbies now we see;
Sophy, Maud, and Jane, and Milly,
Dick, and Kit, and George are there,
Laughing Amy, pleasant Polly,
Gentle faces bright and fair.

Hear the shouts of cheery voices
Echoing from the "sacred room,"
How the heart of youth rejoices,
Banished every care and gloom:
Carols sweet the children singing,
Remind us of a roundelay
Rais'd by voices dear and ringing,
In the mists of "far away."

Once again the room is thronging
With sweet faces known so well,
Many an old and lov'd belonging
Seems that busy crowd to swell;
We listen to their airy patter,
We see their forms all full of grace;
Mid the merry cries and clatter,
We watch again each cherished face.

Little children, laughing lasses,
And the front of boisterous youth;
All are there—how fast time passes,
Vanish'd all of grace and truth!
Kindly shadows still abiding,
Seem to flock around yon tree:
All so gentle and confiding,
Full of love and chivalry!

'Tis a delusion! I am dreaming:
'Tis but fancy's fond mirage;
Alas! 'tis only seeming
All that gathering gay and large.
Other voices shout in gladness,
Other pleasant forms are here;
And amidst the heart's deep sadness
Those dear phantoms disappear.

Merry maidens come beguiling,
Asking, with resistless mien,
"Why are you not gay and smiling?
Paying homage to our Queen?"
"Fair girls, this poor old heart has travell'd
To other gatherings, other days,
And the twisted skeins unravell'd
Of life's dark and weary maze."

Still may all of joy attend you
Joyous maidens in your games,
Still may all of good befriend you
Lasses with your classic names!
Still, fond youth, may you remem'ber,
As the whispered tale you tell,
January has its December,
All too soon for loving well!

May this Christmas gather glad'y,
Cheery boys and maidens glee,
As the fun arises madly
Round that fairy Christmas tree.
May liliesome forms and glowing tresses,
Of flashing eyes the glad some gleams,
Lighten with some soft caresses
All your pleasant Christmas dreams!

CELEBS.

Reviews.

SCOTTISH PROVERBS. A New Edition, by James Donald.—Tegg, and Co., London, 1875. This little work is a reprint, by James Donald, of Andrew Henderson's collection of proverbs. It is a very interesting little work, and we especially call the attention of our readers to it. Proverbs have been the staple vernacular literature of all nations so to say, and yet nothing is so difficult as, after all, to define a proverb. Some have called them the "oracular wisdom of centuries." Good old Johnson defined a proverb to be "a short sentence frequently repeated by the people," and he is, as he usually is, we venture to think, very near the mark. Some have said that his definition does not cover all proverbs, but as a general rule it does, as after all there is no true proverb which is not popular in its use and tradition. Motherwell in his preface, in 1832, to that edition of Henderson, tells us that Howell says the true ingredients of a proverb are "sense, shortness,

and salt," and Motherwell puts it well when he quotes Benjamin D'Israeli as laying down "the essential feature" of proverbs, that they are the "condensation of much thought and observation within a small compass." It seems, that the first published book of Scottish Proverbs was in 1598, when a collection was issued by Mr. David Ferguson, Presbyterian minister. James Kelly published a large work, and very valuable one on the subject, in 1721, at London, and Allan Ramsay published two thousand two hundred proverbs in 1737 and in successive editions. This new edition of Donald's is based on Henderson's, and is a welcome addition to our paræmiographical literature, if we may use so hard a word. Those of us who have read the Archbishop of Dublin's charming little work on "Proverbs" will remember and realize how much pleasure and improvement result from the study of what Benjamin D'Israeli called "those abridgements of knowledge," conveying "great results with a parsimony of words prodigal of sense." How true and yet how witty are some of the Scottish proverbs. There's nane sae busy as them that has least to do. 'Twa heads are better than ane, though they were only sheeps' heads. Wanton kittens make douce cats. Forsake not God till you find a better master. A faithful friend is the medicine of life. Canny chiefs carry cloaks when it's fair; the fool, when it's foul has nane to wear. Fortune can take naething but what she gave. Ane wud and aye waur. A gossip speaks ill of a' and a' of her. A gude wife and health is a man's best wealth. East or West, hame is best. Its curly and crooked, as the De'il said of his horns. Ladies and Turkeys need delicate upbringing. Waes the wife that wants the tongue, but weel's the man that gets her. Virtue never grows auld. And so we might go on, practically ad infinitum, but we stop here, in mercy to our readers, commending these pleasant proverbs to all who like honest wit and true good sense, accompanied with that cheerful spirit which characterizes so remarkably many of the proverbs of North Britain. For, as the saying truly runs, "As long lives the merry man as the sad."

THE GARDEN. A weekly illustrated journal of gardening, No. 212, Vol. VIII.—William Robinson, 17, Southampton-street, Strand.

We have received, and looked over, this gardening serial with sincere pleasure and gratification. It is most admirably got up, and the coloured drawings are both striking and unique. To all who are interested in the most healthy and gracious of all pursuits, "horticulture," this periodical must be an invaluable "vade mecum," and a more desirable present at this Christmas season we do not know than the seven volumes of this meritorious and valuable publication. We commend it to the notice of all our flower-loving readers.

HAND AND HEART. Thomas B. Burrows, 75, Shoe-lane, Fleet-street, conducted by the Editor of "Home Words."

This is a new candidate for popular approval, to appear January 7th, 1876. To us Freemasons it is particularly welcome, as containing a portrait of our little Royal Lewis, Prince Albert Victor, with his autograph in 1875. The journal is intended, it is said, for the "industrious class," and is neatly printed, well arranged, and admirably illustrated. A journal which the working classes will really read is a great desideratum. A good many well-intentioned people seem to think the average working man a sort of demi-savage, and heathen, and that it is proper and necessary to speak and preach to him as such. Indeed, these addresses are generally "ad hominem" sermons, and we fear, as a rule, John Dobbs, skilled mechanic, is not an ardent admirer of sermons, per se. What he rather wants, we fancy, is a good and instructive paper, full of technical information and illustrative anecdotes, together with good Anglo-Saxon prose, and readable poetry, with a considerable amount of natural history, and of mechanical science. Such topics will always find, we are inclined to believe, many grateful readers among our skilled working men, for our estimate of working men generally is higher than most of our contem-

poraries. We shall be glad if "Heart and Hand" succeeds in its object, as no doubt nothing can be worse than that "cheap and nasty literature," now so prevalent, that garbage of journalism which is distributed wholesale and broadcast, alike in London and the country districts. We wish the editor and publisher all success.

PENNY ALMANACK AND DIARY.—Moses & Son.

Last year we spoke approvingly of this little book—we do the same this year. It is very convenient and portable, and as our copy was given to a young lady, who immediately put it into the pocket of her jacket,—Yes, jacket—we feel that we have said enough for it to-day. We quote her remark—"It's a very cosy little book," and so we wish it all success. W. P. A.

CONSECRATION OF THE "STUART" CHAPTER, BEDFORD (540).

Tuesday, the 14th of December, will long be a day to be remembered amongst Masons, not only of Bedford in particular, but also of Bedfordshire in general, for on it was founded the first chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the county.

Eight and twenty years ago the late Bro. Stuart founded, and for many a long day after he and his brother fostered, the lodge which bears their name, one of them, indeed, exchanging at the close of one well-remembered lodge-night, the labour of his earthly lodge for the well-earned refreshment and rest of the Eternal lodge above.

The lodge then truly lost its early patrons, but there was still one of the old names left to exercise the same care over its fortunes, and it never, even for a moment, lost its prestige or popularity.

For many years Colonel Stuart, the present S.W. of the lodge, has felt the desirability of leading Bedfordshire Masons to the climax of Masonry, and on Tuesday week this desirable consummation was effected.

On that day were assembled at the lodge-room of 540 a goodly number of Royal Arch companions, including Colonel William Stuart, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, J.P., P.G.H.; P.S.G.W., &c.; R. Wentworth Little, P.S.G.W. Midx., P.G.H. Midx., M.E.P.Z.'s of 19; Byett, Graham, Lynes, M.E.Z. 834; Read, and Barfield; Comps. Rev. W. Tebbs, 285; Rev. R. Faussett Ward, 712; Brook, 304; Capt. Polhill-Turner, Bull, Cookson, Captain Colburn, Trapp, Cuthbert, Captain Green, Leslie, Whyley, &c.

After some time spent in inspecting the admirable appointments of the chapter, supplied by Comp. Kenning, a chapter was opened with the following acting officers:—M.E.Z., R. W. Little; H., Barfield; and J., Lynes.

On the admission of the brethren, Comp. R. W. Little, assisted by Comps. Rev. W. Tebbs, Chaplain; Read, as P.S.; and Barfield and Lynes, as the other two P.Z.'s, duly consecrated, dedicated, and constituted the Stuart Chapter, 540, Bedford, of Royal Arch Masons of England.

To say that the ceremony was that usually adopted by Comp. Little is simply to say that it was performed in a most impressive manner, giving the companions of the newly constituted chapter a most thorough insight into the solemnities of this holy and Royal rite.

Comp. Little next instituted the three First Principals:—Comps. Col. Stuart, M.E.Z.; Bull, H.; Cookson, J.

After which the Most Excellent invested as officers Comps. Rev. Wm. Tebbs, Chaplain; J. Trapp, Treas.; Captain Colburn, E.; Captain Polhill-Turner, N.; Cuthbert, P.S.; the last named then investing as his assistants Comps. Captains Green and Fisher.

The chapter, as its first duty, asked the acceptance by Comp. Little of honorary membership of the chapter he had thus constituted, together with its thanks for his kind offices.

This vote was warmly acknowledged by the recipient of the honour.

As its next business the chapter unanimously elected Bro. George Reynolds, the old and much respected Tyler of Stuart Lodge, as its future Janitor.

Many joining members and candidates for exaltation were then proposed, after which, in answer to the M.E.Z.'s demand for "propositions of benefit," "hearty good wishes" were announced from Royal Arch Chapters 19, 285, 304, 712, 834, 840, and 948. After which the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Wicks; when an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent. After the usual official toasts, "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Trapp (Treasurer), and most feelingly acknowledged.

The M.E.Z. then proposed the healths of "Comp. R. W. Little," "The Visitors," "Principals H. and J.," "P.S. Cuthbert and other Officers," and of "Chaplain, Rev. W. Tebbs." After which the proceedings of this auspicious day were brought to a close.

We cannot conclude without remarking the musical arrangements of Comp. Cookson; the way in which Comp. Gilbert (of Richmond) fulfilled the duties of Janitor; the unflagging energy and zeal of Comps. Bull and Cuthbert; and the substantial support of the M.E.Z., who, as his predecessors had done in days gone by for the lodge, thus gave the benefit of his Masonic knowledge, as well as the honour of his name, to the Stuart Chapter.

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SENIOR DRAGON.—We should say, Slowly and quietly. S. B. O.—Received. Many thanks, but it has already appeared.

"Carnival of Chaos" declined with thanks.

The following stand over:—Metropolitan Lodge, 1507; Adams Lodge, 158, Sheerness; Prince Edwin Lodge, 128, Bury; Brownrigg Lodge, 1414, Chatham; Rock Lodge, 1289, Rock Ferry; Albert Victor Mark Lodge, 70, Ipswich; Lodge of Honour, 379, Bath; One and All Lodge, 330, Bodmin; Glasgow, 27, 102, 219, 253, 360, 413, 441, 465; Helensburg, 503; Maryhill, 510; Partick, 117; Royal Cumberland Chapter, 41; Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DEC. 25, 1875.

CHRISTMAS.

If Christmas comes, as it is said, but once a year, yet it draws near ever a welcome guest, whether in the palace or in the cottage. Indeed, it is a very large class of mortal beings for whom Christmas is an anniversary of pleasantness and good will. The schoolboy poring over a stiff passage in Thucydides, the school girl weary with her French exercise, that huge crowd of rosy cheeks and merry voices and smiling faces, which still fills Dr. Birch's Academy, or Miss Brown's, Laurel Grove, to say nothing of a variegated collection of home blossoms,—all are eagerly anticipating the Christmas tree, the Christmas present, and the Christmas gathering. But there are bigger children for whom, also, Christmas has an ever-abiding and pleasant summons. Many of us toil from year's end to year's end at the desk, in the counting-house, in the office, in the chambers; and our holidays are short, and sometimes far between. Some are seeking by an honest business to be the breadwinners for a large family, others are laboriously toiling for literary reputation; the banker, the merchant, the lawyer, the medical man, the author, the soldier, the sailor, the skilled mechanic, and the industrious artizan, all are filling their various parts in life, and all work hard with their hands and with their brains to advance their individual interests, and to increase the national prosperity. From how many families up and down our good land have gone forth those "stems" and "off-shoots" who, in many situations, and in various ways, make up the staple of the great laborious classes; and how many are the severances and intervening distances which divide loving hearts from one another, nearly all through the year, and diminish that once joyous family circle by those missing links which are united all so closely together, and which, though absent, are not forgotten. For all these divisions of society and of industrial occupation Christmas is a very engaging season of re-union and in-gathering. No doubt the recurrence of Christmas year by year cannot be for any of us of unmixed joy and undimmed happiness. Amid the shouts of the young and the staid congratulations of the old there will float over our memories a strain of other days, a carol of "auld lang syne," which we shall never hear sung again here, at any rate, not by the same pleasant voices. Each Christmas, as it meets us on our onward pilgrimage, with all its gracious associations, reminds us inevitably of gaps in our family circles, of honest hearts, and dear eyes, and

sunny faces, and warm hands, no longer to the fore, of some whom are missing, of many who are wanting, when we keep our Christmas holiday. It seems but yesterday that we were all together, young, frank, loving, sincere! Alas! where are we all now? How few of that goodly band are still lingering on earth? and how impossible it is to collect those "disiecta membra" once again here? No, the friends—the tender, the open-handed, the genial, the trusting, all are gone; their place on earth knows them no more; they have left us in youth, or in prime, in ripened powers, or in fading old age, in fell disease, or amid the shouts of victory; and for us never again, all together, can the yule log be lighted, or the mistle-toe hung up, or the Lord of Misrule issue his decrees of ancient wisdom, and of modern fun! Christmas, therefore, has a deep and solemn interest for us all alike. It summons the young from their studies, and mature life from its burdens, and dull old age from its griefs and weakness, to join once again in festive array. The family once more assembles in that well-known room. The kind master and the smiling mistress are there, as genial and as hospitable as ever; tall men and comely women reassemble, like as of yore, around the family dinner table; the bright muster of pleasant maidens and the bold fervour of ardent youth are all there, to add lightness and brilliancy to the scene; while above all is heard Master Bobby's shout, and Miss Edith's exclamations! Pleasant scenes for the sage and the sympathising. Happy holiday for the learned and laborious, the careworn and the complaining, the troubled and the tried, the man of letters and the man of money, for rich and poor, for high and low, for learned and unlearned. Some writers have complained that the world has too much appropriated Christmas to itself, and has thrown its colouring over the scene, and has mingled its tares with the fairer wheat. Now we do not hold with such "pessimists." We cannot see why you are to take such a morbid view of life and man, and things and facts. Let us rather, as it seems to us, accustom ourselves to accept things as they really are, to rate them at their proper worth, to estimate them at their true intent, and then we shall not fall either into the folly of undervaluing, or into the extravagance of over estimating, into the lugubriousness of the "Slough of Despond," or into the frivolity and evil of a merely sensual commemoration! Christmastide, depend upon it, is a great and a good institution for us all, and one which the world, ever wise in its generation, has eagerly appropriated no doubt, and cheerfully observes, simply on those humanitarian grounds, which appeal so profoundly to the hearts and memories, and thoughts and affections, of us all. There is, as we all well know, a very religious side to Christmas, but it is one which for obvious reasons we cannot dilate upon in the "Freemason." All that we can fairly do is to greet it as it meets us with a dying year, as it invites us to present happiness around "our own firesides," as it reminds us of a buried past still very dear to our recollection, as it suggests kindly consideration for the wants and woes of others! When, then, Christmas-day once again assembles under many a "roof tree" the long scattered members of a confiding family circle, when it gives lustre to the eye, and tinges with roseate animation the cheeks of the young, the fair, the graceful, when it even bows down stalwart manhood beneath the tender sway of silvery voices and "wreathed smiles," when it reanimates old age with some bright memories and faded dreams, let us all bear in mind that Christmas time, and Christmas gatherings, all warn us that some are not so blessed as we are. Let not our Christmas leave us without some few kind thoughts and gentle deeds for the poor, the friendless, the fallen, the outcast; and then our sweets will prove sweeter, and our own enjoyment will be augmented by the pleasant consciousness that we have not been selfish in our own happiness, but, full of good things and glad hours ourselves, have sought to make others happy too, have lightened, if only for a few passing moments, the burdens of affliction, and sought to wipe away the tear-drops of humanity! To all the readers of the "Freemason," to all our brethren, their wives, sisters, and sweethearts, to the little world of Lewises and laughing fairies, and countless Masonic blossoms, whom Christmas

fills with glad and innocent gaiety, we wish most sincerely from the very bottom of our heart a very merry and happy Christmas, indeed!

SUMMARY OF MASONIC EVENTS
FOR 1875.

The New Year of 1875 began well for Freemasonry, and especially for our good brethren in Ireland, for it witnessed the installation of our most distinguished Brother the Lord Lieutenant, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, as Grand Master of our genial Order, in the "Green Island." As Paddy would say, "Good luck attend the Freemasons, notwithstanding Cardinal Paul," and "here's to the Hilt of the Lard Lifenant, and more power to his arm." The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its anniversary in January, when the large sum of £6630 was collected, and the labours of its energetic Secretary, Bro. James Terry, were fully rewarded. During this month the Craft had to deplore the untimely death of the Countess of Carnarvon, the gentle and amiable wife of our Deputy G. Master. In April, our Royal Grand Master laid the foundation of the New Merchant Taylor's School, amid a large assemblage, and with great applause. May witnessed a never-to-be-forgotten scene by this generation of English Masons, the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the English brotherhood, at the Albert Hall. Those of us who were present on that "alba dies" will never lose the vivid reality of the gathering or the scene, and we shall rejoice to think amid the onward march of years, that we were permitted to behold so great a high day of Freemasonry, to rally round our Royal Grand Master, and to hail the unparalleled demonstration of our English Order. The arrangements were perfect, and reflect the greatest credit on Bros. Sir A. Woods and Thomas Fenn. The Swedish deputation which had been sent to congratulate our Grand Master, who was, be it remembered, initiated into the Order in Sweden, visited the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and expressed warmly the great pleasure the visit had caused them. Our Royal Grand Master was also in May installed as First Principal of the Grand Chapter. During this "merry month" the anniversary of the Girls' School took place, when £7000 were collected. June witnessed, across the dividing waters of the Atlantic, a great Masonic ceremony in New York, namely the Masonic dedication of the new hall. It was a most imposing demonstration, telling well for those who arranged the proceedings, and we in England have the deepest interest in and sympathy for our American brethren of the "mystic tie." July brought the Boys' School anniversary, when the unprecedentedly large amount of £12,700 was announced at the Alexandra Palace by Bro. Binckes. Bro. Binckes may fairly claim great credit for his "coup," and we trust that after some little clouds over the internal regime of the school have completely passed away, all will go on well with that great institution. Some perverse and personal attacks have been made on Bro. Binckes and the House Committee, but like all similar manifestations, in Masonry or out of Masonry, they generally both fail in their purpose, and react on those who initiate them. During this month the Surrey Masonic Hall was dedicated with much eclat, under the presidency of our distinguished and amiable Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, the D.G. Master. In August we have to note the presentation by that kindly Lady Baroness Burdett Coutts of a most beautiful Bible to the Burdett Coutts Lodge. The proceedings, under the direction of Bro. J. Terry, were most animated and interesting. The foundation stone of a Masonic Hall at Grimsby also was laid in this month. In the month of September a presentation was made to our well-known and worthy Bro. J. C. Parkinson, which afforded great pleasure to his many friends. Bro. Lord Mayo's statue was unveiled at Cocker-moath, and then across the Atlantic we heard of the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall at Halifax, Nova Scotia, having been laid. We may note here that during the last year the Lord Mayor of London, our worthy Bro. D. Stone, has been made Junior Grand Warden. In October the presentation of an address to our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, before his

UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE
AND HOSPITAL.

[Memorials against the New Statutes having appeared in our columns from time to time, we think it only fair to publish the following paper issued from the Chancery, and which at the present time cannot fail to interest such of our readers as are Knights Templar.]

Sundry Memorials addressed to the Great Prior having been circulated, and as these Memorials contain various errors, both as to facts and the effect of the Statutes, the following Commentary on these Documents is designed to correct the erroneous impression created by such statements.

By the treaties with Scotland and Ireland of the 8th October, 1867, and 27th November, 1868, it was provided that a joint committee of the three kingdoms should be appointed to draw up Articles of Union. The Irish and English members met, and ultimately, in 1872, completed statutes framed to meet the emergency of the case.

The committee consisted of the following gentlemen:—

On the part of England:—Sir P. Colquhoun, the Rev. J. D. Huyshe, R. Woof, Captain N. G. Phillips, and J. Tepper. On the part of Ireland:—The Hon. Judge Townshend, the Earl of Limerick, Colonel Francis Burdett, Captain N. G. Phillips, and W. E. Gumbleton.

This committee drew up a unanimous report, which, having been submitted to Grand Conclave in December, 1872, was, after discussion, accepted.

A similar course was pursued in Ireland.

Thus these statutes were under consideration between four and five years, and Grand Conclave, if it had confidence in the men it appointed, could not but accept the result so carefully prepared; how can it then with truth be said, "that by reason of the hurried manner in which the new statutes were brought forward, no consideration could be given to their probable effect, and the expediency of their enactment?"

Material alterations were requisite, not so much in the existing national Governing Bodies, the names alone of which were altered, as in the creation and constitution of a new Supreme Body. The Grand Conclave of England became the Great Priory of England, and a similar change was made in Ireland, both being bodies subordinated to the Convent General, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was to assume the Headship. The internal government of the two component bodies was not interfered with except in the election of the Great Priors, who are now appointed by the Grand Master.

It is, however, more than probable that many who neither attended Grand Conclave, nor troubled themselves to read the Biennial Reports, knew little or nothing of the matter, otherwise their ignorance of the facts could not have been thus used to mislead them.

The first grievance in the Dorsetshire Memorial, of which the others are for the most part mere transcripts, is a general and unsupported assertion, viz., that "the experience since acquired of the effect and working of these new statutes convinces the memorialists that they are detrimental to the best interests of the Order, and must inevitably in the course of time thin its ranks and weaken its influence."

After this general and sweeping assertion the memorial enters into detail.

First, it states it is undesirable to drop the title "Masonic." Let it now be seen how this matter stands.

It is acknowledged that the Order is a Christian Society. That the Masonic qualification is indispensable is granted; but, on the other hand, it may be alleged that the word "Masonic" is the exclusive right of Craft Masonry, and is an assumption on the part of any other Secret Society, for in Templary there is no Masonic allegory. The Irish designate themselves as High Templars. The Scotch do not assume it. The American branch repudiates it as inappropriate, and as the assumption of the title of an-

other degree. As this prefix was an introduction of modern date and changed nothing in the substance, the committee had no difficulty in acceding to its omission, but strengthened the bond by adding the condition that a candidate must not only be a R.A., but also a M.M. of two years' standing.

As the old Order of the Temple was abolished 562 years ago, there is no other body which assumes this title; the military virtues of the old Knights are supposed to be represented as to the moral part by the new Order. The Articles of Union of the Craft of 1813 acknowledge it as a chivalric degree attached to, but not incorporated with Masonry, and the clause is purely permissive. The body therefore, be it called what it may, is as much under the protection of 39 Geo. III., c. 79, and 57 Geo. III., c. 19, as Craft Masonry, for all members are Craft Masons, but few know that these statutes only apply to Lodges existent at that time. These Acts therefore do not protect even Craft Lodges established since that date (1799), and those preceptories only which were existent before that date.

With respect to the nomenclature of the Order, it is strange to find men persistently advocating the perpetuation of an historical error.

The Masters of Temple houses were called House Preceptors; the Masters of Provinces, Great Preceptors. The head of the Order was originally termed simply Master, or later Magnus Magister, or Great Master. The word "grand" was merely the French for great. The equivalent designation of the Hospitalers was Commander, and their estates were called commanderies, whereas those of the Templars were termed Preceptories.

The question of Past Rank has, too, been misrepresented, and it is almost impossible to conceive such ignorance of the statutes as that alleged in the memorial.

Formerly he who had passed "the Chair" was designated a Past Commander, that is a retired Commander. The new statutes make him an actual Preceptor for life, with the right of voting in the Great Body, or Parliament of the Order, so long as he continues to subscribe to some Preceptory—nay, he may cease to do so for any length of time—but so soon as he places his name on the roll of any Preceptory his right and franchise revive; but in Craft Masonry, if he cease to subscribe for a year, his right lapses, and he becomes a mere Master Mason, nor can he recover his position and franchise without again serving as Master of a Lodge.

The position of the present Preceptor is therefore improved: the office once given to him is lasting. Should, however, those who have served the office before the last statutes prefer the title of "Past" Preceptor they are at liberty to adopt it, for all existing rights are reserved.

The dignities of Grand Cross and Commander are superadded: they take nothing from the members, but give something in addition, and it was considered by the joint committees it was due to his Royal Highness, when he condescended to assume the Headship of the Order, that he should have the rights belonging to all Crowned Heads, for in that light the Prince of Wales must be considered in relation to the Order; the more so since he had induced her Majesty as head of the State, to take the Order under her patronage and protection. No new dignities or titles have been created in the Order; they all existed in England, Scotland, or Ireland.

With regard to the Past Grand Rank, the number of those who obtained it yearly were twice as many as those who obtained the same rank in the Craft, yet the Temple only counts 2,500 active members, while the Craft numbers as many thousands.

The Provinces complain they cannot induce the members to pay fees for Grand Rank except it be permanent; they could provide for their necessary expenses by a small Capitation Tax, which would not press heavily, and so dispense with the fees of office.

At present, every member pays to the Central Authority an annual contribution of 3s. 6d.; London Craft Lodges pay 4s., and Country Lodges 2s., yet the class which belong to the latter are less able to pay these quarterages than the members of the Temple, who, in fact, contribute no more than Craft Masons. But as all existing rights are reserved, those who held this Past Grand Rank before the late statutes still enjoy it, while those who have obtained Grand Rank since have done so with the full knowledge that it was an annual office.

To meet, however, any objection, the following motion was passed at the Great Prior's Council, and incorporated in its report to the Great Priory in May, 1875, and the Great Prior has given effect to it by giving notice of amendments for the next Convent General:—

"That a limited restoration of Past Rank is desirable. That such Past Rank should only be given to Great Officers, National Great Officers, and Provincial Great Officers, and also to the Great, and National, and Provincial Vice-Chancellors and Sub-Masters, provided these latter Officers have served two years in their respective ranks."

Some offices, indeed the majority of them, are purely nominal, others are permanent, and it would be unreasonable to suppose that such as have real duties to perform could be changed annually; under such a system, the Order would fall into hopeless confusion.

Lastly, many members will be surprised to learn that the changes now made were in substance advocated 13 years ago, as the following memorial shows:—

Copy Memorial from the Province of Worcester, laid before Committee, 1863.

THE ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, MALTA, &c.

To the Very High and Eminent the Deputy Grand Master, the Very Eminent the Grand Chancellor, the Provincial Grand Commander for Kent, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Registrar:—

The Knights of the Ancient Order of the Temple and of Malta, in the Province of Worcester, assembled in Provincial Grand Conclave on the 2nd day of October, 1862, having ascertained that a committee has been appointed by the Grand Conclave of England to revise the statutes of the Order, desire to offer a few suggestions, which they trust may not be deemed unworthy of consideration. They are induced to venture these suggestions from a sincere desire to advance and exalt the Order, and from a wish to see it more closely assimilated with the brilliant and picturesque model presented by the early chivalrous constitution from which it is supposed to be descended.

The suggestions which are respectfully offered for the consideration of the committee are—

1. That the title of the Order be "The Royal Exalted Order of Knights Templar and Knights of St. John of Jerusalem."—(*Burnes' Hist.*, p. 63.)

It is conceived that the additions, "Religious and Military" and "Masonic" are unnecessary, as being qualities of the Order and qualifications for it which form no essential part of its name or title.

2. That resting upon traditional belief it may be declared by the statutes that the Order of the Temple is descended and perpetuated from the ancient Constitution, and that on the suppression of the Templars by the Statute "de terris Templariorum," 17 Edward II., Stat. 3, A.D. 1324, they were probably incorporated with the Knights Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem, now commonly known as Knights of Malta.—(*Burnes' Hist.*, p. 73.)

It appears a reasonable supposition that an incorporation of the Order may have obtained in this country, as well as in Scotland, where it cannot be disputed, and this appears to have been the belief of the present constitution of the Order prior to the edition of statutes now in force.—(*Burnes' Hist.*, p. 63.)

3. That every Initiate be received into both Orders as one.

4. That the dignities of the Order as distinguished from the titles of its Officers, be Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commander, and Knights Companion.—(*Statutes of the Scotch Templars*, p. 9. *Vertot's Knights of Malta*, small edition, v. 5, p. 241, and the present Order in Portugal and Italy.)

5. That each country holding under the Grand Conclave be constituted a Grand Priory, and be governed by a Grand Prior.

6. That each country or such other district as may be assigned (now called a "Province") be constituted and called a "Preceptory."—(*See Letter herewith*, Mar. 28, 1863. R. W.)

7. That the present Provincial Grand Commanders be called "Preceptors" during office.

8. That all installed Grand Priors and Preceptors with such other Knights Commanders as may be distinguished by patent of the Grand Master be Knights Grand Cross for life.—(See *Letter herewith*, Mar. 28, 1863. R. W.)

9. That all "Eminent Commanders" be called "Commanders" during office.

10. That all installed Commanders be Knights Commanders for life.—(See *Letter*, R. W.)

11. That the jewel of a Knight Grand Cross be a gold cross of eight points, two inches and-a-half across, enamelled white, bearing on the centre a cross pattée, enamelled gules, and surmounted by the Grand Master's crown, worn round the neck, pendant from a gold or gilt collar.—(*Burnes' Hist.*, p. 5.)

12. That the jewel of a Knight Commander be of the same size and kind, worn round the neck pendant from a scarlet ribbon edged with white.

13. That the jewel of a Knight Companion be of the same kind, but measuring an inch and-a-half across, or of smaller size if preferred, worn on the left breast from a similar ribbon.

This appears to be only a restitution of the old jewels as to Commanders and Companions. The Provincial Grand Commanders appear to have been distinguished by a gold patriarchal cross, but the foregoing suggestions seem to give greater uniformity and preserve the one form of jewel.

14. That the star be worn only by Grand Crosses and Commanders, and that it be of distinctive form for each rank.

15. That the triple, double, and patriarchal cross be used as heretofore, but only as badges of office instead of as jewels of the Order, and be not worn after expiration or resignation of office except on the mantle.

16. That the hood of the mantle be lined with silk of a distinctive colour. For a Grand Cross or Grand Officer who is a Knight Commander, of violet; for a Knight Commander or Grand Officer who is not a Knight Commander, of scarlet; and for a Knight Companion, of white.

17. That if any additional jewel be deemed desirable in distinct perpetuation of the Order of Saint John, it be a gold cross of eight points enamelled white, surmounted by an Imperial Crown, and worn on the left breast pendant from a black ribbon.—(*From a History published about 1800.*)

18. That the velvet belt and apron now in use be discontinued, and a narrow sword belt substituted, of black leather, with a silver clasp for Knights wearing white hoods, and of red, with a gold clasp, for Knights wearing violet or scarlet hoods.—(*Scotch Statutes*, p. 22.)

19. That the term "baldrick" be discontinued, and "ribbon of investiture" substituted, and the ribbon thereby restored to its original purpose.—(*History of 1800.*)

20. That a crosshilted sword be used, without specifying or restricting any particular pattern.

21. That right be reserved to present members of the Order to wear all such jewels as they have been heretofore entitled to wear.

It is thought that these suggestions need not in any way interfere with the use of the Jewels of the Grand Conclave, which were the handsome gift of the late Grand Master, as they are essentially Badges of Office, as distinguished from Jewels of Rank in the grades of the Order.

These suggestions are offered on historic and antiquarian grounds, in the belief that they comprise alterations consistent with the regulations of the ancient Orders, and they are earnestly and confidently commended to the consideration of the committee with the intent alone that the modern constitution shall be advanced and secured in dignity and position.

Given under my hand in the Provincial Grand Conclave of the Province of Worcester, on the day and year first before written.

(Signed) H. C. VERNON,
Provincial Grand Commander.

I have carefully perused the above, and feel so pleased with the suggestions that I have laid them before my Provincial Grand Conclave with an earnest recommendation to the Sir Knights to give them their best support.

(Signed) CHAS. JNO. VIGNE,
Prov. Gr. Comr., Dorset.

13th Oct., 1862.

Instead of the ranks of the Order being thinned as asserted, they have numerically increased, the best test of which is the greatly increasing number of certificates issued from the Chancery of the Order.

The members of the Order are invited thoughtfully to consider those matters for themselves, in that spirit of moderation and fairness which only can promote the good of the Order.

22, Chancery-lane, London, W.C.
November, 1875.

"SINGULA QUÆQUE LOCUM SORTITA DECENTER."

We have been requested to publish the following report of a meeting called by circular, addressed "to those gentlemen who, as Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons under the Grand Lodge of England, signed a petition in July last, directed to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Order in England."

The brethren who had petitioned the Grand Lodge of England in July of this year for a warrant to be granted to English resident brethren in Belgium, to form a Masonic Lodge under the English Constitution, was called together on Wednesday evening, the 3rd Nov., to receive the official reply received.

Colonel Kemeys Tynte, P.P.G.M., the Master-Elect of the English Lodge "in spe," occupied the chair. He stated in opening the proceedings of the evening that he was exceedingly disappointed in having to communicate to the brethren the answer he had received from the Grand Lodge, but that, as members of that illustrious body, the Free and Accepted Masons of England, there remained but one course open, and that was to obey the decrees of the governing body. He then proceeded to read the reply, which was signed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary. It was to the effect that previous to the departure of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for India, the petition of the brethren had been laid before him, but that he regretted he could not accede to their request, as his doing so might be considered as an innovation of a Foreign Masonic Jurisdiction, and a breach of Masonic usage and etiquette.

Having read the communication, Colonel Kemeys-Tynte invited any of the brethren present who might wish to make some suggestions or observations on the subject matter, to do so.

Bro. W. C. A. Roettger, P.M., and P.Z., the Senior Warden-elect, then rose, and expressed his deep regret at what had been just communicated to the meeting. He said he was the more sorry as there were several candidates who would have been happy to be initiated into the much-coveted mysteries of the Order, but who were now lost to the Fraternity, as they were only agreeable to take "that mystic step" under the guarantee of a National Lodge, i.e., Grand Lodge of England. There were a great many English brethren resident in Belgium, who, although they quite appreciated the objects English Masons have in view, in common with the Fraternity in Belgium, more especially charity and brotherly love, they yet felt strangers in the Lodges of this country, where, partly through the imperfect knowledge of the language, and partly through difference in Rite, they did not feel at home, and consequently very rarely visited Belgian Lodges. Although bowing to the decision of the Grand Lodge, he said he trusted some means might be found available to bring about the so much desired object—the establishment of an English Lodge, besides the already existing Lodges, which are under the "Rite Ecossaise moderne," for he was quite certain there was ample room for both. Moreover, from his personal knowledge of the dignitaries of the Grand Orient of Belgium, he was quite sure that they would be very much pleased to see an English Lodge exist in Belgium, besides the already-established Belgian Lodges.

Bro. Humberston, P.M., made similar remarks, and expressed a hope that the wishes of the brethren might yet be crowned with success.

After various other observations from the brethren present, all testifying to the great regret felt about the polite, yet distinct refusal, and agreeing in the course to be taken—that is, implicit obedience to the decrees of the Grand Lodge to which they belong,

Bro. Roettger rose, and, in addressing Col. Tynte, and the other brethren, said—Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, it is now my pleasing duty of returning to our Master-elect (the gallant and Right Worshipful Brother Col.

Kemeys Tynte) our most heartfelt and sincere thanks for the great interest and trouble he has taken in aiding our united endeavours to bring about the establishment of an English Lodge in Brussels. That we have not succeeded, sir, is not for want of interest on your part. Your name alone, which may be almost looked upon as a pass-word in Masonry, would have been sufficient guarantee to have had our prayers granted, had there been a possibility of this being done by his Royal Highness the Grand Master; but, suffice it to say, Right Worshipful Sir, that, although we have not been successful in our most earnest endeavours, we are fully sensible of the great and sincere interest and support you have given to our petition. I am exceedingly sorry, sir, that I have not that flow of language at my command to express all that I—and I am certain my brethren feel—impressed with the sentiments of gratitude. Be assured, however, Right Worshipful Brother, that our sentiment and wishes are sincere. May, then, the Great Architect of the Universe permit you to sojourn a long time yet among us, and to remain an ornament amongst the Rulers of the Craft to which we all have the honour to belong.

Colonel Kemeys Tynte tendered his heartfelt thanks to Bro. Roettger and the other brethren for the kind sentiments expressed towards him. He said he valued the words that had just been spoken, all the more because he knew that they were not meant as flattery, but proceeded from a sincere desire of giving some appreciation to the very trifling assistance he had rendered to the movement. He begged in the meantime to assure the brethren present that, should there be at any future time a chance of seeing their wishes as to the establishment of a Lodge, under the English Constitution, realised, he would come forward and do all in his power to further that object.

Bro. Col. Whitle then rose and tendered his thanks to the Chairman on behalf of the absent brethren. He said—Right Worshipful Sir and Brother, I am commissioned by the absent brethren to return to you, sir, their heartfelt thanks for the efforts you have made to support their prayer for a Craft Lodge to be held in Brussels, and, on their behalf, to bow to the decision of the Grand Lodge of England. We are well aware, as Bro. Roettger says, that, had it been possible to grant our prayer, no name on the time-honoured roll of Free and Accepted Masons could have carried greater weight than yours, Right Worshipful Sir. It now devolves upon me to ask you, sir, in the name of the brethren who signed the petition, to accept from my hands all the correspondence and documents relating to this our effort to establish an English Lodge in Brussels, with the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may take you and yours into His keeping, until you are translated to the Great Lodge above. "So mote it be!"

NIL DESPERANDUM.—True hope is based on energy of character. A strong mind always hopes, because it knows the mutability of human affairs, and how slight a circumstance may change the whole course of events. Such a spirit, too, rests upon itself, and it is not confined to partial views or to one particular object, and if at last all should be lost, it has saved itself, its own integrity and worth. Hope awakens courage, while despondency is the last of all evils; it is the abandonment of good, the giving up of the battle of life with dead nothingness. He who can implant courage in the human soul is its best physician.

GOOD WINE NEEDS NO BUSH.—In the spring of 1874, a daily contemporary writing of The General Expenditure Assurance Company, says:—By a clever and happily conceived arrangement, so simple and judicious that it is wonderful it was not thought of before, the company is enabled to assure the return of all money spent for the ordinary wants of life. At this festive season, to all *patrons*, this information will be an addition of "good cheer," and we commend the pamphlet, brimful of information, published by The General Expenditure Assurance Company, obtainable at their several offices, and Smith and Son's Railway-bookstalls—to the notice of heads of families and our readers generally. From the period above-named the company has rapidly extended its operations; the trade members are numbered by thousands, and the success of the Coupon Trading System is now assured. In addition to the London Office, 8, Old Jewry, E.C., Branch Offices are established in Dublin, Liverpool, Newcastle, Brighton, and other chief towns. Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., P. Grand Master of Norfolk, is a trustee of the Company.

OUR GRAND-MASTER ELEPHANT HUNTING.

We are indebted to the *Times* for the following animated description of a day of hard work, and no little risk:—

All Sunday night rain gathered in the roof of our calico and bamboo dwellings. When Monday morning dawned, the landscape was shrouded in steaming vapour, but preparations for the elephant drive were actively begun. At 6 all were ready, and the Prince turned out in a broad-brimmed solar topee, a dark shooting suit and knickerbockers, and those necessary articles called leech-gaiters, which are required to baffle the efforts of the Ceylon leeches to suck travellers dry. The jungle in which the elephants were abiding was about seven miles from Ruanwella, and horses were sent on to await the party, and take them by a bridle-path to the Kraal.

Lord Aylesford, Dr. Fayrer, Lord C. Beresford, Mr. Hall, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Varian went ahead in a mail coach. The Prince, with Lord Suffield and Major-General Probyn, escorted by two Lancers of the Governor's Body Guard, followed in a carriage. Mr. Birch, Mr. Fitz-George, Lieutenant Thackwell, and I closed the rear. We drove through a wooded country, sparsely peopled, in which the view was shut in by walls of dense forests. Men and children flocked to the roadside to see the *cortège* pass, but women were not visible once. On the main road the people were more numerous. At 8 our carriage pulled up at a small village, called, I believe, Algeda, where several hundred Cingalese were congregated. Two or three saddle-horses were standing by the roadside. "Where is the Prince?" exclaimed Mr. Birch. "He has gone," was the reply. Mr. Birch was in despair. Lieutenant Thackwell mounted and rode after him. Mr. Campbell, of the Police, galloped off, and Mr. Varian set out on foot, but the Prince reached the ferry at Avisawella, nearly three miles, before he was overtaken and brought back to the place which had been overshot so unaccountably. There was a chance that the delay would have proved very injurious, for the beaters had begun to drive nearly two hours before the Prince was at his post. Meanwhile Mr. Fitz-George and I resolved to walk to the rendezvous. A path, deep-trodden by many feet, led by the side of a clear stream through the forest, but the impressions of solitude were dissipated by the appearance of police sentries guarding the path. After proceeding half a mile we came to some bamboo huts and the embers of watch-fires. There we found some huts, in which bread, eggs, and fruit were on sale. Besides elephants, some thousand men had been engaged for more than a fortnight making the road, watching and constructing the Kraal. We then passed two barriers guarded by police, and finally arrived at a raised platform, on which we found Lord Aylesford, Dr. Fayrer, and others, awaiting the arrival of the Prince. The platform was, in fact, a grand stand, from which we looked down on a stockade. Outside, running across the jungle from the valley, up the hillside, was a kind of net, into which, when it was opened, the beaters could drive the elephants after they had been forced past the high rock on which the Prince was to be placed. In the jungle at the other side of the stockade, trees, creepers, and bamboos were so thick that 20 or 30 yards off the stockade could hardly be seen. Beyond was the impenetrable forest gloom.

At 9 the Prince arrived, but the yells of the beaters had been audible some time before. We proceeded at once to the Prince's stand inside the forest, and, attended, by Lord C. Beresford, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Varian, noted the shots. Mr. Hall was placed within sight on a similar stand in a tree. No one else was allowed inside. What followed may be told shortly, though it lasted for a long time. In the jungle were two herds, one an old tusker, charged with the death at different times of four European sportsmen and of many cattle, with three females, kept apart from another herd of seven elephants.

When the beaters came up the latter put themselves under a leader whose courage and coolness were only equalled by his sagacity and strategical skill. The animal not only refused to be driven in the direction wished for, but, charging the line of beaters at the head of his column, he broke through them again and again, driving them up trees for shelter, and comparatively spoiling the sport. So hour after hour passed. "One herd," cry out the beaters, "is coming nearer"—just as in a deer drive in the Highlands; and every eye was strained to pierce the forest depths where bamboos and young trees cracked like pistol shots beneath the tramping of hoofs. Every ear listened for the report of the Prince's rifle, as they must be close to the Prince. The platform was deserted, and every one crossed to the Kraal armed with bamboos to thrust through the interstices and drive back the elephants. The Natives were expectant, but silent, the old chief who directed the proceedings walking to and fro in a state of great agitation. Suddenly the cries of the beaters ceased, and the crashing and snapping noise in the jungle receded. The tusker had broken through. 11, 12, 1 o'clock came and went, still no shot was fired. Thrice the Prince caught a glimpse of a ridge like the top of a loaf of brown bread moving swiftly through the jungle. A suspicion arose that the Chief was playing falsely. He was to have whatever elephants could be kraaled, and if the Prince fired there was small chance of driving them outwards to the enclosure; so it was supposed he had given secret orders to dodge the Prince's stand if possible, and he was told that if the Prince did not get a shot the Kraal would be destroyed that night. Perhaps he was wronged.

About 2 o'clock, when the Prince had been five hours on the stand, a report came that the old tusker and the three ladies he was guarding so devotedly had separated from the herd of seven, and had escaped clean away through the beaters into the forest. Before the tusker got away Lord Suffield sent to the Prince for leave to go and shoot him when he was reported to be close, but the Prince thought it would be best to wait, so he got off without being shot at. Even then several of the animals were unmanageable. In vain the beaters yelled like demons; they were charged, routed, and obliged to run up the hill and descend in rear of the herd, and begin again. At last it was resolved to apply the ordeal of fire which elephants so much dread, and dried timbers were piled up in a line to windward. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Varian marshalled the beaters once more, and permission was given to fire on the elephants in the rear to urge them on. Presently a couple of shots were heard, the branches shook, trees were crushed. On rushed an elephant, like some great rock tearing down a hillside, to within 20 yards of the Prince, who fired and hit him in the head, but he went on and was lost. At this moment up came Mr. Fisher, and said, "Sir, if you will come with me I can get you a shot. I have wounded an elephant, and think you can kill him." Lord Suffield, hearing the Prince fire, joined him just as he set out creeping through the dense jungle, with Mr. Fisher and Mr. Varian on each side in front, and Lord C. Beresford, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Hall in the rear. Hats were lost and clothes torn, the heat was great, and it was impossible to see two yards ahead. Suddenly a small elephant which had been wounded was discovered. The Prince fired coolly at him, and the elephant dropped and lay as if dead. Mr. Hall stopped to take a sketch, but the elephant began to move, and then to kick, and finally to get on his legs, whereupon Mr. Hall, doubting whether with a lead pencil he could challenge an encounter, sought safety in temporary flight. The native heaters got up the trees. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Varian became uneasy and alarmed, for elephants were heard close at hand, but they could not be seen. At any moment an elephant, driven mad by passion, might rush out upon the Prince where evasion and escape were hopeless, for in such a dense jungle no man could do more than creep. Lord Suffield and Mr. Robertson were astonished at the agitation evinced

by the practised hunters, but the Prince's aim was as steady as if he were out pheasant shooting. All at once Mr. Fisher perceived an elephant as if in the very act of charging not ten yards off. The Prince fired and struck it in the side of the head, and it disappeared in the jungle. In a few minutes more an elephant was seen by the side of the inlet, where the bush was not so dense. The Prince fired, and the great beast fell over on its side and lay dead in a stream, where it dammed up the waters. The Cingalese and Europeans dashed into the stream, and the Prince cut off the tail of the animal according to custom, and the crowd cheered again and again as the Prince was seen standing on the prostrate body.

It was getting dark and quite time to get out of the jungle. The Prince, wet, streaming with perspiration, his clothes torn, returned, amid continued cheering, to the road side, where carriages were waiting to take him to Avisawella. As soon as his back was turned the Cingalese cut off pieces of the ear of the elephant as trophies. So far the day had ended well. Seven hours of patient waiting had been rewarded, but when the Prince arrived at Hanvele, where Governor Gregory and others were waiting to receive him, having come down the river by boat, he dismayed them by laughingly narrating how he had been upset on his way. Lord Aylesford was on the box beside the driver. General Probyn, Lord C. Beresford, and Mr. FitzGeorge were inside with the Prince. At the corner of a small bridge, where there was a small deep ditch, the carriage went right over, flinging the occupants on each other. The vehicle was broken, but no one was hurt, and there was a hearty laugh at the misadventure.

A MASONIC BALL AT GEORGETOWN BRITISH GUIANA.

The Ball given by the Union Lodge of Freemasons, in the Assembly Rooms on the 19th November, was, as Mr. Longden characterised it, in replying to the toast of "The Governor," "superb and magnificent." As the Masons of the Union Lodge had on several previous well-remembered occasions, given substantial proofs of their possessing amongst their other secrets, the secret of giving a brilliant and successful ball, the present party, from the time it was announced, was looked forward to with eager interest by those who had had the good fortune to receive an invitation, and there was much speculation as to whether the present would surpass in excellence the ball given in 1871, which, after a lapse of four years, still maintained its position in the popular estimation, as the best ball ever given here. It required a very short survey of the hall to convince the hundreds of guests present, that the former entertainment would have to rank second to its successor. The decoration of the hall had been left to Bro. C. B. Hamilton, J.W., and Bro. F. A. S. Lambert, I.G., and the admirable selection of the general style of decoration, together with the exquisite taste displayed in carrying out the details, received unqualified praise. The decorations were very fully and correctly described by a contemporary in a paragraph, which we take the liberty of making use of here, with some slight alterations and addenda:—The staircase was decorated with palm leaves and plants in ornamental pots, and spanned by arches of evergreens, relieved by bouquets of flowers. The sweep from the head of the staircase to the entrance of the ball-room was draped with blue and white, with the monogram of the Lodge, tastefully decorated with flowers on either hand. The western end of the room presented to view ten pillars, representing the five orders of architecture in duplicate, supporting a screen, the space between the pillars hung with massive folds of many coloured and rich-looking drapery. In the centre, and immediately in front of this screen, was the throne of the Master of the Lodge, which stood on an elevated dais covered with blue and white cloth and flanked on each side with two minor platforms covered with crimson, the whole extending across the entire breadth of the room. In front of the dais stood two noble looking columns capped respectively with a terrestrial and celestial globe, and which on other occasions, we understand, form part of the furniture of the Lodge. The arches between the pillars which support the roof on either side were festooned with blue and white, the apex of each being picked out with a Masonic emblem. On the pillars, hung alternately the banners of the Knights Templar and others bearing Masonic devices. These pillars also bore ornaments of blue

and white drapery, which covered the stems of bunches of flowers disposed around them. The eastern end of the room, in front of the orchestra, was draped with white and crimson, and bore monograms containing combinations of initials appropriate to the occasion. The centrepiece consisted of a trophy of flags, surrounding the Prince of Wales' plumes, resting on a handsomely gilded star. A large quantity of rare and beautiful plants imparted to this end of the room a garden-like and delightfully cool and refreshing appearance. The sides of the room above the arches were covered with Masonic devices florally decorated and the roof was studded with silver stars arranged to represent several of the best known constellations. The appearance of the well-lighted and brilliantly decorated room, enlivened with the moving figures of gaily dressed ladies and jewel bedecked Masons was dazzling beyond description.

The guests were received by the Worshipful Master Jacobs seated on his throne, wearing the regalia of office, and supported on his right by Senior Warden Van Eeden and on his left by Junior Warden Hamilton. Immediately after the arrival of his Excellency and Mrs. Longden, the first quadrille was arranged, and from that time till five o'clock the following morning the floor was alive with the dancers' busy feet. In the opening quadrille the Masons of the Blue Lodge formed two sets at the head or eastern end of the hall; the "Master's" quadrille was made up as follows:—

Worshipful Master Jacobs	Mrs. Longden
The Governor	Miss Jacobs
Senior Warden Van Eeden	Miss Klien
Junior Warden Hamilton	Mrs. Van Eeden
Worshipful Past Master Imlach	Mrs. Jeffrey
Senior Deacon McGowan	Mrs. Phillips
Worshipful Master Bracker, Concordia	
Lodge, Surinam	Mrs. McGowan
Inner Guard Lambert	Mrs. Luckie.

There were four Masonic quadrilles on the programme. The first was that of the Blue Lodge; the second, No. 5 on the programme, the Royal Arch; the third, No. 11 on the programme, the Knight Templars; and the fourth, No. 18 the Rosicrucians. When the programme was half gone through, the company formed a procession, and—The Worshipful Master and His Excellency the Governor leading the way, marched to the fine old tune of "The Roast Beef of Old England," to the supper tables which were spread in the shape of an immense horse shoe in the Billiard Room downstairs, a few snug side tables being placed on the southern gallery.

After a due time spent in recruiting exhausted nature, the Worshipful Master rose and gave as the first toast "The Queen, Patroness of the Craft." The next toast was "The Prince of Wales the Worshipful Grand Master of Great Britain." In proposing this toast, the Worshipful Master said—"Masonry is not only one of the oldest but one of the most honourable of institutions, as it has existed from time immemorial, and it tends to make all who strictly adhere to its precepts upright and truthful; and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that in all ages monarchs themselves have been promoters of the craft, have not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, partaken of our mysteries, and joined in our assemblies. And we have what I am stating to you gloriously exemplified in our present Worshipful Grand Master; for what greater honour could any institution desire, or where is the other that can boast of so high a distinction as having the heir to one of the greatest kingdoms, as their ruler and guide. In the speech of our W.G.M. which he gave on the day of his installation in presence of some 7,000 or 8,000 Masons, he then said that he considered that the greatest honour which could be conferred on him had been conferred on him in placing him in the chair, and I would ask you if that is not sufficient to satisfy the pride of any member of the Craft. And to display our loyalty and our delight we are giving this ball in honour of so great an event. I know that the Brethren will join me heartily in this toast, but I would also urge upon them to perform their duties as Masons with fidelity and zeal, and so lessen the arduous duties of our W.G.M. Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, Brethren of the craft, I give you the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Great Britain His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales."

The toast was most enthusiastically received, and after the uninitiated had expended their untutored cheers, the Worshipful Master called on all Masons present to receive the toast with "Grand Honours" the time to be taken from W.P.M. Imlach. The "Grand Honours" were a surprise to most of the guests, and the solemn, regular, and rhythmical clapping of hands created quite a sensation.

The third toast, "The Grand Officers of Great Britain," was received by the Masons with "Honours in the first Degree."

The fourth toast was "The Governor." The Worshipful Master on proposing it said:—

We have, like good and loyal subjects duly honoured the National Toast, and I have now much gratification in proposing the health of Governor Longden. It is an easy matter, gentlemen, to get a hearty response to a toast like this, for no eulogium of mine could increase the regard and respect which His Excellency, since his arrival among us, has won from all classes of society. The position of the Governor of a British Colony is not a bed of roses. John Bull is a great grumbler, and I take you all to witness that his children in this Colony bear him a strong family likeness in this respect, but in spite of our disposition to make ourselves happy by being dissatisfied, we must all confess that under the rule of our present Governor, we have had little opportunity to indulge in our favourite pastime. "Through the exercise of his energy, ability, and kindness, he has given evidence of his desire to do everything in his power to promote the welfare of the Colony, and it is for us to acknowledge our appreciation of his zeal and discretion, and to express the wish which is general amongst us, that the remaining portion of Governor Longden's regime here may be as happy and prosperous as that already past, and that when the time comes for him to depart from our shores, it will be to assume even a higher and more exalted position in her Majesty's service.

The toast was most loyally received and the Governor in returning thanks, after alluding to the magnificence of the entertainment and the grandeur of the hospitality shown the guests, remarked on the kind and friendly reception he had always met with in every part of the Colony he had visited. He finished his remarks by some complimentary comments on the order of Freemasonry, and on the conduct of the Brethren, and sat down amid much applause.

In proposing the next toast "Mrs. Longden," the Worshipful Master spoke as follows:

Perhaps you fancy you received the last toast with as much enthusiasm as you could possibly display, but I think you will receive the present toast with even greater warmth and louder cheers. The last toast was the Governor; this one is his partner in life—Mrs. Longden. The influence of a Governor of this Colony in political and official matters is almost unbounded, but great as it is, it is quite equalled by the influence his wife can bring to bear on social circles; so powerful and valuable can this become, that a Governor without a wife may be regarded as only half a Governor, the better half of him being wanting, and in the opinion of many persons, especially ladies, Her Majesty the Queen should carefully exclude such incomplete creatures as Bachelors from Colonial Governorships. However, at the present moment, we have every reason to be satisfied with our Governor's qualifications in this respect. The lady who presides at Government House is the life and soul of local society, and her cheerful drawing-room is the great centre of attraction where both young and old always meet with a courteous and friendly reception. As a community we owe a great deal to her exertions to relieve the monotony of our existence; her well-earned popularity is certain to go on increasing as long as she remains in her present honoured position, and we shall always remember and look back upon the days of her Government with a keen and lively pleasure.

The Governor returned thanks for Mrs. Longden, and amidst cheers from the gentlemen and gratified smiles from the ladies, admitted his good fortune in having had since the Queen had been pleased to entrust him with the charge of one of her colonies, the companionship of one so valuable to him in the social duties of his position. He thanked the company warmly for the complimentary manner in which they had received the toast.

The next toast was "The Concordia Lodge, Surinam," in proposing which, the Worshipful Master spoke of the hospitality dispensed by that Lodge to the Demerara Brethren on a recent occasion. Brother Barnett in behalf of W. M. Bracker, who does not speak English with much fluency, returned thanks in a neat speech for the honour that had just been done their Lodge.

The last toast on the list was "The Ladies," which, the Worshipful Master introduced with some humorous remarks, describing a wife's opportunity to arrive at her husband's Masons' Secret. After detailing the interesting domestic colloquies, he proceeded, "We Masons are often upbraided with ungallant conduct, because we do not receive the fair sex into our Craft, but although the severe and rigid rules of our Order deny us the co-operation of our dear sisters there is no saying what may come to pass in course of time. Ladies are making headway in every direction, they are taking degrees in medicine, as well as in law, and by and bye it is just possible they may be taking degrees in Freemasonry; and on some future occasion when the Lodge are entertaining their friends, there may probably be a Worshipful Mistress in the chair, and amongst the guests an honourable Attorney-General, and a talented and fashionable Crown Solicitor. How I envy his Excellency the plea-

sant task he will have of presenting some fair and gushing applicant to a comfortable medical or legal appointment! These will be happy times for Masons, when they come round; we shall then be able to take to the Lodge our daughters, our wives, and those who are not our wives—just yet. But the contemplation of so much happiness I can see is making some of the younger Brethren envious of the rising generation, so I shall not harass their tender feelings any longer but ask you to join me in the toast—The Ladies.

Immediately after this toast, which was received with unbounded enthusiasm, the company returned to the Ball Room.

To satisfy the curious in such matters we annex here the copy of the Dance Programme, adding the names of the music selected. The ball was opened by the Militia Band under Mr. Fricke; the second dance was played by the band of the 1st West, under Mr. Kershaw, and the two bands took the dances alternately to the end of the programme, doing their respective leaders very much credit:—

PROGRAMME:

1. Quadrille.....La Fille d' Madame Angot
2. Valse.....Hydropaten.
3. Lancers.....Somebody's Luggage.
4. Galop.....Violet.
5. Quadrille.....Chickamanga.
6. Valse.....Sylvio.
7. Mazurka.....Madelin.
8. Galop.....Stuttgartel Koenig.
9. Quadrille.....Imperial.
10. Valse.....Hesperus Klange.
11. Quadrille.....Richmond.
12. Polka.....Glocken.
13. Galop.....Hit or Miss.
14. Lancers.....Varsity.
15. Valse.....Blue Danube.
16. Quadrille.....Imperial.
17. Galop.....Reiter.
18. Quadrille.....La Pinole.
19. Schottisch.....Highland.
20. Valse.....Geraldine.
21. Galop.....Flick and Flock.
22. Lancers.....German Lancers.
23. Valse.....Armored.
24. Galop.....Always Joyful.

CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Now merry bells! and Christmas chimes!
Awaken thoughts of happy times,
And joys long run away.

And by our thoughts of those old bells,
A momentary cloud dispels
Some brightness of to-day.

For Christmas Day, and Christmas cheer,
Are wont to rouse sad thoughts each year,
Even with hearty friends.

But hearty friends, and hearty fare,
And hearty homes with love to share,
Are joys Old Christmas sends.

And Faith, and Hope, and happy deed,
And kindness of heart proceed
From Christmas, every year.

And Charity! that always lends
Such beaming aid to make amends
For dull or stormy days,

Shall help us to unite The Three—
Our Faith! and Hope! and Charity!—
With Peace!—which Christmas sends.

BRO. G. TIDCOMBE, Jun.

MASONIC OBITUARY FOR 1875.

The deaths of the following Brethren have been recorded in our columns during the past year:—

Bros. S. B. King; E. Collingwood; Capt. W. H. Lee; J. Higgin; Llewellyn Evans, late President of the Board of General Purposes; Serjeant-Major Dyer; F. M. Cowley; Wm. Ibbetson; E. Sillifant; J. Pout; C. Oldroyd; J. Peace; J. Jones; D. J. Hill; R. Limpus; G. Pym; E. G. Wiloughby; F. Robinson Hood; J. Holmes Fudge; J. W. Reed; W. A. Musgrave; W. Goodyer; Rev. A. Holmes; D. W. Savage; Capt. Bridges; Benjamin Taylor; Wm. Dobson; Dr. Shannon; J. Holland; C. T. Walmisley; W. Robertson; Geo. Sturtard; T. Haworth; A. W. O'Neil; R. Battersby; J. S. Redfern; S. P. Brabner; W. Bulley; Battersby; Townsend; D. Brandwood; E. H. Finney, jun.; G. Jones; W. H. Gresham; H. W. Nicholson; Capt. C. Loverdo; D. Mitchell; A. A. Shapland; J. Freeman; Alderman Paterson; The Grand Prior, Order of Malta; D. D. Beck; J. Savage, P.G.D.; J. Franklin; J. Chambers; T. Routledge.

BRO. the Earl of Shrewsbury has fixed Wednesday, the 16th of February, for the annual dinner of the British Orphan Asylum, to be held at the London Tavern.

THE SENTENCE ON THE FREE-MASONS AT PORTO RICO.

It seems that on the 22nd of April last, sixteen Freemasons, received from Mr. le Dr. Don Jose Conrado Hernandez, Judge of "Premiere Instance" at Porto Rico, a sentence of imprisonment for two years, and perpetual loss of all civil rights."

The names of the Brethren so sentenced are as follows:—Don Jose de C. Balzac, D. Francois-Marie Quinones, D. Manuel Rodugnez, D. Juan, D. Francois and D. Manuel Anton-georgi, D. Antoine Francioni, D. Michel Ramirez, D. Antoine Ramirez, D. Antoine Riviera, D. Antoine Lebron, D. Ezia Fabiany, D. Pompie Bellony, and the Dr. Ange Franco. They were accused of being members of an illegal secret society, of not having a permit to be so assembled, of having arms without a licence, and also of the fact of being Masons, forbidden by the Article 210 of the Penal Code, and on these four charges were sentenced, as before stated.

When they were arrested by the Civic Guard, under a certain Brigadier Torres Navarro, and Sous-Brigadier, Antoine Vara, they were supposed by the guard to be secret gamblers, so they assert; but finding that they were Masons, they at once took possession of the furniture, arms, books, as well as their persons.

The Freemasons asserted that they had a licence to meet, signed by the Alcalde of Sabana Grande.

The Government prosecutor states that this statement is untrue, and that if they had any permission, it was only one to Bro. C. Balzac, to entertain his friends at supper.

The Lodge was held in Bro. C. Balzac's house.

With regard to the arms seized—two cutlasses, two sabres, a revolver, and a double-barrelled gun—it appears that no licence for the same was produced. Under these circumstances, the rigorous sentence was pronounced, against which an appeal was made by the Masons; but, so far, we do not know with what effect. Now we cannot, according to our known principles, approve of Brethren meeting illicitly or surreptitiously any where "contrateeges," and we feel that both as regards unto that point, and the want of an arms licence—we have nothing to say. But we certainly may, and must protest against any law in any country, which makes Freemasonry a crime, and Freemasons criminals, simply as such—though if such a law exist—until it be repealed, Freemasons are bound, we hold, to obey it. For we emphatically deny that Freemasonry is either a political fraternity, or a secret revolutionary association; and we affirm that its aim is good, and its principles most loyal. We deeply regret that any State can be so stigmatize a beneficent, an honourable, an orderly, and charitable society like that of Freemasonry. And we can only hope that in the progress of civilization and the development of more liberal (in a good sense) and tolerant views, such penal enactments and such hostile theories may be among the things of the past.

But until that happier epoch arrives, Freemasons are bound to obey the laws of the country where they live *pro tempore*, or which is their Mother Land, or which gives them its privileges as traders, or affords them its protection as peaceable citizens.

While, then, we deeply deplore the fate and the sentence of our Brethren at Port Rico, we regret that a manifest error of judgment, and perhaps some emotions of Masonic zeal not tempered with discretion, should have led them to contravene these municipal regulations as those general laws, which, as true Freemasons and good patriots, they were all equally bound to comply with, and bear in mind.

Two brothers, D. Francois Serra, and Dr. Francois Yanque have been acquitted, and set at liberty, and we hope that the same happy lot may befall our brethren, if the Court of Appeal confirms the sentence of the "Premiere Instance" on a proper appeal to the authorities, and an honest recognition of the binding nature

of the laws of the land, and of the infraction committed by themselves.

We feel that we are bound to say this much—since as Freemasons, we in Anglo-Saxon Masonry especially, ever avow respect to lawful authority, and complete deference and cheerful obedience to the enactments of the supreme Legislature, wherever we ourselves are to be found in any quarter of the world.

We have taken this precis of the case, leaving out a large number of the reasons of the sentence, which, in our opinion, are not material to the matter, from the "Monde Maconnique," of November.

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE AND DESECRATION OF THE DEAD.

The accompanying narrative will in all probability prove of melancholy interest to many of your readers, as it shows the amount of intolerance still existing in Chili:—

A little more than a month ago there died at Serena, Bro. James Wallace, son of Mr. Samuel Wallace, of that city; the deceased being a Protestant was buried at Guayacan; the body had to be conveyed by rail, and as the station is some distance from the city a hearse had to be procured; application was made in the proper quarter for hire of same, but the request was only granted after considerable delay. The ecclesiastical authorities being quite indisposed to permit the use of it; the body, however, at last reached Guayacan cemetery, where, after the usual religious ceremonies, it was interred with some simple Masonic rites, the deceased brother being a member, and, I believe, one of the founders of the Sevena Lodge. I may here mention that this Lodge was always held under circumstances of the greatest difficulty and danger, for La Sarena is notorious as being the hotbed of Roman Catholicism and the point from which many denunciations of the most vindictive character have lately issued against Masonry and its sympathisers.

However, to proceed, on the 21st of October, some boys playing in or about the cemetery, found a plate bearing the name of Jas. Wallace, and on examination his grave was found open, the corpse exposed and mutilated; on the adobe wall, immediately opposite the grave, was found deeply cut a cross, thus showing that some muttered threats which had been heard at the funeral had been carried into effect. The body was immediately removed and sent to Valparaiso (196 miles) for interment. It may now be remarked that the spirit of intolerance which refuses to allow the ashes of those who in life professed different beliefs, to commingle together in one God's common acre is bad enough, but the fanaticism which prompts to the desecration of the dead is infinitely worse. It is, however, some consolation to know that there is no surer sign that fanaticism and bigotry are being driven from their ancient strongholds, than when, in despair, they seek to regain power by profaning the ashes of the dead.

The desecration of our deceased brother's remains will be, in all probability, the death-knell of bigotry and priestcraft in Serena, for since that occurrence Masonry has received such a large accession of members in Serena as must, before long, work out many great and salutary changes in that part of the country. Every effort is being made—as may be supposed—by the priests to shield their dastardly agents. But a reward of 500 dols. has been offered, and it is to be hoped that a just punishment for their cowardly and barbarous act will soon be meted out to the perpetrators. Nothing short of this will satisfy public opinion, the affair having called forth expressions of the deepest indignation throughout the coast of South America.

Mr. Samuel Wallace, the father of Bro. James Wallace, has since died very suddenly, it is said from the effects of the shock caused by the occurrence mentioned.

La Serena is close to Coquemo, a well-known port, 196 miles north of Valparaiso, and is the seat of a Roman Catholic Bishop. Guayacan is a mile or two south of Coquemo. T.W.P.

THE ALEXANDRA PALACE.

Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, there was a numerous attendance at the Alexandra Palace on Saturday, 11th inst., to hear the second performance of "Esther." It is simply marvellous that this oratorio has been heard only twice, in its entirety, since its great composer's death; we trust, however, that ere long "Esther" will become almost, if not quite, as popular as the "Messiah" and other works from the pen of the illustrious Handel. The performance from the commencement to the end was most satisfactory.

Madame Nouver proved an excellent substitute for Madame Blanche Cole, who was unable to attend through indisposition. Mr. Vernon Rigby being again absent from the same cause, his place was supplied most efficiently by Mr. W. Shakspeare. Madame Nouver was especially successful in "Praise the Lord," "Tears assist me," and in the lovely duett, "Who calls my parting soul?" with Mr. Shakspeare; she also gave "Flattering tongue no more I hear thee" with great dramatic effect. Madlle. Enriquez's exquisite rendering of the pathetic air, "O Jordan, Jordan, sacred tide," must not pass unnoticed; she was also equally effective in the "Invocation" immediately preceding the chorus "He comes to end our woes." Mr. Shakspeare was exceptionally good in "Who dares intrude into our presence?" and in Haman's song "Dread not, righteous queen, the danger;" but he deserves special praise for his expressive rendering of the lovely air, "O beauteous queen, unclothe those eyes." Mr. Wadmore obtained an encore in the recitative "Turn not, O queen;" he also gave with much feeling, "How art thou fallen." Mr. Howell sang with great expression, but his voice did not appear sufficiently powerful for so large a Hall; we imagine those at the extreme end of the hall would have great difficulty in hearing him. The choruses, "Ye sons of Israel mourn," and "He comes to end our woes," were given with remarkable effect, while the magnificent final chorus, with solo, "The Lord our enemy hath slain," was almost beyond criticism. The orchestral accompaniments were admirably played, Mr. Weist-Hill conducting with his accustomed ability. We cannot lose this opportunity of publicly expressing our intense disapprobation at the thoughtlessness and bad taste evinced by those persons who persist in leaving their seats during the performance, and thereby causing extreme annoyance to the musical portion of the audience, who wish to listen undisturbed to the whole of the oratorio; this practice seems to be considered quite *au fait* amongst a certain class at the Alexandra Palace; such a proceeding would not be tolerated at Exeter Hall, nor even at the Crystal Palace to the same extent, and we can see no reason why it should be permitted in one case more than another. There is ample opportunity afforded those desirous of leaving before the end to do so between the pieces or during the interval. The practice we so strongly deprecate is most uncomplimentary to the artistes who take part in the performance, and surely the *smallest* tribute we can offer to the memory of those who have bequeathed us the gems of their immortal genius is that of listening to the same with silent and respectful attention. We earnestly trust that this slight reproof will produce the desired effect, and that in future neither Mr. Weist-Hill nor anyone else will be disturbed in a similar manner.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

I have been startled not a little to read a letter signed by "W. M." respecting his Lodge holding a Charter from the Grand Lodge of All England! and that the members thereof have the privilege of wearing a jewel by virtue of such Charter, confirmed at the Union of 1813. There surely must be a mistake in these statements by "W. M.," for there was not a single lodge in existence, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of All England, held at York, to take place at the Union of 1813, the lodges uniting being those under the Grand Lodge of England ("Moderns"), and the Grand Lodge, according to the old Constitutions ("Ancients") respectively, under the Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and H.R.H. the Duke of Kent. Will "W.M." kindly inform us of the character of the jewel mentioned, and the name and number of his lodge, so that we might investigate the matter, and prove that the assertions are incorrect or otherwise.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,
Author of "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813."

Ellis and White, of 29, New Bond-street, have a copy of Caxton's Polycricon for sale, of 1842 (circa) £210. Would it not be well to secure this for one of our *Masonic Libraries*, or for the Grand Lodge Library? Its value is very great indeed, and was, in our opinion, the basis of the major portion of the historical reproductions to our old charges from 14th century, the chronicle having previously existed in MS. from early in the 14th century, apparently being the work of one Roger, Monk of St. Werberg, in Chester, amplified by Ralph Higden of the same monastery, who died prior to 1360, of which several copies are still extant in MS. In 1387 it was translated by Trevisa into English, and was revised about a hundred years later by Caxton, which he finished on July 22nd, 1842, and printed soon after. The above is

one of many very curious and valuable for sale by these noted firm of antiquarian booksellers, and if a copy could be made of such a work for publication in the "Freemason" or "Masonic Magazine," it would gladden the hearts of many Masonic students now prevented owning such from the high price.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Correspondence.

(Continued.)

THE CHINESE MASONIC CHART.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Adverting to the lecture given by the Rev. P. P. Agnew on the subject of Freemasonry, an account of which appeared in the "Freemason" newspaper of the 18th instant, he remarked, "Coming down to later times, and the introduction of Masonry into Britain, it would be found to have become established about the time of King Alfred, and in the year 928 it was said that Prince Edwin, a brother of the King, called the first meeting of Masons in England at the City of York, and there drew up the first English Constitution." I have to inform you for the benefit of such of your readers as may not be aware of it, that St. Alban formed the first Grand Lodge in Britain, A.D. 287, and King Athelstane granted a charter to Freemasons in 926, the same year in which Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York; this I deem it essential to mention, as, until the publication of the "Freemason," many old intelligent members of our Ancient Order and high in Masonic rank, have endeavoured to impress more juvenile members with the idea that there was no legitimate record of the establishment of Masonry prior to the completion of St. Paul's by Freemasons in 1713.

I chanced to meet with a Masonic book a few days ago, printed in the commencement of the present century, from which I cull the earlier date (287) of remarkable events in Masonry, the title of which work, with other particulars thereof, I now send you:—

"MASONIC MISCELLANIES,

By STEPHEN JONES, P.M., of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 1, acting by immemorial Constitution.

A New Edition, enlarged and improved.

London: Printed by W. Wilson, 4, Greville-street, for Vernor, Rees, Orme and Brown, Paternoster-row; Crosby and Co., Stationers'-court; J. Asperne, Cornhill; and T. Keys, Coleman-street."

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL P.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report in to-day's "Freemason," of a lecture on Freemasonry, by the Rev. P. P. Agnew, delivered at the Lorne-street Hall, Auckland, New Zealand, we are told:—"It was a strange fact that Masonry existed among the Chinese in a form which led to the belief that its origin was still more remote than the generally received authority. There was in his (the lecturer's) possession a Chinese chart which contained emblems of far greater antiquity than any in use among the Masons of the present day. In this chart were to be found the ark of Noah, the dove, the olive branch, the pillar of cloud, &c., and many signs which were as yet inexplicable, and this antiquity was further borne out by the very excellent Masons who were to be found amongst the Chinese."

I very much doubt the antiquity of the Chinese chart. Emblems of Noah's ark, the dove and olive branch, &c., are frequent in British Masonic charts, both of last century and the present, and belong to the Ark Degree, still practised, I believe, in Lancashire. At least I know that I got it and others at an Ark, Mark, Link, and Wrestle Lodge, at Radcliffe Bridge, for thirteence-pence-halfpenny, some years ago. I will be glad to learn full particulars of the present state of all the Side Degrees in the North of England.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

Rose Cottage, Stokesley,
December 18, 1875.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Kindly allow me to point out to "W. M." that the extract given in my letter of the 27th ult., made special mention of some Lodges having jewels of their own.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

JAMES A. HAYES.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you be kind enough to answer the following question for our information:—Has the Tyler of the Lodge any right to vote for the election of Master, or any other purpose? I may add that our Tyler is a subscribing member and is returned to Grand Lodge as such, at the same time the Lodge pays him a sum each year for his services. In Bro. R. H. Mackenzie's Royal Masonic Cyclopædia (page 65) I read: "The Tyler who is not necessarily a member of the Lodge, and, in the case of payment for his services, has no vote." Please say which is correct.

In the event of the W.M. placing the ruling of the Lodge in the hands of the S.W. would it be necessary for the S.W. to leave his chair and take a seat in the E, or could he rule the Lodge from the W, and could he (all business being ended) close the Lodge. Thanking you for past courtesies,

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

S. C. H.

[1. We are decidedly of opinion that supposing the Tyler was not initiated in the Lodge as a serving brother, and has joined it since in the usual way, and is now a subscribing member of the same, he is "entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the craft" (see page 87 Book of Constitutions,) and is clearly entitled to vote. We cannot accept Bro. Mackenzie's dictum as to payment for services being a disqualification, such a view is clearly erroneous.

2. The S.W. rules the lodge. In our opinion, if not an installed master, he must take a chair next the W.Ms. chair, and appoint a new S.W. *pro tempore*. With this seat he can open and close the Lodge.—ED.]

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. THOMAS SLEATOR.

A noble, large-hearted, and universally respected Mason has recently passed away, and we deem it our duty, as a faithful chronicle of the Craft, to bear testimony to his worth and integrity of purpose. We refer to Bro. Thomas Sleator, who had reached nearly 68 years of age, and who resided at Oak Villa, Summerland, Waterford.

On Friday night, the 3rd instant, at about eleven o'clock he fell into a slumber which proved to be literally "the sleep that knows no waking," as in almost twenty-four hours he quietly passed away without having awakened. His life was useful and good, his death peaceful and calm.

Deceased was P.M. of Lodges 5, 32, and 297; P.Z. of Chapters 5 and 32; a member of the Temple Lodge, No. 1,094, Liverpool; Secretary to Lodge No. 5, Waterford, P.G. Secretary of the South-eastern Division of Ireland; a Governor of the Masonic Male and Female Orphan Schools, Dublin; Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; and a Governor of the Commercial Travellers' School. These sufficiently indicate the zeal and true charity which Bro. Sleator brought to bear on the Masonic duties of his life. His hand was ever ready to help the struggling, his heart to sympathise with the distressed; and no case of genuine charity was ever allowed by him to pass without recognition and succour. With all his charity he was invariably unostentatious, and with the simplicity of a child his invariable desire was to remain out of sight when deeds of charity were performed by him. Combined with those and many other noble qualities, Bro. Sleator was an enthusiastic member of the Craft, and it will not be easy to fill the blank which his departure has created.

The *Waterford Mirror*, of the 9th instant, thus describes the funeral of Bro. Sleator:—"Upon this sad event becoming known in the city (Waterford) on Sunday it was resolved by the Masonic Body that with the consent of his afflicted family the funeral should be celebrated with the honours due to one who had occupied a high position in the Order for many years, and during that time acted up to its principles as a true and worthy brother. Bros. H. R. Sargent, Alexander Nelson, and H. Waugh having been elected stewards the following arrangements were made and carried out on Wednesday, the 8th instant.

Brethren assembled at the residence of deceased, Oak Villa, at a quarter to one precisely.

Each Brother attended in black clothes, with a spring Acacia tied with black ribbon, and a ribbon of the colour of his degree worn in the left button-hole. The Master Mason's colour was blue; Royal Arch, red; Knights Templar, black and white; Prince Masons' red and gold.

The stewards appointed to marshal the proces-

sion each carried a wand with a piece of crape tied on the top. The Brethren proceeded, as directed by those stewards:—

Master Masons (not now in office) two abreast.

Royal Arch Masons, two abreast.

Knights Templar, two abreast.

Prince Masons, two abreast.

Tylers of the Waterford Lodges.

1. Gs. ditto.

I. Ds. with wands, ditto, and crape on them.

S.Ds. ditto, ditto.

Secretaries and Chaplain.

J. W. of Waterford Lodge.

S. W. ditto.

Past Masters, ditto.

W. Ms. ditto.

Bros. Blair, Whalley, and Whalley, jun., alternately carrying the Bible, Square and Compass, and the Book of Constitutions, on a cushion covered with crape, the Bible and Book being also covered with crape.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. H. Palmer.

Bro. W. A. Sargent.

" J. Scott.

COFFIN.

" Henry Denny.

" P. Leckie.

" St. G. Freeman.

MOURNERS.

The route taken was through Thomas-street, the Quay, Henrietta-street, to the front entrance of the Cathedral. Arriving there the procession then marched up the aisle, separating on either side, the organ softly murmuring a solemn voluntary, and the coffin being brought into the church by the bearers, who were selected from the Knight Templars and Royal Arch Masons, the two highest grades to which the deceased belonged. The funeral cortege was met by the Rev. Mr. Bradley, M.A., who read the usual service for the dead, after which Mr. T. Artherton sang, "I know that my Redeemer liveth" (*Messiah*), which was followed by the full choir of the Cathedral, chanting the Psalm appointed for the service, and the appropriate hymn, "Great Captain of Salvation." After the service concluded the coffin was again borne from the aisle through the outer transept and the main entrance to the Cathedral square, where it was placed on the hearse, Bro. James Moreland playing Handel's "Dead March" in *Saul*. The procession then went by Colbeck and Catherine-streets, up John's Hill to the cemetery. The coffin was then carried to the grave by the bearers. When deposited a circle of the Brethren was formed, with the Chaplain and Deputy Provincial Grand Master at the head of the grave. The Burial Service was then read, after which the Masonic Lecture was read by the Chaplain, the Deacons holding their wands crossed over the coffin. At the conclusion the silent salute was given, time being taken from Bro. Harry R. Sargent. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then placed the deceased's apron in the grave, and each Brother likewise placed his sprig of Acacia there.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Abram Denny, then removing the deceased Knight Templar's Sash and Apron from the top of the coffin, replaced them by a Mason Master's Apron, after which the coffin was lowered to its last resting place, while the beautiful words of the hymn "Thy will be done" were sung by a hundred voices with marked effect.

BRO. JAMES BURTON.

* It is with regret that we have to announce the death of an old and highly-esteemed brother of the Craft, Bro. James Burton. This well-known brother died on the 30th of November, rather suddenly. He was initiated in the Albion Lodge, No. 9, 1850; he served all the offices, and was for some time secretary of that lodge; joined the Globe Lodge, No. 23; Phoenix Lodge, No. 170; Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504; was Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Hertfordshire; was P.Z. of the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185; and Knight Templar. He took a great interest in the charities of the Order, having been a Life Governor of the three Masonic charities and served the office of Steward on five occasions. The death of this brother is deeply regretted by the Craft generally.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.—We are glad to see that the effort to establish a Masonic Club has been successful. The premises, which are situate 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., and are handsome, spacious and central, will be opened for the use of members on or before the 1st March next, and no doubt brethren will gladly avail themselves of what we look upon as a great boon to the Craft. Difficulty has been experienced in meeting with a suitable site, but the premises now taken are certainly all that could be wished, and are capable of being enlarged to meet all requirements should the influx of members render extension necessary. Our space precludes referring to this interesting subject at greater length on this occasion, but we shall refer to it in future numbers; in the meantime we wish it every success, and recommend our Masonic readers to send in their applications for membership without delay, and refer for further information to our advertising columns.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The "Illustrated London News" of last week contains a full page illustration of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, laying the foundation stone of the New Docks at Bombay.

Prince Leopold left Oxford on Saturday for Windsor, having completed his University career.

The Duke of Connaught has been boar hunting with spears at Tangier.

Dr. J. D. Collis, the Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon, has issued an appeal on behalf of the restoration of the church of the Holy Trinity. He wants £10,000 to restore the fabric of Shakspeare's church as Shakspeare saw it, and £4000 or £5000 more to fit up the interior properly.

From a report made by Sir Gilbert Scott, in reply to certain inquiries made by Sir Edward Beckett, relative to the condition of the south arcade wall of St. Alban's Abbey, it appears that this part of the building is in need of "immediate and serious attention," and Sir Edward Beckett has offered the munificent sum of £1000 towards the same. Lady Beckett also offers £200.

The amount collected by the Grand Orient of France for the inundation relief fund had on the 12th inst. reached the large amount of 64,000 francs.

Bro. Ward Hunt, the First Lord of the Admiralty, and Mrs. Ward Hunt left Whitehall on Monday on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Exeter at Burghley House.

PRICE OF GAS.—The Directors of the London Gaslight Company have reduced the charge for common gas to 3s. 6d. per 1000 cubic feet from the Christmas quarter.

At the City Wardmotes there was very little opposition to the re-election of the Common Councilmen. Bro. Alderman Stone received the hearty thanks of the electors of his ward for the manner in which he had maintained the dignity of the office of Lord Mayor during the past year.

In the presence of the Duke of St. Albans, (P.G.M., Lincolnshire) honorary colonel of the Robin Hood Rifles, the annual distribution of prizes to successful volunteers took place at Nottingham on Tuesday, when it was stated that of 1,000 men on the roll every one had made himself extra efficient, and earned the Government grant.

HER MAJESTY'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS.—On Monday and Tuesday last, according to ancient custom, Her Majesty's Christmas bounties were distributed at the Almoner's Office, by the Lord High Almoner, Sub-Almoner, and Mr. John Hantey, secretary, and other officials. The recipients were principally blind and infirm, varying in their ages from 60 to 92. The amounts distributed varied in sums from 5s. to 7s. 6d.

WILTS ELECTION.—The Speaker's notice preliminary to the issuing of a new election writ to fill the vacancy caused by the acceptance by Bro. Lord H. Thynne of the office of Treasurer of her Majesty's Household appeared in Tuesday's *London Gazette*.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.—The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, the 22nd December, 1875, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. M. Clabon, President; Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President; and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President. The lodge was fully attended, and there were present, among other brethren, Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bro. H. G. Buss, Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, and Bros. S. Rawson, John Boyd, C. A. Cottebrune, E. P. Albert, C. F. Hogard, W. Mann, Samuel Poynter, H. W. Hemsworth, W. T. Howe, J. Bingemann, H. T. Wood, W. H. Myers, Giles Jarline, W. H. Murlis, Griffiths Smith, Herbert Dicketts, Joseph Smith, George Everett, Samuel May, H. Massey ("Freemason"), J. G. Marsh, W. H. Stephens, R. Whiting, W. Clifton Crick, W. Neale, G. R. Shervill, W. Gilbert, S. L. Hickman, H. Bartlett, Frederick W. Pownall, H. T. Wood, H. George Free, Munyard, and J. W. Baldwin. At the opening of the lodge the grants made at former lodges which required confirmation were confirmed, amounting to £320. There were thirty-one new cases on the list for relief. Of these two were dismissed and three deferred, and the remaining cases were relieved with £500 in all. Of this sum two cases were relieved with £40 each; six with £30 each; six with £20 each; three with £15 each; six with £10 each; and three with £5 each. The grant made in each case was very liberal. Grand Lodge was thereupon closed.

DONATIONS from some of the City companies and from private individuals, in anticipation of Christmas, have been received by the magistrates at several of the metropolitan police-courts.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE.—On Thursday, the 16th inst. the members of this flourishing Lodge held the usual monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, under W.M. Bro. James Forbes, who was supported by P.M. T. H. Seaton as S.W., and Bro. E. Lancaster as J.W. There were also present P.M. Webb (Treasurer), and Bros. Jupe, Christie, West, and a large number of the Brethren. The visitors were represented by P.M. Goldham, 109, and Bro. Foss, 1260. The W.M. having opened the Lodge in the first and second degrees, proceeded to entrust Bros. Hobbs, Arding, Cushion, Fisher, Wymark, Phillips and Whewell, prior to their being raised to the sublime degree. Having retired for preparation, and presenting themselves at the call of the W.M., they were all in due course raised in his usual careful manner. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, and the ballot taken for Messrs. A. D. Smith and William Cleghorn, which, proving satisfactory, they were initiated into the ancient order, and having retired, Bros. Gray and Whitfield were examined and entrusted. The latter named Brethren having also retired, the Lodge was resumed in the second, and on their return, they were duly passed. This brought the regular Lodge work to a close, but a very agreeable portion yet remained, in which all were able to participate, viz., the election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. The Secretary having announced who were eligible for the chair, and the P.M.'s having decided not to seek re-election, the Lodge elected the J.W., Bro. Lancaster, who returned thanks for the same. P.M. Webb was re-elected Treasurer and Rawles, Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed, it was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously, that the usual amount should be voted from the Lodge funds for the purchase of a jewel for the retiring W.M. Bro. Forbes then closed his Lodge, after upwards of four hours steady work.

PLUMSTEAD.—UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1536).—The members of this young and rapidly increasing Lodge assembled for their monthly meeting at the Hall, Plumstead, on Friday the 10th December, upwards of a hundred Brethren and visitors being present. The business of the Lodge was the passing of Bros. J. A. Mason and G. Smith, and the raising of Bro. S. Morrish, both ceremonies being worked by the W.M., Bro. F. G. Pownall. Among the visitors present were:—J. Ward, W.M. 700; C. Coupland, P.M., 913; and P.G.S. for the Province of Kent; G. D. Roe, P.M., 378 and 1424 and P.P.G.S. for the Western Division of South Wales; Captain Phillips, P.M., 13; J. Headley, P.M., 13; J. McDougall, P.M., 913; T. Butt, S.W., 700; J. Allen, 913; A. Ammerton, 1042; T. Hutton, 13; D. Beard, 700; O. Hutton, 13; W. S. Parsons, 700; R. Beaver, 700; A. Lindsey, 730; F. Battersby, 903; B. Norman, 13; K. A. Smith, 13; R. J. Perry, 13 (Scotch); J. Gregg, 687; C. Cook, 13; J. Tame, 700; W. McCoy, 700; C. Jolly, 913. The officers present besides the W.M., were J. Fenn, P.M.; W. Weston, S.W.; G. Spinks, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treasurer; T. Cooper, Secretary; H. G. Picken, S.D.; H. Shaw, J.D.; Joseph McCaffery, Steward; J. Lackland, Tyler. The Brethren adjourned for refreshment, and the W.M. gave the usual toasts in appropriate terms.

PROVINCIAL.

FREEMASONRY IN SHEFFIELD.—ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE.—The Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 296, held its anniversary in the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on the evening of Monday, December 13th, when Bro. Henry Ecroyd, (the Worshipful Master-Elect), was installed in the chair of K.S., in succession to Bro. H. W. Pawson, I.P.M., who very ably performed the solemn ceremony of Installation, in due and ancient form, and in the presence of a large number of the brethren of the Craft. Amongst the distinguished visitors from other Lodges were Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary of West Yorks; Bro. Rev. A. W. Hamilton, M.A., Muc. Bac., Senior Prov. Grand Chaplain of West Yorks; Bro. William Roddewig, Prov. Director of Ceremonies; the Worshipful Masters of the Britannia and Wentworth Lodges, Sheffield, Scarsdale Lodge, Chesterfield; Phoenix Lodge, Rotherham; Pelham Lodge, Worksop; Bro. Robert Stevenson, Nottingham; Bro. Rev. Vernon Russell, Worksop; Bro. John Denton, member of the Grand Lodge of Sweden and Norway; Bros. Major Vigors, Capt. Traill, and Capt. Adjutant Mills; Bros. Alexander Hay, and H. J. Garnett (Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearers, etc.). The Prov. Grand Master of West Yorks; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., and Bro. Tew, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, were unavoidable absent. After the customary homage had been paid to the newly installed Master, he invested his officers as follows:—Bro. John Ridal, Senior Warden; Bro. Walter Nicholson, Junior Warden; Bro. Rev. Samuel W. Earnshaw, M.A., Chaplain; Bro. M. de Bartolome, M.D., Treasurer; Bro. Robert Schott, Secretary; Bro. Geo. Cubley, Senior Deacon; Bro. Wm. Skinner, M.R.C.S., Junior Deacon; Bro. John Marples, Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Thomas Harrison, Inner Guard; Bro. Charles Clement Carr, and Bro. Moses Hartley, Stewards; and Bro. Suckley, Organist. The Brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Brookes, at which Bro. Ecroyd presided. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Past Master Seebohm, F.Z.S., that of the Visiting Brethren was proposed by Bro. Past Master Longden, and responded to by Bro. Captain Traill.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 225).—This Lodge met on Wednesday last, the 8th inst., at the Coach and Horses Hotel, and, it being the evening for Installing Brother P.M. Westgate, your readers of this town and the many Brethren members of this Lodge, who I may truly say are scattered over the four quarters of the globe, will not be surprised to know that the Lodge was filled to excess by its numerous members, and a large gathering of visitors from the other Lodges of the town. The meeting had been fixed for seven o'clock, Bro. Turner, P.M., having taken the chair, in consequence of that lamentable occurrence, which took place in Lodge that day twelve months, when our beloved and esteemed Bro. King was summoned from this sublunary abode to that Grand Lodge above, just as he was in the act of performing the duties of W.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wentworth passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Mr. Antcliff was initiated. The Installation of W.M. being the next and most important business of the evening, the duties of Installing Master devolved upon Bro. J. W. Whitehead, P.M., who presented the W.M. Elect and afterwards conducted the whole proceedings. The new W.M. having taken the chair, commenced at once to Invest his officers as follows:—Bro. Dakin, S.W.; Bro. Hillyard, I.W.; Bro. Booth, S.D.; Bro. Canham, I.D.; Bro. Orton, I.G. The W.M. then rose and addressed the Brethren, thanking them for the high honour they had conferred upon him for the second time, and then in most feeling terms alluded to that melancholy event to which we have before referred. Before concluding his remarks he announced to the Brethren that they had a very short time since the pleasure of affording relief to a worthy, although distressed Bro., and he believed that the Secretary had received a communication from him expressive of the deep feeling of gratitude he owed to the Lodge. There being no further business before the Lodge, he proceeded to close the Lodge, after which the Brethren then adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts being duly honoured, the W. Master, in proposing for "The Visitors," said: Brethren it is always one of the most pleasing duties which a W.M. has to perform at the festive board is proposing the health of Visiting Brothers, and upon this occasion it was especially so, when he saw before him such a goodly number representing, not only the Lodges in this Province, but others from a greater distance. He thanked them for the honour they had done him, and he assured them that any time the St. Luke's Lodge would be ever ready to receive with a hearty welcome all who would favour him with their presence. The W.M. then coupled the names of this toast with the Rev. Bro. Sanderson, P.M., and P.P.G.C. of Lodge Prince of Wales; Bro. Tracey, P.M., Lodge Perfect Friendship; Bro. Clarke, J.W., Lodge British Union; Bro. Stevens, Lodge Perseverance, Norwich; all of whom responded.

ROCHDALE.—PROBITY AND FREEDOM LODGE (No. 367).—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday the 16th inst., at the Bull's Head Hotel, Smallbridge, Rochdale, and was well attended. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting unanimously confirmed. The ballot for Mr. James Leach proving favourable he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Wm. Schofield, W.M. elect, was then installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and appointed the following officers: Bros. William J. Kinder, S.W.; Wm. Beswicke, J.W.; A. F. Shore, S.D.; J. Schofield, J.D.; C. M. Jones, P.M., Treasurer; Swift, Secretary; Robert Wren, P.M. D. of C.; Henry Ashworth, I.G.; W. Davis Tyler. The ceremony of Installation was performed by Bro. T. Baker Ashworth, P.M., in the most impressive and eloquent manner. Four candidates were proposed for initiation at next meeting, and the Lodge was then closed. An excellent banquet was served by Bro. McOwen. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M. Responding to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. Jones, P.M., and Bro. Roberts, P.M., both P.P.G. Officers, gave the brethren some interesting information, respecting the proposed East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—This Lodge met at the Royal Archer Hotel, Dale Street, on the 4th inst. The minutes of last regular meeting, which included the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, were confirmed unanimously. Mr. Wm. Richardson was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Caldwell, P.M. D. of C., assisted by Bro. James E. Hall, W.M. 1459, then installed Bro. Charles Joel Kent, W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S., and the ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner. The following officers were appointed by the W.M.:—Bros. James Batchelder, S.W.; Jas. Branton, J.W.; Thos. Tyers, P.M., Treasurer; Wm. John Kinder, Secretary; Robt. Fallows, S.D.; Wm. Cox, J.D.; J. Taylor, I.G.; E. Walton, and R. Wheelton, Stewards; C. Beswick Tyler. Many visitors were present, and the following Lodges were represented, viz.:—Provincial Grand Lodge, 581, 879, 999, 1011, 1077, 1083, 1161, 1219, 1357. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and to celebrate the Festival of St. John. The usual toasts were given and duly honoured. A handsome P.M.'s jewel had been subscribed for amongst the brethren, and the W.M. presented it to the immediate Past Master, Bro. Smith, who accepted it with an appropriate acknowledgment. An event of a gratifying character was the attendance of Bro. Charles W. Kent, P.M., 879, the W.M.'s father who, within three days afterwards was himself installed first W.M. of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, Bermondsey, London. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Batchelder, and all carried out in a creditable manner.

LEICESTER.—JOHN OF GAUNT (No. 523).—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge, was held at Freemason's Hall, Thursday, December 16. The W.M.,

J. T. Thorpe, in the chair, supported by Bros. S. S. Partridge, I.P.M.; W. T. Rowlett; T. A. Wykes, J.W.; W. B. Smith, Treas.; R. Taylor, Secy.; W. C. Shout, S.D.; J. Odell, J.D.; J. Young, I.G.; J. F. Smith, Steward; C. Bembidge, Tyler; and Bros. T. Worthington, W.M., 50; F. J. Baines, P.M.; A. S. Dale, T. R. Pickering, J. M. Padmore, E. W. Potter, J. T. Gunn, W. Chamberlain, W. H. Church, J. M. Quin, S. Knight, J. McAllister, E. Mason, S. Cleaver, G. W. Statham, &c. The Lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. gave the first tracing board to the initiates of preceding month. Bros. J. Mitchell, Padmore and Arthur Shallot Dale, having been examined in the first degree, were passed in regular order to the degree of Fellowcraft. Resuming business in the first degree, Bro. Partridge, I.P.M., on behalf of the new Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, asked a loan of the John of Gaunt furniture, &c. until such time as arrangements then pending could be made for the purchase of a new set at the probable joint expense of the several town lodges, which application was willingly granted. Bro. Partridge, I.P.M., after apologizing for the absence of Bro. C. Stretton, P.M., 279, announced that the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Freemasons' widows, would be held early in February, and Bro. Stretton having been appointed to represent the province as Steward on that occasion, Bro. Partridge gave notice of motion, that at the next regular meeting he should move, that a donation be voted from the funds of this Lodge to the R.M.B.I., to be placed on Bro. Stretton's list as steward. Apologies for absence having been received from Bros. G. Toller, P.M., and C. Johnson, P.M., Organist, the Lodge was closed in due form.

HERWARD LODGE, BOURN, LINCOLNSHIRE (No. 1,232).—On Wednesday evening, December 8, 1875, this Lodge assembled and unanimously confirmed their previous Lodge minutes in their election of W.M. for the ensuing year. When the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., P.P.G.C. for Lincolnshire, of Lodges 650, 1,232, and 1,482, and at present P.G.C. for Provincial Royal Arch Chapter, and Mark Grand Lodge for Lincolnshire, was duly installed W.M. of Hereward Lodge (No. 1,232), Bourn, Lincolnshire, 1875-6. The Brethren were favoured with the distinguished presence of two of the Secretaries of our Masonic charities in London to do honour to the new W.M., one of those gentlemen attesting that he had personally known their new W.M. for nearly twenty years, both as a clergyman in the metropolis and as a member of the Craft; and in every relation of life he had proved him a gentleman of the highest honour and integrity. Several high officers, very eminent in the Craft, would have been present had not the weather proved extremely inclement. The brethren, however, who assembled on this auspicious occasion spent a most enjoyable evening, not the shadow of a shade to disturb their harmony. The speeches, too, delivered were admirable, especially those of our London Secretaries on the utility of our Masonic charities, and their urgent claims for support. The Lodge at Bourn has very creditably for some time past worked its way successfully under difficulties; and it is confidently expected that their new Master and his Wardens, with the Past Masters and other honoured Brethren, will fully prove that the Hereward Lodge has undeniable claims for distinction and success, to which it is entitled by charitable exertions and quiet perseverance in well doing.

INDIA.

MAZAGON.—LODGE "CONCORD," (No. 757 E.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 20th November, 1875. Present, Wor. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; J. N. Dady, P.M.; Bros. F. Burdett as S.W.; W. Fearn as J.W.; F. Burdett, Treasurer; W. E. Craddock as Secretary; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D.; J. Luke, D.D.; J. E. Tyres, Organist; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, J.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members, Bros. J. H. Burrett, J. Armstrong, W. W. Wilson, J. May, H. Watson, J. A. De Gaucha, T. W. Brownnuth, S. Needs, J. D. Longden, J. G. Da Cunha, &c., &c. Visitors, Bros. A. McKennie, P.M., 944 E.C.; H. W. Barrow, P.M., 944 E.C.; H. Counsell, W.M., 1100 E.C.; F. C. Lafond, 1100 E.C.; T. E. Lafond, 1100 E.C.; C. Parker, 1100 E.C.; A. H. Axford, 351 S.C.; E. Brown, 260 E.C., &c. The Lodge was opened with prayer at 6.50 p.m. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last meeting of the permanent committee were read and adopted. Wor. Bro. B. Robinson, P.M., proposed, and Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., seconded Mr. Samuel Needs, Loco Fireman, B.B., and C. I. Ry Parel as a candidate for initiation. Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., then informed the lodge that a letter had been received by Wor. Bro. B. Robinson, P.M., respecting the proposition for Mr. Samuel Needs, but it was received too late to bring before the last regular meeting, so it was sent to the Wor. Mas. W. C. Rowe, and received his sanction to be entered on the summons for the regular meeting of 20th November, 1875. The ballot was then taken for Mr. F. W. Brownnuth, Mr. Jeronimo Accacio De Gama and Mr. Samuel Needs, and announced duly elected. Mr. Thomas William Brownnuth, Mr. Jeronimo Accacio De Gama, and Mr. Samuel Needs, properly prepared, were then duly and respectively admitted and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The Wor. Master then informed Bro. J. Armstrong that, owing to he time being taken up with the newly Initiated Brethren, that he would have to defer raising him to the Third Degree until the next lodge meeting. Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., proposed, and Wor. Bro. B.

Robinson, P.M., seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent, in the name of the lodge, to the widow of our late Brother, C. Lowe, P. J. W. Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., proposed, and Wor. Bro. B. Robinson, P.M., seconded, that a letter be sent to Messrs. Spencer and Co. respecting the inferior quality of the officers' clothing recently received from home. The Wor. Master, W. C. Rowe, then said that all Brethren that were in arrears should be informed, that no Brethren in arrears will be entitled to give their vote at the next election, unless they are clear on the books, as per bye-laws (see Voting, Art. XVIII). A letter from Bro. A. W. Seabrook, J. W., was then read, asking to have his name placed on the absent list, at the expiration of his term of office, and was recorded as desired by the Wor. Master. Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M., then read a letter received from the Wor. Master, which accompanied a very handsome red silk-velvet cushion, with the device, name and number of the lodge, exquisitely worked in gold. This cushion is to have the Volume of the Sacred Law laid thereon. The Brethren being duly informed of the above, a cordial vote of thanks was returned for this most valuable and fraternal gift. A letter from Wor. Bro. Alfred King was then read, asking for a receipt or voucher, to produce should he desire to join a lodge at home, he being on twelvemonths' leave. His absent dues being paid up to June, 1875, inclusive, a certificate was granted. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed with solemn prayer at 9.50 p.m.

Scotland.

SCOTLAND, PAISLEY.—THE ST. MIRREN LODGE, (No. 129), held a funeral Lodge on Monday evening, the 13th inst., in memory of the late Brothers Alex. Morrison, S.S.P.G.L.R.E., and Geo. Smith, Standard Bearer of the Lodge. The Lodge was opened at seven o'clock by Bro. Henry Sheppard Edmonds, R.W.M., and on the dais were:—Brothers the Rev. W. Fowler Mills, Lodge Chaplain; John Peters, R.W.M., No. 153, Pollokshaws; John Cunningham, I.P.M., No. 347, Rutherglen; Geo. Glen, R.W.M., No. 426, Renfrew; Wm. Lewis, M.D., Houston, R.W.M., No. 242; Alex. McLeod, P.M., No. 129, Paisley; and Thos. Bustard, D.M., No. 129, Paisley. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Wm. Gemmill, S.W., and George Fisher, J.W., and there was a good attendance.

Rev. Brother Mills said—The solemn occasion, brethren, which brings us together to-night is a striking instance of the uncertainty of life and the vanity of all human pursuits, and it cannot fail to produce those suitable sensations and correct sentiments which such occurrences are peculiarly calculated to inspire. The last offices paid to the dead, although they cannot affect the state of the departed, are useful as lectures to the living. From them we may derive instruction, and consider every solemnity of this kind as a summons to prepare for our own approaching dissolution. In addressing you upon the death of our departed Brothers, much might be advanced relative to them; but it will be needless for me to particularise, as any omission of mine will be readily supplied by many present, who both knew and admired them. The large assembly bears witness to their worth as Masons, and we have every reason to believe that both were esteemed and respected as Christians. Perfection, it is true, is not an attribute of man; in vain may we seek for it in any. Frailty and infirmity cleave inseparably to us all. But whatever were the foibles which they might have shared in common with their species, they were counterbalanced by the redeeming qualities of the heart and mind. Our chief aim, however, is to make this solemn meeting subservient to the important purposes of religious and personal edification. "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return" is a sentence, which, when the fulfilment of it is immediately presented to our eyes, cannot but strike terror into every attentive mind. Who could in reference to the respected subjects of our discourse, abstain from reflecting that the same destiny which has befallen those whom we so lately consigned to the silent chambers of the tomb, awaits himself? "That the place which *now* knows him shall know him no more for ever?" These words do not affect the immediate connection only of the departed, they speak aloud to us all. A voice from the tomb's echoes back the awakening declaration of the Scriptures which assures us, "That man walketh in a vain show." What is our life? "It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time then vanishes away. Death, that indiscriminate leveller brings down the vigour of manhood with as much certainty as he crushes the helplessness of infancy or sweeps away the decrepitude of age. If reflections on that awful event tend to depress the pride of the human heart, so should they also elevate their thoughts to that higher world, where no sorrows are ever permitted to damp the ardour of our joys, and where no corroding causes invade that fulness of felicity which, in inexhaustible streams is poured out continually upon its blessed inhabitants, to that celestial city where the sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither shall the moon give to thee by night; but the Lord shall be unto thee as an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. When the warning stroke comes to us, shall it find us with faces and hearts turned towards the heavenly Jerusalem, seeking with full purpose of mind the mansions of the blessed, or shall it find us combined about much serving—swallowed up in worldly cares, and given over to the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Let me urge upon you the necessity of preparing for the momentous issue towards which we are all rapidly hastening. Every succeeding hour and minute is numbering many with the silent dead. As it is appointed unto men once for all to die, so after death is the judgment—that awful hour when the universal register of every act, word, and thought,

shall be unfolded before an assembled world, angels and arch-angels assisting at that last assize. How important then, is readiness for death. Remember, it will come whether we are ready or not. And, oh, how often it comes at an unexpected hour. How many go to bed well, and never rise more. How many go out from home well, and never return! Some are snatched away in the midst of their amusements, and others while engaged in their calling. How necessary then to be *always* ready—to be ready *now*. Delay in this case is dangerous, indeed, almost all men talk of preparing at some time when sickness brings them to the brink of the grave or when relatives or neighbours are removed they promise themselves they will repent, but often the impression dies away. The world like the returning tide fills their hearts with its pleasures and cares and the writing on the sand is all obliterated, so dies in human hearts thoughts of death. If a man is living in sin he cannot be happy; he may try to be happy by forgetting death; but he cannot forget it, and he cannot enjoy life for fear of death. On the other hand, happy is the life of that man who has hope through grace. He truly enjoys life, and he may smile at death. He may say, "For me to live is Christ, and die is gain. While I live here Christ is with me; when I die I shall be with Christ." O let us prepare to follow our departed friends, favoured with an early call to glory, whilst we remain here below; let us be active for God, let us support with propriety the character of our Order, by a holy life and religious conversation; let us live each day as if it were the last; let us live to-day as if we were never to see to-morrow, of the very existence of which none of us are at all assured. Let us strive to enter in at the narrow gate which leadeth unto everlasting life, and walk worthy of the high vocation to which we are called, that as we may at last arrive at those blessed mansions of glory where we shall join our kindred spirits around the throne, where the corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and where there shall be no more death. This, we beg, for the honour of Christ's name, to whom be glory now and for ever. Amen.

A beautiful and impressive funeral service was gone through, at the conclusion of which the Right Worshipful Masters, who accompanied Brother Edmonds to the dais, were unanimously elected as honorary members of the Paisley, St. Mirrens' Lodge. Thereafter the Lodge was closed and the benediction pronounced by the Chaplain.

GLASGOW.—LODGE "KENMUIR," (No. 570).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, 16th inst., in their lodge-room, Eastfield-place, Springburn, and was numerously attended by the members and visiting brethren, Brother John Law, R.W.M., presiding. Bro. Robert Aikman (Master elect), and the other office bearers in their respective places. The business before the meeting was the installation of office-bearers; the ceremony was performed by Brother John Law, I.P.M., in a most impressive manner, after which the brethren saluted the newly-elected R.W.M. with the usual honours. The R.W.M. then complimented Bro. Law for the way he had discharged the duties of the chair since the erection of the lodge; he had won the good opinion of all the brethren from his untiring efforts to promote the interests of Lodge Kenmuir. The lodge was then transferred from labour to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and after the Tyler's toast the lodge was recalled to labour, and closed in due form.

KILBURCHAM.—LODGE ST. BURCHAM (No. 156).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 15th inst., for the purpose of installing the office-bearers who had been elected on St. Andrew's night. Bro. Daniel Cunningham presided, and performed the ceremony of installation. The office-bearers for the ensuing year are as follows:—William Lewis, M.D. (Houston), R.W.M.; D. Cunningham, I.P.M.; Andrew Buchanan, D.M.; D. Scrymgeour, S.M.; R. Craig, S.W.; John Orr, J.W.; W. Kirkland, Ireus; Anst. Grant, Sec.; J. Wylie, S.D.; Jas. Stevenson, J.D.; John Hill, B.B.; W. Crawford, S.B.; Peter Woodrow, Architect; Alex. Anderson, S.S.; R. Caldwell, J.S.; J. Lindsay, I.G.; and A. Mitchell, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Lewis, R.W.M., having returned thanks to Bro. Cunningham for having presided, it was unanimously agreed to celebrate the Festival of St. John on 22nd December, after which the lodge was closed in proper form.

ACCIDENTS.—So frequent are carriage accidents becoming, both in town and country, that the total is said to number over one hundred thousand annually, and it is a fact, proved beyond all question, that accidental injury to vehicles of all kinds is greatly on the increase. Many accidents are occasioned by the carelessness of drivers and furious driving; and it is a feature in insurance, highly commendable to the company, and deserving of notice, that we call attention to a coachman's good-conduct bonus, given by The London and Provincial Carriage Insurance Company, Limited, 17, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., to encourage as much as possible the steadiness of servants having the charge of carriages and horses. In the company's detailed prospectus every information is given as to the frequent sources of accidents to vehicles (the annual damage being estimated at nearly £500,000) with rate of insurance, &c., that will commend itself to private, professional, and commercial readers. All who are in the habit of driving can realize the continual dangers to which they are exposed, and an accident easily occasioned often results in severe pecuniary loss. A policy of insurance in this company is a full indemnification against loss. Conducted on sound principles, The London and Provincial Carriage Insurance Company is deserving of the warmest support.

departure to India, took place, which was warmly expressed and graciously received. November saw the departure of our Royal Grand Master for India, where his journey has been, so far, one great success, and where he has won golden opinions from all. He assisted at a Masonic ceremony at Bombay. December brought special meetings of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, the former to enquire into certain alleged errors in the accounts, the latter to consider a scheme for increasing its accommodation. In the former case the Special Committee has reported that no grounds exist for such perverse charges; in the latter the committee has yet finally to report. Bro. Erasmus Wilson, M.D., well known for his zeal and benevolence, was entertained at a complimentary dinner; and Bro. the Earl of Zetland, nephew and heir of our old chief and Prov.G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, was exalted in the Zetland Chapter, York. During the last twelve months very many lodges, alike in town and the provinces, have been added to the English muster roll, which will apparently soon reach 1600. We note especially the "Chaucer," and the new lodge at the Surrey Masonic Hall, "The Carnarvon," and many others, too many in fact to name here, where the consecration ceremonies have been marked by heartiness of tone, and effectiveness of ritual. In many of these our worthy and admirable Grand Secretary took, most effectively, the leading part. English Masonic provincial life and work have proceeded during 1875 with increasing energy, and our great provinces are teeming with active and young and zealous members. A large numerical addition has been made to our Order, but we hope that our lodges will never forget the good old motto "*Festina lente*." It appears to us, that just now we want, so to say, "tightening up," as regards the admission of members. Abroad Masonry has gone on, and still is going on, favourably and prosperously on the whole. The Masonic Congress at Lausanne seems to have been a great success, and alike in Italy and France, Freemasonry seems to be regaining its normal position. The one great defect of much of individual and lodge Freemasonry abroad, is a tendency to deal with very questionable subjects, and much needed reform must be introduced in many jurisdictions if Freemasonry is ever to rise to the proper level of its true mission. Freemasonry has nothing properly to do with politics, affairs of state, or religious controversies, nor even social questions, and the sooner some of our foreign brethren realize this undoubted truth, the better for Freemasonry and for themselves. The Roman Catholic Church has continued impetuously through 1875 its hopeless and ill-advised crusade against Freemasonry, and there appears at present no lull in the fury of the storm, no abatement in the violence of our traducers. That religious body has certainly evinced great "cursing powers," and despite the deprecatory remarks of that amiable Roman Catholic, Sir George Bowyer, as regards our Order the Church of Rome has been, and still is, a "cursing church." It is all excessively silly and meaningless. If the Roman Catholic authorities have to complain of the words or acts of lodges or brethren abroad, their best plan is not to notice them, but for the most part their grievances are really imaginary, and their facts utter fictions. The worst feature of the case to our mind is, their deliberate "*suppressio veri*" and "*suggestio falsi*" in lumping all Freemasons together as revolutionists, conspirators, infidels, &c., whereas they know that in Great Britain, and America, and Canada, to say nothing of Germany and Holland, at any rate, Freemasonry is a non-political body. There may be some foolish and violent brethren, there as everywhere, but the great mass is loyal to Masonic principles. Indeed, as far as we are aware, no grand orient or governing body anywhere can be charged with interference in political matters. If the Church of Rome likes to continue "cursing and swearing," persecuting and even desecrating the graves of Freemasons, she will eventually disgust and alienate her more enlightened children, and she will assuredly receive, as she will merit, the censure of indignant humanity. We have had to deplore the loss of many worthy brethren alike in th

metropolis and in the provinces, like Bros. Savage, Llewellyn Evans, Freeman and Franklin, "*cum multis aliis*," all good men and true, and "worthy Freemasons," whose Masonic place on earth knows them no more. Peace be to them. We give a detailed list elsewhere. Freemasonry in England leaves the old year and awaits a new, alike prosperous and peaceful, contented and united. It is moving on. Loyalty and charity are emblazoned on its "Banner of Blue," together with toleration and freedom, benevolence and goodwill, the right of conscience, and the sanctity of honest conviction. We have no doubt as to the result of the struggle. 1876 we trust will witness a still greater manifestation of Masonic principles and charitable efforts, and our good old Craft leaves an old year behind it, if somewhat sadly with the memories of parted comrades, yet with bright anticipations of its work and witness in the new year which lies before it.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO INDIA.

The following interesting account from Madras appears in the "Times" of the 20th:—If all goes on well, the Serapis, in company with the Osborne and the Raleigh, will leave Madras Roads before 5 o'clock on the 19th. Great preparations are being made. Although not in bed till past 2, after a hard day's work, the Prince went out hunting soon after dawn this morning, and was rewarded by a nine-mile run and kill. The Princess of Tanjore visited the Prince at Government House, and was presented to the ladies of the Duke's family. The Prince was introduced at a corner screened off. The Prince put out his hand, and the Princess grasped it. Mr. Henderson interpreted, the Princess of Tanjore speaking little English. She styled the Prince her Royal brother, and spoke of the Queen as her Royal sister. Next the Prince drove to a children's fête at the People's Park, where immense crowds had assembled. It was a pretty sight. Thousands of children sang and played games. The Prince was loudly cheered on leaving to attend the review. A vast multitude was present. Two batteries (A and C) of the 20th Brigade, and a detachment of the 16th Lancers, formed the body guard. The 80th (Europeans), the Madras Volunteers, the 10th, 13th, 14th, and 37th Madras Infantry (Natives), marched past. They looked well. The Prince dined with the Commander-in-Chief. All day the people are in the streets, and remain waiting for hours to see the Prince. The preparations for the illuminations are very extensive. The people are not so demonstrative as at Bombay, nor do they clap hands as in the South, but they are not less enthusiastic. The Prince will never see in India or elsewhere any spectacle so strange and awful as what was called the "illumination of the surf." Neither pen nor pencil can give any idea of it. It was weirdly beautiful, exciting, grand. As if to render homage to the occasion, the wind had risen and the surf was high. The sight was fine on the pier, through the base of which ran curling breakers. Seats were placed for the Prince, the Governor, his family, and suite out of the reach of the spray. The buildings along the beach, transparencies, and triumphal arches, all brilliantly illuminated, formed a background, above which rose steeples, columns, and lamps. Southwards, where the rollers swept up to the roadway, there were rows of natives with blazing torches and blue lights. There was occasionally a wash of larger billows behind the multitude, and facing seawards an ocean of white turbans. The Serapis, Osborne, and Raleigh were illuminated outside. Between the outer darkness and the beach the moonlight now and then revealed dark objects rising and falling on the billows. The Prince having arrived from dinner with the Commander-in-Chief, after a grand discharge from the ship Raleigh, there was one flight of 190 coloured rockets. The Osborne and Serapis vied with each other in the display. It seemed as if volcanoes were emitting volumes of coloured flames. Presently appeared fires, here and there seawards, amid waves drifting landwards, like fire ships from afar. These multiplied, dipping,

rising, now and then, through the waves, while occasionally came a light from the other side. It had an immense effect. Suddenly from the beach dashed the black forms of Masouwah boats and catamarans, which, amid the wildest yells, charged into the serried ranks of the foam-crested breakers, and dark objects seaward were revealed, as the boats tossed violently on the outer ridge of the breakers. There never was such an awful regatta. Amid a sea now black as ink, now like fire glistening jet, in a creaming surf the catamaran men were swept off and regained their craft, or disappeared beneath the billows. There was an awful suspense till they were landed safe on the beach. The Masouwah boats, swept from stem to stern by the breakers, forced their way into the smoother sea, to return still more animated. Their skill is beyond praise. These hardy fellows, watching an opportunity, keep the top of the wave by tremendous efforts, and are borne past with wonderful velocity, yet emerge safely from each succeeding breaker. This extraordinary spectacle was renewed repeatedly. One might fancy it a combat of water gods. The people amid the blue lights, the rockets, and the boiling surf remained almost quiet. It was midnight before the Prince drove off to the native festival. The crowd broke in, followed, and surrounded the Prince's open carriage. The railway station was converted into a reception hall. The sides, pillars, and roofs were decorated with wonderful richness. It was filled with many thousands of Europeans, Asiatics, Hindoos, and Mussulmans, who had waited two hours. The Prince was seated in a silver chair on a raised dais.

MASONIC LIBRARIES.

It is very remarkable how very little we Freemasons, for the most part, know of our own Masonic literature. Indeed, one of the objections to Masonic libraries used to be of old, that we had not books enough to fill them, and that with the exception of the stereotyped editions of Oliver's Works, Preston's History, Ash, Calcott, Smith and Hutchinson, Laurie, and the various editions of Anderson's Constitutions, we had not many books worth reading, and certainly not worth buying. There were, indeed, smaller works like "Freemasons' Companions," and Collections of Songs, and "Ahiman Rezon" and Cole's and Finch's works, but we have heard it generally contended, once upon a time, that such works would exhaust our Masonic literature. Mr. Heckethorn, amid his other amenities, and his lamentable caricature of our Order, has specially gone out of his way to say that we have practically "no literature." But, in this, as in a good many other details of his recent work, he only demonstrates to bona-fide Masonic students how very little he knows of the subject on which he so dogmatically dilates. Will it surprise our readers to be told, that Freemasonry has a large literature of its own and one that is rapidly increasing? Indeed, at this moment, we may fairly point to such works as D. M. Lyon's History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, Findel's History of Freemasonry, Steinbrenner's Smaller Essay, Mackey's Encyclopædia, Fort's History of Freemasons, Bro. Hughan's Collection of the Constitutions, and many more, as works of which as an Order we may all be proud, critically. In Germany especially, the writings of Kloss, Krause, Mossdorff, Winzer, Fessler, Schauberg, and many others deserve the highest commendation, archæologically, intellectually, and scientifically. We will, therefore, leave Mr. Heckethorn in all of contemptuous silence henceforth to his own remarkable display of knowledge of our Fraternity, whether as regards its real history, its true teaching, its literature or its habits, its endeavours or its end. Some thirty years ago Kloss published his remarkable "Bibliographie der Freimaurerei," which must ever remain the great "vade mecum" of Masonic bibliomaniacs, and the one text book of Masonic Bibliography. That work contained close upon the names of 6000 works, and many publications have been issued yearly since from the German, French, American (including Scotch and Irish), and Dutch Masonic press, to say nothing of many minor contributions from other countries. Indeed, we do not

know of another Order in existence which has on the whole such a very wonderful amount of actual literature to offer, alike to its "alumni" and to the "profane world." No doubt amid the "wheat" there is a good deal of "chaff;" no doubt too all that often passes under the name of Masonic literature does not deserve the name at all. We have, we admit, to make many deductions from the gross total, in consequence of uncritical theories, unreliable statements, and empirical views. But when we peruse the careful pages of Kloss we must be struck not only by the diversity of subjects but the wideness of range which mark our Masonic literature. History and tradition, ritual and laws, attack and defence, poetry and the drama, philosophy and archæology, numismatology and biography, all are there classified and abounding, and every collector of Masonic books is fully aware how many Masonic works really exist, and how many even of which for the most part we know nothing about. And the only way to bring such knowledge home to the minds of Freemasons is the creation of Masonic libraries. There are plenty of Masonic works, old and modern, to be found, and every Masonic library at a reasonable outlay, and under the advice of a competent librarian, can now procure many curious productions to fill its shelves. In our opinion it has long been a standing reproach to our Order that our libraries are so sparse and our readers so few. We believe that the absence of libraries has tended to encourage and add to our Craft apathy on the subject. At any rate, the time seems to have come when in all our Masonic halls libraries should be formed and books should be collected, and readers and students should both be encouraged. We think we have said enough to show that there is no real difficulty in the matter, if only we will but have it so. The staple product is forthcoming, and all that is really wanted is pecuniary support or generous aid. To our younger and sapient brethren, "Verbum sat."

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE.

Our readers will, we fear, be almost tired of such a subject, and yet we seem to have no other course left open to us, but again to call attention to the mournful and indubitable fact. We publish a very sad recital of a very lamentable outbreak of Roman Catholic feeling against a Freemason and a Protestant in South America, and we beg to invite the attention of Roman Catholics themselves to it. An English Freemason and Protestant, Bro. Wallace, was interred in the public cemetery at Guayacan. After a time it was quite clear, by ocular demonstration, that the coffin had been disturbed, and, as we understand the painful recital, the body removed from the coffin. And, what adds to the grotesque barbarity of the whole proceeding, a cross appears to have been marked on the wall of the cemetery near to the grave, to point out, we suppose, what had been effected in the name of religion, peace, and charity, and, above all, professedly in His blessed Name who came to show love and pity to all the human race, and died on the actual cross to save all mankind. A more saddening narrative of bigotry never was sent to us, a more depressing evidence of human intolerance never came before our notice. We are accustomed, indeed, to fierce anathemas and bellicose bishops; we have read, and read quite calmly, unfounded calumnies and bitter incriminations. We have even got quite accustomed to the violence of Ultramontane abuse, and the assertions and announcements, equally erroneous and untrue, of so-called infallible authority. But to realise that the war with the living is to be perpetuated in the quiet cemetery, to know that death, which levels all distinctions, closes all debates, and hushes all strife, is not, from the Ultramontane view, to put an end to the rancour or the antagonism of earth, is, indeed, most painful to every thoughtful mind. For surely, just as we cannot carry away our riches with us when we are deposited in the silent grave, when, as children of the dust, we find our common level, so surely in the one resting-place of humanity, there should be deposited the angry passions and the intolerant animosities which divide us from one another here, and mar

the peaceful progress of society with hateful variance and cruel strife. Indeed, moralists and philosophers have often rejoiced to think and to believe there was one spot where human passions would be stilled, where the bitter hatred and the deadly dislike might be unknown, when over the excited imagination, the busy brain, the perverse disposition, and the tenacious will, might fall, so to say, the peaceful slumber of that intermediate state, which stretches out in its unfathomable mystery and silence, and sternness and repose, between earth and Heaven, between time and eternity. The popular saying has ever been, whether sound or unsound, or even "humbug," as Archdeacon Grantley remarked, "di mortuis nil nisi bonum," and we all of us more or less feel, we believe, be we who we may, that in the grave all enmities should end, and in death all old griefs, and complaints, and wrath should be at any rate forgotten. But the Church of Rome, with hazardous boldness, seems to say, "I am above the 'consensus' of humanity; I ignore the most deeply rooted sentiments of mortals. 'Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus'; and for those who defy my laws, for those who reject my teaching, who claim liberty of conscience, or avow a difference of belief, I have curses while living; I have no forgiveness when dead." For we feel sure of this, that were it not for this detestable teaching, worthy only of the "Avvocato del Diavolo," Roman Catholics, who are not unlike other men, would never be consenting parties to, or share in, such revolting inhumanity, by which affection is deeply wounded, and which is indeed an outrage on every kindly feeling of the human race. But we have said enough on so humiliating a topic, humiliating alike to all who, like ourselves, believe in the regeneration of humanity. And having called attention to the subject, as was our imperative duty, we leave it in all its morbid sadness of stern and indubitable truth, to the bitterest of Ultramontane assailants, and the appreciation of our universal brotherhood.

COMPARATIVE COST OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Owing to press of matter, and our Christmas number, we defer until next week our remarks on this subject. We do so the more readily as the subject is not very pressing, nor, to say the truth, very important.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 31, 1875.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25.

INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road.
Sinai Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Lodge 27, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-street Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.
Metropolitan, Coach and Horses Hot., 323, Strand.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Lodge 205, Israel, City Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F. M. H.

INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Rot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-st. Within.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Ho., Hand-court, Holborn.
Percy, Grapes Tav., Little Windmill-st., W.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Metropolitan Chapter, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.
Beacontree, tied Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
INSTRUCTION.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Cas. Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Confidence, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

General Committee Girls' School at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
United Mariners', Three Cranes, Mile-end-road.
Whittington, Crown Tav., Holborn.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Doric Chapter, Three Cranes Tav., Mile-end-road.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for A.M.'s), F. M. H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 1, 1876.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Lodge 148, Lights, M. R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M. R., Eastgate-row, Chester.
Merchants' L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, 92, Everton-road, Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Chap. 823, Everton, M. H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, 11, Joppa, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M. H., Southport.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 1, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 233, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 210, Star, 12, Irongate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
" 541, Marie Stuart, M. H., Crosshill.
Cupap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-st., Glasgow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 543, St. John's, M. H., Dalnair.
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street, Calton.
" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Lodge 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland-buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Lodge 51, London, Black Bull Inn, Newmilns.
" 118, St. Bride's, Masonic Hall, Douglas.
" 125, St. James's, Masons' Arms, Newton, Ayr.
" 153, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Pollokshaws.
" 236, Wilsontown, St. John, Forth Inn, Carn wath.
" 347, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Rutherglen.
Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 1, 1876.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Lodge 349, St. Clair, F. H., George-st.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Cockburn-street.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Lodge 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-st., Leith.